

Symplectic cacti, virtualization and Berenstein–Kirillov groups

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The cactus group $J_{\mathfrak{g}}$

[Henriques-Kamnitzer, 2006; Halacheva, 2016]

- Let \mathfrak{g} be a finite dimensional, complex, semisimple Lie algebra and
 - I its Dynkin diagram, $\Delta = \{\alpha_i\}_{i \in I}$ the simple roots.
 - $W_{\mathfrak{g}}$ the Weyl group, $w_0 \in W_{\mathfrak{g}}$ the longest element.
 - $\theta : I \rightarrow I$ the Dynkin diagram automorphism of I defined by

$$\alpha_{\theta(i)} = -w_0 \cdot \alpha_i, \quad i \in I.$$

Example: For $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{gl}_n$, Cartan type A_{n-1} : $I = [n-1]$, $\Delta = \{\alpha_i = e_i - e_{i+1}\}_{i \in [n-1]}$, $W_{\mathfrak{g}} = \mathfrak{S}_n$, $\theta(i) = n - i$,



$$\alpha_1 = (1, -1, 0, 0, 0) \rightarrow \alpha_4 = (0, 0, 0, 1, -1) = -w_0 \alpha_1$$

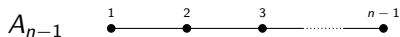
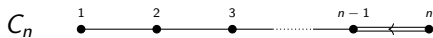
- $\theta_J : J \rightarrow J$ the Dynkin diagram automorphism of a connected subdiagram $J \subseteq I$, defined by

$$\alpha_{\theta_J(j)} = -w_0^J \cdot \alpha_j, \quad j \in J,$$

w_0^J the long element of the parabolic subgroup $W_{\mathfrak{g}}^J \subseteq W_{\mathfrak{g}}$.

Example: \mathfrak{gl}_5 , $J = [1, 2]$, $J = \{2\}$, $J = \{3\}$: A_2 , A_1 , A_1 ,

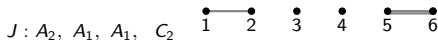
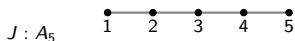
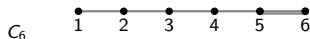
$\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sp}_{2n}$: Dynkin diagram automorphism and restrictions



- Cartan type C_n : $I = [n]$, $\Delta = \{\alpha_i = \mathbf{e}_i - \mathbf{e}_{i+1}\}_{i \in [n-1]} \cup \{\alpha_n = 2\mathbf{e}_n\}$,
 $W = B_n = \langle r_1, \dots, r_{n-1}, r_n : R1, R2, R3, R4 \rangle$

$$\begin{aligned}
 R1 : \quad & r_i^2 = 1, & 1 \leq i \leq n, \\
 R2 : \quad & (r_i r_j)^2 = 1, & |i - j| > 1, \\
 R3 : \quad & (r_i r_{i+1})^3 = 1, & 1 \leq i \leq n - 2, \\
 R4 : \quad & (r_{n-1} r_n)^4 = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\alpha_{\theta(i)} = -w_0 \cdot \alpha_i = -(-\alpha_i) = \alpha_i, \quad \theta(i) = i.$$



$$\theta_{[1,5]}(i) = 5 - i, \quad \theta_{[5,6]} = 1$$

- [Henriques-Kamnitzer 2006] The *cactus group* $J_{\mathfrak{gl}_n} = J_n$.
- [Halacheva 2016]. The *cactus group* $J_{\mathfrak{g}}$ corresponding to \mathfrak{g} is the group defined by:
 - ▶ **Generators:** s_J , $J \subseteq I$ running over all connected subdiagrams of the Dynkin diagram I of \mathfrak{g} , and
 - ▶ **Relations:**
 - 1 \mathfrak{g} . $s_J^2 = 1$, for all $J \subseteq I$,
 - 2 \mathfrak{g} . $s_J s_{J'} = s_{J'} s_J$, for all $J, J' \subseteq I$ such that $J \sqcup J'$ is not connected,

$J = [1, 2]$, $J' = \{4\}$, $J \sqcup J'$ is not connected diagram 

3 \mathfrak{g} . $s_J s_{J'} = s_{\theta_J(J')} s_J$, for all $J' \subseteq J \subseteq I$.

