

ABOUT 30 YEARS OF INTEGRABLE CHIRAL POTTS MODEL, QUANTUM GROUPS AT ROOTS OF UNITY AND CYCLIC HYPERGEOMETRIC FUNCTIONS

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ABSTRACT. In this paper we discuss the integrable chiral Potts model, as it clearly relates to how we got befriended with Vaughan Jones, whose birthday we celebrated at the Qinhuangdao meeting. Remarkably we can also celebrate the birthday of the model, as it has been introduced about 30 years ago as the first solution of the star-triangle equations parametrized in terms of higher genus functions. After introducing the most general checkerboard Yang–Baxter equation, we specialize to the star-triangle equation, also discussing its relation with knot theory. Then we show how the integrable chiral Potts model leads to special identities for basic hypergeometric series in the q a root-of-unity limit. Many of the well-known summation formulae for basic hypergeometric series do not work in this case. However, if we require the summand to be periodic, then there are many summable series. For example, the integrability condition, namely, the star-triangle equation, is a summation formula for a well-balanced ${}_4\Phi_3$ series. We finish with a few remarks about the relation with quantum groups at roots of unity.

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1. HOW WE GOT TO KNOW VAUGHAN JONES

In 1988 one of us found a preprint by Vaughan Jones, “On a Certain Value of the Kauffman Polynomial” [1]. We immediately saw that the metaplectic representation for $p = 5$ therein had to be related to our chiral Potts model work [2, 3] and it soon became clear that it was even related to the 5-state Fateev–Zamolodchikov model [4].

After reporting this to Vaughan we received an invitation to the Workshop on Integrable Systems in Statistical Mechanics, Quantum Field Theory, and Knot Theory, at MSRI, UC Berkeley, January 1989. There we both had detailed further discussions on the relationships between knot theory and integrable models of statistical mechanics and some of that got incorporated in the paper “On Knot Invariants Related to Some Statistical Mechanical Models” [5].

One evening during the workshop, Vaughan invited us both to his apartment, but Helen could not go as our baby was not well. At one point Vaughan came up with five copies of Händel’s Messiah for five of us present. He then assigned the four voice parts, “Jacques, do you want to sing tenor or bass?” and Anthony Wasserman got the piano accompaniment. Thus we performed the entire piece from cover to cover. It was a deeply spiritual experience with the entire text taken from the King James Version of the Bible.

We have met Vaughan later at several other meetings and have played several games of snooker together. Once during a conference honoring Baxter in Canberra we had a bus trip to Tidbinbilla. Vaughan said, “Helen, you have to sit somewhere else; I have to sit next to Jacques.” and we sang several parts of the Messiah together. Even during the Great Wall expedition of the Qinhuangdao conference we sang ‘Comfort ye’ and ‘Every valley’ in the bus after Helen fell asleep and her earplug came loose from her iPad.

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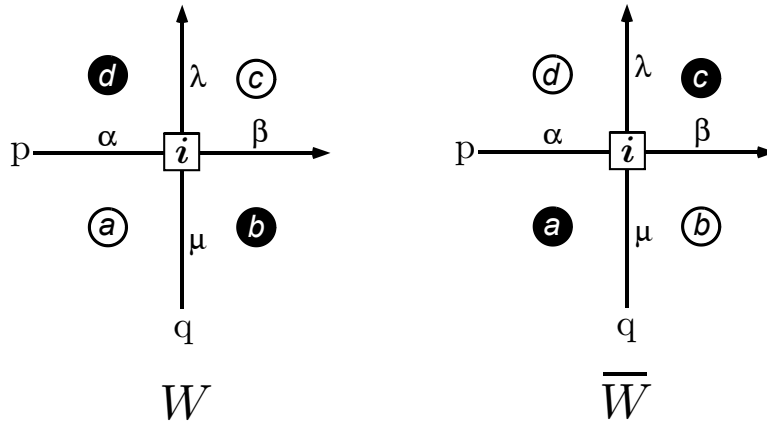


FIGURE 1. The Boltzmann weights $W^{(i)\lambda\beta|dc}_{\alpha\mu|ab}(p, q)$ and $\overline{W}^{(i)\lambda\beta|dc}_{\alpha\mu|ab}(p, q)$ associated with the crossing of oriented rapidity lines with rapidities p and q . Spin variables live on line pieces, faces and vertices. Faces are colored alternatingly black and white in a checkerboard pattern.

2. YANG–BAXTER INTEGRABLE STATISTICAL MECHANICS MODELS

The Yang–Baxter equation [6, 7] is a generalization of Artin’s braid equation in knot theory with spectral variables called rapidities p, q, \dots , living on oriented lines, see figure 1. To each crossing of the rapidity lines one assigns Boltzmann weights $W^{(i)\lambda\beta|dc}_{\alpha\mu|ab}(p, q)$ or $\overline{W}^{(i)\lambda\beta|dc}_{\alpha\mu|ab}(p, q)$ depending on a black-white checkerboard coloring assigned to the faces. Most generally, one can have spin variables on all faces, vertices and line pieces, while each spin variable can be chosen independently from a finite or infinite set.

