

ON VARIANTS OF SPECHT POLYNOMIALS AND RANDOM GEOMETRY

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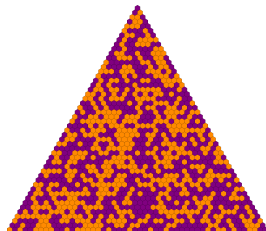
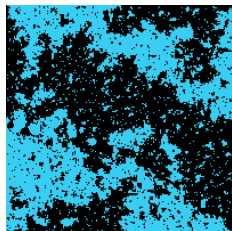
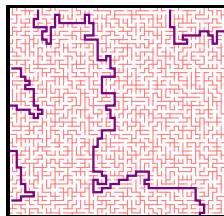
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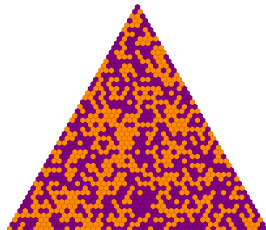
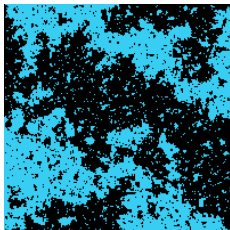
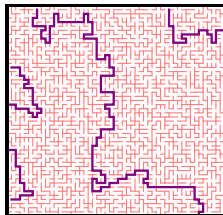
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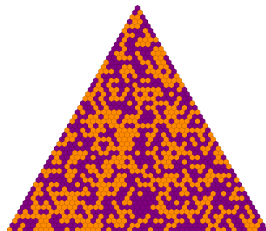
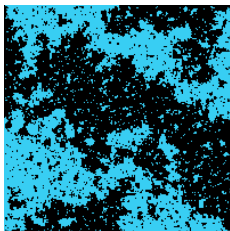
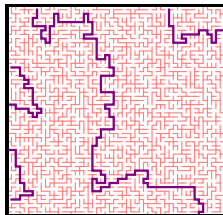


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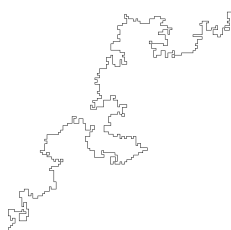
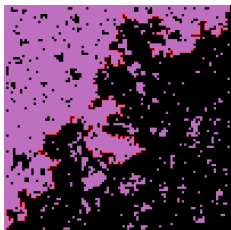
[Belavin, Polyakov & Zamolodchikov '84; Cardy '84; Nienhuis '84]



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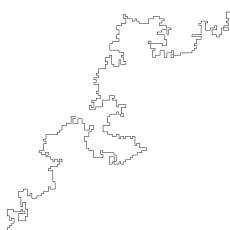
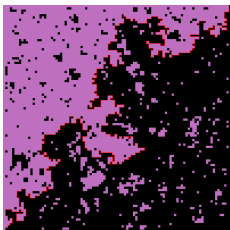
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Usual proof strategy:

1. *tightness* (e.g. control via crossing estimates, RSW etc.)

[Aizenman & Burchard '99, Kemppainen & Smirnov '17, ...]

2. *identification* of the limit (e.g. via discrete holomorphic observable)

[Kenyon '00, Chelkak & Smirnov '01–'11, ...]



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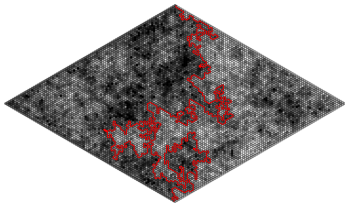
$$\mathcal{Z}_\alpha(x_1, \dots, x_{2N}) = \prod_{i < j} (x_i - x_j)^{2/\kappa} \int_{\Gamma_\alpha} \prod_{r,j} (w_r - x_j)^{-4/\kappa} \prod_{r < s} (w_r - w_s)^{8/\kappa} dw_1 \cdots dw_N$$

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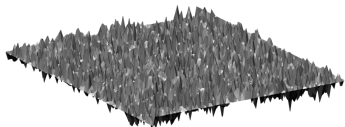
EXACT SOLVABILITY

Some models carry additional combinatorial structure!

