

# The two-boundary Brauer loop model

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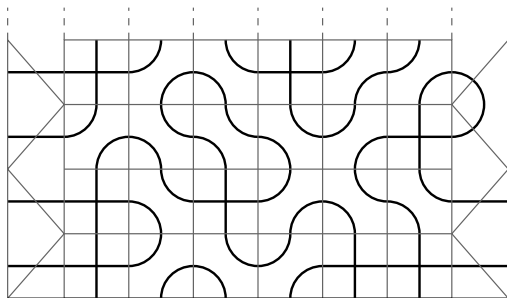
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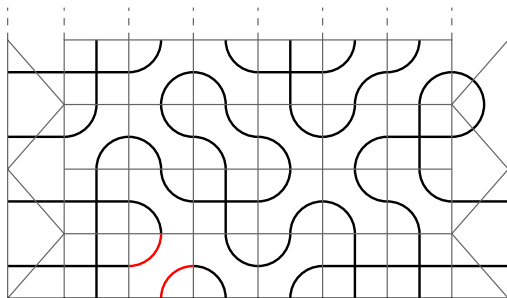
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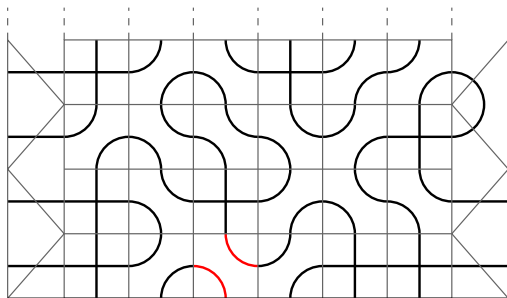
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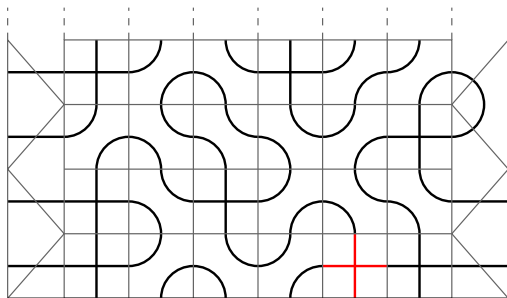
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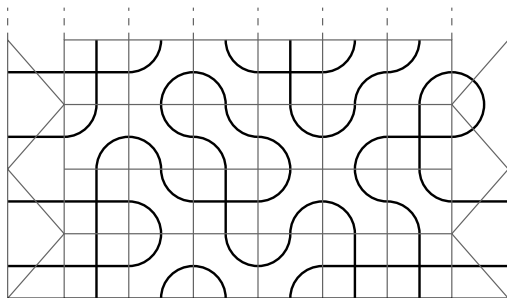
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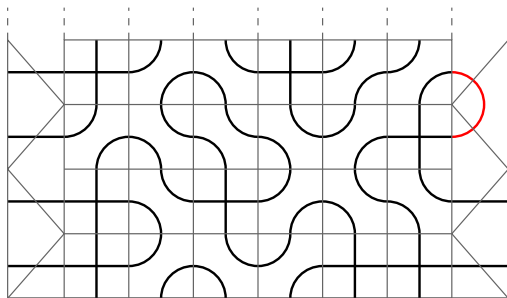
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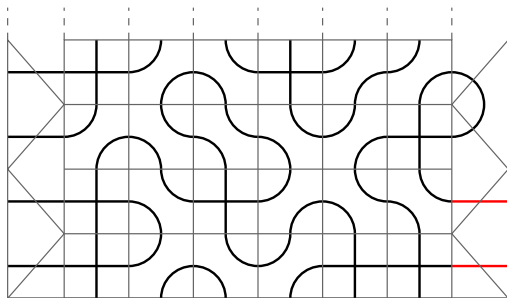
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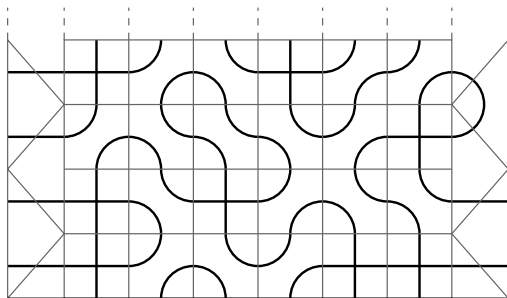
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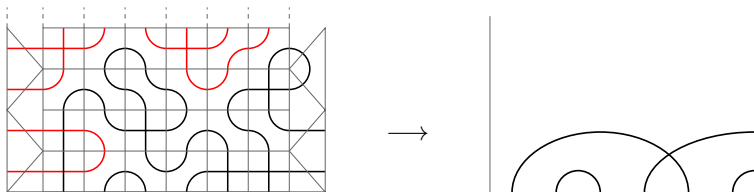
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$$K = k_1 \left( \begin{array}{c} \diagup \\ \diagdown \end{array} \right) + k_2 \left( \begin{array}{c} \diagdown \\ \diagup \end{array} \right)$$

