

# Information Algebras and their Applications

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## Min-Plus Algebra (Tropical Semiring)

min-plus (or tropical) semiring  $\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}$

- operations  $\oplus$  and  $\odot$

$$x \oplus y = \min\{x, y\} \quad \text{with identity } \infty$$

$$x \odot y = x + y \quad \text{with identity } 0$$

- operations  $\oplus$  and  $\odot$  satisfy:
  - associativity
  - commutativity
  - left/right identity
  - distributivity of product  $\odot$  over sum  $\oplus$

## Thermodynamic semirings $\mathbb{T}_{\beta,S} = (\mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}, \oplus_{\beta,S}, \odot)$

- deformation of the tropical addition  $\oplus_{\beta,S}$

$$x \oplus_{\beta,S} y = \min_p \left\{ px + (1-p)y - \frac{1}{\beta} S(p) \right\}$$

$\beta$  thermodynamic inverse temperature parameter

$S(p) = S(p, 1-p)$  binary information measure,  $p \in [0, 1]$

- for  $\beta \rightarrow \infty$  (zero temperature) recovers unperturbed idempotent addition  $\oplus$
- multiplication  $\odot = +$  is undeformed
- for  $S =$  Shannon entropy considered first in relation to  $\mathbb{F}_1$ -geometry in
  - A. Connes, C. Consani, *From monoids to hyperstructures: in search of an absolute arithmetic*, arXiv:1006.4810

**Khinchin axioms**  $\text{Sh}(p) = -C(p \log p + (1 - p) \log(1 - p))$

• Axiomatic characterization of Shannon entropy  $S(p) = \text{Sh}(p)$

① symmetry  $S(p) = S(1 - p)$

② minima  $S(0) = S(1) = 0$

③ extensivity

$$S(pq) + (1 - pq)S(p(1 - q)/(1 - pq)) = S(p) + pS(q)$$

• correspond to **algebraic properties** of semiring  $\mathbb{T}_{\beta,S}$

① commutativity of  $\oplus_{\beta,S}$

② left and right identity for  $\oplus_{\beta,S}$

③ associativity of  $\oplus_{\beta,S}$

$\Rightarrow \mathbb{T}_{\beta,S}$  commutative, unital, associative **iff**  $S(p) = \text{Sh}(p)$

## Khinchin axioms $n$ -ary form

Given  $S$  as above, define  $S_n : \Delta_{n-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  by

$$S_n(p_1, \dots, p_n) = \sum_{1 \leq j \leq n-1} \left(1 - \sum_{1 \leq i < j} p_i\right) S\left(\frac{p_j}{1 - \sum_{1 \leq i < j} p_i}\right).$$

Then Khinchin axioms:

- 1 (Continuity)  $S(p_1, \dots, p_n)$  continuous in  $(p_1, \dots, p_n) \in \Delta_n$  simplex
- 2 (Maximality)  $S(p_1, \dots, p_n)$  maximum at the uniform  $p_i = 1/n$
- 3 (Additivity/Extensivity)  $p_i = \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} p_{ij}$  then

$$S(p_{11}, \dots, p_{nm_n}) = S(p_1, \dots, p_n) + \sum_{i=1}^n p_i S\left(\frac{p_{i1}}{p_i}, \dots, \frac{p_{im_i}}{p_i}\right);$$

- 4 (Expandability)  $\Delta_n$  face in  $\Delta_{n+1}$

$$S(p_1, \dots, p_n, 0) = S(p_1, \dots, p_n)$$

Shannon entropy case:

$$x \oplus_{\beta, \text{Sh}} y = \min_p \left\{ px + (1-p)y - \frac{1}{\beta} \text{Sh}(p) \right\}$$

equivalent form of  $\oplus_{\beta, \text{Sh}}$

$$x \oplus_{\beta, \text{Sh}} y = -\beta^{-1} \log \left( e^{-\beta x} + e^{-\beta y} \right)$$

leads to relation with Maslov dequantization

## Rényi entropy:

$$\text{Ry}_\alpha(p_1, \dots, p_n) := \frac{1}{1 - \alpha} \log \left( \sum_i p_i^\alpha \right)$$

$$\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 1} \text{Ry}_\alpha(p_1, \dots, p_n) = \text{Sh}(p_1, \dots, p_n)$$

- lack of associativity of  $x \oplus_S y$ , when  $S = \text{Ry}_\alpha$

$$\text{Ry}_\alpha(p) = \frac{1}{1 - \alpha} \log(p^\alpha + (1 - p)^\alpha)$$

measured by the transformation  $(p_1, p_2, p_3) \mapsto (p_3, p_2, p_1)$



## Non-extensive thermodynamics:

- gas of particles with chemical potentials  $\log x$  and  $\log y$  and Hamiltonian ( $p$  mole fraction)

$$\mathcal{H} = p \log x + (1 - p) \log y$$

- partition function  $Z = e^{-F_{\text{eq}}}$  with  $F_{\text{eq}}$  equilibrium value of free energy at temperature  $T = 1/\beta$

