

# Equilibrium states of $C^*$ -algebras associated to right LCM monoids

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# Equilibrium states for $C^*$ -algebras

KMS (equilibrium) states for a  $C^*$ -dynamical system  $(\mathcal{A}, \sigma)$ :

$$\sigma : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\mathcal{A}), \text{ time evolution,}$$

originate in mathematical physics/statistical mechanics. Some landmarks:

- (i) Finite quantum systems and inner flows, 1960's.
- (ii) Fermion algebra and approximately inner flows, 1970's.
- (iii)  $(\mathcal{A}, \sigma)$ ,  $\sigma$  not approximately inner flow, late 1970's.

Example from number theory with rich phase transition:

- (iv) The *Bost-Connes* algebra, 1990's.

$C^*$ -algebras from monoids with phase transition:

- (v) The  $C^*$ -algebra of the affine semigroup of the rational numbers, 2010's.
- (vi) A wealth of examples with  $\mathcal{A}$  constructed from monoids in the past decade.

# The KMS condition for finite systems

Finite quantum system:  $\mathcal{A} = M_n(\mathbb{C})$  with (necessarily)

$$\sigma_t(A) = e^{itH} A e^{-itH},$$

where  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $A \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$  and  $H$  is a self-adjoint matrix.

For  $\beta > 0$ , the *Gibbs state* is  $\varphi_G(A) = \frac{\text{Tr}(Ae^{-\beta H})}{\text{Tr}(e^{-\beta H})}$ . It minimizes the free energy and satisfies

$$\varphi_G(A_1 A_2) = \varphi_G(A_2 \sigma_{i\beta}(A_1)), \quad (1)$$

for  $A_1, A_2 \in M_n(\mathbb{C})$  *analytic*, i.e.  $t \mapsto \sigma_t(A_j)$  extends to an entire function on  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $j = 1, 2$ .

*Partition function* of  $(M_n(\mathbb{C}), \sigma)$  is  $\beta \mapsto \text{Tr}(e^{-\beta H})$ .

The *KMS condition* (1), cf. Haag-Hughenoltz-Winninck (1967) defines *equilibrium* for a state of a system  $(\mathcal{A}, \sigma)$  at *inverse temperature*  $\beta$ . KMS for Kubo-Martin-Schwinger.

# KMS states cf. Haag-Hugenholtz-Winninck

By analogy with finite systems and the Gibbs states, extend the notions of  $\text{KMS}_\beta$  state, partition function, inverse temperature.

$\mathcal{A}$   $C^*$ -algebra,  $\sigma : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \text{Aut}(\mathcal{A})$  time evolution,  $\varphi$  a state on  $\mathcal{A}$ .  
Say that:

- 1  $\varphi$  is  $\text{KMS}_\beta$  (at inverse temperature  $\beta \in [0, \infty)$ ) if

$$\varphi(a_1 a_2) = \varphi(a_2 \sigma_{i\beta}(a_1))$$

for all  $a_1, a_2 \in \mathcal{A}$  with  $a_j$  in a dense subalgebra of *analytic* elements.

- 2 A state  $\varphi$  is a *ground state* if for all  $a_1, a_2$  with  $a_2$  analytic, the function  $z \rightarrow \varphi(a_1 \sigma_z(a_2))$  is bounded in the upper-half plane.
- 3  $\text{KMS}_\infty$  if  $\varphi = w^* \lim \varphi_n$  as  $\beta_n \rightarrow \infty$  and  $\varphi_n$  is  $\text{KMS}_{\beta_n}$ .

