# The representation of the symmetric group on $m$-Tamari intervals 

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## Outline

(1) Motivations and results: Toward a combinatorial description of diagonal coinvariant spaces of the symmetric group
(2) Proof: solving a differential-catalytic equation
(3) Open combinatorial questions

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## 'Higher' diagonal coinvariant spaces

A polynomial $f(X)$ is alternant if

$$
\sigma \cdot f(X)=(-1)^{\operatorname{sign}(\sigma)} f(X)
$$

$\mathcal{A}$ is the ideal generated by alternants.

The 'higher' diagonal coinvariant spaces of the symmetric group:

$$
\mathcal{D} \mathcal{R}_{k, n}^{m}:=\varepsilon^{m-1} \otimes\left(\mathcal{A}^{m-1} / \mathcal{J} \mathcal{A}^{m-1}\right)
$$

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## Coinvariant spaces $(k=1)$

Theorem (Artin ~1950's)

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\operatorname{dim}\left(\mathcal{D} \mathcal{R}_{1, n}^{m}\right)=n!
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## Bivariate diagonal coinvariant spaces $(k=2)$

Theorem (Haiman 2002)

$$
\operatorname{dim}\left(\mathcal{D} \mathcal{R}_{2, n}^{m}{ }^{\varepsilon}\right)=\frac{1}{(m+1) n+1}\binom{(m+1) n+1}{n} .
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Theorem (Haiman 2002)

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The number of m-parking functions of height $n$ is

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## $m$-Dyck paths $(m=2)$



- paths consisting of north and east steps.
- starting at $(0,0)$ and finishing at ( $m n, n$ ).
- never going below the line of equation $m y=x$.


## $m$-parking functions $(m=2)$



- m-Dyck paths.
- $n$ north steps are labelled with the values $\{1,2, \ldots n\}$.
- labels increase along consecutive north steps.


## Trivariate diagonal coinvariant spaces $(k=3)$

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Combinatorial questions: what do these numbers count?

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## Proof.

Ideas of the proofs will be given in the next section.

The cover relation in the $m$-Tamari lattice $(m=2)$


Tamari lattice on Dyck paths of height $4(m=1)$


## 2-Tamari lattice on 2-Dyck paths of height 3



## The labelled intervals in the $m$-Tamari lattice $(m=2)$



- an interval in the $m$-Tamari lattice
- the top path is an m-parking function

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## The character of the $m$-Tamari representation

Theorem (MBM, GC, LFPR 2012 ) (Conj. Bergeron, LFPR 2010)
In the representation $\operatorname{Tam}_{m}(n)$, the number of labelled intervals in the $m$-Tamari lattice fixed under a permutation of cycle type $\lambda=\left(\lambda_{1}, . ., \lambda_{\ell}\right)$ is given by

$$
(m n+1)^{\ell-2} \prod_{1 \leq i \leq \ell}\binom{(m+1) \lambda_{i}}{\lambda_{i}}
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$t$ : height of the paths
$x$ : contacts of the lower path
$y$ : first rise of the top path

$$
G^{(m)}(t ; x, y):=\sum_{n \geq 0} \sum_{\substack{\alpha \leq \beta \\ \alpha, \beta \in \operatorname{Dyck}_{m}(n)}} \sum_{P \in \operatorname{Park}_{m}(\beta)} \frac{t^{n}}{n!} x^{\operatorname{contacts}(\alpha)} y^{\text {rise }(\beta)}
$$

## Recurrence on unlabelled $m$-Tamari intervals $(m=1)$



$$
\begin{aligned}
& F(t ; x, y) \\
= & x+t x y \frac{F(t ; x, y)-F(t ; 1, y)}{x-1} F(t ; x, 1) .
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## Polynomial equations with a catalytic variable $(y=1)$

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$$

Divided difference: $x$ is a catalytic variable (Zeilberger??).

Such equations are ubiquitous in map enumeration.

The solution is always an algebraic series (Brown-Tutte 1960's, Bousquet-Mélou-Jehanne 2006).
i.e. there exist a polynomial $Q$ such that:

$$
Q(F(t ; x), t, x)=0 .
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## Proof of checking: le début . . .





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## Open combinatorial questions

- Simplify the checking $(m>1)$.
- Prove the formulas without guessing.
- Bijective proofs? Connections with certain maps? Why is $\mathrm{F}(\mathrm{t} ; \mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y})$ symmetric in $x$ and $y$ ?
- Combinatorial problems involving statistics on these objects (the statistics correspond to the grading of these spaces).