E.g. models building on the **Gaussian free field** (GFF):



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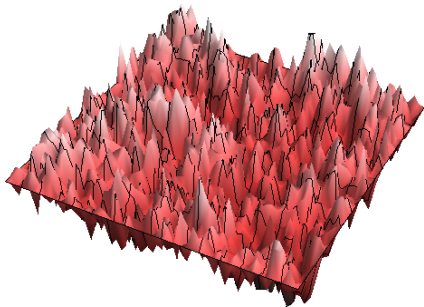


- ▶ double-dimer model: $\kappa = 4$, $c = 1$
- ▶ triple-dimer model: $c = 2$ (no κ)
- ▶ multi-dimer models: $c = 3, 4, \dots$
 $\implies \mathcal{Z}_\alpha$ and \mathcal{U}_β given by
variants of Specht polynomials
- ▶ uniform spanning tree: $\kappa = 8$, $c = -2$
- ▶ branches (LERW): $\kappa = 2$, $c = -2$
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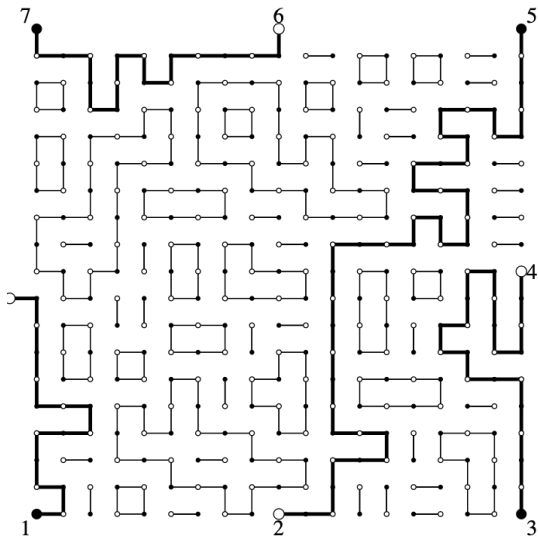
LOOP-ERASED RANDOM WALK ($c = -2, \kappa = 2$)



GAUSSIAN FREE FIELD ($c = 1, \kappa = 4$)



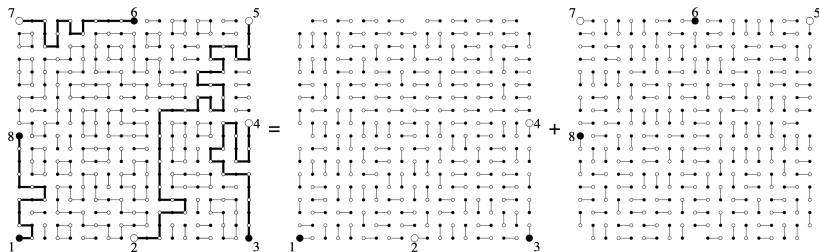
DOUBLE DIMERS ($c = 1$) AND VIRASORO CONFORMAL BLOCKS



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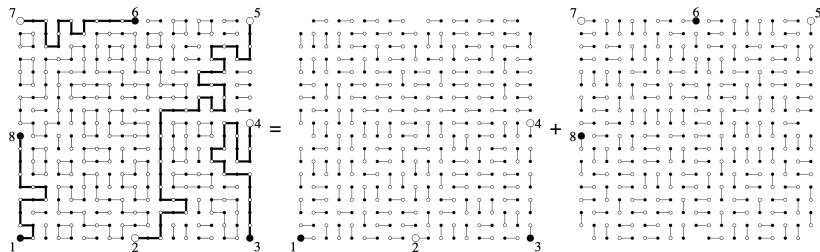
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- ▶ convergence of crossing probabilities is known [Kenyon & Wilson '11]
- ▶ convergence of interfaces is **open**
- ▶ **very strong** evidence [Dubédat '19, Basok & Chelkak '21, Bai & Wan '22]

GAUSSIAN FREE FIELD (GFF)

