# Algebraic and combinatorial structures on Baxter permutations

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# The vector space of permutations

Let  $\mathbf{FQSym}_n$  be the  $\mathbb{Q}$ -vector space based on permutations of  $\{1, \ldots, n\}$  and

$$\mathsf{FQSym} := \bigoplus_{n \ge 0} \mathsf{FQSym}_n,$$

be the vector space of permutations.

Its elements can be handled through the fundamental basis  $\{F_{\sigma}\}_{\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}}$ .

A product and a coproduct can be added to this structure to form the Hopf algebra of Free quasi-symmetric functions, also known as the Malvenuto-Reutenauer Hopf algebra.

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#### This product is associative and non-commutative;

- It admits F<sub>e</sub> as unit;
- ▶ It is graded:  $\cdot$ : FQSym<sub>n</sub>  $\otimes$  FQSym<sub>m</sub>  $\rightarrow$  FQSym<sub>n+m</sub>.

Hence,  $(FQSym, \cdot)$  is a graded unital associative algebra.

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The elements  $\mathbf{F}_{\pi}$  appearing in a product  $\mathbf{F}_{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{F}_{\nu}$  form an interval of the permutohedron.

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- This coproduct is coassociative;
- It is non-cocommutative;
- ▶ It is graded:  $\Delta$  : FQSym<sub>n</sub> →  $\bigoplus_{i+j=n}$  FQSym<sub>i</sub> ⊗ FQSym<sub>j</sub>.

Hence,  $(FQSym, \Delta)$  is a graded coassociative coalgebra.

# FQSym as a combinatorial Hopf algebra

These algebra and coalgebra structures are compatible, *i.e.*,  $\Delta$  is an algebra morphism:

$$\Delta\left(\mathbf{F}_{\sigma}\cdot\mathbf{F}_{\nu}\right)=\Delta\left(\mathbf{F}_{\sigma}\right)\cdot\Delta\left(\mathbf{F}_{\nu}\right).$$

Hence, **FQSym** is a bialgebra.

Since **FQSym** is graded and connected, it is a Hopf algebra.

We use the heuristic term of combinatorial Hopf algebra (CHA) for graded and connected Hopf algebras based on combinatorial objects.

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# Equivalence relations on words

We define equivalence relations on words of  $A^*$  by taking the reflexive, symmetric, and transitive closure of a rewriting rule  $\rightleftharpoons$ .

We are interested by equivalence relations on  $A^*$  that are congruences:

#### Definition

The equivalence relation  $\equiv$  is a congruence if for all  $u, u', v, v' \in A^*$ ,

 $u \equiv v$  and  $u' \equiv v'$  imply  $u.u' \equiv v.v'$ .

In this way,  $A^*/_{\equiv}$  is a quotient monoid of the free monoid.

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# Compatibility with the destandardization process

Denote by ev(u) the non-decreasing rearrangement of u. For example:

ev(babcaac) = aaabbcc.

#### Definition

Let  $\equiv$  be a congruence. The monoid  $A^*/_{\equiv}$  is compatible with the destandardization process if for all  $u, v \in A^*$ ,

 $u \equiv v$  iff  $std(u) \equiv std(v)$  and ev(u) = ev(v).

Compatibility with the restriction of alphabet intervals

Let  $S \subseteq A$  and u be a word. Denote by  $u_{|S}$  the longest subword of u made of letters of S. For example:

 $bcacca_{|\{a,b\}} = baa.$ 

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#### Construction of Hopf subalgebras of FQSym

Let  $\equiv$  be an equivalence relation. For all equivalence class C of  $\mathfrak{S}/_{\equiv}$ , let us define the following element of **FQSym**:

$$\mathsf{P}_{\mathsf{C}} := \sum_{\sigma \in \mathsf{C}} \mathsf{F}_{\sigma}.$$

#### Theorem [Hivert, Nzeutchap, 2007]

If  $\equiv$  is a congruence and  $A^*/_{\equiv}$  is compatible with the destandardization process and with the restriction of alphabet intervals, then, the family  $\{\mathbf{P}_C\}_{C\in\mathfrak{S}/_{\equiv}}$  spans a Hopf subalgebra of **FQSym**.

