

THE dSKP RECURRENCE:
COMBINATORIAL ASPECTS AND GEOMETRIC SYSTEMS

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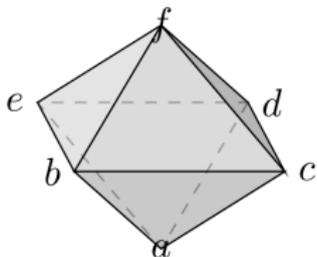
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OUTLINE

- The dSKP equation + recurrence
- Combinatorial solution I
- Geometric applications
- Devron property + combinatorial solution II
- Geometric applications

THE DISCRETE SCHWARZIAN KADOMTSEV-PETVIASHVILI EQUATION (dSKP)



$$\frac{a-b}{b-c} \times \frac{c-f}{f-d} \times \frac{d-e}{e-a} = -1.$$

- ▶ Discrete version of Schwarzian KP equation, related to soliton theory [Bogdanov, Konopelchenko '98],
- ▶ Discrete version of quasi-conformal maps [Konopelchenko, Schief '01],
- ▶ Many geometric systems.

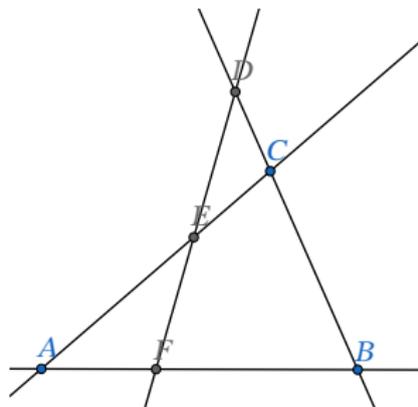
MENELAUS' THEOREM

THEOREM (MENELAUS (~100 AD))

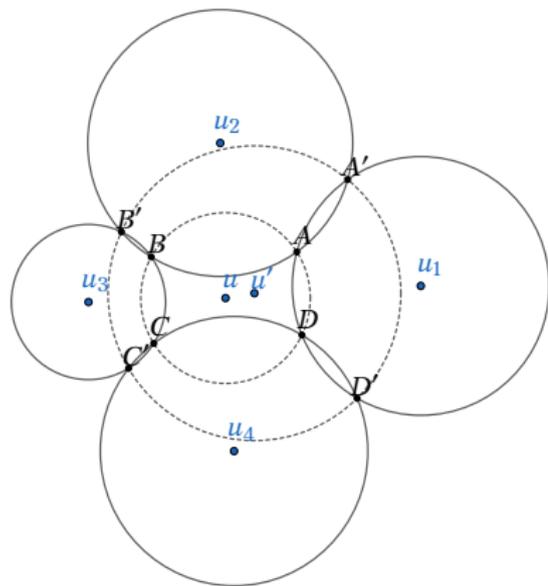
Let ABC be a triangle, and let D be a point on (BC) , E on (AC) and F on (AB) .

Then D, E, F are on a line iff, in complex coordinates,

$$\frac{a-f}{f-b} \times \frac{b-d}{d-c} \times \frac{c-e}{e-a} = -1.$$



MIQUEL'S THEOREM



THEOREM (MIQUEL '1838)

Given the four external circles, the points A, B, C, D are concyclic iff the points A', B', C', D' are.

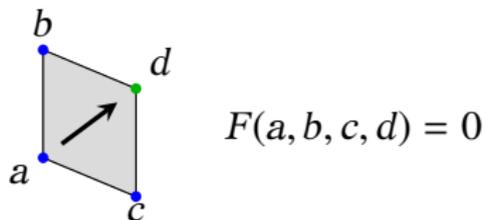
THEOREM (AFFOLTER '21, KENYON-LAM-RAMASSAMY-RUSSKIKH '22)

If the above holds, the circle centers satisfy

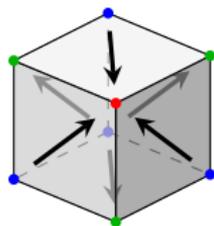
$$\frac{u - u_1}{u_1 - u_2} \times \frac{u_2 - u'}{u' - u_3} \times \frac{u_3 - u_4}{u_4 - u} = -1.$$

↪ Related to *t-realizations* of the dimer model [KLRR, Chelkak-Laslier-Russkikh '20], *Miquel's dynamics* on the dimer model [Ramassamy '20; KLRR].

CLASSIFICATION OF CONSISTENT EQU. [Adler-Bobenko-Suris '03, '11]



An equation on quads, $F(a, b, c, d) = 0$, is said to be **consistent** if it propagates uniquely on a cube:

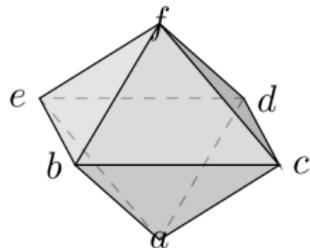


\rightsquigarrow Analogous definition for equations on cubes, and on octahedra.

