

Commuting families in Hecke and Temperley-Lieb Algebras

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Abstract

We define analogs of the Jucys-Murphy elements for the affine Temperley-Lieb algebra and give their explicit expansion in terms of the basis of planar Brauer diagrams. These Jucys-Murphy elements are a family of commuting elements in the affine Temperley-Lieb algebra, and we compute their eigenvalues on the generic irreducible representations. We show that they come from Jucys-Murphy elements in the affine Hecke algebra of type A, which in turn come from the Casimir element of the quantum group $U_h\mathfrak{gl}_n$. We also give the explicit specializations of these results to the finite Temperley-Lieb algebra.

1 Introduction

The “Jucys-Murphy elements” are a family of commuting elements in the group algebra of the symmetric group. In characteristic 0, these elements have enough distinct eigenvalues to give a full analysis of the representation theory of the symmetric group [OV]. Even in positive characteristic these elements are powerful tools [K]. Similar elements are used in the Hecke algebras of type A and, in a strong sense, it is these elements that control the beautiful connections between the modular representation theory of Hecke algebras of type A and the Fock space representations of the affine quantum group (see [Ar] and [Gr]).

Since the Temperley-Lieb algebra is a quotient of the Hecke algebra of type A it inherits a commuting family of elements from the Hecke algebra. In order to use these elements for modular representation theory it is important to have good control of the expansion in terms

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The algebra $TL_k(n)$ is presented by generators

$$e_i = \begin{array}{c} \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \cdots \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \\ | \quad | \quad \cdots \quad | \quad | \quad | \quad | \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \cdots \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \end{array}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq k-1, \quad (2.6)$$

$$\text{and relations } e_i^2 = ne_i, \quad e_i e_{i\pm 1} e_i = e_i, \quad \text{and} \quad e_i e_j = e_j e_i, \quad \text{if } |i-j| > 1 \quad (2.7)$$

(see [GHJ, Lemma 2.8.4]).

Remark 2.3. *In the definition of the Temperley-Lieb algebra, and for other algebras defined in this paper, the base ring could be any one of several useful rings (e.g. \mathbb{C} , $\mathbb{C}(q)$, $\mathbb{C}[[h]]$, $\mathbb{Z}[q, q^{-1}]$, $\mathbb{Z}[n]$ or localizations of these at special primes). The most useful approach is to view the results of computations as valid over any ring R with $n, q, h \in R$ such that the formulas make sense.*

2.3 The Surjection $\tilde{H}_k(q) \mapsto TL_k(n)$

The affine Hecke algebra \tilde{H}_k is the quotient of the group algebra of the affine braid group $\mathbb{C}\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_k$ by the relations

$$T_i^2 = (q - q^{-1})T_i + 1, \quad \text{so that} \quad \mathbb{C}\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_k \longrightarrow \tilde{H}_k \quad (2.8)$$

is a surjective homomorphism (q is a fixed element of the base ring). The affine Hecke algebra \tilde{H}_k is the affine Hecke algebra of type GL_k . The affine Hecke algebras of types SL_k and PGL_k are, respectively, the quotients \tilde{H}_Q and \tilde{H}_P of the group algebras of $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_Q$ and $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_P$ (see Remark 2.2) by the relations (2.8).

The Iwahori-Hecke algebra is the subalgebra H_k of \tilde{H}_k generated by T_1, \dots, T_{k-1} . In the Iwahori-Hecke algebra H_k , define

$$e_i = q - T_i, \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, k-1. \quad (2.9)$$

Direct calculations show that $e_i^2 = (q + q^{-1})e_i$ and that $e_1 e_2 e_1 = e_1$ and $e_2 e_1 e_2 = e_2$ if and only if

$$q^3 - q^2 T_1 - q^2 T_2 + q T_1 T_2 + q T_2 T_1 - T_1 T_2 T_1 = 0. \quad (2.10)$$

Thus, setting $n = [2] = q + q^{-1}$, there are surjective algebra homomorphisms given by

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \psi : \tilde{H}_k(q) & \longrightarrow & H_k(q) & \longrightarrow & TL_k(n) \\ X^{e_1} & \longmapsto & 1 & \longmapsto & 1 \\ T_i & \longmapsto & T_i & \longmapsto & q - e_i. \end{array} \quad (2.11)$$

The kernel of ψ is generated by the element on the left hand side of equation (2.10). In the notation of Theorem 4.1, the representations of H_k correspond to the case when $\mu = \emptyset$. Writing $\tilde{H}_k^{\lambda/\emptyset}$ as \tilde{H}_k^λ , the element from (2.10) acts as 0 on the irreducible Iwahori-Hecke algebra modules \tilde{H}_3^{\square} and $\tilde{H}_3^{\square\square}$, and (up to a scalar multiple) it is a projection onto \tilde{H}_3^{\square} .

Remark 2.4. *There is an alternative surjective homomorphism that instead sends $T_i \mapsto e_i - q^{-1}$. This alternative surjection has kernel generated by*

$$q^{-3} + q^{-2} T_1 + q^{-2} T_2 + q^{-1} T_1 T_2 + q^{-1} T_2 T_1 + T_2 T_1 T_2.$$

This element is 0 on \tilde{H}_3^{\square} and $\tilde{H}_3^{\square\square}$, and (up to a scalar multiple) it is a projection onto $\tilde{H}_3^{\square\square}$.

2.5 A commuting family in the affine Temperley-Lieb algebra

View the elements $X^{-\varepsilon_i}$ in the affine Temperley-Lieb algebra \widehat{TL}_k^a via the surjective algebra homomorphism of (2.13). Define

$$(q - q^{-1})m_1 = q^{-1}X^{-\varepsilon_1} \quad \text{and} \quad (q - q^{-1})m_i = q^{i-2}(X^{-\varepsilon_i} - q^{-2}X^{-\varepsilon_{i-1}}), \quad (2.14)$$

for $i = 2, 3, \dots, k$. Since $X^{-\varepsilon_i}X^{-\varepsilon_j} = X^{-\varepsilon_j}X^{-\varepsilon_i}$ for all $1 \leq i, j \leq k$, and the m_i are linear combinations of the $X^{-\varepsilon_i}$,

$$m_i m_j = m_j m_i \quad \text{in } \widehat{TL}_k^a, \quad \text{for all } 1 \leq i, j \leq k.$$

Proposition 2.6. *For $1 \leq i \leq k$,*

$$(a) \quad X^{-\varepsilon_i} = q^{-(i-2)}(q - q^{-1})(m_i + q^{-1}m_{i-1} + q^{-2}m_{i-2} + \dots + q^{-(i-1)}m_1),$$

$$(b) \quad X^{-\varepsilon_1} + \dots + X^{-\varepsilon_i} = q^{-(i-2)}(q - q^{-1})(m_i + [2]m_{i-1} + \dots + [i]m_1).$$

