

Bruhat and Tamari Orders in Integrable Systems

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(expected to be equivalent to *higher Stasheff-Tamari orders*:
Kapranov&Voevodsky; Edelman&Reiner ...)
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 $B(N + 1, N - 1) \implies N\text{-simplex equation}$
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Sequence of equations analogous to simplex equations,
generalizing the well-known pentagon equation ($N = 5$)

Part I

KdV and KP soliton interactions in a “tropical limit”

Our original contact with Bruhat and Tamari orders

Dimakis & M-H

- J. Phys. A: Math. Theor. **44** (2011) 025203
- Chapter in Tamari Festschrift “Associahedra, Tamari Lattices and Related Structures”, Progress in Mathematics **299** (2012) 391-423
- J. Phys.: Conf. Ser. **482** (2014) 012010

KdV Solitons and Bruhat Orders

KdV equation: $4 u_t - u_{xxx} - 6 u u_x = 0$ $u = 2 (\log \tau)_{xx}$

M -soliton solution:

$$\tau = \sum_{A \in \{-1, 1\}^M} e^{\Theta_A}$$

$$\Theta_A = \sum_{j=1}^M \alpha_j \theta_j + \log \Delta_A$$

$$\theta_j = p_j x + p_j^3 t + c_j = \sum_{k=1}^M p_j^{2k-1} t^{(k)}$$

$$0 < p_1 < p_2 < \cdots < p_M$$

$$A = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_M) \quad \alpha_j \in \{\pm 1\}$$

$$\Delta_A = |\Delta(\alpha_1 p_1, \dots, \alpha_M p_M)|$$

↖ Vandermonde determinant

Tropical limit

$$\log \tau = \Theta_B + \log \sum_{A \in \{-1, 1\}^M} e^{-(\Theta_B - \Theta_A)} \cong \max\{\Theta_A \mid A \in \{-1, 1\}^M\}$$

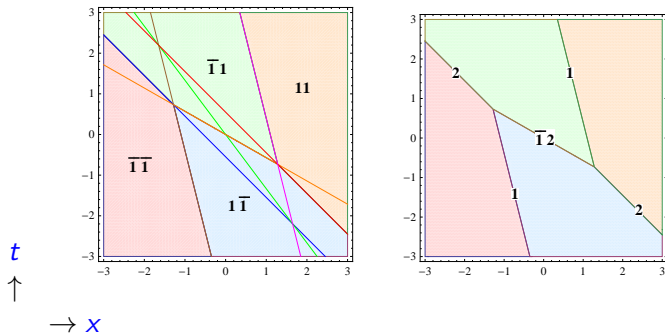
Θ_B is linear in x \curvearrowright $u = 2(\log \tau)_{xx}$ is localized along the boundaries of non-empty “dominating phase regions”

$$\mathcal{U}_B = \left\{ \mathbf{t} \in \mathbb{R}^M \mid \max\{\Theta_A(\mathbf{t}) \mid A \in \{-1, 1\}^M\} = \Theta_B(\mathbf{t}) \right\}$$

- Determine the boundaries $\{\Theta_A = \Theta_B\}$ for pairs of phases.
We have to solve linear algebraic equations.
- Determine their *visible* parts: compare phases.
- Determine coincidence events of more than two phases and their visibility.

A KdV soliton solution corresponds to a piecewise linear graph in 2d space-time.

Interaction of two KdV solitons



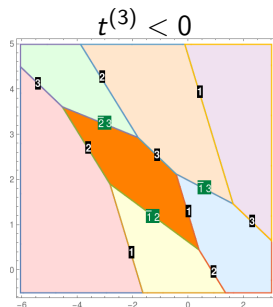
4 phases and $\binom{4}{2} = 6$ boundary lines, displayed in the left plot.

The right plot only shows the *visible* parts of these lines.

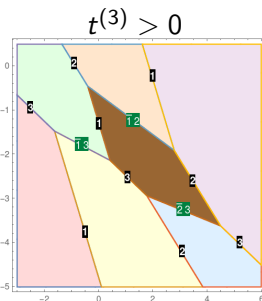
Interaction by exchange of a “virtual” soliton.

