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Double Bruhat cells and exponential networks

Intro: Goal: Explain the geometric essence of the non-abelianization procedure that exponential networks define.

Spectral networks generalize the cluster charts of FG on specific moduli spaces of (na) flat connections on S .
(homotopy invariant path lifting + pull-back of abelian connection)
 Σ $\downarrow$ ramified covering S
• EN generalize SN and also provide a HiPL map. Charts on what?

I. Double Bruhat Cells

Fomin-Zelevinsky '98 (3802056) G simply-connected $\mathbb{C}$ simple
Fock-Goncharov '05 (0508408) G adjoint $\mathbb{C}$ semi-simple
Fock-Marshakov '14 (1401.1606) G adjoint $\mathbb{C}$ affine (coextended)

Let $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{f.d.}$ simple complex Lie algebra of rank r .

Chevalley generators $\{e_i, h_i, e_{\bar{i}}\}$, $i \in \Pi$, $\bar{i} \in \overline{\Pi}$

e.g. $[h_i, h_j] = 0$, $[h_i, e_j] = \delta_{ij} e_j$
 $[h_i, e_{\bar{j}}] = -\delta_{ij} e_{\bar{j}}$, $[e_i, e_{\bar{i}}] = \sum_{j \in \Pi} C_{ij} h_j$,
Serre relations.

Let G be the adjoint complex Lie group s.t. $\mathfrak{g} = \text{Lie}(G)$.

H Cartan, B, B_- opposite Borels, W Weyl group

Bruhat decompositions $G = \coprod_{w \in W} B w B = \coprod_{\bar{w} \in W} B_- \bar{w} B_-$

$\forall (u, v) \in W \times W$:

$$G^{u,v} := (B u B) \cap (B_- v B_-)$$

$\rightarrow$ many links with total positivity.

Remark: $\dim(G^{u,v}) = r + l(u) + l(v)$,
 $\dim(G^{u,v}/\text{Ad} H) = l(u) + l(v)$.

We are interested in the cluster parameterization of these cells. Generators of G :

$\forall i \in \Pi, \bar{i} \in \bar{\Pi}, E_i = \exp(e_i), E_{\bar{i}} = \exp(e_{\bar{i}}),$
 $\forall x \in \mathbb{C}^\times, H_i(x) = \exp(h_i \log x).$

$\forall$ double reduced word $\underline{i} = (s_{i_1}, \dots, s_{i_m})$ of (u, v) , where

$\forall k, i_k \in \Pi \cup \bar{\Pi}$, the map

$$\varphi_{\underline{i}}: (\mathbb{C}^\times)^{r+m} \longrightarrow G$$

$$x_1, \dots, x_{r+m} \longmapsto H_{i_1}(x_1) E_{i_1} \dots H_{i_m}(x_m) E_{i_m} H_{i_{m+1}} \dots H_{i_{r+m}}(x_{r+m})$$

is a birational isomorphism between $(\mathbb{C}^\times)^{r+m}$ and $G^{u,v}$.

(If $\underline{i}$ is not reduced, this is not an embedding anymore)

Similarly: $\varphi_{\underline{i}}: (\mathbb{C}^\times)^r \dashrightarrow G^{u,v}/\text{Ad} H$

$$x_1, \dots, x_r \longmapsto H_{i_1}(x_1) E_{i_1} \dots H_{i_m}(x_m) E_{i_m}$$

Example: $G = \text{PGL}_2$ $H = \begin{pmatrix} x & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, E_i = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, E_{\bar{i}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

$$\underline{u} = \underline{v} = S \quad \varphi_{S\bar{S}}(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 x_2 x_3 + x_1 x_3 & x_1 \\ x_3 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\varphi_{\bar{S}S}(y_1, y_2, y_3) = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 y_2 y_3 & y_1 y_2 \\ y_2 y_3 & y_2 + 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

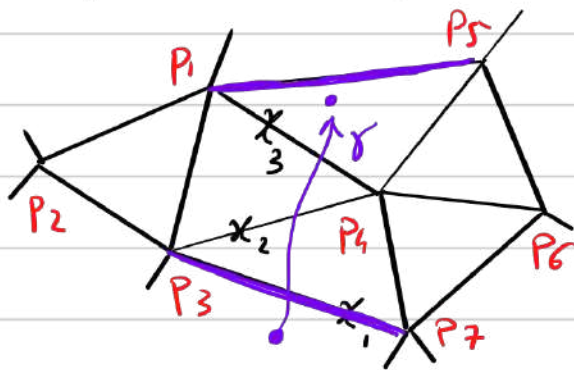
Note: $\varphi_{S\bar{S}}(x_1, x_2, x_3) = \varphi_{\bar{S}S}(x_1(1+x_2), x_2^{-1}, x_3(1+x_2))$
 (cluster X -mutations)

$\Rightarrow$ For every double reduced word $\underline{i}$ for $(u, v) \in W \times W$,
 we obtain a cluster chart on $G^{u,v}$.