References: *Bratteli-Robinson, Pedersen, Connes-Marcolli.*

## Systems without approx. inner flows

Olesen-Pedersen (1978), Evans (1980). KMS states for the extended Cuntz algebra  $\mathcal{A} = C^*(\mathbb{F}_n^+)$ , with  $\mathbb{F}_n^+$  the free monoid on  $n$  generators.  $\mathcal{A}$  is universal for  $n$  isometries  $s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n$  with  $\sum_{j=1}^n s_j s_j^* < 1$ . Time evolution determined by

$$\sigma_t(s_j) = e^{it} s_j, t \in \mathbb{R}, j = 1, \dots, n.$$

Form  $s_\mu = s_{j_1} \dots s_{j_m}$  representing words  $\mu = j_1 j_2 \dots j_m$  in  $\mathbb{F}_n^+$  of length  $|\mu| = m \geq 1$ . There is a conditional expectation  $E$  onto

$$D = \overline{\text{span}}\{s_\mu s_\mu^* \mid \mu \in \mathbb{F}_n^+\},$$

a commutative  $C^*$ -subalgebra with spectrum  $\widehat{D}$  the compactification of the space of finite paths in  $\mathbb{F}_n^+$ .

For  $\beta \geq \log n$  there is a unique  $KMS_\beta$  state s.t.

$$\varphi_\beta(s_\mu s_\nu^*) = e^{-|\mu|\beta} \delta_{\mu,\nu},$$

lifted via  $E$  from the prob. measure  $\delta_\mu \mapsto (1 - ne^{-\beta})e^{-\beta|\mu|}$  above  $\log n$ . The "inverse temperature space":  $[\log n, \infty)$ .

## $C^*$ -algebras from (left) cancellative monoids

Interrelated trajectories of development around KMS states:

- (I) New classes of examples. Supply of examples grows, new opportunities.
- (II) Identify common features from looking at disparate classes of monoids  $P$  and develop a common method for  $C^*(P)$ . Impetus comes from new classes of examples that do not fit existing paradigm.

Tractable  $C^*(P)$ : nuclear, interesting ideals and quotients.

As point of departure:  $C^*(P)$  should have generators  $v_p$  with

- $v_p^* v_p = 1 = v_e$ , i.e. isometry where  $e \in P$  identity;
- $v_p v_p^* \leq 1$ , i.e. not necessarily a unitary;
- $v_p v_q = v_{pq}$ ,  $p, q \in P$ , i.e. representation of  $P$ .

Semigroup  $C^*$ -algebras: Nica (1994), for  $P$  subsemigroup in a group forming a quasi-lattice order (e.g.  $\mathbb{F}_n^+$  inside  $\mathbb{F}_n$ ).

## Monoids and equilibrium states: motivation

$\mathcal{A}$  a  $C^*$ -algebra,  $\sigma : \mathbb{R} \curvearrowright \mathcal{A}$  a one-parameter group. Suppose

$$V^*V = 1_{\mathcal{A}}, \quad VV^* < 1_{\mathcal{A}},$$

and  $V \mapsto N(V) \in (0, \infty)$  s.t.  $\sigma_t(V) = N(V)^{it}V$ .

If  $\varphi : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is a KMS state at  $\beta > 0$ , then

$$\varphi(VV^*) = N(V)^{-\beta} \varphi(V^*V) = N(V)^{-\beta}.$$

For  $P$  a left-cancellative monoid,  $\mathcal{A} = C^*(P)$  is generated, as a minimum, by isometries  $v_p$  with  $v_p v_q = v_{pq}$ ,  $p, q, \in P$ . If

$N : P \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  is a homomorphism (a *scale*), define

$$\sigma^N : \mathbb{R} \curvearrowright \mathcal{A}$$

$$\sigma_t^N(v_p) = N_p^{it} v_p, \quad p \in P.$$

An equilibrium state  $\varphi_\beta$  must have *prescribed values*  $\varphi_\beta(v_p v_p^*)$ ,  $p \in P$ . Are there  $\varphi_\beta$ 's? For what  $\beta$ 's?

