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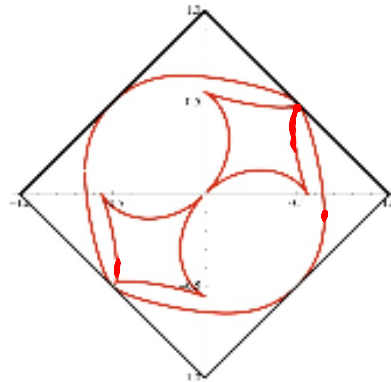
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- Octahedron equation and T-systems
- Cluster algebras = definition
- Two examples : Fricze patterns & domino tilings
- The T-system behind Friczes ( $A_1$  case)
- The T-system behind domino tilings (octahedra)
- Arctic curves



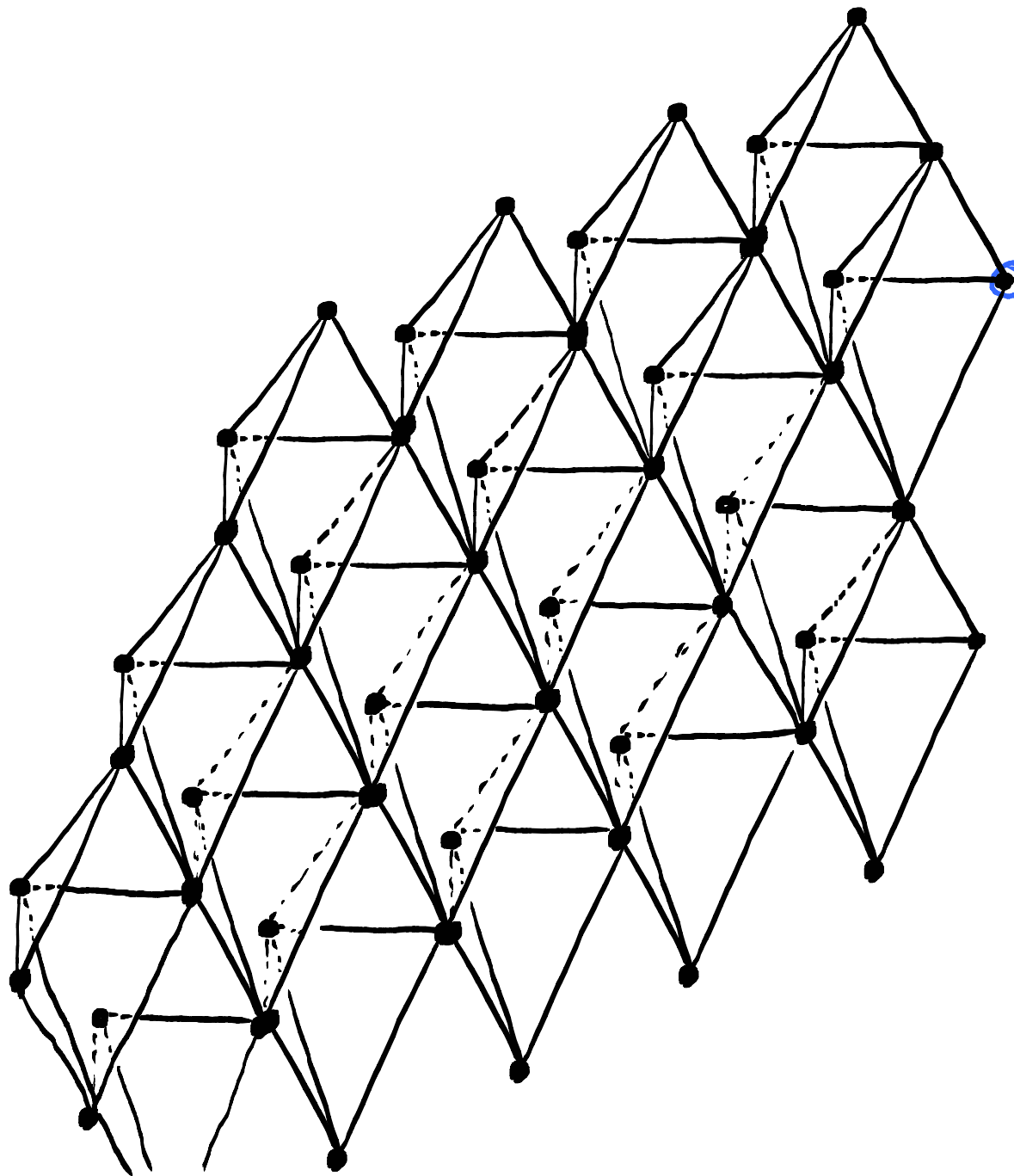
# O. OCTAHEDRON EQUATION

- Dodgson condensation of determinants / Desnanot Jacobi
- Alternating Sign Matrices [MRR]
- Littlewood Richardson rules [KTW]

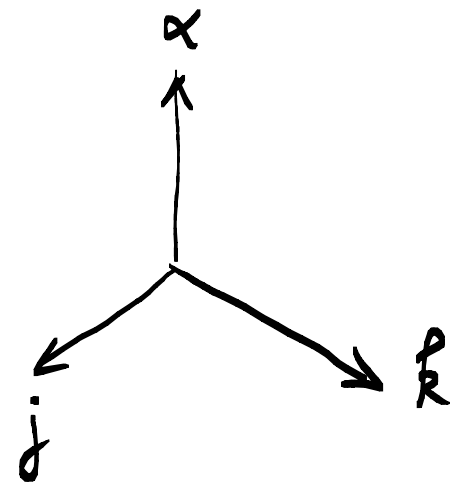
$$T_{\alpha, j, k+1} T_{\alpha, j, k-1} = T_{\alpha, j+1, k} T_{\alpha, j-1, k} + T_{\alpha+1, j, k} T_{\alpha-1, j, k}$$
$$(\alpha, j, k \in \mathbb{Z})$$

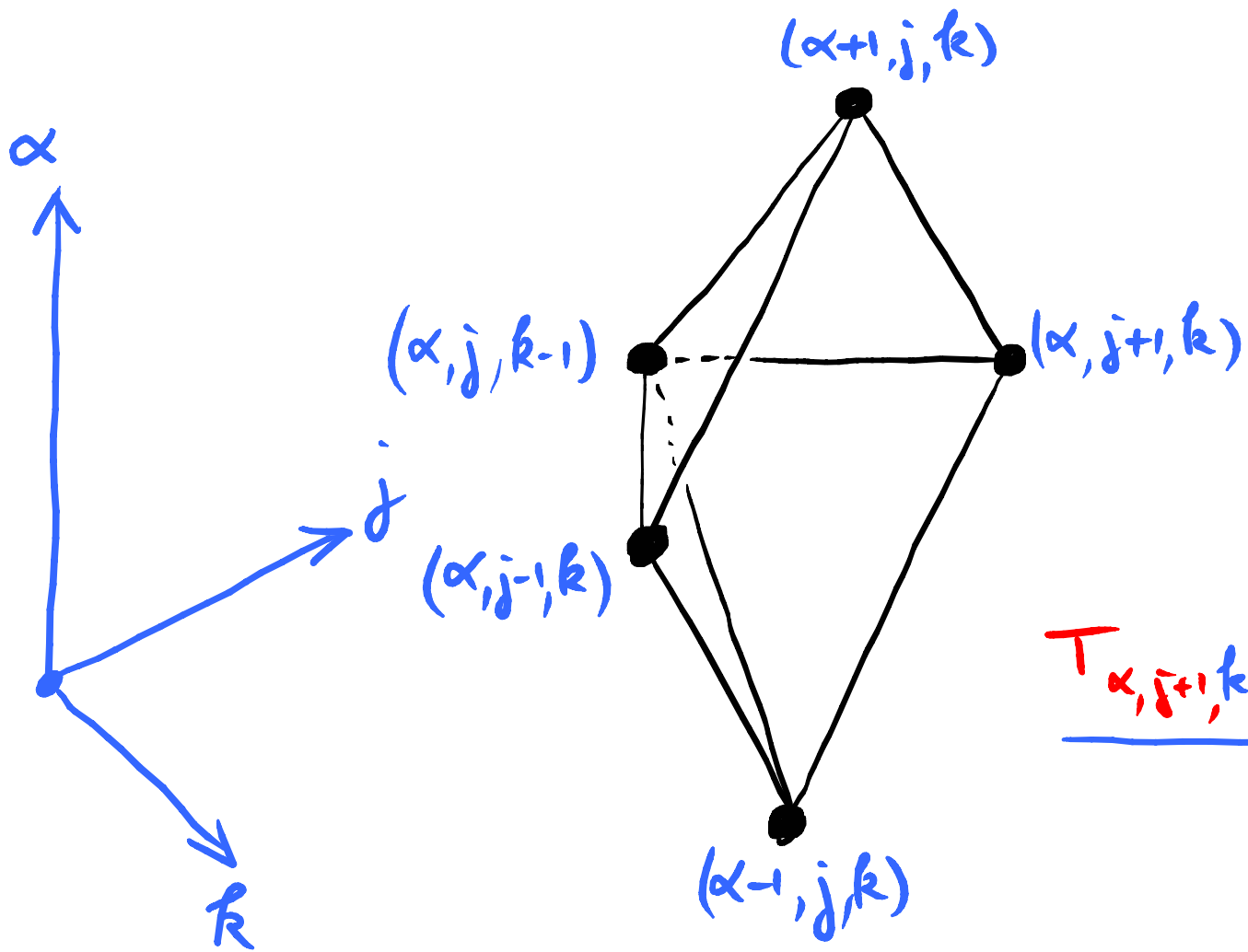
$(\alpha, j)$  = space ,  $k$  = time  $\rightarrow$  2+1 D

- initial data = "stepped" surface  $\left\{ T_{\alpha, j, k_{\alpha j}} \right\} \begin{cases} |k_{\alpha, j+1} - k_{\alpha, j}| = 1 \\ |k_{\alpha+1, j} - k_{\alpha, j}| = 1 \end{cases}$

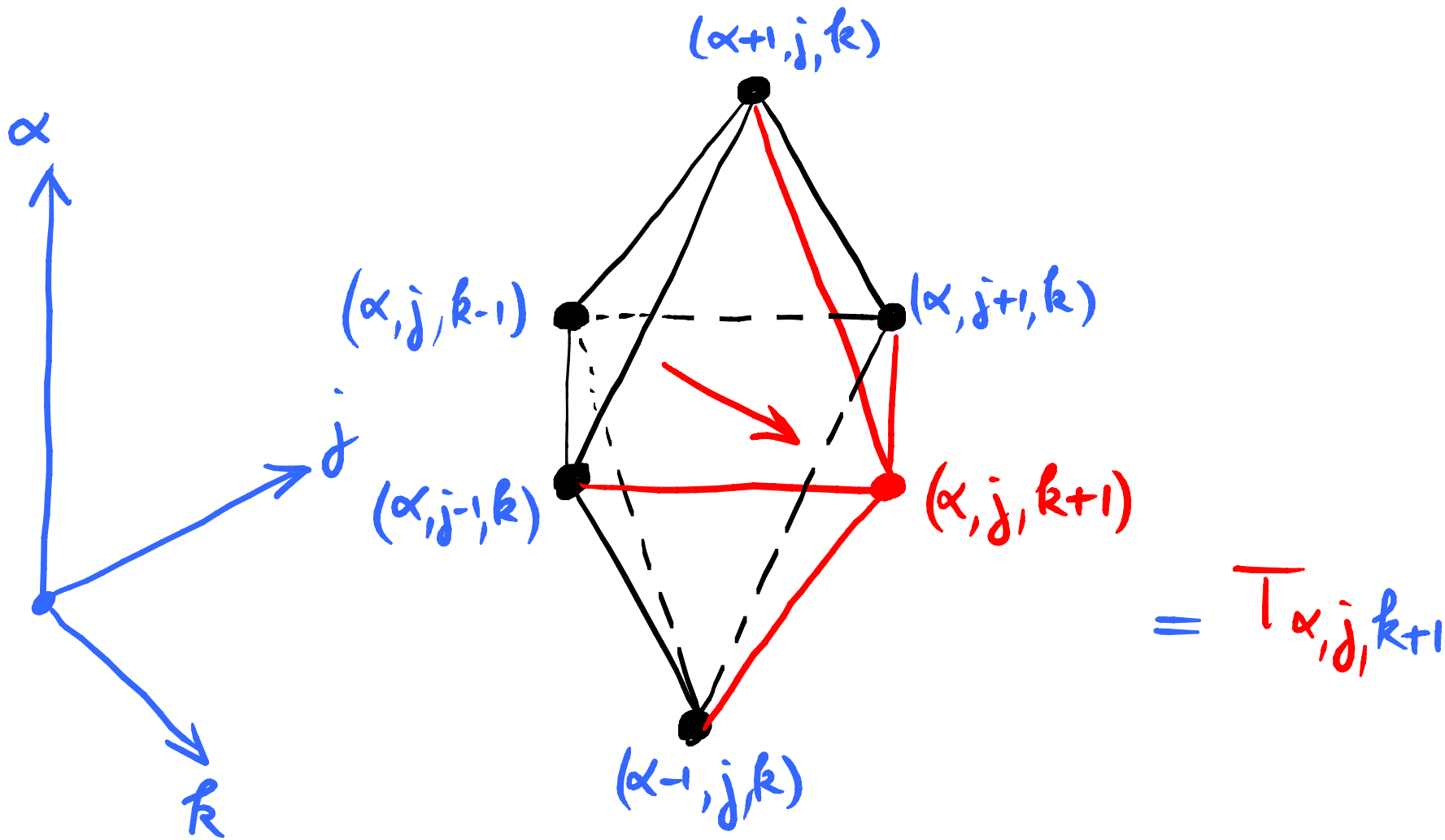


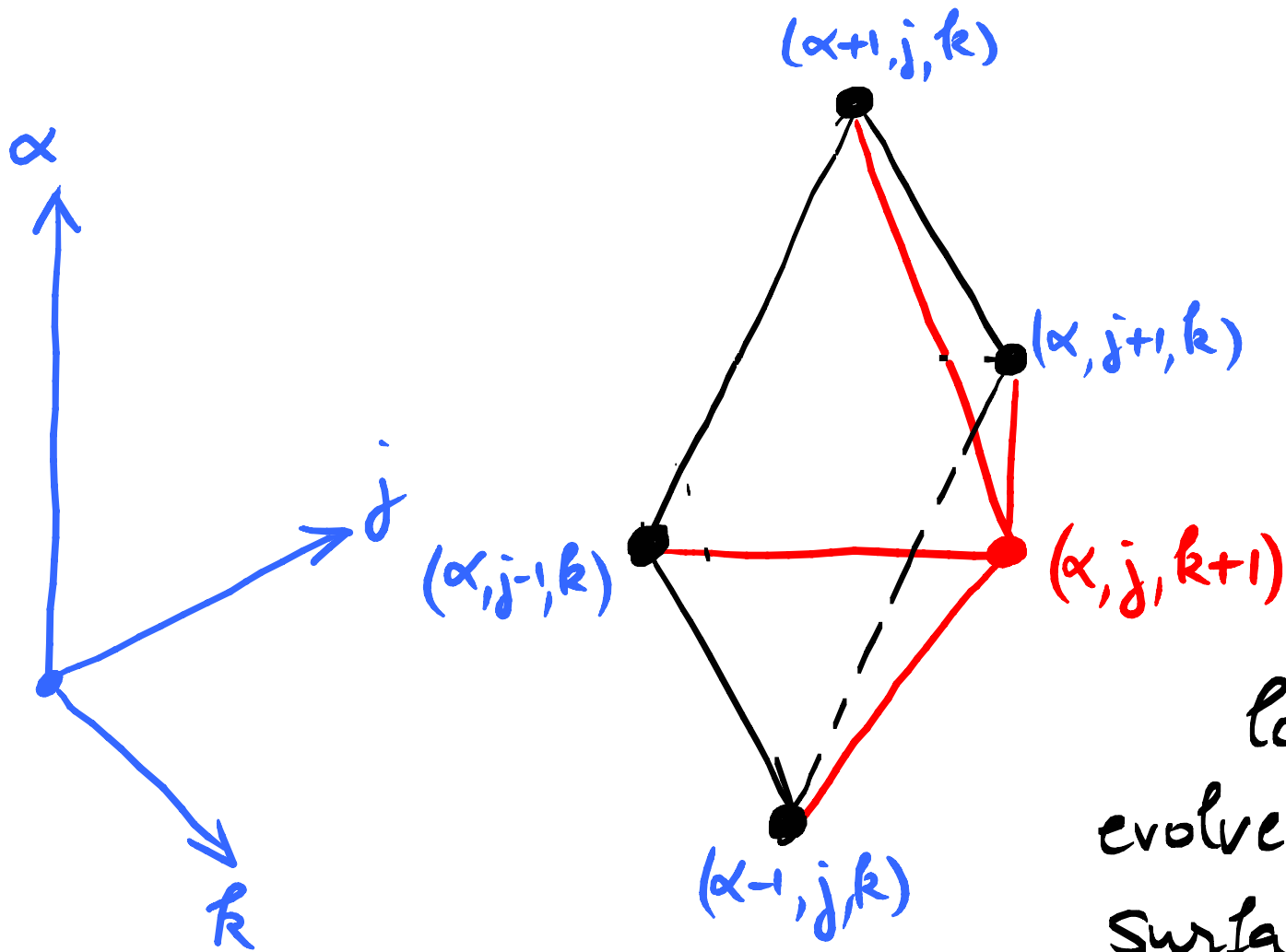
$T_{\alpha,j,k}$





$$\frac{T_{\alpha, j+1, k} T_{\alpha, j-1, k} + T_{\alpha+1, j, k} T_{\alpha-1, j, k}}{T_{\alpha, j, k-1}}$$



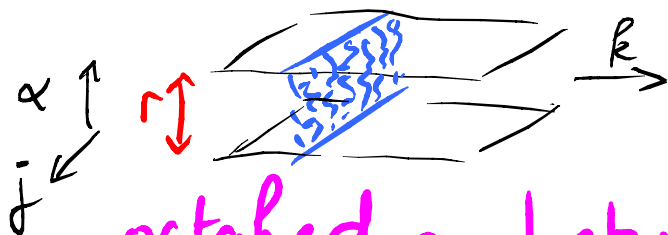


local move that evolves the stepped surface by "adding" an octahedron

# 1. T-SYSTEM (for $A_r$ )

- transfer matrices of Heisenberg quantum spin chains [KNS]
- Representation theory "q-characters" [N]
- discrete Hirota equation (integrable systems) [LWZ]

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \textcircled{A_r} \quad T_{\alpha, j, k+1} T_{\alpha, j, k-1} = T_{\alpha, j+1, k} T_{\alpha, j-1, k} + T_{\alpha+1, j, k} T_{\alpha-1, j, k} \\
 & \quad T_{0, j, k} = T_{r+1, j, k} = 1 \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \alpha \in \{1, 2, \dots, r\} \\ j, k \in \mathbb{Z} \end{array} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

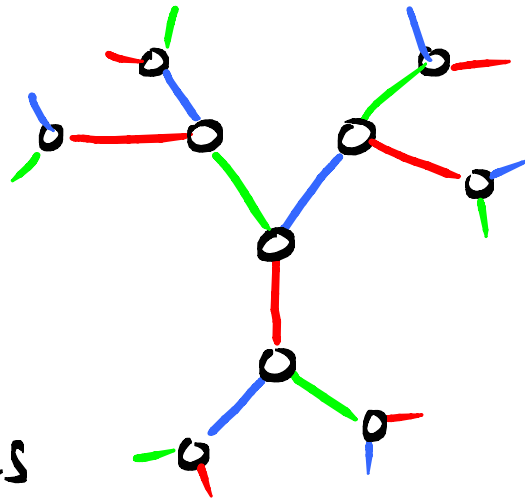


octahedron between a floor  $\alpha=0$  and a ceiling  $\alpha=r+1$   
 $r=1$  will appear in connection to friezes



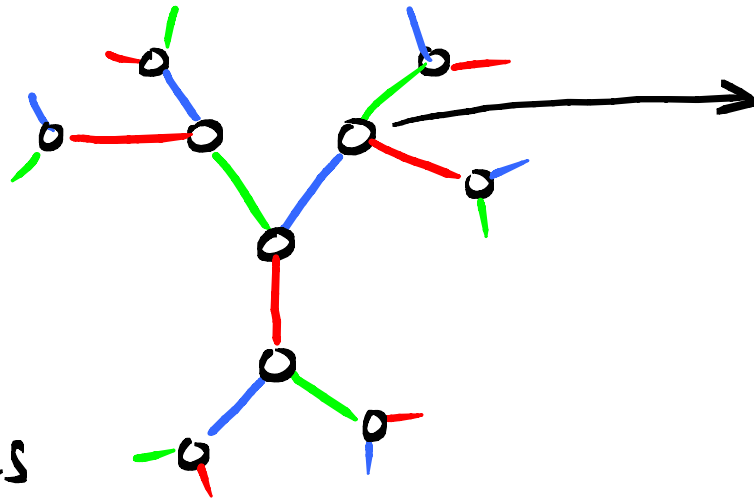
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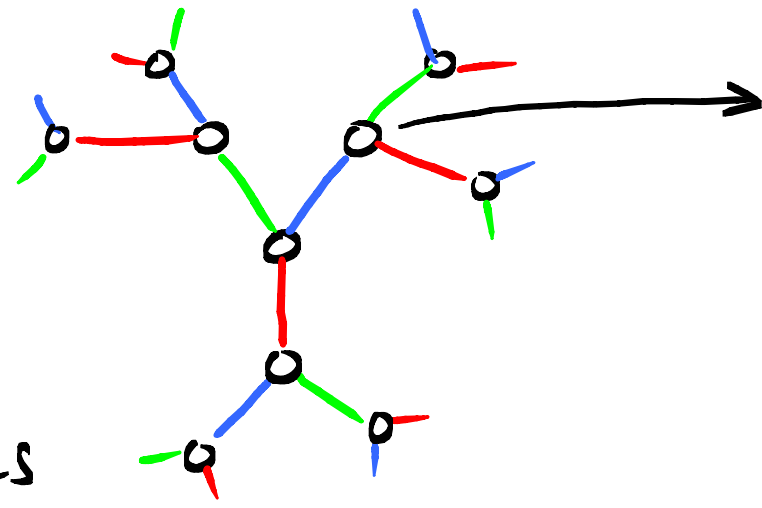


→ rank  $n$  cluster algebra  
 = generated by all  $n$ -vectors in  $\mathbb{T}_n$

at each vertex, 2 data  
 1.  $n$ -vector  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \vec{x}$   
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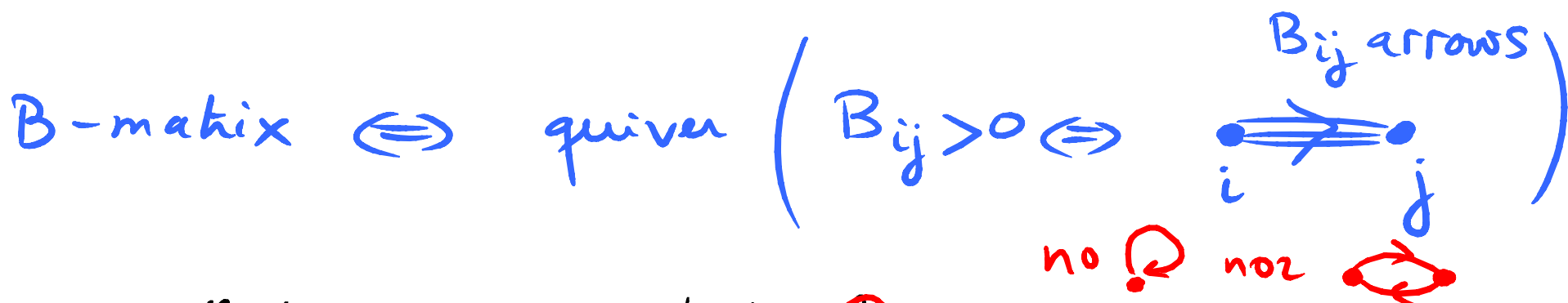
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The mutation structure guarantees the Laurent property:  $\vec{x}$  at any vertex = Laurent polynomial of  $\vec{x}$  at any other vertex.

