

# Positivity for quantum cluster algebras from orbifolds

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# Quantum cluster algebras from surfaces

## Definition

A quantum cluster algebra  $\mathcal{A}_v$  is called *coming from an orbifold*  $\Sigma$  if the commutative cluster algebra  $\mathcal{A}_v|_{v=1}$  is coming from  $\Sigma$ .

## Theorem (Fomin-Shapiro-Thurston [2], Berenstein-Zelevinsky [1])

Let  $\mathcal{A}_V$  be a quantum cluster algebra from  $\Sigma$ .

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- $(\gamma, T)$  ordinary arc,  $(\gamma^{(q)}, T)$  singly-notched arc,  $(\gamma^{(p,q)}, T)$  doubly-notched arc.

# Ideal

## Theorem ( Musiker-Schiffler-Williams [3] )

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a commutative cluster algebra from  $\Sigma$ . For any ordinary arc  $\gamma$  and ideal triangulation  $T^\circ$ , we have

$$x_\gamma = \sum_{P \in \mathcal{P}(G_{T^\circ, \gamma})} x(P).$$

## ideal

For each perfect matching  $P$ , associate with an integer  $w(P)$  and quantum Laurent monomial  $X(P)$  such that

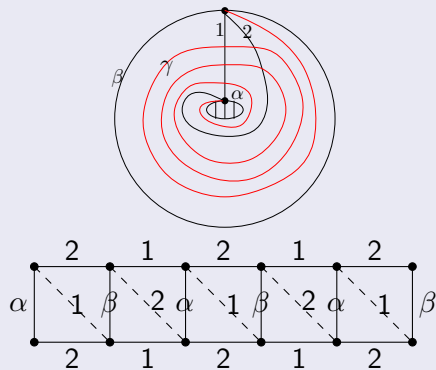
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# Expansion formula for ordinary arcs

# Lattice $\mathcal{L}(T, \gamma)$

- Fix  $\gamma$  ordinary arc,  $T^\circ$  ideal triangulation,  $T$  the tagged triangulation corresponding to  $T^\circ$
- Snake graph  $G_{T, \gamma}$  is constructed via the following:
  - $\gamma$  crosses  $T^\circ$  at  $p_1, \dots, p_c$  in order;
  - Associate a tile  $G_i$  with each point  $p_i$ ;
  - Glue  $G_i, i = 1, \dots, c$  to obtain  $G_{T, \gamma}$ .
- A *perfect matching* of  $G_{T, \gamma}$  is a set  $P$  of edges such that each vertex incident to exactly one edge in  $P$ ;
- $\mathcal{L}(T, \gamma) := \{\text{the set of all perfect matchings of } G_{T, \gamma}\}$ .

# Snake graph – An example



# Lattice $\mathcal{L}(T, \gamma)$

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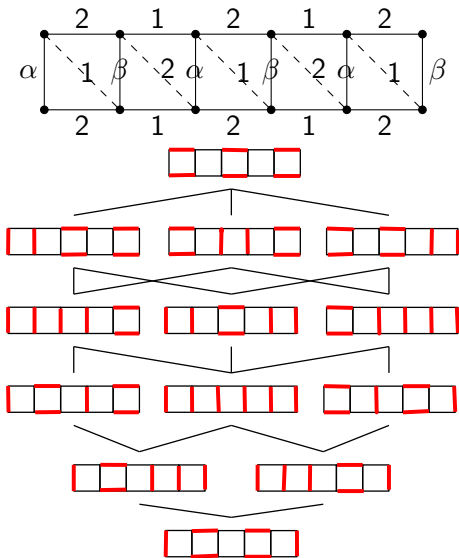
- We say that  $P \in \mathcal{L}(T, \gamma)$  can *twist* on a tile  $G_i$  if there are two edges of  $G_i$  in  $P$ . The perfect matching obtained by replacing the two edges by the remaining two edges of  $G_i$  is called the *twist* of  $P$  at  $G_i$ , denoted by  $\mu_{G_i}(P)$ .
- let  $P < \mu_{G_i}(P)$  if  $W(G_i), E(G_i) \in P, \text{rel}(G_i, T^o) = 1$  or  $N(G_i), S(G_i) \in P, \text{rel}(G_i, T^o) = -1$ .

## Proposition

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# An example



# Valuation map on $\mathcal{L}(T, \gamma)$

$P$  can twist at a tile  $G_I$  with diagonal labeled  $\tau_{i_l}$ .

