

# Introduction to cluster algebras and varieties

## Lecture 4

Double Bruhat cells  $X$  variables

# Double Weyl group

$W = S_n$        $s_i = (i, i+1)$        $s_i^2 = e$

$$\begin{cases} s_i s_{i+1} s_i = s_{i+1} s_i s_{i+1} \\ s_i s_j = s_j s_i \quad |i-j| > 1 \end{cases}$$

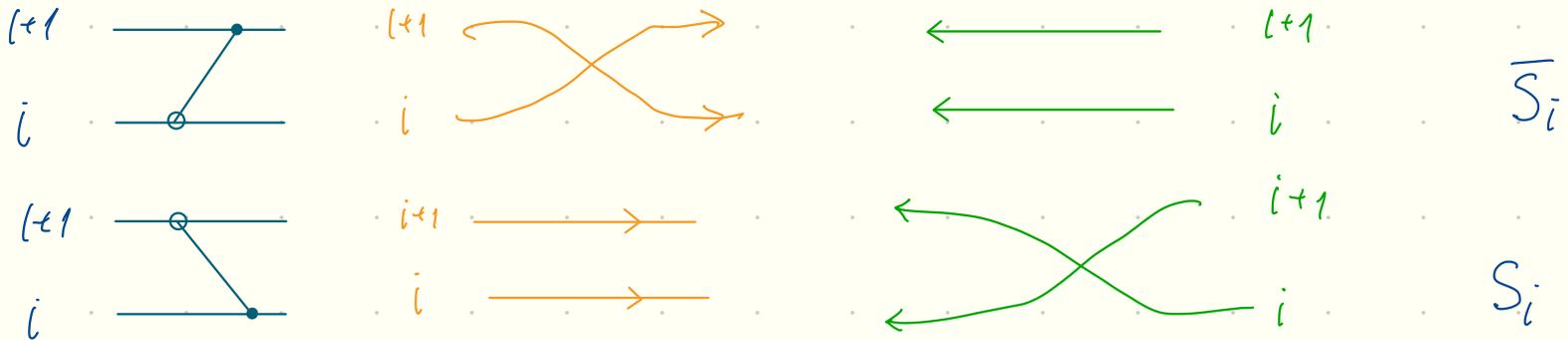
Braid relations

$$W \times W = \overline{S_n} \times S_n$$

generators  $\overline{s_1}, \dots, \overline{s_{n-1}}$        $s_1, \dots, s_{n-1}$  generators

$\parallel$        $\parallel$   
 $s_{\overline{1}} \quad \quad s_{\overline{n-1}}$

Recall



Any  $u \in W$  has minimal (reduced) decomposition

$$u = s_{i_1} \dots s_{i_\ell} \quad \ell = \ell(u)$$

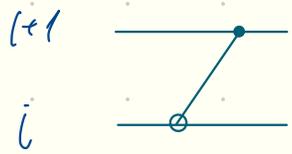
Theorem (Tits) Any 2 reduced decomposition  
are related by sequence of braid relations

Example  $S_3$   $w_0 = s_1 s_2 s_1 = s_2 s_1 s_2$   
longest element

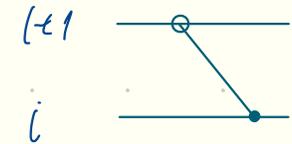
$S_4$   $w_0 = s_1 s_2 s_3 s_1 s_2 s_1 = s_1 s_2 s_3 s_2 s_1 s_2 =$   
 $s_1 s_3 s_2 s_3 s_1 s_2$   
 $s_1 s_2 s_1 s_3 s_2 s_1$   
 $s_2 s_1 s_2 s_3 s_2 s_1$

● Networks last time: reduced decomposition  
of  $(w_0, w_0) \in S_n \times S_n$