+ Positivity Conjecture

# MUTATIONS $M_k$ (in direction $k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ )

- QUIVER MUTATION (B matrix) at vertex  $k$



(i) reflect arrows incident to  $k$

(ii) for each path  $i \rightarrow k \rightarrow j$  via  $k$ , create  $i \rightarrow j$

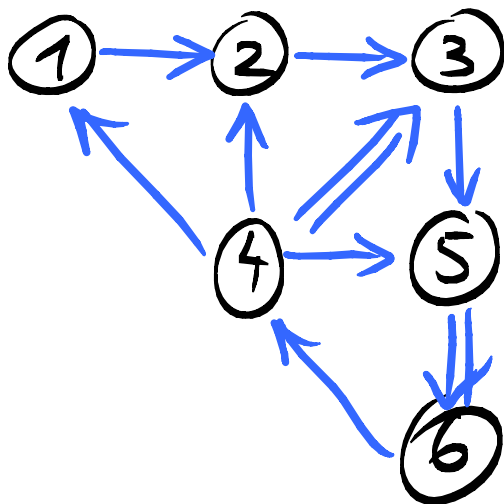
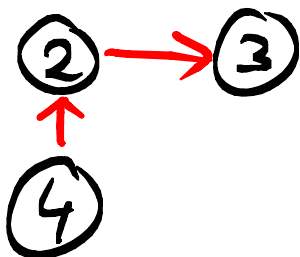
short cut  $i \leftarrow k \leftarrow j$

(iii)  $i \rightleftarrows j \Rightarrow i \quad j$  (cancellation)

Example

apply  $\mu_2$

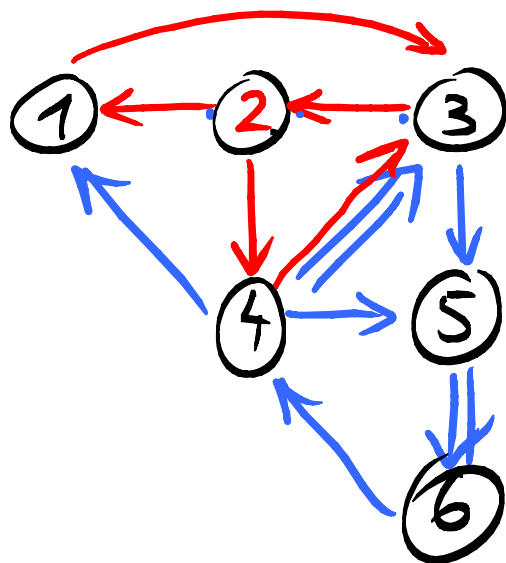
2 length 2 paths  
tru  $\textcircled{2}$ :



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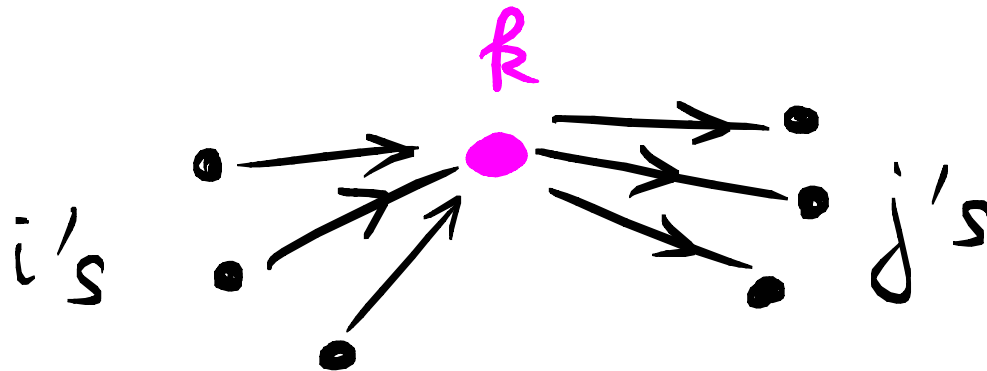


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- CLUSTER MUTATION ( $\vec{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k, x_{k+1}, \dots, x_n)$ )

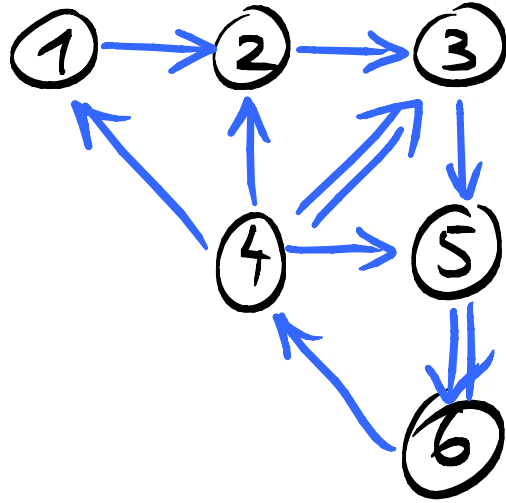
$$\mu_R(x_i) = x_i \quad \text{if } k \neq i$$

$$\mu_R(x_k) = \frac{1}{x_k} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \pi \quad x_i \\ \text{arrows } i \rightarrow k \\ \text{TAILS} \end{array} + \begin{array}{l} \pi \quad x_j \\ \text{arrows } k \rightarrow j \\ \text{HEADS} \end{array} \right\}$$



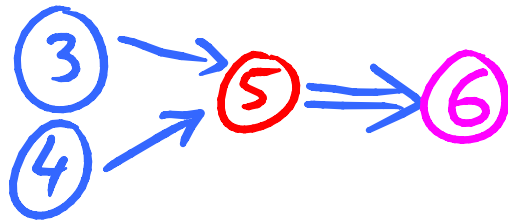
Example

apply  $\mu_5$  on  $\vec{x}$



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$$\vec{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6)$$



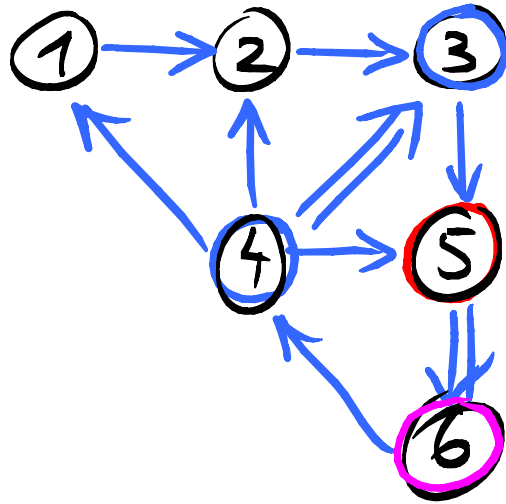
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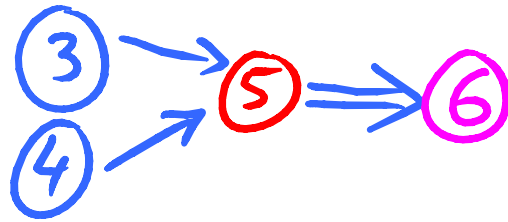
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$$\vec{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, \frac{x_3 x_4 + x_6^2}{x_5}, x_6)$$



N.B. all  $\mu_i$  are involutions

# PROPERTIES

**THM [Fomin-Zelevinsky]:**  $\forall$  sequence  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$   
the mutated cluster  $\mu_{i_k} \circ \mu_{i_{k-1}} \dots \circ \mu_{i_1}(\vec{x})$  is a  
Laurent polynomial of  $\vec{x}$  ( $\mathcal{P}\mathcal{L}(x_1, x_1^{-1}, x_2, x_2^{-1}, \dots, x_n, x_n^{-1})$ )

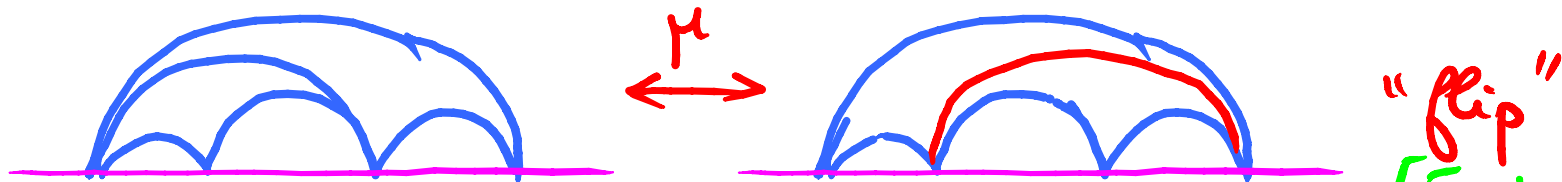
**CONJ** The polynomial has non-negative integer coefficients (proved for finite rank geometric type).

# CLASSIFICATIONS

- finite cluster algebras  $\Leftrightarrow$  a mutated quiver is an oriented Dynkin diagram of a classical Lie algebra (A B C D E F G)
- B-finite  $\Leftrightarrow$  "Triangulations" + 11 exceptional cases

# APPLICATIONS

- Triangulations of Teichmüller space (Positive)



"flip"

[Fomin-Thurston  
Shapiro]

[ Musiker, Schiffle  
Williams ]

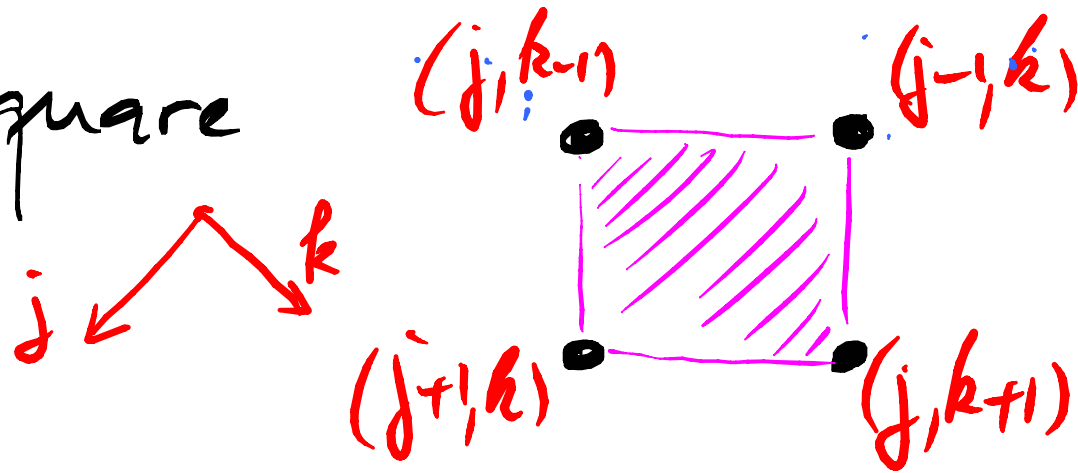
[ DF, Kedem ] [NSV  
article]

[ Fomin, Tevelevsky ]

- B codes the triangulation  $\vec{x}$  = geodesic lengths
- Discrete Integrable systems / Somos sequences / pentagram maps [Lusztig, Berenstein, Zelevinsky]
  - Totally positive  $GL(n)$  coordinate patches [Fomin, Tevelevsky]
  - Canonical Bases of quantum group [Lusztig, Berenstein, Zelevinsky]
  - Triangulated categories [Keller]
  - DT invariants of top string theory [Kontsevich-Sabelman]
  - Brane Tilings, wall crossing [Franco-Eiger]
  - Supersymmetric Gauge theory [Arkani-Hamed et al]
  - New quantum dilogarithm identities [Keller]
  - Statistical physics, dimer models [Goncharov-Kenya DF]

### 3. A. Example from Combinatorics = Frieze Patterns [Coxeter-Conway]

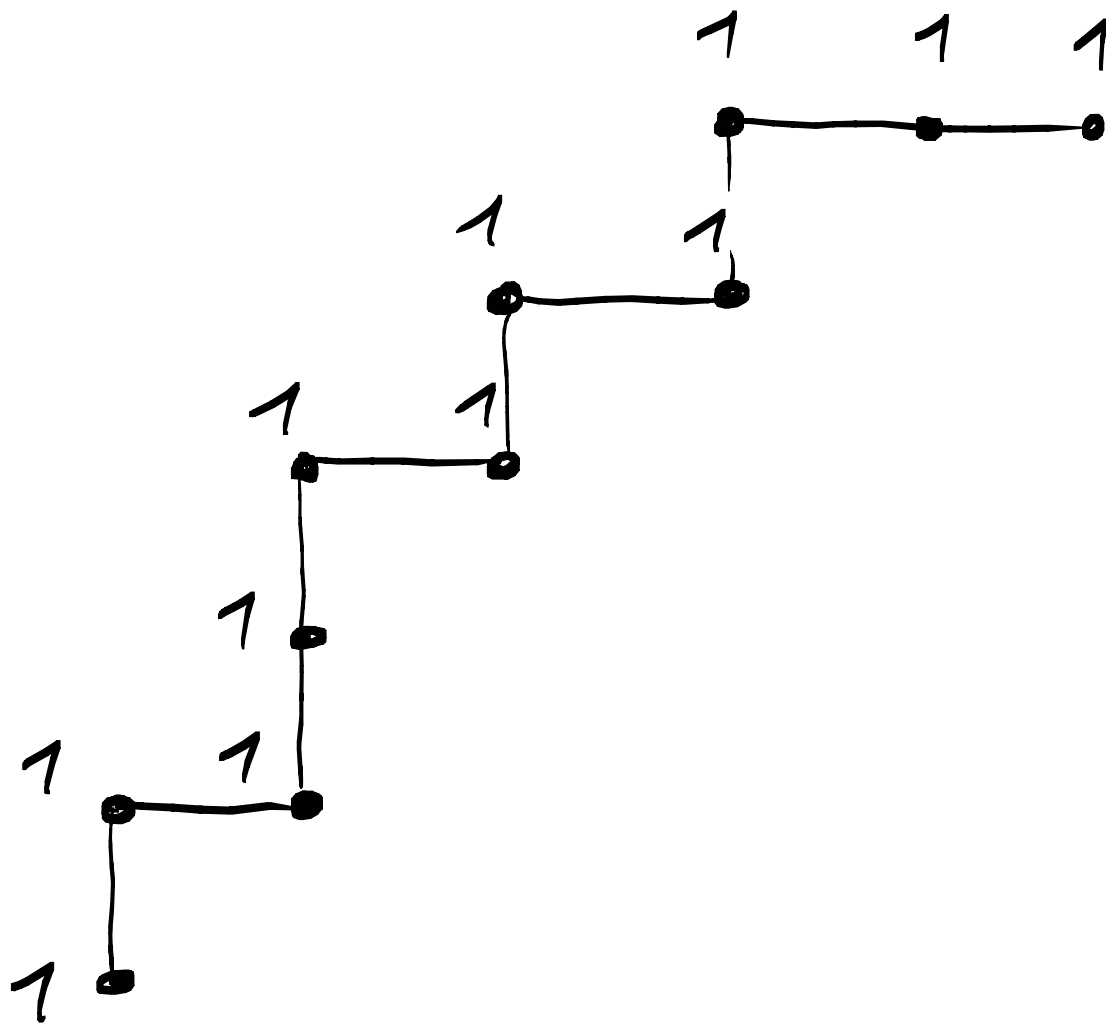
maps  $X: \mathbb{Z}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  such that  
for each square



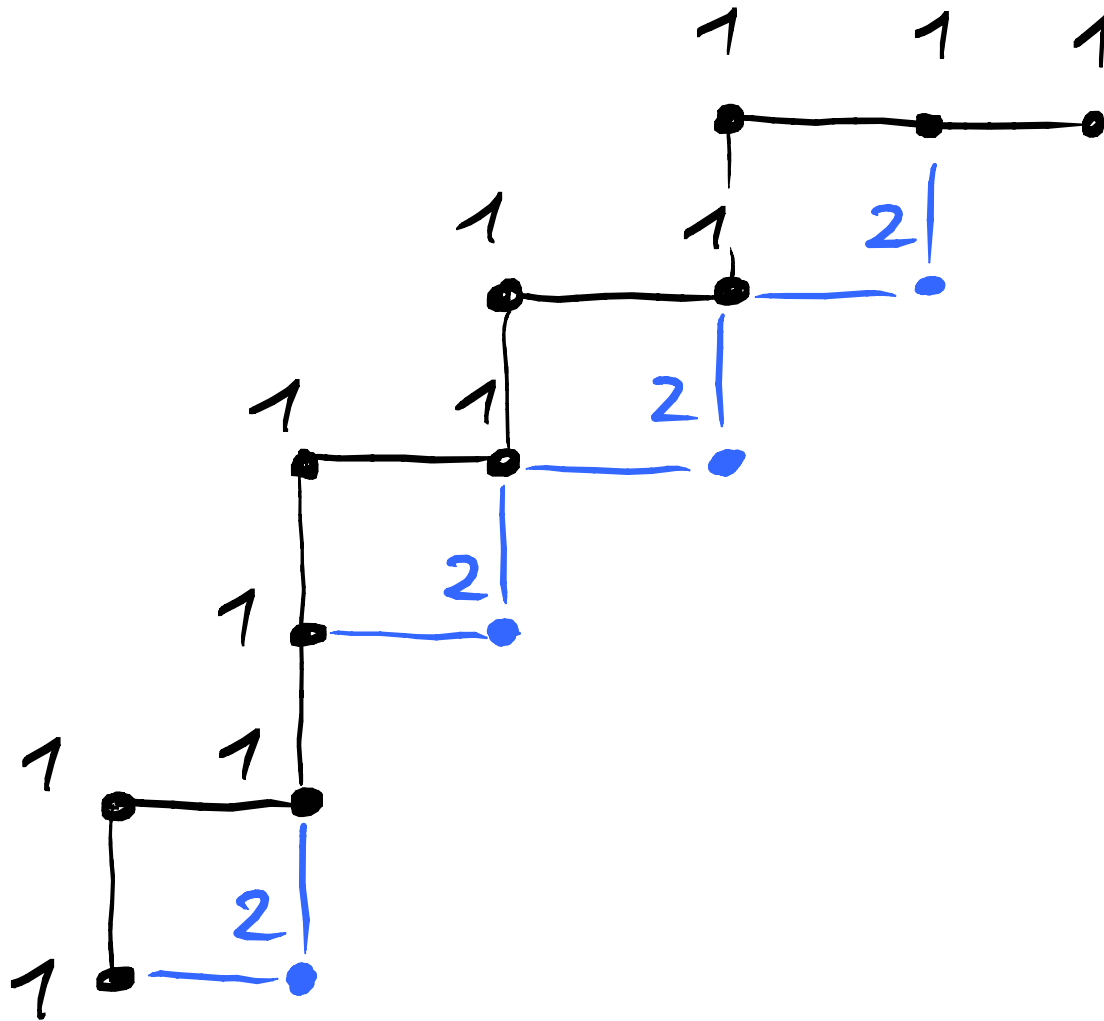
we have

$$\begin{vmatrix} X_{j,k-1} & X_{j-1,k} \\ X_{j+1,k} & X_{j,k+1} \end{vmatrix} = 1$$

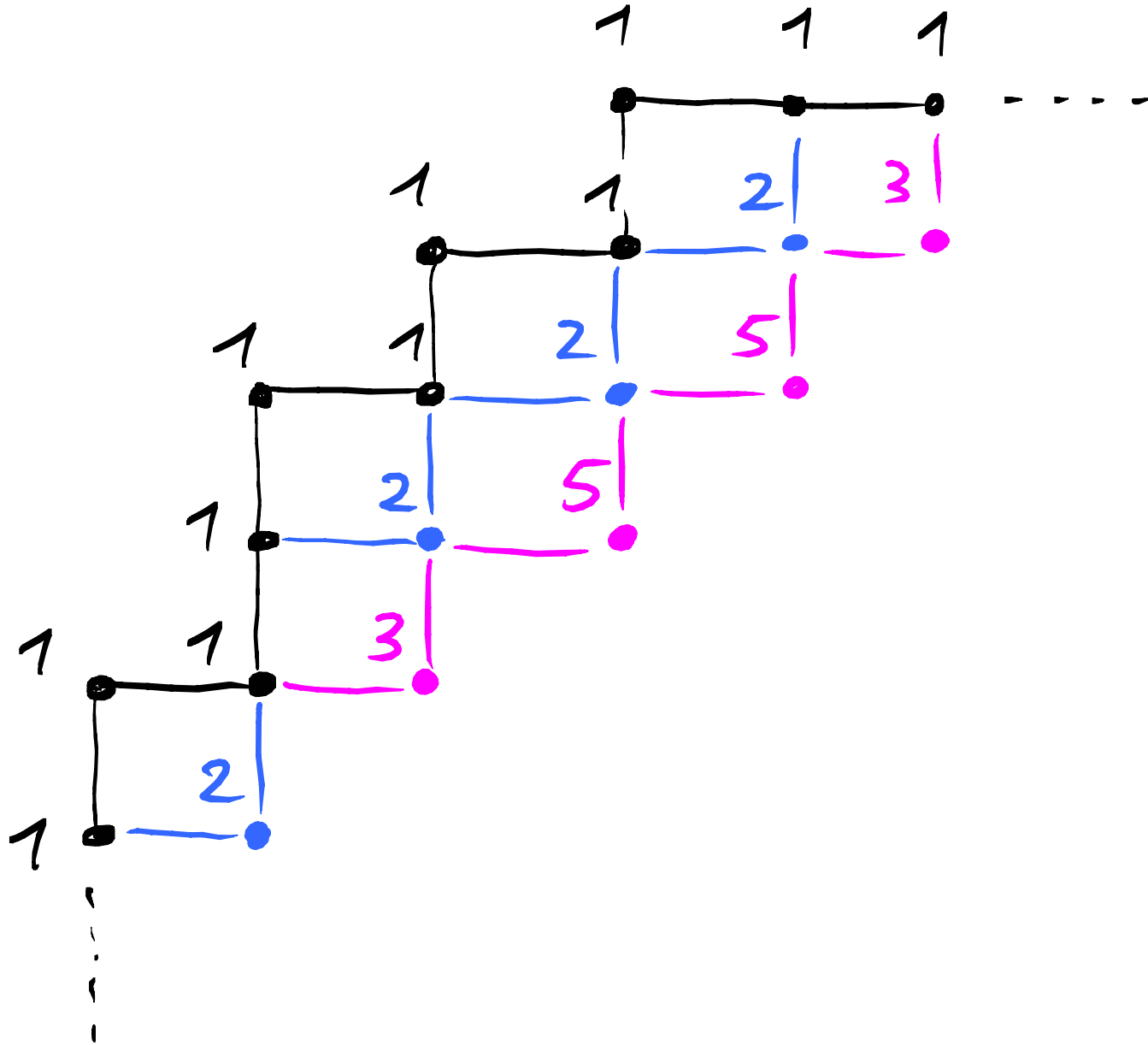
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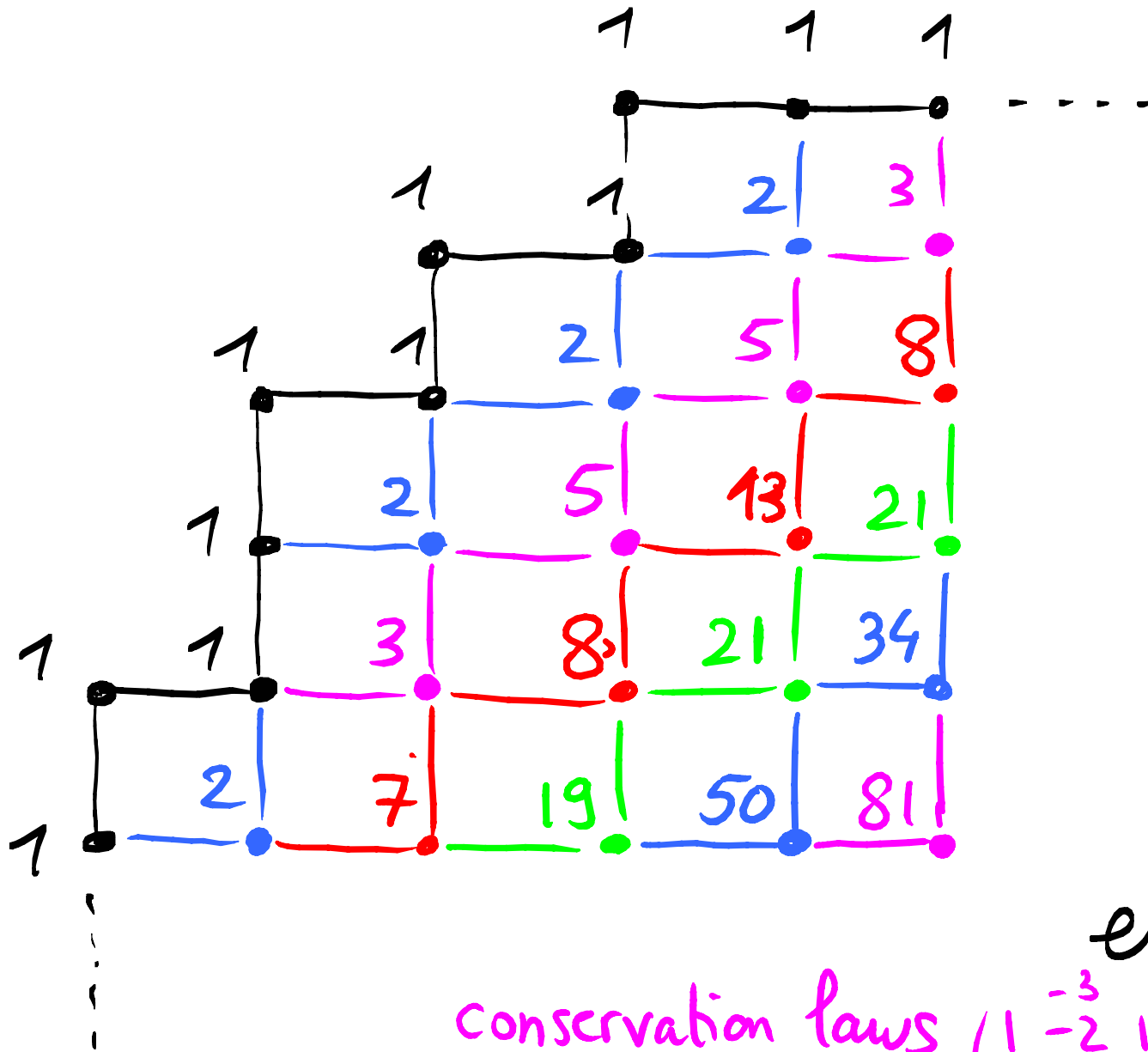
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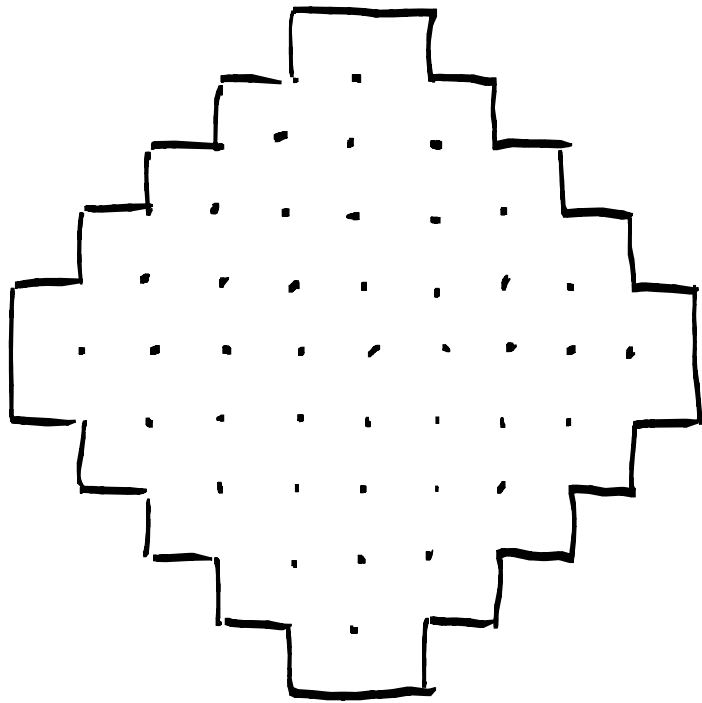


conservation laws  $(! \overset{-3}{-} 2 !)$



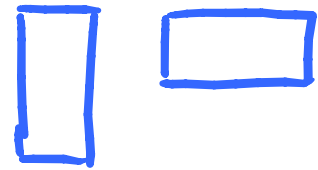
3.B. Example from statistical physics:

