

Rowmotion on fences

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Let G be a finite group acting on a finite set S . Let \mathbb{N} be the nonnegative integers and $\text{st} : S \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ be a statistic. If $\mathcal{O} \subseteq S$ then we let

$$\text{st } \mathcal{O} = \sum_{x \in \mathcal{O}} \text{st } x.$$

Call st *homomesic* if $\text{st } \mathcal{O} / \#\mathcal{O}$ is constant over all orbits \mathcal{O} where the hash tag is cardinality. In particular, st is *c-mesic* if, for all orbits \mathcal{O} ,

$$\frac{\text{st } \mathcal{O}}{\#\mathcal{O}} = c.$$

$S_{n,k} := \{w_1 w_2 \dots w_n \mid w_i \in \{0, 1\} \text{ for all } i, \text{ and having } k \text{ ones}\}$
 with rotation $w_1 w_2 \dots w_n \mapsto w_n w_1 \dots w_{n-1}$, and *inversion statistic*
 $\text{inv } w_1 w_2 \dots w_n = \#\{(i, j) \mid i < j \text{ and } w_i > w_j\}$.

Theorem (Propp-Roby)

The inversion statistic is $k(n - k)/2$ -mesic for rotation on $S_{n,k}$.

Call st *homometric* if for any two orbits \mathcal{O}_1 and \mathcal{O}_2 we have

$$\#\mathcal{O}_1 = \#\mathcal{O}_2 \implies \text{st } \mathcal{O}_1 = \text{st } \mathcal{O}_2.$$

Note that homomesy implies homometry, but not conversely.

Ex. When $n = 4$ and $k = 2$ there are two orbits

w	$\text{inv } w$	w	$\text{inv } w$
1100	4	1010	3
0110	2	0101	1
0011	0		
1001	2		
average = $8/4 = 2$		average = $4/2 = 2$	

Let (P, \trianglelefteq) be a finite poset. The sets of *antichains*, *(lower) ideals*, and *upper ideals* of P are

$$\mathcal{A}(P) = \{A \subseteq P \mid \text{no two elements of } A \text{ are comparable}\},$$

$$\mathcal{I}(P) = \{I \subseteq P \mid x \in I \text{ and } y \leq x \text{ implies } y \in I\},$$

$$\mathcal{U}(P) = \{U \subseteq P \mid x \in U \text{ and } y \geq x \text{ implies } y \in U\}.$$

An ideal produces an antichain via $\Delta : \mathcal{I}(P) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}(P)$ where

$$\Delta(I) = \{x \in P \mid x \text{ is a maximal element of } I\}.$$

An upper ideal produces an antichain via $\nabla : \mathcal{U}(P) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}(P)$ where

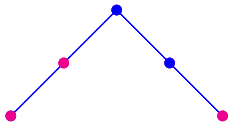
$$\nabla(U) = \{x \in P \mid x \text{ is a minimal element of } U\}.$$

Ideals produce upper ideals via $c : \mathcal{I}(P) \rightarrow \mathcal{U}(P)$ where

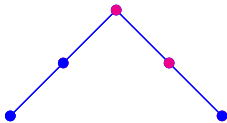
$$c(I) = P - I.$$

Ex.

$\mathcal{U} =$



$\mathcal{A} =$



Rowmotion on antichains of poset P is $\rho : \mathcal{A}(P) \rightarrow \mathcal{A}(P)$ where

$$A \xrightarrow{\Delta^{-1}} I \xrightarrow{\subset} U \xrightarrow{\nabla} \rho(A).$$

Rowmotion on antichains was first studied by Duchet (in a special case) and independently by Brouwer and Schrijver. *Rowmotion on ideals* of poset P is $\hat{\rho} : \mathcal{I}(P) \rightarrow \mathcal{I}(P)$ where

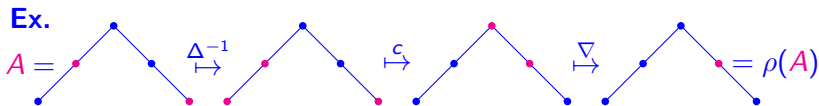
$$I \xrightarrow{\subset} U \xrightarrow{\nabla} A \xrightarrow{\Delta^{-1}} \hat{\rho}(I).$$