Proof. Rewrite (2.14) as

$$X^{-\varepsilon_i} = q^{-(i-2)}(q - q^{-1})m_i + q^{-2}X^{-\varepsilon_{i-1}}$$

and use induction,

$$X^{-\varepsilon_i} = q^{-(i-2)}(q - q^{-1})m_i + q^{-2}(q^{-(i-1-2)}(q - q^{-1})(m_{i-1} + q^{-1}m_{i-2} + \dots + q^{-(i-2)}m_1)),$$

to obtain the formula for $X^{-\varepsilon_i}$ in (a). Summing the formula in (a) over i gives

$$\sum_{j=1}^i X^{-\varepsilon_j} = \sum_{j=1}^i \left(q^{-(j-2)}(q - q^{-1}) \sum_{\ell=0}^{j-2} q^{-\ell} m_{j-\ell} \right) = q^{-(i-2)}(q - q^{-1}) \sum_{j=1}^i \sum_{\ell=0}^{j-1} q^{i-j-\ell} m_{j-\ell}$$

and, thus, formula (c) follows from

$$\sum_{j=1}^i \sum_{\ell=0}^{j-1} q^{i-j-\ell} m_{j-\ell} = \sum_{j=1}^i \sum_{r=1}^j q^{i-j-(j-r)} m_r = \sum_{r=1}^i \sum_{j=r}^i q^{i+r-2j} m_r = \sum_{r=1}^i [i - r + 1] m_r.$$

□

The following Lemma is a transfer of the recursion $X^{\varepsilon_i} = T_{i-1}X^{\varepsilon_{i-1}}T_{i-1}$ to the m_i . The following are the base cases of Lemma 2.7.

$$m_1 = \frac{q^{-1}}{q - q^{-1}} X^{-\varepsilon_1} \quad \text{and} \quad m_2 = \frac{x}{q - q^{-1}} e_1 - (e_1 m_1 + m_1 e_1)$$

Lemma 2.7. *Let x be the constant defined by the equation $e_1 X^{-\varepsilon_1} e_1 = x e_1$. For $2 \leq i \leq k$,*

$$m_i = \frac{q^{i-2}x}{q - q^{-1}} e_{i-1} - (e_{i-1} m_{i-1} + m_{i-1} e_{i-1}) - \sum_{\ell=1}^{i-2} ([i - \ell] - [i - \ell - 2]) m_\ell e_{i-1}.$$

Proof. From (2.3) and (2.9) we have $X^{-\varepsilon_i} = (q^{-1} - e_{i-1})X^{-\varepsilon_{i-1}}(q^{-1} - e_{i-1})$. Substituting this into the definition of m_i gives

$$\begin{aligned} (q - q^{-1})m_i &= q^{i-2}(X^{-\varepsilon_i} - q^{-2}X^{-\varepsilon_{i-1}}) = q^{i-2}(q^{-1} - e_{i-1})X^{-\varepsilon_{i-1}}(q^{-1} - e_{i-1}) - q^{i-4}X^{-\varepsilon_{i-1}} \\ &= q^{i-2}e_{i-1}X^{-\varepsilon_{i-1}}e_{i-1} - q^{i-3}(e_{i-1}X^{-\varepsilon_{i-1}} + X^{-\varepsilon_{i-1}}e_{i-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Use Proposition 2.6 (a) to substitute for $X^{-\varepsilon_{i-1}}$,

$$\begin{aligned} (q - q^{-1})m_i &= (q - q^{-1})q^{-(m+i-3)}(q^{i-2}e_{i-1}m_{i-1}e_{i-1} - q^{i-3}(e_{i-1}m_{i-1} + m_{i-1}e_{i-1})) \\ &\quad + (q - q^{-1})q^{-(i-3)}(q^{-1}m_{i-2} + \cdots + q^{-(i-2)}m_1)(q^{i-2}e_{i-1}^2 - 2q^{i-3}e_{i-1}) \\ &= (q - q^{-1})(qe_{i-1}m_{i-1}e_{i-1} - (e_{i-1}m_{i-1} + m_{i-1}e_{i-1})) \\ &\quad + (q - q^{-1})(m_{i-2} + \cdots + q^{-(i-3)}m_1)(q + q^{-1} - 2q^{-1})e_{i-1} \\ &= (q - q^{-1}) \left(\begin{array}{c} qe_{i-1}m_{i-1}e_{i-1} - (e_{i-1}m_{i-1} + m_{i-1}e_{i-1}) \\ + (q - q^{-1})(m_{i-2} + \cdots + q^{-(i-3)}m_1)e_{i-1} \end{array} \right), \end{aligned}$$

which gives

$$\begin{aligned} m_i &= qe_{i-1}m_{i-1}e_{i-1} - (e_{i-1}m_{i-1} + m_{i-1}e_{i-1}) \\ &\quad + (q - q^{-1})(m_{i-2} + q^{-1}m_{i-3} + q^{-2}m_{i-4} + \cdots + q^{-(i-3)}m_1)e_{i-1}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.15}$$

Using induction, substitute for the first m_{i-1} in this equation to get

$$\begin{aligned} m_i &= -(e_{i-1}m_{i-1} + m_{i-1}e_{i-1}) + (q - q^{-1}) \sum_{\ell=1}^{i-2} q^{-(i-2-\ell)} m_\ell e_{i-1} \\ &\quad + q \left(\frac{q^{i-3}x}{q - q^{-1}} e_{i-1} - 2m_{i-2}e_{i-1} - \sum_{\ell=1}^{i-3} ([i - \ell - 1] - [i - \ell - 3]) m_\ell e_{i-1} \right) \\ &= \frac{q^{i-2}x}{q - q^{-1}} e_{i-1} - (e_{i-1}m_{i-1} + m_{i-1}e_{i-1}) - \sum_{\ell=2}^{i-2} ([i - \ell] - [i - \ell - 2]) m_\ell e_{i-1}. \end{aligned}$$

□

2.6 Diagram Representation of Murphy Elements

Label the vertices from left to right in the top row of a diagram $d \in T_k$ with $1, 2, \dots, k$, and label the corresponding vertices in the bottom row with $1', 2', \dots, k'$. The *cycle type* of a diagram $d \in T_k$ is the set partition $\tau(d)$ of $\{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ obtained from d by setting $1 = 1', 2 = 2', \dots, k = k'$. If $\tau(d)$ is a set partition of the form $\{\{1, 2, \dots, \gamma_1\}, \{\gamma_1 + 1, \mu_1 + 2, \dots, \gamma_1 + \gamma + 2\}, \dots, \{\gamma_1 + \cdots + \gamma_{\ell-1} + 1, \dots, k\}\}$, where $(\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_\ell)$ is a composition of k , then we simplify notation by writing $\tau(d) = (\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_\ell)$. For example

$$d = \begin{array}{c} \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \\ \text{---} \quad \text{---} \quad \text{---} \quad \text{---} \quad \text{---} \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \\ \text{---} \quad \text{---} \quad \text{---} \quad \text{---} \quad \text{---} \end{array} \quad \text{has} \quad \tau(d) = (5, 3, 4).$$

There are diagrams whose cycle type cannot be written as a composition (for example $d = \begin{array}{c} \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \\ \text{---} \quad \text{---} \quad \text{---} \\ \bullet \quad \bullet \quad \bullet \\ \text{---} \quad \text{---} \quad \text{---} \end{array}$ has cycle type $\{\{1, 4\}, \{2, 3\}\}$) but all of the diagrams needed here have cycle types that are compositions.