- **Related groups:** Like the **braid group**, the cactus group $J_{\mathfrak{g}}$ surjects onto the Weyl group $W_{\mathfrak{g}}$

$$s_J \mapsto w_0^J.$$

The kernel of the latter contains the elements $(s_{\{i\}} s_{\{j\}})^{m_{ij}}$ such that $(r_i r_j)^{m_{ij}} = 1$ in $W_{\mathfrak{g}}$ as a Coxeter group.

The cacti $J_n := J_{\mathfrak{gl}_n}$ and $J_{\mathfrak{sp}_{2n}}$

- The cactus group $J_{\mathfrak{sp}_{2n}}$ is the group defined by

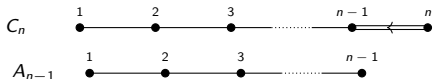
- Generators: s_J , J connected subdiagrams of the C_n Dynkin diagram,
- Relations:

1C. $s_J^2 = 1$, $J \subseteq [n]$,

2C. $s_J s_{J'} = s_{J'} s_J$, $J, J' \subseteq [n]$ such that $J \sqcup J'$ is not connected,

3C ① $s_{[p,q]} s_{[k,l]} = s_{[p+q-l, p+q-k]} s_{[p,q]}$, $[k, l] \subset [p, q] \subseteq [n-1]$.

② $s_{[p,n]} s_{[q,l]} = s_{[q,l]} s_{[p,n]}$, $[q, l] \subset [p, n] \subseteq [n]$,



- $J_n = J_{\mathfrak{gl}_n} \subseteq J_{\mathfrak{sp}_{2n}}$.

- Alternative $n-1$ generators for J_n ,

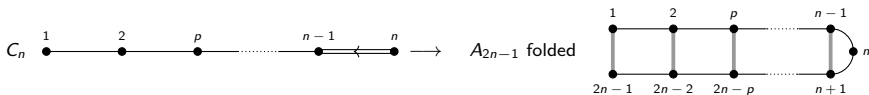
$s_{[1,p]}$, $1 \leq p \leq n-1$,

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- Alternative $2n-1$ generators for $J_{\mathfrak{sp}_{2n}}$: $s_{[1,p]}$, $1 \leq p \leq n-1$, $s_{[p,n]}$, $1 \leq p \leq n$.

Embedding of $J_{\mathfrak{sp}_{2n}}$ into J_{2n}

- Dynkin diagram folding $C_n \hookrightarrow A_{2n-1}$



- $J_n \subseteq J_{\mathfrak{sp}_{2n}} \hookrightarrow J_{2n}$ [A-Tarighat-Torres, 22].

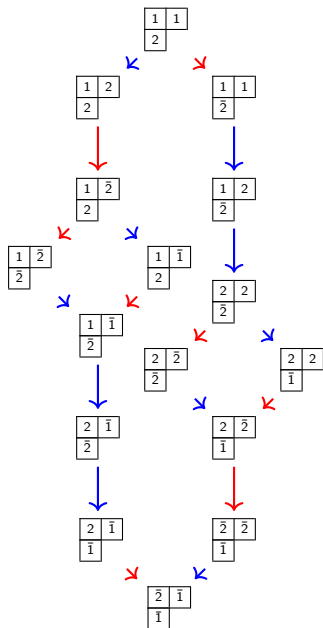
$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \tilde{\iota} : J_{\mathfrak{sp}_{2n}} & \hookrightarrow & J_{2n} \\
 \mathfrak{S}_{[p,q]} & \mapsto & \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_{[p,q] \sqcup [2n-q, 2n-p]} = \mathfrak{S}_{[p,q]} \mathfrak{S}_{[2n-q, 2n-p]}, \quad 1 \leq p \leq q < n, \\
 \mathfrak{S}_{[p,n]} & \mapsto & \mathfrak{S}_{[p, 2n-p]}, \quad 1 \leq p \leq n.
 \end{array}$$

- $J_n \subseteq J_{\mathfrak{sp}_{2n}} \cong \tilde{J}_n := \tilde{\iota}(J_{\mathfrak{sp}_{2n}}) \subseteq J_{2n}$.