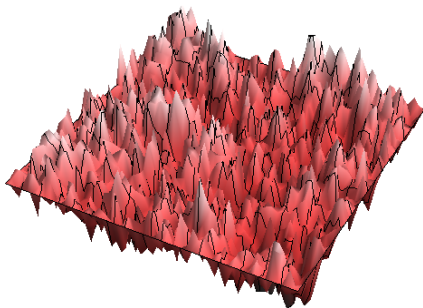
- ▶ “Gaussian distribution” h
- ▶ centered with covariance given by the **Green function** $G_{\Omega}(x, y)$
- ▶ for test functions φ , the action of h gives (h, φ) : a **Gaussian random vector**

$$\text{cov}((h, \varphi_1), (h, \varphi_2)) = \int \int \varphi_1(x) G_{\Omega}(x, y) \varphi_2(y) dx dy$$

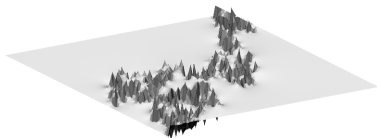
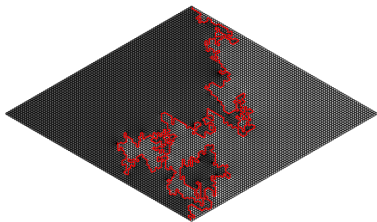
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▶ GFF with boundary data:

- ▶ take function f on $\partial\Omega$
- ▶ take h plus the **harmonic extension** of f into Ω
- ↪ $h + f$ is **GFF with boundary data** f



GAUSSIAN FREE FIELD LEVEL LINES

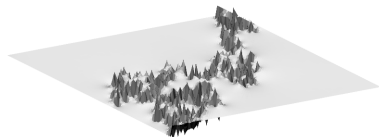
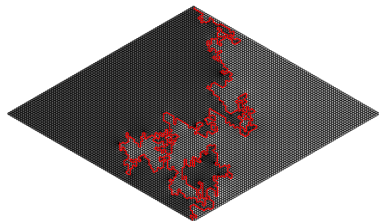


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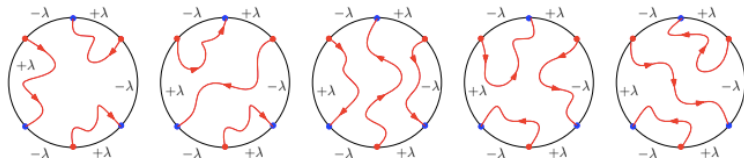
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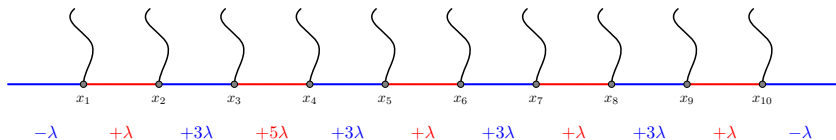
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Alternating boundary data \implies multiple SLE(4) curves



Consider pw constant boundary conditions with jumps of sizes $\pm 2\lambda$.



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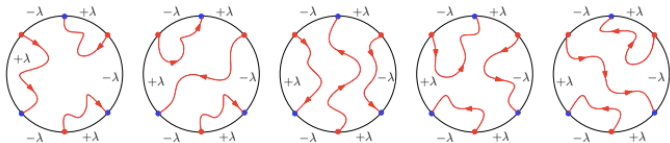
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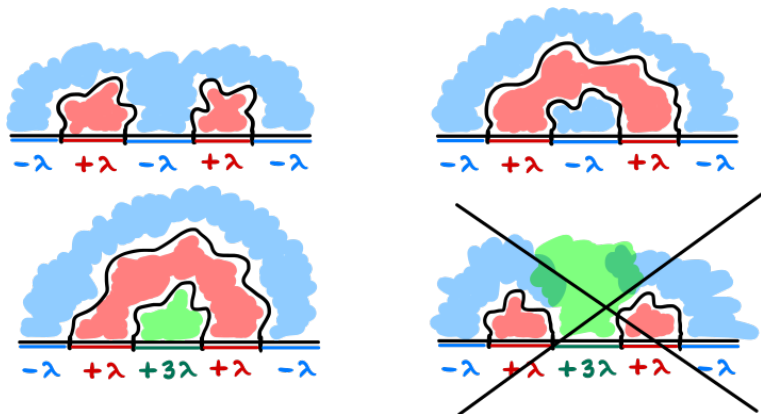
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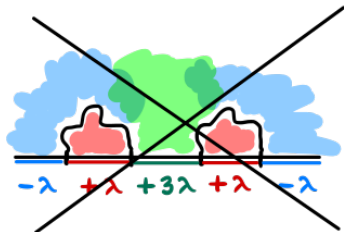
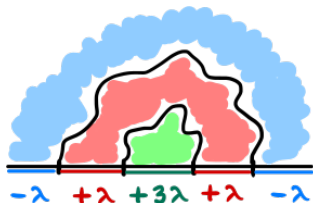
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MULTIPLE LEVEL LINES OF GFF



