

# Connecting blocking measures of interacting particle systems with combinatorial objects

(Based on joint works with Daniel Adams, Márton Balázs, Dan Fretwell and Benjamin Lees)

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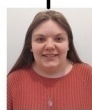
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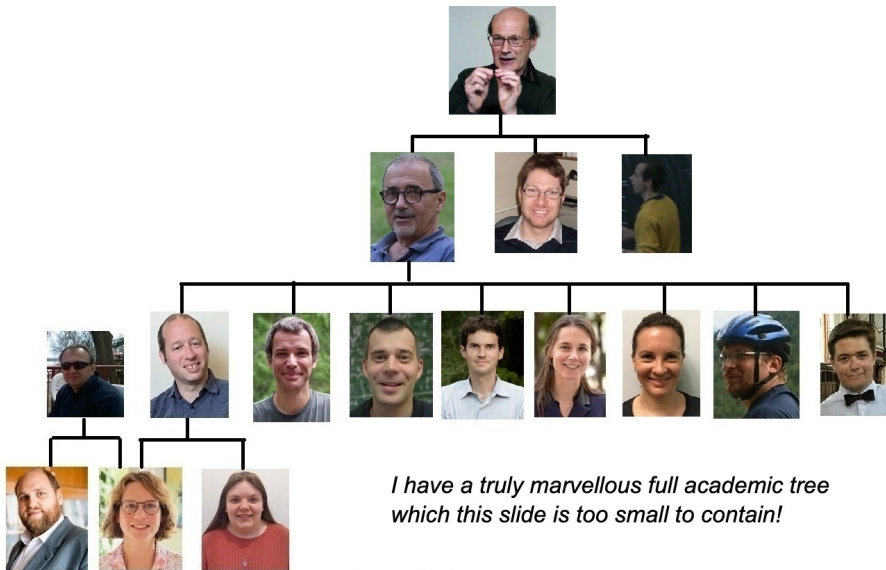
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► Particle - Hole symmetry for ASEP leads to,

## Durfee Rectangles Identity

For  $q \in (0, 1)$  and any fixed  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,

$$\frac{1}{\prod_{i \geq 1} (1 - q^i)} = \sum_{k=\max\{-n, 0\}}^{\infty} \frac{q^{k(n+k)}}{\prod_{i=1}^{n+k} (1 - q^i) \cdot \prod_{j=1}^k (1 - q^j)}.$$

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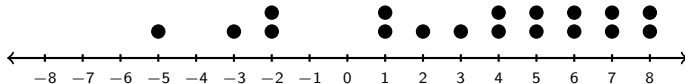
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- ▶ If this connection **is** deeper, does it reveal **new results** in Probability or Combinatorics?

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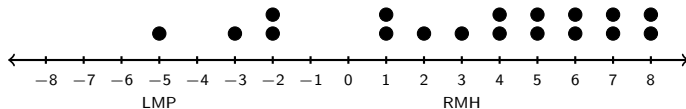
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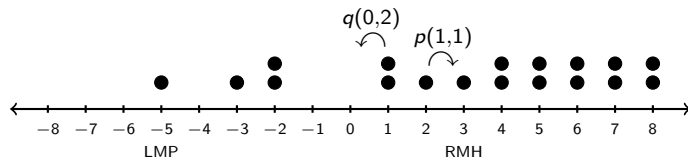
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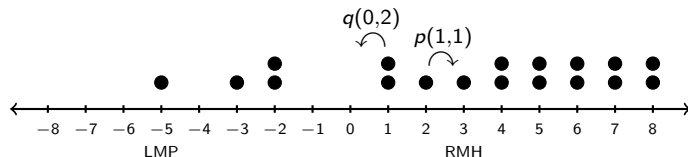
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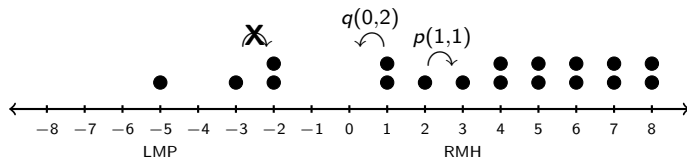
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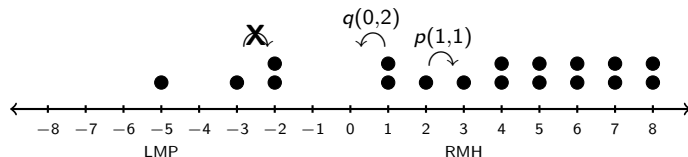
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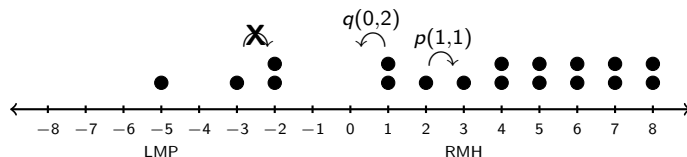
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- **Attractivity:**  $p(y + 1, z) \geq p(y, z)$ ,  $p(y, z + 1) \leq p(y, z)$ ,  
 $q(y + 1, z) \leq q(y, z)$ ,  $q(y, z + 1) \geq q(y, z)$

