

Symplectic cactus action on crystals of Kashiwara-Nakashima tableaux

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The cactus group $J_{\mathfrak{g}}$

- Let \mathfrak{g} be a finite dimensional, complex, semisimple Lie algebra and
 - I its Dynkin diagram, $\Delta = \{\alpha_i\}_{i \in I}$ the simple roots.
 - W the Weyl group, $w_0 \in W$ the longest element.
 - $\theta : I \rightarrow I$ the Dynkin diagram automorphism of I defined by

$$\alpha_{\theta(i)} = -w_0 \cdot \alpha_i, \quad i \in I.$$

- $\theta_J : J \rightarrow J$ the Dynkin diagram automorphism of a connected subdiagram $J \subseteq I$, defined by

$$\alpha_{\theta_J(j)} = -w_0^J \cdot \alpha_j, \quad j \in J,$$

w_0^J the long element of the parabolic subgroup $W^J \subseteq W$.

- [Halacheva 2016]. The *cactus group* $J_{\mathfrak{g}}$ corresponding to \mathfrak{g} is the group defined by:
 - Generators:** s_J , $J \subseteq I$ running over all connected subdiagrams of the Dynkin diagram I of \mathfrak{g} , and
 - Relations:**
 - $s_J^2 = 1$, for all $J \subseteq I$,
 - $s_J s_{J'} = s_{J'} s_J$, for all $J, J' \subseteq I$ such that $J \cup J'$ is not connected,
 - $s_J s_{J'} = s_{\theta_J(J')} s_J$, for all $J' \subseteq J \subseteq I$.

The cacti $J_{\mathfrak{gl}_n}$ and $J_{\mathfrak{sp}_{2n}}$

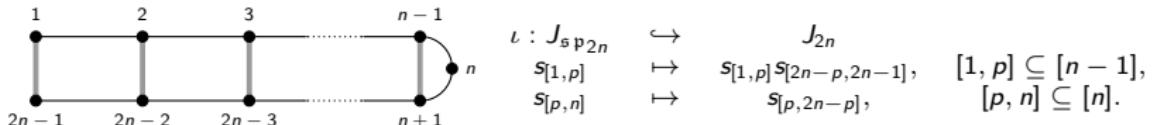
- The cactus group $J_{\mathfrak{sp}_{2n}}$ is the group defined by
 - Generators: s_J , J connected subdiagrams of the C_n Dynkin diagram,
 - Relations:
- 1C. $s_J^2 = 1$, $J \subseteq [n]$,
- 2C. $s_J s_{J'} = s_{J'} s_J$, $J, J' \subseteq [n]$ such that $J \cup J'$ is not connected,
- 3C① $s_{[p,q]} s_{[k,l]} = s_{[p+q-l, p+q-k]} s_{[p,q]}$, $[k, l] \subset [p, q] \subseteq [n-1]$.
- ② $s_{[p,n]} s_{[q,l]} = s_{[q,l]} s_{[p,n]}$, $[q, l] \subset [p, n] \subseteq [n]$,



- $J_n = J_{\mathfrak{gl}_n} \subseteq J_{\mathfrak{sp}_{2n}}$.
- Alternative $n-1$ generators for $J_n = J_{\mathfrak{gl}_n}$, and $2n-1$ generators for $J_{\mathfrak{sp}_{2n}}$

$$s_{[1,p]}, 1 \leq p \leq n-1, \quad s_{[p,n]}, 1 \leq p \leq n.$$

- $J_n \subseteq J_{\mathfrak{sp}_{2n}} \hookrightarrow J_{2n}$ [A-Tarighat-Torres 2022].



Normal crystals, Levi branching and cacti action

- Let B be a normal crystal
 - For $J \subseteq I$, the **Levi branched crystal** $B_J =$ the restriction of B to the subdiagram J of I .
 - The crystal graph of B_J has the same vertices as B but the arrows are only those labelled in J , that is, we forget the crystal maps e_i, f_i, φ_i , and ε_i , for $i \notin J$.
 - [Halacheva 2016] The cactus group $J_{\mathfrak{g}} \curvearrowright B = \sqcup B(\lambda)$ via **partial Schützenberger-Lusztig involutions**.
 - For $J \subseteq I$, the partial Schützenberger-Lusztig involution $\xi_J =$ restriction Schützenberger-Lusztig involution to the normal Levi branched crystal $B_J(\lambda)$.
- $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{gl}_n$: $B(\lambda) = \text{SSYT}(\lambda, n)$ crystal of A_{n-1} semistandard Young tableaux of straight shape λ in the alphabet $[n]$.
- $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{sp}_{2n}$: $B(\lambda) = \text{KN}(\lambda, n)$ crystal of C_n Kashiwara-Nakashima (De Concini) tableaux of straight shape λ in the alphabet $[\pm n] = \{1 < 2 < \dots < n < \bar{n} < \dots < \bar{2} < \bar{1}\}$