# Affine monoids

*Laca-Raeburn* (2010). Consider  $\mathbb{N} \rtimes \mathbb{N}^\times$  inside  $\mathbb{Q} \rtimes \mathbb{Q}_+^\times$ , with  $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$  and  $(\mathbb{Q}_+^\times, \cdot)$ . Let  $\mathcal{P}$  denote the set of primes. Then

$$C^*(\mathbb{N} \rtimes \mathbb{N}^\times) = C^*\langle s, v_p, p \in \mathcal{P} \mid \text{relations} \rangle$$

with time evolution  $\sigma^N$  where  $N(s) = 1$ ,  $N(v_p) = p$ . The inverse temperature space consists of  $[1, \infty]$  and ground states:

- ① If  $\beta \in [1, 2]$ , there is a unique  $\text{KMS}_\beta$  state.
- ② If  $\beta \in (2, \infty]$ , the  $\text{KMS}_\beta$  states are parametrised by probability measures on  $\mathbb{T}$ .
- ③ Ground states form a convex set isomorphic to the state space of  $\mathcal{T}$ , the Toeplitz  $C^*$ -algebra gen. by the unilateral shift on  $\ell^2(\mathbb{N})$ .
- ④ Partition function:  $\zeta(\beta) := \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} n^{-\beta-1}$ , with pole at  $\beta = 2$ .

Crucial point: an expectation onto a comm. subalgebra with spectrum a "compactification" of a path space associated to the quasi-lattice order from  $\mathbb{N} \rtimes \mathbb{N}^\times$  inside  $\mathbb{Q} \rtimes \mathbb{Q}_+^\times$ .



# KMS states for monoid $C^*$ -algebras

Generalisations to many q.l.o.  $(G, P)$ : inverse temperature space (except ground states) of form  $[1, \infty]$ :

- 1 *Clark-an Huef-Raeburn*, Baumslag-Solitar monoids (certain one-relator monoids) that form quasi-lattice orders inside their groups.
- 2 *Afsar-Brownlowe-L-Stammeier*, *Brownlowe-L-Ramagge-Stammeier* for  $P$  right LCM, including Baumslag-Solitar monoids that form *weak* quasi lattice orders.
- 3 *Neshveyev-Stammeier*, uniqueness of  $\varphi_{\beta_c}$  at a critical value  $\beta_c$  using groupoid realisation of the  $C^*$ -algebras.

Key to (1)-(2): sufficiently special features of the *scale*  $N : P \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ , in particular  $N(P) \subset \mathbb{N}^\times$  with some irreducibility properties.

But, scales on (most) Artin monoids fail these properties.

# Right LCM monoids and equilibrium states

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$C^*$ -algebras of monoids and their KMS states: We see algebraic structure from irreversibility of monoids in fruitful interaction with analytic features enabling existence of these special positive functionals  $\varphi$  with

$$\varphi(a_1 a_2) = \varphi(a_2 \sigma_{i\beta}(a_1))$$

for some real  $\beta$  and all  $a_1, a_2$  analytic.

$C^*$ -algebras of right LCM monoids and their KMS states: The algebraic structure from irreversibility of monoids reflects, and is facilitated by, divisibility type properties in  $P$ .

## $C^*$ -algebras of monoids: reduced and full

Let  $P$  be a left-cancellative monoid. The *reduced*  $C^*$ -algebra is

$$C_\lambda^*(P) = C^*\langle T_p \mid T_p \varepsilon_q = \varepsilon_{pq}, p, q \in P \rangle \subset B(\ell^2(P)),$$

where  $\{\varepsilon_p\}_p$  is the canonical o.n.b. in  $\ell^2(P)$ .

The *full/universal*  $C^*$ -algebra  $C^*(P)$  should be generated by, as a minimum, elements  $v_p$  s.t., mirroring  $T_p$ 's,

$$v_p^* v_p = 1, v_p v_p^* \leq 1, v_p v_q = v_{pq}, p, q \in P.$$

One tractable theory requires conditional least upper bounds under the partial order  $p \leq r$  iff  $r \in pP$ .

*Nica* (1994): for  $P \subset G$  a subsemigroup of a discrete group,  $P \cap P^{-1} = \{e\}$ , partial order

$$x \leq z \iff x^{-1}z \in P, \text{ for } x, z \in G,$$

require that a least common upper bound  $x \vee y$  for  $x, y \in G$ , if it exists in  $P$ , is unique (quasi lattice orders). Extension to left cancellative  $P$  by *Li* (2012), *Norling* (2014), *Sehnem* (2019).