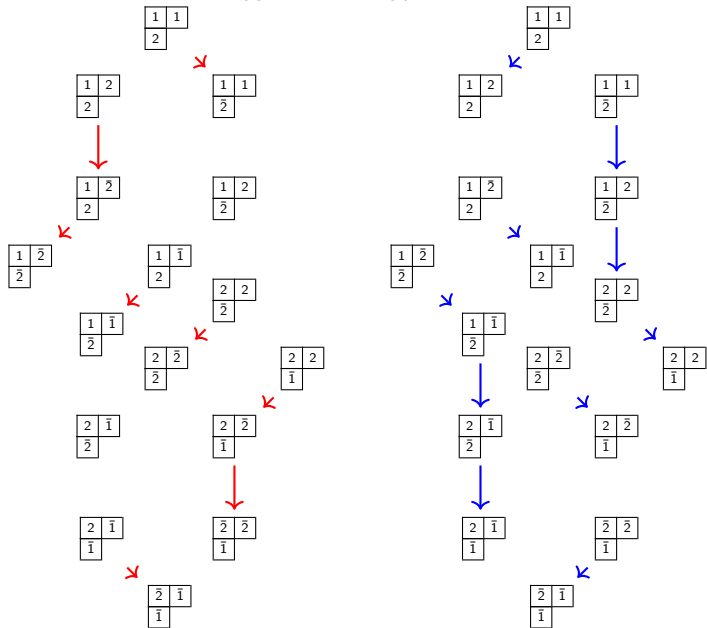
- \tilde{J}_n is the virtual symplectic cactus group

- ▶ generators: $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_{[p,q] \sqcup [2n-q, 2n-p]}$, $1 \leq p \leq q < n$, and $\mathfrak{S}_{[p, 2n-p]}$, $1 \leq p \leq n$,
- ▶ $J_{\mathfrak{sp}_{2n}}$ symplectic cactus relations

Normal crystals: C_2 crystal $KN(\lambda, 2)$, Kashiwara-Nakashima tableaux



Levi restrictions for $J \subseteq I$: $\text{KN}_{\{2\}}(\lambda, 2)$ and $\text{KN}_{\{1\}}(\lambda, 2)$



Schützenberger–Lusztig involution on crystals

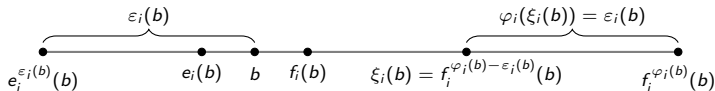
- $B(\lambda)$ \mathfrak{g} -normal crystal with h.w. λ and u_λ^{high} and u_λ^{low} .
- The *Schützenberger–Lusztig involution* $\xi : B(\lambda) \rightarrow B(\lambda)$ is the unique set involution such that, for all $b \in B(\lambda)$, and $i \in I$,
 - ▶ $e_i \xi(b) = \xi f_{\theta(i)}(b)$
 - ▶ $f_i \xi(b) = \xi e_{\theta(i)}(b)$
 - ▶ $\text{wt}(\xi(b)) = w_0 \text{wt}(b)$

where w_0 is the long element of the Weyl group W .

- Let $b = f_{j_r} \cdots f_{j_1}(u_\lambda^{\text{high}})$, for $j_r, \dots, j_1 \in I$. Then
 - ▶ type A_{n-1} , $\xi(b) = e_{n-j_r} \cdots e_{n-j_1}(u_\lambda^{\text{low}})$, and $\text{wt}(\xi(b)) = w_0 \text{wt}(b)$, $w_0 \in \mathfrak{S}_n$.
On $SSYT(\lambda, n)$, ξ coincides with *Schützenberger evacuation*.
 - ▶ type C_n , $\xi(b) = e_{j_r} \cdots e_{j_1}(u_\lambda^{\text{low}})$, and $\text{wt}(\xi(b)) = -\text{wt}(b)$.
On $KN(\lambda, n)$, ξ coincides with *Santos symplectic evacuation*, 2021.

$J_{\mathfrak{g}}$ -cactus action on a normal \mathfrak{g} -crystal

- The *partial Schützenberger–Lusztig involution* ξ_J is the Schützenberger–Lusztig involution ξ on the normal crystal B_J , for J any sub-diagram of I .
- When $J = \{i\}$, ξ_i is the Schützenberger–Lusztig involution on the i -strings $B_{\{i\}}$ and coincides the Weyl group $W_{\mathfrak{g}}$ action on the i -strings $B_{\{i\}}$: $\xi_i, i \in I$, satisfy the Weyl group relations.