FQSym Permutations 1,1,2,6,24,120,720











#### Combinatorial structures and Hopf subalgebras

The construction of Hopf subalgebras of **FQSym** from an equivalence relation often leads to the construction of new combinatorial structures:

CHA	Objects	Monoid	Ins. Alg.	Partial order
FQSym	permutations	A*	trivial	permutohedron
FSym	std. Young tab.	plactic	R-S	Reiner order
PBT	binary trees	sylvester	$bst^\sim$	Tamari lattice
Sym	compositions	hypoplactic	K-T	hypercube
Bell	set partitions	Bell	Bell	Bell order

#### Aim of this work

Provide similar structures on Baxter permutations.

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#### Baxter objects

#### Theorem [Chung and al., 1978]

The number  $b_n$  of Baxter permutations of size n is

$$b_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\binom{n+1}{k-1}\binom{n+1}{k}\binom{n+1}{k+1}}{\binom{n+1}{1}\binom{n+1}{2}}$$

The sequence  $(b_n)_{n\geq 0}$  begins as

1, 1, 2, 6, 22, 92, 422, 2074, 10754.

This enumerates also

- pairs of twin binary trees [Dulucq, Guibert, 1994];
- rectangular partitions [Yao and al., 2003];

 planar bipolar orientations [Bousquet-Mélou and al., 2010]; and many other objects.

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The canopy of this binary tree is 0100101.

## Pairs of twin binary trees

#### Definition

A pair  $(T_L, T_R)$  of binary trees is a pair of twin binary trees if the canopies of  $T_L$  and  $T_R$  are complementary.

The six pairs of twin binary trees with 3 nodes are



#### Theorem [Dulucq, Guibert, 1994]

The set of pairs of twin binary trees with n nodes is in bijection with the set of Baxter permutations of size n.

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## The Baxter monoid

#### Definition

The Baxter equivalence relation  $\equiv_B$  is defined from the Baxter rewriting rule  $\rightleftharpoons$  where:

... c u ad v b...  $\rightleftharpoons$  ... c u da v b... if  $a \le b < c \le d$ , ... b u da v c...  $\rightleftharpoons$  ... b u ad v c... if  $a < b \le c < d$ .

On permutations, one has  $\sigma \rightleftharpoons \nu$  iff

 $\sigma = u.ad.v$  and  $\nu = u.da.v$  with  $u_{|[a,d]} \neq \epsilon \neq v_{|[a,d]}$ .

We call  $A^*/_{\equiv_B}$  the Baxter monoid.

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## Structure properties of the Baxter monoid

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Let  $\equiv_S$  be the sylvester equivalence and  $\equiv_{S^{\#}}$  be the  $\#\mbox{-sylvester}$  equivalence.

#### Proposition

Let  $\sigma$  and  $\nu$  be two permutations. Then,

$$\sigma \equiv_{\mathsf{B}} \nu$$
 iff  $\sigma \equiv_{\mathsf{S}} \nu$  and  $\sigma \equiv_{\mathsf{S}^{\#}} \nu$ .

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## The $\mathbb{P}$ -symbol

#### Definition

The  $\mathbb{P}$ -symbol of a permutation  $\sigma$  is the pair  $(bst(\sigma), bst(\sigma^{\sim}))$ .

This definition is based on the previous proposition and the following theorem:

Theorem [Hivert, Novelli, Thibon, 2005]

$$bst(u^{\sim}) = bst(v^{\sim})$$
 iff  $u \equiv_{S} v$ .

Let  $\sigma$  be a permutation. The left member of  $\mathbb{P}(\sigma)$  encodes the #-sylvester class of  $\sigma$  while the second member encodes its sylvester class.
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For all permutation  $\sigma$ ,  $\mathbb{P}(\sigma)$  is a pair of twin binary trees.

Theorem

$$\mathbb{P}(\sigma) = \mathbb{P}(\nu)$$
 iff  $\sigma \equiv_{\mathsf{B}} \nu$ .

Hence, the application  $\mathbb{P}: \mathfrak{S}/_{\equiv_{\mathsf{B}}} \to \mathcal{TBT}$  is an injection.