$$n=4 \quad Q = \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & \emptyset & 4 \\ 4 & \emptyset & \bar{2} & \emptyset & \emptyset \end{matrix} \quad \text{Q not KN column,} \quad T = \begin{matrix} 2 \\ 4 & \emptyset & 2 & \emptyset & 4 \\ \bar{2} & \emptyset & \bar{2} & \emptyset & \emptyset \end{matrix} \quad OK$$

$$P = \begin{matrix} 2 & 2 & \bar{1} \\ 4 & \bar{3} & \\ \bar{2} & \bar{1} & \end{matrix} \quad (\ell P, rP) = \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 | & 2 & 2 | & \bar{1} & \bar{1} \\ \bar{4} & \bar{4} | & \bar{3} & \bar{3} | & \bar{1} & \bar{1} | \end{matrix} \quad \text{KN tableau}$$

Virtualization via the Baker embedding (2000)

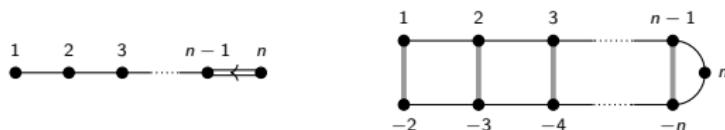
- Embedding of the C_n crystal $\text{KN}(\lambda, n)$ into the A_{2n-1} crystal $\text{SSYT}(\lambda^A, n, \bar{n})$ [Baker 2000]

$$b = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 \\ \hline 3 & \bar{5} \\ \hline 4 & \bar{3} \\ \hline \bar{3} & \\ \hline \end{array} \mapsto \Psi_{\text{Baker}}(C_1) = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 3 \\ \hline 5 & \bar{4} \\ \hline \bar{5} & \bar{2} \\ \hline \bar{4} & \\ \hline \bar{3} & \\ \hline \end{array}, \quad \Psi_{\text{Baker}}(C_2) = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & \bar{5} \\ \hline 4 & \bar{3} \\ \hline \bar{5} & \\ \hline \bar{4} & \\ \hline \bar{3} & \\ \hline \bar{2} & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\Psi_{\text{Baker}}(b) = w_{\text{col}}(\Psi_{\text{Baker}}(C_2)) \cdot w_{\text{col}}(\Psi_{\text{Baker}}(C_1))$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} E : \text{KN}(\lambda, n) & \hookrightarrow & \text{SSYT}(\lambda^A, n, \bar{n}) \\ b & \mapsto & E(b) = [\emptyset \leftarrow_{\text{column}} \Psi_{\text{Baker}}(b)] \\ u_\lambda & \mapsto & u_{\lambda A} \end{array}$$

where $E(f_i^C(b)) = f_i^E(E(b))$, $f_i^E = f_i^A \circ f_{i+1}^A$, $i < n$, and $f_n^E = (f_n^A)^2$.



- [A-Tarighat-Torres 2022] The Baker recording tableau $Q_{\text{Baker}}(u_\lambda) := Q(\Psi_{\text{Baker}}(u_\lambda)) = Q(\Psi_{\text{Baker}}(b))$ only depends on λ .
- Unbumping:** $RSK_{|E(\text{KN}(\lambda, n)) \times \{Q_{\text{Baker}}(u_\lambda)\}}^{-1}$.
 $E^{-1} = \Psi^{-1} \circ RSK_{|E(\text{KN}(\lambda, n)) \times \{Q_{\text{Baker}}(u_\lambda)\}}^{-1}$.

