

*From the quantum Lie algebra  $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$   
to the ASEP( $q, j$ )*

**Gioia Carinci**

*joint work with: Cristian Giardinà (Modena), Frank Redig (Delft),  
Tomohiro Sasamoto (Tokyo)*

*Rouen, 18 September 2015*

## Outline

- ▶ Constructive approach to duality theory via Lie algebra
- ▶  $\mathfrak{su}_q(2)$  algebra: construction of  $\text{ASEP}(q, j)$
- ▶ Properties of  $\text{ASEP}(q, j)$

1. Constructive approach  
to duality theory  
via Lie algebra

## Stochastic Duality

$(\eta_t)_{t \geq 0}$  Markov process on  $\Omega$  with generator  $L$ ,

$(\xi_t)_{t \geq 0}$  Markov process on  $\Omega_{dual}$  with generator  $L_{dual}$

$\xi_t$  is **dual** to  $\eta_t$  with duality function  $D : \Omega \times \Omega_{dual} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  if  $\forall t \geq 0$

$$\mathbb{E}_\eta(D(\eta_t, \xi)) = \mathbb{E}_\xi(D(\eta, \xi_t)) \quad \forall (\eta, \xi) \in \Omega \times \Omega_{dual}$$

$\eta_t$  is **self-dual** if  $L_{dual} = L$ .

Duality is equivalent to  $LD(\cdot, \xi)(\eta) = L_{dual}D(\eta, \cdot)(\xi)$

- ▶ **Self-duality:** ( $L = L_{\text{dual}}$ ) for a Markov chain with countable state space it is equivalent to

$$\mathbf{LD} = \mathbf{DL}^T$$

- ▶ **Self-duality:** ( $L = L_{\text{dual}}$ ) for a Markov chain with countable state space it is equivalent to

$$\mathbf{LD} = \mathbf{DL}^T$$

- ▶ **Reversibility and trivial self-duality:** if  $\mu$  is a reversible measure, a trivial (i.e. diagonal) self-duality function is

$$\mathbf{d}(\eta, \xi) = \frac{1}{\mu(\eta)} \delta_{\eta, \xi}$$

- ▶ **Self-duality:** ( $L = L_{\text{dual}}$ ) for a Markov chain with countable state space it is equivalent to

$$\mathbf{LD} = \mathbf{DL}^T$$

- ▶ **Reversibility and trivial self-duality:** if  $\mu$  is a reversible measure, a trivial (i.e. diagonal) self-duality function is

$$\mathbf{d}(\eta, \xi) = \frac{1}{\mu(\eta)} \delta_{\eta, \xi}$$

- ▶ **Symmetries and (non-trivial) self-duality:**

$\mathbf{S}$ : symmetry of the Markov generator, i.e.  $[\mathbf{L}, \mathbf{S}] = 0$

$\mathbf{d}$ : trivial self-duality function

→  $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{Sd}$  is a self-duality function

## Lie algebra

A Lie algebra is a vector space  $\mathfrak{g}$  over a field  $F$  with a binary operation  $[\cdot, \cdot] : \mathfrak{g} \times \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g}$  (Lie bracket)

- ▶  $[\cdot, \cdot]$  is bilinear
- ▶  $\forall u, v$  in  $\mathfrak{g}$ :  $[u, v] = -[v, u]$
- ▶ [Jacobi identity]:  $\forall u, v, w$  in  $\mathfrak{g}$

$$[u, [v, w]] + [w, [u, v]] + [v, [w, u]] = 0$$



## Algebraic approach

1. Write the Markov generator in **abstract form**, i.e. as an element of a Lie algebra, using the algebra generators.
2. Duality is related to a **change of representation**.  
Duality functions are the intertwiners.
3. Self-duality is associated to **symmetries**.

Conversely, the approach can be turned into a constructive method.

## Construction of Markov generators with algebraic structure

i) (*Lie Algebra*): Start from a Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ .

## Construction of Markov generators with algebraic structure

- i) (*Lie Algebra*): Start from a Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ .
- ii) (*Casimir*): Pick an element in the center of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , e.g. the Casimir  $C$ .

## Construction of Markov generators with algebraic structure

- i) (*Lie Algebra*): Start from a Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ .
- ii) (*Casimir*): Pick an element in the center of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , e.g. the Casimir  $C$ .
- iii) (*Co-product*): Consider a co-product  $\Delta : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g}$  making the algebra a bialgebra and conserving the commutation relations.