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THEOREM (ADLER-BOBENKO-SURIS '11)

Up to admissible transformations, the consistent equations on octahedra are:



$$\chi_1 : f = \frac{bd + ce}{a}$$

$$\chi_2 : f = \frac{cbd - bda - cbe - cde + bde + cae}{bd + ca - ba - da - ce + ae}$$

$$\chi_3 : f = \frac{cb - ca + da - de}{b - e}$$

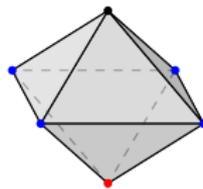
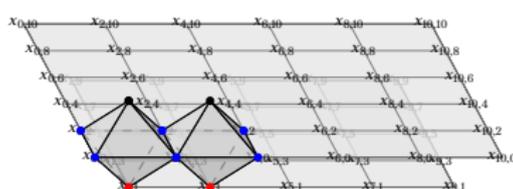
$$\chi_4 : f = \frac{bda + cbe - bde - cae}{a(b - e)}$$

$$\chi_5 : f = \frac{bda + cbe - cae}{ba}$$

- χ_1 is dKP.
- χ_2 is dSKP.
- χ_3, χ_4, χ_5 can be obtained from χ_2 by taking appropriate limits

THE dSKP RECURRENCE

- ▶ Octahedral-tetrahedral lattice: $\mathcal{L} = \{(i, j, k) \in \mathbb{Z}^3 : i + j + k \in 2\mathbb{Z}\}$.



- ▶ A function $x : \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \hat{\mathbb{C}}$ satisfies the **dSKP recurrence** if

$$\frac{(x_{-e_3} - x_{e_2})(x_{-e_1} - x_{e_3})(x_{-e_2} - x_{e_1})}{(x_{e_2} - x_{-e_1})(x_{e_3} - x_{-e_2})(x_{e_1} - x_{-e_3})} = -1,$$

where $x_q(p) := x(p + q)$ for every $q \in \{e_i\}_{i=1}^3$, and the relation is evaluated at any $p \in \mathbb{Z}^3 \setminus \mathcal{L}$.

dSKP - SOLUTION I

THEOREM (AFFOLTER-DT-MELOTTI '22)

Let $x : \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \hat{\mathbb{C}}$ be a function satisfying the dSKP recurrence with initial conditions $a = (a_{i,j})_{(i,j) \in \mathbb{Z}^2}$ at vertices $(i, j, [i + j]_2)_{(i,j) \in \mathbb{Z}^2}$. Then, for all points $(i, j, k) \in \mathcal{L}$ such that $k \geq 1$,

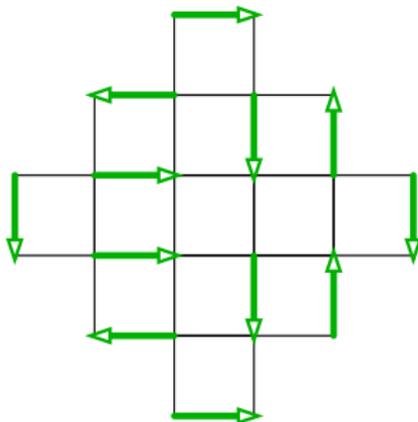
$$x(i, j, k) = Y(A_{k-1}[a_{i,j}], a),$$

where

$$Y(A_{k-1}[a_{i,j}], a) := C(A_{k-1}[a_{i,j}]) \frac{Z_{\vec{\dim}}(A_{k-1}[a_{i,j}], a^{-1}, \varphi)}{Z_{\vec{\dim}}(A_{k-1}[a_{i,j}], a, \varphi)}.$$

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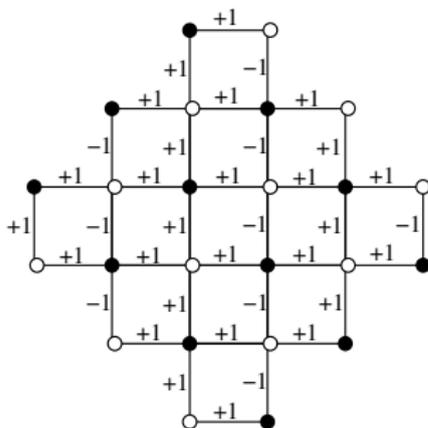
- **Oriented dimer configuration \vec{M}** of Aztec diamond A :
unoriented version M is a **dimer configuration**, i.e., subset of edges s.t. every vertex is incident to exactly one edge of $M \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{M}$.