One can sum over the spin i at the vertex, obtaining the IRF-vertex model with new Boltzmann weights $\sum_i W^{(i)\lambda\beta|dc}_{\alpha\mu|ab}(p, q) \equiv W^{\lambda\beta|dc}_{\alpha\mu|ab}(p, q)$, $\sum_i \overline{W}^{(i)\lambda\beta|dc}_{\alpha\mu|ab}(p, q) \equiv \overline{W}^{\lambda\beta|dc}_{\alpha\mu|ab}(p, q)$. Such a reduction can always be applied and has been useful in certain spin models, see e.g. [8, 9, 10].

Assuming that there are no spins at the intersections of rapidity lines, one can define several special cases [7]. First, if the spins on the line pieces (α, β, \dots) only take a single value, one can omit them, arriving at the checkerboard Interaction-Round-a-Face (IRF) model with weights $W^{dc}_{ab}(p, q)$, $\overline{W}^{dc}_{ab}(p, q)$. Second, assuming all spins on the faces have a single value (and thus can be omitted) one receives the checkerboard vertex model with weights $W^{\lambda\beta}_{\alpha\mu}(p, q)$, $\overline{W}^{\lambda\beta}_{\alpha\mu}(p, q)$. Forgetting about the coloring of the faces one gets the usual vertex model with $W^{\lambda\beta}_{\alpha\mu}(p, q) = \overline{W}^{\lambda\beta}_{\alpha\mu}(p, q)$. Finally, if one only leaves spins on the black (or white) faces, one ends up with a spin model.

The most general Yang–Baxter equation is depicted in figure 2 and can be expressed more complicatedly in formula as

$$\begin{aligned}
 (1) \quad & \sum_i \sum_j \sum_k \sum_{\alpha''} \sum_{\beta''} \sum_{\gamma''} \sum_d W^{(i)\alpha''\beta''|a'd}_{\beta \alpha |c b'}(p, q) \\
 & \quad \times W^{(j)\gamma' \alpha' |a'b}_{\alpha'' \gamma'' |d c'}(q, r) \overline{W}^{(k)\gamma'' \beta' |d c'}_{\beta'' \gamma' |b' a}(p, r) \\
 = & R(p, q, r) \sum_i \sum_j \sum_k \sum_{\alpha''} \sum_{\beta''} \sum_{\gamma''} \sum_{d'} \overline{W}^{(i)\alpha' \beta' |b c'}_{\beta'' \alpha'' |d' a}(p, q) \\
 & \quad \times \overline{W}^{(j)\gamma'' \alpha'' |c d'}_{\alpha \gamma' |b' a}(q, r) W^{(k)\gamma' \beta'' |a' b}_{\beta \gamma'' |c d'}(p, r),
 \end{aligned}$$