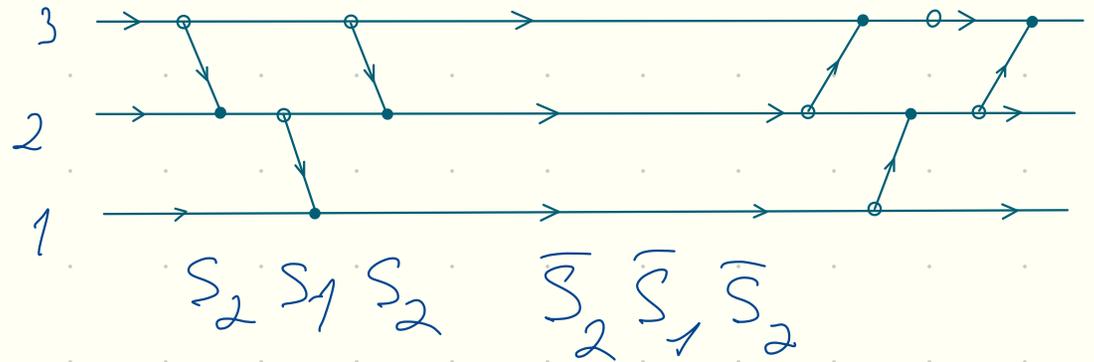
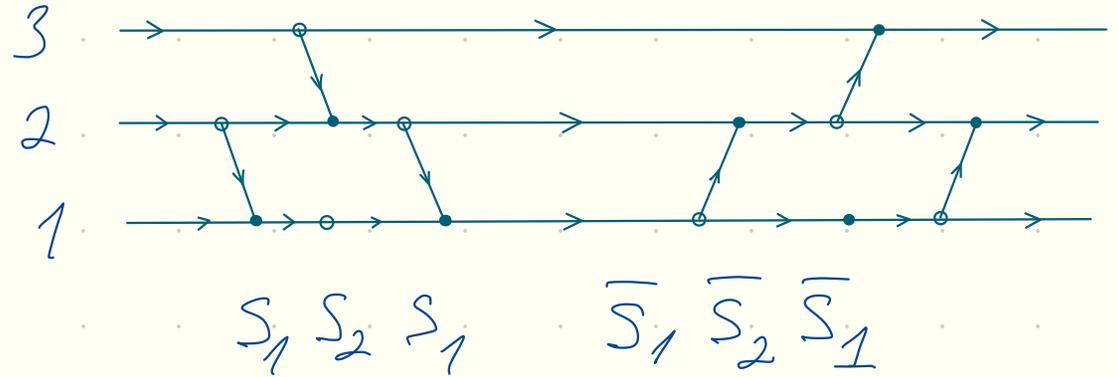
Example:



$\bar{S}_i$



$S_i$



Braid relations  $\longleftrightarrow$  mutations of the seeds

● We can consider more general networks:  
reduced decomposition of  $(u, v) \in S_n \times S_n$

We can construct  $Q$  + assign variables  $\Delta$

Braid relations  $\leftrightarrow$  mutations of the seeds

Double Bruhat cells

# Bruhat cells

$G = GL_n$ ,  $B = B_+ = \begin{pmatrix} * & & * \\ 0 & * & \\ & \ddots & * \\ & & 0 & * \end{pmatrix}$   $B_- = \begin{pmatrix} * & 0 & \\ & \ddots & 0 \\ * & & * \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $H = \begin{pmatrix} * & & 0 \\ & * & \\ 0 & & \ddots & * \end{pmatrix}$

$W \cong S_n$  - Weyl group  
 $\cong N(H)/H$

$S_i = (i, i+1)$  simple reflection

Theorem  $G = \bigsqcup_{w \in W} B w B = \bigsqcup_{w \in W} B_- w B_- = \bigsqcup_{w \in W} B_- w B$

(More accurate to say  $\bar{w} \in N(H)$ )

Remark ①  $w_0 B_- w_0 = B \Rightarrow$  If  $G = \bigsqcup B w B \Rightarrow$

②  $G = \bigsqcup_w B_- w B$  - Gauss decomposition

$$\begin{aligned}
 G &= w_0 G = \bigsqcup w_0 B w B = \\
 &= \bigsqcup B_- w_0 w B = \\
 &= \bigsqcup B_- w B
 \end{aligned}$$