Theorem

Halacheva, 2016 (Henriques–Kamnitzer $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{gl}_n$, 2006) The map $s_J \mapsto \xi_J$, for all $J \subseteq I$ connected Dynkin sub-diagrams of I , defines an action of the cactus group $J_{\mathfrak{g}}$ on the set $B(\lambda)$; that is, the ξ_J satisfy the $J_{\mathfrak{g}}$ cactus relations, and the following is a group homomorphism

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_{\mathfrak{g}} : J_{\mathfrak{g}} &\rightarrow \mathfrak{S}_B \\ s_J &\mapsto \xi_J. \end{aligned}$$

- On $SSYT(\lambda, n)$, ξ_J is realized by J -partial Benkart–Sottile–Stroomer-reversal.
- On $KN(\lambda, n)$, ξ_J , $J = [p, n]$, is realized by the colourful J -partial symplectic reversal, A.-Tarighat-Torres, 2022.

Colourful partial symplectic reversal

$$P = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 2 & \bar{1} \\ \hline 4 & 4 & \bar{3} & \\ \hline \bar{4} & \bar{2} & \bar{1} & \\ \hline \bar{3} & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \in \text{KN}((4, 3, 3, 1), 4). \text{ wt}(P) = (-1, 1, -2, 1). \text{ How to compute } \xi_{[2,4]}?$$

1. Symplectic rectification of $P_{[\pm 2, 4]}$: apply symplectic jeu de taquin SJDT.

$$\begin{aligned} (U_0, P_{[\pm 2, 4]}) &= \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline g & 2 & 2 & \\ \hline 4 & 4 & \bar{3} & \\ \hline \bar{4} & \bar{2} & & \\ \hline \bar{3} & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \xrightarrow{\text{SJDT}} \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline g & p & 2 & \\ \hline 4 & 4 & \bar{3} & \\ \hline \bar{4} & p' & & \\ \hline \bar{3} & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \xrightarrow{\text{SJDT}} \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline g & 2 & \bar{3} & \\ \hline 4 & 4 & p & \\ \hline \bar{4} & p' & & \\ \hline \bar{3} & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \xrightarrow{\text{SJDT}} \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 2 & 4 & \bar{3} & \\ \hline 4 & g & p & \\ \hline \bar{4} & p' & & \\ \hline \bar{3} & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \\ & \xrightarrow{\text{SJDT}} \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline r & 4 & \bar{3} & \\ \hline 2 & g & p & \\ \hline \bar{3} & p' & & \\ \hline r' & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \xrightarrow{\text{SJDT}} \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 2 & 4 & \bar{3} & \\ \hline \bar{3} & g & p & \\ \hline r & p' & & \\ \hline r' & & & \\ \hline \end{array} = (\text{rect}P_{[\pm 2, 4]}, V) \Rightarrow \text{rect}P_{[\pm 2, 4]} = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 2 & 4 & \bar{3} & \\ \hline \bar{3} & & & \\ \hline & & & \\ \hline & & & \\ \hline \end{array}, \\ & V = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline & & & \\ \hline & & g & p \\ \hline r & p' & & \\ \hline r' & & & \\ \hline \end{array}, r < r' < g < p < p'. \end{aligned}$$

2. Santos $\text{evac}^{C_3} \text{rect}P_{[\pm 2, 4]}$.

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 2 & 4 & \bar{3} & \\ \hline \bar{3} & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline & & 3 & \\ \hline 3 & \bar{4} & \bar{2} & \\ \hline \end{array} \xrightarrow{\text{SJDT}} \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 3 & 3 & \bar{2} & \\ \hline 4 & & & \\ \hline \end{array} = \text{evac}^{C_3} \text{rect}P_{[\pm 2, 4]}.$$

3. Reversal of $P_{[\pm 2,4]}$. Replace $\text{rect}P_{[\pm 2,4]}$ with $\text{evac}^{C_3}\text{rect}P_{[\pm 2,4]}$ in $(\text{rect}P_{[\pm 2,4]}, V)$ and apply $RSJDT$.

