

Shuffle algebras and integrability

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Overview

- Algebras of currents and shuffle algebras
- The trigonometric Feigin–Odesskii shuffle algebra
- Commuting family of differential operators and their eigensystem
- R -matrices from shuffle algebras
- Transfer matrices and the elliptic Feigin–Odesskii shuffle algebra

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- The integrand becomes a special kind of product of kernels x_1^n and x_1^m

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We call $*$ the *shuffle product*. We have a map $e_n e_m \rightarrow x_1^n * x_1^m$

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Application of the idea: assume we found $F(x_1, \dots, x_k)$ and $G(x_1, \dots, x_l)$ s.t.:

$$[F(x_1, \dots, x_k), G(x_1, \dots, x_l)]_* = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad [\mathcal{O}(F), \mathcal{O}(G)] = 0$$

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- Examples:

$$\mathcal{A}_0^- = \mathbb{F}, \quad \mathcal{A}_1^- = \mathbb{F}[x_1^{\pm}]$$

$$x_1^m * x_1^n = x_1^m x_2^n \frac{(x_1 - x_2)(qx_1 - tx_2)}{(qx_1 - x_2)(x_1 - tx_2)} + x_2^m x_1^n \frac{(x_1 - x_2)(tx_1 - qx_2)}{(x_1 - qx_2)(tx_1 - x_2)} \in \mathcal{A}_2^-$$

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Properties of the elements of \mathcal{A}^-

The elements of \mathcal{A}_n^- are rational functions of the form

$$F(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \frac{f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \prod_{i \neq j} (x_i - x_j)}{\prod_{i \neq j} (x_i - qx_j)(x_i - t^{-1}x_j)}, \quad f(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{C}[x_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, x_n^{\pm 1}]^{S_n}$$

The elements of \mathcal{A}^- satisfy the *wheel condition*

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 0 \quad \text{if} \quad (x_i, x_j, x_k) = (x, \frac{q}{t}x, qx) \quad \text{and} \quad (x_i, x_j, x_k) = (x, \frac{q}{t}x, \frac{1}{t}x)$$

Recursive proof: assume $F \in \mathcal{A}_k^-$ and $G \in \mathcal{A}_l^-$ satisfy the wheel condition, write

$$F * G = \frac{1}{k!l!} \frac{\prod_{i \neq j} (x_i - x_j)}{\prod_{i \neq j} (x_i - qx_j)(x_i - t^{-1}x_j)} \times \\ \times \text{Sym} f(x_1, \dots, x_k) g(x_{k+1}, \dots, x_{k+l}) \prod_{\substack{i \in \{1, \dots, k\} \\ j \in \{k+1, \dots, k+l\}}} \frac{(x_i - qx_j)(x_i - t^{-1}x_j)(x_i - qt^{-1}x_j)}{x_i - x_j}$$

The second line is a symmetric Laurent polynomial satisfying the wheel condition because so do f , g and the product.

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Due to commutativity the products $\epsilon_i(p) * \epsilon_j(p)$ can be ordered, therefore

$$\epsilon_\lambda(p) = \epsilon_{\lambda_1}(p) * \epsilon_{\lambda_2}(p) * \cdots * \epsilon_{\lambda_{\ell(\lambda)}}(p), \quad \lambda \in \mathcal{P}$$

give three bases.

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- Special cases of $K_n(p)$:

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The Izergin determinants suggest a connection with lattice partition functions².

²AG and P. Zinn-Justin'21

Heisenberg algebra and Fock space

Define the Heisenberg algebra $H = \{a_n, a_{-n}\}_{n>0}$

$$[a_m, a_n] = \delta_{m,-n} m \frac{1 - q^{|m|}}{1 - t^{|m|}}$$

Note $[a_n, a_m] = [a_{-n}, a_{-m}] = 0$, $m, n > 0$, so we have bases

$$a_\lambda = a_{\lambda_1} \dots a_{\lambda_{\ell(\lambda)}}.$$

This algebra acts on the vector space \mathcal{F} with the lowest vector $|\emptyset\rangle$

$$a_n |\emptyset\rangle = 0, \quad a_{-n} |\emptyset\rangle = \text{higher states}, \quad n > 0$$

The Fock space is spanned by $|a_\lambda\rangle = a_{-\lambda} |\emptyset\rangle$ and the action of H is:

$$a_{-\nu} |a_\mu\rangle = |a_{\mu \cup \nu}\rangle, \quad a_\nu |a_\mu\rangle = z_\nu \begin{bmatrix} m(\mu) \\ m(\nu) \end{bmatrix} |a_{\mu/\nu}\rangle$$

Analogously one defines the dual Fock space \mathcal{F}^* spanned by $\langle a_\lambda|$, then

$$\langle a_\lambda | a_\mu \rangle = \delta_{\lambda,\mu} z_\lambda$$

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- Recall the ring of symmetric functions $\Lambda_{\mathbb{F}}$ (use alphabet $(y) = (y_1, y_2, \dots)$). It is isomorphic to the Fock space. The Heisenberg algebra acts on $\Lambda_{\mathbb{F}}$

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Proposition [FHHSY]. The following operators form a commutative set

$$\mathcal{O}(F) = \frac{1}{k!} \oint \frac{dx_1 \dots dx_k}{x_1 \dots x_k} F(x_1, \dots, x_k) : \eta(x_1) \cdots \eta(x_k) : \quad F \in \mathcal{A}_k^0$$

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where $e(x)$ acts by the dressed vertex operator $\widehat{\xi}(x)$.

Summary

- Unlike the abstract elements of \mathcal{E}^- , the shuffle algebra elements are explicit rational functions which can be studied using specialization techniques.
- In the shuffle algebras setup it is easier to describe commutative subalgebras. Mapping these subalgebras to \mathcal{E}^- immediately produce integral formulas for commuting sets of differential operators.
- Shuffle algebras can also be used to diagonalize the commuting operators.

Future directions

- Computation of non-local integrals of motion (Q -operators) using representations of $e(x)$ on plane partitions.
- Systematic study of the elliptic shuffle algebras.
- Higher rank analogues of shuffle algebras and their commutative subalgebras.
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- Bethe ansatz via shuffle algebras