Domino Tilings of the Aztec Diamond



$\mathbb{Z}^2$

Dominoes  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 \times 2 \\ 2 \times 1 \end{array} \right.$



→ partition function  
with weights

= weighted sum of configurations

# Arctic curve theorem

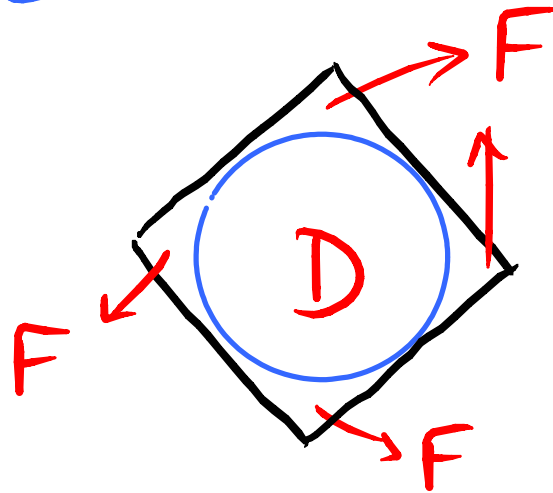
in the continuum limit of large size and small mesh, 2 phases

(1) ordered (frozen) in corners

(2) disordered away from corners

separation = arctic curve

fluctuations = GFF



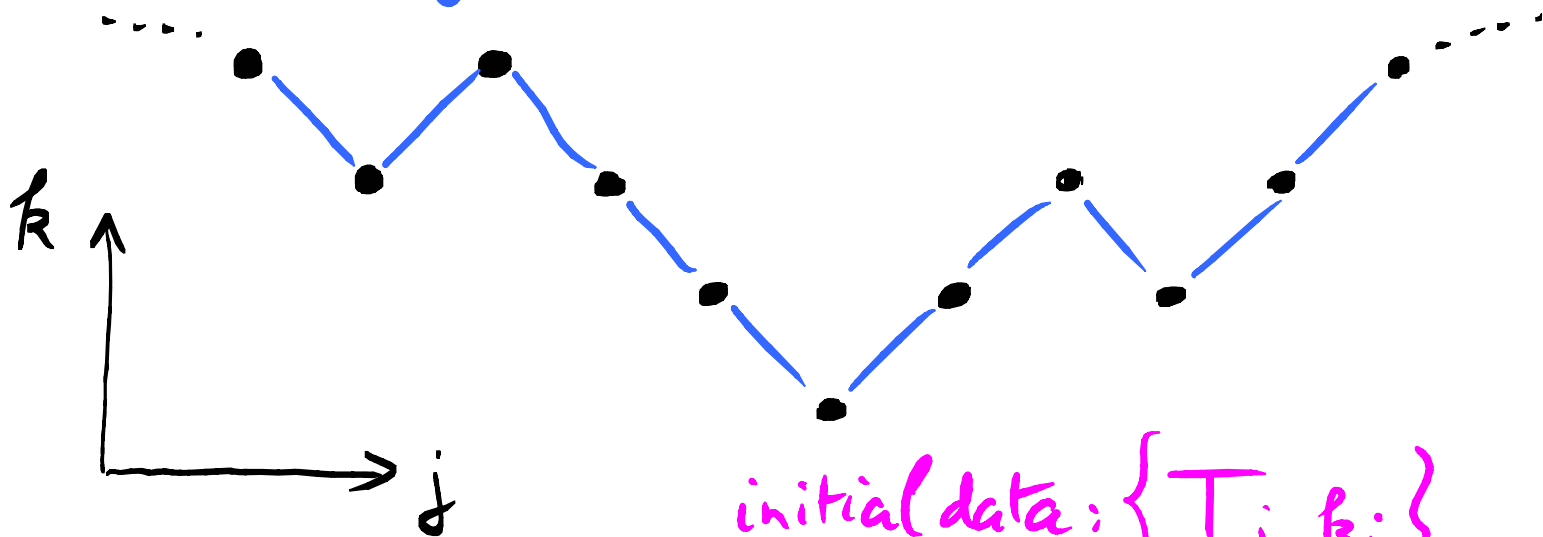
# 4. THE T-SYSTEM BEHIND FRIEZES

$A_1$  T-system:

$$T_{j,k+1} T_{j,k-1} = T_{j+1,k} T_{j-1,k} + 1$$

$k = \text{time}$   
 $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

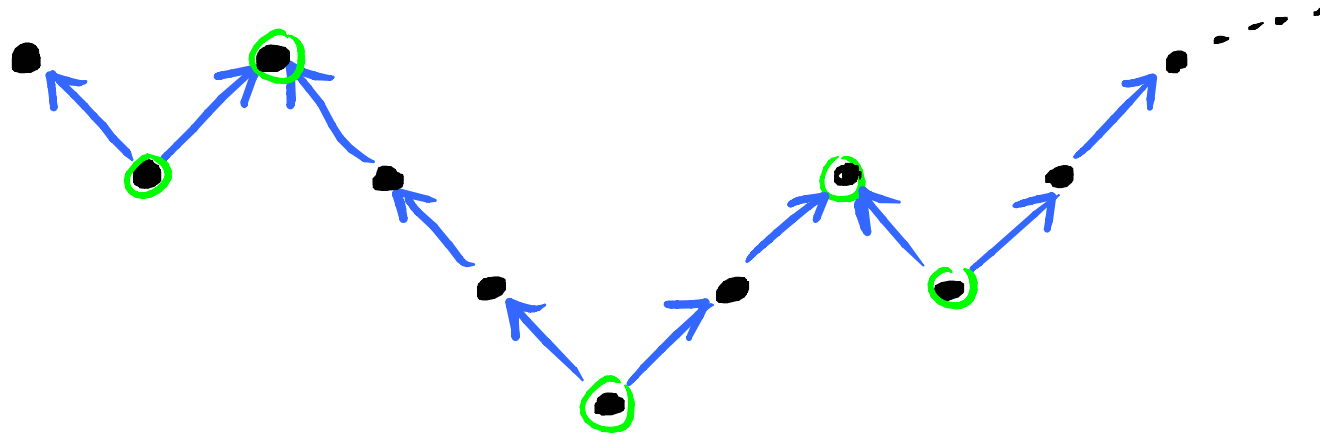
initial data = zig-zag line  
(one slice of  $A_1$ )  $|k_{j+1} - k_j| = 1$



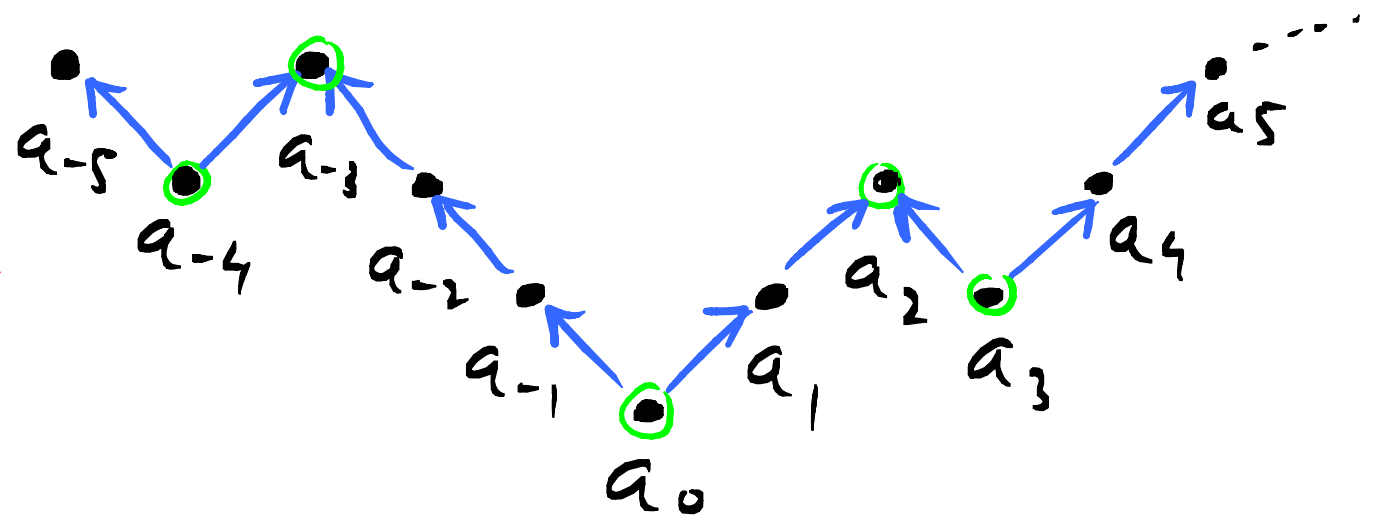
initial data:  $\{T_{j,k_j}\}_{j \in \mathbb{Z}}$

THM The  $A_1$  T-system is a mutation in an infinite rank cluster algebra

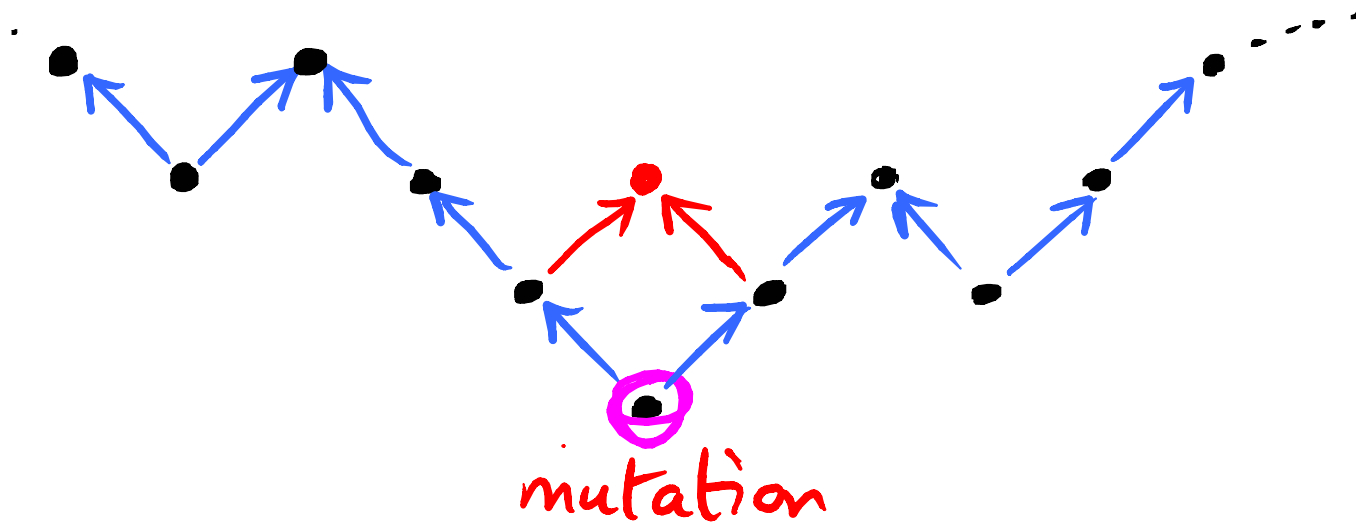
QUIVER



CLUSTER

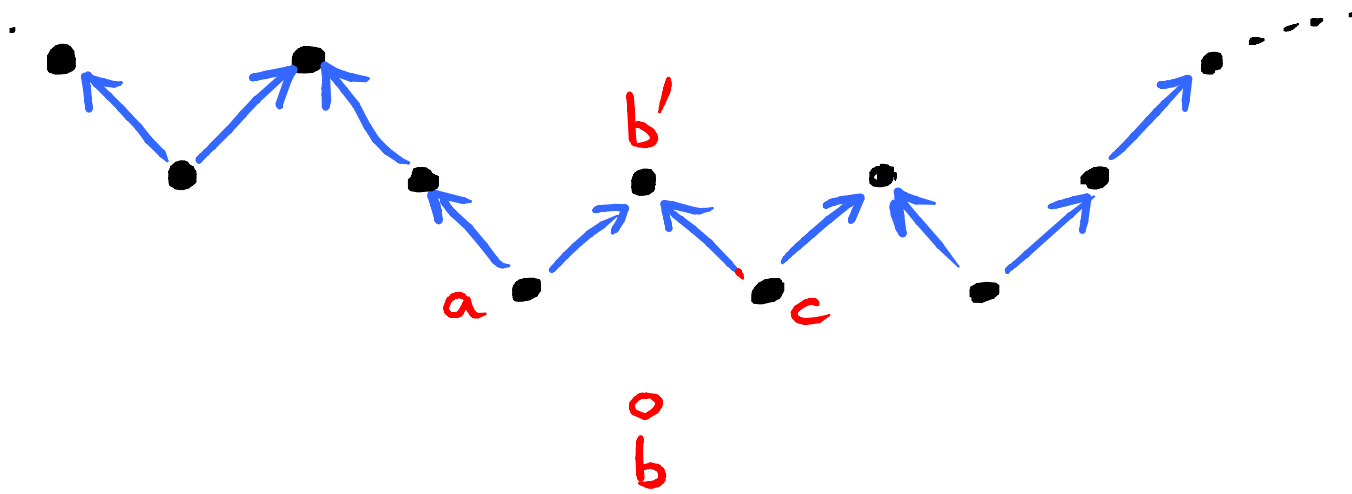


# QUIVER MUTATION



Rule: we restrict to only mutations where the two arrows point in or out.  
(2 tails or 2 heads only).

# CLUSTER MUTATION:



$\Rightarrow$  mutation relation is

$$bb' = ac + 1$$

i.e.  $\det(\text{plaquette}) = 1$

Positive Laurent phenomenon  $\Rightarrow$   
integrality of Fricze pattern with  
path-like Boundary condition 1

Remark: T-system is a discrete  
integrable system (with infinite dimension)

# INTEGRABILITY

Write the eqns as  $W_{jk} = \begin{vmatrix} T_{j,k+1} & T_{j+1,k} \\ T_{j-1,k} & T_{j,k-1} \end{vmatrix} = 1$

Write

$$W_{j,k} - W_{j+1,k-1} = \begin{vmatrix} T_{j,k+1} + T_{j+2,k-1} & T_{j+1,k} \\ T_{j-1,k} + T_{j+1,k-2} & T_{j,k-1} \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists C_{j,k} : \begin{cases} T_{j,k+1} + T_{j+2,k-1} = C_{j,k} T_{j+1,k} \\ T_{j-1,k} + T_{j+1,k-2} = C_{j,k} T_{j,k-1} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} C_{j,k} \\ \parallel \\ C_{j-1,k-1} \\ \parallel \\ C(j-k) \end{matrix}$$

$$T_{j,k+1} - C(j-k) T_{j+1,k} + T_{j+2,k-1} = 0$$

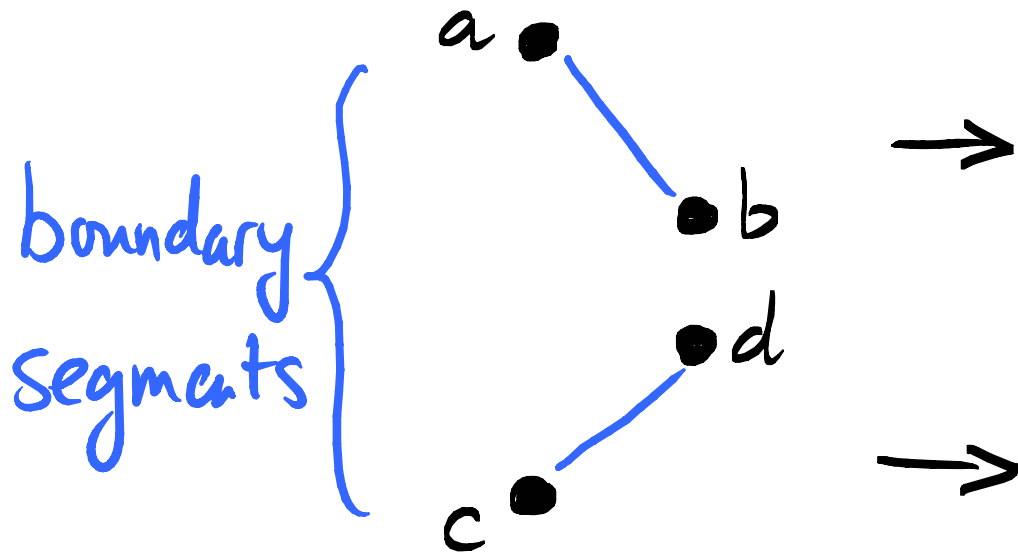
$$C(j-k)$$



# Solution?

- Find explicit formulas for  $T_{jk}$  as a function of  $T_{j,k_j}$  along the initial data path  $(j, k_j)_{j \in \mathbb{Z}}$
- Check Laurent positivity
- Interpret result

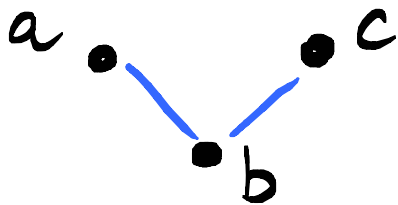
# MATRIX REPRESENTATION:



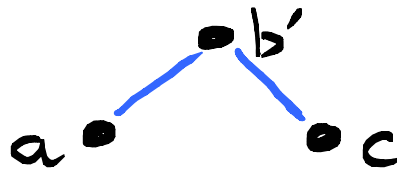
$$D(a,b) = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$U(c,d) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{d} & \frac{c}{d} \end{pmatrix}$$

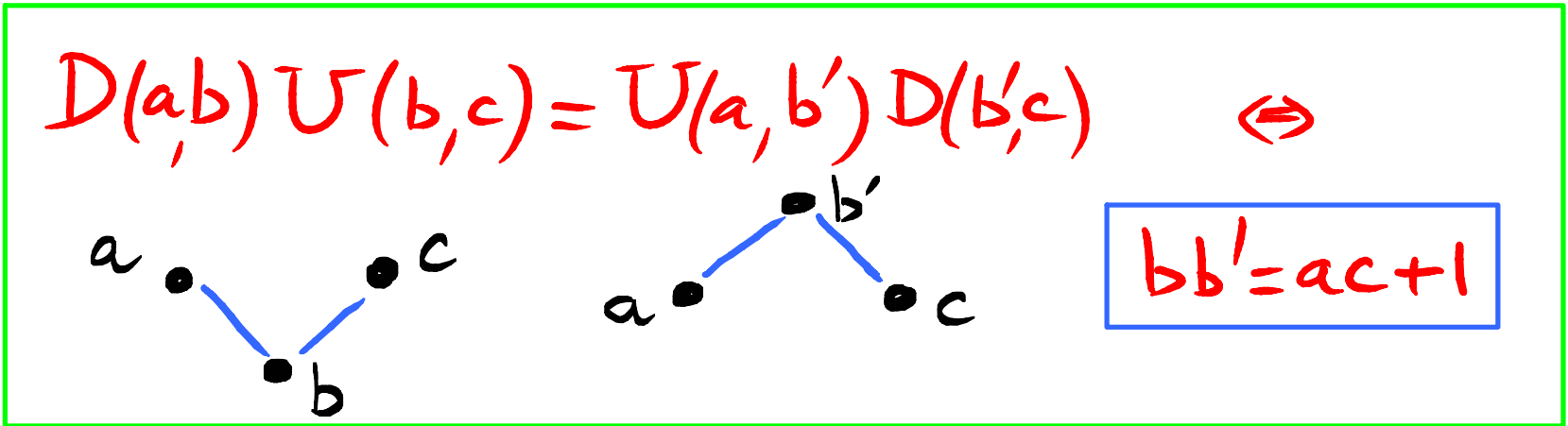
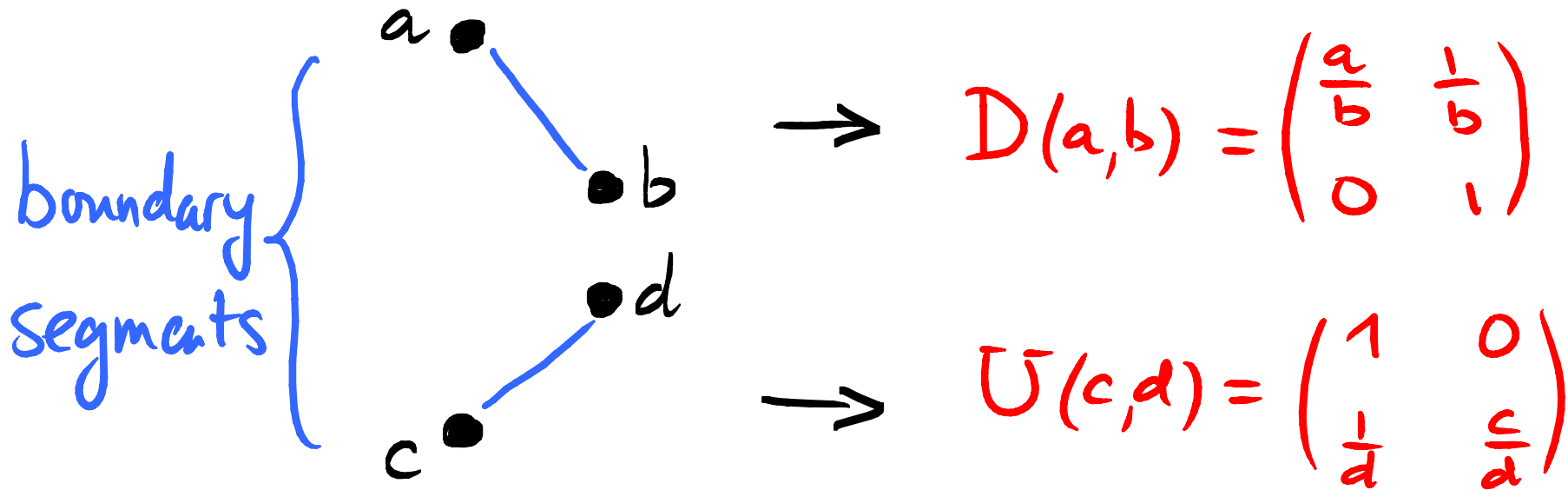
$$D(a,b)U(b,c)$$



$$U(a,b')D(b',c)$$

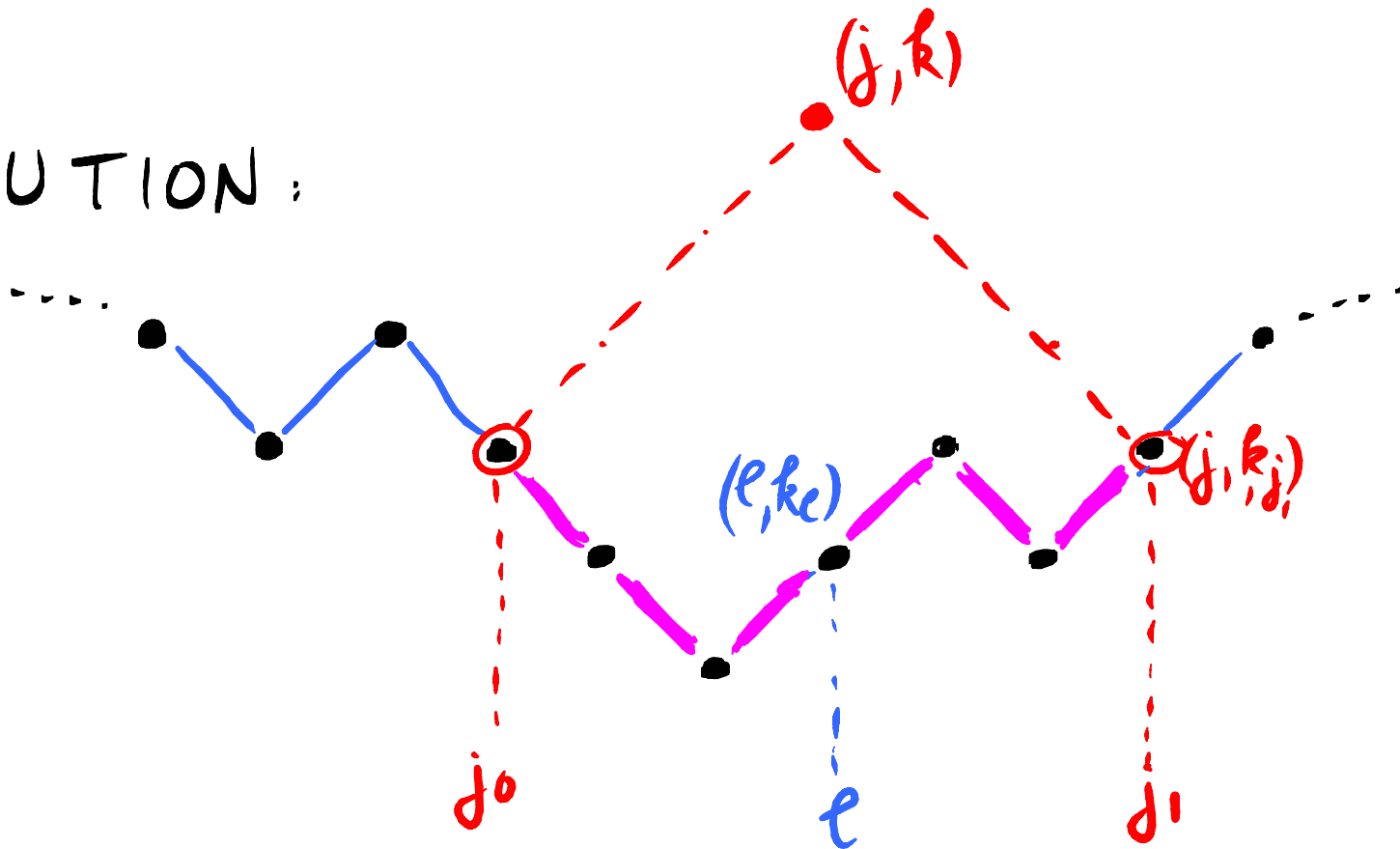


# MATRIX REPRESENTATION:



(Flat  $GL(2)$  connection)  $\leftrightarrow$  (integrability)