If $\gamma = (\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_\ell)$ is a composition of k define

$$d_\gamma = \sum_{\tau(d)=\gamma} d \quad (2.16)$$

as the sum of the Temperley-Lieb diagrams on k dots with cycle type γ . Define d_γ^* be the sum of diagrams obtained from the summands of d_γ by wrapping the first edge in each row around the pole, with the orientation coming from $X^{-\varepsilon_1}$ as shown in the examples below. When the first edge in the top row connects to the first vertex in the bottom row only one new diagram is produced, otherwise there are two. For example, in \widehat{TL}_4^a ,

$$\begin{aligned} d_{31} &= \begin{array}{c} \text{TL diagram 1} \\ \text{TL diagram 2} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{TL diagram 3} \\ \text{TL diagram 4} \end{array} & d_{31}^* &= \begin{array}{c} \text{TL diagram 1} \\ \text{TL diagram 2} \\ \text{TL diagram 3} \\ \text{TL diagram 4} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{TL diagram 5} \\ \text{TL diagram 6} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{TL diagram 7} \\ \text{TL diagram 8} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{TL diagram 9} \\ \text{TL diagram 10} \end{array} \\ d_{13} &= \begin{array}{c} \text{TL diagram 11} \\ \text{TL diagram 12} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{TL diagram 13} \\ \text{TL diagram 14} \end{array} & d_{13}^* &= \begin{array}{c} \text{TL diagram 11} \\ \text{TL diagram 12} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{TL diagram 13} \\ \text{TL diagram 14} \end{array} \\ d_{22} &= \begin{array}{c} \text{TL diagram 15} \\ \text{TL diagram 16} \end{array} & d_{22}^* &= \begin{array}{c} \text{TL diagram 15} \\ \text{TL diagram 16} \end{array} + \begin{array}{c} \text{TL diagram 17} \\ \text{TL diagram 18} \end{array} \end{aligned}$$

View d_γ and d_γ^* as elements of \widehat{TL}_k^a by setting

$$d_\gamma = d_{\gamma 1^{k-i}}, \quad \text{if } \gamma \text{ is a composition of } i \text{ with } i < k.$$

With this notation, expanding the first few m_i in terms of diagrams gives

$$\begin{aligned} (q - q^{-1})m_1 &= q^{-1}d_1^*, & (q - q^{-1})m_2 &= xd_2 - q^{-1}d_2^*, \\ (q - q^{-1})m_3 &= qxd_{1,2} - q^{-1}[2]d_{1,2}^* - xd_3 + q^{-1}d_3^*, \\ (q - q^{-1})m_4 &= q^2xd_{1^2,2} - q^{-1}([3] - [1])d_{1^2,2}^* - x[2]d_{2,2} + q^{-1}[2]d_{2,2}^* \\ &\quad - qxd_{1,3} + q^{-1}[2]d_{1,3}^* + xd_4 - q^{-1}d_4^*, \\ (q - q^{-1})m_5 &= q^3xd_{1^3,2} - q^{-1}([4] - [2])d_{1^3,2}^* - q^2xd_{1^2,3} + q^{-1}([3] - [1])d_{1^2,3}^* \\ &\quad + qxd_{1,4} - q^{-1}[2]d_{1,4}^* - qx[2]d_{1,2,2} + q^{-1}[2]^2d_{1,2,2}^* + qx[2]d_{2,3} - q^{-1}[2]d_{2,3}^* \\ &\quad - x([3] - [1])d_{2,1,2} + q^{-1}([3] - [1])d_{2,1,2}^* + x[2]d_{3,2} - q^{-1}[2]d_{3,2}^* - xd_5 + q^{-1}d_5^*, \end{aligned}$$

where, as in Lemma 2.7, x is the constant defined by the equation $e_1X^{-\varepsilon_1}e_1 = xe_1$.

Theorem 2.8. *Let x be the constant defined by the equation $e_1X^{-\varepsilon_1}e_1 = xe_1$. Then $(q - q^{-1})m_1 = q^{-1}d_1$, $(q - q^{-1})m_2 = xd_2 - q^{-1}d_2^*$ and, for $i \geq 2$,*

$$m_i = \sum_{\text{compositions } \gamma} (m_i)_\gamma d_\gamma + (m_i)_\gamma^* d_\gamma^*,$$

where the sum is over all compositions $\gamma = 1^{b_1}r_11^{b_2}r_2 \dots 1^{b_\ell}r_\ell$ of i with $r_\ell > 1$, and

$$\begin{aligned} (m_i)_\gamma &= (-1)^{|\gamma| - \ell(\gamma) - 1} \frac{q^{b_1}x}{q - q^{-1}} \prod_{b_j \geq 0, j > 1} ([b_j + 2] - [b_j]), \quad \text{and} \\ (m_i)_\gamma^* &= (-1)^{|\gamma| - \ell(\gamma)} \frac{q^{-1}}{q - q^{-1}} ([b_1 + 1] - [b_1 - 1]) \prod_{b_j \geq 0, j > 1} ([b_j + 2] - [b_j]), \end{aligned}$$

with $\ell(\gamma) = \ell + b_1 + \dots + b_\ell$.

Proof. From our computations above, $m_1 = Ad_1^*$ and $m_2 = Bd_2 - Ad_2^*$, where

$$A = \frac{q^{-1}}{q - q^{-1}} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \frac{x}{q - q^{-1}}.$$

Let $m_1 = Ad_1^*$. For $i > 2$ the recursion in Lemma 2.7 gives

$$\begin{aligned} m_i &= q^{i-2}Be_{i-1} - (e_{i-1}m_{i-1} + m_{i-1}e_{i-1}) - \sum_{\ell=1}^{i-2} ([i - \ell] - [i - \ell - 2])m_\ell e_{i-1} \\ &= q^{i-2}Bd_{1^{i-2},2} - ([i - 1] - [i - 3])Ad_{1^{i-2},2}^* - ((m_{i-1})_{\gamma' r} d_{\gamma', r+1} + (m_{i-1})_{\gamma' r}^* d_{\gamma', r+1}^*) \\ &\quad + \sum_{\ell=2}^{i-2} -([i - \ell] - [i - \ell - 2])((m_\ell)_{\gamma'} d_{\gamma' 1^{i-2-\ell_2}} + (m_\ell)_{\gamma'}^* d_{\gamma' 1^{i-2-\ell_2}}^*). \end{aligned}$$

So if d has cycle type $\gamma = 1^{b_1} r_1 1^{b_2} r_2 \cdots 1^{b_\ell} r_\ell$ with $r_\ell > 0$, then

- (a) Each part of size r ($r > 1$) contributes $(-1)^{r-1}$ to the coefficient. Thus, there is a total contribution of $(-1)^{|\gamma| - \ell(\gamma)}$ from these parts.
- (b) Each inner 1^b ($b \geq 0$) contributes a factor of $[b + 2] - [b]$ to the coefficient.
- (c) The first 1^b ($b > 0$) contributes a $-q^b B$ in a nonstarred class,
- (c') The first 1^b ($b = 0$) contributes a $-B$ in a nonstarred class, which is the same as case (c) with $b = 0$.
- (d) The first 1^b ($b > 0$) contributes a $([b + 1] - [b - 1])A$ in a starred class.
- (d') The first 1^b ($b = 0$) contributes an A in a starred class, which is the same as case (d) with $b = 0$ assuming $[-1] = 0$.

