



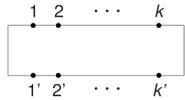
# A diagrammatic representation of an affine $C$ Temperley–Lieb algebra

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## Definition

The **standard  $k$ -box** is a rectangle w/  $2k$  nodes labeled as:



A **concrete  $k$ -diagram** consists of a finite number of disjoint curves (planar), called **edges**, embedded in and disjoint from the box s.t.

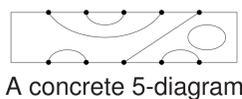
- edges may be isotopic to circles, but not if their endpoints coincide w/ the nodes of the box;
- the nodes of the box are the endpoints of curves, which meet the box transversely.

An edge joining  $i$  in the N-face to  $j'$  in the S-face is called a **propagating edge**.

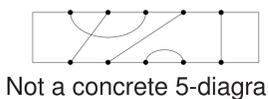
Two concrete diagrams are **equivalent** if one concrete diagram can be obtained from the other by isotopically deforming the edges s.t. any intermediate diagram is also a concrete diagram.

A  **$k$ -diagram** is defined to be an equivalence class of equivalent concrete  $k$ -diagrams.

## Examples



A concrete 5-diagram



Not a concrete 5-diagram

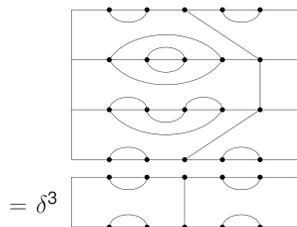
## Definition

The **(ordinary) Temperley–Lieb diagram algebra**, denoted  $\mathbb{DTL}(A_n)$ , is the free  $\mathbb{Z}[\delta]$ -module w/ basis consisting of the loop-free  $(n+1)$ -diagrams.

If  $d$  and  $d'$  are basis elmts, calculate the product  $dd'$  by identifying the S-face of  $d$  w/ the N-face of  $d'$  and then multiplying by a factor of  $\delta$  for each loop and discard loop.

$\mathbb{DTL}(A_n)$  is an assoc  $\mathbb{Z}[\delta]$ -algebra having the loop-free  $(n+1)$ -diagrams as a basis.

## Example



Example of multiplication in  $\mathbb{DTL}(A_4)$

## Definition

We now describe a diagram algebra where the diagrams are allowed to carry decorations. Our **decoration set** is  $\mathcal{V} = \{\bullet, \blacktriangle, \circ, \triangle\}$ , where the first two decorations are called **closed**, and the last two are **open**. Any finite sequence of decorations is called a **block**. Fix  $n \geq 2$ .

## Definition (continued)

Let  $d$  be a concrete  $(n+2)$ -diagram w/ edge  $e$ . We may adorn  $e$  w/ a finite sequence of blocks of decorations from  $\mathcal{V}$  if adjacency of blocks and decorations is preserved as we travel along  $e$ . Each decoration on  $e$  has an associated height, called its **vertical position**.  $d$  is a **concrete LR-decorated diagram** if it satisfies:

- if  $d$  has no non-prop edges, then  $d$  is undecorated;
- it is possible to deform all decorated edges so as to take open decorations to the left and closed decorations to the right simultaneously;
- if  $e$  is non-prop, then we allow adjacent blocks on  $e$  to be conjoined to form larger blocks;
- if  $d$  has more than 1 non-prop edge in N-face and  $e$  is prop, then we allow adjacent blocks on  $e$  to be conjoined to form larger blocks;
- if  $d$  has exactly one non-prop edge in N-face and  $e$  is prop, then:
  - all decorations occurring on prop edges must have vertical position lower (resp, higher) than the vertical positions of decorations occurring on the (unique) non-prop edge in the N-face (resp, S-face);
  - if  $\mathbf{b}$  is block occurring on  $e$ , then no other decorations occurring on any other prop edge may have vertical position in the range of vertical positions that  $\mathbf{b}$  occupies;
  - if  $\mathbf{b}_i$  and  $\mathbf{b}_{i+1}$  are two adjacent blocks occurring on  $e$ , they may be conjoined to form a larger block only if the previous requirement is not violated.