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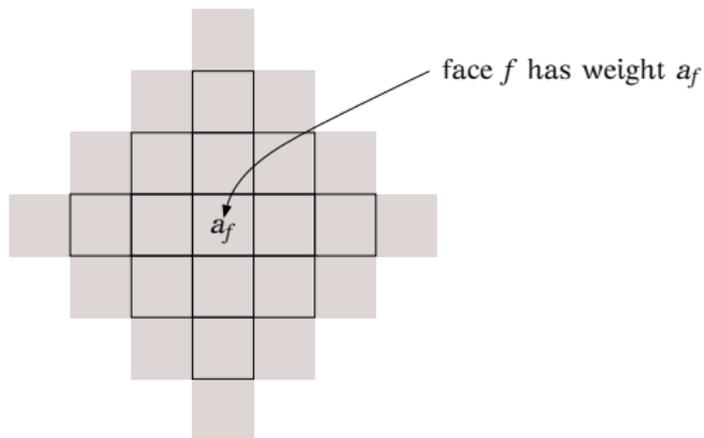
- **Kasteleyn orientation** $\varphi \in \{-1, 1\}^E$: skew-symmetric function on E such that, for every inner face f ,

$$\prod_{(w,b) \in \partial f} \varphi_{(w,b)} = -1.$$



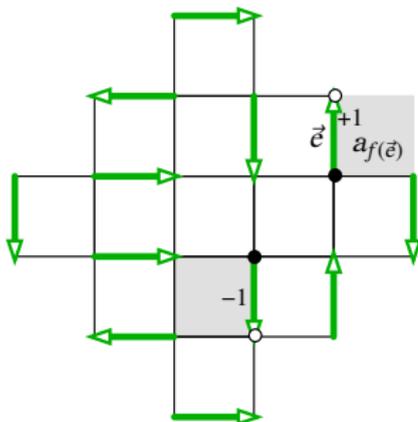
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- ▶ Aztec diamond A with face weights $(a_f)_{f \in F}$.



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- ▶ Every oriented dimer edge has
 - ▶ a Kasteleyn weight: $\varphi_{\vec{e}}$
 - ▶ a face weight on the right: $a_{f(\vec{e})}$



- ▶ The partition function $Z_{\vec{\dim}}(A, a, \varphi)$:

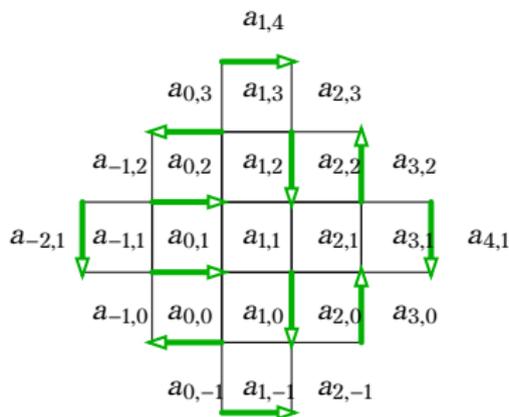
$$Z_{\vec{\dim}}(A, a, \varphi) = \sum_{\vec{M} \in \vec{\mathcal{M}}} \prod_{\vec{e} \in \vec{M}} \varphi_{\vec{e}} a_{f(\vec{e})}.$$

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Example: Aztec diamond $A_3^{a_{1,-2}}[a_{1,1}]$ used to compute $x(1, 1, 4)$.

PREVIOUS RESULTS OF THE SAME KIND

- ▶ dKP/Octahedron recurrence/Dodgson condensation: [Speyer '07] \rightsquigarrow dimer model
- ▶ Cube recurrence: [Carroll, Speyer '04] \rightsquigarrow cube groves
- ▶ Hexahedron recurrence: [Kenyon, Pemantle '16] \rightsquigarrow double dimer model
- ▶ Kashaev's recurrence: [Melotti '18] \rightsquigarrow C_2^1 -loop model

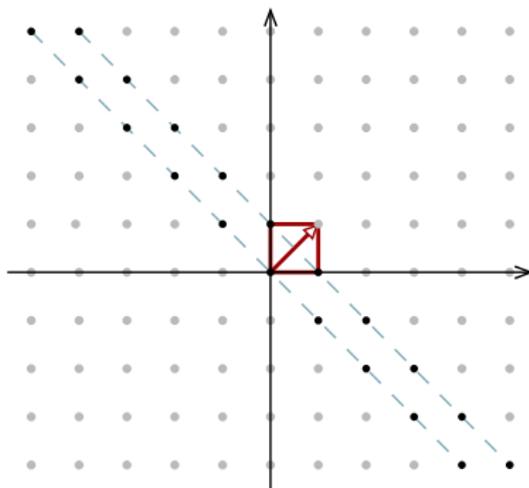
All of the above solutions are **Laurent polynomials** in the initial data, with **coefficients equal to 1** in the first 2 cases [Fomin, Zelevinsky '02].