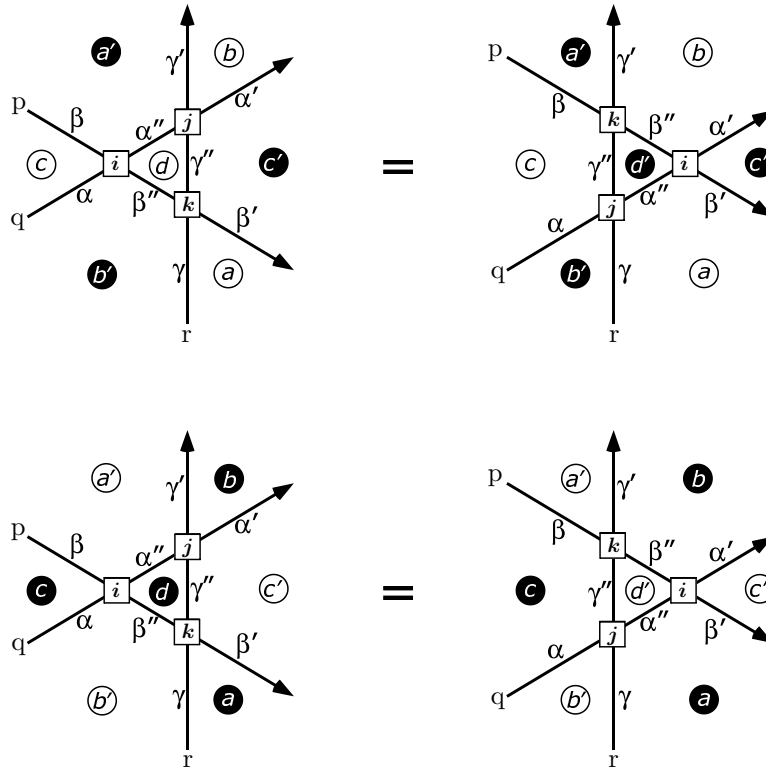


FIGURE 2. Pictorial representation of the checkerboard Yang–Baxter equations. State sums over spins on the vertices and on internal faces and line pieces are assumed.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2) \quad & \bar{R}(p, q, r) \sum_i \sum_j \sum_k \sum_{\alpha''} \sum_{\beta''} \sum_{\gamma''} \sum_d \bar{W}^{(i)\alpha''\beta''|a'd}(p, q) \\
 & \quad \times \bar{W}^{(j)\gamma'\alpha'|a'b}(q, r) W^{(k)\gamma''\beta'|d'c'}(p, r) \\
 & = \sum_i \sum_j \sum_k \sum_{\alpha''} \sum_{\beta''} \sum_{\gamma''} \sum_{d'} W^{(i)\alpha'\beta'|b'c'}(p, q) \\
 & \quad \times W^{(j)\gamma''\alpha''|c'd'}(q, r) \bar{W}^{(k)\gamma'\beta''|a'b}(p, r).
 \end{aligned}$$

One can read more about this and the various formal equivalences and specializations in [7, 11]. As said before, the sums over i, j and k can be taken introducing new sum weights and one can specialize further to get the various special versions of the Yang–Baxter equation in the literature.

Finally, in some examples that we have studied the scalar factors $R(p, q, r)$ and $\bar{R}(p, q, r)$ can be factorized and absorbed into the W 's and \bar{W} 's by properly redefining these. Also (1) and (2) are the same equation in the integrable chiral Potts model, for example.

3. INTEGRABLE CHIRAL POTTS MODEL

Let us from now on specialize to the integrable chiral Potts model [2, 3]. Potts means here that there is a translation invariance in the spin variables, meaning that each weight is of the form $W_a^b(p, q) \equiv W_{pq}(a-b)$ or $\bar{W}_a^b(p, q) \equiv \bar{W}_{pq}(a-b)$, depending only on the difference of two spin variables a and b modulo an

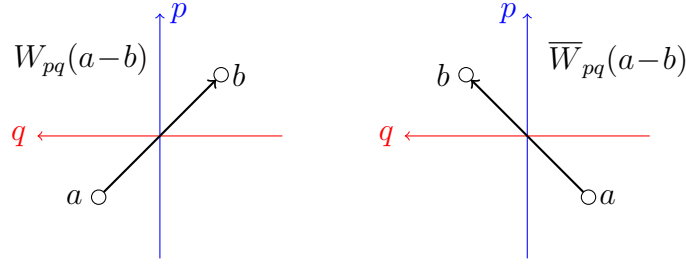


FIGURE 3. The chiral Potts model weights.

integer N and integrability implies the existence of the two rapidities p and q . The chiral property means that there is no reflection invariance, i.e. $W_{pq}(a-b) \neq W_{pq}(b-a)$, $\bar{W}_{pq}(a-b) \neq \bar{W}_{pq}(b-a)$ in general.

The two weights are depicted in figure 3 and have the form

$$(3) \quad W_{pq}(n) = W_{pq}(0) \prod_{j=1}^n \left(\frac{\mu_p}{\mu_q} \cdot \frac{y_q - x_p \omega^j}{y_p - x_q \omega^j} \right),$$

$$\bar{W}_{pq}(n) = \bar{W}_{pq}(0) \prod_{j=1}^n \left(\mu_p \mu_q \cdot \frac{\omega x_p - x_q \omega^j}{y_q - y_p \omega^j} \right),$$

where $n = a - b$, $\omega = \exp(2\pi\sqrt{-1}/N)$ is an N th root of unity, and the two rapidities $p = (x_p, y_p, \mu_p)$ and $q = (x_q, y_q, \mu_q)$ lie on the high-genus curve

$$(4) \quad x_p^N + y_p^N = k(1 + x_p^N y_p^N), \quad \mu_p^N = \frac{k'}{1 - k x_p^N} = \frac{1 - k y_p^N}{k'}$$

with some k and k' satisfying $k^2 + k'^2 = 1$. Here we shall choose the normalization $W_{pq}(0) = \bar{W}_{pq}(0) = 1$.