Virtualization and Levi branching

Embedding of the Levi branched crystal $KN_J(\lambda, n)$ into the Levi branched crystal $SSYT_{J \cup \bar{J}}(\lambda^A, n, \bar{n})$

- U connected component of $KN_J(\lambda, n)$ with $u^{\text{high}}, u^{\text{low}} \Rightarrow E(U)$ is contained in a connected component of $SSYT_{J \cup \bar{J}}(\lambda^A, n, \bar{n})$, with high. and low. weight elements $E(u^{\text{high}}), E(u^{\text{low}})$ respectively.
- The virtualization map E behaves very nicely with respect to Levi restriction!

$$\begin{aligned} KN_J(\lambda, n) &\xrightarrow{E} SSYT_{J \cup \bar{J}}(\lambda^A, n, \bar{n}) \\ KN_{[1,p]}(\lambda, n) &\xrightarrow{E} SSYT_{[1,p] \cup [\overline{p+1}, \bar{2}]}(\lambda, n, \bar{n}), \quad p < n, \\ KN_{[p,n]}(\lambda, n) &\xrightarrow{E} SSYT_{[p,\overline{p+1}]}(\lambda, n, \bar{n}), \quad p \leq n \end{aligned}$$

Figure: I is the Dynkin diagram of type C_6 and $J = \{1, 2\}$ or $J = \{4, 5, 6\}$

Schützenberger-Lusztig (SL) involution and direct algorithms

- Let $B(\lambda)$ be a normal crystal with highest weight λ , and
 - $u_\lambda^{\text{high}}, u_\lambda^{\text{low}}$ highest and lowest weight elements.
- The Schützenberger-Lusztig involution ξ is the unique set involution $\xi : B(\lambda) \rightarrow B(\lambda)$ such that, for all $b \in B(\lambda)$, and $i \in I$,
 - $e_i \xi(b) = \xi f_{\theta(i)}(b)$
 - $f_i \xi(b) = \xi e_{\theta(i)}(b)$
 - $\text{wt}(\xi(b)) = w_0 \cdot \text{wt}(b)$, w_0 the long element of the Weyl group W .
- Let $b \in B(\lambda)$ and $b = f_{j_r} \cdots f_{j_1}(u_\lambda^{\text{high}})$.
 - in type A_{n-1} , $\xi(b) = e_{n-j_r} \cdots e_{n-j_1}(u_\lambda^{\text{low}}) = \text{evac}^A(b)$, [Schützenberger 1976]
 $\text{wt}(\xi(b)) = [n \cdots 2 1] \text{wt}(b)$
 - in type C_n , $\xi(b) = e_{j_r} \cdots e_{j_1}(u_\lambda^{\text{low}}) = \text{evac}^C(b)$, [Santos 2021],
 $\text{wt}(\xi(b)) = -\text{wt}(b)$

Partial SL-involutions and direct algorithms

- For $J \subseteq I$, let b_J^{high} , b_J^{low} be the highest and lowest weight vertices of the connected component of $B_J(\lambda)$ containing b , and $b = f_{j_r} \cdots f_{j_1}(b_J^{\text{high}})$, for $j_r, \dots, j_1 \in J$.

- ① $\text{SSYT}_J(\lambda, n)$, $J = [p, q]$, $q < n$, type A_{q-p} crystal,

$$\xi_J(b) = e_{q-p-j_r+1} \cdots e_{q-p-j_1+1}(b_J^{\text{low}}) = \text{reversal}^A_J(b), \quad [\text{Benkart--Sottile--Stroomer, 1999}].$$

partial reversal : $\text{reversal}_J^A(b) = \text{reversal}(b_{[p, q+1]}) = \text{rectification}^{-1} \cdot \text{evacuation} \cdot \text{rectification}(b_{[p, q+1]})$.

- ② $\text{KN}_J(\lambda, n)$ and $\text{KN}_J(\lambda, n) \xrightarrow{E} \text{SSYT}_{J \cup \bar{J}}(\lambda^A, n, \bar{n})$

- $J = [p, n]$, $\text{KN}_J(\lambda, n)$ type C_{n-p+1} crystal [A–Tarighat–Torres, 2022]

$$\xi_J(b) = e_{j_r} \cdots e_{j_1}(b_J^{\text{low}}) = \text{reversal}^{C_n}_{[p, n]}(b) = E_{\text{left}}^{-1} \text{reversal}^A_{[p, \overline{p+1}]} E(b)$$

partial symplectic reversal:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{reversal}^C_{[p, n]}(b) &= \text{reversal}^C(b_{[\pm p, n]}) \\ &= (\text{rectification}^C)^{-1} \cdot \text{evacuation}^C \cdot \text{rectification}^C(b_{[\pm p, n]}). \end{aligned}$$

- $J = [1, p]$, $p < n$, $\text{KN}_J(\lambda, n)$ type A_p crystal [A– Tarighat–Torres, 2022]

$$\xi_J(b) = e_{p-j_r+1} \cdots e_{p-j_1+1}(b_J^{\text{low}}) = E_{\text{left}}^{-1} \text{evac}^A_{[1, p]} \text{reversal}^A_{[\overline{p+1}, \bar{2}]} E(b)$$