## Construction of Markov generators with algebraic structure

- i) (*Lie Algebra*): Start from a Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ .
- ii) (*Casimir*): Pick an element in the center of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , e.g. the Casimir  $C$ .
- iii) (*Co-product*): Consider a co-product  $\Delta : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g}$  making the algebra a bialgebra and conserving the commutation relations.
- iv) (*Quantum Hamiltonian*): Compute  $H = \Delta(C)$ .

## Construction of Markov generators with algebraic structure

- i) (*Lie Algebra*): Start from a Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ .
- ii) (*Casimir*): Pick an element in the center of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , e.g. the Casimir  $C$ .
- iii) (*Co-product*): Consider a co-product  $\Delta : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g}$  making the algebra a bialgebra and conserving the commutation relations.
- iv) (*Quantum Hamiltonian*): Compute  $H = \Delta(C)$ .
- v) (*Symmetries*):  $S = \Delta(X)$  with  $X \in \mathfrak{g}$  is a symmetry of  $H$ :

$$[H, S] = [\Delta(C), \Delta(X)] = \Delta([C, X]) = \Delta(0) = 0.$$

## Construction of Markov generators with algebraic structure

- i) (*Lie Algebra*): Start from a Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ .
- ii) (*Casimir*): Pick an element in the center of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , e.g. the Casimir  $C$ .
- iii) (*Co-product*): Consider a co-product  $\Delta : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g}$  making the algebra a bialgebra and conserving the commutation relations.
- iv) (*Quantum Hamiltonian*): Compute  $H = \Delta(C)$ .
- v) (*Symmetries*):  $S = \Delta(X)$  with  $X \in \mathfrak{g}$  is a symmetry of  $H$ :

$$[H, S] = [\Delta(C), \Delta(X)] = \Delta([C, X]) = \Delta(0) = 0.$$

$H = \Delta(C)$  is not necessarily a stochastic generator!

## Construction of Markov generators with algebraic structure

- i) (*Lie Algebra*): Start from a Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{g}$ .
- ii) (*Casimir*): Pick an element in the center of  $\mathfrak{g}$ , e.g. the Casimir  $C$ .
- iii) (*Co-product*): Consider a co-product  $\Delta : \mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g}$  making the algebra a bialgebra and conserving the commutation relations.
- iv) (*Quantum Hamiltonian*): Compute  $H = \Delta(C)$ .
- v) (*Symmetries*):  $S = \Delta(X)$  with  $X \in \mathfrak{g}$  is a symmetry of  $H$ :

$$[H, S] = [\Delta(C), \Delta(X)] = \Delta([C, X]) = \Delta(0) = 0.$$

$H = \Delta(C)$  is not necessarily a stochastic generator!

- vi) (*Markov generator*): Apply a “ground state transformation” to turn  $H$  into a Markov generator  $L$ .



2.  $su_q(2)$  algebra:

construction of ASEP( $q, j$ )

## $q$ -numbers

For  $q \in (0, 1)$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$  introduce the  $q$ -number

$$[n]_q = \frac{q^n - q^{-n}}{q - q^{-1}}$$

Remark:  $\lim_{q \rightarrow 1} [n]_q = n$ .

The first  $q$ -number's are:

$$[0]_q = 0, \quad [1]_q = 1, \quad [2]_q = q + q^{-1}, \quad [3]_q = q^2 + 1 + q^{-2}, \quad \dots$$

The quantum Lie algebra  $\mathfrak{su}_q(2) \equiv U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$

For  $q \in (0, 1)$  consider the algebra with generators  $J^+, J^-, J^0$

$$[J^+, J^-] = [2J^0]_q, \quad [J^0, J^\pm] = \pm J^\pm$$

## The quantum Lie algebra $\mathfrak{su}_q(2) \equiv U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$

For  $q \in (0, 1)$  consider the algebra with generators  $J^+, J^-, J^0$

$$[J^+, J^-] = [2J^0]_q, \quad [J^0, J^\pm] = \pm J^\pm$$

The Casimir element:

$$C = J^- J^+ + [J^0]_q [J^0 + 1]_q$$

commutes with all the elements of the algebra,  $[C, J^\pm] = [C, J^0] = 0$

## The quantum Lie algebra $su_q(2) \equiv U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$

For  $q \in (0, 1)$  consider the algebra with generators  $J^+, J^-, J^0$

$$[J^+, J^-] = [2J^0]_q, \quad [J^0, J^\pm] = \pm J^\pm$$

The Casimir element:

$$C = J^- J^+ + [J^0]_q [J^0 + 1]_q$$

commutes with all the elements of the algebra,  $[C, J^\pm] = [C, J^0] = 0$

A standard representation ( $n = 0, 1, \dots, 2j$ )

$$\begin{cases} J^+ |n\rangle &= \sqrt{[2j-n]_q [n+1]_q} |n+1\rangle \\ J^- |n\rangle &= \sqrt{[n]_q [2j-n+1]_q} |n-1\rangle \\ J^0 |n\rangle &= (n-j) |n\rangle \end{cases}$$

In this representation  $C |n\rangle = [j]_q [j+1]_q |n\rangle$

## Co-product

A coproduct on an algebra  $\mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g}$  is an algebra homomorphism:

$$\Delta([A, B]) = [\Delta(A), \Delta(B)] \quad \forall A, B \in \mathfrak{g}$$

## Co-product

A coproduct on an algebra  $\mathfrak{g} \rightarrow \mathfrak{g} \otimes \mathfrak{g}$  is an algebra homomorphism:

$$\Delta([A, B]) = [\Delta(A), \Delta(B)] \quad \forall A, B \in \mathfrak{g}$$

Define the co-product  $\Delta : U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2) \rightarrow U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)^{\otimes 2}$  as follows

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta(J^\pm) &= J^\pm \otimes q^{-J^0} + q^{J^0} \otimes J^\pm \\ \Delta(J^0) &= J^0 \otimes 1 + 1 \otimes J^0\end{aligned}$$

then

$$[\Delta(J^+), \Delta(J^-)] = [2\Delta(J^0)]_q \quad [\Delta(J^0), \Delta(J^\pm)] = \pm\Delta(J^\pm)$$

## Quantum Hamiltonian

$$\Delta(C_i) = -q^{J_i^0} \left\{ J_i^+ \otimes J_{i+1}^- + J_i^- \otimes J_{i+1}^+ + B_{i,i+1} \right\} q^{-J_{i+1}^0}$$

$$\begin{aligned} B_{i,i+1} &= \frac{(q^j + q^{-j})(q^{j+1} + q^{-(j+1)})}{2(q - q^{-1})^2} (q^{J_i^0} - q^{-J_i^0}) \otimes (q^{J_{i+1}^0} - q^{-J_{i+1}^0}) \\ &+ \frac{(q^j - q^{-j})(q^{j+1} - q^{-(j+1)})}{2(q - q^{-1})^2} (q^{J_i^0} + q^{-J_i^0}) \otimes (q^{J_{i+1}^0} + q^{-J_{i+1}^0}) \end{aligned}$$

$$H_{(L)} := \sum_{i=1}^{L-1} \left( 1^{\otimes(i-1)} \otimes \Delta(C_i) \otimes 1^{\otimes(L-i-1)} + c_{q,j} 1^{\otimes L} \right)$$

$$c_{q,j} = \frac{(q^{2j} - q^{-2j})(q^{2j+1} - q^{-(2j+1)})}{(q - q^{-1})^2} \quad \text{s.t.} \quad H \left( \bigotimes_{i=1}^L |0\rangle \right) = 0$$



## Symmetries of $H$

Iterate the co-product  $\Delta^n : U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2) \rightarrow U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)^{\otimes(n+1)}$ , i.e. for  $n \geq 2$

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta^n(J^\pm) &= \Delta^{n-1}(J^\pm) \otimes q^{-J^0} + q^{\Delta^{n-1}(J^0)} \otimes J^\pm \\ \Delta^n(J^0) &= \Delta^{n-1}(J^0) \otimes 1 + 1^{\otimes n} \otimes J^0\end{aligned}$$

## Symmetries of $H$

Iterate the co-product  $\Delta^n : U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2) \rightarrow U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)^{\otimes(n+1)}$ , i.e. for  $n \geq 2$

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta^n(J^\pm) &= \Delta^{n-1}(J^\pm) \otimes q^{-J^0} + q^{\Delta^{n-1}(J^0)} \otimes J^\pm \\ \Delta^n(J^0) &= \Delta^{n-1}(J^0) \otimes 1 + 1^{\otimes n} \otimes J^0\end{aligned}$$