- $G_I^- := G_1 \cup G_2 \cup \cdots \cup G_{I-1}$ ,  $G_I^+ := G_{I+1} \cup G_{I+2} \cup \cdots \cup G_c$

- $m^\pm(P, G_I; \alpha) :=$   
number of edges labeled  $\alpha$  in  $P \cap \text{edge}(G_I^\pm) \setminus \text{edge}(G_I)$ .

- $n(G, \alpha) :=$  number of diagonals labeled  $\alpha$  of  $G$ .



$$\begin{aligned} \Omega(P, G_I) : &= d(\tau_{i_l}) [(m^+(P, G_I; \tau_{i_l}) - m^-(P, G_I; \tau_{i_l})) \\ &\quad - (n(G_I^+; \tau_{i_l}) - n(G_I^-; \tau_{i_l}))]. \end{aligned}$$

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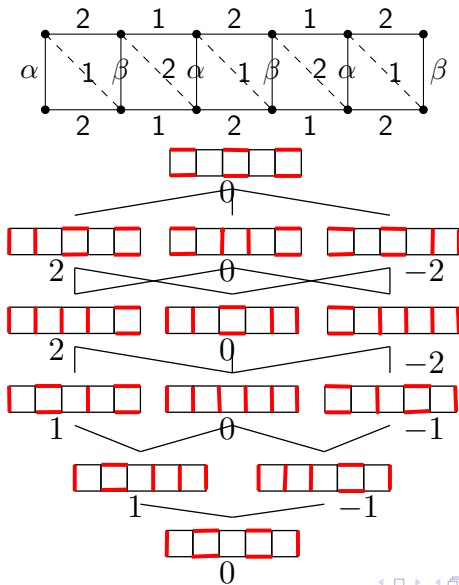
There is a unique map  $w : \mathcal{L}(T, \gamma) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  such that

- 1 (Initial condition)  $w(P_-) = 0$ , where  $P_-$  is the minimum element in  $\mathcal{L}(T, \gamma)$ ,
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$$w(\mu_{G_I}(P)) = w(P) + \Omega(P, G_I)$$

for any  $P \in \mathcal{L}(T, \gamma)$  such that  $P$  can twist on  $G_I$  with  $P < \mu_{G_I}(P)$ .

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# Expansion formula

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For any  $P \in \mathcal{L}(T, \gamma)$ , we can associate with a quantum Laurent monomial  $X(P)$  in  $\mathcal{T}(T)$ . Then

$$X_\gamma = \sum_{P \in \mathcal{L}(T, \gamma)} v^{w(P)} X(P).$$

# Ideal of the proof

# An observation

- $f = x + y + x^{-2}y^2 + x^{-2}yz + x^{-2}zy + x^{-2}z^2 = x'^{-1}y + x'^{-1}z + y + x'^2$   
with  $xx' = y + z$ .
- $\mathcal{P} = \{x, y, x^{-2}y^2, x^{-2}yz, x^{-2}zy, x^{-2}z^2\}$  and  
 $\mathcal{P}' = \{x'^{-1}y, x'^{-1}z, y, x'^2\}$ .
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## Theorem

Let  $T^\circ$  be an ideal triangulation and  $\alpha \in T^\circ$  be a flippable arc. Denote  $T'^\circ = \mu_\alpha(T^\circ)$  and  $T$  (resp.  $T'$ ) the corresponding tagged triangulation of  $T^\circ$  (resp.  $T'^\circ$ ). There exists a partition bijection

$$\pi : \mathcal{L}(T, \beta) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(T', \beta)$$

such that for any  $P \in \mathcal{L}(T, \beta)$  we have

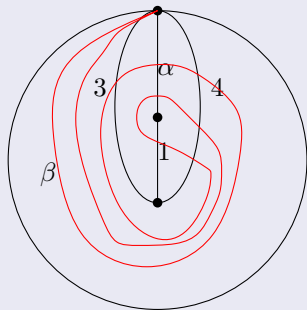
$$\sum_{P' \in \pi(P)} v^{w(P')} \chi(P') = \sum_{Q \in \pi^{-1}\pi(P)} v^{w(Q)} \chi(Q).$$

Consequently, we have

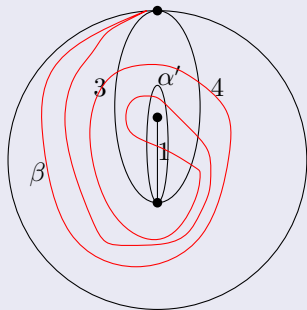
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## An example

Let  $\Sigma$ ,  $T^o$ ,  $T'^o$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha'$  and  $\beta$  be as shown in the following figure.