# Link patterns

Sites can be connected to each other or to the boundary.  
Ignore closed loops and loops connected only to the boundaries:



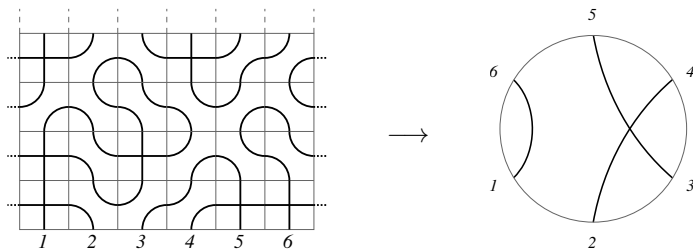
“Probability” vector, with  $\alpha$  a link pattern:

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{\alpha} \psi_{\alpha} |\alpha\rangle$$

Sum rule:

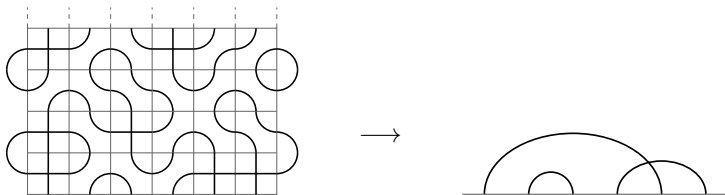
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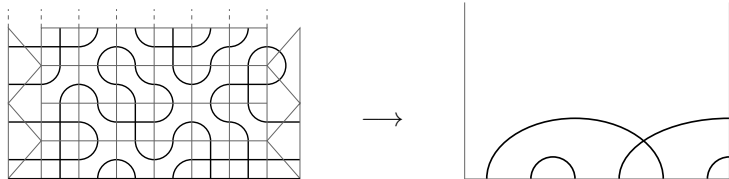
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- ▶ [Di Francesco & Zinn-Justin, 2006]: Refinement of conjecture, calculations of  $\psi_\alpha$ ,  $Z_L$  and sum of **permutation-type** components.
- ▶ [Knutson & Zinn-Justin, 2007]: Proof of conjecture, involving permutation-type components.

## Other boundary conditions: Reflecting



- ▶ [Di Francesco, 2005]: Calculations of  $\psi_\alpha$ ,  $Z_L$  and sum of permutation-type components.

# This talk: Open boundaries



- ▶ Calculations of (some)  $\psi_\alpha$ ,  $Z_L$  and sum of permutation-type components. (Almost complete proof)

# Details

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Chosen so that Yang-Baxter equation holds:

# K Matrices

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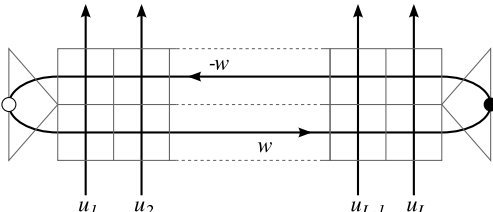
Inhomogeneous probabilities:

$$k_1(w) = \frac{1-2w}{1+2w}, \quad k_2(w) = \frac{4w}{1+2w}$$

Chosen so boundary YBE holds.

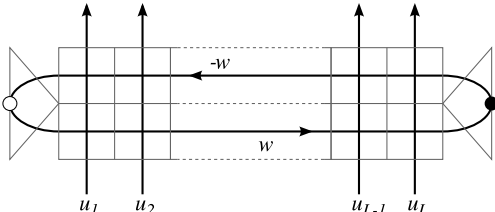
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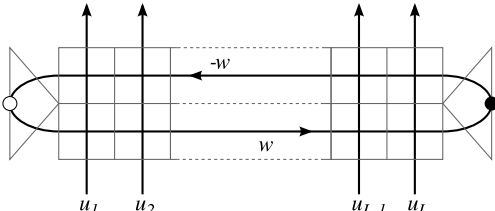
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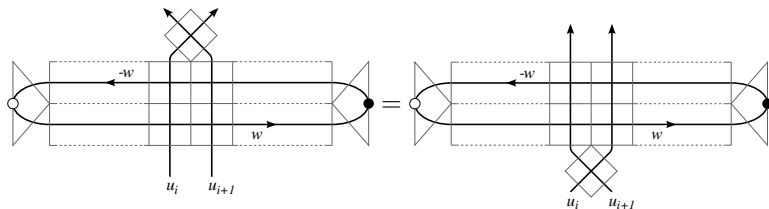
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Eigenvalue of 1:

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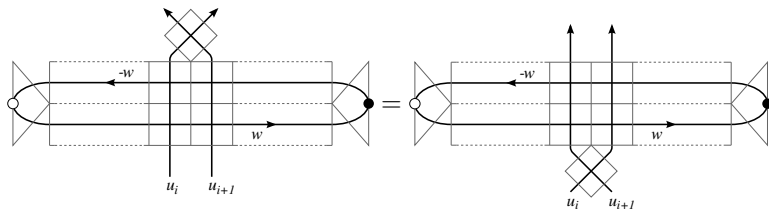


