

Tílings, determinants and non-crossing paths

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Tilings



number of tilings on a 8×8 chessboard = 12 988 816

number of tilings with dimers



 $\frac{m/2}{11} \frac{n/2}{11} \left(4 \cos^2 i \pi + 4 \cos^2 i \pi \right)$ $\frac{i-1}{i-1} \frac{j-1}{j-1} \left(4 \cos^2 i \pi + 4 \cos^2 i \pi \right)$ Kasteleyn (1961)

it is an integer !!

for the chessboard m=n=8: 12 988 816

Aztec tilings







The LGV Lemma





determinant

Path
$$\omega = (A_0, A_1, \dots, A_n)$$
 A; $\in S$
notation ω
 $A_0 \cap \mathcal{F} A_n$
valuation $\forall : S \times S \longrightarrow \mathbb{K}$ commutative
 $\forall (\omega) = \forall (A_0, A_1) \dots \forall (A_{n-1}, A_n)$
 $\bigvee (A_0, E) \longrightarrow \mathbb{K}$
 $A_0 \cap \mathcal{F} A_0$
 $A_0 \cap \mathcal{F}$



 $det(a_{ij}) = \sum_{(-1)} (a_{ij}) \cdots (a_{ij}) \cdots (a_{ij})$ $\omega_i: A_i \sim \mathbb{B}_{(i)}$



Proposition (LGV Lemma) (C) crossing condition $det(a_{ij}) = \sum v(\omega_i) \dots (\omega_k)$ $(\omega_1, ..., \omega_R)$ $\omega_i: A_i \sim B_i$ non-intersecting





a símple example



k-1 012345678 C 3 A 2 3 4 5 A 3 6 10 A 4 10 A 5 (i+j) det S kxk





proof of LGV Lemma









Proof: Involution of $E = \left\{ \left(\sigma_{j} (\omega_{1}, \dots, \omega_{k}) \right)_{j} \quad \sigma \in S_{n} \\ \omega_{i} : A_{i} \longrightarrow B_{\sigma(i)} \right\}$ NC SE non-crassing configurations $\phi:(E-NC)\rightarrow(E-NC)$
$$\begin{split} \phi(\boldsymbol{\nabla};(\boldsymbol{\omega}_{1},...,\boldsymbol{\omega}_{k})) &= (\boldsymbol{\nabla}';(\boldsymbol{\omega}_{1},...,\boldsymbol{\omega}_{k})) \\ & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (-1)^{\operatorname{Inv}(\boldsymbol{\sigma})} \\ & \forall (\boldsymbol{\omega}_{1},...,\boldsymbol{v}(\boldsymbol{\omega}_{k})) \end{array} \right\} = -(-1)^{\operatorname{Inv}(\boldsymbol{\sigma})} \\ & \forall (\boldsymbol{\omega}_{1},...,\boldsymbol{v}(\boldsymbol{\omega}_{k})) = \sqrt{(\boldsymbol{\omega}_{1},...,\boldsymbol{v}(\boldsymbol{\omega}_{k}))} \end{split}$$

$$\frac{\langle GV \ Lemma. general form}{det(a_{ij}) = \sum_{(-1)}^{(inv(0))} \vee (\omega_{ij}) \dots (\omega_{inv})} \\ (\sigma_{j} \omega_{i}, \gamma, \omega_{k}) \\ \omega_{i} : A_{i} \sim B_{\sigma(i)} \\ paths non-intersecting.$$



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Lattice paths and determinants

Chapter 29

Martin Aigner Günter M. Ziegler Droofs from THE BOOK

Springer

Why « LGV Lemma » ?



Paul Erdös liked to talk about The Book, in which God maintains the perfect proofs for mathematical theorems,

Erdös also said that you need not believe in God but, as a mathematician, you should believe in The Book.



The essence of mathematics is proving theorems — and so, that is what mathematicians do: They prove theorems. But to tell the truth, what they really want to prove, once in their lifetime, is a *Lemma*, like the one by Fatou in analysis, the Lemma of Gauss in number theory, or the Burnside–Frobenius Lemma in combinatorics.