□

Remark 2.9. To view m_1, \dots, m_k in the (nonaffine) Temperley-Lieb algebra $TL_k(n)$ (via (2.11)) let $X^{-\varepsilon_1} = 1$ so that $x = q + q^{-1}$. If $b_1 > 1$ then $d_\gamma^* = d_\gamma$ and if $b_1 = 0$ then $d_\gamma^* = 2d_\gamma$. In both cases the coefficients in Theorem 2.8 specialize to

$$(m_i)_\gamma + (m_i)_\gamma^* = (-1)^{|\gamma| - \ell(\gamma) - 1} [b_1 + 1] \prod_{b_j \geq 0, j > 1} ([b_j + 2] - [b_j])$$

and

$$m_i = \sum_{\gamma} ((m_i)_\gamma + (m_i)_\gamma^*) d_\gamma,$$

where the sum is over compositions $\gamma = 1^{b_1} r_1 1^{b_2} r_2 \cdots 1^{b_\ell} r_\ell$ of i with $r_\ell > 1$. The first few examples are

$$\begin{aligned} m_1 &= \frac{q^{-1}}{q - q^{-1}} = \frac{q^{-1}}{q - q^{-1}} d_1, & m_2 &= e_2 = d_2, & m_3 &= [2]d_{12} - d_3, \\ m_4 &= [3]d_{1^2,2} - [2]d_{2,2} - [2]d_{1,3} + d_4, \\ m_5 &= [4]d_{1^3,2} - [3]d_{1^2,3} + [2]d_{1,4} - [2]^2 d_{1,2,2} + [2]d_{2,3} - ([3] - [1])d_{2,1,2} + [2]d_{3,2} - d_5. \end{aligned}$$

3 Schur functors

3.1 R -matrices and quantum Casimir Elements

Let $U_h\mathfrak{g}$ be the Drinfeld-Jimbo quantum group corresponding to a finite dimensional complex semisimple Lie algebra \mathfrak{g} . We shall use the notations and conventions for $U_h\mathfrak{g}$ as in [LR] and [OR]. There is an invertible element $\mathcal{R} = \sum a_i \otimes b_i$ in (a suitable completion of) $U_h\mathfrak{g} \otimes U_h\mathfrak{g}$ such that, for two $U_h\mathfrak{g}$ modules M and N , the map

$$\check{R}_{MN}: \begin{array}{ccc} M \otimes N & \longrightarrow & N \otimes M \\ m \otimes n & \longmapsto & \sum b_i n \otimes a_i m \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} M \otimes N \\ \curvearrowright \\ N \otimes M \end{array}$$

is a $U_h\mathfrak{g}$ module isomorphism. In order to be consistent with the graphical calculus these operators should be written *on the right*. The element \mathcal{R} satisfies ‘‘quasitriangularity relations’’ (see [LR, (2.1-2.3)]) which imply that, for $U_h\mathfrak{g}$ modules M, N, P and a $U_h\mathfrak{g}$ module isomorphism $\tau_M: M \rightarrow M$,

$$\begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{ccc} M \otimes N & & M \otimes N \\ \curvearrowright & = & \tau_M \curvearrowright \\ N \otimes M & & N \otimes M \end{array} \\ \check{R}_{MN}(\text{id}_N \otimes \tau_M) = (\tau_M \otimes \text{id}_N)\check{R}_{MN}, \\ \\ \begin{array}{ccc} M \otimes (N \otimes P) & = & M \otimes N \otimes P \\ \curvearrowright & & \curvearrowright \\ (N \otimes P) \otimes M & & N \otimes P \otimes M \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} (M \otimes N) \otimes P & = & M \otimes N \otimes P \\ \curvearrowright & & \curvearrowright \\ P \otimes (M \otimes N) & & P \otimes M \otimes N \end{array} \\ \check{R}_{M,N \otimes P} = (\check{R}_{MN} \otimes \text{id}_P)(\text{id}_N \otimes \check{R}_{MP}) \quad \check{R}_{M \otimes N, P} = (\text{id}_M \otimes \check{R}_{NP})(\check{R}_{MP} \otimes \text{id}_N), \end{array}$$

which, together, imply the braid relation

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \begin{array}{ccc} M \otimes N \otimes P & & M \otimes N \otimes P \\ \curvearrowright & = & \curvearrowright \\ P \otimes N \otimes M & & P \otimes N \otimes M \end{array} \\ (\check{R}_{MN} \otimes \text{id}_P)(\text{id}_N \otimes \check{R}_{MP})(\check{R}_{NP} \otimes \text{id}_M) = (\text{id}_M \otimes \check{R}_{NP})(\check{R}_{MP} \otimes \text{id}_N)(\text{id}_P \otimes \check{R}_{MN}). \end{array}$$

Let ρ be such that $\langle \rho, \alpha_i \rangle = 1$ for all simple roots α_i . As explained in [LR, (2.14)] and [Dr], there is a *quantum Casimir element* $e^{-h\rho u}$ in the center of $U_h\mathfrak{g}$ and, for a $U_h\mathfrak{g}$ module M we define a $U_h\mathfrak{g}$ module isomorphism

$$C_M: \begin{array}{ccc} M & \longrightarrow & M \\ m & \longmapsto & (e^{-h\rho u})m \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} M \\ \downarrow C_M \\ M \end{array}$$

and the elements C_M satisfy

$$C_{M \otimes N} = (\check{R}_{MN}\check{R}_{NM})^{-1}(C_M \otimes C_N), \quad \text{and} \quad C_M = q^{-(\lambda, \lambda + 2\rho)}\text{id}_M \quad (3.1)$$

if M is a $U_{\hbar}\mathfrak{g}$ module generated by a highest weight vector v^+ of weight λ (see [LR, Prop. 2.14] or [Dr, Prop. 3.2]). Note that $\langle \lambda, \lambda + 2\rho \rangle = \langle \lambda + \rho, \lambda + \rho \rangle - \langle \rho, \rho \rangle$ are the eigenvalues of the classical Casimir operator [Dx, 7.8.5]. From the relation (3.1) it follows that if $M = L(\mu)$, $N = L(\nu)$ are finite dimensional irreducible $U_{\hbar}\mathfrak{g}$ modules then $\check{R}_{MN}\check{R}_{NM}$ acts on the λ isotypic component $L(\lambda)^{\oplus c_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda}}$ of the decomposition

$$L(\mu) \otimes L(\nu) = \bigoplus_{\lambda} L(\lambda)^{\oplus c_{\mu\nu}^{\lambda}} \quad \text{by the constant} \quad q^{\langle \lambda, \lambda + 2\rho \rangle - \langle \mu, \mu + 2\rho \rangle - \langle \nu, \nu + 2\rho \rangle}. \quad (3.2)$$