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$$q := \frac{q(0, 1)}{p(1, 0)}, \quad t := \left( \frac{p(1, 0)q(0, 2)}{q(0, 1)p(1, 1)} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

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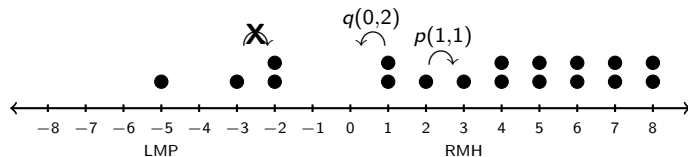
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## Family of reversible stationary measures

For any  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  the following is reversible and stationary for the dynamics,

$$\underline{\mu}^c(\underline{\eta}) = \prod_{i=-\infty}^0 \frac{t^{\mathbb{I}\{\eta_i=1\}} q^{(c-i)\eta_i}}{(1 + tq^{c-i} + q^{2(c-i)})} \prod_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{t^{\mathbb{I}\{\eta_i=1\}} q^{(2-\eta_i)(i-c)}}{(1 + tq^{i-c} + q^{2(i-c)})}$$

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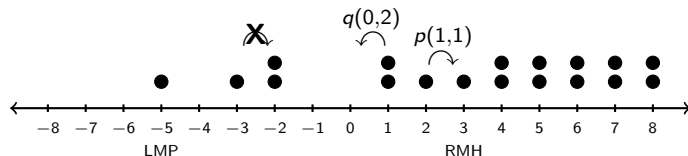
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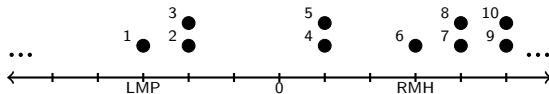
### Unique stationary measures

The unique stationary measure on  $\{\underline{\eta} : N(\underline{\eta}) = n\}$  (for  $n$  even) is given by,

$$\underline{\nu}^n(\underline{\eta}) = \frac{2 \sum_{\ell=-\infty}^{\infty} q^{\ell(\ell+1)-2\ell c} \underline{\mu}^c(\underline{\eta}) \mathbb{I}\{N(\underline{\eta}) = n\}}{q^{\frac{n(n+2)}{4}-nc} \left( 1 + \prod_{i=-\infty}^{\infty} (1 - 2\mu_i^c(1)) \right)}$$

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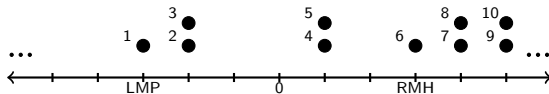
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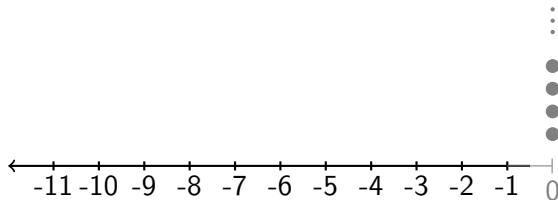
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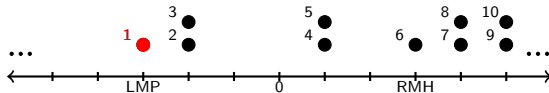
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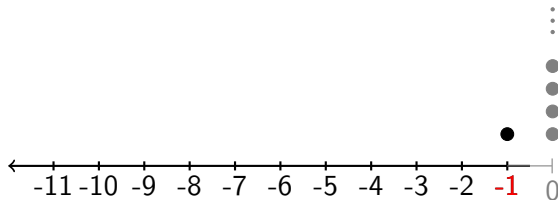
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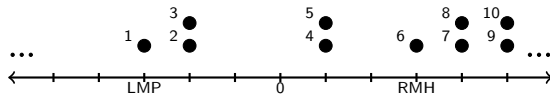
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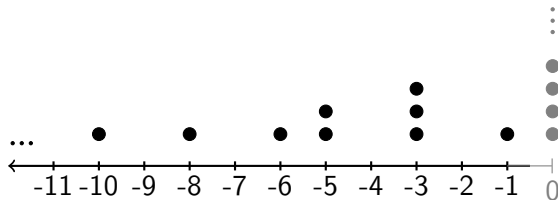
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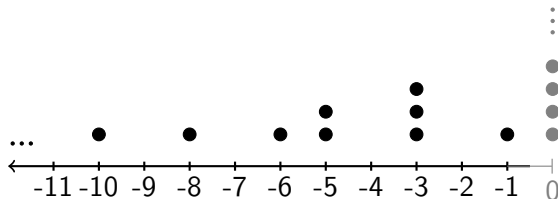
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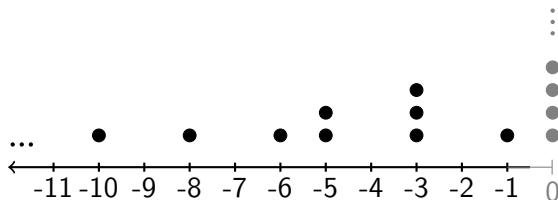
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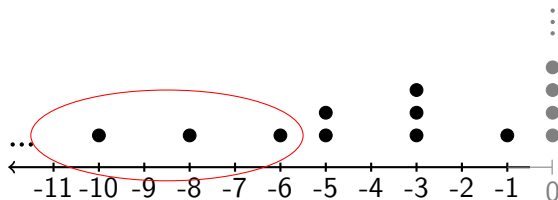
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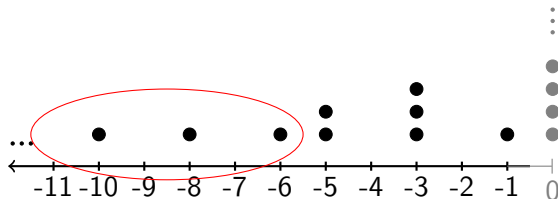
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- ▶ First **relax the restriction** on the dynamics and use Balázs and Bowen blocking measure construction.
- ▶ **Markov “cuts” Theorem** gives that this is also reversible stationary for the process with restricted dynamics.
- ▶ **Condition** on having the 1,0,1,0,1,0 ... block far to the left (*this has measure zero but can use the product structure of the measure*)