Now what makes a mathematical statement a true Lemma? First, it should be applicable to a wide variety of instances, even seemingly unrelated problems. Secondly, the statement should, once you have seen it, be completely obvious. The reaction of the reader might well be one of faint envy: Why haven't I noticed this before? And thirdly, on an esthetic level, the Lemma — including its proof — should be beautiful!

The «Flajolet Lemma »

$$\sum_{n \ge 0} \mu_n t^n = \frac{1}{1 - b_0 t - \frac{\lambda_1 t^2}{1 - b_0 t - \frac{\lambda_1 t^2}{1 - b_0 t - \lambda_2 t^2}}$$





combinatorial interpretation of a Jacobi continued fraction with weighted Motzkin paths

Why « LGV Lemma » ?

from Christian Krattenthaler:

« Watermelon configurations with wall interaction: exact and asymptotic results »

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⁴Lindström used the term "pairwise node disjoint paths". The term "non-intersecting," which is most often used nowadays in combinatorial literature, was coined by Gessel and Viennot [24].

⁵By a curious coincidence, Lindström's result (the motivation of which was matroid theory!) was rediscovered in the 1980s at about the same time in three different communities, not knowing from each other at that time: in statistical physics by Fisher [17, Sec. 5.3] in order to apply it to the analysis of vicious walkers as a model of wetting and melting, in combinatorial chemistry by John and Sachs [30] and Gronau, Just, Schade, Scheffler and Wojciechowski [28] in order to compute Pauling's bond order in benzenoid hydrocarbon molecules, and in enumerative combinatorics by Gessel and Viennot [24, 25] in order to count tableaux and plane partitions. Since only Gessel and Viennot rediscovered it in its most general form, I propose to call this theorem the "Lindstrom–Gessel–Viennot theorem." It must however be mentioned that in fact the same idea appeared even earlier in work by Karlin and McGregor [32, 33] in a probabilistic framework, as well as that the so-called "Slater determinant" in quantum mechanics (cf. [48] and [49, Ch. 11]) may qualify as an "ancestor" of the Lindstrom–Gessel–Viennot determinant.

⁶There exist however also several interesting applications of the general form of the Lindstro^m– Gessel–Viennot theorem in the literature, see [10, 16, 51].

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combinatorics

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I. Gessel and X.G.V., *Binomial determinants, paths and hook length formula*, Advances in Maths., 58 (1985) 300-321.

I. Gessel and X.G.V., Determinants, paths and plane partitions, preprint (1989)

statistical physics: (wetting, melting) Fisher, Vicious walkers, Botzmann lecture (1984)

combinatorial chemistry: John, Sachs (1985) Gronau, Just, Schade, Scheffler, Wojciechowski (1988)

probabilities, birth and death process, Karlin , McGregor (1959)

quantum mechanics: Slater determinant Slater(1929) (1968), De Gennes (1968)

Relation with Lecture 3

A introduction to the combinatorial theory of orthogonal polynomials and continued fractions

Hankel determinants and

orthogonal polynomials
{ Pn(z) } sequence of monic orthogonal polynomials

 $P_{k+1}(z) = (z - b_k) P_k(z) - \lambda_k P_{k-1}(z)$ for every $k \ge 1$

 $P_{k+1}(z) = (z - b_k) P_k(z) - \lambda_k P_{k-1}(z)$ for every kas1



 $\mu_n = \sum_{\omega} V(\omega)$

Motzkin path |w| = n

length

 $f(x^n) = \mu_n$



Hankel determinant any minor of the matrix H (quenginzo) LGV Lemma configuration non-intersecting paths deter minant \rightarrow







H (By ..., Pk)