$$x \oplus_{\beta, S} y = \max_p (e^{TS(p) + p \log x + (1-p) \log y})$$

partition sum of a two state system with energies  $x$  and  $y$

- Extensive thermodynamics: independent subsystems  $A$  and  $B$ , combined system  $A \star B$

$$S(A \star B) = S(A) + S(B)$$

- Non-extensive deformations (Tsallis)

$$S_q(A \star B) = S_q(A) + S_q(B) + (1 - q)S_q(A)S_q(B)$$

Tsallis entropy:

$$T_{S_\alpha}(p) = \frac{1}{\alpha - 1} (1 - p^\alpha - (1 - p)^\alpha)$$

reproduces Shannon entropy  $\alpha \rightarrow 1$

- Tsallis entropy uniquely determined by symmetry  $S(p) = S(1 - p)$ , minima  $S(0) = S(1) = 0$ , and  $\alpha$ -deformed extensivity

$$S(p_1) + (1 - p_1)^\alpha S\left(\frac{p_2}{1 - p_1}\right) = S(p_1 + p_2) + (p_1 + p_2)^\alpha S\left(\frac{p_1}{p_1 + p_2}\right)$$

## Tsallis thermodynamic semiring

- Tsallis thermodynamic semiring: commutativity, unitarity and associativity of  $\alpha$ -deformed  $\oplus_{\beta, S, \alpha}$

$$x \oplus_{\beta, S, \alpha} y = \min_p \left\{ p^\alpha x + (1 - p)^\alpha y - \frac{1}{\beta} \text{Ts}_\alpha(p) \right\}$$

- **General idea:** transform axiomatic characterizations of various entropy functionals into algebraic properties of corresponding thermodynamic deformations of min-plus algebras

## Entropy Operads

- Operad: objects  $\mathcal{C}(j)$  in a symmetric monoidal category: parameter space of  $j$ -ary operations with composition maps

$$\gamma : \mathcal{C}(k) \otimes \mathcal{C}(j_1) \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathcal{C}(j_k) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}(j_1 + \cdots + j_k)$$

associative, unital, and equivariant under permutations

- $\mathcal{C}$ -algebra  $A$ : an object with  $\text{Sym}_j$ -equivariant maps

$$\mathcal{C}(j) \otimes A^j \rightarrow A,$$

thought of as actions, associative and unital

- operad  $\mathcal{P}$  of probabilities on finite sets  $\mathcal{P}(j) = \Delta_j$  simplex

$$\gamma((p_i)_{i \in j} \otimes (q_{1l})_{l \in k_0} \otimes \cdots \otimes (q_{jl})_{l \in k_{j-1}}) = (p_i q_{il})_{l \in k_i, i \in j} \in \mathcal{C}(k_0 + \cdots + k_{j-1})$$

composite of subsystems

## Information Algebras (over the entropy operad)

• object  $\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ , morphisms  $x \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ ; action of operad  $\mathcal{P}$ : maps  $S$  from finite probabilities to non-negative real number with

- 1 For  $p \in \mathcal{P}(n)$  and  $q_i \in \mathcal{P}(m_i)$

$$S(p \circ (q_1, \dots, q_n)) = S(p) + \sum_i p_i S(q_i);$$

- 2  $S((1)) = 0$ ;
- 3 for  $p \in \mathcal{P}(n)$  and  $\sigma \in \text{Sym}_n$

$$S(\sigma p) = S(p)$$

- 4  $S : \mathcal{P}(n) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  continuous

Characterizes entropy functionals

• related work: J. Baez, T. Fritz, T. Leinster, *A characterization of entropy in terms of information loss*, Entropy 13 (2011) no. 11, 1945–1957.

## von Neumann entropy and the tropical trace

- convex set of density matrices

$$\mathcal{M}^{(N)} = \{\rho \in M_{N \times N}(\mathbb{C}) \mid \rho^* = \rho, \rho \geq 0, \text{Tr}(\rho) = 1\}$$

- von Neumann entropy

$$\mathcal{N}(\rho) = -\text{Tr}(\rho \log \rho), \quad \text{for } \rho \in \mathcal{M}^{(N)}$$

Shannon entropy in diagonal case

- matrices  $M_{N \times N}(\mathbb{T})$  over  $\mathbb{T} = (\mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\}, \oplus, \odot)$

$$(A \oplus B)_{ij} = \min\{A_{ij}, B_{ij}\} \quad \text{and} \quad (A \odot B)_{ij} = \oplus_k A_{ik} \odot B_{kj} = \min_k \{A_{ik} + B_{kj}\}$$

- tropical trace**  $\text{Tr}^\oplus(A) = \min_i \{A_{ii}\}$

- also consider

$$\widetilde{\text{Tr}}^\oplus(A) := \min_{U \in U(N)} \min_i \{(UAU^*)_{ii}\} \leq \text{Tr}^\oplus(A)$$

**Entropical trace:** thermodynamic deformation of tropical trace

$$\mathrm{Tr}_{\beta, \mathcal{S}}^{\oplus}(A) := \min_{\rho \in \mathcal{M}(M)} \{ \mathrm{Tr}(\rho A) - \beta^{-1} \mathcal{S}(\rho) \}$$