Theorem BwB is determined by conditions  
 $\Delta_{w(1..i)}^{1..i} \neq 0$   $\Delta_{w(1..i,j)}^{1..i} = 0$  for  $i < j, w(i) < w(j)$

Example ①  $w = e$   $BwB = \begin{pmatrix} * & * & * & * \\ 0 & * & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & * & * \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & * \end{pmatrix}$

$$\Delta_1^1 \neq 0 \quad \Delta_j^1 = 0 \quad j > 1$$

$$\Delta_{12}^{12} \neq 0 \quad \Delta_{1j}^{12} = 0 \quad j > 2$$



②  $w = w_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & \dots & n \\ n & n-1 & & 1 \end{pmatrix}$   $\Delta_{n-i+1..n}^{1..i} \neq 0$

Problem (a) Prove that on BwB these conditions are satisfied. (b) Prove the Theorem.

Hint Use  $\Delta_{i_1..i_k}^{j_1..j_k}$  is matrix element

$$\Lambda^k M : e_{j_1} \wedge \dots \wedge e_{j_k} \mapsto e_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge e_{i_k}$$

Remark For two sets we say

$$\{j_1 < \dots < j_k\} < \{l_1 < \dots < l_k\} \iff \{j_1 \leq l_1, \dots, j_k \leq l_k\}$$

Then  $\Delta_{j_1 \dots j_k}^{1, \dots, i} = 0$  on  $BwB$  if  $\{j_1, \dots, j_k\} \neq w(1, \dots, i)$

Hence, there are more vanishing minors.

● Remark  $(BwB)^t = B_- w^{-1} B_-$

Corollary  $B_- w B_-$  is determined by conditions  
 $\Delta_{1 \dots i}^{w^{-1}(1 \dots i)} \neq 0$   $\Delta_{1 \dots i}^{w^{-1}(1 \dots i, j)} = 0$  for  $i < j$ ,  $w^{-1}(i) < w^{-1}(j)$

● Def Double Bruhat cell  $G^{u, v} = B u B \cap B_- v B_-$

Determined by equations above  $(u, v) \in \bar{S}_n \times S_n$

# Factorization scheme

●  $E_i(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & x & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \exp(x e_i) \quad E_i = E_i(1)$

$E_{\bar{i}}(x) = F_i(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & x \\ & & & \ddots \\ & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \exp(x f_i) \quad E_{\bar{i}} = F_i = F_i(1)$

$H_i(x) = \begin{pmatrix} x & & & \\ & x & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & x & \\ & & & & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad |\bar{i}| = \bar{i} = |i|$

● For any reduced word  $(u, v) = s_{i_1} \cdots s_{i_\ell}$   
 we assign a product  $i_1, \dots, i_\ell \in \{1, \dots, n-1, \bar{1}, \dots, \bar{n-1}\}$

$H_1(x_1) \cdots H_n(x_n) E_{i_1} H_{|i_1|}(x_{n+1}) E_{i_2} H_{|i_2|}(x_{n+2}) \cdots = E_v$

Example  $G = GL_3$   $u = \bar{s}_1 \bar{s}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ & & \\ & & \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $v = e$

$$\mathbb{E}_i = H_1(x_1) H_2(x_2) H_3(x_3) F_1 H_1(x_4) F_2 H_2(x_5) =$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 x_5 & 0 & 0 \\ x_2 x_3 x_4 x_5 & x_2 x_3 x_5 & 0 \\ 0 & x_3 x_5 & x_3 \end{pmatrix} \in BuB \cap B_-$$

Minors  $\Delta_2^1 \neq 0$   $\Delta_3^1 = 0$   $\Delta_{23}^{12} \neq 0$

Example  $G = GL_3$   $u = \bar{s}_2 \bar{s}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ & & \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$   $v = e$

$$\mathbb{E} = H_1(x_1) H_2(x_2) H_3(x_3) F_2 H_2(x_4) F_1 H_1(x_5) =$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 x_5 & 0 & 0 \\ x_2 x_3 x_4 x_5 & x_2 x_3 x_4 & 0 \\ x_3 x_4 x_5 & x_3 x_4 & x_3 \end{pmatrix} \in BuB \cap B_-$$