SOLUTION:



$$\frac{T_{j,k}}{T_{j_1,k_1}} = \left[ \prod_{l=j_0}^{j_1-1} \left\{ \begin{matrix} D \\ U \end{matrix} \right\} (k_l, k_{l+1}) \right]_{1,1} \leftarrow (1,1) \text{ element}$$

"Transfer matrix"

Note: (1) the arguments of  $D, U$  are

values of  $T_{j,k_j}$  from the initial data

(2) entries are all  $> 0$  Laurent monomials

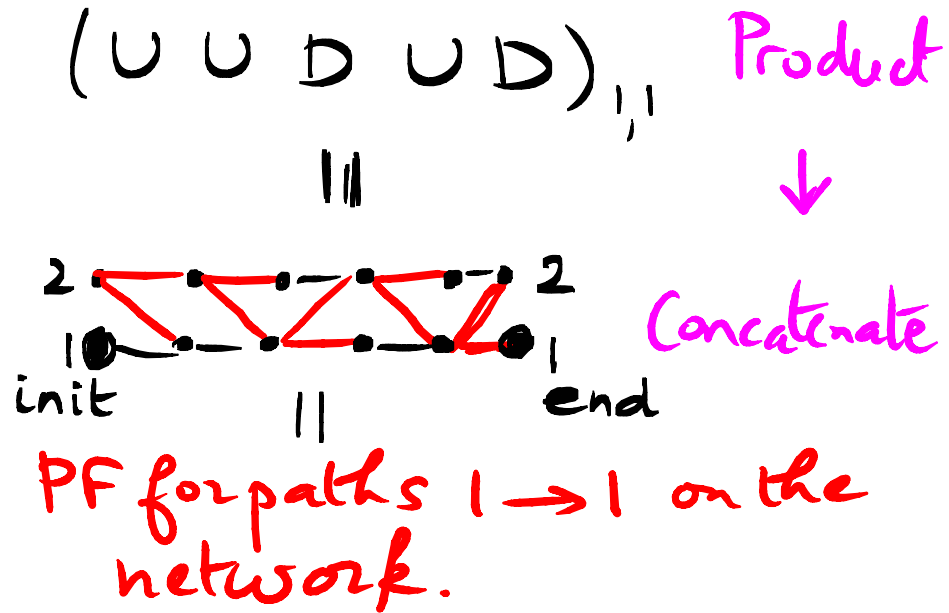
$\Rightarrow$  LAURENT POSITIVITY

# NETWORK FORMULATION

weighted graphs (oriented left-right)

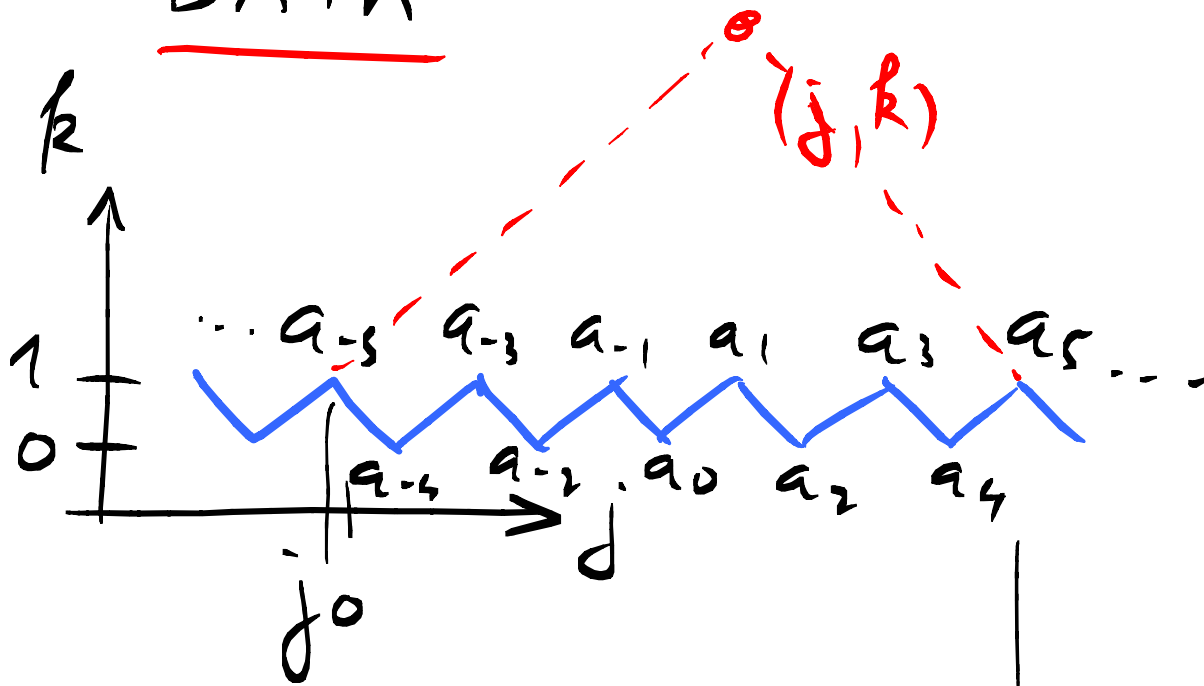
$$D(a, b) = \begin{pmatrix} a & \frac{1}{b} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{array}{ccc} 2 & \xrightarrow{1} & 2 \\ & \searrow^{1/b} & \\ 1 & \xrightarrow{a/b} & 1 \end{array}$$

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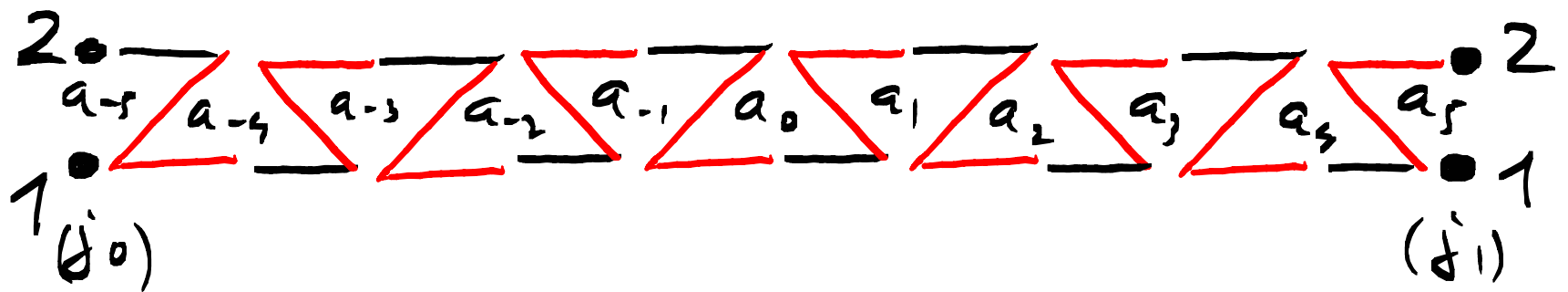
# PARTICULAR CASE: THE "FLAT" INITIAL

DATA



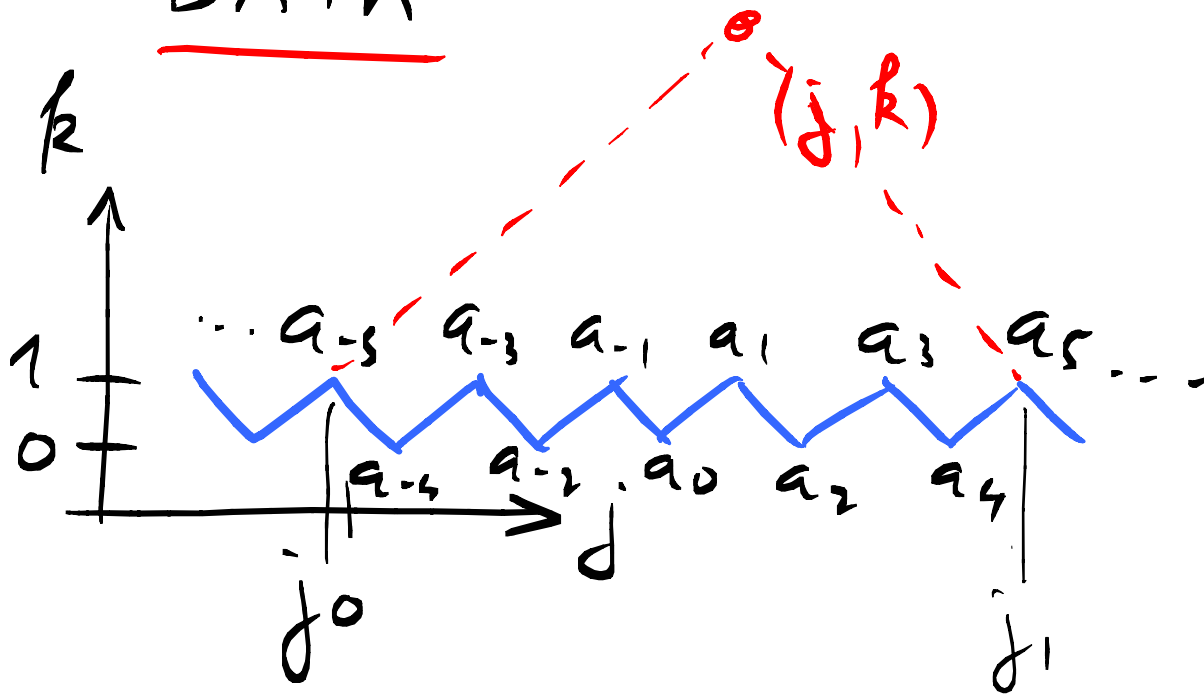
$$T_{jk} = \left( \frac{j_1 - 1}{j_0} DU \right)_{1,1} a_{j_1}$$

NETWORK



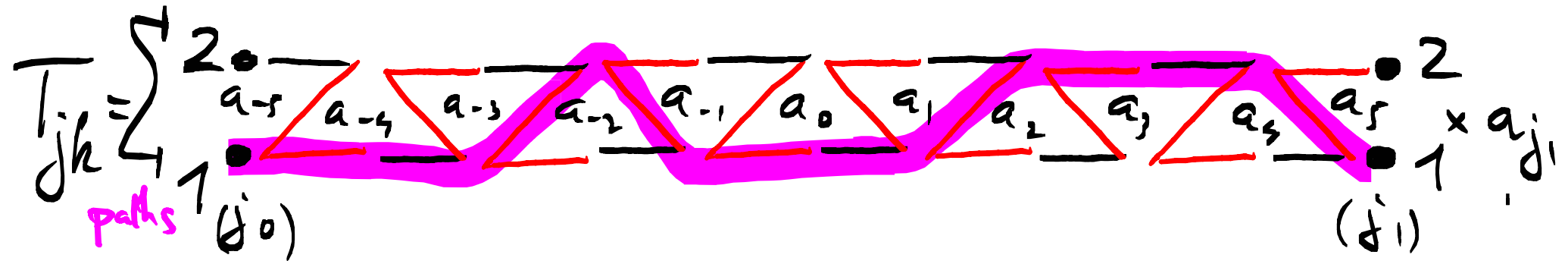
# PARTICULAR CASE: THE "FLAT" INITIAL

## DATA



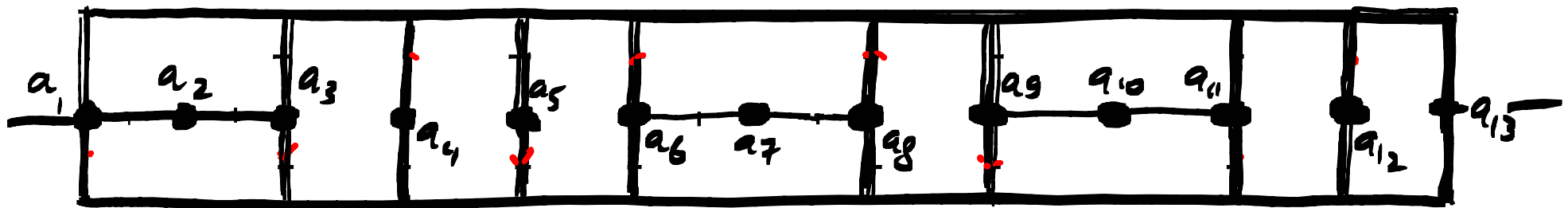
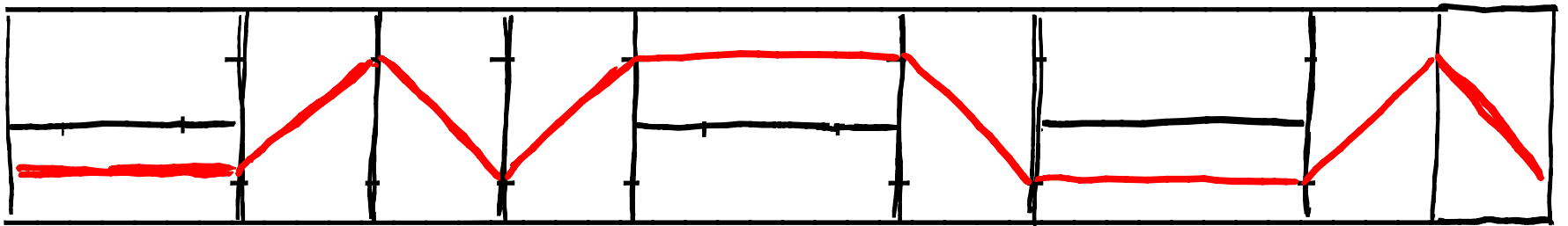
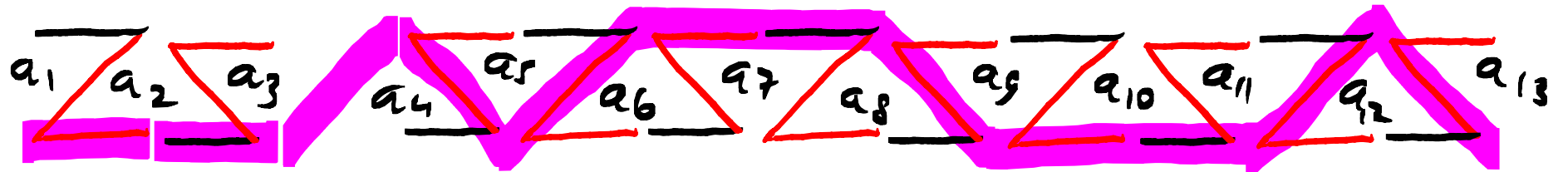
$$T_{jk} = \left( \prod_{j_0}^{j_1} DU \right)_{1,1} a_{j_1}$$

## NETWORK

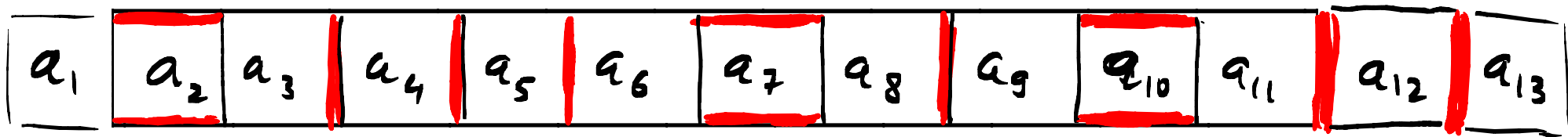
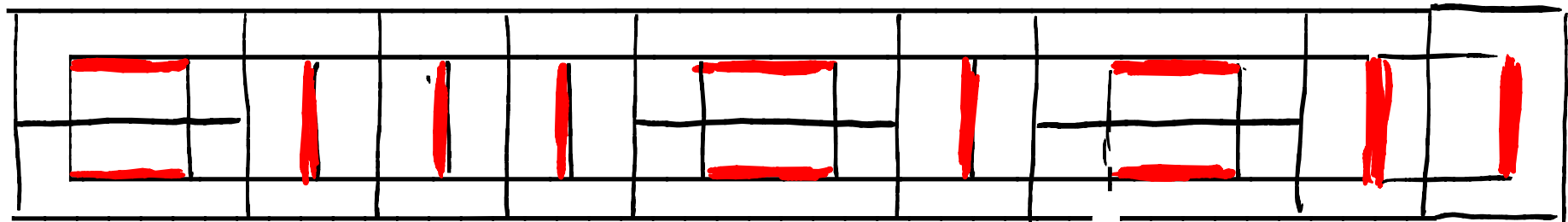
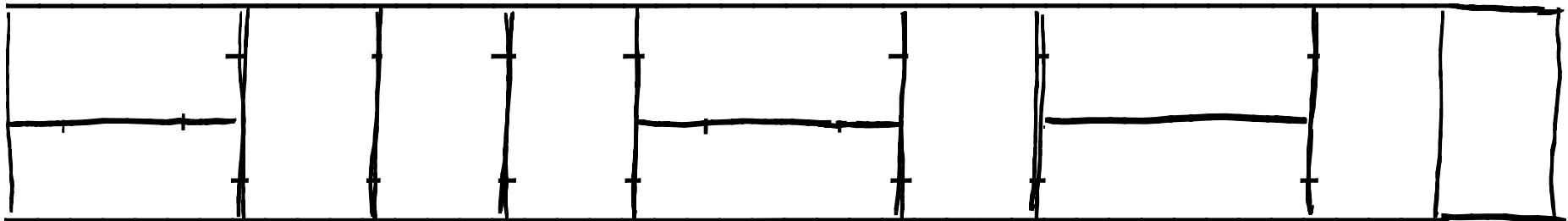




# FROM PATHS TO DOMINO TILINGS



# From Dominoes to Dimers



$$\text{Weight} = \prod a_i^{1-D_i}$$

$\swarrow$  # dimers on square  $i$

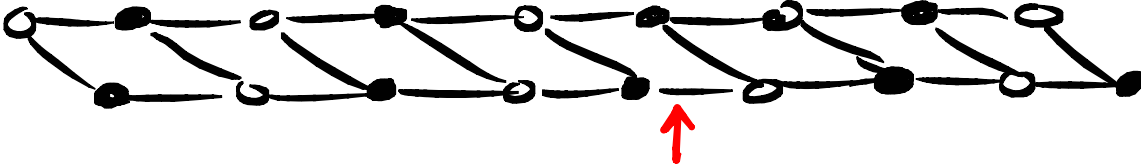
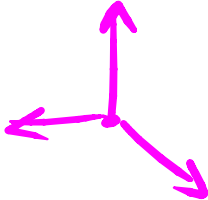
## CONCLUSION :

- we can think of  $D, U$  as transfer matrices for tiling/dimer model.
- Laurent positivity  $\Leftrightarrow$  positivity of the Boltzmann weights of the dimers
- Coefficients count dimer configurations

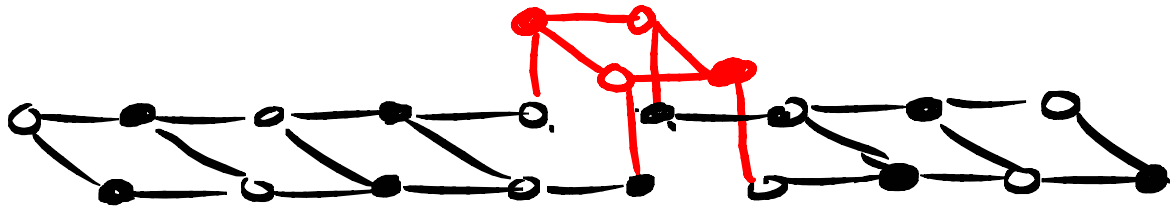
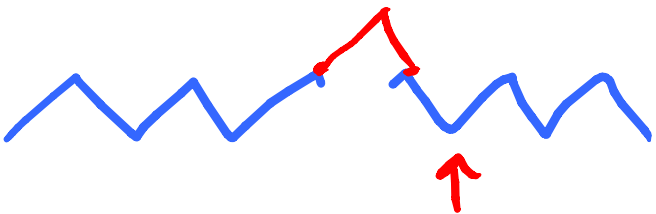
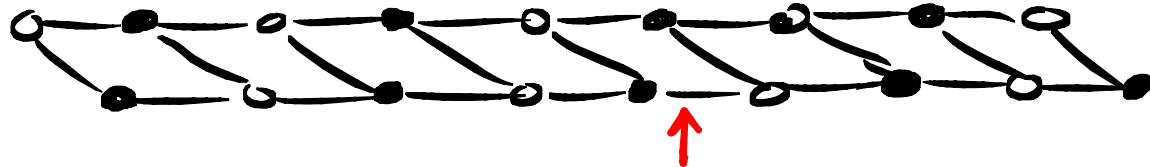
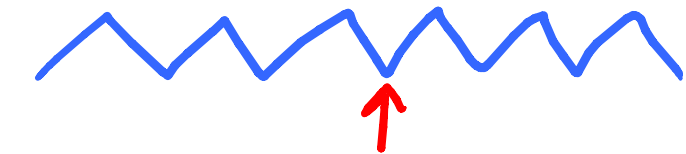
MUTATIONS  $\cong$



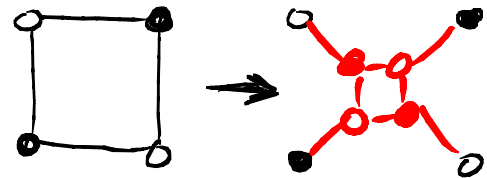
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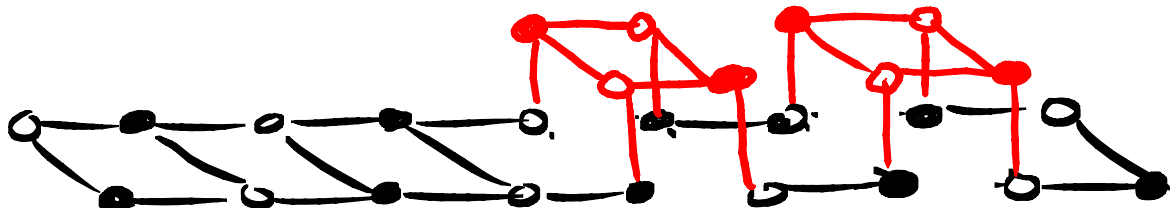
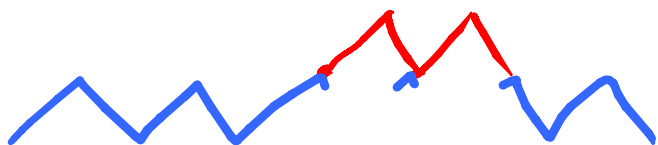
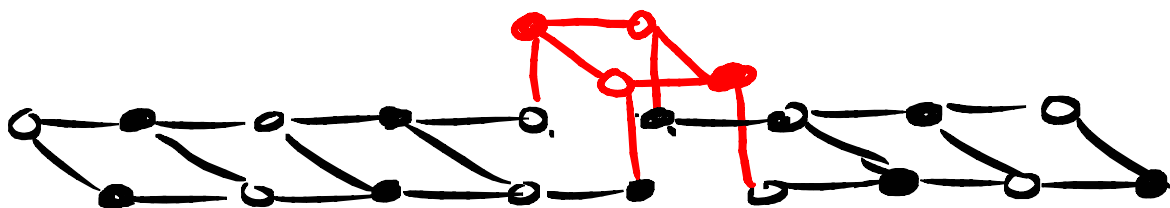
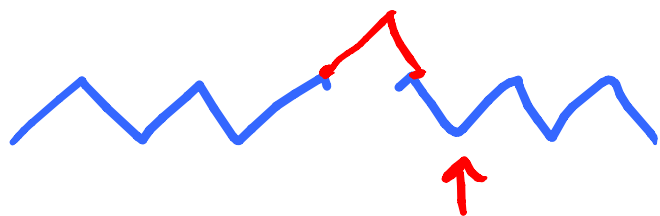
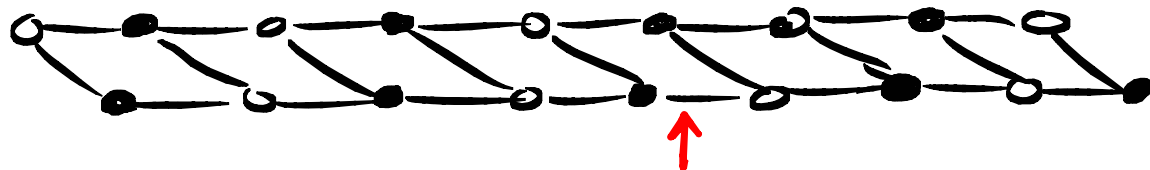
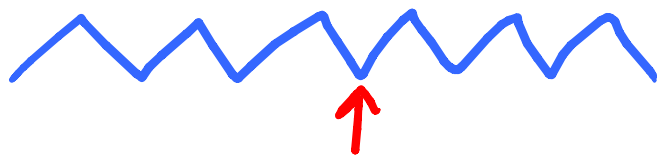
# MUTATIONS ?