$\mathrm{Tr}$  in the right-hand-side is the *ordinary* trace

- in particular  $\mathcal{S}(\rho) = \mathcal{N}(\rho)$  von Neumann entropy, but also other entropy functionals (e.g. quantum versions of Rényi and Tsallis)
- Note:  $\mathrm{Tr}(\rho A) = \langle A \rangle$  expectation value of observable  $A$
- zero temperature limit

$$\lim_{\beta \rightarrow \infty} \mathrm{Tr}_{\beta, \mathcal{S}}^{\oplus}(A) = \widetilde{\mathrm{Tr}}^{\oplus}(A)$$

## Kullback–Leibler divergence and von Neumann entropical trace

- relative entropy (Kullback–Leibler divergence)

$$S(\rho||\sigma) = \text{Tr}(\rho(\log \rho - \log \sigma))$$

- von Neumann deformation and relative entropy  
(for  $A = A^*$ ,  $A \geq 0$ )

$$\text{Tr}(\rho A) - \beta^{-1} \mathcal{N}(\rho) = \frac{1}{\beta} S(\rho||\sigma_{\beta,A}) - \frac{1}{\beta} \log Z_A(\beta)$$

$$\sigma_{\beta,A} = \frac{e^{-\beta A}}{Z_A(\beta)} \quad \text{with} \quad Z_A(\beta) = \text{Tr}(e^{-\beta A})$$

- von Neumann entropical trace (for  $A = A^*$ ,  $A \geq 0$ )

$$\text{Tr}_{\beta,\mathcal{N}}^{\oplus}(A) = -\frac{\log Z_A(\beta)}{\beta}$$

with  $Z_A(\beta) = \text{Tr}(e^{-\beta A})$ : rhs above is Helmholtz free energy



- if for  $A = A^*$ ,  $A \geq 0$  is direct sum of two matrices  $A_1$  and  $A_2$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathrm{Tr}_{\beta, \mathcal{N}}^{\oplus}(A) &= \mathrm{Tr}_{\beta, \mathcal{N}}^{\oplus}(A_1) \odot \mathrm{Tr}_{\beta, \mathcal{N}}^{\oplus}(A_2) \\ &= -\beta^{-1} \left( \log \mathrm{Tr}(e^{-\beta A_1}) + \log \mathrm{Tr}(e^{-\beta A_2}) \right)\end{aligned}$$

### deformation of states on $C^*$ -algebras

- states  $\mathcal{M} = \{\varphi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \text{ linear} \mid \varphi(1) = 1 \text{ and } \varphi(a^*a) \geq 0\}$
- relative entropy of states: in case of Gibbs states  $\varphi(a) = \tau(a\xi)$ ,  $\psi(a) = \tau(a\eta)$

$$S(\varphi \parallel \psi) = \tau(\xi(\log \xi - \log \eta))$$

in general more complicated

- thermodynamic deformation of a state  $\psi \in \mathcal{M}$

$$\psi_{\beta, s}(a) = \min_{\varphi \in \mathcal{M}} \{\varphi(a) + \beta^{-1} S(\varphi \parallel \psi)\}$$

## Example:

- noncommutative torus:  $C^*$ -algebra generated by two unitaries  $U, V$  with  $VU = e^{2\pi i\theta} UV$
- canonical trace,  $\tau(U^n V^m) = 0$  for  $(n, m) \neq (0, 0)$  and  $\tau(1) = 1$
- Gibbs states  $\varphi(a) = \tau(a\xi)$  positive elements  $\xi \in \mathcal{A}_\theta$
- thermodynamic deformation of canonical trace

$$\tau_{\beta, S}(a) = \min_{\varphi \in \mathcal{M}_\tau} \{ \varphi(a) + \beta^{-1} S(\varphi || \tau) \}$$

- KMS state  $\varphi_{\beta, a}(b) = \frac{\tau(b e^{-\beta a})}{\tau(e^{-\beta a})}$  of time evolution

$$\sigma_t(b) = e^{ita} b e^{-ita}$$

$$\tau_{\beta, S}(a) = \min_{\varphi \in \mathcal{M}_\tau} \{ \beta^{-1} S(\varphi || \varphi_{\beta, a}) - \beta^{-1} \log \tau(e^{-\beta a}) \} = -\beta^{-1} \log \tau(e^{-\beta a})$$

Helmholtz free energy

## Algebraic Renormalization (Connes–Kreimer)

- Feynman graphs of a quantum field theory form a commutative Hopf algebra  $\mathcal{H}$
- Feynman rules: morphism  $\phi$  of *commutative algebras* from  $\mathcal{H}$  to a target algebra  $\mathcal{R}$  (e.g. Laurent series)
- subtraction of infinities: Birkhoff factorization procedure
- multiplicative decomposition of  $\phi$  into divergences (counterterms) and renormalized valued, obtained using
  - coproduct  $\Delta$  of Hopf algebra  $\mathcal{H}$
  - Rota-Baxter operator (e.g. pole subtraction) on  $\mathcal{R}$
- in physics BPHZ renormalization