APPLICATION TO DISCRETE HOLOMORPHIC FUNCTIONS

A function $z : \mathbb{Z}^2 \rightarrow \hat{\mathbb{C}}$ is **discrete holomorphic** [Bobenko-Pinkall '96] if, for every quad of \mathbb{Z}^2 ,

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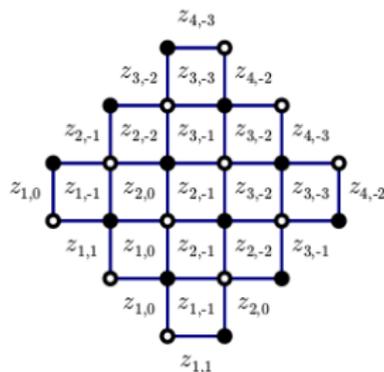
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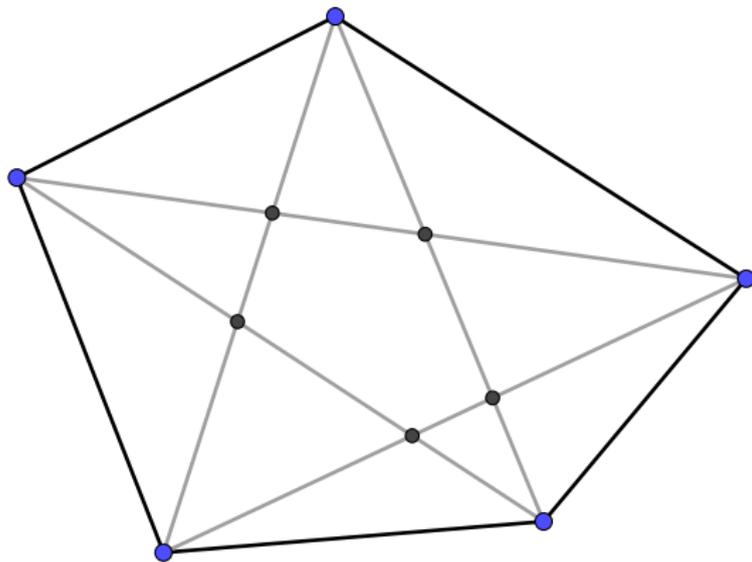
For every $(i,j) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ such that $i+j \geq 2$, there is an Aztec diamond A_{i+j-2} with explicit weights $a = (z_{k,\ell})_{k+\ell \in \{0,1,2\}}$ such that

$$z_{i,j} = Y(A_{i+j-2}, a).$$

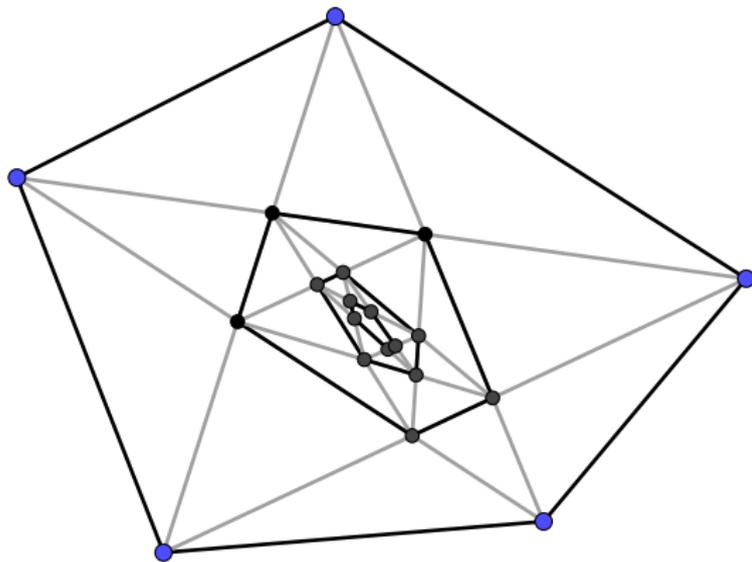


Aztec diamond used for $z_{4,1}$.

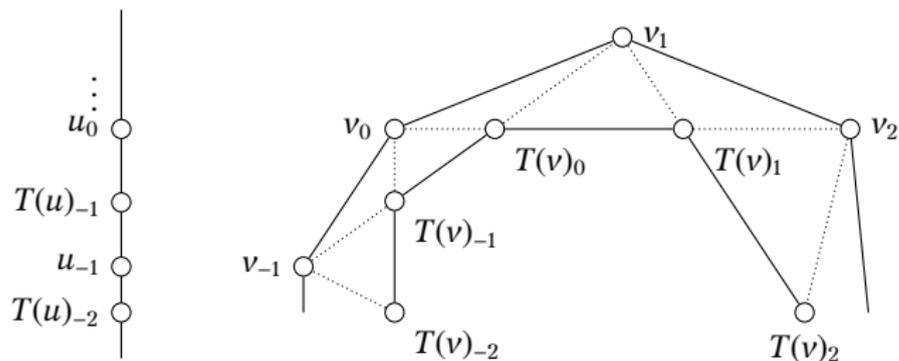
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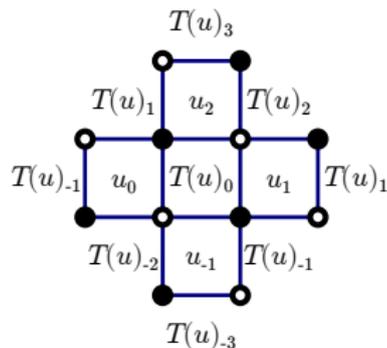