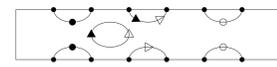
Two concrete LR-decorated diagrams are  **$\mathcal{V}$ -equivalent** if we can isotopically deform one diagram into the other s.t. any intermediate diagram is also a concrete LR-decorated diagram.

An **LR-decorated diagram** is an equivalence class of  $\mathcal{V}$ -equivalent concrete LR-decorated diagrams.

## Examples



Two examples of LR-decorated 5-diagrams

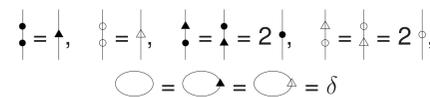


Example of LR-decorated 6-diagram

## Definition

Let  $\widehat{\mathcal{P}}_{n+2}^{LR}(\mathcal{V})$  be the free  $\mathbb{Z}[\delta]$ -module w/ basis consisting of the LR-decorated diagrams having blocks that do not contain any adjacent decorations of the same type (open/closed) and do not have any of the loops listed below.

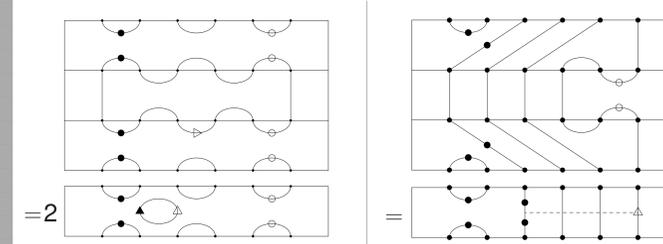
To calculate  $dd'$ , concatenate  $d$  and  $d'$ . While maintaining  $\mathcal{V}$ -equivalence, conjoin adjacent blocks subject to:



## Theorem (Ernst [1])

$\widehat{\mathcal{P}}_{n+2}^{LR}(\mathcal{V})$  is an assoc  $\mathbb{Z}[\delta]$ -algebra. A basis consists of the LR-decorated diagrams having blocks that do not contain any adjacent decorations of the same type (open/closed) and there are no loops that can be replaced w/  $\delta$ .

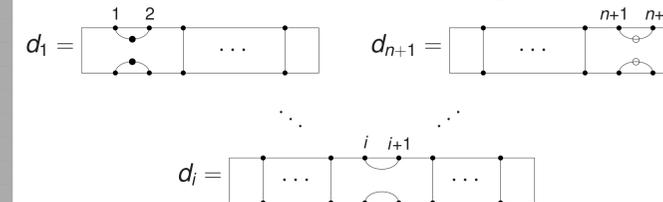
## Examples



Examples of multiplication in  $\widehat{\mathcal{P}}_{n+2}^{LR}(\mathcal{V})$

## Definition

The **simple diagrams**  $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_{n+1}$  of  $\widehat{\mathcal{P}}_{n+2}^{LR}(\mathcal{V})$  are:



Let  $\mathbb{D}_n$  be the  $\mathbb{Z}[\delta]$ -subalgebra of  $\widehat{\mathcal{P}}_{n+2}^{LR}(\mathcal{V})$  generated by the simple diagrams.