3.2 The $\check{\mathcal{B}}_k$ module $M \otimes V^{\otimes k}$

Let $U_{\hbar}\mathfrak{g}$ be a quantum group and let M and V be U -modules such that the operators \check{R}_{MV} , \check{R}_{VM} and \check{R}_{VV} are well defined. Define \check{R}_i , $1 \leq i \leq k-1$, and \check{R}_0^2 in $\text{End}_U(M \otimes V^{\otimes k})$ by

$$\check{R}_i = \text{id}_M \otimes \text{id}_V^{\otimes(i-1)} \otimes \check{R}_{VV} \otimes \text{id}_V^{\otimes(k-i-1)} \quad \text{and} \quad \check{R}_0^2 = (\check{R}_{MV}\check{R}_{VM}) \otimes \text{id}_V^{\otimes(k-1)}.$$

Then the braid relations

$$\check{R}_i\check{R}_{i+1}\check{R}_i = \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \text{---} \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \text{---} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \text{---} \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \text{---} \end{array} = \check{R}_{i+1}\check{R}_i\check{R}_{i+1}$$

and

$$\check{R}_0^2\check{R}_1\check{R}_0^2\check{R}_1 = \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \text{---} \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \text{---} \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \text{---} \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \text{---} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \text{---} \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \text{---} \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \text{---} \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \text{---} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \text{---} \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \text{---} \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \text{---} \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \text{---} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \text{---} \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \text{---} \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \text{---} \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \text{---} \end{array} = \check{R}_1\check{R}_0^2\check{R}_1\check{R}_0^2.$$

imply that there is a well defined map

$$\begin{array}{lll} \Phi: & \check{\mathcal{B}}_k & \longrightarrow \text{End}_U(M \otimes V^{\otimes k}) \\ & T_i & \longmapsto \check{R}_i, \\ & X^{\varepsilon_1} & \longmapsto \check{R}_0^2, \end{array} \quad 1 \leq i \leq k-1, \quad (3.3)$$

which makes $M \otimes V^{\otimes k}$ into a right $\check{\mathcal{B}}_k$ module. By (3.1) and the fact that

$$\Phi(X^{\varepsilon_i}) = \check{R}_{M \otimes V^{\otimes(i-1)}, V} \check{R}_{V, M \otimes V^{\otimes(i-1)}} = \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ \diagdown \quad \diagup \\ \text{---} \\ \diagup \quad \diagdown \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \\ \text{---} \end{array} . \quad (3.4)$$

the eigenvalues of $\Phi(X^{\varepsilon_i})$ are related to the eigenvalues of the Casimir. The *Schur functors* are the functors

$$\begin{array}{lll} F_V^{\lambda}: & \{U\text{-modules}\} & \longrightarrow \{\check{\mathcal{B}}_k\text{-modules}\} \\ & M & \longmapsto \text{Hom}_U(M(\lambda), M \otimes V^{\otimes k}) \end{array} \quad (3.5)$$

where $\text{Hom}_U(M(\lambda), M \otimes V^{\otimes k})$ is the vector space of highest weight vectors of weight λ in $M \otimes V^{\otimes k}$.

3.3 The quantum group $U_h\mathfrak{gl}_n$

Although the Lie algebra \mathfrak{gl}_n is reductive, not semisimple, all of the general setup of Sections 3.1 and 3.2 can be applied without change. The *simple roots* are $\alpha_i = \varepsilon_i - \varepsilon_{i+1}$, $1 \leq i \leq n-1$, and

$$\rho = (n-1)\varepsilon_1 + (n-2)\varepsilon_2 + \cdots + \varepsilon_{n-1}. \quad (3.6)$$

The *dominant integral weights* of \mathfrak{gl}_n are

$$\lambda = \lambda_1\varepsilon_1 + \cdots + \lambda_n\varepsilon_n, \quad \text{where } \lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \cdots \geq \lambda_n, \quad \text{and } \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

and these index the simple finite dimensional $U_h\mathfrak{gl}_n$ -modules $L(\lambda)$. A *partition with $\leq n$ rows* is a dominant integral weight with $\lambda_n \geq 0$. If $\lambda_n < 0$ and Δ denotes the 1-dimensional ‘‘determinant’’ representation of $U_h\mathfrak{gl}_n$ then (see [FH, §15.5])

$$L(\lambda) \cong \Delta^{\lambda_n} \otimes L(\lambda + (-\lambda_n, \dots, -\lambda_n)) \quad \text{with } \lambda + (-\lambda_n, \dots, -\lambda_n) \text{ a partition.} \quad (3.7)$$

Identify each partition λ with the configuration of boxes which has λ_i boxes in row i . For example,

$$\lambda = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline \square & \square & \square & \square & \square \\ \hline \square & \square & \square & \square & \\ \hline \square & \square & \square & & \\ \hline \square & & & & \\ \hline \square & & & & \\ \hline \square & & & & \\ \hline \end{array} = 5\varepsilon_1 + 5\varepsilon_2 + 3\varepsilon_3 + 3\varepsilon_4 + \varepsilon_5 + \varepsilon_6. \quad (3.8)$$

If μ and λ are partitions with $\mu \subseteq \lambda$ (as collections of boxes) then the *skew shape* λ/μ is the collection of boxes of λ that are not in μ . For example, if λ is as in (3.8) and

$$\mu = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \square & \square \\ \hline \square & \square \\ \hline \square & \square \\ \hline \square & \square \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \text{then} \quad \lambda/\mu = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline \square & \square & \square \\ \hline \square & \square & \square \\ \hline \square & & \\ \hline \square & & \\ \hline \square & & \\ \hline \end{array}.$$

If b is a box in position (i, j) of λ the *content* of b is

$$c(b) = j - i = \text{the diagonal number of } b, \quad \text{so that} \quad \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ \hline -1 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \hline -2 & -1 & 0 & & \\ \hline -3 & -2 & -1 & & \\ \hline -4 & & & & \\ \hline -5 & & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \quad (3.9)$$

are the contents of the boxes for the partition in (3.8).