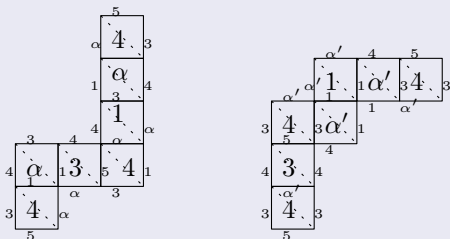


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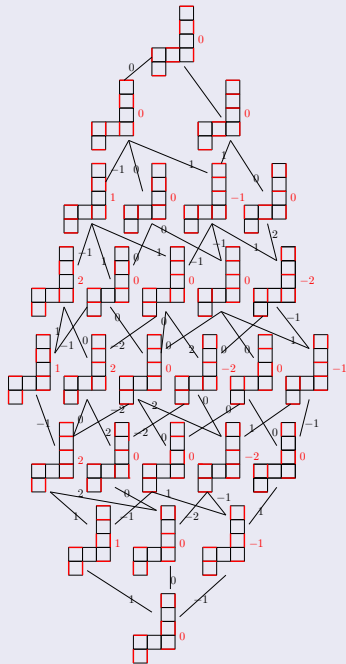


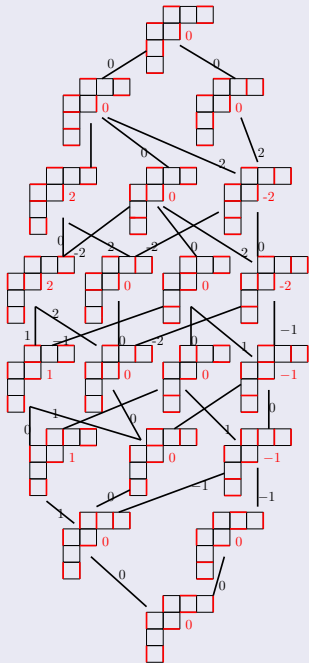
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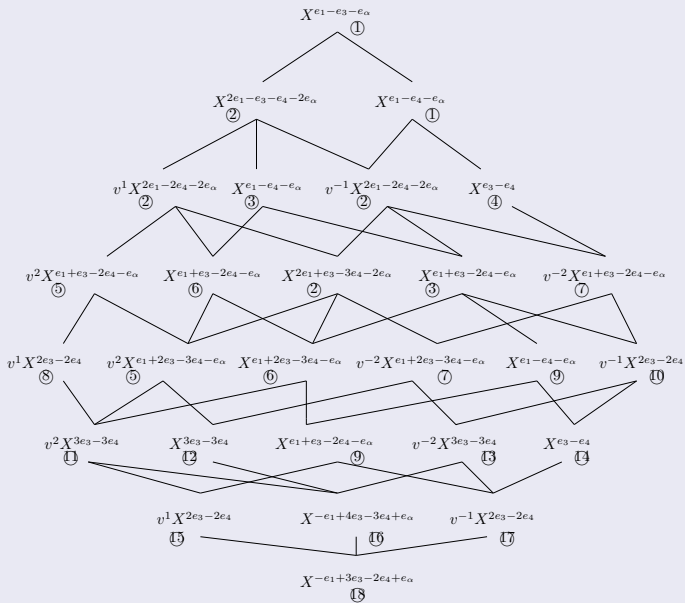
Then the snake graphs  $G_{T,\beta}$  and  $G_{T',\beta}$  are the graphs in the following Figure.

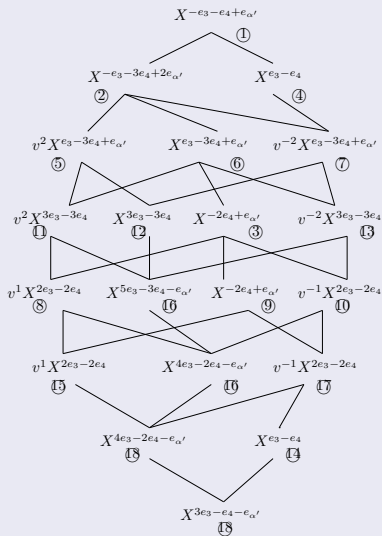










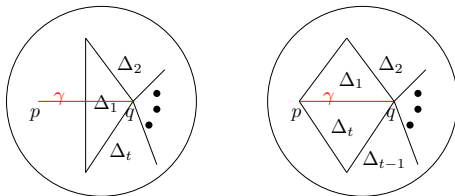


# Expansion formula for singly-notched and doubly-notched arcs

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- $\mathcal{L}(T, \gamma^{(q)}) = \mathcal{L}(T, \gamma) \times \Delta(q)$ .