$(1, 2) \rightarrow (2, 1)$ (weak) **Bruhat order** $B(2, 1)$.

Interaction of three KdV solitons

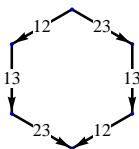


$(3, 2, 1)$
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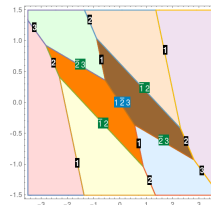


$(3, 2, 1)$
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only 2-particle exchanges, (weak) **Bruhat order** $B(3, 1)$



For $t^{(3)} = 0$ also
 3-particle exchange.
 More complicated
 processes ...
 Still to be explored ...



Higher Bruhat Orders

$$[N] = \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$$

$\binom{[N]}{n}$ set of n -element subsets of $[N]$

A **linear order** (permutation) of $\binom{[N]}{n}$ is called **admissible** if, for any $K \in \binom{[N]}{n+1}$, the packet $P(K) := \{n\text{-element subsets of } K\}$ is contained in it in **lexicographical** or in **reverse lexicographical** order

$A(N, n)$ set of admissible linear orders of $\binom{[N]}{n}$

Equivalence relation on $A(N, n)$: $\rho \sim \rho'$ if they only differ by exchange of two neighboring elements, not both contained in some packet.

Higher Bruhat order: $B(N, n) := A(N, n) / \sim$

Partial order via inversions of lexicographically ordered packets:

$$\overrightarrow{P}(K) \mapsto \overleftarrow{P}(K)$$

$B(4, 2)$

$B(4, 2)$ consists of the two maximal chains

12	12	23	23	23	23	34
13	13	13	13	24	24	24
14	23	12	24	13	34	23
23	14	14	14	14	14	14
24	24	24	12	34	13	13
34	34	34	34	12	12	12

12	12	12	34	34	34	34
13	13	34	12	24	24	24
14 $\xrightarrow{234=\hat{1}}$	14 $\xrightarrow{134=\hat{2}}$	14 $\xrightarrow{\sim}$	14 $\xrightarrow{124=\hat{3}}$	14 $\xrightarrow{123=\hat{4}}$	14 $\xrightarrow{\sim}$	23
23	34	13	24	12	23	14
24	24	24	13	13	13	13
34	23	23	23	23	12	12

Here they are resolved into elements of $A(4, 2)$. These are in correspondence with the maximal chains of $B(4, 1)$, which forms a permutahedron.

Tamari orders

Splitting of packet:

$$P(K) = P_o(K) \cup P_e(K)$$

$P_o(K)$ ($P_e(K)$) half-packet consisting of elements with odd (even) position in the lexicographically ordered $P(K)$.

Inversion operation in case of Tamari orders:

$$\vec{P}_o(K) \mapsto \overleftarrow{P}_e(K)$$

We have to eliminate those elements in the linear orders that are not in accordance with the splitting of packets and with this rule. (See Dimakis & M-H, SIGMA **11** (2015) 042, for the precise rules.)

The simplest physical example

$$P(123) = \{12, 13, 23\}, P(123)_o = \{12, 23\}, P(123)_e = \{13\}$$

$$B(3, 2):$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 12 & & 23 \\ 13 & \xrightarrow{123} & 13 \\ 23 & & 12 \end{array}$$

$$T(3, 2):$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 12 & & 13 \\ 23 & \xrightarrow{123} & 13 \end{array}$$

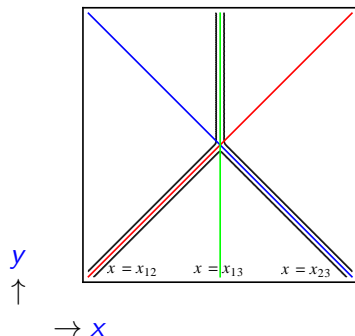


Figure shows a snapshot of a *line soliton solution* (thick lines) of the *KP equation*, in the xy -plane. Passing from bottom to top (i.e., in y -direction), thin lines (coincidences of 2 phases) realize $B(3, 2)$. Only the thick parts are “visible” in the soliton solution. They realize the Tamari order $T(3, 2)$.