## Connes–Kreimer Hopf algebra of Feynman graphs $\mathcal{H}$

- Free commutative algebra in generators  $\Gamma$  1PI Feynman graphs
- Grading: loop number (or internal lines)

$$\deg(\Gamma_1 \cdots \Gamma_n) = \sum_i \deg(\Gamma_i), \quad \deg(1) = 0$$

- Coproduct:

$$\Delta(\Gamma) = \Gamma \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes \Gamma + \sum_{\gamma \in \mathcal{V}(\Gamma)} \gamma \otimes \Gamma/\gamma$$

- Antipode: inductively

$$S(X) = -X - \sum S(X')X''$$

for  $\Delta(X) = X \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes X + \sum X' \otimes X''$

Extended to gauge theories (van Suijlekom): Ward identities as Hopf ideals

## Rota–Baxter algebras (Ebrahimi-Fard, Guo, Kreimer)

- **Rota–Baxter algebra** of weight  $\lambda = -1$ :  $\mathcal{R}$  commutative unital algebra;  $\mathcal{T} : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$  linear operator with

$$\mathcal{T}(x)\mathcal{T}(y) = \mathcal{T}(x\mathcal{T}(y)) + \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{T}(x)y) + \lambda\mathcal{T}(xy)$$

- Example:  $\mathcal{T}$  = projection onto polar part of Laurent series
- $\mathcal{T}$  determines splitting  $\mathcal{R}_+ = (1 - \mathcal{T})\mathcal{R}$ ,  $\mathcal{R}_- =$  unitization of  $\mathcal{T}\mathcal{R}$ ; both  $\mathcal{R}_\pm$  are algebras
- **Feynman rule**  $\phi : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$  commutative algebra homomorphism from CK Hopf algebra  $\mathcal{H}$  to Rota–Baxter algebra  $\mathcal{R}$  weight  $-1$

$$\phi \in \text{Hom}_{\text{Alg}}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{R})$$

- **Note:**  $\phi$  does *not* know that  $\mathcal{H}$  Hopf and  $\mathcal{R}$  Rota–Baxter, only commutative algebras

- **Birkhoff factorization**  $\exists \phi_{\pm} \in \text{Hom}_{\text{Alg}}(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{R}_{\pm})$

$$\phi = (\phi_- \circ S) \star \phi_+$$

where  $\phi_1 \star \phi_2(x) = \langle \phi_1 \otimes \phi_2, \Delta(x) \rangle$

- Connes-Kreimer inductive formula for Birkhoff factorization:

$$\phi_-(x) = -\mathcal{T}(\phi(x) + \sum \phi_-(x')\phi(x''))$$

$$\phi_+(x) = (1 - \mathcal{T})(\phi(x) + \sum \phi_-(x')\phi(x''))$$

where  $\Delta(x) = 1 \otimes x + x \otimes 1 + \sum x' \otimes x''$

- Bogolyubov-Parshchuk preparation

$$\tilde{\phi}(x) = \phi(x) + \sum \phi_-(x')\phi(x'')$$

## Renormalization and Computation (Manin)

proposal for a “renormalization of the halting problem”

- Idea: treat noncomputable functions like infinities in QFT
- Renormalization = extraction of finite part from divergent Feynman integrals; extraction of “computable part” from noncomputables
- First step: build a Hopf algebra (flow charts, partial recursive functions) and a Feynman rule that detects the presence of noncomputability (infinities)
- Second step: BPHZ type subtraction procedure **with values in a min-plus or max-plus algebra** (computing time, memory size)
- Third step: meaning of the “renormalized part” and of the “divergences part” of the Birkhoff factorization in terms of theory of computation

## Semirings of functions

- min-plus semirings  $\mathbb{S} = C(X, \mathbb{T})$  with pointwise  $\oplus, \odot$
- thermodynamic deformations  $\mathbb{S}_{\beta, S} = C(X, \mathbb{T}_{\beta, S})$   
with pointwise  $\oplus_{\beta, S}, \odot$

## Logarithmically related pairs $(\mathcal{R}, \mathbb{S})$

- $\mathcal{R}$  commutative ring (algebra);  $\mathbb{S}$  min-plus semiring; with formal logarithm bijective map  $\mathcal{L} : \text{Dom}(\mathcal{L}) \subset \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$

$$\mathcal{L}(ab) = \mathcal{L}(a) + \mathcal{L}(b) = \mathcal{L}(a) \odot \mathcal{L}(b)$$

- thermodynamic deformation (Shannon entropy)

$$f_1 \oplus_{\beta, S} f_2 = -\beta^{-1} \log(E(-\beta f_1) + E(-\beta f_2))$$

with  $E : \mathbb{S} \rightarrow \text{Dom}(\mathcal{L}) \subset \mathcal{R}$  inverse of  $\mathcal{L}$