Lemma

$$\mathcal{J}^\pm := \Delta^{L-1}(J^\pm) = \sum_{i=1}^L q^{J_i^0} \otimes \dots \otimes q^{J_{i-1}^0} \otimes J_i^\pm \otimes q^{-J_{i+1}^0} \otimes \dots \otimes q^{-J_L^0}$$

$$\mathcal{J}^0 := \Delta^{L-1}(J^0) = \sum_{i=1}^L \underbrace{1 \otimes \dots \otimes 1}_{(i-1) \text{ times}} \otimes J_i^0 \otimes \underbrace{1 \otimes \dots \otimes 1}_{(L-i) \text{ times}}.$$

are symmetries of  $H_{(L)}$ .

We have constructed a  $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ -symmetric linear operator  $H$  but it is  
not a stochastic generator!

We have constructed a  $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ -symmetric linear operator  $H$  but it is  
not a stochastic generator!

Strategy

We have constructed a  $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ -symmetric linear operator  $H$  but it is not a stochastic generator!

## Strategy

- ▶ construct a non-trivial symmetry of  $H$  from the trivial ones:  $\mathcal{J}^{\pm,0}$

We have constructed a  $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ -symmetric linear operator  $H$  but it is not a stochastic generator!

### Strategy

- ▶ construct a non-trivial symmetry of  $H$  from the trivial ones:  $\mathcal{J}^{\pm,0}$
- ▶ transform  $H$  into a stochastic generator  $L$  via a transformation

$$L = G^{-1} H G$$

We have constructed a  $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ -symmetric linear operator  $H$  but it is not a stochastic generator!

### Strategy

- ▶ construct a non-trivial symmetry of  $H$  from the trivial ones:  $\mathcal{J}^{\pm,0}$
- ▶ transform  $H$  into a stochastic generator  $L$  via a transformation

$$L = G^{-1} H G$$

- ▶ construct a non-trivial symmetry of  $L$  using the fact that if  $S$  is a symmetry of  $H$  then  $G^{-1} S G$  is a symmetry of  $L$

We have constructed a  $U_q(\mathfrak{sl}_2)$ -symmetric linear operator  $H$  but it is  
not a stochastic generator!

### Strategy

- ▶ construct a non-trivial symmetry of  $H$  from the trivial ones:  $\mathcal{J}^{\pm,0}$
- ▶ transform  $H$  into a stochastic generator  $L$  via a transformation

$$L = G^{-1} H G$$

- ▶ construct a non-trivial symmetry of  $L$  using the fact that if  $S$  is a symmetry of  $H$  then  $G^{-1} S G$  is a symmetry of  $L$
- ▶ use the non-trivial symmetries of  $L$  to construct self duality functions for the associated Markov process



## Ground State transformation

Lemma

Let  $H$  be a matrix with  $H(\eta, \eta') \geq 0$  for  $\eta \neq \eta'$ .

Suppose  $g$  is a **positive ground state**. i.e.  $Hg = 0$  and  $g(\eta) > 0$ .

Let  $G$  be the matrix  $G(\eta, \eta') = g(\eta)\delta(\eta, \eta')$ . Then

$$L = G^{-1}HG$$

is a Markov generator.

Proof.

$$L(\eta, \eta') = \frac{H(\eta, \eta')g(\eta')}{g(\eta)}$$

Therefore

$$L(\eta, \eta') \geq 0 \quad \text{if} \quad \eta \neq \eta'$$

$$\sum_{\eta'} L(\eta, \eta') = 0$$

## Exponential symmetries

- ▶  $g^{(0)} = \otimes_{i=1}^L |0\rangle$  is a ground state, i.e.  $Hg^{(0)} = 0$ .
- ▶ For every symmetry  $[H, S] = 0$  another ground state is  $g = Sg^{(0)}$ .
- ▶ The exponential symmetry

$$S^+ = \exp_{q^2}(E) = \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{(E)^n}{[n]_q!} q^{-n(n-1)/2}$$

where

$$E = \Delta^{(L-1)}(q^{J^0} J^+)$$

gives a **positive** ground state

$$g = S^+ g^{(0)} = \sum_{\ell_1, \dots, \ell_L} \otimes_{i=1}^L \left( \sqrt{\binom{2j}{\ell_i}_q} \cdot q^{\ell_i(1+j-2j\ell_i)} \right) |\ell_i\rangle$$