 $H\left(\frac{1}{2},\frac{3}{4},\frac{4}{7}\right)$

 $\mathbf{T} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

"virtua!" crossing Motzkin paths N V Lemma. general form $det(a_{ij}) = \sum (-1)^{(nv(o))} v(\omega_{ij}) \dots (\omega_{ij})$ $(\mathbf{T}; \omega_{k}, \omega_{k})$ $\omega_i: A_i \sim B_{\Gamma(i)}$ paths non-intersecting

 $\Delta n = det \begin{bmatrix} \mu_0 & \mu_1 & \dots & \mu_n \\ \mu_n & \mu_2 & \dots & \mu_{n+1} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \mu_n & \mu_{n+1} & \dots & \mu_{2n} \end{bmatrix}$ $n = \frac{n}{n}$:



 $\Delta_{n} = (\lambda_{A})^{n} (\lambda_{2})^{n-1} \cdots (\lambda_{n-1})^{2} \lambda_{n}$

 $\chi_n = \begin{bmatrix} \chi_n & \chi_2 & \dots & \chi_{n-1} \\ \chi_n & \chi_n & \dots \\ \chi_n & \chi_n & \dots \\ \chi_{n-1} & \chi_{n-1} \\ \chi_{n-1} & \chi_{n-1}$



 $\frac{1-b_0t}{1-b_1t} = \frac{\lambda_1t^2}{1-b_1t} = \frac{\lambda_2t^2}{1-b_1t}$ 1-6t-**J(t; b,)** Jacobi continued fraction $b = \{b_{k}\} \quad \lambda = \{\lambda_{k}\}_{k \geq 0}$





43 KS K8 K10 46 H8 H11 H13 47 Kg K12 K14 paths 410 K12 K15 K17 -7-6-5-4-3-2 01234567 8 9 10 A4 A2A2 A1 B, B D. B

 $\Delta_{n}^{(0)}(\nu) = H(\underbrace{0,1,\ldots,n}_{0,1,\ldots,n})$



 $\Delta_{n}^{(n)}(\mathbf{v}) = H_{\mathbf{v}}(\mathbf{A}, \ldots, \mathbf{n})$





Aztec tilings

non-intersecting paths related to a Hankel determinant











 $det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 6 & 22 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 \times 22 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 6 \times 6 \end{pmatrix}$ = 44 - 36

 $det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 6 \\ 6 & 22 \end{pmatrix} = (2 \times 22) - (6 \times 6) \\ = 44 - 36 \\ = 8 = 2^{3}$



 $det \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 6 & 22 \\ 6 & 22 & 90 \\ 22 & 90 & 394 \end{pmatrix} =$

 $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & 22 & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & 394 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & 22 \\ 6 & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & 90 & \cdot \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cdot & 6 & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & 90 \\ 22 & \cdot & \cdot \end{pmatrix}$ + 11880 -> 41096 + 17336 + 11880 $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & 90 \\ \cdot & 90 & \cdot \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cdot & 6 & \cdot \\ 6 & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & 394 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & 22 \\ \cdot & 22 & \cdot \\ 22 & \cdot & \cdot \end{pmatrix}$ - 16200 - 14184 - 10648 -> -41032

 $= 2^{6}$



- Dyck paths

- 2-colored Motzkín paths

- Staircase polygons









y=1+ty2

vocabulary: ballot path Dyck path





$m = 1 + tm + tm^2$





 $C_n = \frac{1}{(n+1)} \binom{2n}{n}$

Catalan numbers

bijection

Dyck paths

2-colored Motzkin paths



2-colored Motzkin paths

Dyck paths











Touchard identity

 $C_{n+1} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \binom{n}{2i} C_{i} 2^{2n-2i}$ 0 5° 5 [1/2]

staircase polygons




bijection

staircase polygons

2-colored Motzkin paths







bijection

staircase polygons

Dyck paths























« bíjective computation » of the Hankel determinant of Schröder numbers



giving the number of tilings of the Aztec diagram









 $S_m = \sum_{n} 2^{\text{peak}(\omega)}$ Dyck path Ial=2n

peak (a) = number of peaks

(B) - distribution - Ch2c the Catalan garden



 $S_m = \sum_{n=2}^{peak} (\omega)$ peak (w) = number of peaks of the path w Dyck path $|\omega| = 2n$