Example: Virtualization of the partial SL involution $\xi_{[1,4]}^{C_5}$

- $n = 5$, Baker splitting Ψ

1	1
3	5
4	3
3	

$$\Psi_{Baker}(C_1) =$$

1	1
2	3
5	4
5	2
4	
3	

$$\Psi_{Baker}(C_2) =$$

1	1
2	5
4	3
5	
4	
3	
2	

- Baker embedding E and recording tableau Q_{Baker}

1	1
2	5
4	3
5	
4	
3	
2	

←
column insertion

1	1
2	3
5	4
5	2
4	
3	

1	1	1	1
2	2	4	5
3	5	4	3
5	4	2	
5	3		
4	2		
3			

$$Q_{Baker} =$$

1	4	11	15
2	5	12	16
3	6	13	17
7	14	18	
8	19		
9	20		
10			

Virtualization of partial LS involution $\xi_{[1,4]}^{C_5}$

- $\xi_{[1,4]}^{A_9} \xi_{[\bar{5},\bar{2}]}^{A_9} E(b) :$

$$\xi_{[1,4]}^{A_9} E(b) = \text{evac} \quad = \quad \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 4 & \\ \hline 3 & & & \\ \hline 5 & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \quad , \quad \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ \hline 2 & 5 & 5 & \\ \hline 4 & & & \\ \hline 5 & & & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\xi_{[\bar{5},\bar{2}]}^{A_9} E(b) = \text{reversal} \quad = \quad \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline * & * & * & * \\ \hline * & * & * & \bar{5} \\ \hline * & \bar{5} & \bar{4} & \bar{3} \\ \hline * & \bar{4} & \bar{2} & \\ \hline \bar{5} & \bar{3} & & \\ \hline \bar{4} & \bar{2} & & \\ \hline \bar{3} & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \quad , \quad \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline * & * & * & * \\ \hline * & * & * & \bar{3} \\ \hline * & \bar{4} & \bar{2} & \bar{2} \\ \hline * & \bar{3} & \bar{1} & \\ \hline \bar{4} & \bar{2} & & \\ \hline \bar{3} & \bar{1} & & \\ \hline \bar{1} & & & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\xi_{[1,4]}^{A_9} \cdot \xi_{[\bar{5},\bar{2}]}^{A_9} E(b) = \quad . \quad \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ \hline 2 & 5 & 5 & \bar{3} \\ \hline 4 & \bar{4} & \bar{2} & \bar{2} \\ \hline 5 & \bar{3} & \bar{1} & \\ \hline \bar{4} & \bar{2} & & \\ \hline \bar{3} & \bar{1} & & \\ \hline \bar{1} & & & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Virtualization of partial LS involution $\xi_{[1,4]}^{C_5}$

- $\underbrace{\Psi^{-1} \cdot \text{unbumping}}_{E^{-1}}(\xi_{[1,4]}^{A_9} \xi_{[\bar{5}, \bar{2}]}^{A_9} E(b))$ gives $\xi_{[1,4]}^{C_5}(b)$

$$b = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 1 & 1 \\ \hline 3 & \bar{5} \\ \hline \bar{4} & 3 \\ \hline \bar{3} & \\ \hline \end{array} \mapsto \xi_{[1,4]}^{C_5}(b) = E^{-1} \xi_{[1,4]}^{A_9} \xi_{[\bar{5}, \bar{2}]}^{A_9} E(b) = \begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline 3 & 5 \\ \hline 5 & \bar{3} \\ \hline \bar{3} & 2 \\ \hline \bar{1} & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Example: partial LS involution $\xi_{[2,4]}^{C_4}$ - Colourful Letters

$$P = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 2 & \bar{1} \\ \hline 4 & 4 & \bar{3} & \\ \hline \bar{4} & \bar{2} & \bar{1} & \\ \hline \bar{3} & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \quad P_{\pm 2,4} = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline & 2 & 2 & \\ \hline 4 & 4 & \bar{3} & \\ \hline \bar{4} & \bar{2} & & \\ \hline \bar{3} & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline a & 2 & 2 & \\ \hline 4 & 4 & \bar{3} & \\ \hline \bar{4} & \bar{2} & & \\ \hline \bar{3} & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{symplectic Knuth} \\ \xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}} \\ \text{contraction} \end{matrix}$$