These weights satisfy the Reflection Relation

$$(5) \quad W_{pp}(a-b) = 1, \quad W_{pq}(a-b)W_{qp}(a-b) = 1,$$

and Inversion Relation

$$(6) \quad \sum_{b=0}^{N-1} \bar{W}_{pq}(a-b)\bar{W}_{qp}(b-c) = r_{pq}\delta_{a,c}.$$

These relations correspond to Reidemeister moves I and II of knot theory. Indeed,

$$(7) \quad W_{pp}(n) = \left(\frac{\mu_p}{\mu_p} \right)^n \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{y_p - x_p \omega^j}{y_p - x_p \omega^j}, \quad \text{or} \quad W_{pp}(a-b) = 1,$$

$$(8) \quad \bar{W}_{pp}(n) = (\mu_p \mu_p)^n \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{\omega x_p - x_p \omega^j}{y_p - y_p \omega^j}, \quad \text{or} \quad \bar{W}_{pp}(a-b) = \delta_{a,b}.$$

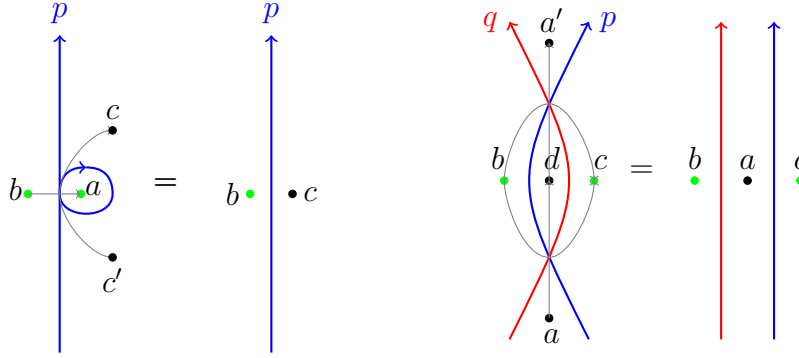


FIGURE 4. Identities related to Reidemeister moves I and II. On the left there is a summation over the internal spin a , so that $c' = c$. On the right there is a summation over internal spin d , so that $a' = a$.

corresponds to Reidemeister move I and

$$(9) \quad W_{pq}(n) = \left(\frac{\mu_p}{\mu_q} \right)^n \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{y_q - x_p \omega^j}{y_p - x_q \omega^j} = W_{qp}^{-1}(n),$$

or $W_{pq}(b - c)W_{qp}(b - c) = 1,$

$$(10) \quad \sum_{d=0}^{N-1} \bar{W}_{pq}(a - d) \bar{W}_{qp}(d - a') = r_{pq} \delta_{a,a'},$$

with some factor r_{pq} , corresponds to Reidemeister move II. These are depicted in figure 4.

Finally there is the Star-Triangle Relation (Yang–Baxter relation for the chiral Potts model), see also figure 5,

$$(11) \quad \sum_{d=1}^N \bar{W}_{pr}(a - d) W_{pq}(d - c) \bar{W}_{rq}(d - b)$$

$$= R_{pqr} \bar{W}_{pq}(a - b) W_{pr}(b - c) W_{rq}(a - c),$$

corresponding to Reidemeister move III.

As is well known, repeated application of the Star-Triangle Relation, see figure 6, implies that transfer matrices commute. Defining

$$(12) \quad (T_q)_{\sigma, \sigma'} = \prod_{j=1}^L W_{pq}(\sigma_j, \sigma'_j) \bar{W}_{pq}(\sigma_{j+1}, \sigma'_j),$$

$$(\hat{T}_r)_{\sigma, \sigma'} = \prod_{j=1}^L \bar{W}_{pr}(\sigma_j, \sigma'_j) W_{pr}(\sigma_j, \sigma'_{j+1}),$$

with periodic boundary conditions $\sigma_{L+1} = \sigma_1$ and $\sigma'_{L+1} = \sigma'_1$, we can prove [6]

$$(13) \quad T_q \hat{T}_r \propto T_r \hat{T}_q.$$

More precisely, combining the chiral Potts weights in two successive diagonal rows, as indicated in figure 6, and summing over all spins in the middle row, we get the two products of the two transfer matrices,

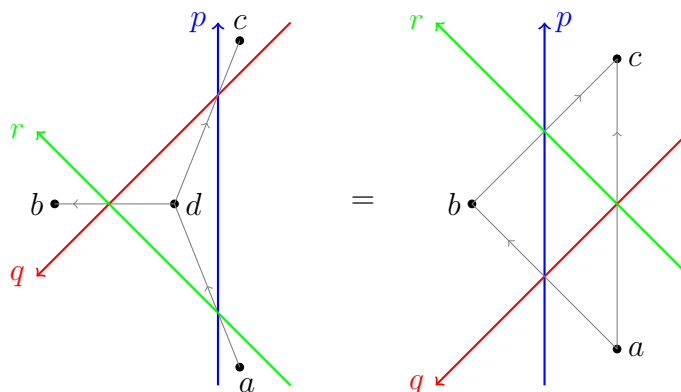


FIGURE 5. Spin-model Yang–Baxter (or Star-Triangle) Equation generalizing Reidemeister move III.