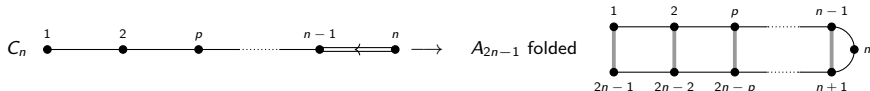
$$\begin{aligned}
 (\text{evac}^{C_3}(\text{rect}P_{[\pm 2,4]}), V) &= \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 3 & 3 & \bar{2} & \\ \hline \bar{4} & g & p & \\ \hline r & p' & & \\ \hline r' & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \xrightarrow{RSJDT} \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline r & 3 & \bar{2} & \\ \hline 3 & g & p & \\ \hline \bar{4} & p' & & \\ \hline r' & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \xrightarrow{RSJDT} \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 2 & 3 & \bar{2} & \\ \hline 3 & g & p & \\ \hline \bar{4} & p' & & \\ \hline \bar{2} & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \\
 &\xrightarrow{RSJDT} \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline g & 2 & \bar{2} & \\ \hline 3 & 3 & p & \\ \hline \bar{4} & p' & & \\ \hline \bar{2} & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \xrightarrow{RSJDT} \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline g & p & 3 & \\ \hline 3 & 3 & \bar{3} & \\ \hline \bar{4} & p' & & \\ \hline \bar{2} & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \xrightarrow{RSJDT} \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline g & 2 & 3 & \\ \hline 3 & 3 & \bar{3} & \\ \hline \bar{4} & \bar{2} & & \\ \hline \bar{2} & & & \\ \hline \end{array} = (U_0, \text{reversal}^{C_3}P_{[\pm 2,4]}) \\
 &\Rightarrow \text{reversal}^{C_3}P_{[\pm 2,4]} = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline & 2 & 3 & \\ \hline 3 & 3 & \bar{3} & \\ \hline \bar{4} & \bar{2} & & \\ \hline \bar{2} & & & \\ \hline \end{array} .
 \end{aligned}$$

4. Replace $P_{[\pm 2,4]}$ with $\text{reversal}^{C_3}P_{[\pm 2,4]}$ in P

$$\text{reversal}_{[2,4]}^{C_4}P = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 3 & \bar{1} \\ \hline 3 & 3 & \bar{3} & \\ \hline \bar{4} & \bar{2} & \bar{1} & \\ \hline \bar{2} & & & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Baker, 2006, virtualization of KN tableau crystals

- Dynkin diagram folding $C_n \hookrightarrow A_{2n-1}$



- Baker virtualization is an injective map

$$E : \text{KN}(\lambda, n) \hookrightarrow$$

$$\text{SSYT}(\lambda^A, n, \bar{n})$$

$$T = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 \\ \hline 3 & \bar{5} \\ \hline 4 & \bar{3} \\ \hline \bar{3} & \\ \hline \end{array} \mapsto$$

$$E(T) = [\emptyset \leftarrow w(\psi(C_2)) \leftarrow w(\psi(C_1))] =$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 4 & \bar{5} \\ \hline 3 & \bar{5} & 4 & \bar{3} \\ \hline 5 & 4 & 2 & \\ \hline \bar{5} & \bar{3} & & \\ \hline 4 & 2 & & \\ \hline \bar{3} & & & \\ \hline \end{array} .$$

such that $E(\text{KN}(\lambda, n))$ has crystal structure with $f_i^E = f_i^A f_{2n-i}^A$, $i < n$, and $f_n^E = (f_n^A)^2$, isomorphic to $\text{KN}(\lambda, n)$ such that

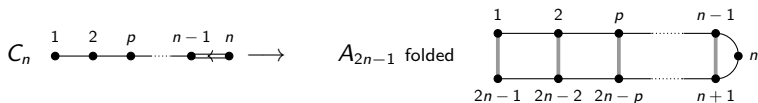
$$E f_i(T) = f_i^E E(T), \text{ for } T \in \text{KN}(\lambda, n), 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

- $(E(T), Q_\lambda) = \text{RSK} \circ \Psi(T) = (P(w_T), Q_\lambda)$ and

$$E^{-1} = \Psi^{-1} \text{RSK}_{|E(\text{KN}(\lambda, n)) \times \{Q_\lambda\}}^{-1}$$

where $\text{RSK}_{|E(\text{KN}(\lambda, n)) \times \{Q_\lambda\}}^{-1}$ denotes the inverse of RSK restricted to $E(\text{KN}(\lambda, n)) \times \{Q_\lambda\}$.