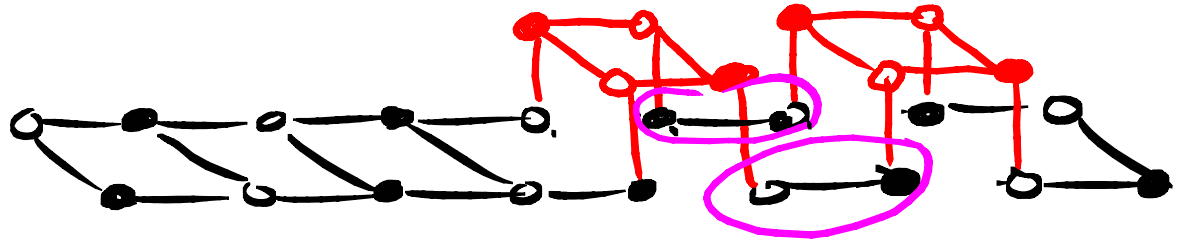
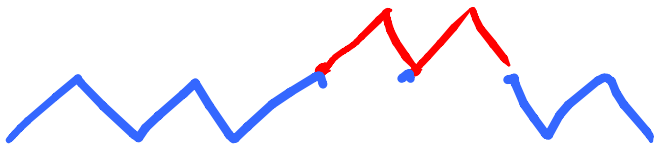
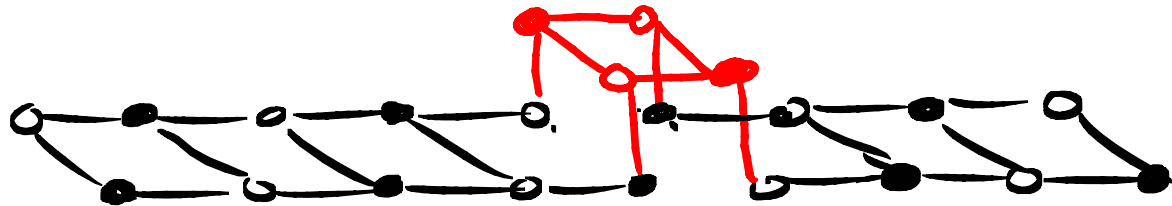
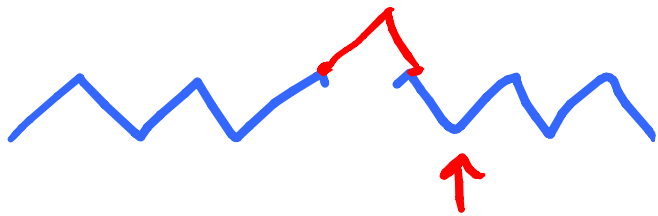
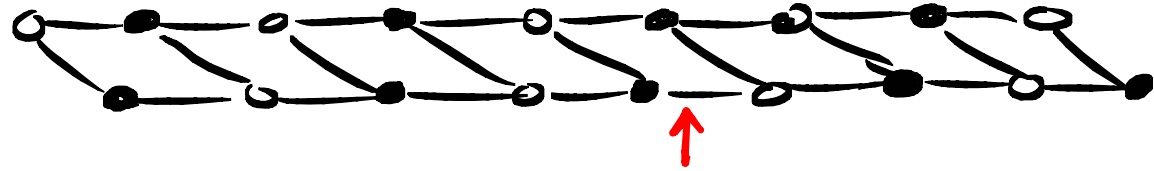
"Urban Renewal"



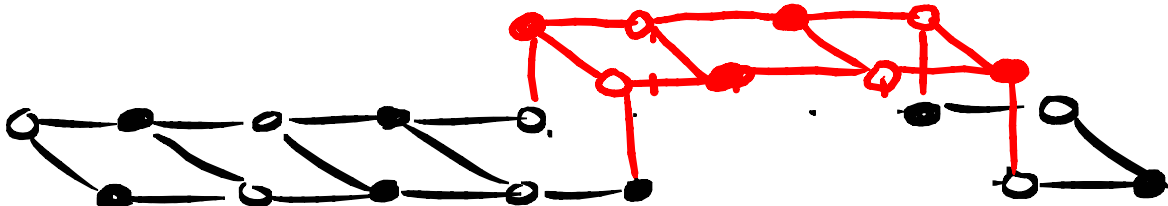
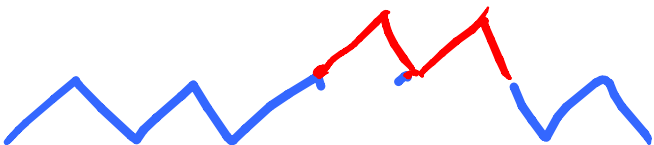
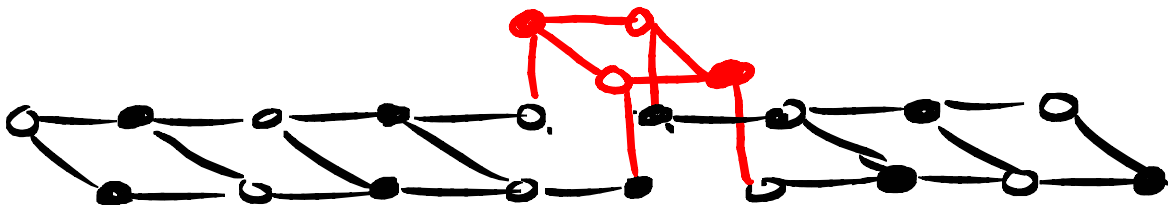
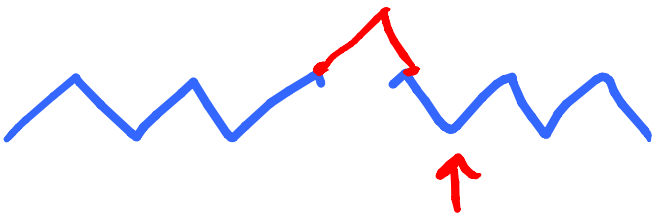
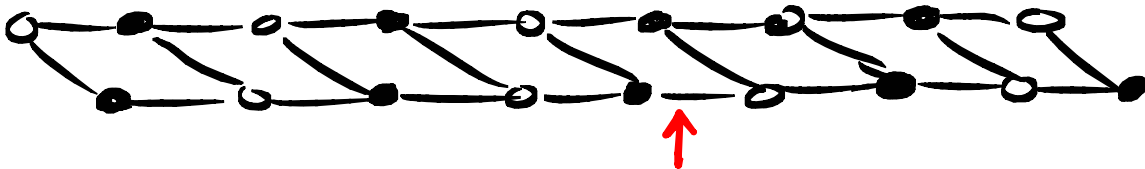
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etc.



weights :

$$w(\text{square}) = a^{1-d}$$

$$w(\text{hexagon}) = a^{2-d}$$

$d = \#$  dimers around the <sup>square</sup> hexagon

**THM**

for any given initial data

$$T_{ij} = \sum_{\text{dimers on 3D ladder graph}} \Pi(\text{face weights})$$

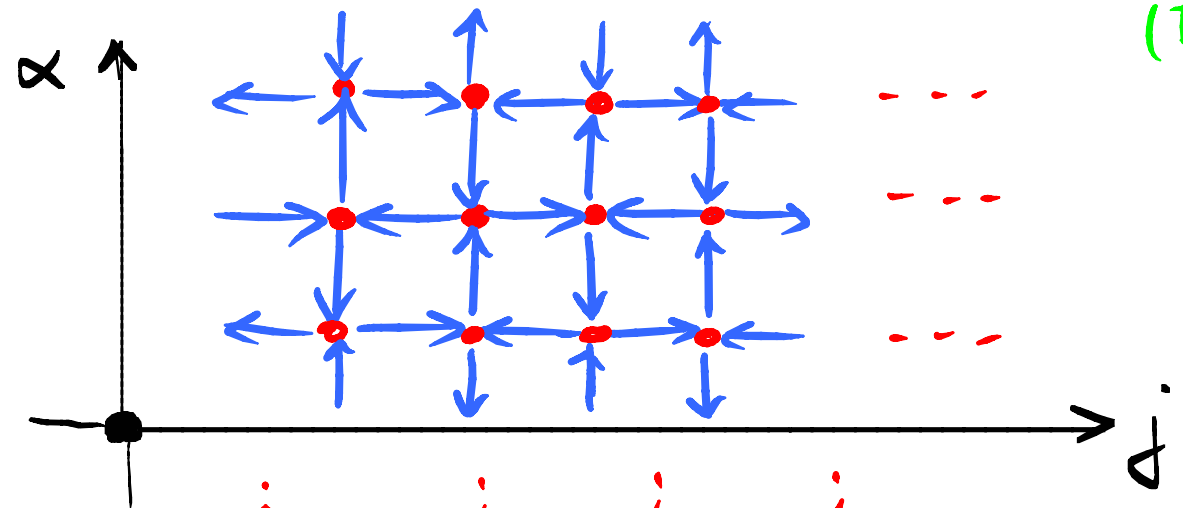
"reverse quantum gravity"  $Z = \text{invariant (surface + weights)}$

# 5. OCTAHEDRON eqn from Cluster Alg. to Dimers

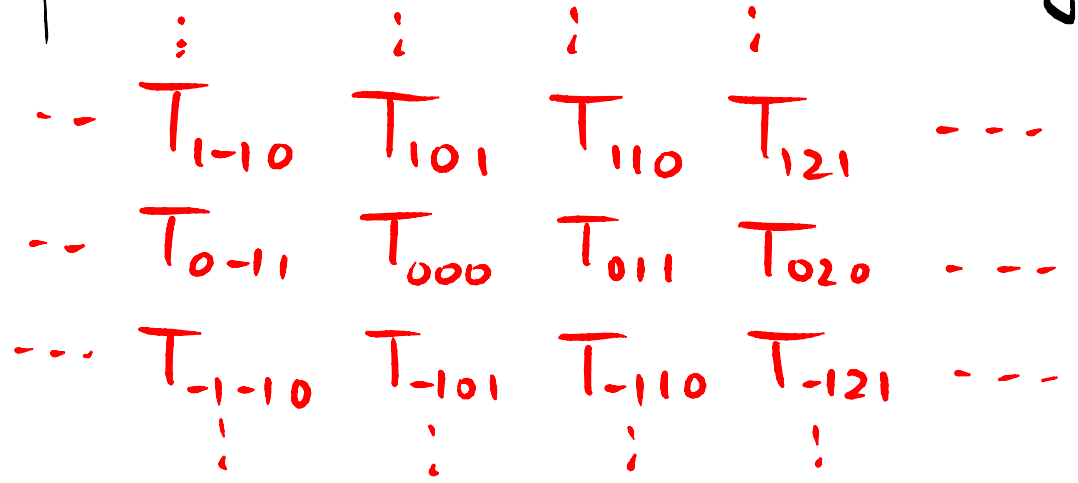
**THM** The octahedron move is a mutation in an infinite rank Cluster Algebra

(DF Kedem 09)

Quiver:



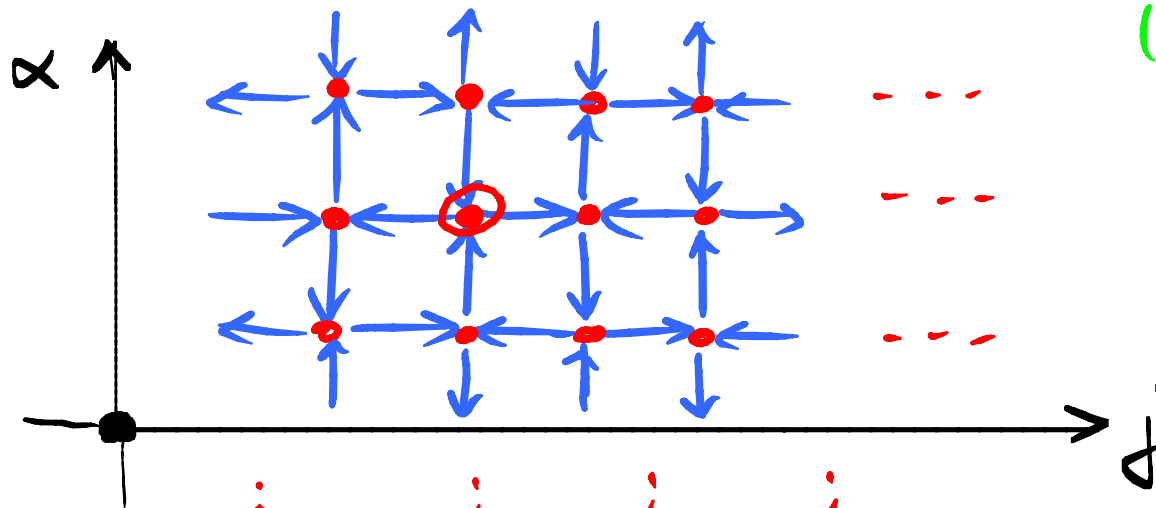
Cluster :



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Quiver:  
mutation



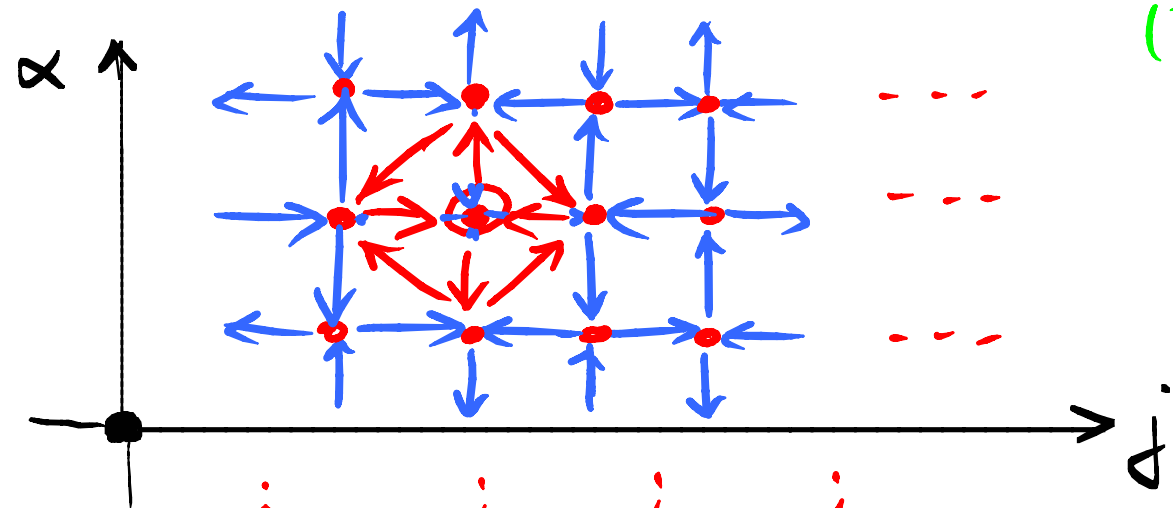
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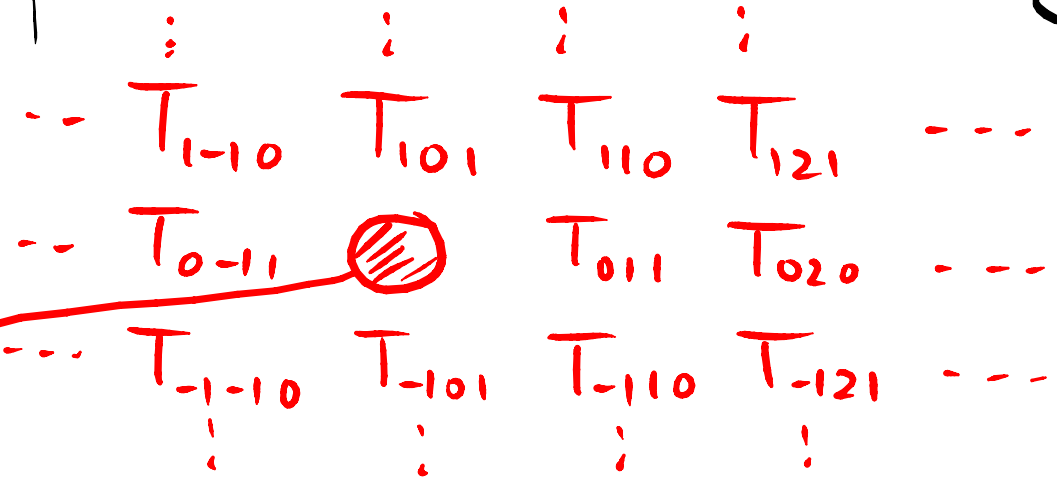
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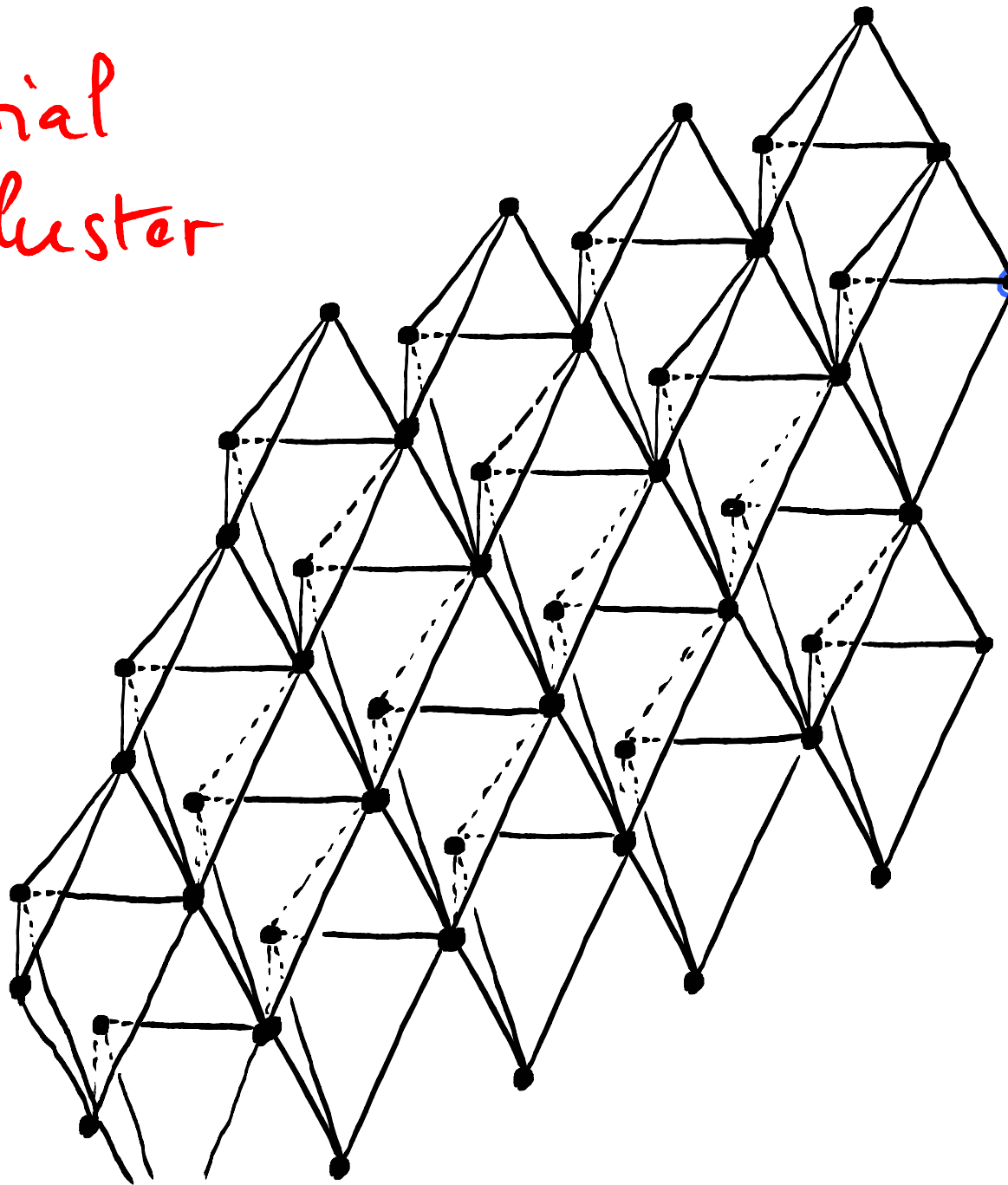


Cluster :

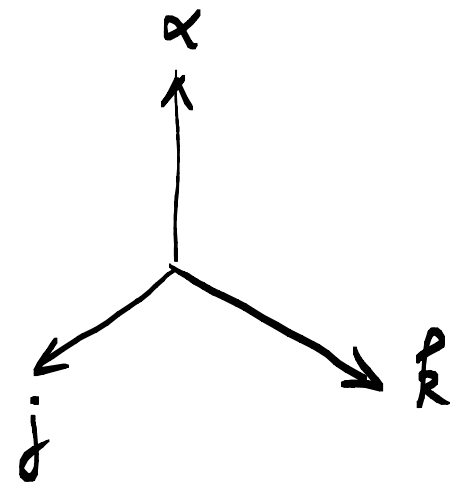


$$\frac{T_{0-11}T_{011} + T_{101}T_{-101}}{T_{000}}$$

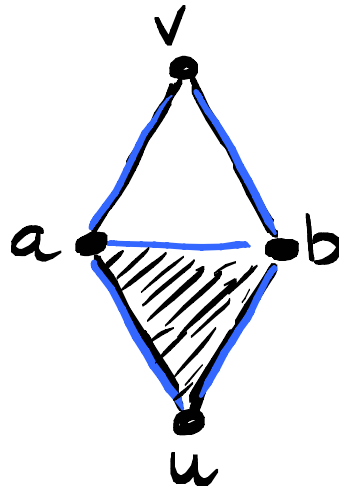
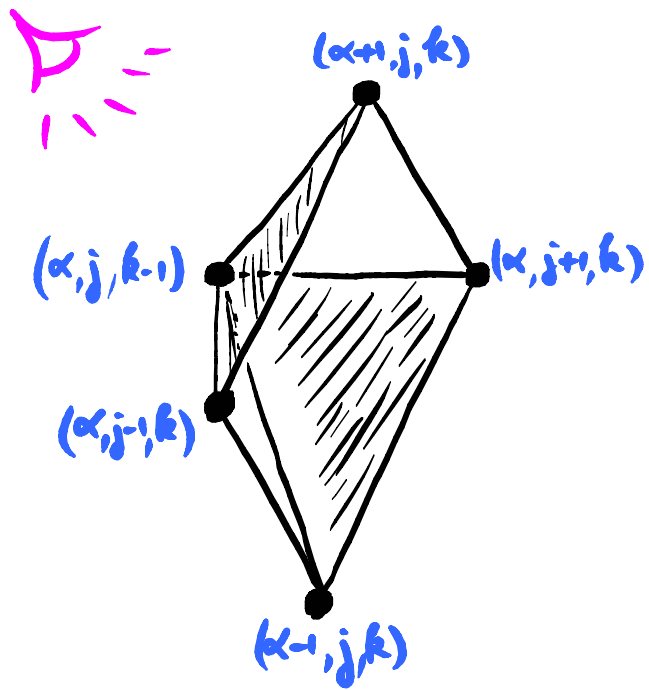
initial cluster



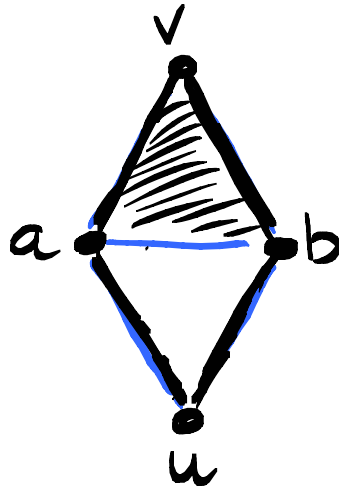
$T_{\alpha,j,k}$



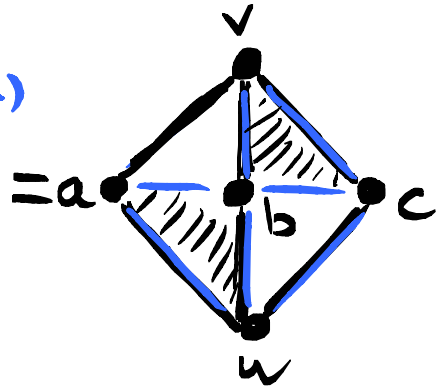
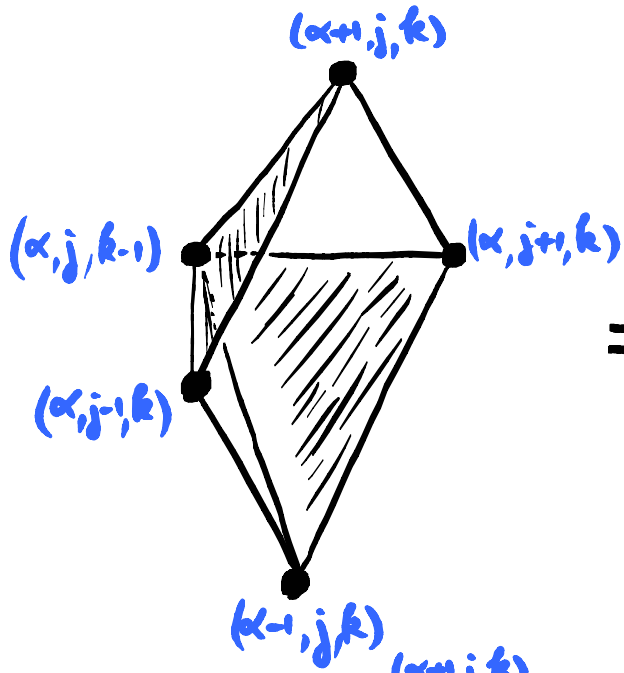
# POSITIVITY: EXACT SOLUTION BY MATRIX REPRESENTATION