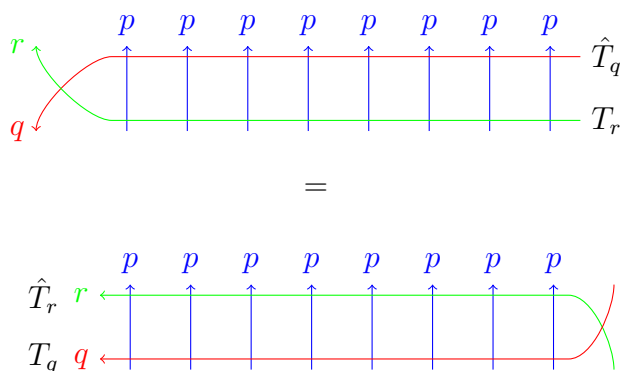


FIGURE 6. Commuting Transfer Matrices: Shown here is the result of repeated application of the Star-Triangle Equation. Applying an additional qr weight to the right before closing the q and r rapidity lines, we can apply the inversion relation and prove that the transfer matrices commute.

after closing the horizontal p and q rapidity lines. Inserting an inversion relation, we can then repeatedly apply (11).

4. RELATION WITH HYPERGEOMETRIC SERIES

The Boltzmann weights $W_{pq}(n)$ and $\overline{W}_{pq}(n)$ for edges between spins a and b , $n = a - b$, in (3) can be rewritten in terms of ω -Pochhammer symbols as

$$(14) \quad W_{pq}(n) = \left(\frac{\mu_p}{\mu_q}\right)^n \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{y_q - x_p \omega^j}{y_p - x_q \omega^j} = \gamma_{pq}^n \frac{(\alpha_{pq}, \omega)_n}{(\beta_{pq}, \omega)_n},$$

$$\overline{W}_{pq}(n) = (\mu_p \mu_q)^n \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{\omega x_p - x_q \omega^j}{y_q - y_p \omega^j} = \tilde{\gamma}_{pq}^n \frac{(\bar{\alpha}_{pq}, \omega)_n}{(\beta_{pq}, \omega)_n},$$

where

$$(15) \quad (x, \omega)_n = \prod_{\ell=0}^{n-1} (1 - x\omega^\ell), \quad \omega = e^{2\pi\sqrt{-1}/N},$$

$$(16) \quad \begin{aligned} \gamma_{pq} &= \mu_p y_q / \mu_q y_p, & \alpha_{pq} &= \omega x_q / y_p, & \beta_{pq} &= \omega x_p / y_q, \\ \bar{\gamma}_{pq} &= \omega \mu_p \mu_q x_p / y_q, & \bar{\alpha}_{pq} &= x_q / x_p, & \bar{\beta}_{pq} &= \omega y_p / y_q, \end{aligned}$$

It is obvious that the star-triangle relation is related to identities of basic hypergeometric series.

4.1. Basic Hypergeometric Series. Define

$$(17) \quad {}_{p+1}\Phi_p \left[\begin{matrix} a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{p+1} \\ b_1, b_2, \dots, b_p \end{matrix}; z \right] = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a_1; q)_l (a_2; q)_l \cdots (a_p; q)_l (a_{p+1}; q)_l}{(b_1; q)_l (b_2; q)_l \cdots (b_p; q)_l (q; q)_l} z^l,$$

with the q -Pochhammer symbol

$$(18) \quad (x; q)_l = \prod_{j=0}^{l-1} (1 - xq^j), \quad |q| < 1,$$

generalizing the usual Pochhammer symbol

$$(19) \quad (a)_l = a(a+1) \cdots (a+l-1).$$

The series defined in (17) is then the q -deformation of the generalized hypergeometric series

$$(20) \quad {}_{p+1}F_p \left[\begin{matrix} a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{p+1} \\ b_1, b_2, \dots, b_p \end{matrix}; z \right] = \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a_1)_l (a_2)_l \cdots (a_p)_l (a_{p+1})_l}{(b_1)_l (b_2)_l \cdots (b_p)_l l!} z^l.$$

For the root-of-unity case with $\omega^N = 1$, we find, when $x \rightarrow \omega$

$$(21) \quad \prod_{j=0}^{N-1} (1 - x\omega^j) = (1 - x^N) \rightarrow (\omega; \omega)_N = 0.$$

Thus in the limit $q \rightarrow \omega$, the summand in the series in (17) is divergent. To have a well-defined summand, we have to let $a_{p+1} = q^{1-N}$ to make it a terminating series, that is

$$(22) \quad {}_{p+1}\Phi_p \left[\begin{matrix} \omega, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_p \\ \beta_1, \dots, \beta_p \end{matrix}; z \right] = \sum_{l=0}^{N-1} \frac{(\alpha_1; \omega)_l \cdots (\alpha_p; \omega)_l}{(\beta_1; \omega)_l \cdots (\beta_p; \omega)_l} z^l.$$

