# A birational lifting of the Lalanne–Kreweras involution on Dyck paths

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Dyck paths

#### Definition

A *Dyck path of semilength n* is a lattice path in  $\mathbb{Z}^2$  from (0,0) to (2n,0) consisting of up steps (1,1) and down steps (1,-1) that never goes below the *x*-axis.

Example (Dyck path of semilength 10)

The number of Dyck paths of semilength *n* is  $Cat(n) = \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n}$ .

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Lalanne and Kreweras studied an involution  $\mathrm{LK}:\mathrm{Dyck}_n\to\mathrm{Dyck}_n$  for which:

- ① If  $p \in Dyck_n$  has  $\nu$  valleys, then LK(p) has  $n 1 \nu$  valleys.
- ② If p ∈ Dyck<sub>n</sub> has major index m, then LK(p) has major index n(n-1) m.

#### The Lalanne–Kreweras involution on Dyck paths

- 1) Take a Dyck path *p*.
- <sup>2</sup> Draw southeast line from each junction of consecutive  $\nearrow$  steps.
- 3 Draw southwest line from each junction of consecutive  $\searrow$  steps.
- 4 Mark the intersection between *k*th (from left-to-right) southwest line and the *k*th southeast line.
- LK(p) is the unique Dyck path (drawn upside-down) with valleys at marked points.

Symmetry of valley and major index statistics

**①** If *p* ∈ Dyck<sub>*n*</sub> has *v* valleys, then LK(*p*) has n - 1 - v valleys.



It will be easier to study the Lalanne–Kreweras involution on the set of antichains of the type A root poset.

#### Definition

The elements of the *type A root poset*  $A_n$  are the intervals  $[i,j] \subseteq [n] := \{1, 2, ..., n\}$ , ordered by containment.

Example (A<sub>4</sub>)



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- <sup>2</sup> The major index of the antichain *A* is  $maj(A) = \sum_{[i,j] \in A} (i+j)$ .



Proposition

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Panyushev called LK(A) the *dual antichain* of *A*, apparently unaware this same involution was studied by Lalanne and Kreweras on Dyck paths.



#### Rowmotion on antichains

*Antichain rowmotion*  $\operatorname{Row}_{\mathcal{A}} : \mathcal{A}(P) \to \mathcal{A}(P)$  is a map on the set  $\mathcal{A}(P)$  of antichains of a poset *P*.

- 1)  $\Delta^{-1}$ : Saturate downward (giving an order ideal)
- $2 \Theta$ : Take the complement (giving an order filter)
- $\odot$   $\nabla$ : Take the minimal elements (giving an antichain)

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Definition

Let  $e \in P$ . Then the *antichain toggle* corresponding to e is the map  $\tau_e : \mathcal{A}(P) \to \mathcal{A}(P)$  defined by

$$\tau_e(A) = \begin{cases} A \cup \{e\} & \text{if } e \notin A \text{ and } A \cup \{e\} \in \mathcal{A}(P), \\ A \setminus \{e\} & \text{if } e \in A, \\ A & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

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#### Dihedral action

Proposition (Panyushev 2009)

$$\mathrm{LK} \circ \mathrm{Row}_{\mathcal{A}} = \mathrm{Row}_{\mathcal{A}}^{-1} \circ \mathrm{LK}$$

The cyclic group action of rowmotion extends to a dihedral group action generated by  $Row_A$  and LK.



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#### Chain polytope

#### We can associate an *indicator function* to any subset of *P*.



The convex hull of  $\mathcal{A}(P)$  is Stanley's *chain polytope*  $\mathcal{C}(P)$ .

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#### Definition (Stanley 1986)

The *chain polytope* of *P* is the set C(P) of  $f \in [0, 1]^p$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^n f(x_i) \le 1$  for all chains  $x_1 < x_2 < \cdots < x_n$ .


Definition (J. 2017) For  $g \in C(P)$ ,  $e \in P$ ,  $\tau_e(g)$  can only differ from g at the value of e.

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*Piecewise-linear antichain rowmotion* (or *chain polytope rowmotion*) is given by

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# Piecewise-linear and birational dynamics

Piecewise-linear and birational toggling and rowmotion were originally defined by Einstein and Propp in 2013.

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For  $e \in P$ , the *birational antichain toggle*  $\tau_e$  is:

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It turns out that LK is equivalent to a map called *rowvacuation* on  $A_n$  and this allows us to lift LK to the higher realms.

## Rowvacuation on antichains

• On any graded poset with rank *r*, there is an involution *antichain rowvacuation* 

$$\operatorname{Rvac}_{\mathcal{A}} := (\boldsymbol{\tau}_r)(\boldsymbol{\tau}_r \boldsymbol{\tau}_{r-1}) \cdots (\boldsymbol{\tau}_r \boldsymbol{\tau}_{r-1} \cdots \boldsymbol{\tau}_2 \boldsymbol{\tau}_1)(\boldsymbol{\tau}_r \boldsymbol{\tau}_{r-1} \cdots \boldsymbol{\tau}_2 \boldsymbol{\tau}_1 \boldsymbol{\tau}_0)$$

where again  $\tau_i$  is the product of all antichain toggles of rank *i* elements.