If ν is a partition and

$$V = L(\square) \quad \text{then} \quad L(\nu) \otimes V = \bigoplus_{\lambda \in \nu^+} L(\lambda), \quad (3.10)$$

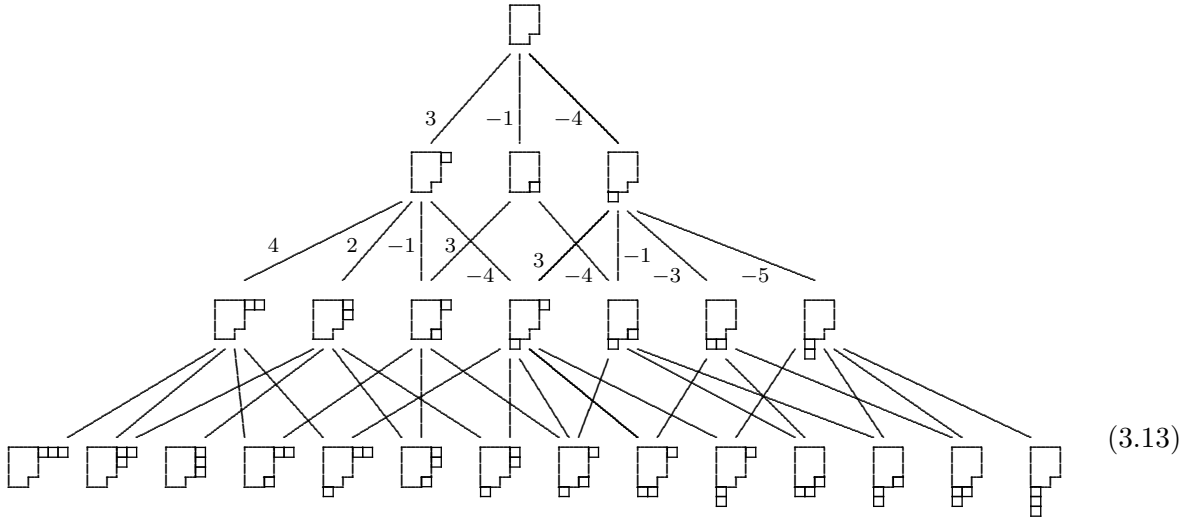
where the sum is over all partitions λ with $\leq n$ rows that are obtained by adding a box to ν [Mac, I App. A (8.4) and I (5.16)], Hence, the $U_h\mathfrak{gl}_n$ -module decompositions of

$$L(\mu) \otimes V^{\otimes k} = \bigoplus_{\lambda} L(\lambda) \otimes \tilde{H}_k^{\lambda/\mu}, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}, \quad (3.11)$$

are encoded by the graph \hat{H}^μ with

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \text{vertices on level } k: & \{\text{skew shapes } \lambda/\mu \text{ with } k \text{ boxes}\} \\
 \text{edges:} & \lambda/\mu \longrightarrow \gamma/\mu, \text{ if } \gamma \text{ is obtained from } \lambda \text{ by adding a box} \\
 \text{labels on edges:} & \text{content of the added box.}
 \end{array} \tag{3.12}$$

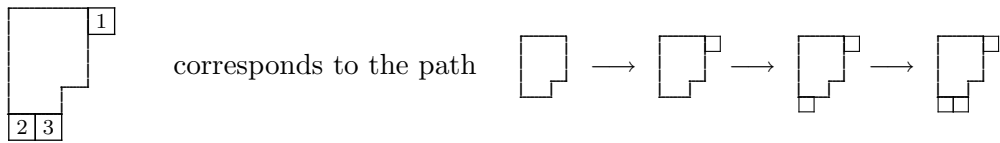
For example if $\mu = (3, 3, 3, 2) = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline \square & \square & \square \\ \hline \square & \square & \square \\ \hline \square & \square & \square \\ \hline \square & \square & \square \\ \hline \end{array}$, then the first 4 rows of \hat{H}^μ are



The following result is well known (see [Ji] or [LR, (4.4)]).

Proposition 3.1. *If $U = U_h \mathfrak{gl}_n$ and $V = L(\varepsilon_1) = L(\square)$ is the n -dimensional “standard” representation of \mathfrak{gl}_n then the map Φ of (3.3) factors through the surjective homomorphism (2.8) to give a representation of the affine Hecke algebra.*

For a skew shape λ/μ with k boxes identify paths from μ to λ/μ in \hat{H}^μ with *standard tableaux* of shape λ/μ by filling the boxes, successively, with $1, 2, \dots, k$ as they appear. In the example graph \hat{H}^μ above



3.5 The quantum group $U_h\mathfrak{sl}_2$

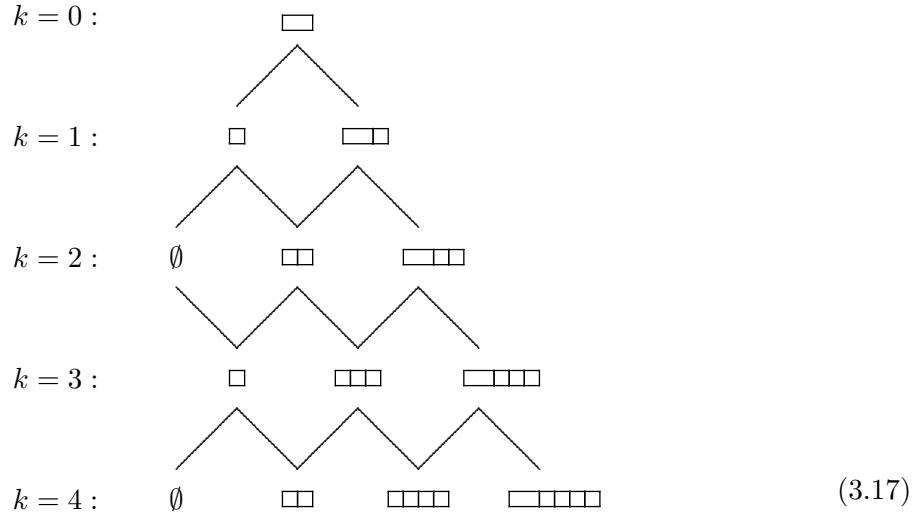
The restriction of an irreducible representation $L(\lambda)$ of $U_h\mathfrak{gl}_n$ to $U_h\mathfrak{sl}_n$ is irreducible and all irreducible representations of $U_h\mathfrak{sl}_n$ are obtained in this fashion. Since the “determinant” representation is trivial as an $U_h\mathfrak{sl}_n$ module it follows from (3.7) that the irreducible representations $L_{\mathfrak{sl}_n}(\lambda)$ of $U_h\mathfrak{sl}_n$ are indexed by partitions $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$ with $\lambda_n = 0$. Hence, the graph which describes the $U_h\mathfrak{sl}_2$ -module decompositions of

$$L(\mu) \otimes V^{\otimes k} = \bigoplus_{\lambda} L(\lambda) \otimes \tilde{T}_k^{\lambda/\mu}, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}. \quad (3.15)$$

is exactly the same as the graph for $U_h\mathfrak{gl}_2$ except with all columns of length 2 removed from the partitions. More precisely, the decompositions are encoded by the graph $\hat{T}^{\lambda/\mu}$ with

$$\begin{aligned} \text{vertices on level } k: & \quad \{\mu_1 - \mu_2 + k, \mu_1 - \mu_2 + k - 2, \dots, \mu_1 - \mu_2 - k\} \cap \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \\ \text{edges:} & \quad \ell \longrightarrow \ell \pm 1. \end{aligned} \quad (3.16)$$

For example if $m = 7$ and $\mu_1 - \mu_2 = 3$ then the first few rows of $\hat{T}^{\lambda/\mu}$ are



Paths in (3.17) correspond to paths in (3.14) which correspond to standard tableaux T of shape λ/μ .