## Some relevant classes of monoids

Quasi-lattice ordered pairs  $(G, P)$ :

- $(G, P)$ ,  $G$  totally ordered abelian with positive cone  $P$  (*Douglas, Murphy*);
- $(\mathbb{F}_n, \mathbb{F}_n^+)$  (*Nica*);
- right-angled Artin group-monoid pairs  $(G, P)$ , (*Crisp-Laca*);
- affine monoids, e.g.  $\mathbb{N} \rtimes \mathbb{N}^\times$ , (*Laca-Raeburn*);
- Baumslag-Solitar monoids with matching signs, (*Spielberg, Clark-an Huef-Raeburn*);

Weak q.l.o. pairs, asking for  $p \vee q$  to be unique in  $P$ , if it exists, only when  $p, q \in P$ :

- All Artin monoids (*Brieskorn-Saito*);
- Baumslag-Solitar monoids with opposite signs, (*Spielberg*).

# Equilibrium states of $C_\lambda^*(P)$ for $P$ q.l.o.

## Theorem (Bruce-Laca-Ramagge-Sims (2018))

Let  $(G, P)$  be q.l.o and assume  $N : P \rightarrow [1, \infty)$  satisfies  $N(p) = 1$  only for  $p = e$ . Suppose that the Dirichlet series  $\sum_{p \in P} N(p)^{-\beta}$  has abscissa of convergence  $0 < \beta_c < \infty$ .

Define the generalised Gibbs state  $\varphi_\beta$  at  $\beta > \beta_c$  on  $B(\ell^2(P))$

$$\varphi_\beta(A) = \frac{\text{Tr}(Ae^{-\beta H})}{\text{Tr}(e^{-\beta H})},$$

where  $H\varepsilon_p = \log N(p)\varepsilon_p$  on  $\ell^2(P)$  (s.a. unbounded). Then, for  $\beta > \beta_c$ ,  $\varphi_\beta$  is the unique  $\text{KMS}_\beta$  state. At  $\beta_c$  there is a unique equilibrium state (obtained as a  $w^*$ -limit point of  $(\varphi_{\beta_n})$ ,  $\beta_n \rightarrow \beta_c$ ).

Unclear whether  $\text{KMS}_\beta$  states exist for  $\beta \in [0, \beta_c)$ .

# Right LCM (right least common multiples) monoids

$P$  left cancellative monoid (or category).

①  $r \in P$  is a *right multiple* of  $p \in P$  if  $r = pp'$  for  $p' \in P$ .

②  $r \in P$  is a *common right multiple* of  $p, q$  in  $P$  if

$$r = pp' = qq' \text{ for } p', q' \in P.$$

③  $P$  is *right LCM (has conditional right LCM's)* if every  $p, q$  with a common right multiple admit a least common right multiple, written  $pP \cap qP \neq \emptyset$ .

If  $P$  is right LCM, then  $C^*(P)$  is *generated by isometries*  $v_p$  subject to  $v_p v_q = v_{pq}$  and

$$v_q^* v_p = \begin{cases} v_{q'} v_{p'}^* & \text{if } pP \cap qP \neq \emptyset, \\ 0 & \text{if } pP \cap qP = \emptyset \end{cases}$$

for  $pp' = qq' = r$ ,  $p, q \in P$ , (Clifford condition used by *Lawson*).

## The class of right-angled Artin monoids

Suppose that  $\Gamma$  is a simple (undirected) graph, finite or infinite. The associated *right-angled Artin group*  $G_\Gamma$  is given by generators  $s_i$  indexed by the vertices of  $\Gamma$  and relations

$$s_i s_j = s_j s_i, \quad \text{if } i \text{ and } j \text{ share an edge.}$$

Let  $S_\Gamma$  the set of the generators  $s_i$  (the standard generating set). Denote by  $P_\Gamma \subset G_\Gamma$  the monoid generated by  $S_\Gamma$ . Then  $(G_\Gamma, P_\Gamma)$  is q.l.o. and these objects interpolate between  $(\mathbb{Z}^k, \mathbb{N}^k)$  and  $(\mathbb{F}_n, \mathbb{F}_n^+)$  (*Crisp-Laca*).