## Examples

- $\mathcal{R} = C(X, \mathbb{R})$  and  $\text{Dom}(\mathcal{L}) \subset \mathcal{R}$  given by  $C(X, \mathbb{R}_+^*)$  with  $\mathcal{L}(a) = -\beta^{-1} \log(a)$

$$f_1 \oplus_{\beta, S} f_2 = -\beta^{-1} \log(e^{-\beta f_1} + e^{-\beta f_2})$$

is  $\mathbb{S}_{\beta, S} = C(X, \mathbb{T}_{\beta, S})$  with  $S = \text{Sh}$

- $\mathcal{R} = \mathbb{Q}[[t]]$  ring of formal power series,  $\text{Dom}(\mathcal{L}) \subset \mathcal{R}$  power series  $\alpha(t) = \sum_{k \geq 0} a_k t^k$  with  $a_0 = 1$ , with formal log

$$\mathcal{L}(1 + \alpha) = \alpha - \frac{1}{2}\alpha^2 + \frac{1}{3}\alpha^3 + \dots = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k} \alpha^k$$

$$\alpha_1 \oplus_{\beta, S} \alpha_2 = \beta^{-1} \mathcal{L}(E(-\beta \alpha_1) + E(-\beta \alpha_2))$$

formal exponential  $E(\gamma) = \sum_{k \geq 0} \gamma^k / k!$

## min-plus valued characters (algebraic Feynman rules)

- $\mathcal{H}$  commutative Hopf algebra;  $\mathbb{S}$  be a min-plus semiring
- $\psi : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$  satisfying  $\psi(1) = 0$  and

$$\psi(xy) = \psi(x) + \psi(y), \quad \forall x, y \in \mathcal{H}$$

- main idea: “arithmetic of orders of magnitude”  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ 
  - leading term in  $\epsilon^\alpha + \epsilon^\beta$  is  $\epsilon^{\min\{\alpha, \beta\}}$
  - leading term of  $\epsilon^\alpha \epsilon^\beta$  is  $\epsilon^{\alpha+\beta}$
- model characters and Birkhoff factorization on “order of magnitude” version of usual ones

**convolution** of min-plus characters

$$(\psi_1 \star \psi_2)(x) = \min\{\psi_1(x^{(1)}) + \psi_2(x^{(2)})\} = \bigoplus (\psi_1(x^{(1)}) \odot \psi_2(x^{(2)}))$$

minimum over all pairs  $(x^{(1)}, x^{(2)})$  in coproduct  
 $\Delta(x) = \sum x^{(1)} \otimes x^{(2)}$  in Hopf algebra  $\mathcal{H}$

**Birkhoff factorization** of a min-plus character  $\psi$

$$\psi_+ = \psi_- \star \psi$$

$\star$  convolution product,  $\psi_{\pm}$  satisfying  $\psi_{\pm}(xy) = \psi_{\pm}(x) + \psi_{\pm}(y)$

Note: does not require antipode, works also for  $\mathcal{H}$  bialgebra

## Rota–Baxter semirings

- $\mathbb{S}$  be a min-plus semiring, map  $T : \mathbb{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$  is  $\oplus$ -additive if monotone,  $T(a) \leq T(b)$  for  $a \leq b$  (pointwise)

- Rota–Baxter semiring  $(\mathbb{S}, \oplus, \odot)$  weight  $\lambda > 0$ :  
exists  $\oplus$ -additive map  $T : \mathbb{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$  with

$$T(f_1) \odot T(f_2) = T(T(f_1) \odot f_2) \oplus T(f_1 \odot T(f_2)) \oplus T(f_1 \odot f_2) \odot \log \lambda$$

- Rota–Baxter semiring  $(\mathbb{S}, \oplus, \odot)$  weight  $\lambda < 0$ :  
exists  $\oplus$ -additive map  $T : \mathbb{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$  with

$$T(f_1) \odot T(f_2) \oplus T(f_1 \odot f_2) \odot \log(-\lambda) = T(T(f_1) \odot f_2) \oplus T(f_1 \odot T(f_2))$$

## Birkhoff factorization in min-plus semirings (weight +1)

- Bogolyubov-Parashchuk preparation

$$\tilde{\psi}(x) = \min\{\psi(x), \psi_-(x') + \psi(x'')\} = \psi(x) \oplus \bigoplus \psi_-(x') \odot \psi(x'')$$

$(x', x'')$  ranges over non-primitive part of coproduct

$$\Delta(x) = x \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes x + \sum x' \otimes x''$$

- $\psi_-$  defined inductively on lower degree  $x'$  in Hopf algebra

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_-(x) &:= T(\tilde{\psi}(x)) = T(\min\{\psi(x), \psi_-(x') + \psi(x'')\}) \\ &= T\left(\psi(x) \oplus \bigoplus \psi_-(x') \odot \psi(x'')\right)\end{aligned}$$

- by  $\oplus$ -linearity of  $T$  same as

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_-(x) &= \min\{T(\psi(x)), T(\psi_-(x') + \psi(x''))\} \\ &= T(\psi(x)) \oplus \bigoplus T(\psi_-(x') \odot \psi(x''))\end{aligned}$$

- then  $\psi_+$  by convolution

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_+(x) &:= (\psi_- \star \psi)(x) = \min\{\psi_-(x), \psi(x), \psi_-(x') + \psi(x'')\} \\ &= \min\{\psi_-(x), \tilde{\psi}(x)\} = \psi_-(x) \oplus \tilde{\psi}(x)\end{aligned}$$