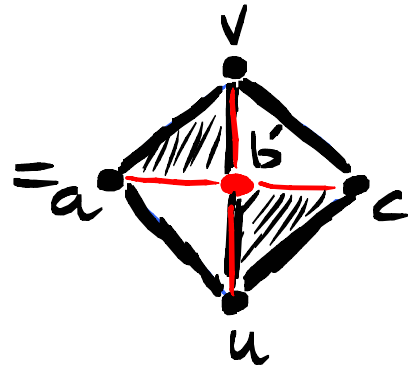
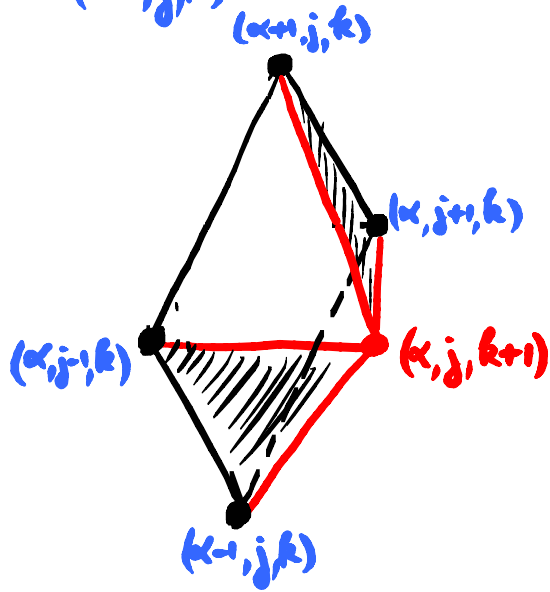
$$D(u, a, b) = \begin{pmatrix} a & u \\ b & b \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



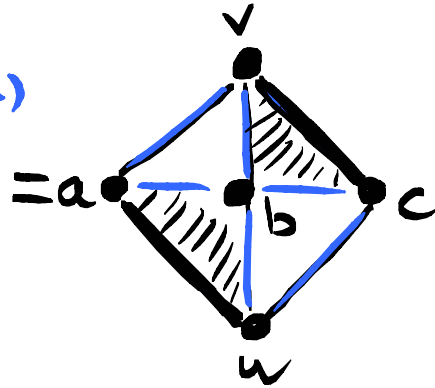
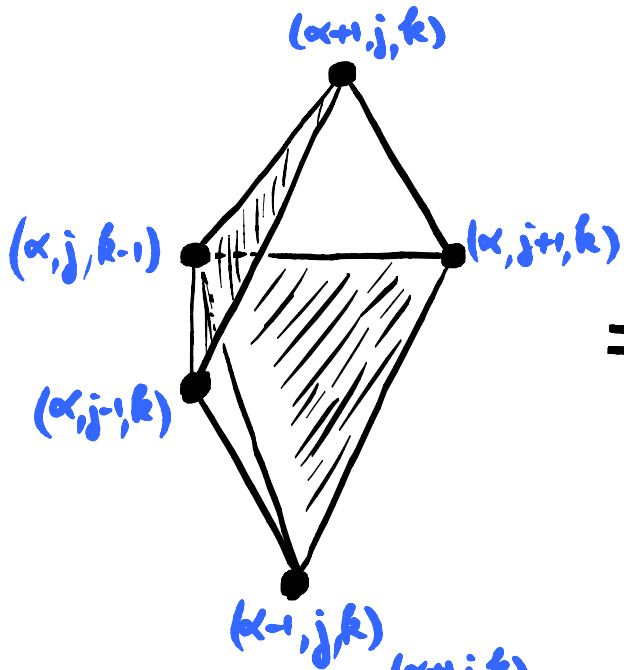
$$U(a, b, v) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ b/v & b/a \end{pmatrix}$$



$$= D(u, ab) U(b, c, v)$$



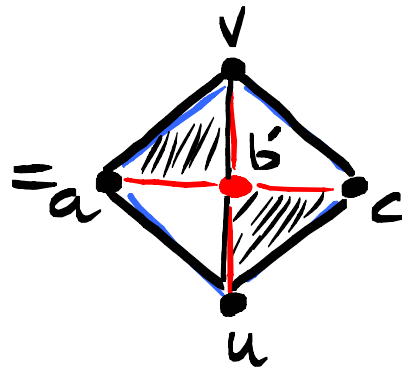
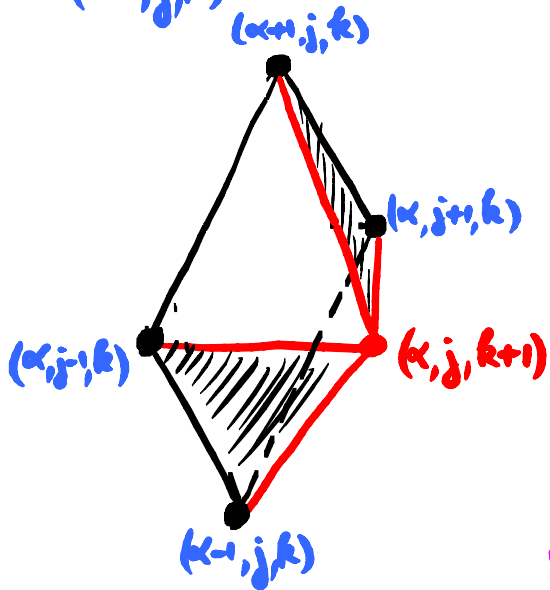
$$= U(a, b', v) D(u, b'c)$$



$$= D(u, a, b) U(b, c, v)$$



$$\Leftrightarrow bb' = ac + uv$$



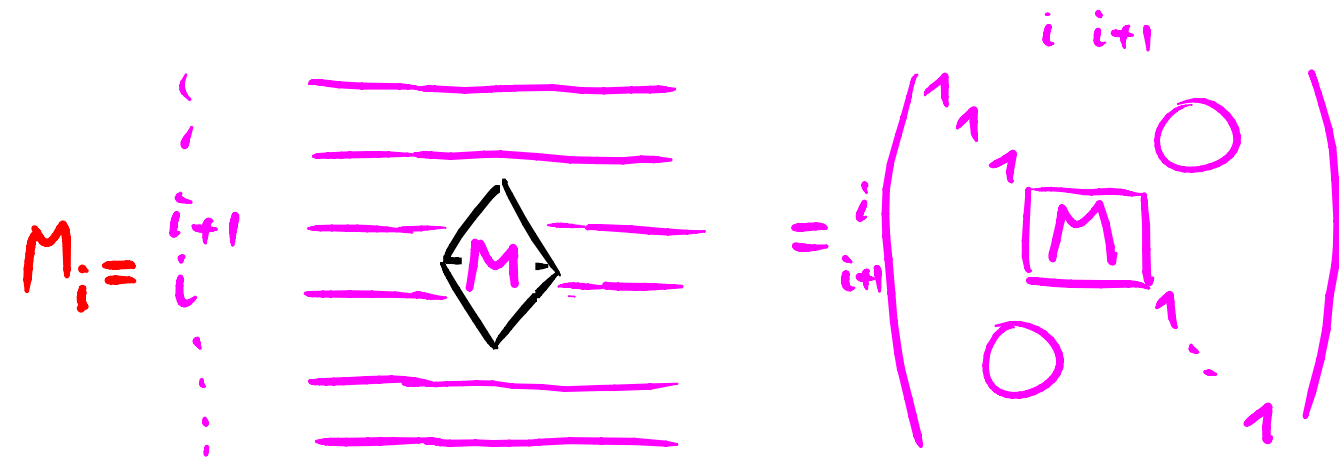
$$= U(a, b', v) D(u, b', c)$$

"Flat connection"  
(related to Yang-Baxter eq)





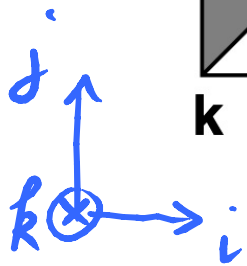
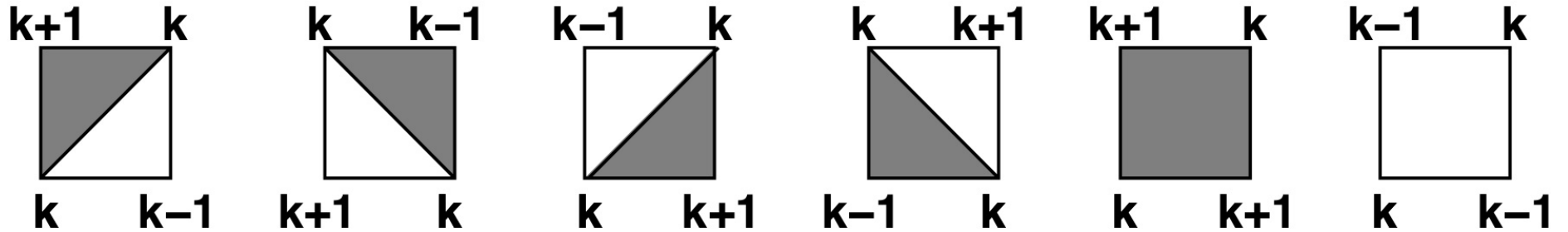
- Attach to the initial data stepped surface a product of  $D, U$  matrices:



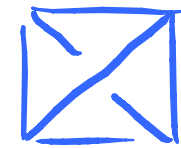
- Product rule:  $M_i \cdot P_j$  iff  $\langle M \rangle$  to the left of  $\langle P \rangle$

- well-defined for any initial data stepped surface

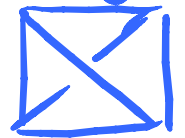
Rules:



Tetrahedron ambiguity



or

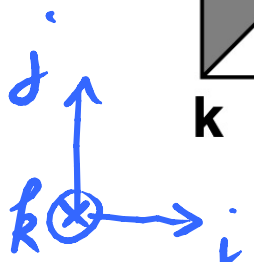
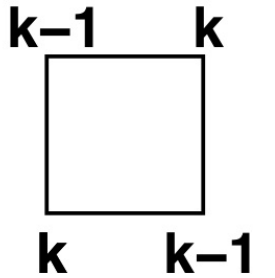
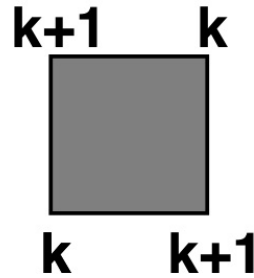
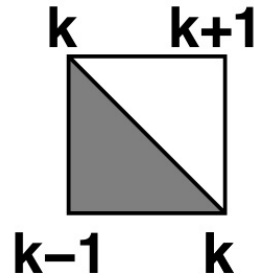
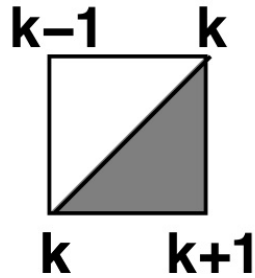
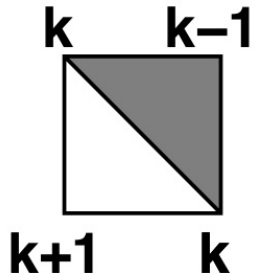
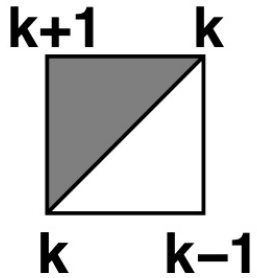


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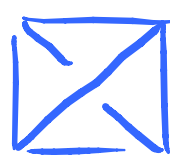
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Stepped surface = { vertices }  
but Triangulation not unique !

Rules:



Tetrahedron ambiguity



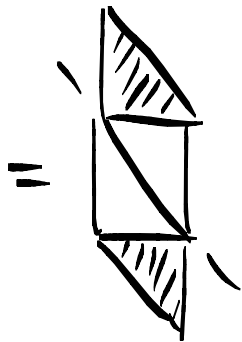
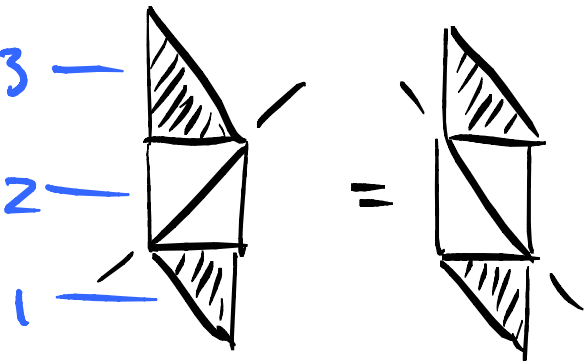
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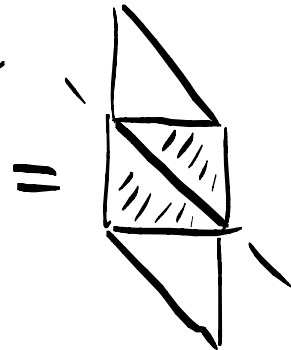
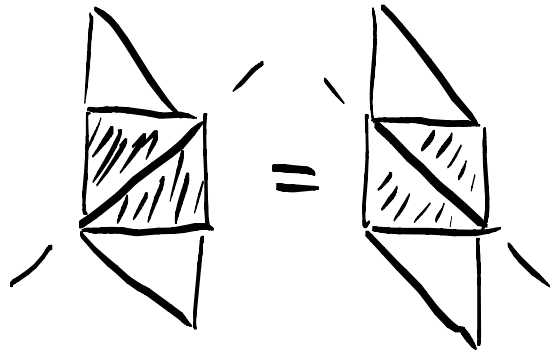
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The matrix reps does not see this



&



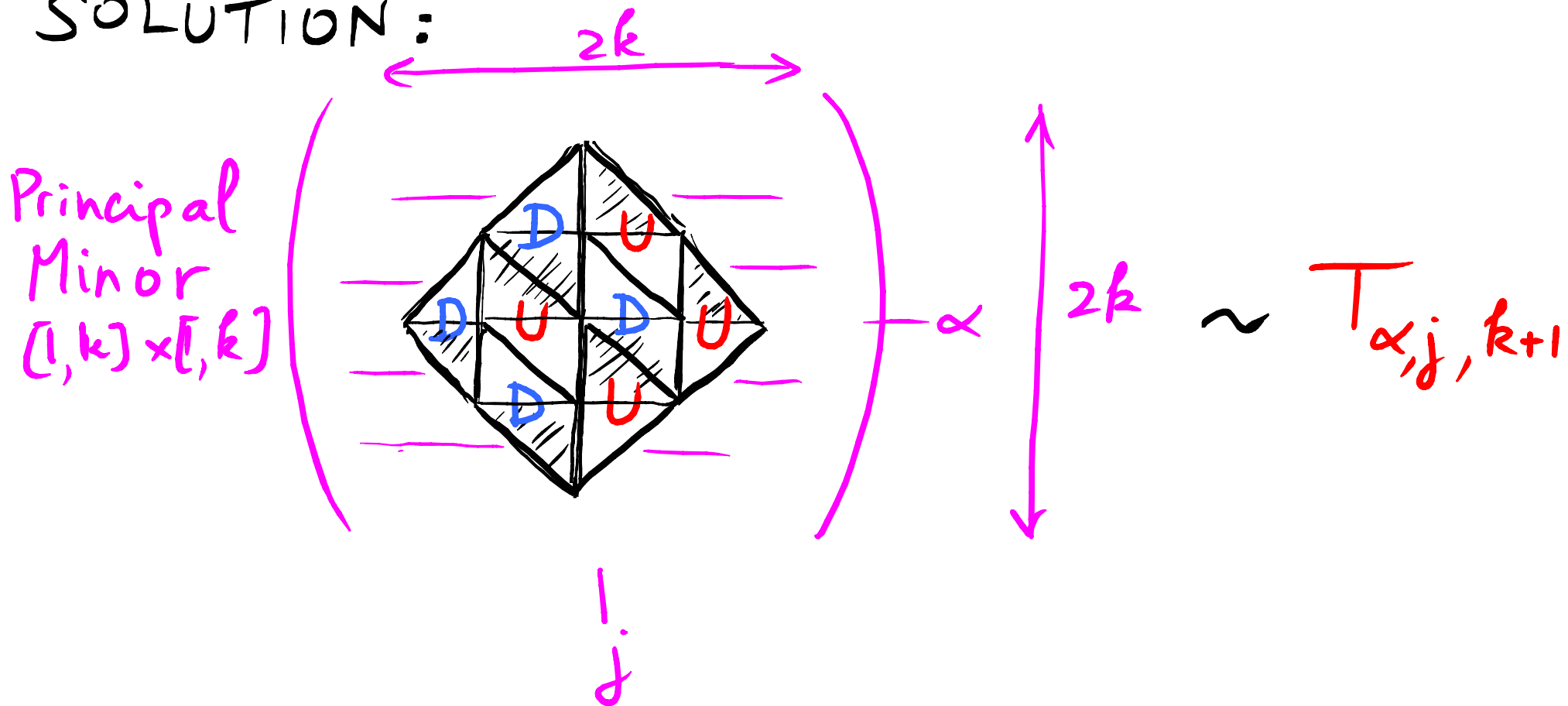
$$U_{23} V_{12} = V'_{12} U'_{23}$$

$$V_{23} U_{12} = U'_{12} V'_{23}$$



Matrix product depends only on surface not Triangulation

SOLUTION:

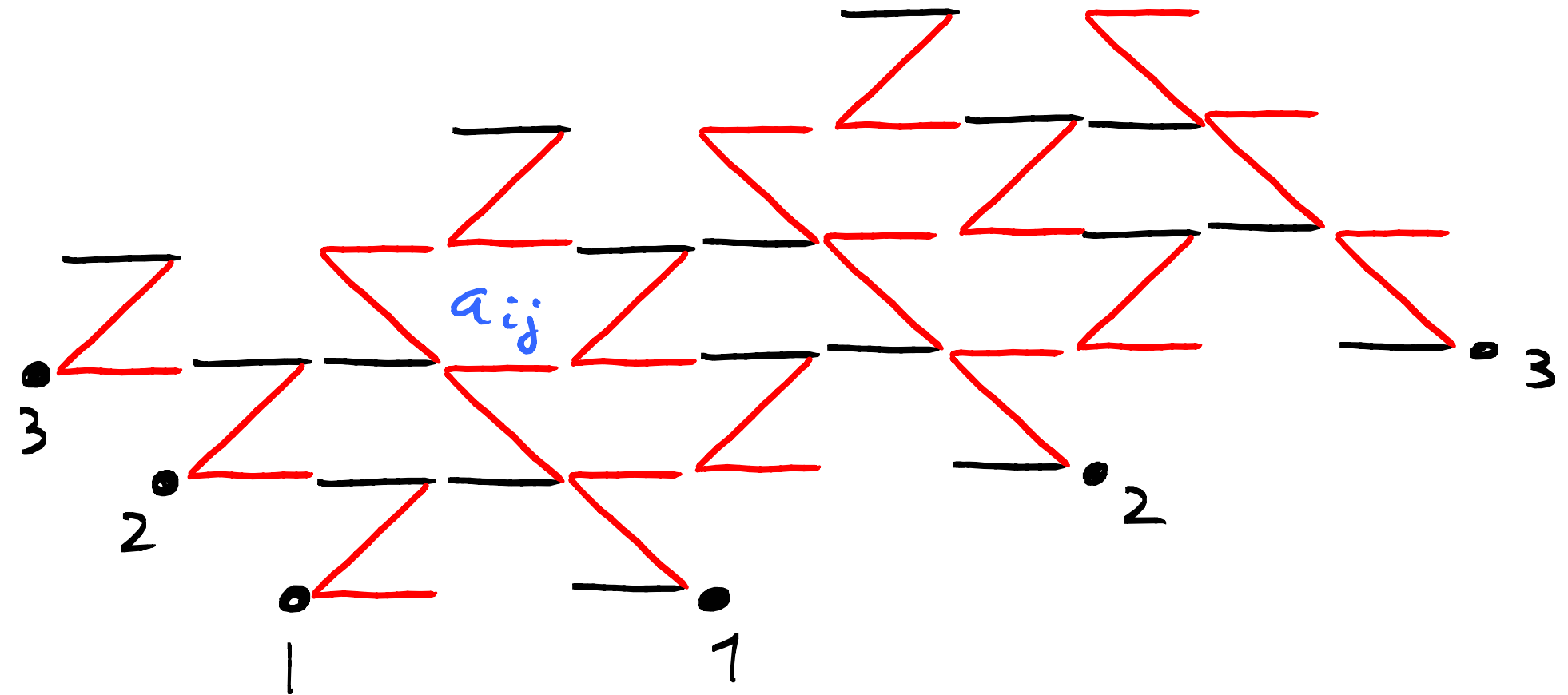


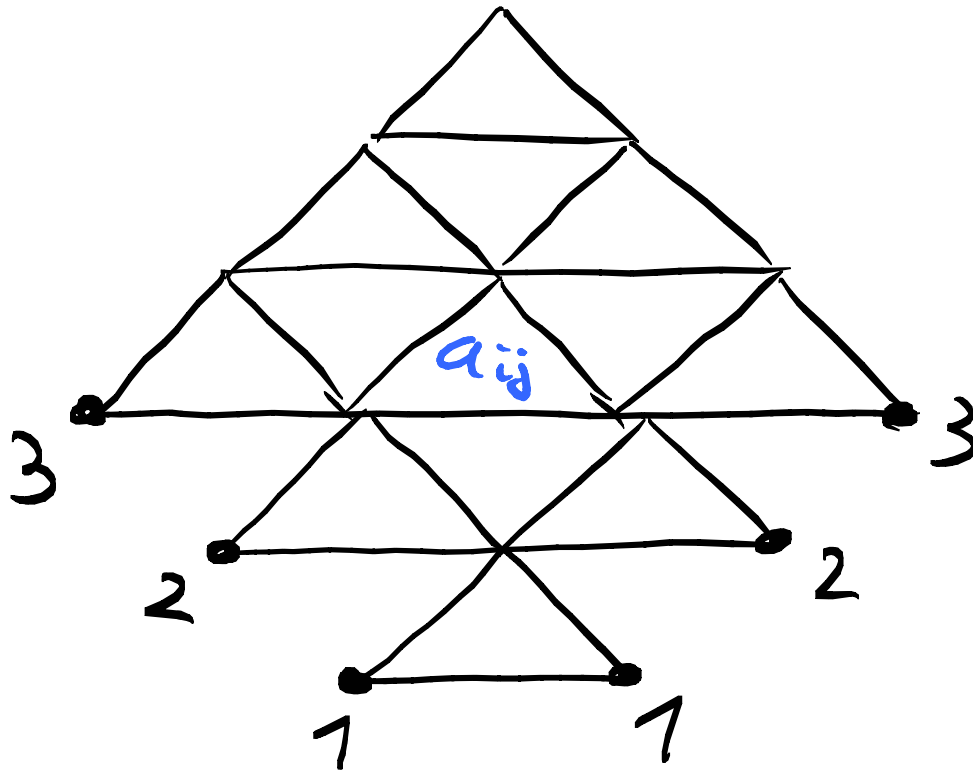
POSITIVITY:

entries of  $D, U$  are  $\geq 0$  monomials of initial data  $\Rightarrow$  Laurent Positivity

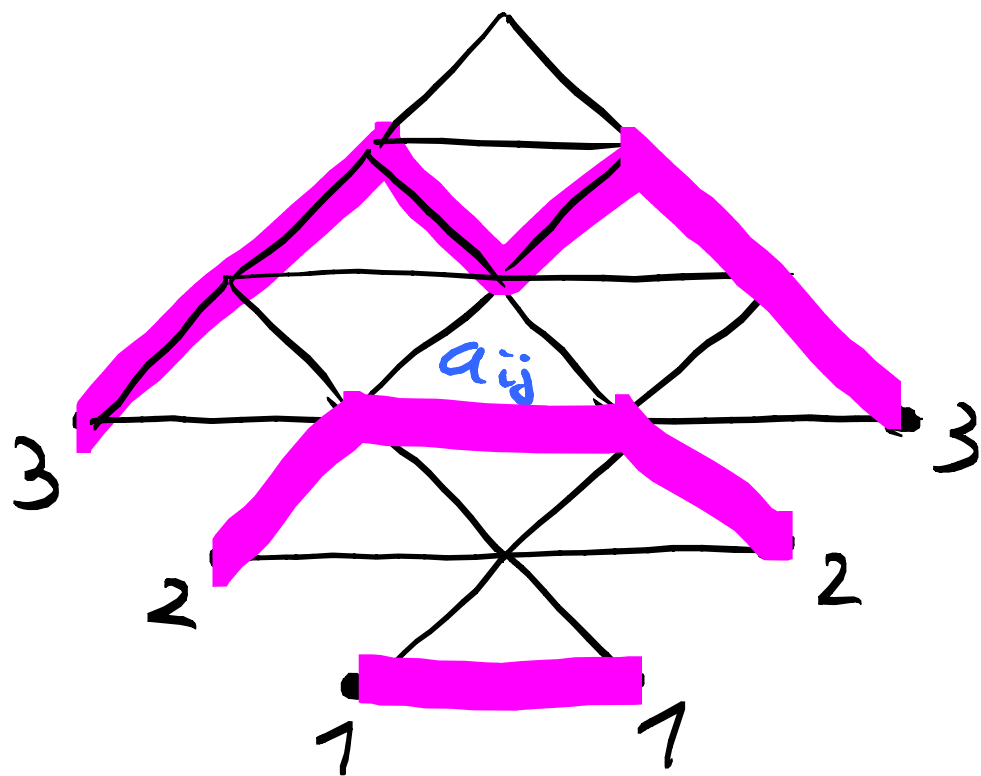
# NETWORK FORMULATION (FLAT CASE)

$$D = \overline{Z} \quad U = \underline{\Sigma}$$



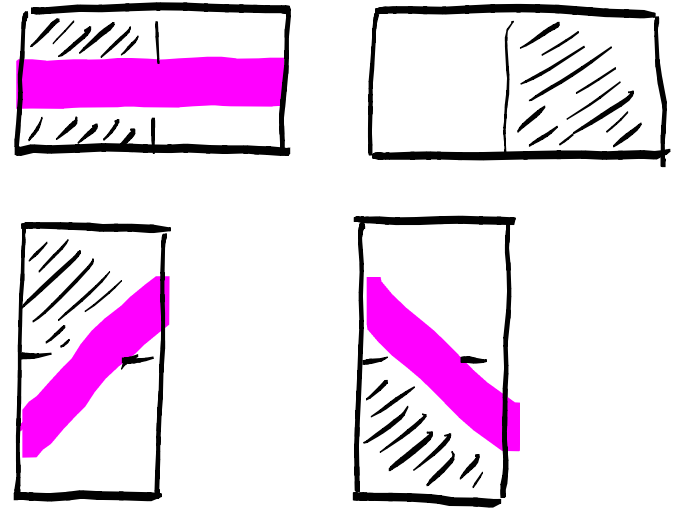
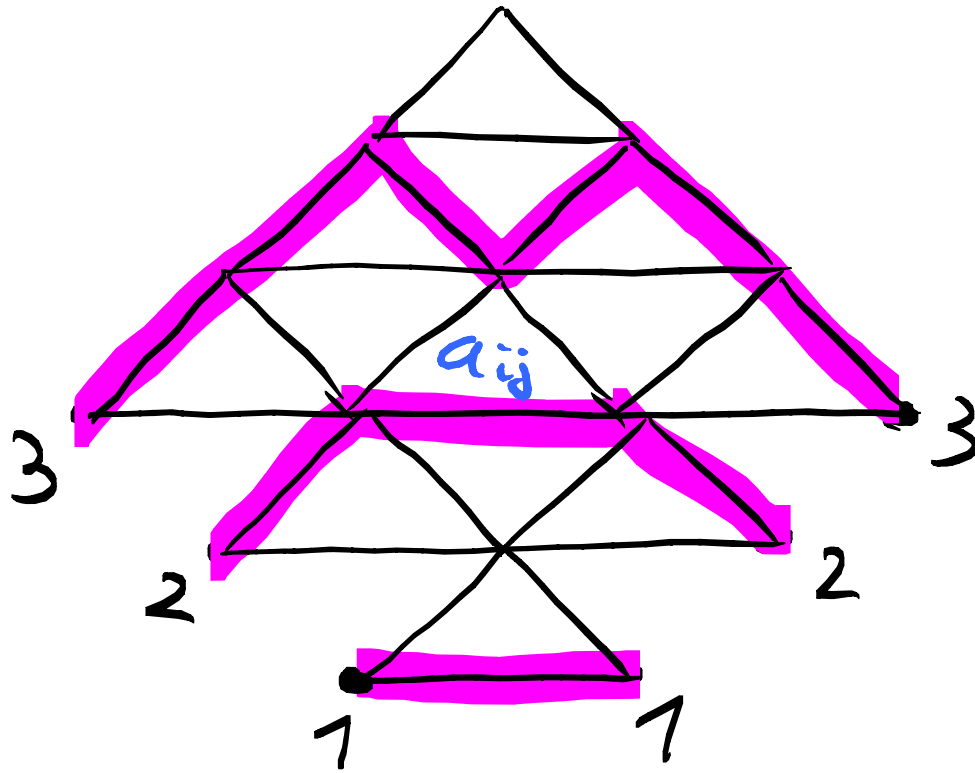