Suppose that  $N : P_\Gamma \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  is a monoid homomorphism. Define  $C^*$ -dynamical systems

$$(C^*(P_\Gamma), \sigma^N) \text{ and } (C_\lambda^*(P_\Gamma), \sigma^N),$$

where  $\sigma^N(v_p) = N(p)^{it} v_p$  and  $\sigma^N(T_p) = N(p)^{it} T_p$ ,  
 $t \in \mathbb{R}, p \in P_\Gamma$ . *Question: What are the KMS states?*

# Equilibrium states for right-angled Artin monoids

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Two approaches: by *Bruce-Laca-Ramagge-Sims* and *Afsar-L-Neshveyev*.

Let  $P_\Gamma$  be a non-abelian right-angled Artin monoid with finite generating set  $S_\Gamma$ . Let  $\ell$  be normalised length function on  $P_\Gamma$  and set

$$N(p) = e^{\ell(p)}.$$

If the abscissa of convergence  $\beta_0$  of  $\sum_{p \in P} N(p)^{-\beta}$  is finite, then  $(C^*(P_\Gamma), \sigma^N)$  has "inverse temperature space"  $[\beta_0, \infty]$  (same for the reduced).

Question: What is the situation for other classes of Artin monoids, such as those of finite-type?

Need a new kind of insight than for previous classes of examples to see how KMS states could arise.



## Equilibrium states and a positivity condition

*Afsar-L-Neshveyev*, (2019). Let  $(G, P)$  be a weak quasi-lattice order,  $N: P \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  a homomorphism, and  $(C^*(P), \sigma^N)$  the associated  $C^*$ -dynamical system. Let  $\Phi: C^*(P) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$  the conditional expectation onto the fixed point-algebra for the canonical coaction of  $G$ .

For each  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$ , there is a  $\Phi$ -invariant (factoring through  $\Phi$ )  $\text{KMS}_\beta$ -state iff

$$(*) \sum_{K \subset J} (-1)^{|K|} N(q_K)^{-\beta} \geq 0 \text{ for all finite } J \subset P \setminus \{e\},$$

where  $q_K = \bigvee_{q \in K} q$  whenever it exists in  $P$ , otherwise the term in the sum is set to 0.

Roughly, this constructs a  $\text{KMS}_\beta$  state from prescribed values  $N(q_K)^{-\beta}$ . However, the condition  $(*)$  involves an infinite collection of inequalities, so is unyielding.

## The positivity for right-angled Artin monoids

*Afsar-L-Neshveyev*, (2019). Suppose  $P_\Gamma$  is a right-angled Artin monoid on a graph  $\Gamma$  with standard generating set  $S_\Gamma$ . Let  $C(S_\Gamma)$  be the collection of finite cliques on the standard generators, i.e. the collection of sets of generators corresponding to complete finite subgraphs of  $\Gamma$ , and set  $s_K = \prod_{s \in K} s$  for  $K \in C(S_\Gamma)$ .

There is a  $\Phi$ -invariant equilibrium state at  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$  iff

$$(**) \quad \sum_{\substack{K \in C(S_\Gamma): \\ K \subset J}} (-1)^{|K|} N(s_K)^{-\beta} \geq 0 \quad \text{for all finite } J \subset S_\Gamma.$$

This positivity-reduction, i.e. going from sufficiency of  $(*)$  to that of  $(**)$ , is used in the right-angled case to settle that the inverse temperature space is a half-line. Does positivity reduction hold for other  $P$ ?