# The $\mathbb{Q}$ -symbol

### Definition

Let  $\sigma$  be a permutation and  $(T_L, T_R) := \mathbb{P}(\sigma)$ . The Q-symbol of  $\sigma$  is the pair of twin binary trees  $(S_L, S_R)$  where the nodes of  $S_L$  (resp.  $S_R$ ) are labeled by the moment of creation of the corresponding node of  $T_L$  (resp.  $T_R$ ).

For example, the  $\mathbb Q\text{-symbol}$  of  $\sigma:=6317425$  is



# A Robinson-Schensted-like correspondence

#### Theorem

The map  $\sigma \mapsto (\mathbb{P}(\sigma), \mathbb{Q}(\sigma))$  yields a bijection between  $\mathfrak{S}_n$  and the set of pairs  $((T_L, T_R), (S_L, S_R))$  where:

- 1.  $(T_L, T_R)$  and  $(S_L, S_R)$  are pairs of twin binary trees with same shape;
- 2.  $S_L$  (resp.  $S_R$ ) is an increasing (resp. decreasing) binary trees;
- 3.  $S_L$  and  $S_R$  have the same infix reading.

#### Theorem

There is a bijection between  $\mathfrak{S}_n/_{\equiv_{\mathrm{B}}}$  and the set of pairs of twin binary trees with *n* nodes.

One can encode equivalence classes of  $\mathfrak{S}_n/_{\equiv_{\rm B}}$  through pairs of twin binary trees.

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# The Baxter lattice

### Proposition

The Baxter equivalence relation is a lattice congruence of the permutohedron.

Here is the Baxter lattice of order 4:



### The Baxter lattice

Covering relations are rotations in binary trees. Here is an interval of the lattice of the pairs of twin binary trees of order 5:



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### The Baxter Hopf algebra

# Construction of **Baxter**

For all pair of twin binary trees J, let us define the element  $P_J$  of **FQSym** by:

$$\mathsf{P}_J := \sum_{\substack{\sigma \in \mathfrak{S} \\ \mathbb{P}(\sigma) = J}} \mathsf{F}_{\sigma}.$$

$$P_{0,00} = F_{12},$$

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#### Theorem

The vector space spanned by the family  $\{\mathbf{P}_J\}_{J \in \mathcal{TBT}}$  is a Hopf subalgebra of **FQSym**.

This is the CHA **Baxter**. Its product and its coproduct are well-defined since

- $\blacktriangleright \equiv_{\mathsf{B}}$  is a congruence,
- $A^*/_{\equiv_B}$  is compatible with the destandardization process,
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Moreover, the elements  $\mathbf{P}_J$  that appear in a product  $\mathbf{P}_{J_0} \cdot \mathbf{P}_{J_1}$  form an interval of the Baxter lattice.

Let the following elements of **Baxter**:

$$\mathbf{E}_J := \sum_{J \leq_{\mathbb{B}} J'} \mathbf{P}_{J'}$$
 and  $\mathbf{H}_J := \sum_{J' \leq_{\mathbb{B}} J} \mathbf{P}_{J'}$ .

By triangularity, the families  $\{E_J\}_{J \in TBT}$  and  $\{H_J\}_{J \in TBT}$  are bases of **Baxter**.

### Proposition

The families  $\{E_J\}_{J \in TBT}$  and  $\{H_J\}_{J \in TBT}$  are multiplicative bases of **Baxter**. In particular:

$$\mathbf{E}_{J_0} \cdot \mathbf{E}_{J_1} = \mathbf{E}_{J_0 \nearrow J_1} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{H}_{J_0} \cdot \mathbf{H}_{J_1} = \mathbf{H}_{J_0 \searrow J_1}.$$

















# Algebraic structure of **Baxter**

Multiplicative bases of Baxter and freeness of FQSym imply

Proposition

Baxter is free as an algebra.

The results of Foissy  $[\ensuremath{\textit{Foissy}}, 2005]$  on the bidendriform structure of  $\ensuremath{\textit{FQSym}}$  imply

Proposition

The primitive Lie algebra of **Baxter** is free.

Proposition

Baxter is self-dual.

Nevertheless, no isomorphism between **Baxter** and **Baxter**<sup>\*</sup> is known.





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