Many well-known theorems in basic hypergeometric series may not hold in the root-of-unity case, and need to be modified, such as the transformation formula

Theorem 10.2.1 [12]

$$(23) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a; q)_n}{(q; q)_n} x^n = \frac{(ax; q)_{\infty}}{(x; q)_{\infty}}, \quad \text{for } |x| < 1$$

which is the q -analog of the binomial theorem

$$(24) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(a)_n}{n!} x^n = (1-x)^{-a} \quad \text{for } |x| < 1.$$

Only for the case with $a = q^{-\alpha}$, can (23) be extended to the root-of-unity case as

$$(25) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\alpha} \frac{(\omega^{-\alpha}; \omega)_n}{(\omega; \omega)_n} x^n = (\omega^{-\alpha} x; \omega)_{\alpha} = \sum_{n=0}^{\alpha} \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ n \end{bmatrix} (-x)^n \omega^{\frac{1}{2}n(n-1) - n\alpha}.$$

This well-known formula is due to Rothe, according to [12].

Similarly, the q -analog of Euler's formula

$$(26) \quad {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} a, b \\ c \end{matrix}; x \right] = (1-x)^{c-a-b} {}_2F_1 \left[\begin{matrix} c-a, c-b \\ c \end{matrix}; x \right]$$

Theorem 10.10.1 [12]

$$(27) \quad {}_2\Phi_1 \left[\begin{matrix} a, b \\ c \end{matrix}; x \right] = \frac{(abx/c; q)_{\infty}}{(x; q)_{\infty}} {}_2\Phi_1 \left[\begin{matrix} c/a, c/b \\ c \end{matrix}; \frac{abx}{c} \right],$$

does not hold for $q \rightarrow \omega$. However, for some particular values of a, b and c , we find

$$(28) \quad {}_2\Phi_1 \left[\begin{matrix} \omega^{\alpha}, \omega^{\beta} \\ \omega^{\gamma} \end{matrix}; t \right] = (\omega^{\alpha+\beta-\gamma} t; \omega)_{N-\alpha-\beta+\gamma} {}_2\Phi_1 \left[\begin{matrix} \omega^{\gamma-\alpha}, \omega^{\gamma-\beta} \\ \omega^{\gamma} \end{matrix}; \omega^{\alpha+\beta-\gamma} t \right].$$

The proof was rather non-trivial, as will be outlined later. This shows that the summation formulae of the basic hypergeometric series cannot be extended to the root-of-unity case, unless further restrictions are imposed.

4.2. Cyclic Hypergeometric Series. If we impose the periodicity requirement for the finite sum in (22) to be

$$(29) \quad z^N = \prod_{j=1}^p \gamma_j^N, \quad \gamma_j^N = \frac{1 - \beta_j^N}{1 - \alpha_j^N},$$

we obtain a ‘‘cyclic hypergeometric function’’ with summand periodic mod N .

The Fourier transform of the chiral Potts weight is a cyclic ${}_2\Phi_1$, i.e.

$$(30) \quad W^{(f)}(k) = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \omega^{nk} W(n) = {}_2\Phi_1 \left[\begin{matrix} \omega, \alpha \\ \beta \end{matrix}; \gamma \omega^k \right],$$

where

$$(31) \quad W(n) = \gamma^n \frac{(\alpha; \omega)_n}{(\beta; \omega)_n}, \quad W(N+n) = W(n), \quad \gamma^N = \frac{1 - \beta^N}{1 - \alpha^N}.$$

It is summable as shown in [9, 13], namely

$$(32) \quad {}_2\Phi_1 \left[\begin{matrix} \omega, x \\ y \end{matrix}; z \right] = \frac{\omega^d N^{\frac{1}{2}}}{\Phi_0 \Delta(y)^{N-1}} \frac{p(y)p(\omega x/y)p(z)}{p(x)p(\omega xz/y)},$$

where

$$(33) \quad z^N(1-x^N) = (1-y^N), \quad p(x) = \prod_{j=1}^{N-1} (1 - \omega^j x)^{j/N},$$

$$\Delta(x) = (1-x^N)^{1/N}, \quad \Phi_0 = e^{i\pi(N-1)(N-2)/12N}.$$

However, the periodic restriction make the Riemann sheet structure very complicated. It was also shown in [13] that the following relations hold

$$(34) \quad {}_2\Phi_1\left[\begin{matrix} \omega, x \\ y \end{matrix}; z\right] {}_2\Phi_1\left[\begin{matrix} \omega, y/xz \\ \omega/z \end{matrix}; x\right] = N$$

and

$$(35) \quad {}_2\Phi_1\left[\begin{matrix} \omega, x\omega^m \\ y\omega^n \end{matrix}; z\omega^k\right] \\ = {}_2\Phi_1\left[\begin{matrix} \omega, x \\ y \end{matrix}; z\right] \left(\frac{\omega}{y}\right)^k (z\omega^k)^{-n} \frac{(y; \omega)_n (z; \omega)_k (\omega x/y; \omega)_{m-n}}{(x; \omega)_m (\omega xz/y; \omega)_{m-n+k}}.$$

