Posets of alternating sign matrices and totally symmetric self-complementary plane partitions

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## Some failed attempts to find a certain bijection, and what has come of it

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# Alternating sign matrix definition

# Definition

Alternating sign matrices (ASMs) are square matrices with the following properties:

• entries 
$$\in \{0, 1, -1\}$$

- $\blacksquare$  each row and each column sums to 1
- nonzero entries alternate in sign along a row/column

$$\left( egin{array}{cccc} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \ 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} 
ight)$$

# $\blacksquare$ All seven of the 3 $\times$ 3 ASMs.

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

**Two of the forty-two 4**  $\times$  4 ASMs.

$$\left(\begin{array}{rrrrr} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array}\right) \left(\begin{array}{rrrrr} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array}\right)$$

■ In 1983, W. Mills, D. Robbins, and H. Rumsey conjectured that  $n \times n$  ASMs are counted by:

$$\prod_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{(3j+1)!}{(n+j)!} = \frac{1!4!7!\cdots(3n-2)!}{n!(n+1)!\cdots(2n-1)!}.$$

1, 2, 7, 42, 429, 7436, 218348, 10850216, ...

This was proved by Zeilberger (1996) and Kuperberg (1996). Kuperberg's proof relied on the connection to the six-vertex model.

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











## Totally symmetric self-complementary plane partitions

## Definition

- A totally symmetric self–complementary plane partition (TSSCPP) in a cube of side length 2n is:
  - PP: A corner-justified stack of unit cubes
  - TS: Invariant under all permutations of the axes
  - SC: Equal to its complement inside the box



#### All seven of the TSSCPPs inside a $6 \times 6 \times 6$ box.



# A missing bijection

Totally symmetric self-complementary plane partitions inside a  $2n \times 2n \times 2n$  box are also counted by  $\prod_{j=0}^{n-1} \frac{(3j+1)!}{(n+j)!}$  (Andrews 1994), but **no explicit bijection is known**.



#### Known alternating sign matrix bijections



#### Known TSSCPP bijections



Bijections on ASM-TSSCPP subclasses:

- ASM ∩ TSSCPP / 132–avoiding ASMs (Ayyer, Cori, Goyou-Beauchamps 2011, S. 2008/2011)
- Two-diagonal case (Biane–Cheballah 2011)
- Permutation case (S. 2013)

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#### Posets

# A poset is a partially ordered set.

# Definition

A *poset* is a set with a partial order " $\leq$ " that is reflexive, antisymmetric, and transitive.



## Order ideals

## Definition

An order ideal of a poset P is a subset  $X \subseteq P$ such that if  $y \in X$  and  $z \leq y$ , then  $z \in X$ . The set of order ideals of P is denoted J(P).



# Ordered by inclusion, order ideals form a *distributive lattice*, denoted $J(\mathcal{P})$ .

#### The distributive lattice of order ideals J(P)



#### Theorem (Elkies, Kuperberg, Larsen, Propp 1992)

Let a partial order on alternating sign matrices be given by componentwise comparison of the corresponding monotone triangles (or corner sum matrices or height functions). This is a distributive lattice (that is, a lattice of order ideals) with a particularly nice structure. All seven of the height functions of order 3.

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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 $n \times n$  ASMs are in bijection with order ideals in this poset with n - 1 layers, as constructed above.

#### Theorem (Lascoux and Schützenberger 1996)

The restriction of the ASM poset to permutations is the Bruhat order. In fact, is the smallest lattice containing the Bruhat order on the symmetric group as a subposet (i.e. the MacNeille completion).



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Let a partial order on TSSCPPs be given by componentwise comparison of the corresponding magog triangles. This is a distributive lattice (that is, a lattice of order ideals) with a particularly nice structure.



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TSSCPPs inside a  $2n \times 2n \times 2n$  box are in bijection with order ideals in this poset with n - 1 layers, as constructed above.



ASM

**TSSCPP** 





Idea: Transform one poset into the other while preserving the number of order ideals



Idea: Transform one poset into the other while preserving the number of order ideals

Problem: Doesn't work

What came of it:

## Tetrahedral poset family (S. 2011)



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# Let P be a poset and J(P) its set of order ideals.

# Definition

For each element  $e \in P$  define its *toggle*  $t_e : J(P) \rightarrow J(P)$  as follows.

 $t_e(X) = egin{cases} X \cup \{e\} & ext{if } e \notin X ext{ and } X \cup \{e\} \in J(P) \ X \setminus \{e\} & ext{if } e \in X ext{ and } X \setminus \{e\} \in J(P) \ X & ext{otherwise} \end{cases}$ 

# Definition (Cameron and Fon-der-Flaass 1995)

The toggle group T(J(P)) is the subgroup of the symmetric group  $\mathfrak{S}_{J(P)}$  generated by  $\{t_e\}_{e \in P}$ .

Toggle group actions are compositions of toggles that act on order ideals.

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

#### Alternating sign matrix $\leftrightarrow$ fully-packed loop



# Fully-packed loop



#### Start with an $n \times n$ grid.



## Add boundary conditions.



#### Interior vertices adjacent to 2 edges.


### The nontrivial local move.



### Gyration on fully-packed loops



#### Start with the even squares.









#### Now consider the odd squares.









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# Theorem (B. Wieland 2000)

Gyration on an order n fully-packed loop rotates the link pattern by a factor of 2n.

Gyration exhibits *resonance* with pseudo-period 2*n*.



# How does this relate to the toggle group?

# Start with a fully-packed loop



### Biject to a height function



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# With N. Williams, we found another toggle group action on this poset, called *superpromotion*, that exhibits resonance with pseudo-period 3n - 2.