## ASEP(q,j) process

### Definition

The Markov process  $\text{ASEP}(q, j)$  on  $[1, L] \cap \mathbb{Z}$ , denoted by  $(\eta(t))_{t \geq 0}$ , with state space  $\{0, 1, \dots, 2j\}^L$  is defined by

$$(L^{\text{ASEP}(q,j)} f)(\eta) = \sum_{i=1}^{L-1} (L_{i,i+1} f)(\eta)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} (L_{i,i+1} f)(\eta) &= q^{\eta_i - \eta_{i+1} - (2j+1)} [\eta_i]_q [2j - \eta_{i+1}]_q (f(\eta^{i,i+1}) - f(\eta)) \\ &+ q^{\eta_i - \eta_{i+1} + (2j+1)} [2j - \eta_i]_q [\eta_{i+1}]_q (f(\eta^{i+1,i}) - f(\eta)) \end{aligned}$$

Remark: it follows from  $L = G^{-1} H G$ .

## ASEP(q,j) process: special cases

$$\begin{aligned}(L_{i,i+1}f)(\eta) &= q^{\eta_i - \eta_{i+1} - (2j+1)} [\eta_i]_q [2j - \eta_{i+1}]_q (f(\eta^{i,i+1}) - f(\eta)) \\ &+ q^{\eta_i - \eta_{i+1} + (2j+1)} [2j - \eta_i]_q [\eta_{i+1}]_q (f(\eta^{i+1,i}) - f(\eta))\end{aligned}$$

- ▶  $q = 1 \rightarrow SEP(j)$ : symmetric partial exclusion  
jump right at rate  $\eta_i(2j - \eta_{i+1})$ , jump left at rate  $(2j - \eta_i)\eta_{i+1}$
- ▶  $j = 1/2 \rightarrow ASEP(q)$ : asymmetric exclusion  
jump right at rate  $q^{-1}$ , jump left at rate  $q$
- ▶  $j = \infty \rightarrow TAZRP(q)$ : totally asymmetric zero range  
after rescaling time  $t \rightarrow q^{4j-1}t$ , jump right at rate  $\frac{1-q^{2\eta_i}}{1-q^2}$

### 3. Properties of $ASEP(q, j)$

## Properties of ASEP(q,j)

### Theorem

- a) The  $ASEP(q, j)$  is well-defined on  $\mathbb{Z}$  and is a monotone process.
- b) The  $ASEP(q, j)$  on  $\mathbb{Z}$  has a family (labeled by  $\alpha > 0$ ) of reversible product measures with marginals

$$\mathbb{P}_\alpha(\eta_i = x) = \frac{\alpha^x}{Z_{i,\alpha}} \binom{2j}{x}_q \cdot q^{2x(1+j-2ji)}$$

- c) The  $ASEP(q, j)$  has translation invariant stationary product measures only for  $j = 1/2$  and for  $j \rightarrow \infty$ .

Proof of b) for  $\alpha = 1$ : using  $H = H^T$

$$G^2 L = (G^2 G^{-1} H G) = (G H G^{-1}) G^2 = L^T G^2$$

## Self-duality of ASEP( $q, j$ )

Theorem

The ASEP( $q, j$ ) on  $\mathbb{Z}$  is self-dual on

$$D(\eta, \xi) = \prod_{i=1}^L \frac{[\eta_i]_q!}{[\eta_i - \xi_i]_q!} \frac{\Gamma_q(2j + 1 - \xi_i)}{\Gamma_q(2j + 1)} \cdot q^{(\eta_i - \xi_i)[2 \sum_{k=1}^{i-1} \xi_k + \xi_i] + 4ji\xi_i} \cdot \mathbf{1}_{\eta_i \geq \xi_i}$$

Proof: it follows from the general method

- ▶  $d = G^{-2}$  is a trivial duality function
- ▶  $[H, S^+]$  and  $L = G^{-1}HG$ , thus  $[L, G^{-1}S^+G] = 0$ .
- ▶  $D = (G^{-1}S^+G)G^{-2} = G^{-1}S^+G^{-1}$  is a duality fct.