- ▶ **boundary condition** encoded into *Dyck path* β :
height jumps across the boundary of sizes $\pm 2\lambda$
- ▶ **level lines** form *random connectivity* ϑ_{GFF} (planar pairing):
pairwise connection of level line curves

CONFORMAL BLOCKS



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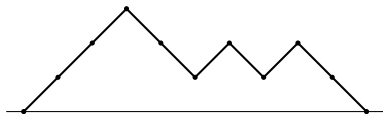
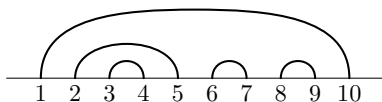
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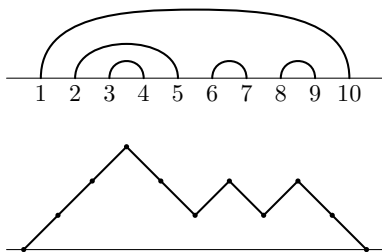
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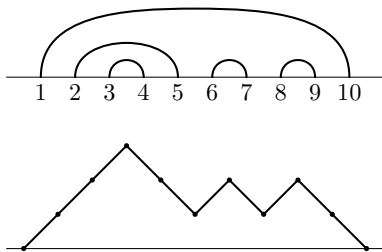
- ▶ any of these sets indexes basis for *simple module* $\text{span}\{\mathcal{P}_\alpha : \alpha \in \text{SYT}^{(N,N)}\}$ of *symmetric group* \mathfrak{S}_{2N}
- ▶ basis elements \mathcal{P}_α are Specht polynomials

$$\mathcal{P}_\alpha(x_1, \dots, x_{2N}) = \prod_{\substack{\text{columns } C \\ \text{in } \alpha}} \prod_{\substack{i < j \\ \text{in column } C}} (x_j - x_i)$$

- ▶ \mathfrak{S}_{2N} acts naturally by permutation of variables

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SYMMETRIC GROUP ACTION ON CONFORMAL BLOCKS

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Thm. [Lafay, P. & Roussillon '24+]

The space $\text{span}\{\mathcal{U}_\alpha : \alpha \in \text{SYT}^{(N,N)}\}$ forms a simple module of the symmetric group, with action of $\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_{2N}$ given by

$$\sigma \cdot \mathcal{U}_\alpha = \text{sgn}(\sigma) \left(\prod_{i < j} (x_j - x_i)^{-1/2} \right) \sigma \cdot \mathcal{P}_{\alpha^T}(x_1, \dots, x_{2N}).$$

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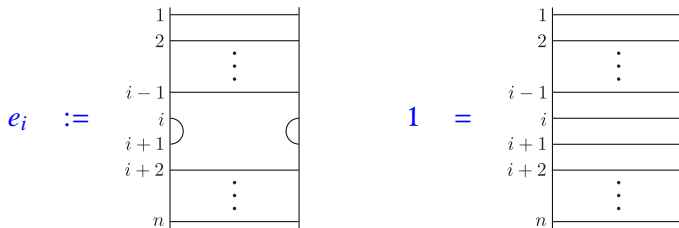
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TEMPERLEY-LIEB ACTION ON CONFORMAL BLOCKS

Cor. [Lafay, P. & Roussillon '24+]

The representation $\text{span}\{\mathcal{U}_\alpha : \alpha \in \text{SYT}^{(N,N)}\}$ of \mathfrak{S}_{2N} descends to a representation of $\text{TL}_{2N}(2)$ with fugacity parameter 2 , isomorphic to the *standard (cell) module* with no defects.

Recall that **Temperley-Lieb algebra** $\text{TL}_{2N}(2)$ is generated by diagrams $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{2N-1}$ and unit 1 :



The product in $\text{TL}_{2N}(2)$ is *concatenation of diagrams* with the rule that *loops* are resolved as multiplicative **fugacity factor “2”**.