## Artin monoids revisited

The Artin group associated to a Coxeter matrix  $M = (m_{st})_{s,t \in S}$  is the group  $A_M$  with generating set  $S$  and presentation

$$\{S \mid \langle st \rangle^{m_{st}} = \langle ts \rangle^{m_{ts}} \text{ for all } s, t \in S\},$$

where  $m_{st} = m_{ts} \in \{2, \dots, \infty\}$  for  $s \neq t$ . Let  $A_M^+$  be the monoid with the same presentation. It is of *finite type* if the Coxeter group determined by the presentation for  $A_M$  together with  $s^2 = e$  for all  $s$  is finite. It is *right-angled* if  $m_{st}$  is 2 or  $\infty$ .

Fact: All  $A_M^+$  are right- and left-Noetherian. A left-cancellative monoid  $P$  is *right-Noetherian* provided that there exists no infinite ascending sequence in  $P$  with respect to proper left-divisibility. Thus for  $q \in P$ , every sequence

$$q = p_1 t_1 = p_1 p_2 t_2 = p_1 p_2 p_3 t_3 = \dots$$

with  $p_n, t_n$  non-invertible must terminate. Similar for left-Noetherian.

# Characterising KMS states through positivity

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## Theorem (Gazdag-Laca-L (2022))

*For  $P$  cancellative Noetherian right LCM and  $N : P \rightarrow (0, \infty)$ , existence of an expectation-invariant equilibrium state at  $\beta$  for  $(C^*(P), \sigma^N)$  is determined by*

$$(*) \sum_{K \subset J} (-1)^{|K|} N(\vee K)^{-\beta} \geq 0 \text{ for all finite } J \subset P \setminus P^*$$

*with  $N(\vee K)^{-\beta} = 0$  if  $\vee K = \infty$  (not a clique).*

The result makes no reference to an ambient group, and applies to all Artin monoids, not just the quasi-lattice ordered ones (the right-angled).

## Reduction of the positivity condition

For the system  $(C^*(P), \sigma^N)$ , an expectation invariant  $\text{KMS}_\beta$  state exists subject to

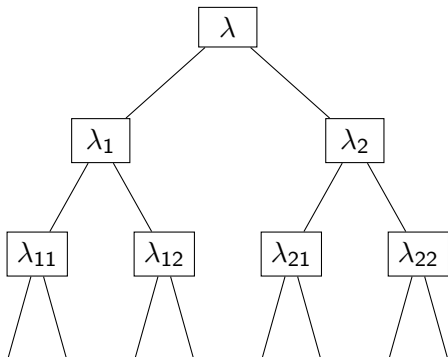
$$(*) \sum_{K \subset J} (-1)^{|K|} N(\vee K)^{-\beta} \geq 0 \text{ for all finite } J \subset P \setminus P^*$$

with  $N(\vee K)^{-\beta} = 0$  if  $\vee K = \infty$  (not a clique).

Goal: reduce verifying  $(*)$  to verifying  $(**)$  involving subsets  $J$  of the set  $P_a$  of atoms: elements  $a \in P$  without decompositions  $a = yz$  for  $y, z \notin P^*$ .

Idea: from  $J = \{p_1, \dots, p_n\}$ , "remove" atoms  $a$  from its elements, in a two-step procedure leading to two new families  $J_1$  and  $J_2$  (first used by B. Li in the study of isometric dilations of contractive representations of  $P$  on Hilbert space), and propagate positivity from  $J_1, J_2$  to  $J$ . Use lists  $\lambda : \{1, \dots, n\} \rightarrow P$  to accommodate repetitions in  $J_1, J_2$ .

## A combinatorial tree for a list $\lambda$



For  $\lambda(\{1, 2, \dots, n\}) = \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n\}$ , i first with  $a \leq \lambda(i)$ , set

$$\lambda_1(j) := \begin{cases} \lambda(j) & j \neq i \\ a & j = i; \end{cases} \quad \lambda_2(j) := \begin{cases} a^{-1}(a \vee \lambda(j)) & a \vee \lambda(j) < \infty \\ \infty & a \vee \lambda(j) = \infty. \end{cases}$$

## A combinatorial tree for Noetherian monoids

A list  $\lambda : \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \rightarrow P \cup \{\infty\}$  is a *leaf* if either its image consists of atoms of  $P$  or  $\infty$ , or else if it intersects  $P^*$  (making the alternate sum equal to 0).