By Gessel-Vicantot:  
 principal minor =  
 $\sum$  non-intersecting  
 paths  $(1, 2, \dots, k) \rightarrow (1, 2, \dots, k)$



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# FROM NETWORK PATHS TO DOMINOS

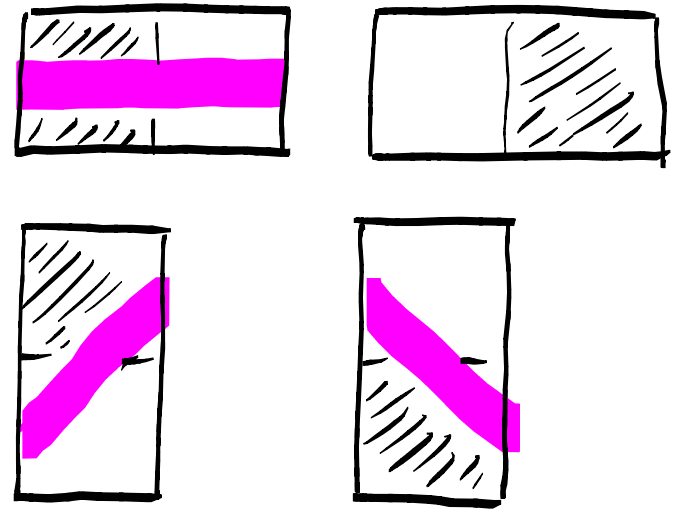
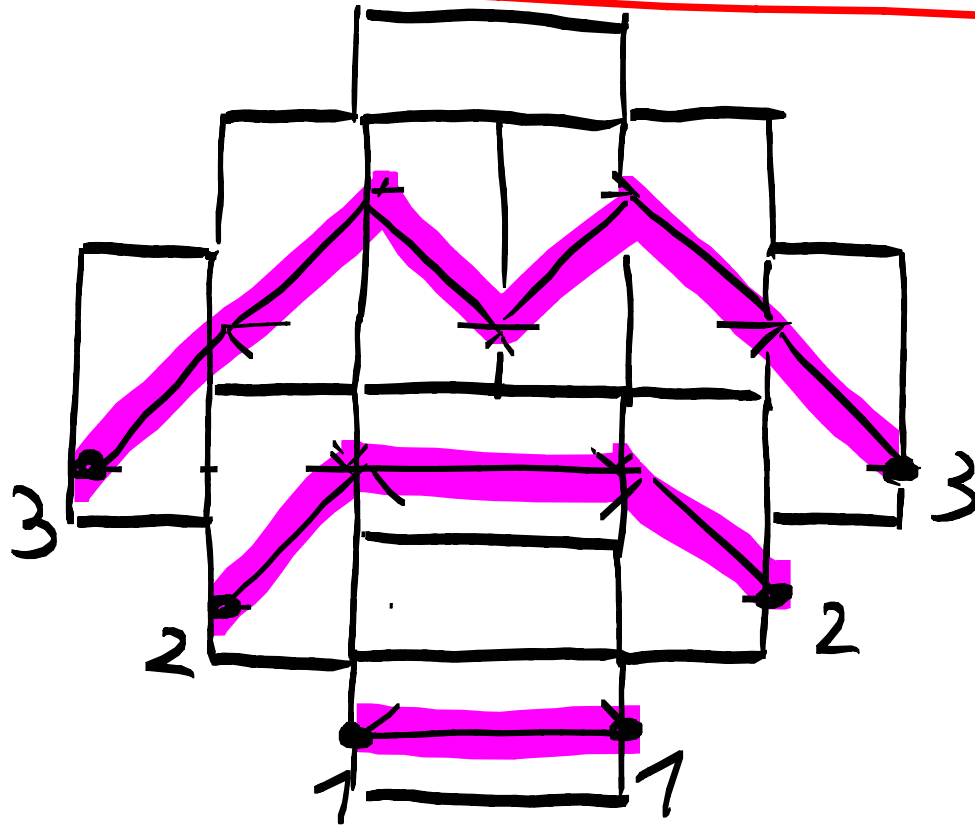


bijection  
path - tiling



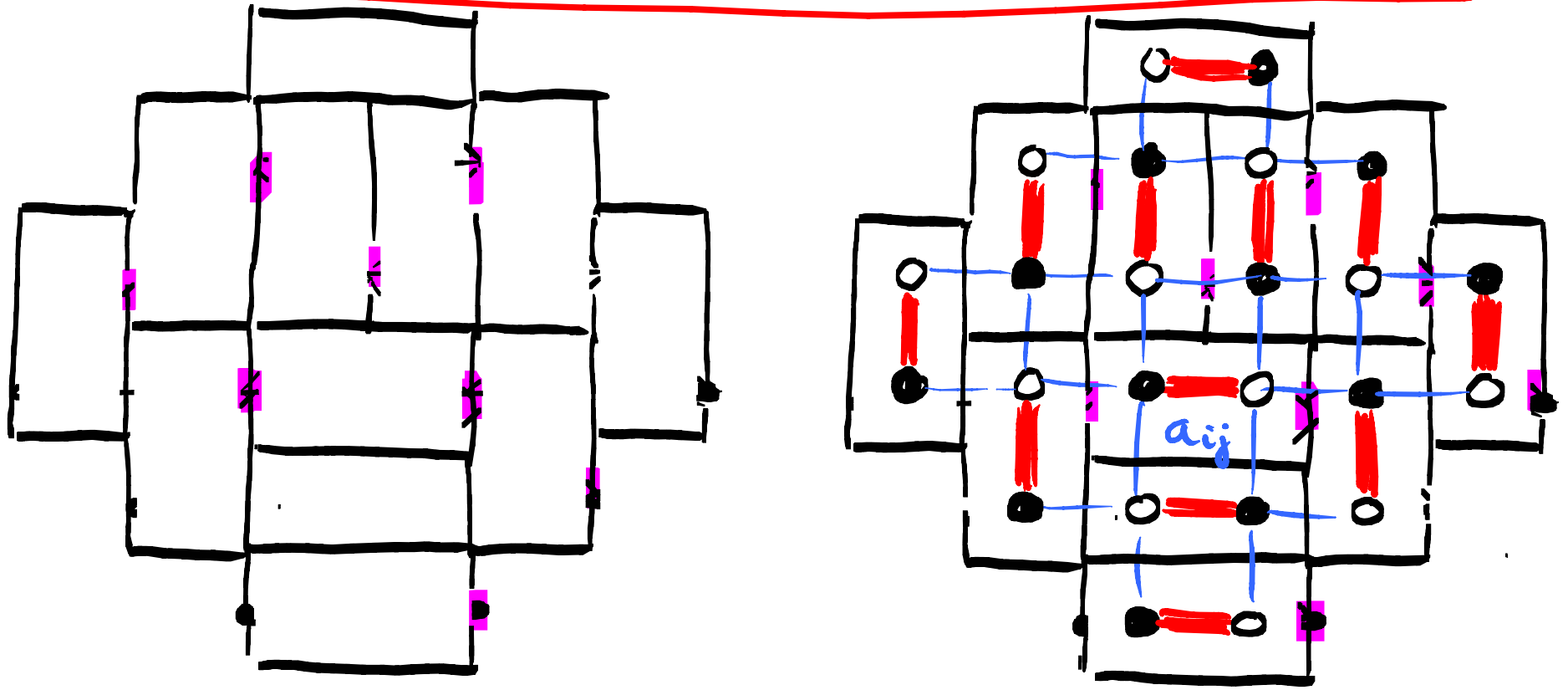
# FROM NETWORK PATHS TO DOMINOS

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Domino Tilings of the  $k \times k$  Aztec  
Diamond!  
(+ weights)

# FROM DOMINOS TO DIMERS



Dimer Coverings of the  $k \times k$  Aztec Graph

weight (  $\boxed{a}$  ) =  $a^{1-D. \leftarrow \begin{matrix} \text{\# dimers} \\ \text{around the face} \end{matrix}}$

## SUMMARY:

$T_{ijk}$  = partition function of dimer coverings of the  $k \times k$  Aztec Graph with weights Laurent monomials in the initial data. ( $= \prod a_{ij}^{1-D_{ij}}$ )

[Speyer, DF Kedem]

# 6. ARCTIC CURVES

## A. UNIFORM CASE

- Consider the solution with initial data  $T_{ij0} = T_{ij1} = 1$   
 (at  $x=1 : T_{ijk} = 2^{k(k-1)/2}$ )  $T_{001} = x$
- Define  $\beta_{ijk} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \log T_{ijk} \Big|_{x=1} = \langle 1 - D_{00} \rangle$  (susceptibility)
- Differentiate octahedron eqn:  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (TT = TT + TT) \Big|_{x=1}$

Then:  $2(\beta_{ijk+1} + \beta_{ijk-1}) = \beta_{i+1jk} + \beta_{i-1jk} + \beta_{ij+1k} + \beta_{ij-1k}$

- Define gen. function  $f(x, y, z) = \sum_{ijk \geq 0} x^i y^j z^k \beta_{ijk}$

$$f(x, y, z) = \frac{z}{1 + z^2 - \frac{1}{2} z \left( x + \frac{1}{x} + y + \frac{1}{y} \right)}$$

- Singularities from the denominator:
 
$$\begin{cases} x \rightarrow 1 - tx \\ y \rightarrow 1 - ty \\ z \rightarrow 1 + t(ux + vy) \\ t \rightarrow 0 \end{cases}$$

probes  $\int u_k, v_k, k$  as  $k \rightarrow \infty$

- Series expansion in  $t$ :

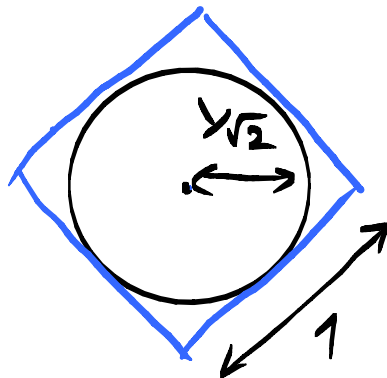
$$1 + z^2 - \frac{z}{2}(x + x^{-1} + y + y^{-1}) \approx \frac{t^2}{2} \underbrace{(4uvxy + (2u^2 - 1)x^2 + (2v^2 - 1)y^2)}_{P(x,y)}$$

- Singularity locus:  $P(x,y) = 0$  &  $\frac{\partial P}{\partial x}(x,y) = 0$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$$2(u^2 + v^2) - 1 = 0$$

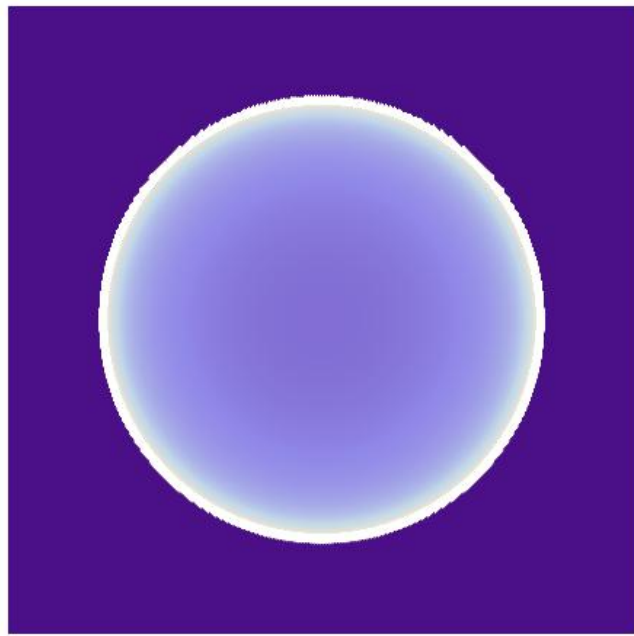
ARCTIC CIRCLE



Behavior of  $f_{ijk}$  for  $\frac{i}{k} \sim u$   $\frac{j}{k} \sim v$   $k \rightarrow \infty$

$$f(u, v) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} k f_{i, j, k} \begin{cases} = \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - 2(u^2 + v^2)}} & (u^2 + v^2 < \frac{1}{2}) \\ = 0 & (\text{otherwise}) \end{cases}$$

$v \uparrow$

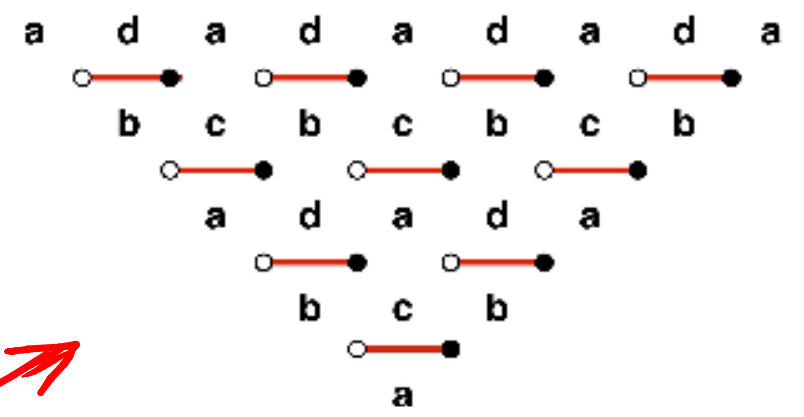
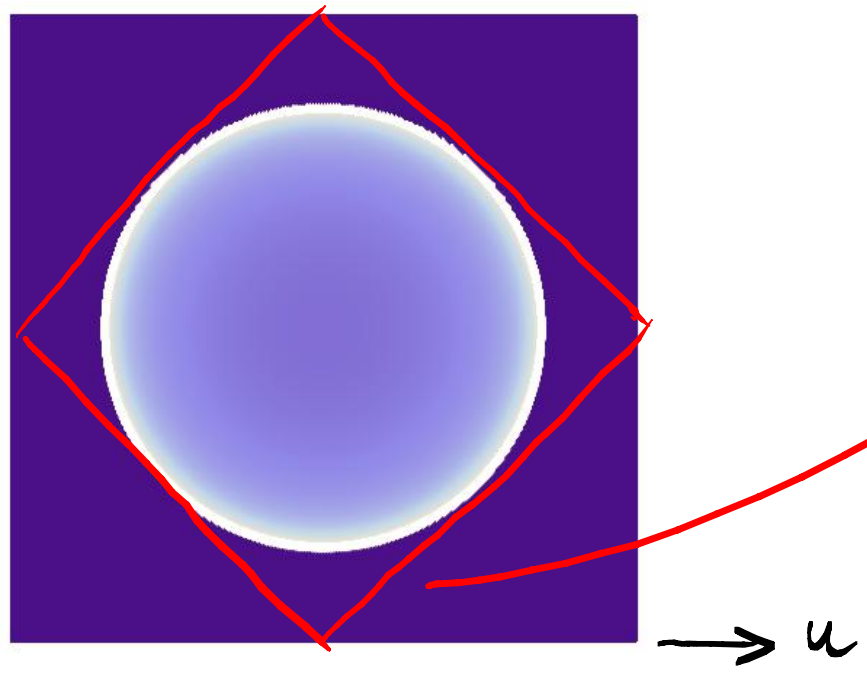


$u \rightarrow$

Behavior of  $\rho_{ijk}$  for  $\frac{i}{k} \sim u$   $\frac{j}{k} \sim v$   $k \rightarrow \infty$

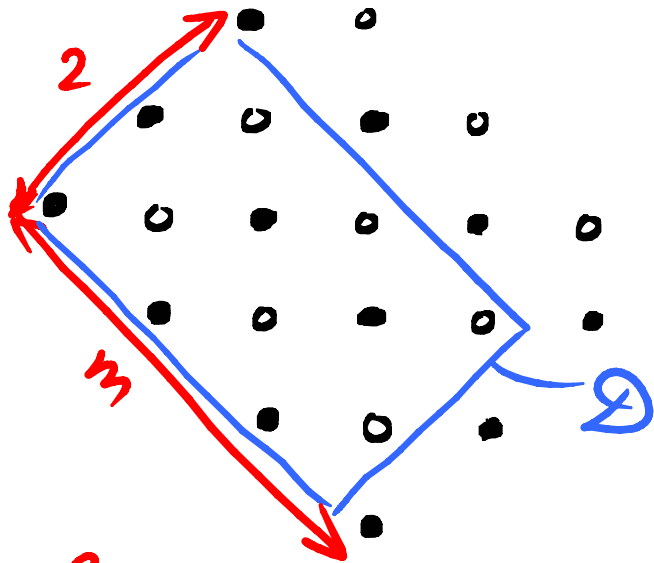
$$\rho(u,v) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} k \rho_{i,j,k} \begin{cases} = \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-2(u^2+v^2)}} & (u^2+v^2 < \frac{1}{2}) \\ = 0 & (\text{otherwise}) \end{cases}$$

$v \uparrow$



Frozen phase (corners)  
 $\rho = \langle 1-D \rangle = 0$

B. Periodic initial data  $2 \times m$



$$\begin{cases} T_{i+2, j+2, k} = T_{ijk} & k=0,1 \\ T_{i+m, j-m, k} = T_{ijk} \end{cases}$$

The octahedron relation has an exact solution

- $T_{ijk}$  = explicit monomial of  $T_{ij0}, T_{ij1}, T_{ij2}, T_{ij3}$  within the fundamental domain  $\mathcal{D}$
- Introduce  $f_{ijk} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \log(T_{ijk}) \Big|_{x=1} \left( T_{001} = x \right)$



# Solution

$$\theta_{i,j,k} = T_{i+\lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor, j+\lfloor \frac{k}{2} \rfloor, k \bmod 2}$$

$$x_i = \frac{c_i d_{i+1} + c_{i+1} d_i}{a_i b_i} \quad \text{and} \quad y_i = \frac{a_{i-1} b_i + a_i b_{i-1}}{c_i d_i} \quad (i \in \mathbb{Z})$$

$$u_{n,i} = \prod_{\ell=0}^{n-1} (x_{i-\ell-1})^{\frac{n+1}{2} - \lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} - \ell \rfloor} \quad v_{n,i} = \prod_{\ell=0}^{n-1} (y_{i-\ell-1})^{\frac{n+1}{2} - \lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} - \ell \rfloor}$$

$$T_{i,j,k} = u_{k-1, \frac{i-j+k-1}{2}} v_{k-2, \frac{i-j+k-1}{2}} \theta_{i,j,k}$$

$$L_{i,j,k} = \frac{T_{i+1,j,k} T_{i-1,j,k}}{T_{i,j,k+1} T_{i,j,k-1}} = \delta_{i+j+k,0}^{[4]} \left( \delta_{k,0}^{[2]} \frac{a_\alpha b_{\alpha-1}}{a_\alpha b_{\alpha-1} + a_{\alpha-1} b_\alpha} + \delta_{k,1}^{[2]} \frac{c_{\beta+1} d_\beta}{c_\beta d_{\beta+1} + c_{\beta+1} d_\beta} \right) \\ + \delta_{i+j+k,2}^{[4]} \left( \delta_{k,0}^{[2]} \frac{a_{\alpha-1} b_\alpha}{a_\alpha b_{\alpha-1} + a_{\alpha-1} b_\alpha} + \delta_{k,1}^{[2]} \frac{c_\beta d_{\beta+1}}{c_\beta d_{\beta+1} + c_{\beta+1} d_\beta} \right)$$

$$R_{i,j,k} = \frac{T_{i,j+1,k} T_{i,j-1,k}}{T_{i,j,k+1} T_{i,j,k-1}} = 1 - L_{i,j,k}$$

• Differentiate octahedron eqn  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} (TT = TT + TT)$   $x=1$

$$\Rightarrow S + S = \underbrace{\frac{TT}{TT}}_L (S + S) + \underbrace{\frac{TT}{TT}}_{R=1-L} (S + S)$$