From higher Bruhat to Tamari orders

via a 3-color decomposition. For $B(4, 2)$:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 12 & 12 & 23 & 23 & 23 & 23 & 34 \\
 13 & 13 & 13 & 13 & 24 & 24 & 24 \\
 14 \xrightarrow{\sim} 23 & 123 \xrightarrow{\sim} 12 & 124 \xrightarrow{\sim} 24 & \xrightarrow{\sim} 13 & 134 \xrightarrow{\sim} 34 & 234 \xrightarrow{\sim} 23 \\
 23 & 14 & 14 & 14 & 14 & 14 & 14 \\
 24 & 24 & 24 & 12 & 34 & 13 & 13 \\
 34 & 34 & 34 & 34 & 12 & 12 & 12
 \end{array}$$

and correspondingly for the second chain. This contains the Tamari order $T(4, 2)$:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 12 & & 12 \\
 23 \xrightarrow{123} 13 & \xrightarrow{134} & 12 \xrightarrow{234} 12 \\
 34 & 34 & 24 \\
 & & 14
 \end{array}$$

KP solitons and Tamari lattices

$$\mathbf{KP}: (-4u_t + u_{xxx} + 6uu_x)_x + 3u_{yy} = 0 \quad u = 2(\log \tau)_{xx}$$

Subclass of line soliton solutions:

$$\tau = \sum_{j=1}^{M+1} e^{\theta_j} \quad \theta_j = p_j x + p_j^2 y + p_j^3 t + c_j = \sum_{r=1}^M p_j^r t^{(r)}$$

$$t^{(1)} = x, \quad t^{(2)} = y, \quad t^{(3)} = t \quad t^{(r)}, \quad r > 3 \quad \text{KP hierarchy "times"}$$

In the *tropical limit*:

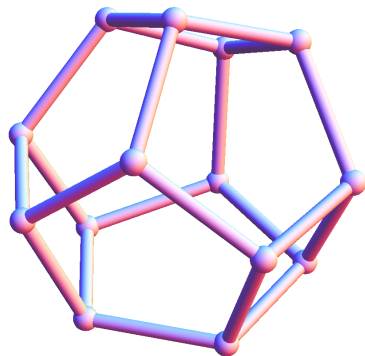
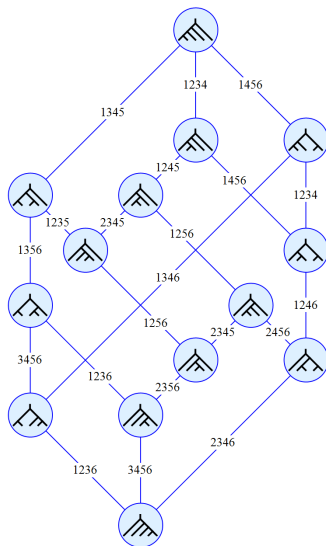
- At fixed time, density distribution in the xy -plane is a *rooted (generically binary) tree*.
- Any evolution (with fixed M) starts with the same tree and ends with the same tree.
- Time evolution corresponds to *right rotation in tree*.

\implies maximal chain of Tamari lattice $T(M+1, 3)$

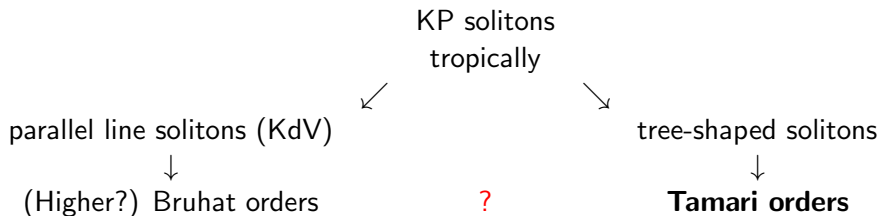
$T(5, 3)$ forms a pentagon.