A *branch* is a finite or infinite word  $\omega$  on the symbols  $\{1, 2\}$  that starts at the root  $\lambda$  and ends at the first node such that the list after  $k$ -"steps"  $\lambda_{\omega[1,k]}$  is a leaf, or does not end (if such a node does not exist).

### Theorem (Gazdag-Laca-L (2022))

*Let  $P$  be Noetherian right LCM. Suppose that the tree constructed above is finite for every list  $\lambda$ . Then reduction of positivity (\*) to positivity (\*\*) for subsets of atoms holds.*

### Proposition (GLL)

*The tree of any list is finite for  $P = A_M^+$  finite-type (since it is lattice ordered) or right-angled (since word length decreases along the tree).*

## KMS gaps for Artin monoids

Suppose  $n \geq 3$  and let  $B_n$  be the braid group with generating set  $S = \{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{n-1}\}$  and relations

$$\begin{aligned} s_i s_j s_i &= s_j s_i s_j && \text{when } |i - j| = 1 \\ s_i s_j &= s_j s_i && \text{when } |i - j| \geq 2. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $B_n^+$  be the braid monoid and  $N : B_n^+ \rightarrow [1, \infty)$  be given by

$$N(p) = \exp(\ell(p)), \ell(p) = |p|,$$

for  $p \in B_n^+$ . Let  $\sigma = \sigma^N$ . The clique polynomial

$$\sum_{K \in Cl(S)} (-1)^{|K|} t^{|\vee K|}$$

of  $P = B_n^+$  is the reciprocal of the growth function  $\sum_{n \geq 0} \#\{w \mid |w| = n\} t^n$ .



# KMS gaps for Artin braid monoids

## Proposition (GLL)

*Let  $t_1 = \sqrt{5}/2 - 1/2 \approx 0.618$  be the smallest positive root of the clique polynomial  $1 - 2t + t^3$  of  $B_3^+$ , and put  $b_1 = -\log t_1$ . Then the inverse temperature space of  $(C^*(B_3^+), \sigma)$  is  $\{0\} \cup [b_1, \infty]$ .*

## Proposition (GLL)

*Let  $r_1$  be the smallest positive root of the polynomial  $1 - 2t - t^2 + t^3 + t^4 + t^5$  of  $B_4^+$ , and  $c_1 = -\log r_1$ . Then the inverse temperature space of  $(C^*(B_4^+), \sigma)$  is  $\{0\} \cup [c_1, \infty]$ .*

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Thus:

- ①  $(C^*(B_3^+), \sigma)$  has inverse temperature space  $\{0\} \cup [b_1, \infty]$ ,  
for  $e^{-b_1}$  the smallest positive root of  $1 - 2t + t^3$ .
- ②  $(C^*(B_4^+), \sigma)$  has inverse temperature space  $\{0\} \cup [c_1, \infty]$ ,  
for  $e^{-c_1}$  the smallest positive root of  
 $1 - 2t - t^2 + t^3 + t^4 + t^5$ .

Sketch of proof: known from Bruce-Laca-Ramagge-Sims that if a  $\text{KMS}_\beta$ -state exists for some  $\beta \in (0, \beta_0)$ , then  $e^{-\beta}$  has to be a root of the clique polynomial in the interval  $(e^{-\beta_0}, 1)$ . Then test the positivity criterion (\*\*) for finite-type  $A_M^+$  to see if any such root leads to equilibrium states. The positivity fails at intermediate roots in the interval.

Conclusion: Searching for  $\text{KMS}_\beta$  states leads to looking quite closely into the structure of the monoid. Other monoids could be worth considering.

# OAMN - on behalf of Kristin Courtney

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# Final

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