

A Yang-Baxter Equation for Metaplectic Ice

From Whittaker Functions to Quantum Groups

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- **Until now** this powerful tool has until now been unavailable if $n > 1$.

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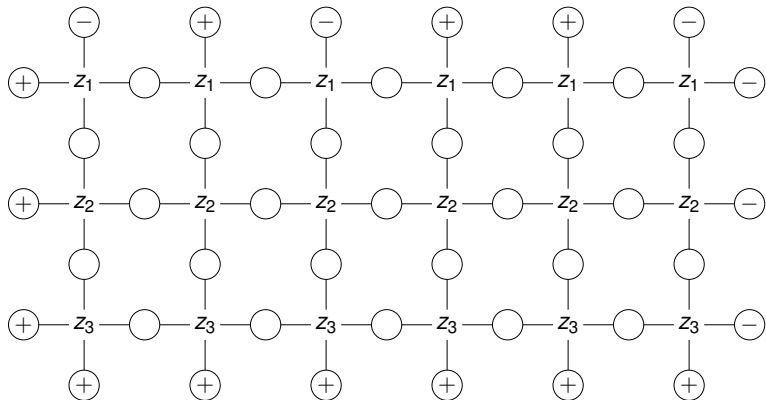
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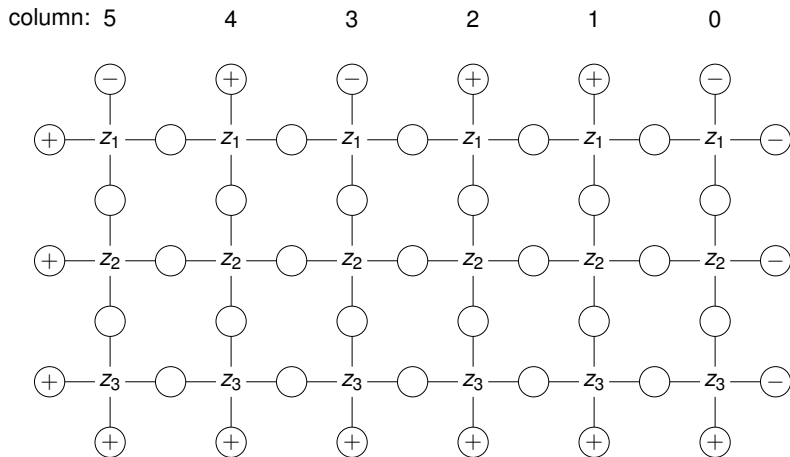
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- The model we want is a variant of the six-vertex model.

Begin with a grid, usually (but not always) rectangular:

column: 5 4 3 2 1 0



Edges are labeled with “spins” \pm . **Boundary** spins are fixed.



The boundary spins encode the partition λ .

Let $\rho = (r - 1, r - 2, \dots, 2, 1, 0)$.