- **key step:** associativity and commutativity of  $\oplus$  and  $\oplus$ -additivity of  $T$ , plus Rota-Baxter identity weight  $+1$  gives

$$\psi_-(xy) = \psi_-(x) + \psi_-(y)$$

hence  $\psi_+$  also as convolution

## Birkhoff factorization in min-plus semirings (weight $-1$ )

•  $\psi : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$  min-plus character, and  $T : \mathbb{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$  Rota-Baxter weight  $-1$ : there is a Birkhoff factorization  $\psi_+ = \psi_- \star \psi$ ; if  $T$  satisfies  $T(f_1 + f_2) \geq T(f_1) + T(f_2)$ , then  $\psi_-$  and  $\psi_+$  are also min-plus characters:  $\psi_{\pm}(xy) = \psi_{\pm}(x) + \psi_{\pm}(y)$

• as before

$$\psi_-(x) := T(\tilde{\psi}(x)) \quad \text{and} \quad \psi_+(x) := (\psi_- \star \psi)(x) = \min\{\psi_-(x), \tilde{\psi}(x)\}$$

• Rota-Baxter identity of weight  $-1$  gives

$$\psi_-(xy) = \min\{T(\tilde{\psi}(x) + \tilde{\psi}(y)), T(\tilde{\psi}(x)) + T(\tilde{\psi}(y))\}$$

if  $T(f_1 + f_2) \geq T(f_1) + T(f_2)$  then

$$\psi_-(xy) = T(\tilde{\psi}(x) + \tilde{\psi}(y)) = \psi_-(x) + \psi_-(y)$$

## Thermodynamic Rota–Baxter structures

- $\mathbb{S}_{\beta,S}$  thermodynamic Rota–Baxter semiring weight  $\lambda > 0$ : there is  $\oplus_{\beta,S}$ -additive map  $T : \mathbb{S}_{\beta,S} \rightarrow \mathbb{S}_{\beta,S}$

$$T(f_1) \odot T(f_2) = T(T(f_1) \odot f_2) \oplus_{\beta,S} T(f_1 \odot T(f_2)) \oplus_{\beta,S} T(f_1 \odot f_2) \odot \log \lambda$$

- $\mathbb{S}_{\beta,S}$  thermodynamic Rota–Baxter semiring weight  $\lambda < 0$ : there is  $\oplus_{\beta,S}$ -additive map  $T : \mathbb{S}_{\beta,S} \rightarrow \mathbb{S}_{\beta,S}$

$$T(f_1) \odot T(f_2) \oplus_{\beta,S} T(f_1 \odot f_2) \odot \log(-\lambda) = T(T(f_1) \odot f_2) \oplus_{\beta,S} T(f_1 \odot T(f_2))$$

like previous case but with  $\oplus$  replaced with deformed  $\oplus_{\beta,S}$



- $(\mathcal{R}, \mathbb{S})$  logarithmically related pair:  $T : \mathbb{S} \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$  determines  $\mathcal{T} : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$  with  $\mathcal{T}(e^{-\beta f}) := e^{-\beta T(f)}$ , for  $a = e^{-\beta f}$  in  $\text{Dom}(\log) \subset \mathcal{R}$

$\mathcal{T}$  Rota-Baxter weight  $\lambda_\beta$  on  $\mathcal{R} \Leftrightarrow T$  Rota-Baxter weight  $\lambda$  on  $\mathbb{S}_{\beta, S}$  with  $S = \text{Sh}$  and  $\lambda_\beta = \lambda^{-\beta}$ , for  $\lambda > 0$ , or  $\lambda_\beta = -|\lambda|^{-\beta}$  for  $\lambda < 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{T}(e^{-\beta f_1})\mathcal{T}(e^{-\beta f_2}) &= \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{T}(e^{-\beta f_1})e^{-\beta f_2}) + \mathcal{T}(e^{-\beta f_1}\mathcal{T}(e^{-\beta f_2})) \\ &\quad + \lambda_\beta \mathcal{T}(e^{-\beta f_1}e^{-\beta f_2}) \end{aligned}$$

- $\mathcal{T}$  is  $\mathbb{R}$ -linear iff  $T$  is  $\oplus_{\beta, S}$ -linear

## Birkhoff factorization in thermodynamic Rota–Baxter semirings (weight +1)

- $T : \mathbb{S}_{\beta, \mathcal{S}} \rightarrow \mathbb{S}_{\beta, \mathcal{S}}$  Rota–Baxter of weight  $\lambda = +1$
- Bogolyubov–Parashchuk preparation of  $\psi : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{S}_{\beta, \mathcal{S}}$

$$\tilde{\psi}_{\beta, \mathcal{S}}(x) = \psi(x) \oplus_{\beta, \mathcal{S}} \bigoplus_{\beta, \mathcal{S}} \psi_-(x') + \psi(x'')$$

$$= -\beta^{-1} \log \left( e^{-\beta\psi(x)} + \sum e^{-\beta(\psi_-(x') + \psi(x''))} \right)$$