All Tamari orders are realized via the above class of KP solitons !

Tamari lattice $T(6, 3)$ (associahedron) realized by KP



An open problem



The combinatorics underlying the **full** set of KP solitons (forming networks at a fixed time) is more involved and not ruled by Bruhat and Tamari orders.

Part II

From Bruhat and Tamari orders to Simplex and Polygon equations

Dimakis & M-H, SIGMA **11** (2015) 042

$B(3, 1)$ and the Yang-Baxter Equation

$B(3, 1)$ consists of the two maximal chains

$$\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 2 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & \xrightarrow{12} 1 & \xrightarrow{13} 3 & \xrightarrow{23} 2 \\ 3 & 3 & 1 & 1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & 3 & 3 \\ 2 & \xrightarrow{23} 3 & \xrightarrow{13} 1 & \xrightarrow{12} 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 2 & 1 \end{array}$$

A set-theoretical realization

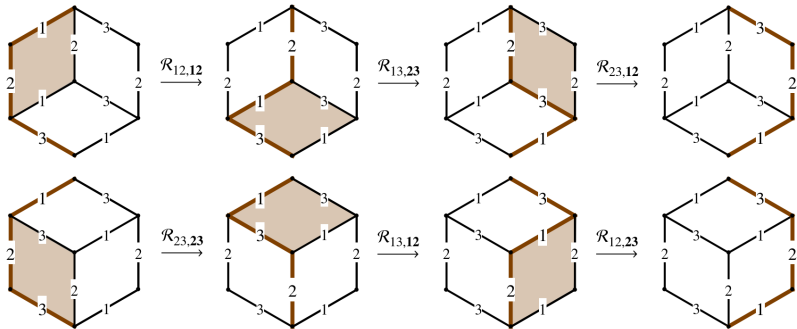
$$\begin{aligned} i &\mapsto \mathcal{U}_i, & (i, j, k) &\mapsto \mathcal{U}_i \times \mathcal{U}_j \times \mathcal{U}_k \\ ij &\mapsto \mathcal{R}_{ij} : \mathcal{U}_i \times \mathcal{U}_j \rightarrow \mathcal{U}_j \times \mathcal{U}_i \end{aligned}$$

(or a realization using vector spaces and tensor products) leads to the **Yang-Baxter equation**

$$\mathcal{R}_{23,12} \mathcal{R}_{13,23} \mathcal{R}_{12,12} = \mathcal{R}_{12,23} \mathcal{R}_{13,12} \mathcal{R}_{23,23}$$

The (boldface) **position indices** are read off from the diagrams.

Visualization of the YB equation on the cube $B(3, 0)$



“Deformation” of maximal chains of $B(3, 0)$.

The elements of $A(3, 1)$ (here equal to $B(3, 1)$) are in bijection with the maximal chains of $B(3, 0)$, the Boolean lattice of $\{1, 2, 3\}$.

Simplex Equations

Zamolodchikov (1980), Bazhanov & Stroganov (1982), Maillet & Nijhoff (1989), ...
Manin & Schechtman (1985)

N -simplex equation = realization of $B(N + 1, N - 1)$

We consider again a set-theoretical framework.

With $K \in \binom{[N+1]}{N}$, we associate a map $\mathcal{R}_K : \mathcal{U}_{\vec{P}(K)} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}_{\overleftarrow{P}(K)}$

where $\vec{P}(K)$ ($\overleftarrow{P}(K)$) is the (reverse) lexicographically ordered packet. \mathcal{R}_K realizes an inversion.

With an exchange we associate the respective transposition map \mathcal{P} .