Minors  $\Delta_3^1 \neq 0$ ,  $\Delta_{13}^{12} \neq 0$ ,  $\Delta_{23}^{12} = 0$

● Theorem For any reduced decompos  
 of  $(u, v) \in W \times W$  the map

$(\mathbb{C}^*)^{e(u, v) + n} \rightarrow G^{u, v}$  is bitational  
 isomorphism

Pf Let us prove that  $E_i \in BuB$ . Since  $\forall E_i, H_j \in B$   
 it is sufficient to prove that for  $u = s_{i_1} \dots s_{i_k}$   
 $H_{i_1}(x_1) \dots H_{i_n}(x_n) F_{i_1} H_{i_1}(x_{n+1}) \dots F_{i_k} H_{i_k}(x_{n+k}) \in BuB$ .

Note that  $F_i \in B \bar{s}_i B$ . Indeed  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Problem\* If  $e(us_i) = e(u) + 1$  then  $Bu s_i B = BuB \cdot B s_i B$

Hint Use description of  $BuB$  through minors

We proved existence of map to  $G^{u, v}$ . It remains to  
 check that map is injective and compare dimensions. □

● Relations  $H_i(x) H_j(y) = H_j(y) H_i(x)$

•  $H_i E_j = E_j H_i \quad H_i F_j = F_j H_i \quad i \neq j$

•  $H_i(x) H_i(y) = H_i(xy)$

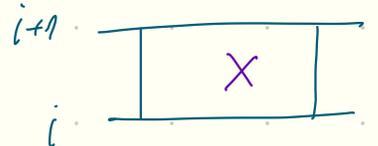
•  $E_i E_j = E_j E_i \quad F_i F_j = F_j F_i \quad |i-j| > 1 \quad E_i F_j = F_j E_i \quad i \neq j$   
 $S_i S_j = S_j S_i \quad \bar{S}_i \bar{S}_j = \bar{S}_j \bar{S}_i \quad S_i \bar{S}_j = \bar{S}_j S_i$

•  $E_i E_{i+1} H_i(x) E_i = H_i(1+x) H_{i+1}(\frac{1}{1+x}) E_{i+1} E_i H_{i+1}(x^{-1}) E_{i+1} H_i(\frac{1}{1+x^{-1}}) H_{i+1}(1+x)$   
 $S_i S_{i+1} S_i = S_{i+1} S_i S_{i+1}$

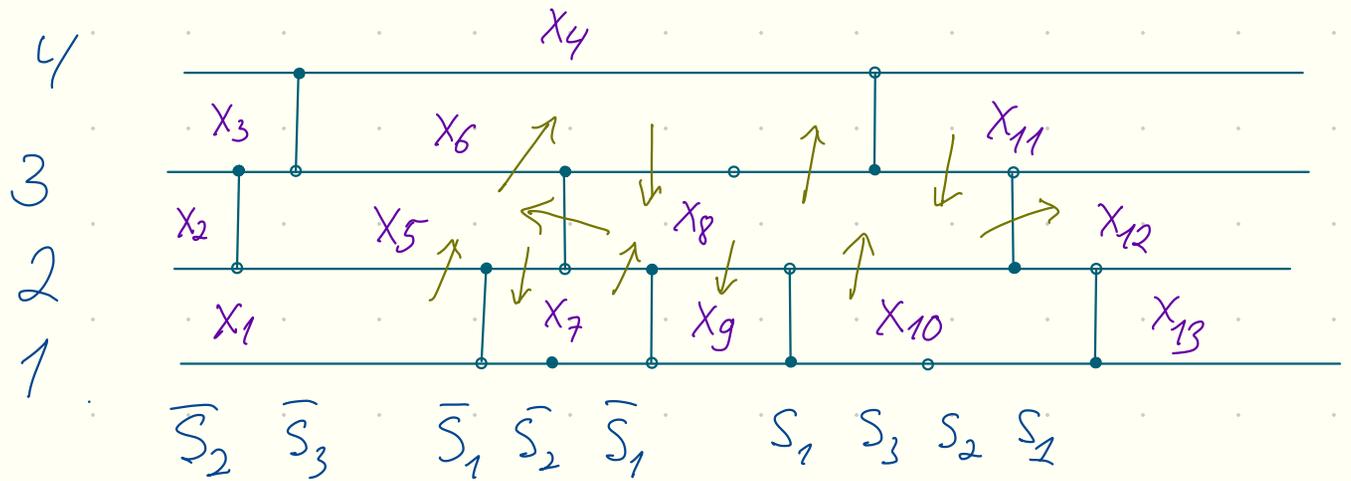
•  $F_i F_{i+1} H_i(x) F_i = H_i(1+x) H_i(\frac{1}{1+x}) F_{i+1} F_i H_{i+1}(x^{-1}) F_{i+1} H_i(\frac{1}{1+x^{-1}}) H_i(1+x)$   
 $\bar{S}_i \bar{S}_{i+1} \bar{S}_i = \bar{S}_{i+1} \bar{S}_i \bar{S}_{i+1}$