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Leading to  $q$ -deformed Knizhnik–Zamolodchikov equation:

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$R$  in terms of Brauer algebra generators:

$$\begin{aligned} R(u_i - u_{i+1}) &= a(u_i - u_{i+1}) \begin{array}{c} \dots \quad i \quad i+1 \quad \dots \\ | \quad | \\ \dots \end{array} + b(u_i - u_{i+1}) \begin{array}{c} \dots \quad i \quad i+1 \quad \dots \\ \frown \\ \smile \\ \dots \end{array} + c(u_i - u_{i+1}) \begin{array}{c} \dots \quad i \quad i+1 \quad \dots \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \dots \end{array} \\ &= a_i + b_i e_i + c_i f_i \end{aligned}$$

$e_i$  &  $f_i$  act on  $|\alpha\rangle$ , so  $q$ KZ equation becomes a relationship between the components of  $|\Psi\rangle$ .



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First case:  $f_i|\alpha\rangle = |\alpha\rangle$  &  $\alpha$  has no loop from  $i$  to  $i+1$ ,

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More detail:

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_\alpha(u_{i+1}, u_i) &= (a_i + c_i)\psi_\alpha(u_i, u_{i+1}) \\ &= \frac{(u_{i+1} - u_i + 1)(u_{i+1} - u_i - 2)}{(u_i - u_{i+1} + 1)(u_i - u_{i+1} - 2)}\psi_\alpha(u_i, u_{i+1})\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow \psi_\alpha(u_i, u_{i+1}) &= (u_i - u_{i+1} + 1)(u_i - u_{i+1} - 2)S^{\{i, i+1\}}(u_i, u_{i+1}) \\ &= r(u_i - u_{i+1})S^{\{i, i+1\}}(u_i, u_{i+1})\end{aligned}$$

# Results



# Special Components

$q$ KZ directly implies:

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_{\underbrace{L+1, \dots, L+1}_k, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{L-k}} &= \prod_{i=1}^k (1 - 2u_i) \prod_{i=k+1}^L (1 + 2u_i) \\ &\times \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq k} r(u_i - u_j) r(-u_i - u_j) \prod_{k+1 \leq i < j \leq L} r(u_i - u_j) r(u_i + u_j) \\ &\times \prod_{i=1}^k \prod_{j=k+1}^L [(u_i - u_j + 1)(-u_i - u_j + 1) (u_i + u_j + 1)(-u_i + u_j + 1)] \\ &\times S^{\{0, \dots, k\}, \{k+1, \dots, L\}}(u_1, \dots, u_L), \end{aligned}$$

Conjecture (bound on degree):  $S = 1$ .

# Recursion (bulk)

Can also show (no details given here):

$$|\Psi_L(\dots, u_i, u_i + 1, \dots)\rangle = p(u_i; \dots, \hat{u}_i, \hat{u}_{i+1}, \dots) |\Psi_{L-2}(\dots, \hat{u}_i, \hat{u}_{i+1}, \dots)\rangle$$

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With the conjectured bound on the degree, we have

$$p(u_i; \dots) = (1 - 2u_i)^2 (1 + 2(u_i + 1))^2 \prod_{j \neq i, i+1} r(u_j - u_i)^2 r(u_j + u_i + 1)^2$$

This recursion is useful for proving the sum rule (next slide).

# Sum Rule

With the conjectured bound on the degree,

$$Z_{2n} = \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq 2n} b(u_i, u_j)^2 \det \left[ \frac{(-5 + 2u_i^2 + u_j^2)}{b(u_i, u_j)} \right]_{1 \leq i, j \leq 2n}$$

$$Z_{2n-1} = 2 \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq 2n-1} b(u_i, u_j)^2 \\ \times \det \left[ \begin{array}{cc} \left[ \frac{(-5 + 2u_i^2 + 2u_j^2)}{b(u_i, u_j)} \right]_{1 \leq i, j \leq 2n-1} & [-1]_{1 \leq j \leq 2n-1} \\ [1]_{1 \leq i \leq 2n-1} & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

where

$$b(u_i, u_j) = \frac{(1 - (u_i - u_j)^2)(1 - (u_i + u_j)^2)}{u_i^2 - u_j^2}$$

$W_{2n} = \sum \psi_\alpha$  where  $\alpha$  is a permutation between sites  $1, \dots, n$  and  $n+1, \dots, 2n$ .

$$W_{2n}(u_1, \dots, u_{2n}) = \sqrt{Z_{2n}} \prod_{i=1}^n (1 - 2u_i)(1 + 2u_{n+i}) \\ \times \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} r(u_i - u_j)r(-u_i - u_j)r(u_{n+i} - u_{n+j})r(u_{n+i} + u_{n+j})$$

# Conclusion

- ▶ Need proof of degree
- ▶ Still working on proper proof for  $W_{2n}$
- ▶ Working on model with general closed loop weight,  $n = 2$  corresponds to non-crossing case
- ▶ Looking for connection to algebraic varieties

*Thank you*