4 Eigenvalues

4.1 Eigenvalues of the X^{ε_i} in the affine Hecke algebra

Recall, from (2.8), that the *affine Hecke algebra* \tilde{H}_k is the quotient of the group algebra of the affine braid group $\mathbb{C}\tilde{B}_k$ by the relations

$$T_i^2 = (q - q^{-1})T_i + 1. \quad (4.1)$$

As observed in Proposition 3.2 the map Φ in (3.3) makes the module $L(\mu) \otimes V^{\otimes k}$ in (3.11) into an \tilde{H}_k module. Thus the vector spaces $\tilde{H}_k^{\lambda/\mu}$ in (3.11) are the \tilde{H}_k -modules given by

$$\tilde{H}_k^{\lambda/\mu} = F_V^\lambda(L(\mu)), \quad \text{where } F_V^\lambda \text{ are the Schur functors of (3.5).}$$

The following theorem is well known (see, for example, [Ch]).

Theorem 4.1. (a) The $X^{\varepsilon_i}, 1 \leq i \leq k$, mutually commute in the affine Hecke algebra \tilde{H}_k .

(b) The eigenvalues of X^{ε_i} are given by the graph $\hat{H}^{\lambda/\mu}$ of (3.13) in the sense that if

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{H}_k^{\lambda/\mu} &= \{\text{skew shapes } \lambda/\mu \text{ with } k \text{ boxes}\} \quad \text{and} \\ \hat{H}_k^{\lambda/\mu} &= \{\text{standard tableaux } T \text{ of shape } \lambda/\mu\}\end{aligned}$$

for $\lambda/\mu \in \hat{H}_k^{\lambda/\mu}$, then

$\hat{H}_k^{\lambda/\mu}$ is an index set for the simple \tilde{H}_k modules $\tilde{H}_k^{\lambda/\mu}$ appearing in $L(\mu) \otimes V^{\otimes k}$,

and

$$\tilde{H}_k^{\lambda/\mu} \quad \text{has a basis} \quad \{v_T \mid T \in \hat{H}_k^{\lambda/\mu}\} \quad \text{with} \quad X^{\varepsilon_i} v_T = q^{2c(T(i))} v_T,$$

where $c(T(i))$ is the content of box i of T .

(c) $\kappa = X^{\varepsilon_1} \cdots X^{\varepsilon_k}$ is a central element of \tilde{H}_k and

$$\kappa \text{ acts on } \tilde{H}_k^{\lambda/\mu} \text{ by the constant} \quad q^{2\sum_{b \in \lambda/\mu} c(b)}.$$

Proof. (a) is a restatement of (2.4). (b) Since the \tilde{H}_k action and the $U_h \mathfrak{gl}_n$ action commute on $L(\mu) \otimes V^{\otimes k}$ it follows that the decomposition in (3.11) is a decomposition as $(U_h \mathfrak{gl}_n, \tilde{H}_k)$ bimodules, where the $\tilde{H}_k^{\lambda/\mu}$ are some \tilde{H}_k -modules. Comparing the $L(\lambda)$ components on each side of

$$\begin{aligned}\bigoplus_{\lambda} L(\lambda) \otimes \tilde{H}_\ell^{\lambda/\mu} &\cong L(\mu) \otimes V^{\otimes \ell} = L(\mu) \otimes V^{\otimes(\ell-1)} \otimes V \cong \left(\bigoplus_{\nu} L(\nu) \otimes \tilde{H}_{\ell-1}^{\nu/\mu} \right) \otimes V \\ &\cong \bigoplus_{\lambda} \bigoplus_{\lambda/\nu=\square} L(\nu) \otimes \tilde{H}_{\ell-1}^{\nu/\mu} \cong \bigoplus_{\lambda} \left(L(\lambda) \otimes \left(\bigoplus_{\lambda/\nu=\square} \tilde{H}_{\ell-1}^{\nu/\mu} \right) \right)\end{aligned}$$

gives

$$\tilde{H}_\ell^{\lambda/\mu} \cong \bigoplus_{\lambda/\nu=\square} \tilde{H}_{\ell-1}^{\nu/\mu}, \quad (4.2)$$

for any $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ and skew shape λ/μ with ℓ boxes. Iterate (4.2) (with $\ell = k, k-1, \dots$) to produce a decomposition

$$\tilde{H}_k^{\lambda/\mu} = \bigoplus_{T \in \hat{H}_k^{\lambda/\mu}} \tilde{H}_1^T,$$

where the summands \tilde{H}_1^T are 1-dimensional vector spaces. This determines a basis (unique up to multiplication of the basis vectors by constants) $\{v_T \mid T \in \hat{H}_k^{\lambda/\mu}\}$ of $\tilde{H}_k^{\lambda/\mu}$ which respects the decompositions in (4.2) for $1 \leq \ell \leq k$.

Combining (3.1), (3.2) and (3.4) gives that X^{ε_i} acts on the $L(\lambda)$ component of the decomposition (3.10) by the constant

$$q^{\langle \lambda, \lambda+2\rho \rangle - \langle \nu, \nu+2\rho \rangle - \langle \varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_1+2\rho \rangle} = q^{2c(\lambda/\nu)}$$

since if $\lambda = \nu + \varepsilon_j$, so that λ is the same as ν except with an additional box in row j , then $\nu \subseteq \lambda$, $\lambda/\nu = \square$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \lambda, \lambda + 2\rho \rangle - \langle \nu, \nu + 2\rho \rangle - \langle \varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_1 + 2\rho \rangle \\ &= \langle \nu + \varepsilon_j, \nu + \varepsilon_j + 2\rho \rangle - \langle \nu, \nu + 2\rho \rangle - (1 + 2(n-1)) \\ &= 2\nu_j + \langle \varepsilon_j, \varepsilon_j + 2\rho \rangle - 2n + 1 = 2\nu_j + (1 + 2(n-j)) - 2n + 1 \\ &= 2(\nu_j + 1) - 2j = 2c(\lambda/\nu). \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$X^{\varepsilon_i} v_T = q^{2c(T(i))} v_T, \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq k,$$

where $T(i)$ is the box containing i in T .

The remainder of the proof, including the simplicity of the \tilde{H}_k -modules $\tilde{H}_k^{\lambda/\mu}$, is accomplished as in [R, Thm. 4.1].

(c) The element $X^{\varepsilon_1} \cdots X^{\varepsilon_k}$ is central in \tilde{B}_k (it is a full twist) and hence its image is central in \tilde{H}_k . The constant describing its action on $\tilde{H}_k^{\lambda/\mu}$ follows from the formula $X^{\varepsilon_i} v_T = q^{2c(T(i))} v_T$. \square

4.2 Eigenvalues of the m_i in T_k^a

Let m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k be the commuting family in the affine Temperley-Lieb algebra as defined in (2.14). We will use the results of Theorem 4.1 to determine the eigenvalues of the m_i in the (generically) irreducible representations.