## Problem

What is the underlying combinatorial structure that superpromotion is rotating with period 3n - 2?

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## Orbit size data for these actions

	ASM under SPro		TSSCPP under Row	
	Orbit Size	Number of Orbits	Orbit Size	Number of Orbits
n = 1	1	1	1	1
<i>n</i> = 2	2	1	2	1
<i>n</i> = 3	7	1	7	1
<i>n</i> = 4	10	3	10	3
	5	2	5	2
	2	1	2	1
			39	1
<i>n</i> = 5			26	1
	13	33	13	28
			8 <i>k</i> , <i>k</i> > 2	65
	16	456	16	277
	8	16	8	13
<i>n</i> = 6	4	2		
	2	2	2	2
<i>n</i> = 7	57	55		
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Problem: Orbit sizes don't match

What came of it: Inspiration for studying the 'resonance' phenomenon

## Theorem (N. Williams and S. 2012)

In any ranked poset, there are equivariant bijections between the order ideals under under rowmotion (toggle top to bottom), promotion (toggle left to right), and gyration (toggle even then odd ranks).

In an *equivariant* bijection, the orbit structure is preserved.

## Fully-packed loop orbits under gyration



#### Order ideals in the ASM poset under rowmotion



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#### Theorem (K. Dilks, O. Pechenik, S. 2015)

There is an equivariant bijection between plane partitions in  $[a] \times [b] \times [c]$  under rowmotion (toggle from top to bottom) and increasing tableaux of rectangular shape  $a \times b$  and entries at most a + b + c - 1 under K-promotion.

This correspondence explains observed resonance phenomena on both sides of this bijection.

# Theorem (J. Propp and T. Roby 2013)

The order ideal size statistic in  $J([n] \times [k])$  is homomesic (orbit-average = global-average) with respect to rowmotion or promotion.

#### Example

The promotion orbits of  $J([2] \times [2])$ 



# Toggleability homomesy

# Definition

Fix a poset *P*. For each  $e \in P$ , define the *toggleability* statistic  $\mathfrak{T}_e : J(P) \to \{0, 1, -1\}$  as:

 $\mathfrak{T}_e(X) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } e \text{ can be toggled } out \text{ of } X, \\ -1 & \text{if } e \text{ can be toggled } in \text{ to } X, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$ 

## Theorem (S. 2015)

Given any ranked poset P and  $e \in P$ ,  $\mathfrak{T}_e$  on J(P) is homomesic with average value 0 with respect to gyration (toggle even then odd ranks).

# O(1) dense loop model on a semi-infinite cylinder



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O(1) dense loop model

Fully-packed loop model



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# Conjecture (A. Razumov and Y. Stroganov 2004)

The probability that a configuration of the O(1)dense loop model on a semi-infinite cylinder of perimeter 2n has link pattern  $\pi$  equals the probability that a fully-packed loop of order n has link pattern  $\pi$ .



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When applied to the ASM poset, we recover the following lemma from Cantini and Sportiello's first proof of the Razumov-Stroganov conjecture.

#### Lemma (Cantini and Sportiello 2011)

Fix any square  $\alpha$ . Then the number of FPLs in an orbit of gyration with edge configuration  $|\alpha|$  equals the number with configuration  $\overline{\alpha}$ .

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Permutation matrix



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Which ones are permutations?



#### Permutation TSSCPPs?



Q: Which one has a (-1) in it?

#### Definition

The inversion number of an ASM A is defined as

$$I(A) = \sum A_{ij}A_{k\ell}$$

where the sum is over all  $i, j, k, \ell$  such that i > kand  $j < \ell$ .

#### **TSSCPP** inversions?



Q: What are TSSCPP 'inversions'?

# TSSCPP to non-intersecting lattice paths



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#### Definition

A boolean triangle of order n is a triangular integer array  $\{b_{i,j}\}$  for  $1 \le i \le n-1$ ,  $n-i \le j \le n-1$ with entries in  $\{0,1\}$  such that the diagonal partial sums satisfy  $1 + \sum_{i=j+1}^{i'} b_{i,n-j-1} \ge \sum_{i=j}^{i'} b_{i,n-j}$ .

# Definition (S.)

Let *permutation TSSCPPs* be all TSSCPPs whose corresponding boolean triangles have weakly decreasing rows.

Not a permutation TSSCPP	A permutation TSSCPP	
1	1	
0 0	0 0	
0 1 1	1 1 0	
0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0	
0 0 1 0 0	1 0 0 0 0	

# The 'inversions' of permutation TSSCPPs are the zeros.

### Theorem (S.)

There is a natural, statistic-preserving bijection between permutation matrices and permutation TSSCPPs which maps the number of inversions of the permutation to the number of zeros in the boolean triangle.

#### ASM-TSSCPP bijection in the permutation case



**Statistics** 

DPP	ASM	TSSCPP
no special parts*	no $-1$ 's	rows weakly decrease
number of parts*	number of inversions	number of zeros
number of <i>n</i> 's*	position of 1 in last column	position of lowest 1 in last diagonal
largest part value that does not appear	position of 1 in last row	number of zeros in last row*

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- Two-diagonal case (Biane–Cheballah 2011)
  Seems to correspond on the intersection



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#### Definition

Define the *boolean partial order*  $T_n^{\text{Bool}}$  on TSSCPPs of order *n* by componentwise comparison of their boolean triangles.

#### Proposition

 $T_n^{\text{Bool}}$  is a lattice for  $n \leq 3$ , but for  $n \geq 4$  it is not a lattice.

#### Theorem

The induced subposet of  $T_n^{\text{Bool}}$  consisting of all the permutation boolean triangles is  $[2] \times [3] \times \cdots \times [n]$ .

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