- $\phi_\beta(x) := e^{-\beta\psi(x)}$  in  $\mathcal{R}$ : Bogolyubov–Parashchuk preparation  
 $\tilde{\phi}_\beta(x) = e^{-\beta\tilde{\psi}(x)}$

$$\tilde{\phi}_\beta(x) := \phi_\beta(x) + \sum \mathcal{T}(\tilde{\phi}_\beta(x')) \phi_\beta(x'')$$

with  $\mathcal{T}(e^{-\beta f}) := e^{-\beta T(f)}$  and  $\mathcal{T}(-e^{-\beta f}) := -\mathcal{T}(e^{-\beta f})$

- Birkhoff factorization  $\psi_{\beta,+} = \psi_{\beta,-} \star_{\beta} \psi$

$$\psi_{\beta,-}(x) = T(\tilde{\psi}_{\beta}(x)) = -\beta^{-1} \log \left( e^{-\beta T(\psi(x))} + \sum e^{-\beta T(\psi_{-}(x') + \psi(x''))} \right)$$

$$\psi_{\beta,+}(x) = -\beta^{-1} \log \left( e^{-\beta \psi_{\beta,-}(x)} + e^{-\beta \tilde{\psi}_{\beta}(x)} \right)$$

satisfying  $\psi_{\beta,\pm}(xy) = \psi_{\beta,\pm}(x) + \psi_{\beta,\pm}(y)$

- in limit  $\beta \rightarrow \infty$  thermodynamic Birkhoff factorization converges to min-plus Birkhoff factorization

## Entropical von Neumann trace and Rota–Baxter identity

- $(\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{T})$  ordinary Rota–Baxter algebra weight  $\lambda$ ; same weight on matrices  $M_n(\mathcal{R})$  by  $\mathcal{T}(A) = (\mathcal{T}(a_{ij}))$ , for  $A = (a_{ij})$
- for  $(M_n(\mathcal{R}), M_n(\mathbb{S}))$  logarithmically related, with  $\mathcal{T}$  Rota–Baxter weight  $+1$  on  $\mathcal{R} \Rightarrow T : M_n(\mathbb{S}) \rightarrow M_n(\mathbb{S})$  with  $\mathcal{T}(e^{-\beta A}) = e^{-\beta T(A)}$  satisfying

$$\begin{aligned}\mathrm{Tr}_{\beta, \mathcal{N}}^{\oplus}(T(A) \boxplus T(B)) &= \mathrm{Tr}_{\beta, \mathcal{N}}^{\oplus}(T(T(A) \boxplus B)) \\ &\quad \oplus_{\beta, \mathbb{S}} \mathrm{Tr}_{\beta, \mathcal{N}}^{\oplus}(T(A \boxplus T(B))) \\ &\quad \oplus_{\beta, \mathbb{S}} \mathrm{Tr}_{\beta, \mathcal{N}}^{\oplus}(T(A) \boxplus T(B))\end{aligned}$$

where  $\boxplus =$  direct sum of matrices,  $\mathcal{N} =$  von Neumann entropy

## Example: Witt rings

- commutative ring  $R$ , Witt ring  $W(R) = 1 + tR[[t]]$ : addition is product of formal power series, multiplication determined by

$$(1 - at)^{-1} \star (1 - bt)^{-1} = (1 - abt)^{-1} \quad a, b \in R$$

- injective ring homomorphism  $g : W(R) \rightarrow R^{\mathbb{N}}$ , ghost coordinates coefficients of

$$t \frac{1}{\alpha} \frac{d\alpha}{dt} = \sum_{r \geq 1} \alpha_r t^r$$

for  $\alpha = \exp(\sum_{r \geq 1} \alpha_r t^r / r)$

- component-wise addition and multiplication on  $R^{\mathbb{N}}$

- linear operator  $\mathcal{T} : R[[t]] \rightarrow R[[t]]$  is Rota–Baxter weight  $\lambda$  iff  $\mathcal{T}_W : W(R) \rightarrow W(R)$  defined by  $g(\mathcal{T}_W(\alpha)) = \mathcal{T}(g(\alpha))$  satisfies

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{T}_W(\alpha_1) \circledast \mathcal{T}_W(\alpha_2) &= \mathcal{T}_W(\alpha_1 \circledast \mathcal{T}_W(\alpha_2)) +_W \mathcal{T}_W(\mathcal{T}_W(\alpha_1) \circledast \alpha_2) \\ &\quad +_W \lambda \mathcal{T}_W(\alpha_1 \circledast \alpha_2) \end{aligned}$$

with  $+_W$  addition of  $W(R)$  and convolution product

$$\alpha \circledast \gamma := \exp \left( \sum_{n \geq 1} \left( \sum_{r+\ell=n} \alpha_r \gamma_\ell \right) \frac{t^n}{n} \right)$$

for  $\alpha = \exp(\sum_{r \geq 1} \alpha_r t^r / r)$  and  $\gamma = \exp(\sum_{r \geq 1} \gamma_r t^r / r)$