II. $PGL_2(\mathbb{C})$ - flat connections on surfaces and non-abelianization

Consider the moduli space $X_{PGL_2, S}(\mathbb{C})$ of framed flat $PGL_2(\mathbb{C})$ connections on a punctured surface $S = S_{g,n}$ (of hyp. type)
framed = choice of a framing at each puncture p
 = choice of an eigenline of the monodromy at p

Ideal triangulation of $S_{g,n}$: triang. w/ vertices at the punctures

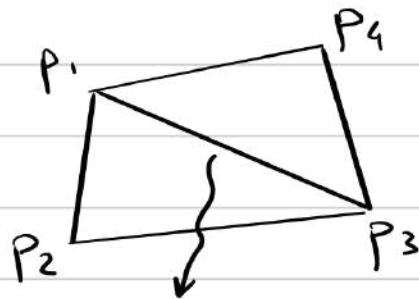


Piece of the triangulation
 Framing $p_i \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C})$
 $(\pi_1(S)$ -equiv collection)

FG coordinates '03 (0311149)

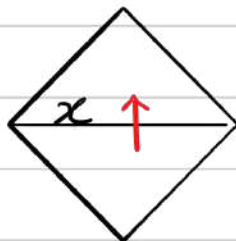
- Well-defined (π_1) -invariant

$$(\mathbb{C}^X)^{E(\Gamma)} \dashrightarrow X_{PGL_2, S}(\mathbb{C}) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} -X(p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4) \end{array} \right.$$



- $X_{PGL_2, S}(\mathbb{C})$ is a cluster variety of type X .

Reconstruction:



$$\begin{pmatrix} x & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

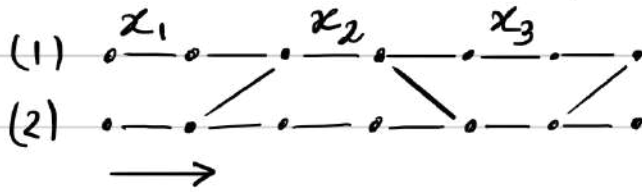
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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Example: $M_\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_2 & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_3 & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

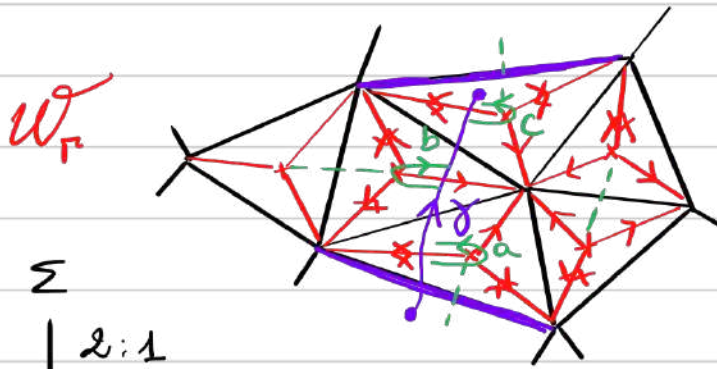
$$M_\gamma = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 x_2 + x_1 x_2 x_3 & x_1 x_2 \\ 1 + x_2 + x_2 x_3 & 1 + x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

(Hollands-Neitzke '13
1312.2979)



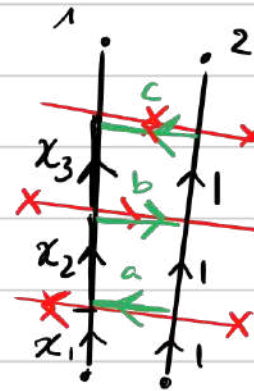
Planar network

This is formally similar to the coordinates on $X_{\mathrm{PGL}_2, S}(\mathbb{C})$ obtained from the non-abelianization that spectral networks define!



Σ
↓ 2:1
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($\exists$ a combinatorial construction of Σ).



$$[\gamma] \rightarrow [\gamma^{(11)}] + [\gamma^{(11)}_{bc}] + [\gamma^{(12)}_b] + [\gamma^{(21)}_a] + [\gamma^{(21)}_c] + [\gamma^{(21)}_{abc}] + [\gamma^{(22)}] + [\gamma^{(22)}_{ab}]$$

$x_1 x_2 x_3$ $x_1 x_2$ $x_1 x_2$ $x_2 x_3$ 1 x_2 1 x_2

This map is the homotopy-invariant path-lifting

$$PL_{\mathcal{W}}^{\mathcal{W}}: \mathbb{Z}[\mathcal{P}(S)] \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_R^{\mathrm{tw}}[\mathcal{P}(\Sigma)]$$

(cf. 2412.03588)

(Remark: There also exists $PL_{\mathcal{W}}^{\mathcal{W}}: \mathbb{Z}[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(S)] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}[\tilde{\mathcal{P}}(\Sigma)]$).

Here $\mathcal{W}_F$ is a very simple SN (WKB spectral network) but these last map exist for any SN $\mathcal{W}$.

$\Rightarrow$ non-abelianization: $\nabla^{\mathrm{na}} = (PL^{\mathcal{W}})^* \nabla^{\mathrm{ab}}$

• BPS states in 4d $\mathcal{N}=2$ theories in class S: cluster transformations

III. Exponential networks and affine double Bruhat cells

EN generalize SN to 5d $\mathcal{N}=1$ theories (on S^1) obtained from geometric engineering: M-theory on X , where X is a (resolved) toric affine CY3.