4.3. **Cyclic Hypergeometric** ${}_3\Phi_2$. It is found in [14] that the cyclic hypergeometric ${}_3\Phi_2$ satisfies the transformation formula¹

$$(36) \quad {}_3\Phi_2\left[\begin{matrix} \omega, x_1, x_2 \\ y_1, y_2 \end{matrix}; z\right] = A {}_3\Phi_2\left[\begin{matrix} \omega, z/z_1, y_1/x_1z_1, \frac{\omega x_1}{y_2} \\ \omega/z_1, \omega x_2z/y_2z_1 \end{matrix}; \frac{\omega x_1}{y_2}\right],$$

where the periodic restriction is

$$(37) \quad z^N(1-x_1^N)(1-x_2^N) = (1-y_1^N)(1-y_2^N),$$

and the constant

$$(38) \quad A = N^{-1} {}_2\Phi_1\left[\begin{matrix} \omega, x_1 \\ y_1 \end{matrix}; z_1\right] {}_2\Phi_1\left[\begin{matrix} \omega, x_2 \\ y_2 \\ z_1 \end{matrix}\right], \quad z_1^N = \frac{(1-y_1^N)}{(1-x_1^N)}.$$

If $z = \omega$, we find ${}_3\Phi_2$ on the right-hand side of (36) becomes ${}_2\Phi_1$, so that it is a product of three cyclic ${}_2\Phi_1$, which are summable. Therefore we find ${}_3\Phi_2$ is also summable at $z = \omega$. Now (37) becomes

$$(39) \quad (1-x_1^N)(1-x_2^N) = (1-y_1^N)(1-y_2^N),$$

which gives rise to a very complicated Riemann sheet structure.

We next outline the proof of (28). Consider the series in (36) with $x_1 = x$, $x_2 = \omega^{\gamma-\beta}y$, $y_1 = \omega^\alpha x$, $y_2 = \omega y$ and $z = \omega^\beta$. In this case, it becomes

$$(40) \quad {}_3\Phi_2\left[\begin{matrix} \omega, x, \omega^{\gamma-\beta}y \\ \omega^\alpha x, \omega y \end{matrix}; \omega^\beta\right] = \bar{B} {}_2\Phi_1\left[\begin{matrix} \omega^\beta, \omega^\alpha \\ \omega^\gamma \end{matrix}; \frac{x}{y}\right],$$

where

$$(41) \quad \bar{B} = N^{-1} {}_2\Phi_1\left[\begin{matrix} \omega, x \\ \omega^\alpha x \end{matrix}; 1\right] {}_2\Phi_1\left[\begin{matrix} \omega, \omega^{\gamma-\beta}y \\ \omega y \end{matrix}; \omega^\beta\right].$$

If we interchange x_1 and x_2 , and then use (36) twice, we obtain

$$(42) \quad {}_3\Phi_2\left[\begin{matrix} \omega, \omega^{\gamma-\beta}y, x \\ \omega^\alpha x, \omega y \end{matrix}; \omega^\beta\right] = A {}_3\Phi_2\left[\begin{matrix} \omega, \omega^\beta z, \omega^{\alpha+\beta-\gamma}zx/y \\ \omega z, \omega^\beta zx/y \end{matrix}; \omega^{\gamma-\beta}\right] \\ = AB {}_2\Phi_1\left[\begin{matrix} \omega^{\gamma-\beta}, \omega^{\gamma-\alpha} \\ \omega^\gamma \end{matrix}; \omega^{\alpha+\beta-\gamma} \frac{x}{y}\right],$$

¹It should be noted that Sergeev, Mangazeev, and Stroganov [15] derived similar identities, using an upside-down version of the q -Pochhammer symbol.

where the constants are

$$(43) \quad \begin{aligned} A &= N^{-1} {}_2\Phi_1 \left[\begin{matrix} \omega, \omega^{\gamma-\beta}y \\ \omega^\alpha x \end{matrix}; 1/z \right] {}_2\Phi_1 \left[\begin{matrix} \omega, x \\ \omega y \end{matrix}; \omega^\beta z \right], \\ B &= N^{-1} {}_2\Phi_1 \left[\begin{matrix} \omega, \omega^{\alpha+\beta-\gamma}zx/y \\ \omega^\beta zx/y \end{matrix}; 1 \right] {}_2\Phi_1 \left[\begin{matrix} \omega, \omega^\beta z \\ \omega z \end{matrix}; \omega^{\gamma-\beta} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Now we may use (35), (34) and (32) to find

$$(44) \quad AB/\bar{B} = (\omega^{\alpha+\beta-\gamma}x/y; \omega)_{N-\alpha-\beta+\gamma}.$$

