# Dihedral Razumov–Stroganov conjecture: a refined version



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### Dihedral symmetry of FPL

A corollary of the Razumov–Stroganov correspondence...

- (... that was known *before* the Razumov–Stroganov conjecture)
- call R the operator that rotates a link pattern by one position

**Dihedral symmetry of FPL** (proof: Wieland, 2000)  $\Psi_n(\pi) = \Psi_n(R\pi)$ 







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Concentrate on the bottom row, and call refinement position the corresponding column index.

### The Temperley-Lieb(1) monoid

Consider the graphical action over link patterns  $\pi \in LP(2n)$ (throw away detached cycles)





The maps  $\{e_i\}_{1 \le i \le 2n}$  and  $R^{\pm 1}$  generate a semigroup Example:



Consider the linear space  $\mathbb{C}^{L\mathcal{P}(2n)}$ , linear span of basis vectors  $|\pi\rangle$ . Operators  $e_i$  and  $R^{\pm 1}$  are linear operators over  $\mathbb{C}^{\mathcal{LP}(2n)}$ 



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Some loops get detached from the boundary. You have a config with t layers, and a new link pattern.

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# O(1) dense loop model: the Markov Chain over $\mathcal{LP}(2n)$



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### Integrability: commutation of Transfer Matrices

Call  $T_p(\pi, \pi')$  the matrix of transition rates, acting on  $\mathbb{C}^{LP(2n)}$  for tiling one layer, with probability p.

*Trivial:*  $\tilde{\Psi}_p(\pi)$ , the steady state, is the unique eigenstate of  $T_p(\pi, \pi')$  with all positive entries

The Yang–Baxter relation implies:  $[T_p, T_{p'}] = 0$ 

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Consequence:  $\tilde{\Psi}_{p}(\pi) \equiv \tilde{\Psi}_{p'}(\pi)$  and we can get  $\tilde{\Psi}(\pi) := \tilde{\Psi}_{1/2}(\pi)$  from the study of the easier  $T_{p\to 0}(\pi, \pi')$ 

Call 
$$H_n = \sum_{i=1}^{2n} (e_i - 1)$$
 and  $|\tilde{\Psi}_n\rangle = \sum_{\pi} \tilde{\Psi}(\pi) |\pi\rangle$   
As  $R^{-1}T_p = I + pH + \mathcal{O}(p^2)$  we have  
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linear-algebra characterization of  $\Psi(\pi)$ 

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the two linear equations for  $|\tilde{\Psi}_n\rangle$  are equivalent!

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- Prove combinatorially that also  $|\Psi
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...But the  $|\tilde{\Psi}^{(i)}\rangle$ 's differ (they are only dihedrally covariant), and satisfy different linear equations (with  $RX_i(t)$ )...

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#### Best possible hope:

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Swapping coloration in all FPL's leads to an equivalent conjecture

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A single move exists on plenty of graphs... then, rotation comes from two moves ...many more domains than just  $n \times n$  squares have this property!

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## Wieland gyration: where it works

Thus you can trade corners for points of curvature (i.e., faces with less than 4 sides)



(bottom line: an elementary generalization of Wieland strategy gives rotational symmetry for FPL enumerations above)

(...and with refined Razumov-Stroganov correspondence...)

1 corner, 3 triangles:



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2 corners, 2 triangles:



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1 corner, 1 face with  $\ell = 2$ :



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We have seen how to generalise the domain, using black/white alternating boundary conditions

What does it happen if we generalise on boundary conditions?

Pairing consecutive legs with the same colour produces arcs, and "loses link-pattern information": gyration holds for linear combinations of  $\Psi(\pi)$ , instead of component-wise.

These linear combinations, induced by arcs, are well-described by Temperley-Lieb operators.

We will not need this in full generality... the study of a single defect is sufficient at our purposes.

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At first, we wanted to generalize this proof to the refined version by Di Francesco, with one spectral parameter "turned on"

At last, we did it, by introducing a new "heretical" way of associating link patterns to FPL

This leads to a stronger statement, and to a new perspective on this family of correspondences

Will this help in the determination of correspondences with more spectral parameters "turned on"?

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