## Definition

An LR-decorated diagram  $d$  is **admissible** if it satisfies:

- The only loops that appear are equivalent to .
- If  $d$  has no prop edges, then the edges joining 1 and 1' (resp,  $n+2$  and  $(n+2)'$ ) are decorated w/  $\bullet$  (resp,  $\circ$ ). These are the only  $\bullet$  (resp,  $\circ$ ) decorations occurring on  $d$  and are the leftmost (resp, rightmost) decorations on their resp edges.
- If  $d$  has exactly one prop edge  $e$ ,  $e$  is decorated by an alternating sequence (possibly empty) of  $\blacktriangle$  and  $\triangle$ . If  $e$  is connected to 1 (resp, 1'), then the highest (resp, lowest) decoration occurring on  $e$  is  $\bullet$ . If  $e$  is connected to  $n+2$  (resp,  $(n+2)'$ ), then the highest (resp, lowest) decoration occurring on  $e$  is  $\circ$ . If there is a non-prop edge connected to 1 or 1' (resp,  $n+2$  or  $(n+2)'$ ) it is decorated only by a single  $\bullet$  (resp,  $\circ$ ). No other  $\bullet$  or  $\circ$  appear.
- If  $d$  has exactly one non-prop edge in the N-face, then the leftmost prop edge is equal to one of the following, where the rectangle represents a sequence of blocks (possibly empty), where each block is a single  $\blacktriangle$ .



## Definition (continued)

The occurrences of the  $\bullet$  decorations occurring on the prop edge are the highest or lowest decorations occurring on any prop edge. We have an analogous requirement for the rightmost prop edge w/ open. If there is a non-prop edge connected to 1 or 1' (resp,  $n+2$  or  $(n+2)'$ ) it is decorated only by a single  $\bullet$  (resp,  $\circ$ ). No other  $\bullet$  or  $\circ$  appear.

- Assume that  $d$  has more than one non-prop edge and more than one prop edge. If  $e$  joins 1 to 1' (resp,  $n+2$  to  $(n+2)'$ ), then it is decorated by a single  $\blacktriangle$  (resp,  $\triangle$ ). Otherwise, an edge joining only one of 1 or 1' (resp,  $n+2$  or  $(n+2)'$ ) is decorated by a single  $\bullet$  (resp,  $\circ$ ) and no other  $\bullet$  or  $\circ$  appear.

## Theorem (Ernst [1])

The admissible diagrams form a basis for  $\mathbb{D}_n$ .

## Definition

The **Temperley–Lieb algebra of type affine  $C$** , denoted  $\text{TL}(\widetilde{C}_n)$ , is the  $\mathbb{Z}[\delta]$ -algebra generated as a unital algebra by  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{n+1}$  w/ defining relations

- $b_i^2 = \delta b_i$  for all  $i$ ,
- $b_i b_j = b_j b_i$  if  $|i - j| > 1$ ,
- $b_i b_j b_i = b_i$  if  $|i - j| = 1$  and  $1 < i, j < n + 1$ ,
- $b_i b_j b_i = 2b_i b_j$  if  $\{i, j\} = \{1, 2\}$  or  $\{n, n + 1\}$ .

## Comments

- $\text{TL}(\widetilde{C}_n)$  is an infinite dim assoc algebra having a basis indexed by the **fully commutative elmts** of the Coxeter group of type  $\widetilde{C}_n$ . By [5],  $w$  in a Coxeter group  $W$  is **fully commutative** iff no reduced expression for  $w$  contains a long braid as a consecutive subexpression.
- $\text{TL}(\widetilde{C}_n)$  is a quotient of the Hecke algebra  $\mathcal{H}(\widetilde{C}_n)$  [2].

## Theorem (Ernst [1])

The map  $\theta : \text{TL}(\widetilde{C}_n) \rightarrow \mathbb{D}_n$  given by  $\theta(b_i) = d_i$  is an algebra isomorphism. Moreover, the admissible diagrams are in bijection w/ the **monomial basis elmts** (see [3]) of  $\text{TL}(\widetilde{C}_n)$ .

## Applications and Current Research

We perform a change of basis to obtain a basis that coincides w/ the **canonical basis** of [4]. Using new representation, we define a trace on  $\mathcal{H}(\widetilde{C}_n)$  and use it to non-recursively compute leading coefficients of certain Kazhdan–Lusztig polynomials (notoriously difficult to compute).

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