We will study two statistics. For antichains $A \in \mathcal{A}(P)$ define

$$\chi(A) = \#A$$

where the hash symbol is cardinality. For ideals $I \in \mathcal{I}(P)$ define

$$\hat{\chi}(I) = \#I.$$

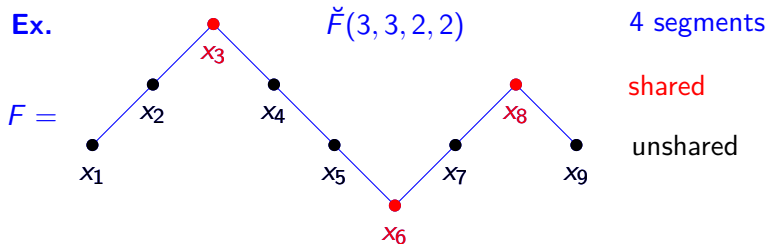


A *fence* is a poset with elements $F = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ and covers

$$x_1 \triangleleft x_2 \triangleleft \dots \triangleleft x_a \triangleright x_{a+1} \triangleright \dots \triangleright x_b \triangleleft x_{b+1} \triangleleft \dots$$

where a, b, \dots are positive integers.

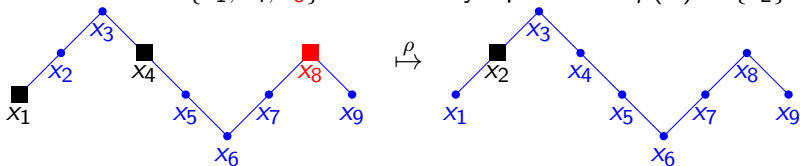
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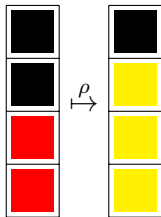
Fences have important connections with cluster algebras, q -analogues, unimodality, and Young diagrams. The maximal chains of F are called *segments*. Elements on two segments are called *shared*. All other elements are *unshared*. If F has s segments then we let $F = \check{F}(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_s)$ where for all i

$$\alpha_i = (\# \text{ of unshared elements on segment } i) + 1.$$

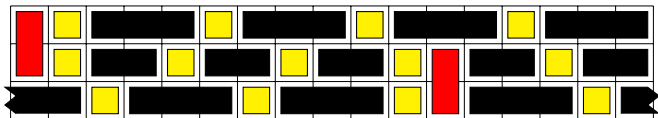
As an example of rowmotion on antichains in a fence, consider F below and $A = \{x_1, x_4, x_8\}$ indicated by squares. So $\rho(A) = \{x_2\}$.



Represent an antichain $A \subset F$ using a column of 4 boxes, with the box in row i from the top corresponding to the i th segment S_i from the left. We color the box for S_i by black if $S_i \cap A$ is an unshared element, red if $S_i \cap A$ is a shared element, or yellow if $S_i \cap A = \emptyset$.



Pasting together such colored columns, we can model any orbit of ρ on a fence $F = \check{F}(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_s)$ as a tiling of a cylinder C_s of boxes having s rows. One of the orbits in $\check{F}(4, 3, 4)$ has the following tiling where the left and right ends of the rectangle are identified.



We can characterize these tilings as follows. If $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_s)$, then an α -tiling is a tiling of C_s using yellow 1×1 tiles, red 2×1 tiles, and black $1 \times (\alpha_i - 1)$ tiles in row i , for $1 \leq i \leq s$, such that the following hold for all rows.

- If $\alpha_i \geq 2$ and the red tiles are ignored, then the black and yellow tiles alternate in row i .
- There is a red tile in a column covering rows i and $i + 1$ if and only if either the next column contains two yellow tiles in those two rows when i is odd, or the previous column contains two yellow tiles in those two rows when i is even.

b_i := the number of black tiles in row i of a tiling,

r_i := the number of red tiles with top box in row i of a tiling,

$\chi(\mathcal{O})$:= the number of antichain elements in orbit \mathcal{O} .

Lemma (EPRS)

Given an orbit \mathcal{O} in fence $\check{F}(\alpha)$ with corresponding α -tiling

$$\chi(\mathcal{O}) = \sum_{i=1}^s (b_i \alpha_i - b_i + r_i).$$

One can also compute χ_x , the number of times a given element x appears in an orbit, and derive corresponding results for ideals.

Theorem (EPRS)

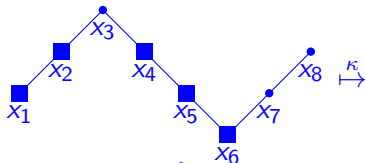
- 1. If x is unshared and y, z are the shared elements on the same segment S_i then $\alpha_i \chi_x + \chi_y + \chi_z$ is 1-mesic.*
- 2. For $\check{F}(a, b)$ all orbits \mathcal{O} have size $\ell = \text{lcm}(a, b)$ except one \mathcal{O}' of size $\ell + 1$. For the orbits of size ℓ we have $\chi(\mathcal{O}) = \frac{2ab - a - b}{\text{gcd}(a, b)} := m$. For the other orbit $\chi(\mathcal{O}') = m + 1$.*