•  $F_i H_i(x) E_i = H_i(\frac{1}{1+x^{-1}}) E_i H_i(x^{-1}) F_i H_i(\frac{1}{1+x^{-1}}) H_{i-1}(1+x) H_{i+1}(1+x)$   
 $\bar{S}_i S_i = S_i \bar{S}_i$

- Assign  $x$  variables to the cell

$H_i(x) \rightsquigarrow$   from left to right.

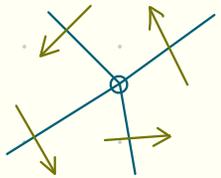
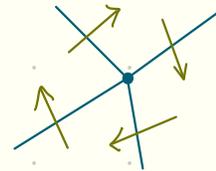
### Example



$$E_{ii} = H_1(x_1) H_2(x_2) H_3(x_3) H_4(x_4) F_2 H_2(x_5) F_3 H_3(x_6) F_1 H_1(x_7) F_2 H_2(x_8) F_1 H_1(x_9) \\ E_1 H_2(x_{10}) E_3 H_3(x_{11}) E_2 H_2(x_{12}) E_1 H_1(x_{13})$$

- Recall quiver

Vertices - faces of graph



Edges - clockwise around black vertices  
 counter-clockwise around white vertices

$X$  variables

● Pair  $(Q, x_1, \dots, x_n)$  assigned to vertices

Mutation  $M_k$ :  $Q \rightarrow Q'$   $x_j' = \begin{cases} x_k^{-1} & j=k \\ x_j (1 + x_k^{\text{sgn } b_{jk}})^{b_{jk}} & j \neq k \end{cases}$

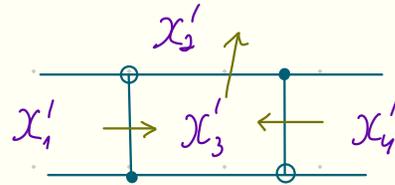
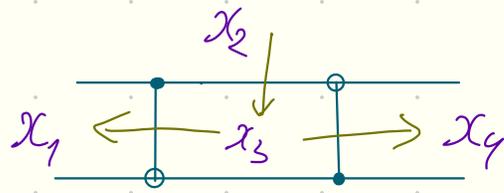
● Problem For cluster seed  $(Q, \bar{A})$  let  $x_j = \prod A_i^{b_{ij}}$   
Mutation of seed  $\rightsquigarrow$  mutation of  $X$  variables

ensemble map

● Properties (a)  $M_k^2 = \text{id}$  (b)  $\epsilon_{jk} = 0 \Rightarrow M_k M_j = M_j M_k$   
(c)  $\epsilon_{jk} = -1$   $M_k M_j M_k M_j M_k = (j, k)$

● Theorem Braid moves in reduced decomposition corresponds to  $X$  cluster mutations.  
Problem Prove theorem.