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## Reversible stationary measure

On  $\mathcal{H}^e$  the **unique reversible stationary** measure is,

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*This identity was found from the probability and then we found the combinatorial interpretation.*

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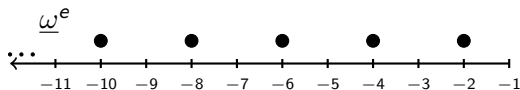
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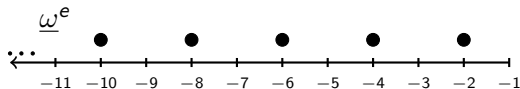
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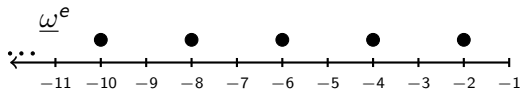
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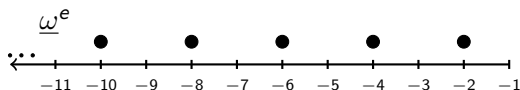
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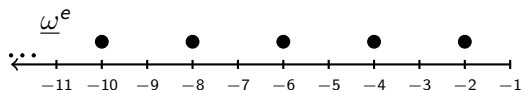
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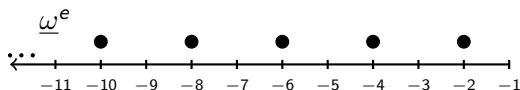
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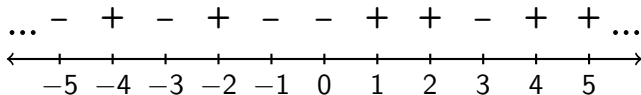
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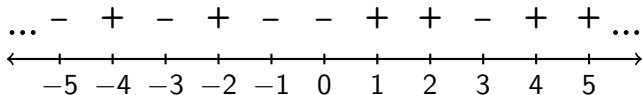
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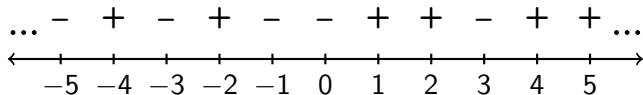
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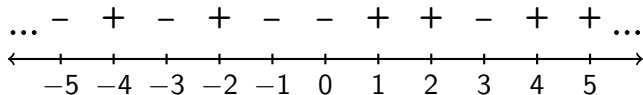
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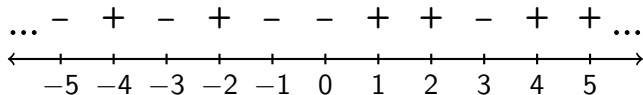
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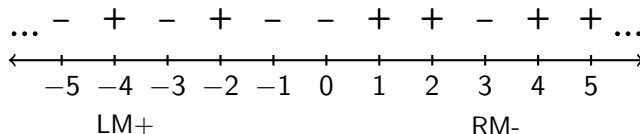
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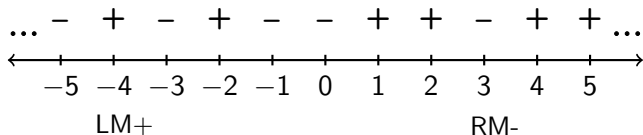
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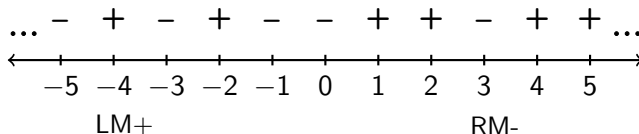
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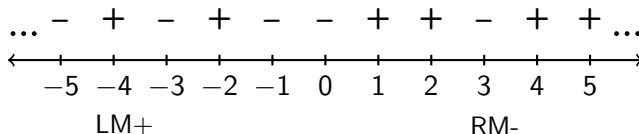
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