Let P^* be the dual of poset P . Suppose P is self dual so that $P \cong P^*$. Thus there exists an order-reversing bijection $\kappa : P \rightarrow P$. Define the *ideal complement* of $I \in \mathcal{I}(P)$ as

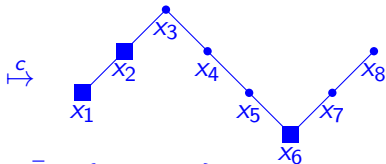
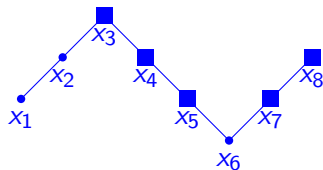
$$\bar{I} = c \circ \kappa(I)$$

where $c(S) = P - S$ for any $S \subseteq P$. Note that $\#I + \#\bar{I} = \#P$.

Ex. $\kappa(x_i) = x_{9-i}$



$$I = \{x_1, x_2, x_4, x_5, x_6\}$$



$$\bar{I} = \{x_1, x_2, x_6\}$$

Let

$\hat{\chi}(\mathcal{O})$ = the number of ideal elements in an orbit \mathcal{O} of $\hat{\rho}$.

Theorem (EPRS)

Let P be self-dual with $n = \#P$, and fix an order-reversing bijection $\kappa : P \rightarrow P$. Let $I \in \mathcal{I}(P)$.

1. If $I, \bar{I} \in \mathcal{O}$ for some orbit \mathcal{O} , then

$$\frac{\hat{\chi}(\mathcal{O})}{\#\mathcal{O}} = \frac{n}{2}.$$

2. If $I \in \mathcal{O}$ and $\bar{I} \in \bar{\mathcal{O}}$ for some orbits \mathcal{O} and $\bar{\mathcal{O}}$ with $\mathcal{O} \neq \bar{\mathcal{O}}$, then $\#\mathcal{O} = \#\bar{\mathcal{O}}$ and

$$\frac{\hat{\chi}(\mathcal{O} \uplus \bar{\mathcal{O}})}{\#(\mathcal{O} \uplus \bar{\mathcal{O}})} = \frac{n}{2}.$$

Consider the group generated by the action of $\hat{\rho}$ and the map $I \mapsto \bar{I}$. The orbits of this action will be called *dihedral orbits*.

Corollary (EPRS)

If P is self-dual with $n = \#P$ then $\hat{\chi}$ is $(n/2)$ -mesic on dihedral orbits.

Constant α .

Let $\alpha = (a^s) = (\underbrace{a, \dots, a}_s)$.

Conjecture

If $F = \check{F}(a^s)$ with s odd then then the statistic $\hat{\chi}$ is $n/2$ -mesic where $n = \#F$.

For $\hat{\chi}$ one can not use our results on self-dual posets since I and \bar{I} are not always in the same orbit.

In $F = \check{F}(2^s)$ we also have that χ is homomesic for any s , but this fails for general a even for homometry. Sam Hopkins pointed out that this follows from results in our paper and also from work of Chan, Haddadan, Hopkins, and Moci on balanced Young diagrams.

Palindromic α .

Sequence a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n is *palindromic* if $a_k = a_{n-k}$ for all $0 \leq k \leq n$. Write $\chi_k = \chi_{x_k}$ and $\hat{\chi}_k = \hat{\chi}_{x_k}$.

Proposition (EPRS)

Let $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_s)$ where $\alpha_i \geq 2$ for all i . Also let $F = \check{F}(\alpha)$ and $n = \#F$. Let α , the black tile sequence b_1, b_2, \dots, b_s , and the red tile sequence r_1, r_2, \dots, r_{s-1} be all palindromic for all orbits.

- (a) For all k the statistic $\chi_k - \chi_{n-k+1}$ is 0-mesic.*
- (b) If s is odd, then for all k the statistic $\hat{\chi}_k + \hat{\chi}_{n-k+1}$ is 1-mesic.*

Question

Let $F = \check{F}(\alpha)$ with α palindromic. Find necessary and/or sufficient conditions on α for the black or the red tile sequences to be palindromic for all rowmotion orbits.

Rooted trees.

A poset T is a *rooted tree* if its Hasse diagram is a graph-theoretic tree with a unique minimal element. Dangwal, Kimble, Liang, Lou, S, and Stewart have shown that there is a tiling model for rooted trees and that it can be used to prove many homometry results. A fence can be characterized as a poset whose Hasse diagram is a path, but with any number of minimal elements.

Question

Are there nice homometries for posets whose Hasse diagram is a tree with any number of minimal elements?

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