● Example  $Q = QL_2$   $u = \bar{S}_1$   $v = S_1$



$$\bar{S}_1 S_1 = S_1 \bar{S}_1$$

$$H_1(x_1) H_2(x_2) F_1 H_1(x_3) E_1 H_1(x_4) =$$

$$= H_1(x_1) H_2(x_2) H_1\left(\frac{1}{1+x_3^{-1}}\right) H_2(1+x_3) E_1 H_1(x_3^{-1}) F_1 H_1\left(\frac{1}{1+x_4^{-1}}\right) H_1(x_4)$$

$$= H_1\left(\frac{x_1}{1+x_3^{-1}}\right) H_2(x_2(1+x_3)) E_1 H_1(x_3^{-1}) F_1 H_1\left(\frac{x_4}{1+x_4^{-1}}\right)$$

$$= H_1(x'_1) H_2(x'_2) E_1 H_1(x_3) F_1 H_1(x'_4)$$

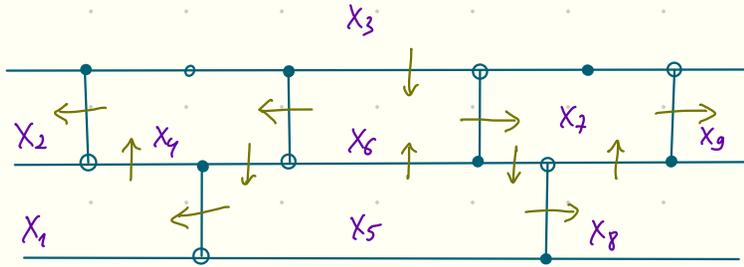
- $\exists$  simple relation between  $X$ -coord of  $g \in G^{u,v}$  and minors of  $g' \in G^{u^{-1}, v^{-1}}$

twist map

$$\gamma^{u,v} : G^{u,v} \rightarrow G^{u^{-1}, v^{-1}}$$

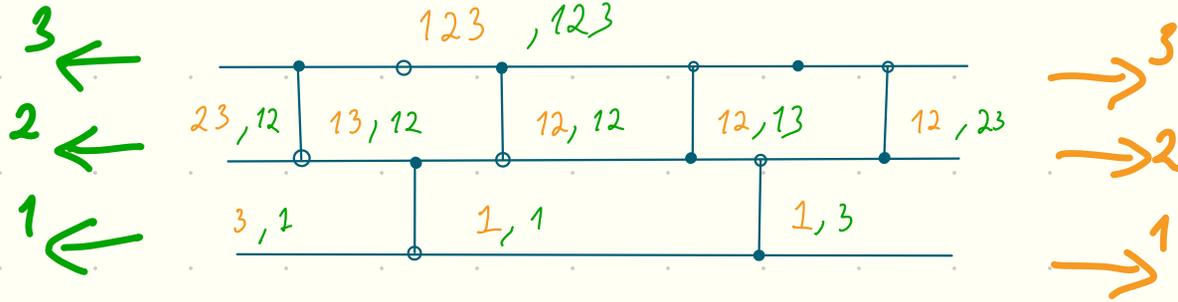
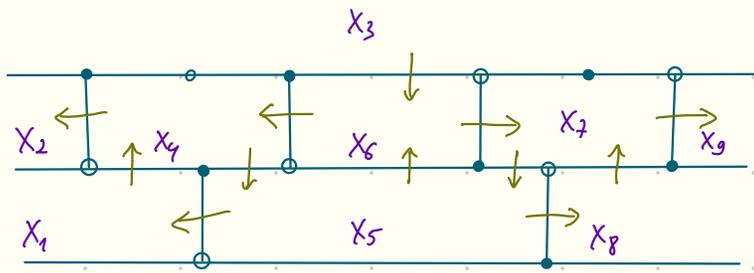
$$\gamma^{u,v}(g) = g'$$