THEOREM (A-dT-M '22)

For all $j \geq 1$ and $i \in \mathbb{Z}$, there is an Aztec diamond A_{j-1} with explicit weights $a = (u_k, T(u)_\ell)_{k, \ell \in \mathbb{Z}}$ such that

$$T^j(u)_i = Y(A_{j-1}, a).$$

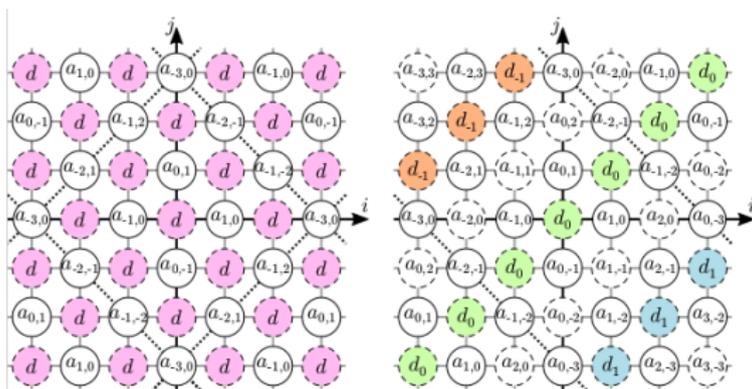
Remark: [Glick '11] has an explicit expression using F -polynomials of cluster algebras.



Example for $T^3(u)_{-1}$.

DEVRON PROPERTY

- ▶ **Devron property** [Glick '15]: for a birational integrable dynamics T , if some data is singular for T^{-1} , then there should be an $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that it is singular for T^n .
- ▶ Singular data for backwards dSKP:
 1. (m, m) -periodic + every p -th diagonal at height 0 is constant.
 2. $(m, m) + (m, -m)$ -periodic + diagonals at height 0 are constant + rows at height 1 are translates of each other.



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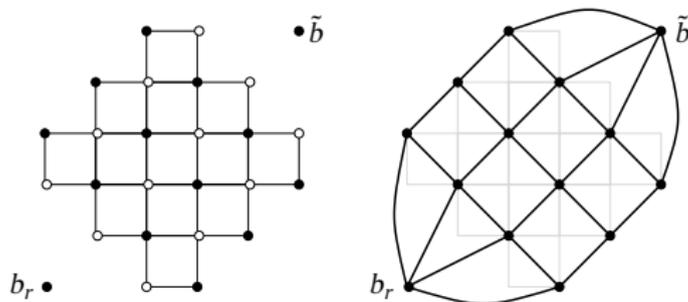
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Under assumptions 2, after $m - 1$ iterations of the dSKP recurrence, the value is constant and equal to the shifted harmonic mean of the initial data:

$$\forall (i, j, m) \in \mathcal{L}, \quad x(i, j, m) = d + \left(\frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} \frac{1}{a_{i,1-i} - d} \right).$$

dSKP SOLUTION II: COMPLEMENTARY TREES/FORESTS

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- ▶ From A_k construct the graph A_k^\bullet as follows.



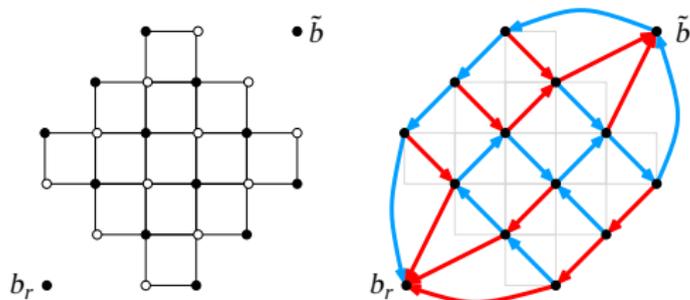
A **complementary tree/forest of A_k^\bullet** is a pair (T, F) of edge config. s.t.