# Lattice $\mathcal{L}(T, \gamma^{(q)})$

$$E_1(q) := \begin{cases} N(G_c), & \text{if } \text{rel}(G_c, T^\circ) = 1, \\ E(G_c), & \text{if } \text{rel}(G_c, T^\circ) = -1, \end{cases}$$
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$E_1(q) \in P_-, E_2(q) \in P_+$ .

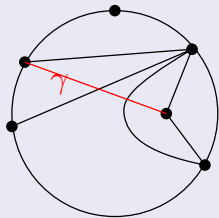
# Lattice $\mathcal{L}(T, \gamma^{(q)})$

- For any  $P \in \mathcal{P}(G_{T, \gamma})$ ,
  - if  $E_1(q) \in P$  then
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$$(P, \Delta_2(q)) < \cdots < (P, \Delta_{t-1}(q)) < (P, \Delta_t(q)) < (P, \Delta_1(q)).$$
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## Proposition

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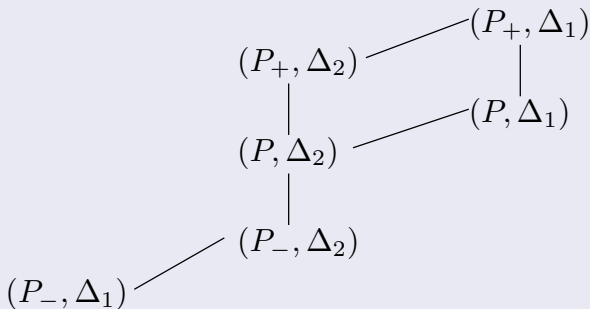
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Figure: Hasse graph of  $\mathcal{L}(T, \gamma^{(q)})$

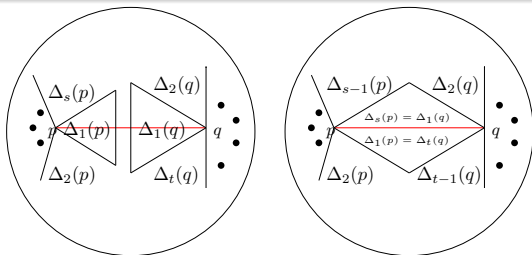
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- For any  $(P, \Delta_j(q)) \in \mathcal{P}(G_{T,\gamma}) \times \Delta(q)$ ,
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- if  $E_2(p) \in P$  then

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- For any  $i \in \{1, \dots, t\}$ ,  $(\Delta_i(p), P, \Delta_a(q)) < (\Delta_i(p), Q, \Delta_b(q))$  if  $(P, \Delta_a(q)) < (Q, \Delta_b(q))$  in  $\mathcal{L}(T, \gamma^{(q)})$ .

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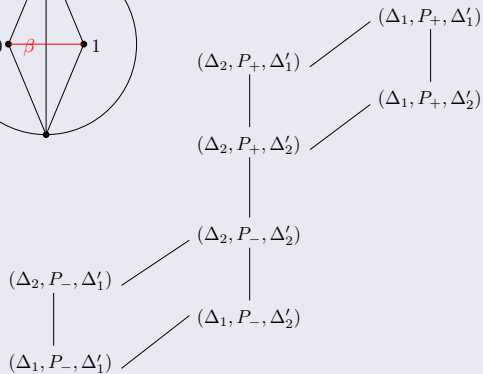
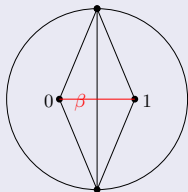


Figure: Hasse graph of  $\mathcal{L}(T, \beta^{(0,1)})$

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- $(\Delta_i(p), \mu_{G_i}P, \Delta_j(q))$  covers  $(\Delta_i(p), P, \Delta_j(q))$ .

# Valuation map on $\mathcal{L}(T, \gamma^{(q)})$

Assume the edges of  $\Delta_j(q)$  are  $\tau_{j-1}(q), \tau_j(q), \tau_{[j]}(q)$ .



$m(\Delta_j(q); \alpha) =$  number of edges labeled  $\alpha$  in  $\{\tau_{[j]}(q)\}$

– number of edges labeled  $\alpha$  in  $\{\tau_{j-1}(q), \tau_j(q)\}$ .

- $\forall P \in \mathcal{L}(T, \gamma)$  and arc  $\alpha \in T^\circ$ ,

$m(P, \alpha) =$  number of edges labeled  $\alpha$  in  $P$ .