symplectic Knuth contraction : $24\bar{2} \equiv 4$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline a & b & 2 & \\ \hline 4 & 4 & \bar{3} & \\ \hline \bar{4} & b' & & \\ \hline \bar{3} & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \xrightarrow{\text{SJDT}} \dots \xrightarrow{\text{SJDT}} \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 2 & 4 & \bar{3} & \\ \hline 4 & a & b & \\ \hline \bar{4} & b' & & \\ \hline \bar{3} & & & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$a < b < b'$

symplectic Knuth contraction: $24\bar{4}\bar{3} \equiv 2\bar{3}$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline c & 4 & \bar{3} & \\ \hline 2 & a & b & \\ \hline \bar{3} & b' & & \\ \hline c' & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \xrightarrow{\text{SJDT}} \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 2 & 4 & \bar{3} & \\ \hline \bar{3} & a & b & \\ \hline c & b' & & \\ \hline c' & & & \\ \hline \end{array} .$$

$c < c' < a < b < b'$

$$\text{rect } P_{[\pm 2,4]} = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 2 & 4 & \bar{3} & \\ \hline \bar{3} & & & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Example: Colourful Letters

$$\text{evac}^C \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 2 & 4 & \bar{3} & \\ \hline \bar{3} & & & \\ \hline & & & \\ \hline & & & \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 3 & 3 & \bar{2} & \\ \hline \bar{4} & & & \\ \hline & & & \\ \hline & & & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$c < c' < a < b < b'$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 3 & 3 & \bar{2} & \\ \hline \bar{4} & a & b & \\ \hline c & b' & & \\ \hline c' & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \xrightarrow{\text{SJDT}^{-1}} \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline c & 3 & \bar{2} & \\ \hline 3 & a & b & \\ \hline \bar{4} & b' & & \\ \hline c' & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \xrightarrow{\text{SJDT}^{-1}} \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 2 & 3 & \bar{2} & \\ \hline 3 & a & b & \\ \hline \bar{4} & b' & & \\ \hline \bar{2} & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \xrightarrow{\text{SJDT}^{-1}} \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline a & 2 & \bar{2} & \\ \hline 3 & 3 & b & \\ \hline \bar{4} & b' & & \\ \hline \bar{2} & & & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{SJDT}^{-1}} \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline a & b & 3 & \\ \hline 3 & 3 & \bar{3} & \\ \hline \bar{4} & b' & & \\ \hline \bar{2} & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \xrightarrow{\text{SJDT}^{-1}} \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline a & 2 & 3 & \\ \hline 3 & 3 & \bar{3} & \\ \hline \bar{4} & \bar{2} & & \\ \hline \bar{2} & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \xi^C(P_{[\pm 2,4]}) = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline & 2 & 3 & \\ \hline 3 & 3 & \bar{3} & \\ \hline \bar{4} & \bar{2} & & \\ \hline \bar{2} & & & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\xi_{[2,4]}^{C_4}(P) = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 3 & \bar{1} \\ \hline 3 & 3 & \bar{3} & \\ \hline \bar{4} & \bar{2} & \bar{1} & \\ \hline \bar{2} & & & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

The Berenstein–Kirillov group

The *Berenstein–Kirillov group* \mathcal{BK} (*Gelfand-Tsetlin group*) [Berenstein, Kirillov, 1995], is the free group generated by the Bender-Knuth involutions t_i , for $i > 0$, modulo the relations they satisfy on straight shaped semistandard Young tableaux.

$$t_1 \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline & & 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 3 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 2 & & & & \\ \hline 3 & & & & & & \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline & & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 2 & & & & \\ \hline 3 & & & & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \neq \xi_1 \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline & & 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 3 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 2 & & & & \\ \hline 3 & & & & & & \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline & & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 2 & & & & \\ \hline 3 & & & & & & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Proposition

[Berenstein–Kirillov, 1995] Let \mathcal{BK}_n be the subgroup of \mathcal{BK} generated by t_1, \dots, t_{n-1} .

- The elements $q_{[1,1]}, \dots, q_{[1,n-1]}$ are generators of \mathcal{BK}_n , $q_{[1,i]} = \xi_{[1,i]}$, $i \geq 1$.
- $t_1 = q_{[1,1]}$, $t_i = q_{[1,i-1]} q_{[1,i]} q_{[1,i-1]} q_{[1,i-2]}$, for $i \geq 2$, $q_{[1,0]} := 1$.
- The following are group epimorphisms from J_n to \mathcal{BK}_n .
 - 1 $s_{[i,j]} \mapsto q_{[i,j]}$ [Chmutov–Glick–Pylyavskii 2016].
 - 2 $s_{[1,j]} \mapsto q_{[1,j]}$ [Halacheva 2016, 2020].