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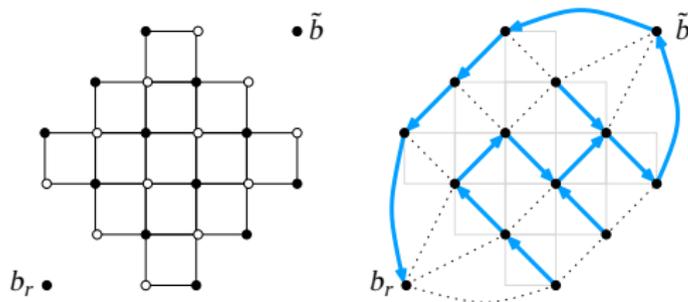
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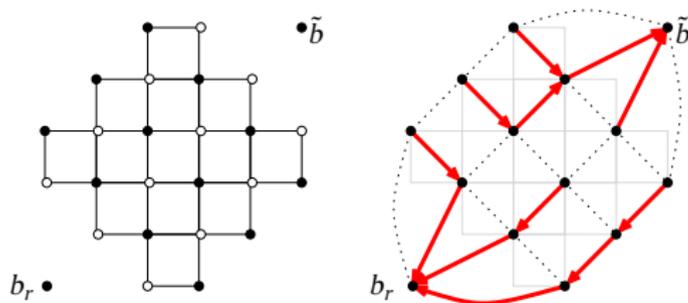
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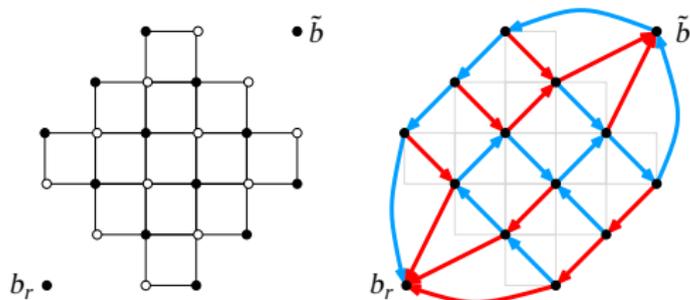
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Consider Aztec diamond A_k with face weights $a = (a_f)_{f \in F}$. For any Kasteleyn orientation φ ,

$$Z_{\overrightarrow{\text{dim}}}(A_k, a, \varphi) = \pm \sum_{(T, F) \in \mathcal{F}} \text{sgn}(T, F) \prod_{\vec{e} \in F} a_{f_{\vec{e}}}.$$

Moreover, there is a bijection between terms in the sum in the r.h.s. and monomials of $Z_{\overrightarrow{\text{dim}}}(A_k, a, \varphi)$ in the a variables.

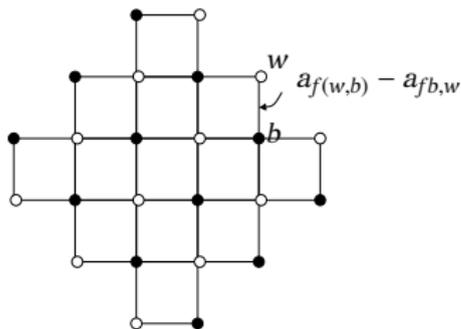
REMARK

Result in the spirit of [Speyer] [Carroll, Speyer] [Kenyon, Pemantle] [Melotti] giving a **combinatorial interpretation** of monomials.

dSKP SOLUTION II: IDEA OF PROOF

- ▶ Weighted adjacency matrix $K(a)$ of A_k :

$$\forall w \in W, b \in B, \quad K(a)_{w,b} = \begin{cases} a_{f(w,b)} - a_{f(b,w)} & \text{if } w \sim b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



PROPOSITION (A-dT-M)

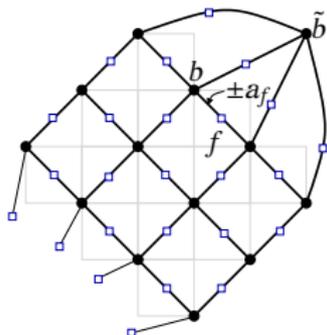
For any Kasteleyn orientation φ of A_k , there exists $\epsilon(\varphi) \in \{-1, 1\}$ s.t.

$$Z_{\vec{\dim}}(A_k, a, \varphi) = \epsilon(\varphi) \det(K(a)).$$

dSKP SOLUTION II: IDEA OF PROOF

- ▶ Consider the matrix $C(a)$,

$$\forall f \in F, b \in B \cup \{\tilde{b}\}, \quad C(a)_{f,b} = \begin{cases} \pm a_f & \text{if } b \text{ belongs to } \partial f, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



PROPOSITION (A-dT-M)

$$\det(K(a)) = \pm \det \begin{pmatrix} C(1)^{\tilde{b}} & C(1)^B & C(a)^B \end{pmatrix}.$$

dSKP SOLUTION II: IDEA OF PROOF + CONSEQUENCES

- ▶ The relation

$$Z_{\overrightarrow{\text{dim}}}(A_k, a, \varphi) = \pm \det \begin{pmatrix} C(1)^{\tilde{b}} & C(1)^B & C(a)^B \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

+ extra work allows to prove **compl. trees/forests representation.**

- ▶ Relation (1) + extra work allows to prove the following.