CONFORMAL BLOCKS — CFT PROPERTIES

Thm. [P. & Wu '17; paraphrased] The functions \mathcal{U}_α satisfy

- **BPZ PDEs** of 2nd order $\forall j$ with $\kappa = 4$, $c = 1$,

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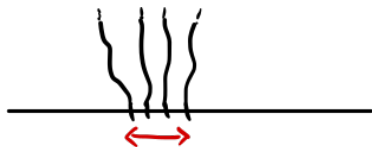
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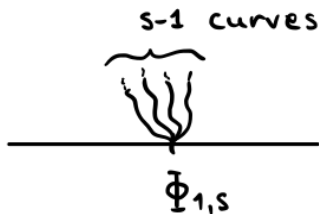
NB: Compared to physics lit. this is a *new* basis of blocks!

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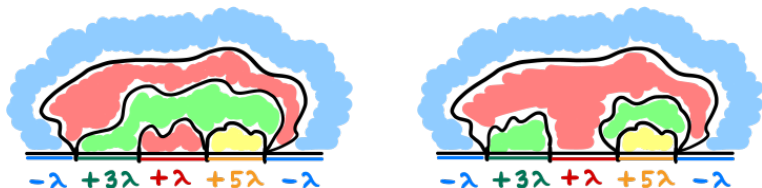
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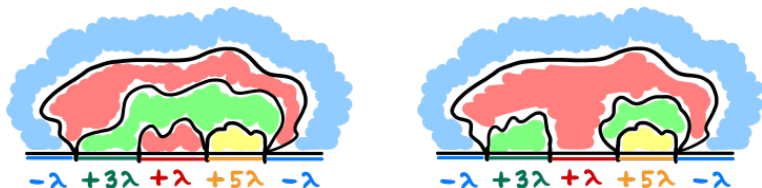


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FUSED SPECHT POLYNOMIALS

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- ▶ $q_k = 1 + \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} s_j$ are sizes of the “fused groups”

Prop. [Lafay, P. & Roussillon '24+]

\mathcal{P}_α has an explicit alternative formula as a linear combination involving monomials and Schur polynomials

CONFORMAL BLOCKS — CFT PROPERTIES

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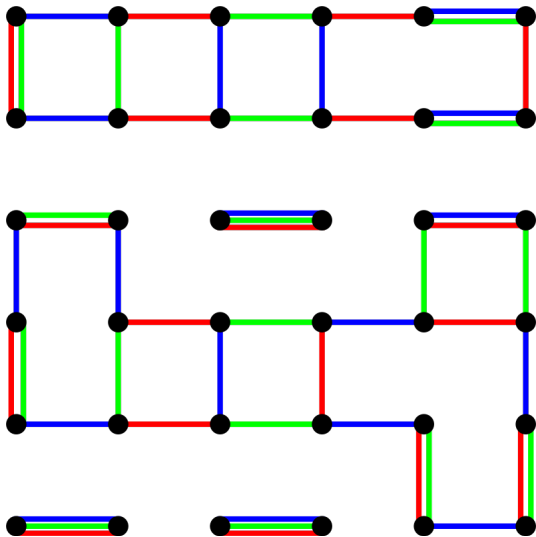
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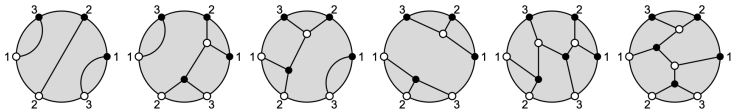
Proof ingredients:

- ▶ bootstrap arguments from lower order to higher order
- ▶ generalizing [Dubédat '15] ($c \notin \mathbb{Q}$) to $c = 1$ (and $c = -2$ for UST/LERW)
- ▶ structure of Verma modules over the Virasoro algebra
- ▶ framework of **Virasoro Uniformization** à la [Kontsevich '87]
- ▶ (in spirit, closely related to *Segal's sewing formalism* in CFT)

TRIPLE DIMERS ($c = 2$) AND W_3 -CONFORMAL BLOCKS



W_3 -CONFORMAL BLOCKS AND A LOOSE CONJECTURE



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Conj. [Lafay & Roussillon '24: arXiv:2402.12013]