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Rowvacuation is the Lalanne–Kreweras involution

Theorem (Hopkins–J.)

The Lalanne–Kreweras involution LK is  $Rvac_A$  on  $A_n$ .

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The *piecewise-linear Lalanne–Kreweras involution*  $LK^{PL}$  is rowvacuation

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Q: What about the cardinality and major index?

Piecewise-linear "cardinality"

$$\operatorname{card}^{\operatorname{PL}}(g) = \sum_{[i,j]\in\mathsf{A}_n} g([i,j])$$

Example (n = 4)



$$\begin{split} & \operatorname{card}^{PL}(g) = .5 + 0 + .1 + 0 + .4 + .3 + .2 + 0 + .1 + .1 = 1.7 \\ & \operatorname{card}^{PL}\left(\operatorname{LK}^{PL}(g)\right) = 0 + .4 + .1 + .1 + 0 + .7 + .2 + .1 + .5 + .2 = 2.3 \end{split}$$

#### Piecewise-linear major index

$$\mathrm{maj}^{\mathrm{PL}}(g) = \sum_{[i,j]\in\mathsf{A}_n} (i+j)g([i,j])$$

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2(.5) + 3(0) + 4(.1 + 0) + 5(.4 + .3) + 6(.2 + 0) + 7(.1) + 8(.1) = 7.62(0) + 3(.4) + 4(.1 + .1) + 5(0 + .7) + 6(.2 + .1) + 7(.5) + 8(.2) = 12.4

The major indexes add to 20 = 4(4+1).

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# Theorem (Hopkins–J.) For $g \in \mathbb{R}^{A_n}_{\geq 0}$ ,

# $\begin{aligned} \operatorname{card}^{\mathsf{B}}(g) \operatorname{card}^{\mathsf{B}}\left(\operatorname{LK}^{\mathsf{B}}(g)\right) &= \prod_{[i,j]\in\mathsf{A}_{n}} g([i,j]) \left(\operatorname{LK}^{\mathsf{B}}(g)\right) \left([i,j]\right) \\ &= C^{n} \end{aligned}$

$$\begin{split} \operatorname{maj}^{\mathsf{B}}(g) \operatorname{maj}^{\mathsf{B}}\left(\operatorname{LK}^{\mathsf{B}}(g)\right) &= \prod_{[i,j] \in \mathsf{A}_{n}} g([i,j])^{i+j} \left(\operatorname{LK}^{\mathsf{B}}(g)\right) ([i,j])^{i+j} \\ &= C^{n(n+1)} \end{split}$$

## Homomesy

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These homomesies lift to the piecewise-linear and birational realms.

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$$maj = h_1 + 2h_2 + 3h_3 + \dots + nh_n$$



The  $h_i$  statistics are the same as those Einstein, Farber, Gunawan, J., Macauley, Propp, Rubinstein-Salzedo proved to be 1-mesic under a product of toggles on noncrossing partitions (2015).



In the *combinatorial* realm, these homomesies are straightforward from the antichain description of LK.

Proposition



In the birational realm, the proof of these homomesies uses an embedding (due to Grinberg and Roby) of the labelings of  $A_n$  into the product  $[n + 1] \times [n + 1]$  of two chains.
# Theorem (Hopkins–J.)

Consider a statistic f that is a linear combination of poset-element indicator functions.

- If f is homomesic under the action of antichain rowvacuation Rvac<sub>A</sub>, then f is also homomesic under the action of antichain rowmotion Row<sub>A</sub>.
- If f is homomesic under the action of order ideal rowvacuation Rvac<sub>J</sub>, then f is also homomesic under the action of order ideal rowmotion Row<sub>J</sub>.

The proof is along the same lines as Einstein and Propp's *recombination* argument.

Rowvacuation homomesies yield rowmotion homomesies

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We have found a way to lift  $\mathcal{Y}$  to the birational realm! But we do **not** know how to prove  $\mathcal{Y}^{B}$  is invariant under BAR or LK<sup>B</sup>.

Example (A<sub>3</sub>)



$$\begin{split} \mathcal{Y}^{B}(g) &= \mathcal{Y}^{B}_{[1,1]}(g) \mathcal{Y}^{B}_{[2,2]}(g) \mathcal{Y}^{B}_{[3,3]}(g) \mathcal{Y}^{B}_{[1,2]}(g) \mathcal{Y}^{B}_{[2,3]}(g) \mathcal{Y}^{B}_{[1,3]}(g) \\ &= \frac{u+v}{v} \cdot \frac{u+v}{u} \cdot \frac{v+w}{w} \cdot \frac{v+w}{v} \cdot \frac{vx+vy+wy}{(v+w)y} \cdot \frac{ux+vx+vy}{(u+v)x} \cdot 1 \\ &= \frac{(ux+vx+vy)(vx+vy+wy)(u+v)(v+w)}{uv^{2}wxy}. \end{split}$$

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These correspond to standard Young tableaux of the two-rowed rectangle with n/2 columns.

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$$\#\{A \in \mathcal{A}(\mathsf{A}_n) : A = \mathrm{LK}(A)\} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd,} \\ \mathrm{Cat}\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

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