- Example:  $\mathcal{R} = R^{\mathbb{N}}$  Rota–Baxter weight +1

$$\mathcal{T} : (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, \dots) \mapsto (0, a_1, a_1 + a_2, \dots, \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} a_k, \dots)$$

resulting Rota–Baxter  $\mathcal{T}_W$  weight +1 on Witt ring  $W(R)$

$$\mathcal{T}_W(\alpha) = \alpha \circledast \mathbb{I}$$

convolution product with multiplicative unit  $\mathbb{I} = (1 - t)^{-1}$

- Hasse–Weil zeta functions of varieties over  $\mathbb{F}_q$

$$Z(X, t) = \exp \left( \sum_{r \geq 1} \#X(\mathbb{F}_{q^r}) \frac{t^r}{r} \right)$$

elements in Witt ring:

$$Z(X \sqcup Y, t) = Z(X, t)Z(Y, t) \quad \text{and} \quad Z(X \times Y, t) = Z(X, t) \star Z(Y, t)$$

Rota–Baxter operator weight +1

$$\mathcal{T}_W(Z(X, t)) = Z(X, t) \circledast Z(\text{Spec}(\mathbb{F}_q), t)$$

## Computation examples

- inclusion–exclusion “cost functions”:  $\Gamma = \Gamma_1 \cup \Gamma_2$ ,  $\gamma = \Gamma_1 \cap \Gamma_2$

$$\psi(\Gamma) = \psi(\Gamma_1) + \psi(\Gamma_2) - \psi(\gamma)$$

determine  $\psi : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$  character  $\psi(xy) = \psi(x) + \psi(y)$

- class of machines  $\psi_n(\Gamma)$  step-counting function of  $n$ -th machine: when it outputs on computation  $\Gamma$  (Hopf algebra of flow charts)
- Rota–Baxter operator weight +1 of partial sums: Bogolyubov–Parashchuk preparation

$$\tilde{\psi}_n(\Gamma) = \min\{\psi_n(\Gamma), \psi_n(\Gamma/\gamma) + \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} \tilde{\psi}_k(\gamma)\}$$

- a graph  $\Gamma$  with  $\psi_n(\Gamma) = \infty$  ( $n$ -th machine does not halt) can have  $\tilde{\psi}_n(\Gamma) < \infty$  if both
  - source of infinity was localized in  $\gamma \setminus \partial\gamma$ , so  $\psi_n(\Gamma/\gamma) < \infty$
  - $\psi_k(\gamma) < \infty$  for all previous machines

“renormalization of computational infinities” in Manin’s sense



## Polynomial countability

- in perturbative quantum field theory: graph hypersurfaces

$$X_\Gamma = \{\Psi_\Gamma = 0\} \subset \mathbb{A}^{\#E_\Gamma}$$

$$\Psi_\Gamma(t) = \sum_T \prod_{e \notin E(T)} t_e$$

sum over spanning trees

- $X$  variety over  $\mathbb{Z}$ , reductions  $X_p$  over  $\mathbb{F}_p$

$$\text{counting function } N(X, q) := \#X_p(\mathbb{F}_q)$$

Polynomially countable  $X$  if counting function polynomial  $P_X(q)$

- Question: when are graph hypersurfaces  $X_\Gamma$  polynomially countable? or equivalently complements  $Y_\Gamma = \mathbb{A}^{\#E_\Gamma} \setminus X_\Gamma$
- max-plus character  $\psi : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}_{max}$  with  $N(Y_\Gamma, q) \sim q^{\psi(\Gamma)}$  leading order if  $Y_\Gamma$  polynomially countable or  $\psi(\Gamma) := -\infty$  if not
- when  $Y_\Gamma$  not polynomially countable

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\psi}(\Gamma) &= \max\{\psi(\Gamma), \tilde{\psi}(\gamma) + \psi(\Gamma/\gamma)\} \\ &= \max\{\psi(\Gamma), \sum_{j=1}^N \psi(\gamma_j) + \psi(\gamma_{j-1}/\gamma_j)\} \end{aligned}$$

identifies chains of subgraphs and quotient graphs whose hypersurfaces are polynomially countable

## Work in progress: tropical geometry

- tropical polynomial  $p : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  piecewise linear

$$p(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \oplus_{j=1}^m a_j \odot x_1^{k_{j1}} \odot \dots \odot x_n^{k_{jn}} =$$

$$\min\{a_1 + k_{11}x_1 + \dots + k_{1n}x_n, a_2 + k_{21}x_1 + \dots + k_{2n}x_n, \dots, a_m + k_{m1}x_1 + \dots + k_{mn}x_n\}.$$

tropical hypersurface where tropical polynomial non-differentiable

- Entropical geometry: thermodynamic deformations of  $\mathbb{T}$

$$p_{\beta, S}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \oplus_{\beta, S, j} a_j \odot x_1^{k_{j1}} \odot \dots \odot x_n^{k_{jn}} =$$

$$\min_{p=(p_j)} \left\{ \sum_j p_j (a_j + k_{j1}x_1 + \dots + k_{jn}x_n) - \frac{1}{\beta} S_n(p_1, \dots, p_n) \right\}$$

- Goal:** entropical geometry of graph hypersurfaces of QFT