 $S_n = \sum_{\omega} V(\omega)$ Dyck path $|\omega| = 2n$ level $\frac{1}{k} = \begin{cases} 1 & k even \\ 2 & k \\ k \end{cases}$

(B) - distribution - Ch2c the Catalan garden

 $\Delta_{n}^{(n)}(\mathbf{v}) = H_{\mathbf{v}}(\mathbf{A}, \ldots, \mathbf{n})$









Random Aztec tilings



The arctic circle theorem







Relation with alternating sign matrices (ASM)



Def-ASM alternating sign matrix

0	1	0	0	0
1	-1	0	1	0
0	1	0	-1	1
0	0	0	1	• 0
0	0	1	0	0

(i) entries: 0, 1, -1 (ii) sum of entries in each (row = 1 wearn = 1 (iii) non-zero entris alternate in each of row column

0	1	0	. 0	0
1	-1	0	1	0
0	1	0	-1	1
0	0	0	1	0
0	0	1	0	0





Permutation
$$T$$

 $T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$
 $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$
 $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & -4 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ + 6
permutations
1, 2, 7, 42, 429,

1, 2, 7, 42, 429, $\frac{1!}{(n+1)}$ (3n - 2)!(n+n-1) alternating sign matrix (ex-) conjecture

according to the number of (-1) $A_n(x)$

A (2) =

 $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$

tilings of the Aztec diagram with dimers

Relation with lecture 3

An introduction to the « cellular ansatz » From RSK to the PASEP

alternating sign matrices (ASM) and a quadratic algebra



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for

quadratic Q

are



A, A', B, B',

commutations

 $\begin{cases} BA = AB + A'B' \\ BA' = A'B' + AB \\ \begin{cases} BA = AB' \\ BA' = A'B \end{cases}$




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Lemma. Any word w(A, A', B, B)
in letters A, A', B, B',
con be uniquely written

$$\sum C(u,v;w) u(A, A') v(B, B')$$

word word
in A, A' in B, B'

Prop. For
$$w = B^n A^m$$

 $u = A^m$, $v = B^n$

$$C(u,v;w) = the number of nxn ASM (alternating sign matrices)$$

Aztec tilings as a Q-tableau











(Aztec lattice)





Aztec tilings

ASM

 $\begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B} \mathbf{A} \\ \mathbf{$ A B A.B commutations $\begin{cases} BA = AB + A'B' \\ BA' = A'B' + AB \\ \begin{cases} BA = AB' \\ BA' = A'B \end{cases}$ alternating sign matrix An (x) enumeration of ASM according to the number of (-1)

AB + A.B.

A.B. + 2 A B




AB + BA = A. B. B.A. = B.A = B.A = B.A. = A. B. + 2 A B Aztec tilings AB, A.B commutations $\begin{cases} BA = AB + A'B' \\ BA' = A'B' + AB \\ \begin{cases} BA = AB' \\ BA' = A'B \end{cases}$ ASM alternating sign matrix An (x) enumeration of ASM according to the number of (-1)

A (2)

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 $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$

f the Aztec diagram with dimers







4 generators B. A. BA 8 parameters qxy, txy fx= 0,0 Q-tableaux BA = 900 AB + 500 A.B. for B.A. = q. A.B. + t. AB quadratic algebra $\begin{bmatrix} B, A = 9_{00} \ A B, +t_{00} \ A, B \\ BA, = 9_{00} \ A, B + t_{00} \ A B. \end{bmatrix}$

XYZ- quadratic algebra

Another example of tilings enumerated with a determinant interpreted by non-crossing configurations of paths



Tilings on triangular lattice and plane partitions













plane



in a box B(a,b,c)





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The Catalan garden







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From binary trees to Dyck paths



From Dyck paths to semipyramids of dimers



Thank you!