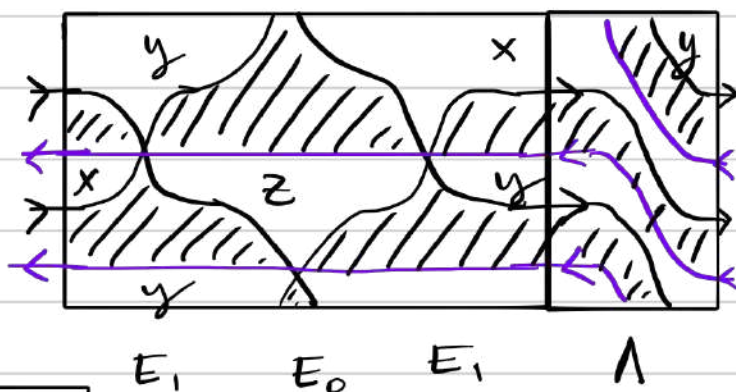
BPS states in these theories $\leftrightarrow$ DT invariants of X .

EN are subordinate to a ramified covering $\Sigma \downarrow \mathbb{C}^x$, where $\Sigma \subset (\mathbb{C}^x)^2$ is the zero locus of some Laurent polynomial ("mirror curve" of X).

EN also define homotopy invariant path-lifting maps PL_A^Σ, PL_X^Σ .
(Banerjee, Longhi, Romo '18 1811.02875)

If ∇^{ab} is an abelian connection on Σ , what kind of objects are $PL_A^\Sigma * (\nabla^{ab})$ and $PL_X^\Sigma * (\nabla^{ab})$?

Claim: They are double Bruhat cells in affine PL groups.
(Fock-Marshtak '14, 1401.1606 for type X).



$$xyz = 1$$

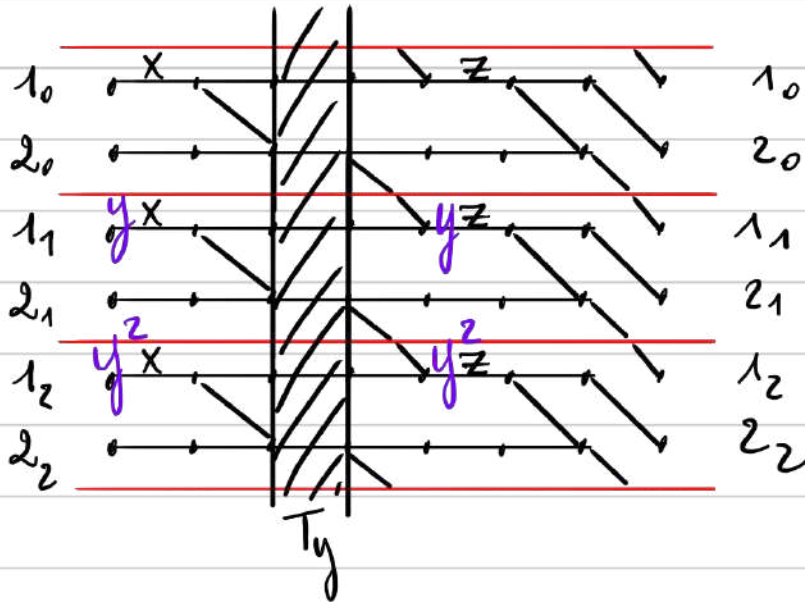
$$H_1(x) E_1 H_0(y) E_0 H_1(z) E_1 \Lambda$$

$$T_y = y$$

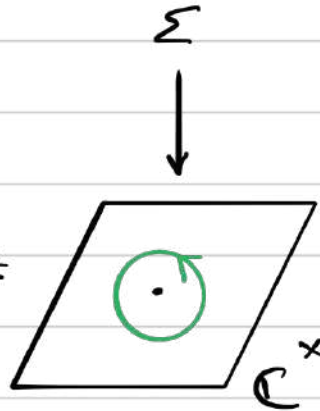
$$T_y(\lambda^k) = (y\lambda)^k$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} x & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} T_y \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \\ \lambda & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} z & \\ & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ \lambda & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} (xyz + xy)\lambda + y^2xz\lambda^2 & xz + xyz\lambda \\ y\lambda + zy^2\lambda^2 & zy\lambda \end{pmatrix} T_y$$



Remarks: 1) We obtain one element $g \in \hat{G}^\#$
 $\Leftrightarrow$ affine na flat connection on $\mathbb{C}^x$



Generalization?

2) We can construct (very) simple EN on $\mathbb{C}^x$ for each reduced word for $(u, v) \in \hat{W}_x \hat{W}$, for which na & Fric coordinates coincide.

$\Rightarrow$ we understand na for all EN which can be obtained from those via homotopies

3) These cluster integrable systems are the SW integrable systems for 5d dP=1 theories on S' (Nekrasov '96 9603213).

cluster dualities?

4) Simple models for DT invariants?

5) Link with resurgence, quantum mirror curve, difference equations.