Virtualization of the symplectic cactus action on KN tableau crystals



The virtualization map E behaves very nicely with respect to Levi restriction!

$$\text{KN}_{[1,p]}(\lambda, n) \xrightarrow{E} \text{SSYT}_{[1,p] \cup [2n-p, 2n-1]}(\lambda^A, n, \bar{n}), \quad p < n,$$

$$\text{KN}_{[p,n]}(\lambda, n) \xrightarrow{E} \text{SSYT}_{[p, 2n-p]}(\lambda^A, n, \bar{n}), \quad p \leq n$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \text{KN}(\lambda, n) & \xrightarrow{E} & \text{SSYT}(\lambda^A, n, \bar{n}) \\ \xi_{[p,n]}^{C_n} \downarrow \xi_{[p,q]}^{C_n} & & \xi_{[p, 2n-p]}^{A_{2n-1}} \downarrow \xi_{[p,q]}^{A_{2n-1}} \xi_{[2n-q, 2n-p]}^{A_{2n-1}} \\ \text{KN}(\lambda, n) & \xrightarrow{E} & \text{SSYT}(\lambda^A, n, \bar{n}) \end{array}$$

- Virtualization of the symplectic cactus action of $J_{\mathfrak{sp}(2n, \mathbb{C})}$ on the crystal $\text{KN}(\lambda, n)$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} J_{\mathfrak{sp}(2n, \mathbb{C})} & \xrightarrow{\Phi_{\mathfrak{sp}(2n, \mathbb{C})}} & \mathfrak{S}_{\text{KN}(\lambda, n)} \\ \tilde{z} \downarrow & & \downarrow \mathfrak{z} \quad \tilde{\Phi}_{\mathfrak{gl}(2n, \mathbb{C})}^E \tilde{z} = \mathfrak{z} \Phi_{\mathfrak{sp}(2n, \mathbb{C})} \\ \tilde{J}_{2n} & \xrightarrow{\tilde{\Phi}_{\mathfrak{gl}(2n, \mathbb{C})}^E} & \mathfrak{S}_{E(\text{KN}(\lambda, n))} \end{array}$$

The Berenstein–Kirillov group

The *Berenstein–Kirillov group* \mathcal{BK} (*Gelfand–Tsetlin group*) [Berenstein, Kirillov, 1995], is the free group generated by the Bender–Knuth involutions t_i , for $i > 0$, modulo the relations they satisfy on straight shaped semistandard Young tableaux.

$$t_1 \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 3 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 2 & & & & \\ \hline 3 & & & & & & \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 2 & & & & \\ \hline 3 & & & & & & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Proposition

[Berenstein–Kirillov, 1995] Let \mathcal{BK}_n be the subgroup of \mathcal{BK} generated by t_1, \dots, t_{n-1} .

- The elements $q_{[1,1]}, \dots, q_{[1,n-1]}$ are generators of \mathcal{BK}_n , $q_{[1,i]} = \xi_{[1,i]}$, $i \geq 1$.
- $t_1 = q_{[1,1]}$, $t_i = q_{[1,i-1]}q_{[1,i]}q_{[1,i-1]}q_{[1,i-2]}$, for $i \geq 2$, $q_{[1,0]} := 1$.
- The following are group epimorphisms from J_n to \mathcal{BK}_n .
 - ① $s_{[i,j]} \mapsto q_{[i,j]}$ [Chmutov–Glick–Pylyavskii 2016,2020].
 - ② $S_{[1,j]} \mapsto q_{[1,j]}$ [Halacheva 2016, 2020].

The group \mathcal{BK}_n is isomorphic to a quotient of J_n .

The known relations for the \mathcal{BK}_n group

$$\begin{aligned}t_i^2 &= 1, \text{ for } i \geq 1 \\t_i t_j &= t_j t_i, \text{ for } |i - j| > 1, \\(t_1 q_{[1,i]})^4 &= 1, \text{ for } i > 2, \\(t_1 t_2)^6 &= 1, \\(t_i q_{[j,k-1]})^2 &= 1, \text{ for } i + 1 < j < k,\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}q_{[1,i]} &:= t_1(t_2 t_1) \cdots (t_i t_{i-1} \cdots t_1), \text{ for } i \geq 1, \\q_{[j,k-1]} &:= q_{[1,k-1]} q_{[1,k-j]} q_{[1,k-1]}, \text{ for } j < k.\end{aligned}$$