The group \mathcal{BK}_n is isomorphic to a quotient of J_n .

The type C Berenstein–Kirillov group \mathcal{BK}^C

Definition (A–Tarighat–Torres 2022)

The *symplectic Berenstein–Kirillov group* \mathcal{BK}_n^C , $n \geq 1$, is the free group generated by the $2n - 1$ symplectic partial Schützenberger-Lusztig involutions

$$q_{[1,i]}^{C_n} =: \xi_{[1,i]}^{C_n}, \quad 1 \leq i < n, \quad \text{and} \quad q_{[i,n]}^{C_n} =: \xi_{[i,n]}^{C_n}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n,$$

on straight shaped KN tableaux on the alphabet $[\pm n]$ modulo the relations they satisfy on those tableaux.

- [A–Tarighat–Torres 2022] The following is a group epimorphism from $J_{\mathfrak{sp}_{2n}}$ to \mathcal{BK}_n^C :

$$s_{[1,j]} \mapsto q_{[1,j]}^{C_n}, \quad 1 \leq j < n, \quad s_{[j,n]} \mapsto q_{[j,n]}^{C_n}, \quad 1 \leq j \leq n.$$

\mathcal{BK}_n^C is isomorphic to a quotient of $J_{\mathfrak{sp}_{2n}}$.

- [A–Tarighat–Torres 2022] For $n \geq 1$, the *symplectic Bender–Knuth involutions* $t_i^{C_n}$, $1 \leq i \leq 2n - 1$, on straight shaped KN tableaux on the alphabet $[\pm n]$, are defined as

$$t_i^{C_n} := q_{[1,i-1]}^{C_n} q_{[1,i-1]}^{C_n} q_{[1,i-1]}^{C_n} q_{[1,i-2]}^{C_n} = E^{-1} t_i^{A_{2n-1}} \tilde{t}_{2n-i}^{A_{2n-1}} E, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n-1,$$

$$\tilde{t}_{2n-i}^{A_{2n-1}} := q_{[1,2n-1]}^{A_{2n-1}} t_i^{A_{2n-1}} q_{[1,2n-1]}^{A_{2n-1}} \quad 1 \leq i \leq n-1,$$

$$t_{n-1+i}^{C_n} := q_{[n-i+1,n]}^{C_n} q_{[n-i+2,n]}^{C_n} = E^{-1} q_{[n-(i-1),n+(i-1)]}^{A_{2n-1}} q_{[n-(i-2),n+(i-2)]}^{A_{2n-1}} E, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n.$$

The symplectic Bender–Knuth involutions $t_i^{C_n}$, $1 \leq i \leq 2n - 1$ also generate \mathcal{BK}_n^C .

- $q_{[1,n-1]}^{C_n} = t_1^{C_n} (t_2^{C_n} t_1^{C_n}) \cdots (t_{n-1}^{C_n} t_{n-2}^{C_n} \cdots t_1^{C_n}), \quad q_{[1,n]}^{C_n} = t_{2n-1}^{C_n} t_{2n-2}^{C_n} \cdots t_n^{C_n}.$

List of relations for \mathcal{BK}_n^C

$$(t_i^{C_n})^2 = 1, \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \dots, 2n - 1,$$

$$(t_i^{C_n} t_j^{C_n})^2 = 1, \quad |i - j| > 1, 1 \leq i, j < n,$$

$$(t_{n+i-1}^{C_n} t_{n+j-1}^{C_n})^2 = 1, \quad 1 \leq i, j \leq n,$$

$$(t_i^{C_n} t_{n+j-1}^{C_n})^2 = 1, \quad i < n - j,$$

$$(t_1^{C_n} t_2^{C_n})^6 = 1,$$

$$(t_i^{C_n} q_{[j, k-1]}^{C_n})^2 = 1, \quad i + 1 < j < k \leq n,$$

$$(t_i^{C_n} q_{[j, n]}^{C_n})^2 = 1, \quad i + 1 < j \leq n,$$

$$(t_{n+i-1}^{C_n} q_{[j, n]}^{C_n})^2 = 1, \quad 1 \leq i, j \leq n,$$

$$(t_{n+i-1}^{C_n} q_{[j, k-1]}^{C_n})^2 = 1, \quad n - i + 1 < j < k \leq n.$$