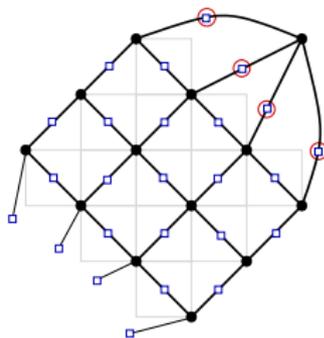
THEOREM (A-dT-M '22)

Let $v \in \mathbb{C}^F$ be a non-zero vector such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} C(1)^B & C(a)^B \end{pmatrix}^T v = 0.$$

Let $(v_i)_{i=0}^k$ be the elements corresponding to \circ . Then,

$$Y(A_k, a) = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^k a_{f_i} v_i}{\sum_{i=0}^k v_i}.$$



Both theorems + extra work \Rightarrow Devron properties.

APPLICATION TO P-NETS

A map $p : \mathbb{Z}^2 \rightarrow \hat{\mathbb{C}}$ is a **P-net** [Bobenko-Pinkall '99] if,

$$\forall (i, j) \in \mathbb{Z}^2, \quad \frac{1}{p_{i+1,j} - p_{i,j}} - \frac{1}{p_{i,j+1} - p_{i,j}} + \frac{1}{p_{i-1,j} - p_{i,j}} - \frac{1}{p_{i,j-1} - p_{i,j}} = 0.$$

The data of $(p_{i,j})_{j \in \{0,1\}}$ determines p .

THEOREM (GLICK '15, YAO '14)

Let $m \geq 1$, and let p be an m -periodic P-net such that, for all $i \in \mathbb{Z}$, $p_{i,0} = 0$. Then, if the following are well defined,

$$\forall i \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad p_{i,m} = \left(\frac{1}{m} \sum_{\ell=0}^{m-1} p_{\ell,1}^{-1} \right)^{-1},$$

that is the singularity repeats after $m - 1$ steps, and its value is the harmonic mean of $(p_{i,1})$.

\rightsquigarrow We provide an alternative proof.

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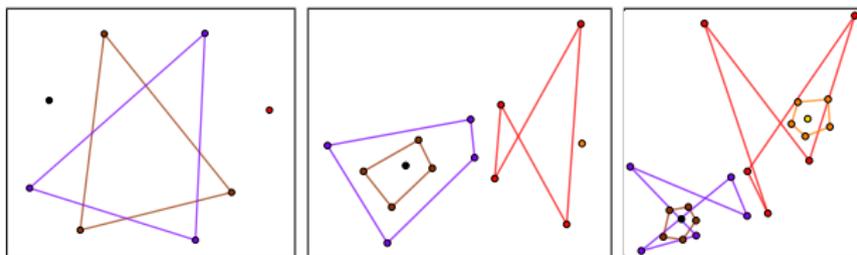


Illustration. The black dot is at 0 and corresponds to $p_{i,0}$; the brown dots are the values of $p_{i,1}$. Those are m -periodic with $m = 3$ (left), resp. $m = 4$ (center), resp. $m = 5$ (right).

APPLICATION TO INTEGRABLE CROSS-RATIO MAPS

Let $\alpha, \beta : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0\}$. An **integrable cross-ratio map** [Bobenko-Pinkall '99] is a map $z : \mathbb{Z}^2 \rightarrow \hat{\mathbb{C}}$ such that,

$$\forall (i, j) \in \mathbb{Z}^2, \quad \frac{(z_{i,j} - z_{i+1,j})(z_{i+1,j+1} - z_{i,j+1})}{(z_{i+1,j} - z_{i+1,j+1})(z_{i,j+1} - z_{i,j})} = \frac{\alpha_i}{\beta_j}.$$

THEOREM (A-dT-M '22)

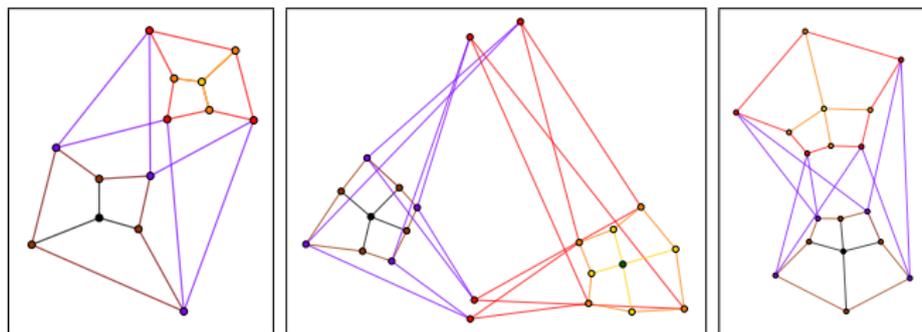
Let $m \geq 1$, and let \tilde{z} be an m -periodic integrable cross-ratio map such that $\tilde{z}_{i,0} = 0$ for all $i \in 2\mathbb{Z}$. Then, if the following are well defined,

$$\forall i \in 2\mathbb{Z}, \quad \tilde{z}_{i,2m-1} = \frac{\sum_{\ell=0}^{m-1} (\alpha_\ell - \beta_\ell)}{\sum_{\ell=0}^{m-1} \frac{1}{\tilde{z}_{2\ell+1,1}} (\alpha_\ell - \beta_{-\ell-1})},$$

where \tilde{z} is z rotated by -45° .