The type C_n Berenstein–Kirillov group \mathcal{BK}^{C_n}

Definition (A–Tarighat–Torres 2022)

The *symplectic Berenstein–Kirillov group* \mathcal{BK}^{C_n} , $n \geq 1$, is the free group generated by the $2n - 1$ symplectic partial Schützenberger–Lusztig involutions

$$q_{[1,i]}^C := \xi_{[1,i]}^{C_n}, \quad 1 \leq i < n, \quad \text{and} \quad q_{[i,n]}^C := \xi_{[i,n]}^{C_n}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n,$$

on straight shaped KN tableaux on the alphabet $[\pm n]$ modulo the relations they satisfy on those tableaux.

- [A–Tarighat–Torres 2022] The following is a group epimorphism from $J_{\mathfrak{sp}_{2n}}$ to \mathcal{BK}^{C_n} :

$$s_{[1,j]} \mapsto q_{[1,j]}^{C_n}, \quad 1 \leq j < n, \quad s_{[j,n]} \mapsto q_{[j,n]}^C, \quad 1 \leq j \leq n.$$

\mathcal{BK}^{C_n} is isomorphic to a quotient of $J_{\mathfrak{sp}_{2n}}$.

- [A–Tarighat–Torres 2022] For $n \geq 1$, the *symplectic Bender–Knuth involutions* $t_i^{C_n}$, $1 \leq i \leq 2n - 1$, on straight shaped KN tableaux on the alphabet $[\pm n]$, are defined as

$$\begin{aligned} t_i^{C_n} &:= q_{[1,i-1]}^{C_n} q_{[1,i]}^{C_n} q_{[1,i-1]}^{C_n} q_{[1,i-2]}^{C_n} = E^{-1} t_i^{A_{2n-1}} \tilde{t}_{2n-i}^{A_{2n-1}} E, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n-1, \\ \tilde{t}_{2n-i}^{A_{2n-1}} &:= q_{[1,2n-1]}^{A_{2n-1}} t_i^{A_{2n-1}} q_{[1,2n-1]}^{A_{2n-1}} = \text{evac } t_i^{A_{2n-1}} \text{evac}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n-1, \\ t_{n-1+i}^{C_n} &:= q_{[n-i+1,n]}^{C_n} q_{[n-i+2,n]}^{C_n} = E^{-1} q_{[n-(i-1),n+(i-1)]}^{A_{2n-1}} q_{[n-(i-2),n+(i-2)]}^{A_{2n-1}} E, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n. \end{aligned}$$

The symplectic Bender–Knuth involutions $t_i^{C_n}$, $1 \leq i \leq 2n - 1$ also generate \mathcal{BK}^{C_n} .

Proposition (A–Tarighat–Torres 2022)

The symplectic Bender–Knuth involutions $t_i^{C_n} = 1$, $i = 1, \dots, 2n - 1$, satisfy the following relations:

- 1 $(t_i^{C_n})^2 = 1$, $i = 1, \dots, 2n - 1$.
- 2 $(t_{n+i-1}^{C_n} t_{n+j-1}^{C_n})^2 = 1$, $1 \leq i, j \leq n$.
- 3 $(t_i^{C_n} t_j^{C_n})^2 = 1$, $|i - j| > 1$, $1 \leq i, j < n$.
- 4 $(t_i^{C_n} t_{n+j-1}^{C_n})^2 = 1$, $i < n - j$.
- 5 $(t_i^{C_n} q_{[j, k-1]}^{C_n})^2 = 1$, $i + 1 < j < k \leq n$.
- 6 $(t_i^{C_n} q_{[j, n]}^{C_n})^2 = 1$, $i + 1 < j \leq n$.
- 7 $(t_{n+i-1}^{C_n} q_{[j, n]}^{C_n})^2 = 1$, $1 \leq i, j \leq n$.
- 8 $(t_{n+i-1}^{C_n} q_{[j, k-1]}^{C_n})^2 = 1$, $n - i + 1 < j < k \leq n$.
- 9 $(t_1^{C_n} t_2^{C_n})^6 = 1$, $n \geq 3$.
- 10 $(t_{n-1}^{C_n} \cdots t_2^{C_n} t_1^{C_n} t_2^{C_n} \cdots t_{n-1}^{C_n} t_n^{C_n})^4 = 1$.