4.4. Cyclic Hypergeometric ${}_4\Phi_3$. Clearly, the star-triangle relation (11) gives a summation formula for ${}_4\Phi_3$. To convert the left-hand side of the star-triangle equation into ${}_4\Phi_3$, we must rewrite the Pochhammer symbols in the weights in terms of the rapidities. We find

$$(45) \quad \begin{aligned} \alpha_1 &= \omega^{c-a-1}y_r/y_p, & \alpha_2 &= \omega x_p/y_q, & \alpha_3 &= \omega^{c-b}x_q/x_r, \\ \beta_1 &= \omega^{c-a}x_p/x_r, & \beta_2 &= \omega x_q/y_p, & \beta_3 &= \omega^{c-b+1}y_r/y_q, \\ \gamma_1 &= y_p/\mu_p\mu_r x_r, & \gamma_2 &= \mu_p y_q/\mu_q y_p, & \gamma_3 &= \omega \mu_q \mu_r x_r/y_q. \end{aligned}$$

This gives

$$(46) \quad \omega^2 \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \alpha_3 = \beta_1 \beta_2 \beta_3, \quad \gamma_1 \gamma_2 \gamma_3 = \omega.$$

It is known that when the well-balanced condition

$$(47) \quad qa_1 a_2 \cdots a_{p+1} = b_1 b_2 \cdots b_p, \quad z = q,$$

is satisfied, there exist many summation formulae for the basic hypergeometric series. The most well-known summation formula is

$$(48) \quad {}_3\Phi_2 \left[\begin{matrix} a, b, q^{-n} \\ c, q^{1-n}ab/c \end{matrix}; q \right] = \frac{(c/a; q)_n (c/b; q)_n}{(c; q)_n (c/ab; q)_n},$$

which is the q -analog of the Pfaff-Saalschütz formula

$$(49) \quad {}_3F_2 \left[\begin{matrix} a, b, -n \\ c, 1+a+b-n-c \end{matrix}; 1 \right] = \frac{(c-a)_n (c-b)_n}{(c)_n (c-a-b)_n}.$$

4.5. $N \rightarrow \infty$ Limits. By taking the $N \rightarrow \infty$ limit [16], the star-triangle relation becomes the summation formula for double sided series

$$(50) \quad \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\Gamma(x_1+n)\Gamma(x_2+n)\Gamma(x_3+n)}{\Gamma(y_1+n)\Gamma(y_2+n)\Gamma(y_3+n)} = \frac{G(x_1, x_2, x_3|y_1, y_2, y_3)}{\prod_{i=1}^3 \prod_{j=1}^3 \Gamma(y_i - x_j)},$$

if both the well-balanced condition and the periodicity condition hold, i.e.

$$(51) \quad \begin{aligned} x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + 2 &= y_1 + y_2 + y_3, \\ \sin \pi x_1 \sin \pi x_2 \sin \pi x_3 &= \sin \pi y_1 \sin \pi y_2 \sin \pi y_3, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$(52) \quad \begin{aligned} G(x_1, x_2, x_3|y_1, y_2, y_3) & \\ &\equiv \prod_{j=2}^3 \Gamma(x_j)\Gamma(1-x_j) \prod_{i=1}^3 \Gamma(y_i-x_1)\Gamma(1-y_i+x_1), \end{aligned}$$

which is invariant under

1° Permutations of x_1, x_2, x_3 and y_1, y_2, y_3 ,

- 2° Reflections $x_j \mapsto 1 - y_j, y_j \mapsto 1 - x_j$ simultaneously,
 3° Translations $x_j \mapsto x_j + M, y_j \mapsto y_j + M$ for $j = 1, 2$ or 3 .

We note that there are also other $N \rightarrow \infty$ limits with spins taken from a finite or infinite continuous interval [16].

5. FINAL REMARK

At the Qinhuangdao meeting we also discussed the superintegrable subcase of the integrable chiral Potts model, which has an additional underlying Onsager loop group structure, and we discussed how the spectrum is then dominated by an affine quantum group at an N -th root of unity, where N can be odd or even. Even though the theory of this quantum group is much better understood for odd roots of unity, we presented new approaches to establish the higher quantum Serre relations also for the even root-of-unity case. We shall not go in more detail here as a more complete account has been presented at the meeting in honor of Baxter's 75th birthday [10, 17].

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