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$\forall (P, \Delta_j(q)) \in \mathcal{L}(T, \gamma^{(q)})$ ,

- $$\Omega^{(q)}(P, \underline{\Delta_j(q)}) = -d(\tau_j(q))m(P; \tau_j(q)).$$

- If  $P$  can twist at  $G_l$ ,

$$\Omega^{(q)}(P, \Delta_j(q); G_l) = \Omega(P, G_l) + d(\tau_j(q))m(\Delta_j(q); \tau_{i_l}).$$

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$$w(P, \Delta_{j+1}(q)) - w(P, \Delta_j(q)) = \Omega^{(q)}(P, \underline{\Delta_j(q)}). \quad (1)$$

- 2 For any  $(P, \Delta_j(q)), (Q, \Delta_j(q)) \in \mathcal{L}(T, \gamma^{(q)})$  such that  $(Q, \Delta_j(q))$  covers  $(P, \Delta_j(q))$ , in particular  $P < Q$  are related by a twist on some tile  $G_I$ ,

$$w(Q, \Delta_j(q)) - w(P, \Delta_j(q)) = \Omega^{(q)}(P, \Delta_j(q); G_I). \quad (2)$$

# Valuation map on $\mathcal{L}(T, \gamma^{(p,q)})$

1

$$\Omega^{(p,q)}(\underline{\Delta_i(p)}, P, \Delta_j(q)) = d(\tau_i(p))[m(P; \tau_i(p)) + m(\Delta_j(q); \tau_i(p))].$$

2

$$\Omega^{(p,q)}(\Delta_i(p), P, \underline{\Delta_j(q)}) = -d(\tau_i(p))[m(P; \tau_j(q)) + m(\Delta_i(p); \tau_j(q))].$$

3 If  $P$  can twist at  $G_I$ ,

$$\Omega^{(p,q)}(\Delta_i(p), P, \Delta_j(q); G_I) = \Omega^{(q)}(P, \Delta_j(q); G_I) - d(\tau_i(p))m(\Delta_i(p); \tau_i).$$

# Valuation map on $\mathcal{L}(T, \gamma^{(p,q)})$

## Proposition

There is a unique map  $w : \mathcal{L}(T, \gamma^{(p,q)}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  such that

- 1 (Initial condition)  $w(\Delta_1(p), P_-, \Delta_1(q)) = 0$ ,
- 2 (Recurrence conditions)
  - For any  $(\Delta_i(p), P, \Delta_j(q))$  such that  $(\Delta_{i+1}(p), P, \Delta_j(q))$  covers  $(\Delta_i(p), P, \Delta_j(q))$ , we have

$$w(\Delta_{i+1}(p), P, \Delta_j(q)) - w(\Delta_i(p), P, \Delta_j(q)) = \Omega^{(p,q)}(\underline{\Delta_i(p)}, P, \Delta_j(q)).$$

# Valuation map on $\mathcal{L}(T^o, \gamma^{(p,q)})$

## Continue

- For any  $(\Delta_i(p), P, \Delta_j(q))$  such that  $(\Delta_i(p), P, \Delta_{j+1}(q))$  covers  $(\Delta_i(p), P, \Delta_j(q))$ , we have

$$w(\Delta_i(p), P, \Delta_{j+1}(q)) - w(\Delta_i(p), P, \Delta_j(q)) = \Omega^{(p,q)}(\Delta_i(p), P, \underline{\Delta_j(q)}).$$

- For any  $(\Delta_i(p), Q, \Delta_j(q)), (\Delta_i(p), P, \Delta_j(q)) \in \mathcal{L}(T^o, \beta^{(p,q)})$  such that  $(\Delta_i(p), Q, \Delta_j(q))$  covers  $(\Delta_i(p), P, \Delta_j(q))$ , in particular,  $Q > P$  are related by a twist on some tile  $G_l$ ,

$$w(\Delta_i(p), Q, \Delta_j(q)) - w(\Delta_i(p), P, \Delta_j(q)) = \Omega^{(p,q)}(\Delta_i(p), P, \Delta_j(q); G_l).$$

# Expansion formula

## Theorem




Let  $\beta = \gamma^{(q)}$  or  $\gamma^{(p,q)}$ . For any  $\mathbf{P} \in \mathcal{L}(T, \beta)$ , we can associate with a quantum Laurent monomial  $X(\mathbf{P})$  in  $\mathcal{T}(T)$ . Then

$$X_\beta = \sum_{\mathbf{P} \in \mathcal{L}(T, \beta)} v^{w(\mathbf{P})} X(\mathbf{P}).$$

## Theorem

The positivity conjecture holds for quantum cluster algebras from orbifolds.

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