$N = 2 \curvearrowright B(3, 1) \curvearrowright$ **Yang-Baxter equation**

$$N=3$$

$\curvearrowright B(4, 2)$. Here is one of its two chains:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 12 & 12 & 23 & 23 & 23 & 23 & 34 \\
 13 & 13 & 13 & 13 & 24 & 24 & 24 \\
 14 & \xrightarrow{\sim} 23 & \xrightarrow{123} 12 & \xrightarrow{124} 24 & \xrightarrow{\sim} 13 & \xrightarrow{134} 34 & \xrightarrow{234} 23 \\
 23 & & 14 & & 14 & & 14 \\
 24 & 24 & 24 & 12 & 34 & 13 & 13 \\
 34 & 34 & 34 & 34 & 12 & 12 & 12
 \end{array}$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{ijk} : \mathcal{U}_{ij} \times \mathcal{U}_{ik} \times \mathcal{U}_{jk} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}_{jk} \times \mathcal{U}_{ik} \times \mathcal{U}_{ij}, \quad i < j < k$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{234,1} \mathcal{R}_{134,3} \mathcal{P}_5 \mathcal{P}_2 \mathcal{R}_{124,3} \mathcal{R}_{123,1} \mathcal{P}_3 = \mathcal{P}_3 \mathcal{R}_{123,4} \mathcal{R}_{124,2} \mathcal{P}_4 \mathcal{P}_1 \mathcal{R}_{134,2} \mathcal{R}_{234,4}$$

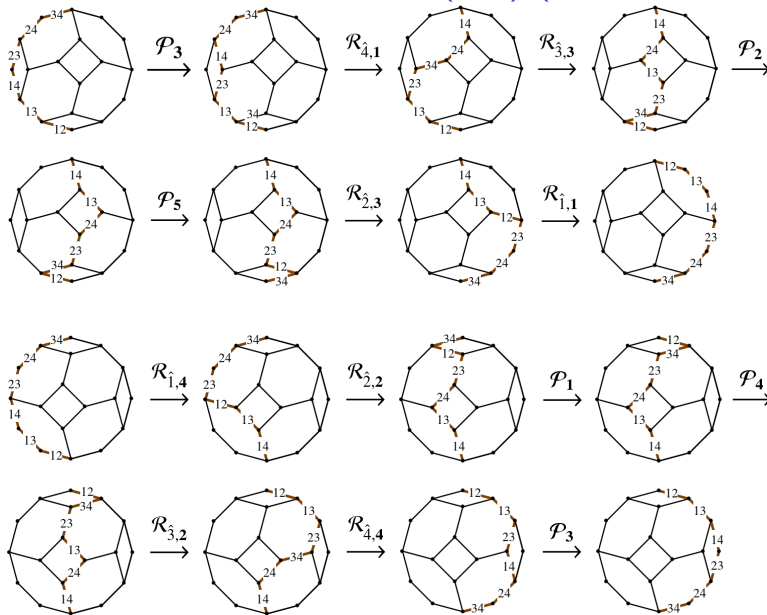
with transposition map $\mathcal{P}_a := \mathcal{P}_{a,a+1}$. In terms of $\hat{\mathcal{R}} = \mathcal{R} \mathcal{P}_{13}$:

Zamolodchikov (tetrahedron) equation

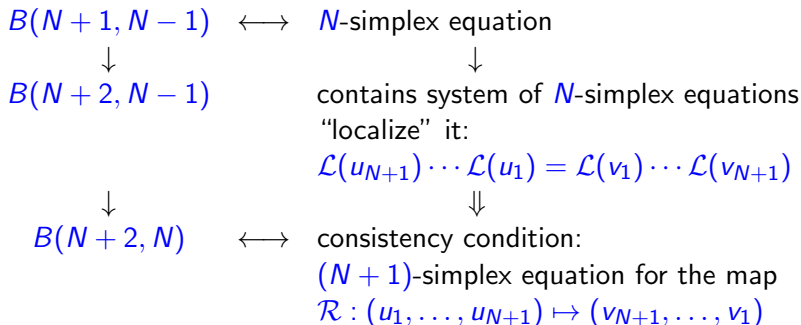
$$\hat{\mathcal{R}}_{\hat{1},123} \hat{\mathcal{R}}_{\hat{2},145} \hat{\mathcal{R}}_{\hat{3},246} \hat{\mathcal{R}}_{\hat{4},356} = \hat{\mathcal{R}}_{\hat{4},356} \hat{\mathcal{R}}_{\hat{3},246} \hat{\mathcal{R}}_{\hat{2},145} \hat{\mathcal{R}}_{\hat{1},123}$$

using complementary notation (also in following figures).