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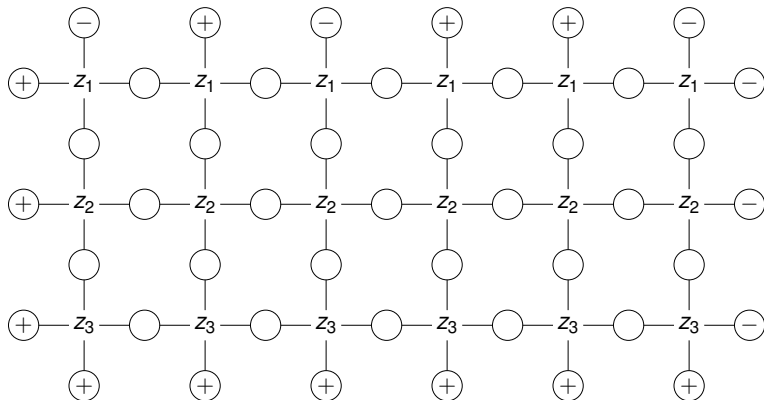
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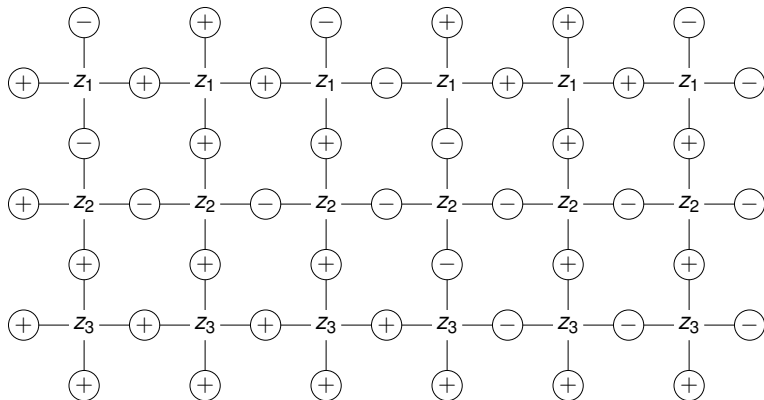
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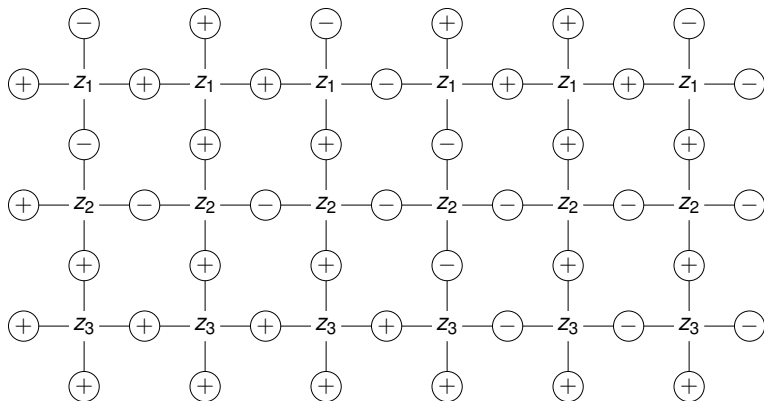
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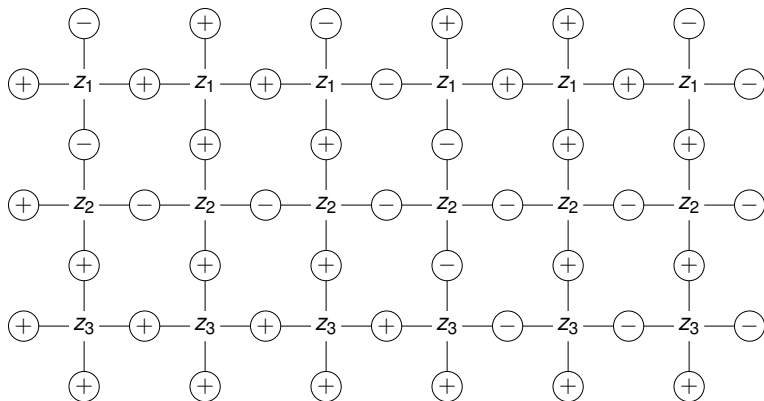
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





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





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





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





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





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





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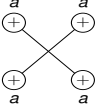
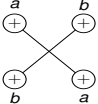
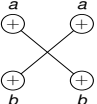
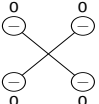
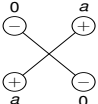
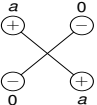
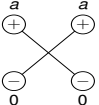
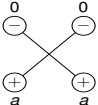
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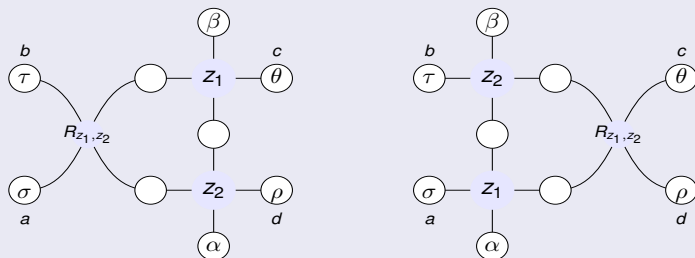
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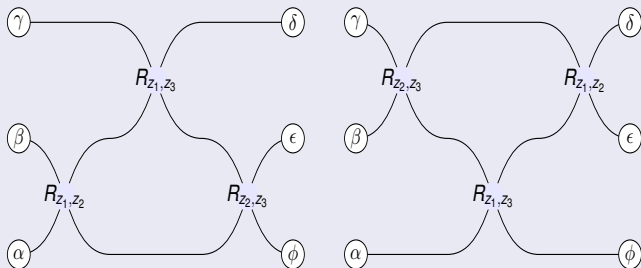


(As usual, the interior edge spins are summed.)