CONSEQUENCES FOR DISCRETE HOLOMORPHIC FUNCTIONS

- ▶ Specifying $\alpha_\ell \equiv -1$, $\beta_\ell = 1$, we recover a **theorem of [Yao '14]** when m is odd.
- ▶ When m is even, using relation to P-nets, we prove that the singularity occurs **one step earlier**.

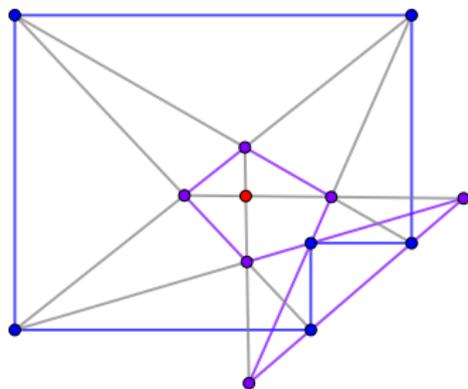


Propagation of discrete holomorphic functions. Left: 3-periodic case. Center and right: 4-periodic case.

APPLICATION TO PENTAGRAM MAP

THEOREM [SCHWARTZ '07, GLICK '14, YAO '14]

If (v_1, \dots, v_{2m}) is an **axis-aligned** polygon, then if well-defined, $T^{m-1}(v_1, \dots, v_{2m})$ is reduced to a point, which is the center of mass of (v_1, \dots, v_{2m}) .

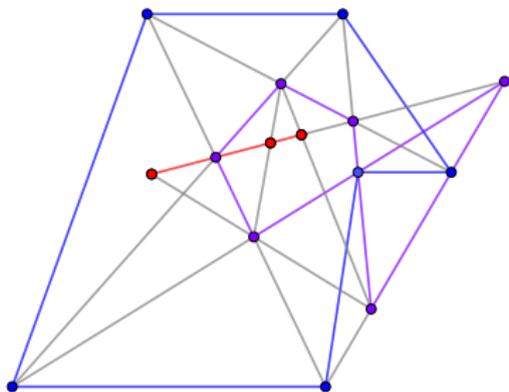


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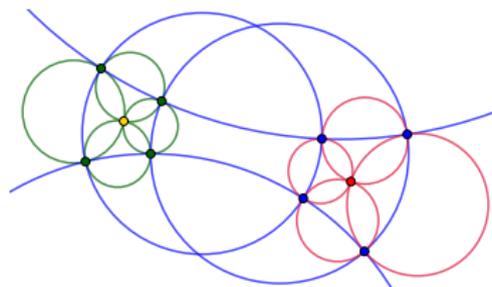
APPLICATION TO PENTAGRAM MAP

THEOREM [A-dT-M '22]

If (v_1, \dots, v_{2m}) is **half-axis-aligned**, then $T^{2m-4}(v_1, \dots, v_{2m})$ is singular (that is, $T^{2m-3}(v_1, \dots, v_{2m})$ is undefined).



CONCLUSION



System	Initial condition	Steps	Citations
Miquel	m -Dodgson	$m - 1$	new
P-nets	m -Dodgson	$m - 1$	[Glick15, Yao14]
P-nets	m -Dodgson*	$m - 2$	new
Int. cr-maps	$(m, 2)$ -Devron	$2m - 2$	new
D. hol. f., $[m]_2 = 1$	$(m, 2)$ -Devron	$2m - 2$	[Yao14]
D. hol. f., $[m]_2 = 0$	$(m, 2)$ -Devron	$2m - 3$	new
D. hol. f., $[m]_2 = 0$	$(m, 2)$ -Devron*	$2m - 4$	new
Orthogonal CP	$(2m, 2)$ -Devron	$m - 2$	new
Polygon recutting	$(m, 1)$ -Devron	$m - 1$	[Glick15]
Circle intersection dyn.	$(m, 1)$ -Devron	$m - 1$	new
Circle intersection dyn.	$(m, 2)$ -Devron	$2m - 4$	new
Pentagram map	m -Dodgson	$m - 1$	[Glick15, Yao14]
Pentagram map	$(m, 2)$ -Devron	$2m - 4$	new