Tetrahedron equation on $B(4, 1)$ (permutahedron)



“Integrability” of simplex equations



Polygon Equations

In analogy with the case of simplex equations we set

$$\textbf{\textit{N-gon equation}} = \text{realization of } \mathcal{T}(N, N-2)$$

The two maximal chains of $\mathcal{T}(5, 3)$ can be resolved to

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} 123 & & 234 & & 234 & & 345 & & 123 & & 123 & & 345 & & 345 \\ 134 & \xrightarrow{1234} & 124 & \xrightarrow{1245} & 245 & \xrightarrow{2345} & 235 & & 134 & \xrightarrow{1345} & 345 & \xrightarrow{\sim} & 123 & \xrightarrow{1235} & 235 \\ 145 & & 145 & & 125 & & 125 & & 145 & & 135 & & 135 & & 125 \end{array}$$

Here we are dealing with maps

$$\mathcal{T}_{ijkl} : \mathcal{U}_{ijk} \times \mathcal{U}_{ikl} \rightarrow \mathcal{U}_{jkl} \times \mathcal{U}_{ijl} \quad i < j < k < l$$

Using complementary notation, the **pentagon equation** is thus

$$\mathcal{T}_{\hat{1},12} \mathcal{T}_{\hat{3},23} \mathcal{T}_{\hat{5},12} = \mathcal{T}_{\hat{4},23} \mathcal{P}_{12} \mathcal{T}_{\hat{2},23}$$

In terms of $\hat{\mathcal{T}} := \mathcal{T} \mathcal{P}$, it takes the form

$$\hat{\mathcal{T}}_{\hat{1},12} \hat{\mathcal{T}}_{\hat{3},13} \hat{\mathcal{T}}_{\hat{5},23} = \hat{\mathcal{T}}_{\hat{4},23} \hat{\mathcal{T}}_{\hat{2},12}$$

Beyond the pentagon equation

Hexagon equation

$$\mathcal{T} : \mathcal{U} \times \mathcal{U} \times \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{U} \times \mathcal{U}$$

$$\mathcal{T}_{\hat{2},1} \mathcal{P}_3 \mathcal{T}_{\hat{4},2} \mathcal{T}_{\hat{6},1} \mathcal{P}_3 = \mathcal{T}_{\hat{5},2} \mathcal{P}_1 \mathcal{T}_{\hat{3},2} \mathcal{T}_{\hat{1},4}$$

Heptagon equation

$$\mathcal{T} : \mathcal{U} \times \mathcal{U} \times \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{U} \times \mathcal{U} \times \mathcal{U}$$

$$\mathcal{T}_{\hat{1},1} \mathcal{T}_{\hat{3},3} \mathcal{P}_5 \mathcal{P}_2 \mathcal{T}_{\hat{5},3} \mathcal{T}_{\hat{7},1} \mathcal{P}_3 = \mathcal{P}_3 \mathcal{T}_{\hat{6},4} \mathcal{P}_3 \mathcal{P}_2 \mathcal{P}_1 \mathcal{T}_{\hat{4},3} \mathcal{P}_2 \mathcal{P}_3 \mathcal{T}_{\hat{2},4}$$