## Current of ASEP( $q, j$ )

Definition

Let

$$N_i(t) := \sum_{k \geq i} \eta_k(t)$$

The current  $J_i(t)$  during the time interval  $[0, t]$  across the bond  $(i-1, i)$  is defined as the net number of particles traversing the bond in the right direction:

$$J_i(t) = N_i(t) - N_i(0)$$

Remark: let  $\xi^{(i)}$  be the configuration with 1 dual particle:

$$\xi_m^{(i)} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } m = i \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

then

$$D(\eta, \xi^{(i)}) = \frac{q^{Aj-1}}{q^{2j} - q^{-2j}} \cdot (q^{2N_i} - q^{2N_{i+1}})$$



## First $q^2$ -moment of the current

### Theorem

$$\mathbb{E}_\eta \left[ q^{2J_i(t)} \right] = q^{\sum_{k < i} \eta_k} - \sum_{k < i} q^{-4jk} \mathbb{E} \left[ q^{4jX(t)} \left( 1 - q^{-2\eta_{X(t)}} \right) q^{2(N_{X(t)}(0) - N_i(0))} \mid X(0) = k \right]$$

with  $X(t)$  a random walker on  $\mathbb{Z}$  jumping left at rate  $q^{2j}[2j]_q$  and jumping right at rate  $q^{-2j}[2j]_q$

$$\mathbb{P}(X(t) = z \mid X(0) = k) = e^{-[4j]_q t} q^{-2j(z-k)} I_{z-i}(2[2j]_q t)$$

$I_n(t)$  modified Bessel fct.

## First $q^2$ -moment of the current

Proof: Duality gives

$$\mathbb{E}_\eta(D(\eta(t), \xi^{(i)})) = \mathbb{E}_{\xi^{(i)}}(D(\eta, \xi^{(X(t))}))$$

$$\mathbb{E}_\eta \left[ q^{4ji} \cdot (q^{2N_i(t)} - q^{2N_{i+1}(t)}) \right] = \mathbb{E}_{\xi^{(i)}} \left[ q^{4jX(t)} \cdot (q^{2N_{X(t)}} - q^{2N_{X(t)+1}}) \right]$$

Therefore

$$\mathbb{E}_\eta[q^{2N_i(t)}] = \mathbb{E}_\eta[q^{2N_{i+1}(t)}] + q^{-4ji} \mathbb{E}_{\xi^{(i)}} \left[ q^{4jX(t)} \cdot (q^{2N_{X(t)}} - q^{2N_{X(t)+1}}) \right]$$

Multiply by  $q^{-2N_i(0)}$  to get a recursion relation for the current and iterate.

## Step initial condition

### Proposition

For the step initial conditions  $\eta^\pm \in \{0, \dots, 2j\}^{\mathbb{Z}}$  defined as

$$\eta_i^+ := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } i < 0 \\ 2j & \text{for } i \geq 0 \end{cases} \quad \eta_i^- := \begin{cases} 2j & \text{for } i < 0 \\ 0 & \text{for } i \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

one has

$$\mathbb{E}_{\eta^+} \left[ q^{2J_i(t)} \right] = q^{4j \max\{0, i\}} \left\{ 1 + q^{-4ji} \mathbf{E}_i \left[ \left( 1 - q^{4jX(t)} \right) \mathbf{1}_{X(t) \geq 1} \right] \right\}$$

$$\mathbb{E}_{\eta^-} \left[ q^{2J_i(t)} \right] = q^{-4j \max\{0, i\}} \left\{ 1 - \mathbf{E}_i \left[ \left( 1 - q^{4jX(t)} \right) \mathbf{1}_{X(t) \geq 1} \right] \right\}$$

## Step initial condition

Remark 1: asymptotics

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}_{\eta^+} \left[ q^{2J_i(t)} \right] = q^{4j \max\{0, i\}} \left( 1 + q^{-4ji} \right) \quad \text{shock}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}_{\eta^-} \left[ q^{2J_i(t)} \right] = 0 \quad \text{rarefaction fan}$$

Remark 2: contour integral

$$\mathbb{E}_{\eta^+} \left[ q^{2J_k(t)} \right] = \frac{q^{4j \max\{0, k\}}}{2\pi i} \int e^{-\frac{q^{2j} [2j]_q^3 (q^{-1} - q)^2 z}{(1 + q^{4j} z)(1 + z)}} t \left( \frac{1 + z}{1 + q^{4j} z} \right)^k \frac{dz}{z}$$

where the integration contour includes 0 and  $-q^{-4j}$  but does not include  $-1$ .