Theorem 4.2. (a) *The elements $m_i, 1 \leq i \leq k$, mutually commute in T_k^a .*

(b) *The eigenvalues of the elements m_i are given by the graph $\hat{T}^{\lambda/\mu}$ of (3.17) in the sense that if the set of vertices on level k is*

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{T}_k^{\lambda/\mu} &= \{\mu_1 - \mu_2 + k, \mu_1 - \mu_2 + k - 2, \dots, \mu_1 - \mu_2 - k\} \cap \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}, \text{ and} \\ \hat{T}_k^{\lambda/\mu} &= \{\text{paths } p = (\mu = p^{(0)} \rightarrow p^{(1)} \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow p^{(k)} = \lambda/\mu) \text{ to } \lambda/\mu \text{ in } \hat{T}^{\lambda/\mu}\}, \end{aligned}$$

for $\lambda/\mu \in \hat{T}_k^{\lambda/\mu}$ then

$$\hat{T}_k^{\lambda/\mu} \text{ is an index set for the simple } T_k^a \text{ modules } T_k^{\lambda/\mu} \text{ appearing in } L(\mu) \otimes V^{\otimes k},$$

and

$$T_k^{\lambda/\mu} \text{ has a basis } \{v_p \mid p \in \hat{T}_k^{\lambda/\mu}\}$$

with

$$m_i v_p = \begin{cases} \pm [p^{(i-1)} + 1] v_p, & \text{if } p^{(i-1)} \pm 1 = p^{(i-2)} = p^{(i)}, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

where $p^{(i)}$ is the partition (a single part in this case) on level i of the path p .

(c) $\kappa = m_k + [2]m_{k-1} + \dots + [k]m_1$ is a central element of T_k^a and κ acts on $T_k^{\lambda/\mu}$ by the constant

$$[k] \frac{q^{-(\mu_1 + \mu_2) - (\mu_1 - \mu_2) + 1}}{q - q^{-1}} + q^{-(\mu_1 + \mu_2)} ([\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 + 2] + [\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 + 4] + \dots + [\mu_1 - \mu_2 + k]).$$

Proof. (a) The elements X^{ε_i} commute with one another in the affine Hecke algebra (see (2.4) and the m_j are by definition linear combinations of the X^{ε_i} (see 2.14), so they commute.

(b) Let p be a path to λ/μ in \hat{T}^μ and let T be the corresponding standard tableau on 2 rows. If $p^{(i)} = p^{(i-1)} - 1 = p^{(i-2)} - 2$ or If $p^{(i)} = p^{(i-1)} + 1 = p^{(i-2)} + 2$ then $c(T(i-1)) = c(T(i)) - 1$ and, from (2.14) and Theorem 4.1(b),

$$m_i v_T = q^{i-2} \frac{q^{-2c(T(i))} - q^{-2} q^{-2c(T(i-1))}}{q - q^{-1}} v_T = q^{i-2} \frac{q^{-2c(T(i))} - q^{-2} q^{-2c(T(i))+2}}{q - q^{-1}} v_T = 0.$$

If $p^{(i)} = p^{(i-2)} = p^{(i-1)} - 1$ with $T^{(i-1)} = (a, b)$ then $c(T(i)) = a$ and $c(T(i-1)) = b - 2$ and

$$m_i v_T = q^{i-2} \frac{q^{-2a} - q^{-2} q^{-2b+4}}{q - q^{-1}} v_T = q^i \frac{q^{-(a+b+1)} (q^{-(a-b+1)} - q^{(a-b+1)})}{q - q^{-1}} = -q^{-m} [a - b + 1] v_T,$$

where $m = |\mu| = a + b - i + 1$. If $p^{(i)} = p^{(i-2)} = p^{(i-1)} + 1$ with $T^{(i-1)} = (a, b)$ then $c(T(i-1)) = a - 1$ and $c(T(i)) = b - 1$ and

$$m_i v_T = q^{i-2} \frac{q^{-2b+2} - q^{-2} q^{-2a+2}}{q - q^{-1}} v_T = q^i \frac{q^{-(a+b+1)} (q^{(a-b+1)} - q^{-(a-b+1)})}{q - q^{-1}} = q^{-m} [a - b + 1] v_T,$$

where $m = |\mu| = a + b - i + 1$.

(c) Let $k = |\lambda/\mu|$. The identity

$$q^{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 - 2} \sum_{b \in \lambda/\mu} q^{-2c(b)} = \left(\sum_{i=\mu_2}^{\lambda_2-1} [\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 - 2i] (q - q^{-1}) \right) + [k] q^{\mu_2 - \mu_1 + 1},$$

is best visible in an example: With $\lambda = (10, 6)$ and $\mu = (4, 2)$,

$$\begin{aligned} & q^{16-2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & +0 & +0 & +0 & +q^{-8} & +q^{-10} & +q^{-12} & +q^{-14} & +q^{-16} & +q^{-18} \\ +0 & +0 & +q^{-2} & +q^{-4} & +q^{-6} & +q^{-8} & & & & \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & +0 & +0 & +0 & +q^6 & +q^4 & +q^2 & +q^0 & +q^{-2} & +q^{-4} \\ +0 & +0 & +q^{12} & +q^{10} & +q^8 & +q^6 & & & & \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & +0 & +0 & +0 & +0 & +0 & +0 & +0 & +0 & +0 \\ +0 & +0 & (q^{12} - q^{-12}) & +(q^{10} - q^{-10}) & +(q^8 - q^{-8}) & +(q^6 - q^{-6}) & & & & \end{pmatrix} \\ &+ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & +0 & +0 & +0 & q^{-4} & +q^{-2} & +q^0 & +q^2 & +q^4 & +q^6 \\ +0 & +0 & +q^{-12} & q^{-10} & +q^{-8} & +q^{-6} & & & & \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \left(\sum_{i=2}^{6-1} q^{16-2i} - q^{-(16-2i)} \right) + [10] q^{4-2+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Then Proposition 2.6 says

$$X^{-\varepsilon_1} + \cdots + X^{-\varepsilon_k} = q^{-(k-2)} (q - q^{-1}) (m_k + [2]m_{k-1} + \cdots + [k]m_1),$$

and so $m_k + [2]m_{k-1} + \cdots + [k]m_1$ acts on $T_k^{\lambda/\mu}$ by the constant

$$\begin{aligned}
(q-q^{-1})^{-1}q^{k-2} \sum_{b \in \lambda/\mu} q^{-2c(b)} &= (q-q^{-1})^{-1}q^{-(\mu_1+\mu_2)}q^{\lambda_1+\lambda_2-2} \sum_{b \in \lambda/\mu} q^{-2c(b)} \\
&= (q-q^{-1})^{-1}q^{-(\mu_1+\mu_2)} \left([k]q^{\mu_2-\mu_1+1} + \sum_{i=\mu_2}^{\lambda_2-1} [\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 - 2i](q-q^{-1}) \right) \\
&= [k] \frac{q^{-m-p^{(0)}+1}}{q-q^{-1}} + \sum_{i=\mu_2}^{\lambda_2-1} q^{-m}[m+k-2i] \\
&= [k] \frac{q^{-m-p^{(0)}+1}}{q-q^{-1}} + q^{-m}([p^{(k)}+2] + [p^{(k)}+4] + \cdots + [p^{(0)}+k-2] + [p^{(0)}+k]),
\end{aligned}$$

since $\mu_1 + \mu_2 = m$, $\mu_1 - \mu_2 = p^{(0)}$, $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = m + k$ and $\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 = p^{(k)}$. □

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