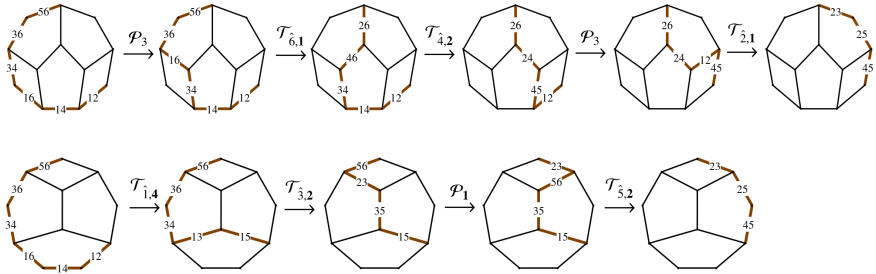
or in terms of $\hat{\mathcal{T}} := \mathcal{T} \mathcal{P}_{13}$,

$$\hat{\mathcal{T}}_{\hat{1},123} \hat{\mathcal{T}}_{\hat{3},145} \hat{\mathcal{T}}_{\hat{5},246} \hat{\mathcal{T}}_{\hat{7},356} = \hat{\mathcal{T}}_{\hat{6},356} \hat{\mathcal{T}}_{\hat{4},245} \hat{\mathcal{T}}_{\hat{2},123}$$

etc

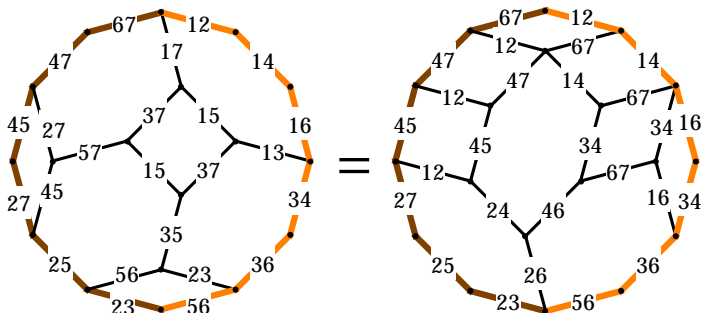
Polygon equations are related by the same kind of **“integrability”** that connects simplex equations !

Hexagon equation



The left (right) hand side of the hexagon equation corresponds to a sequence of maximal chains on the front (back) side of the **associahedron** (Stasheff polytope) in three dimensions, formed by the **Tamari lattice** $T(6, 3)$.

Heptagon equation



The equality represents the heptagon equation on complementary sides of the Edelman-Reiner polytope formed by $T(7, 4)$.

Summary and further remarks

- Simplex equations are an attempt towards higher- (than two-) dimensional (quantum) integrable systems or models of statistical mechanics. (Zamolodchikov 1980; Bazhanov & Stroganov; Maillet & Nijhoff; ...) Underlying combinatorics: *higher Bruhat orders* (Manin & Schechtman 1986).
- In the same way as simplex equations generalize the *Yang-Baxter equation* $\hat{R}_{12} \hat{R}_{13} \hat{R}_{23} = \hat{R}_{23} \hat{R}_{13} \hat{R}_{12}$, the “polygon equations” generalize the *pentagon equation* $\hat{T}_{12} \hat{T}_{13} \hat{T}_{23} = \hat{T}_{23} \hat{T}_{12}$. Underlying: *Tamari orders*.
- Very little is known so far about the polygon equations beyond the pentagon equation. This is essentially new terrain. Distinguishing property: “integrability” in the sense that the $(N + 1)$ -gon equation arises as consistency condition of a system of localized N -gon equations.
- Solutions via tropical KP solitons ?

Relevance of pentagon equation:

- 3-cocycle condition in Lie group cohomology.
- Identity for fusion matrices in CFT.
- Appearance in a category-theoretical framework (Street 1998).
- Any finite-dimensional Hopf algebra is characterized by an invertible solution of the pentagon equation (Militaru 2004).
- Multiplicative unitary (Baaj & Skandalis 1993).
- Consistency condition for *associator* in quasi-Hopf algebras.
- Quantum dilogarithm (Faddeev, Kashaev 1993).
- Invariants of 3-manifolds via triangulations, realization of Pachner moves (Korepanov 2000).

Relevance of higher polygon equations ?

A version of the *hexagon equation* appeared in work of Korepanov (2011), Kashaev (2014): realizations of Pachner moves of triangulations of a 4-manifold. A step to higher dimensions ...

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