Verified in special cases using formulas of [Kenyon & Shi '24].

$$\mathbb{P}_\beta^\delta[\text{triple dimer web} = \alpha] \xrightarrow{\delta \rightarrow 0} \mathcal{K}_{\alpha,\beta} \frac{\mathcal{Z}_\alpha(x_1, \dots, x_d)}{\mathcal{U}_\beta(x_1, \dots, x_d)}$$

- ▶ where \mathcal{U}_β is the **conformal block function**

$$\mathcal{U}_\beta(x_1, \dots, x_d) = \left(\prod_{i < j} (x_j - x_i)^{-s_i s_j / 3} \right) \mathcal{P}_{\beta^T}(x_1, \dots, x_d)$$

- ▶ $\mathcal{Z}_\alpha := \sum_\beta \mathcal{K}_{\alpha,\beta}^{-1} \mathcal{U}_\beta$
- ▶ \mathcal{P}_{β^T} is a (transpose) *fused Specht polynomial*
- ▶ $\mathcal{K}_{\alpha,\beta} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ and $\mathcal{K}_{\alpha,\beta}^{-1} \in \mathbb{Z}$ are *combinatorial matrix elements*

SETUP (NO FUSION HERE)

- ▶ $\zeta = (s_1, \dots, s_d)$: *composition* of $3N$, i.e., $s_1 + \dots + s_d = 3N$
- ▶ current work [Lafay & Roussillon '24] assumes $s_i \in \{1, 2\}$ for all i
- ▶ $\text{Fill}_\zeta^\lambda$: *fillings* of Young diagrams of shape $\lambda \vdash 3N$,
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E.g.

$$(y_3 - y_1)(y_2 - y_1)(y_3 - y_2)(y_4 - y_3)(y_4 - y_1)(y_3 - y_1)(y_6 - y_5)(y_6 - y_3)(y_5 - y_3)$$

KUPERBERG ACTION ON W_3 -CONFORMAL BLOCKS

Thm. [Lafay & Roussillon '24]

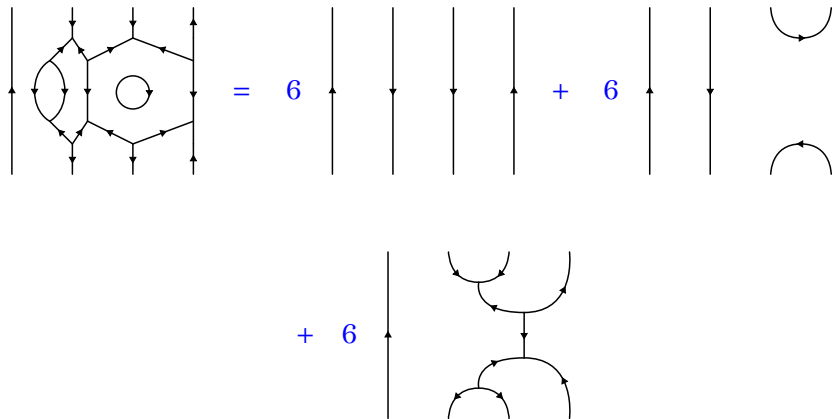
The space $\text{span}\{\mathcal{U}_\alpha : \alpha \in \text{RSYT}_S^{(N,N,N)}\}$ forms a simple web module of the \mathfrak{sl}_3 Kuperberg algebra $K_S(3)$ with fugacity parameter 3 .

Kuperberg algebra $K_S(3)$ is a planar diagram algebra w. relations

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EXAMPLE OF WEB REDUCTION



W_3 -CONFORMAL BLOCKS — CFT PROPERTIES

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- d 3rd order **BPZ W_3 -null-state PDEs**
with central charge $c = 2$ (NB: no corresponding κ exists – im-Toda?)
- 8 PDEs which are **W_3 global Ward identities**
(five 2nd order and three 1st order), yielding Möbius covariance
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Upshot: Triple-dimer connection probabilities should be given by **specific CFT correlation functions with W_3 algebra symmetry** !

We believe that analogous results hold also for *higher rank* webs,
Young tableaux of more columns or rows... with W algebras