$\Rightarrow$  linear recursion for  $g_{ijk}$  w/ periodic coefficients

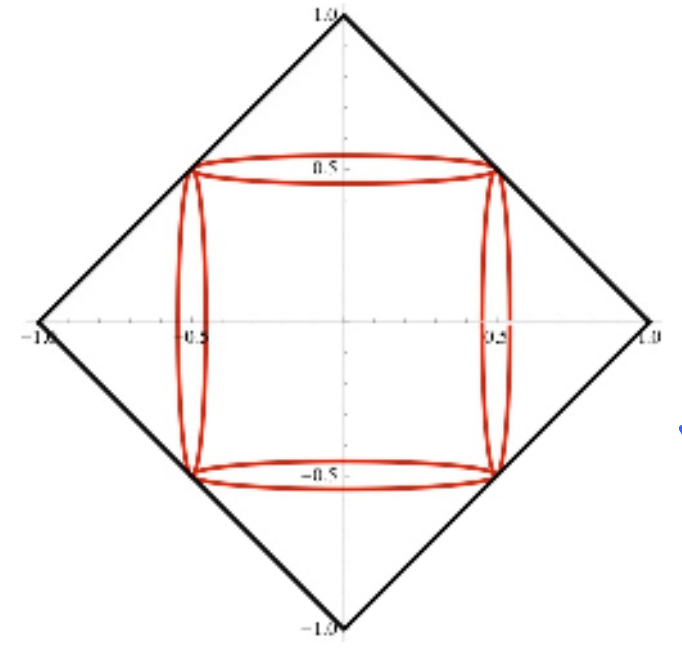
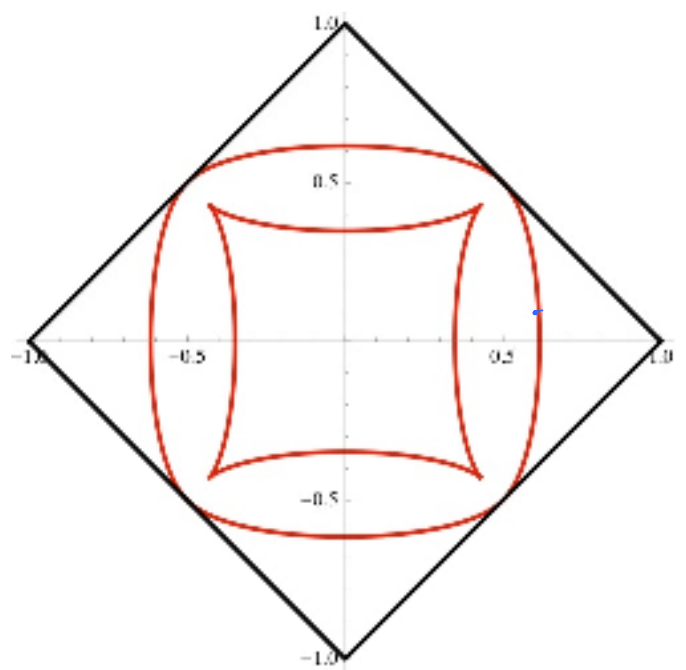
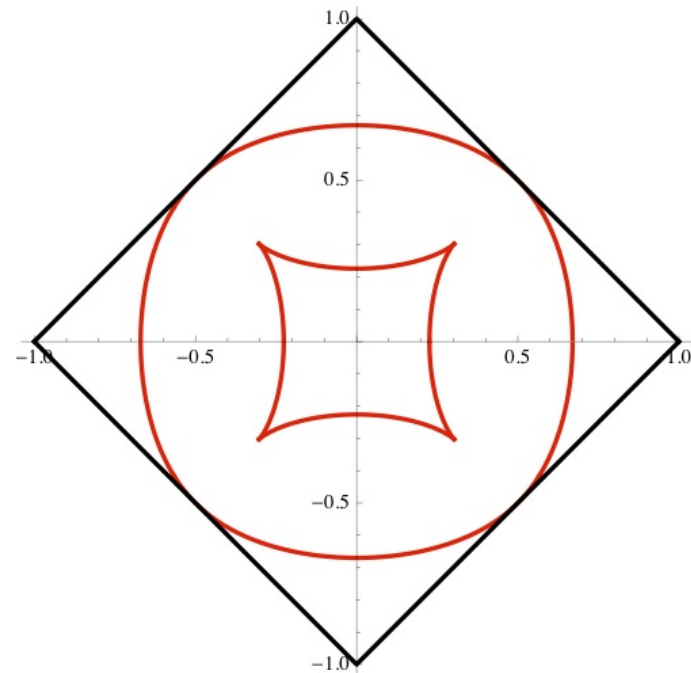
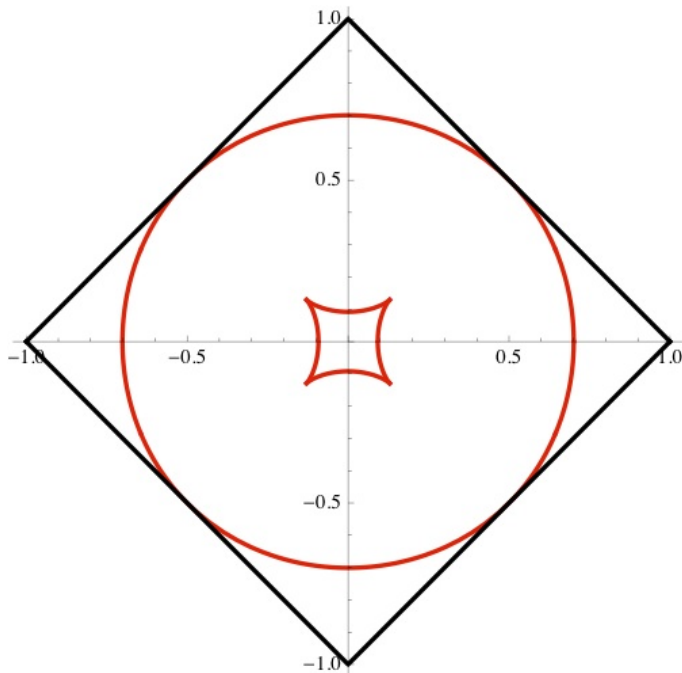
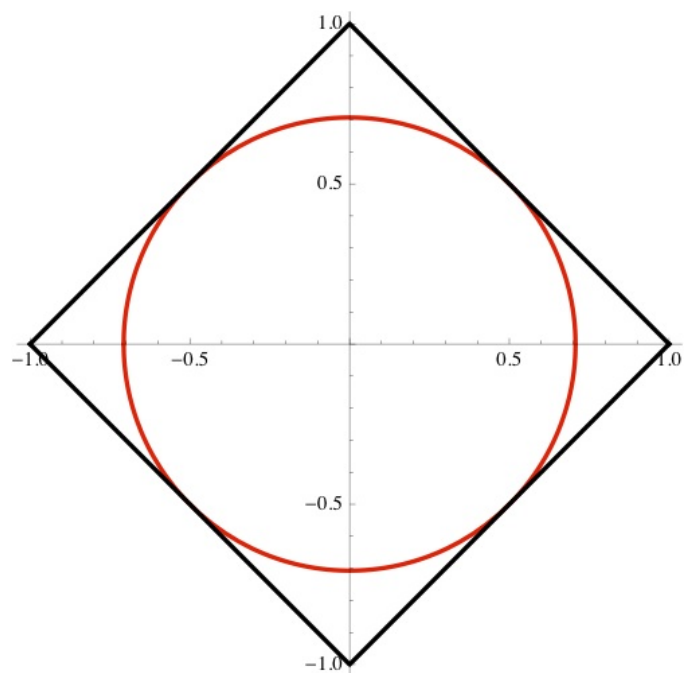
$$L_{ijk} = L_{i+2, j+2, k} = L_{i+m, j-m, k} = L_{i+1, j+1, k+2}$$



fundamental domain has  $4m$  points

$\Rightarrow$  generating series  $g(xyz)$  has for denominator the det of a  $4m \times 4m$  matrix  $\in \mathbb{Z}[x, x^{-1}, y, y^{-1}, z, z^{-1}]$

Arctic curve = singularity locus.

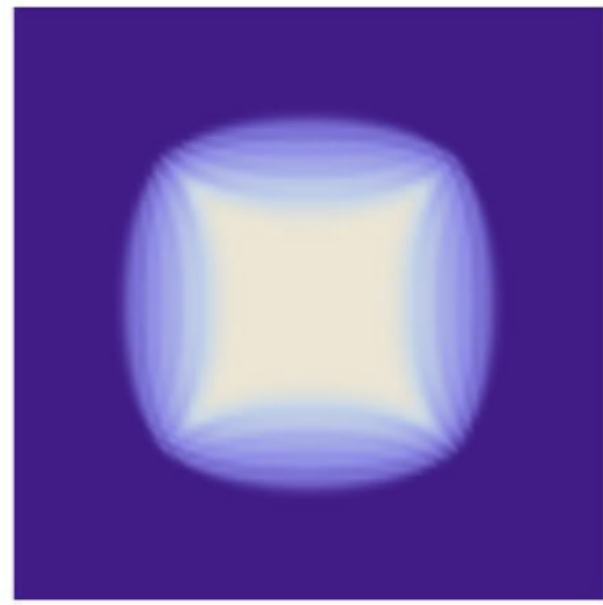
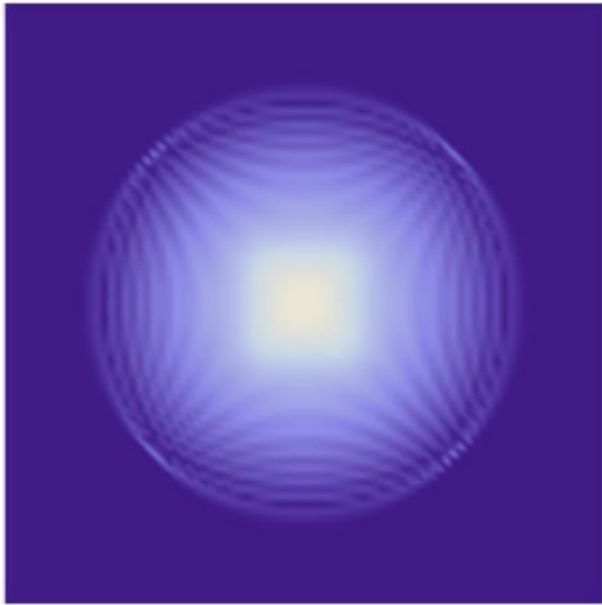


$m=2$

2x2 period case

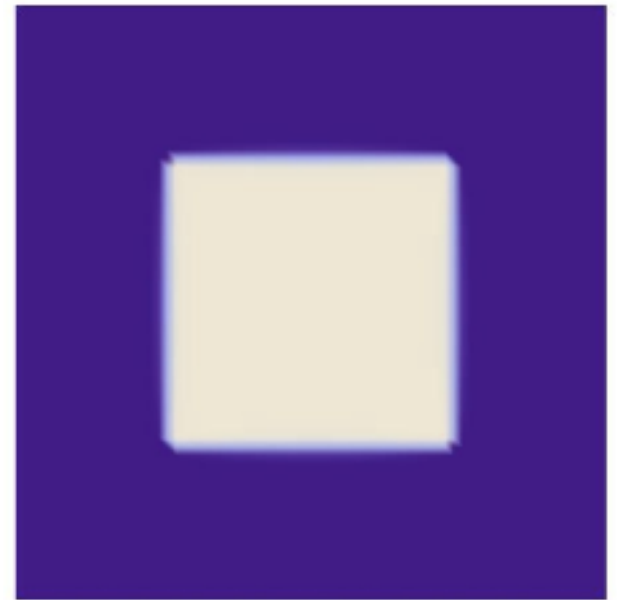
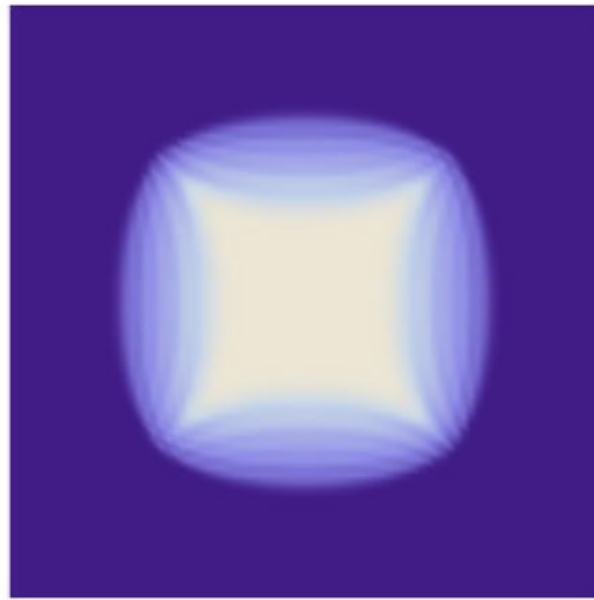
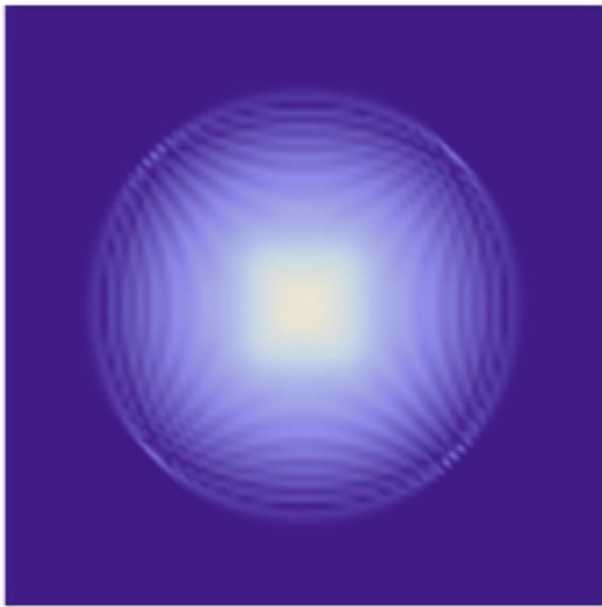
1 parameter

center phase = facet  $g=1$   
 corner = crystal  $g=0$   
 intermediate = disordered

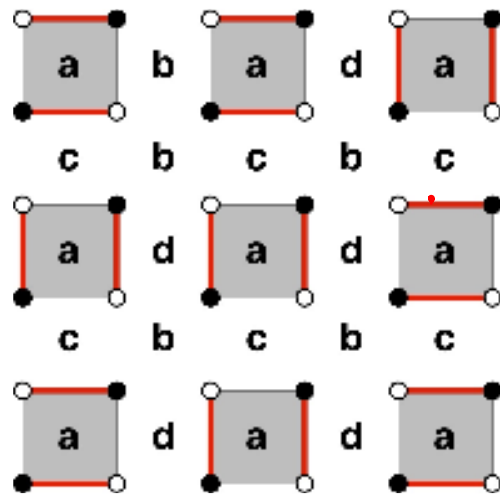


value of  $g(u, v) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} k g_{ijk} = 3 \text{ phases}$

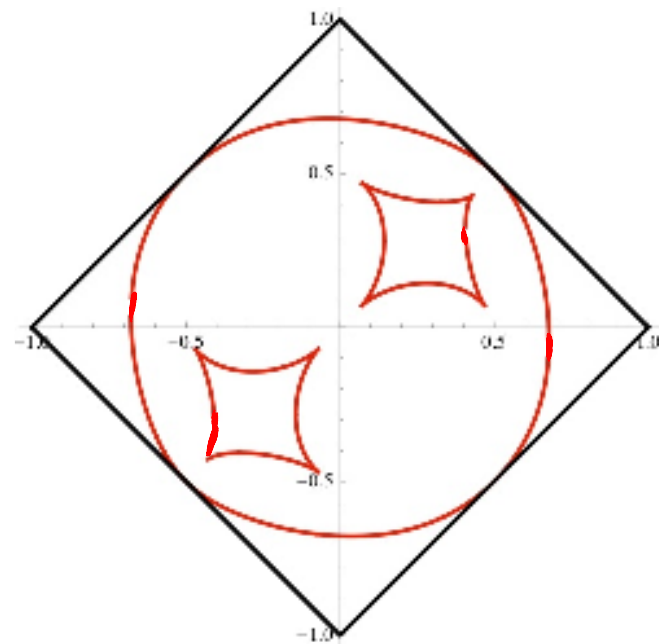
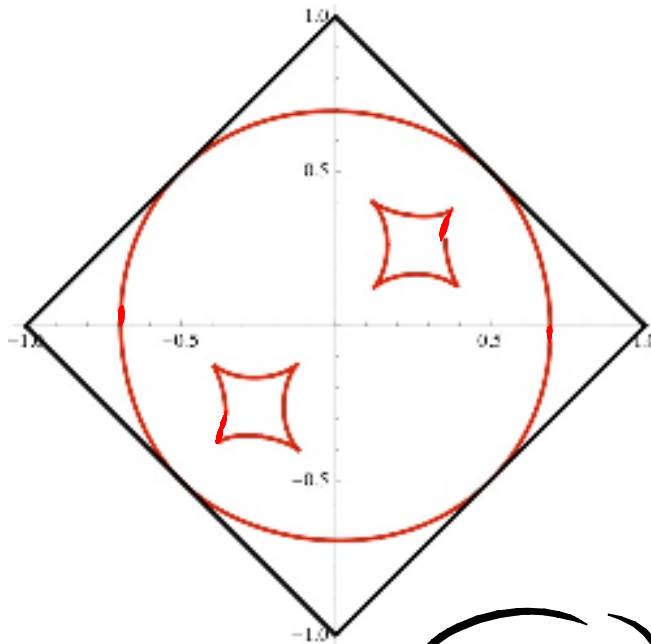
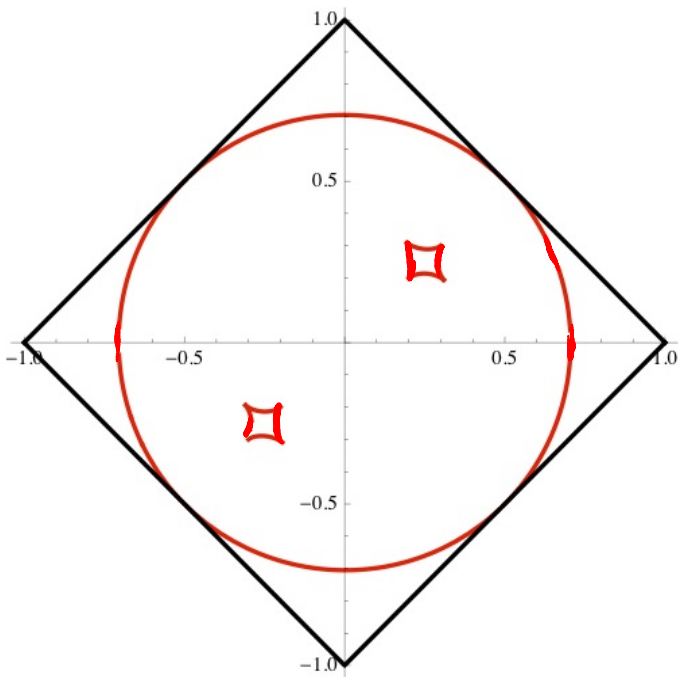
{ frozen (corners).  
disordered  
facet (center)



value of  $g(u, v) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} k g_{ijk} : 3 \text{ phases}$



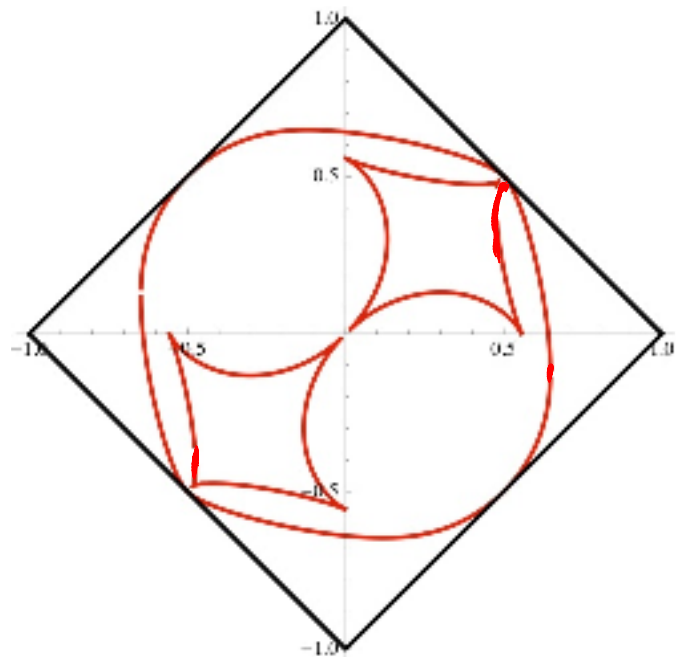
frozen (corners)  
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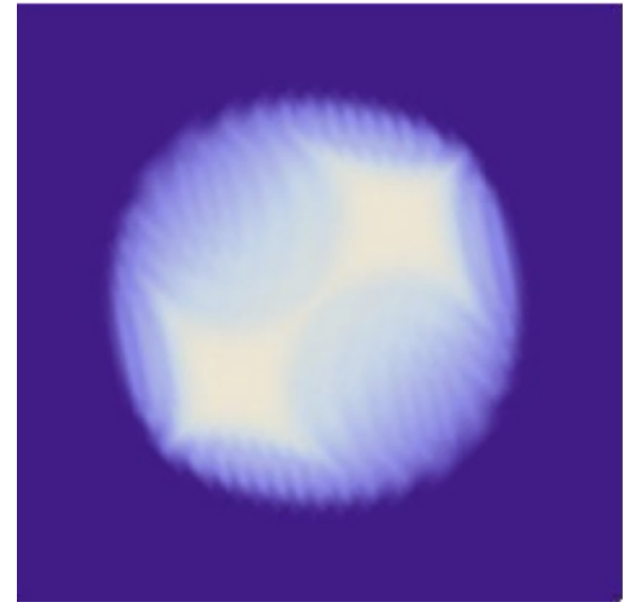
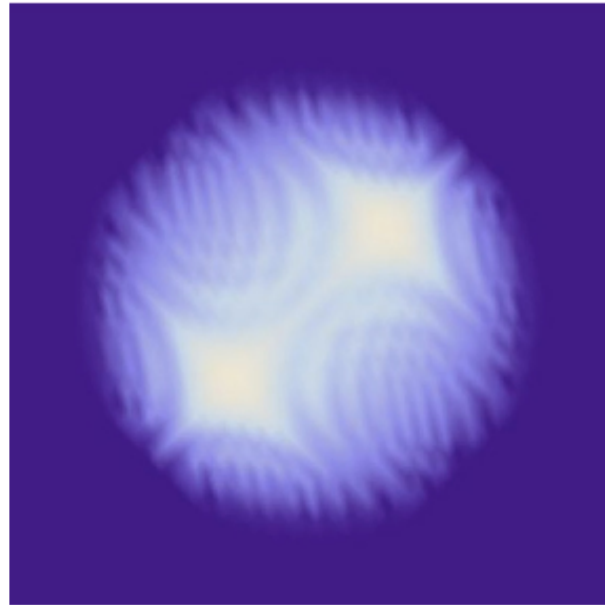
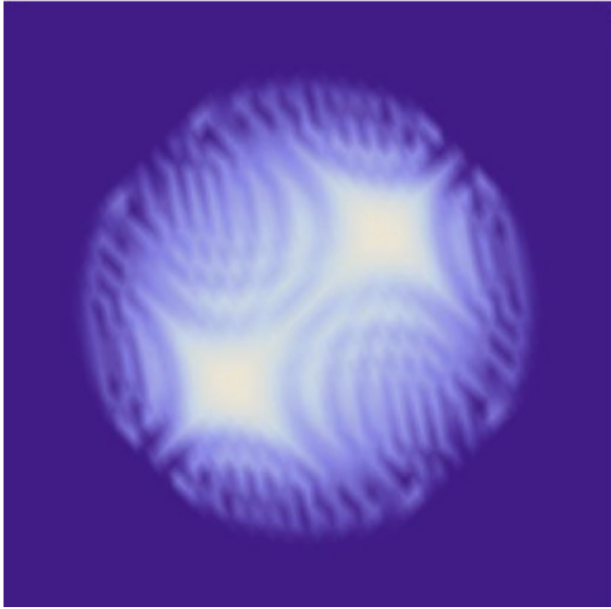


$m = 3$

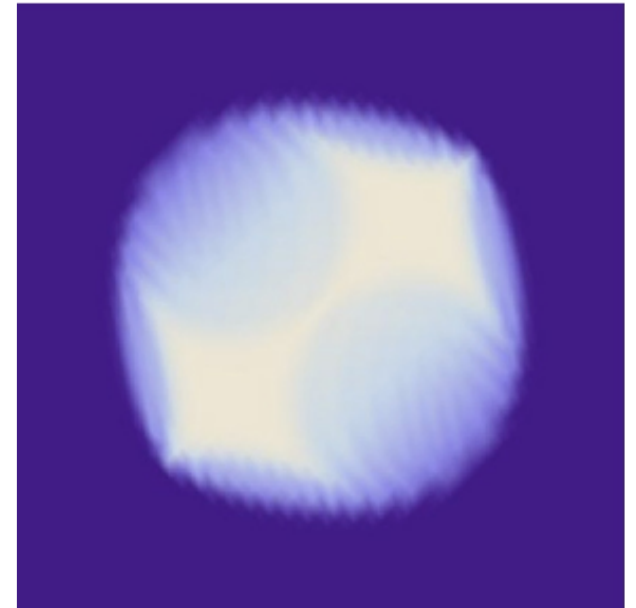
Period  $2 \times 3$

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 2 \text{ facet phases} \\ 4 \text{ crystal phases} \\ 1 \text{ disordered phase} \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} g = 1 \\ g = 0 \end{array}$





value of  $g(u, v) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} k g_{ijk}$



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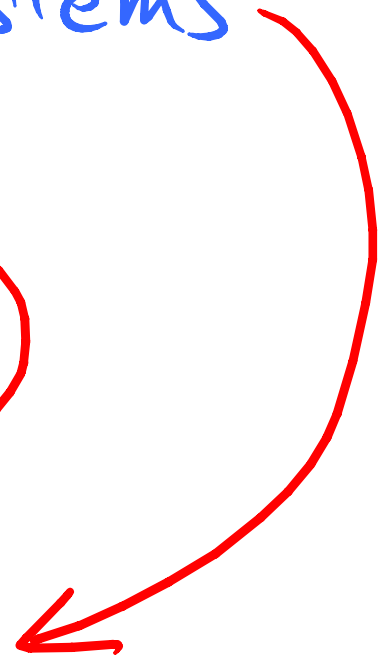
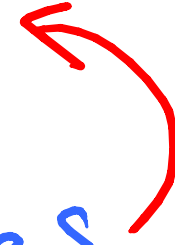
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Laurent Positivity



- Gives a simple explanation for the positive Laurent phenomenon of CA

- Other clusters?

- ≡ other stepped surfaces / initial data
  - ≡ Dimer part. facets on other graphs.

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- $q$ -deformation: generalized  $\lambda$ -determinants  
Cluster Algebras with coefficients
- TILINGS / DIMER MODELS
  - easy derivations of arctic curves  
(by differentiating the octahedron relation)
  - "Cluster Integrable" models

[Kenyon, Goncharov, Pemantle 12]

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- Quantum version:

fusion products, CFT ...

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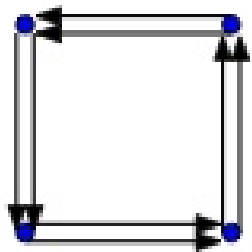
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- Non-Commutative

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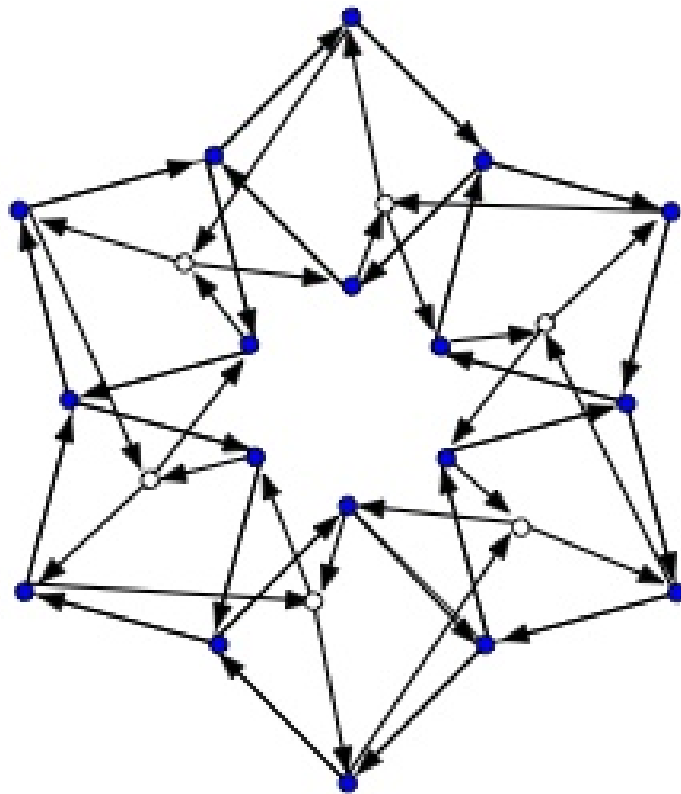
• Folded Cluster algebra is  $y$ -finite

$$y_j = \prod_i x_i^{B_{ij}}$$



(a)

$$m=2$$



(b)

$$m=6$$