Example  $G = GL_3$   
 $G^{w_0, w_0}$



$$g = H_1(x_1)H_2(x_2)H_3(x_3)F_2H_2(x_4)F_1H_1(x_5)F_2H_2(x_6)E_2H_2(x_7)E_1H_1(x_8)E_2H_2(x_9)$$

$$g' = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{g_{11}}{g_{31}g_{13}} & \frac{M_{12,13}}{g_{31}M_{12,23}} & \frac{1}{g_{31}} \\ \frac{M_{13,12}}{g_{13}M_{23,12}} & \frac{g_{3,3}M_{12,12} - \det x}{M_{23,12}M_{12,23}} & \frac{g_{3,2}}{M_{23,12}} \\ \frac{1}{g_{13}} & \frac{g_{23}}{M_{12,23}} & \frac{M_{23,23}}{\det g} \end{pmatrix}$$



$$x_j = \prod A_i^{b_{ij}}$$

(zig-zags are numbered by their ends from bottom to top)

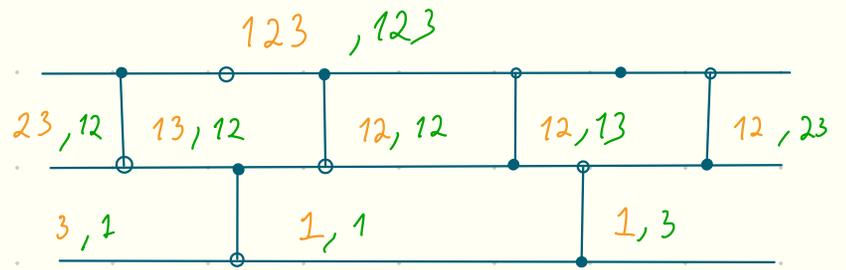
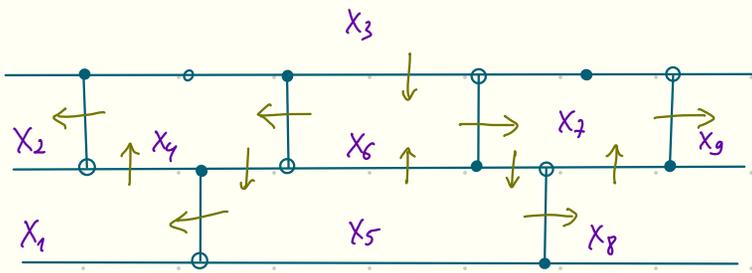
$$x_4 = \frac{M_{12}^{1,12} \cdot M_3^{1,1}}{M_{23}^{1,12} \cdot M_1^{1,1}}$$

$$x_5 = \frac{M_{12}^{1,13} \cdot M_{13}^{1,12}}{M_3^{1,1} \cdot M_{12}^{1,12} \cdot M_1^{1,3}}$$

$$x_6 = \frac{M_1^{1,1} \cdot M_{123}^{1,123}}{M_{13}^{1,12} \cdot M_{12}^{1,13}}$$

$$x_7 = \frac{M_{12}^{1,12} \cdot M_{1,3}}{M_{1,1}^{1,1} \cdot M_{12}^{1,23}}$$

for boundary small COTT is needed



FOT MINOTS of  $g$ :

$$x_4 = \frac{M_{12}^{12} \cdot M_3^1}{M_{23}^{12} \cdot M_1^1}$$

$$\frac{(1+x_4^{-1})(1+x_7^{-1})}{x_5} = \frac{M_{12}^{13} \cdot M_{13}^{12}}{M_3^1 \cdot M_{12}^{12} \cdot M_1^3}$$

$$\frac{1}{(1+x_4)x_0(1+x_7)} = \frac{M_1^1 \cdot M_{123}^{123}}{M_{13}^{12} \cdot M_{12}^{13}}$$

$$x_7 = \frac{M_{12}^{12} \cdot M_{1,3}}{M_{1,1} \cdot M_{12}^{23}}$$

Mutation in  $x_4$  and  $x_7$  + INVERSION

## References

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