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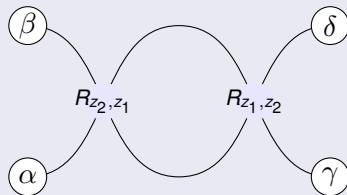
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Complementary Equation

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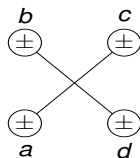
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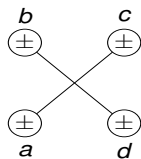
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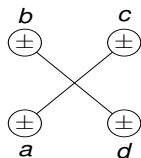
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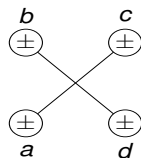
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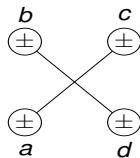
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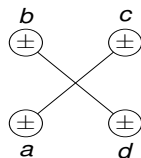
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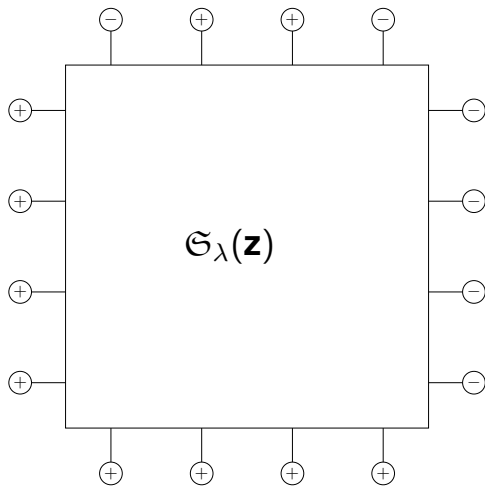
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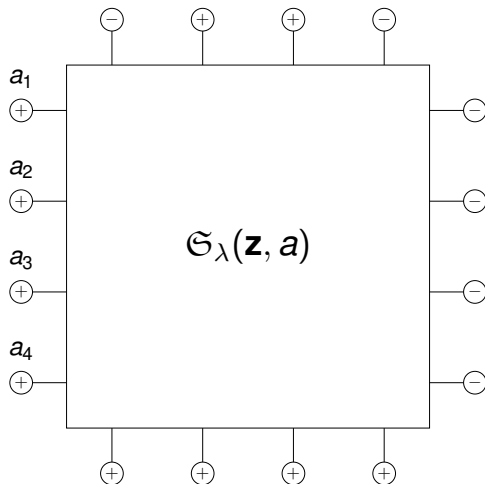
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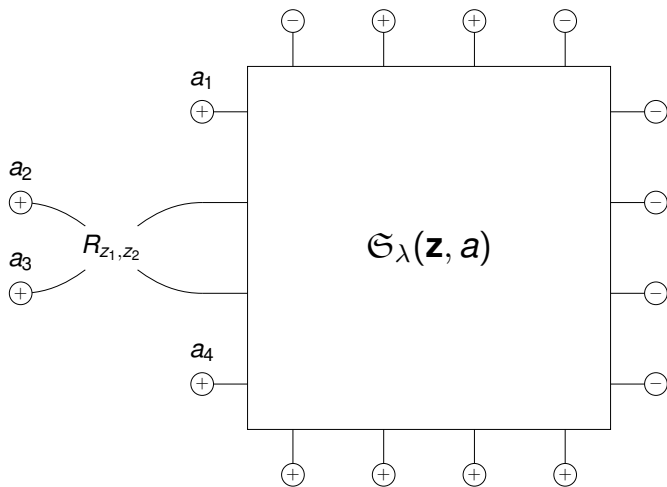


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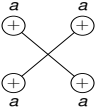
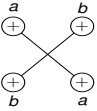
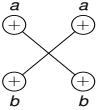
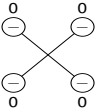
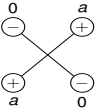
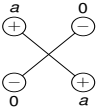
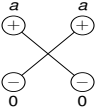
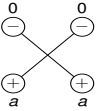
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Attach the R-matrix and use Yang-Baxter equation.

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