

# Fock spaces associated with Coxeter groups of type B

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## Abstract

In the talk we give the construction of Fock space related to the infinite hyperoctahedral group, which is related to the two-parameters function  $F(q_+, q_-)$ . We show that  $F(q_+, q_-)$  is positive definite if and only if it is an extreme character of the infinite hyperoctahedral group and we classify the corresponding set of parameters  $q_+$  and  $q_-$ . We apply our construction to a cyclic Fock space of type B, generalizing the results of Bozejko and Guta.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>More details can be found in Bozejko, Marek; Dołęga, Maciej; Ejsmont, Wiktor; Gal, Światosław R. Reflection length with two parameters in the asymptotic representation theory of type B/C and applications. *J. Funct. Anal.* 284 (2023), no. 5, Paper No. 109797, 47 pp

Let  $G$  be a group. A function  $\phi: G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is *positive definite* if for any number  $k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\sum_{i,j=1}^k z_i \bar{z}_j \phi(g_j^{-1} g_i) \geq 0$$

for all  $z_1, \dots, z_k \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $g_1, \dots, g_k \in G$ .

- 1 1979 – Haagerup proved that the function

$$g \rightarrow q^{\ell_S(g)}$$

is positive definite for  $-1 \leq q \leq 1$  on the free group  $F_N$ , for  $N \geq 2$ , where

$\ell_S :=$  is the minimal number of generators

Case  $N = 1$  was done by Poisson.

- 2 1988 – Bożejko, Januszkiewicz and Spatzier, were studying similar problem and they proved that the function  $g \rightarrow q^{\ell_S(g)}$  is positive definite for all Coxeter groups.
- 3 1996, 2003 – This result was generalized to multi-parameters and also other variants of the Coxeter function (colour-length) by Bożejko, Szwarc and Speicher

All the considered functions share two properties

- 1 they are positive definite on the continuous set  $-1 \leq q \leq 1$ ,
- 2 they are not (generically) invariant by conjugation i.e.

it is not true that  $\phi(g) = \phi(hgh^{-1})$  for any  $g, h \in G$ .

The most natural way to modify the Coxeter function in order to obtain its analog which is central on  $G$  is to replace the Coxeter length  $\ell_S$  by the *reflection length*  $\ell_{\mathcal{R}}$ ,

$\ell_{\mathcal{R}}$  = the minimal number of reflections

# Central functions

- 1 1964 Thoma obtain complete characterization of central normalized positive defined function in the case of the infinite symmetric group  $\mathfrak{S}_\infty$
- 2 1974, 1976 Voiculescu in the case of infinite dimensional Lie groups  $U(\infty)$ ,  $SO(\infty)$
- 3 1981 Vershik and Kerov

## Motivation

In the case of  $G = \mathfrak{S}_\infty$  this length  $l_{\mathcal{R}}(\sigma)$  is given by the minimal number of transpositions

$$\begin{aligned}l_{\mathcal{R}}(\sigma) &:= \min\{\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n \in \mathcal{T} : \sigma = \tau_1 \cdots \tau_n\} \\ &= n - \text{number of cycles of } \sigma.\end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathcal{T}$  is the set of all transpositions.

From [Thoma](#) result follows that

$$f_q(\sigma) := q^{l_{\mathcal{R}}(\sigma)}$$

is positive definite if and only if

$$q = \frac{\epsilon}{N}, \quad N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } \epsilon \in \{-1, 0, 1\}.$$

[Bożejko and Guta](#) in 2001 used this positive definite function to construct a Gaussian operator.



## Coxeter group of type B

The Coxeter group of type B  $B(n)$  (= hyperoctahedral group) is the group of permutations on

$$\{\bar{n}, \dots, \bar{1}, 1, \dots, n\}$$

satisfying  $\sigma(\bar{i}) = \bar{\sigma(i)}$ , where we use the convention that  $\bar{i} = -i$  for example

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{1} &= -1 \\ \overline{-1} &= 1.\end{aligned}$$

Equivalently  $B(n)$  is the group of symmetries of the  $n$ -dimensional hypercube

$$B(n) = \{\sigma \in S(\pm 1, \dots, \pm n) \mid \sigma(-i) = -\sigma(i)\}.$$

## Example $B(6)$

$$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{6} & \bar{5} & \bar{4} & \bar{3} & \bar{2} & \bar{1} & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ \bar{6} & \bar{3} & \bar{1} & 5 & 4 & 2 & \bar{2} & \bar{4} & \bar{5} & 1 & 3 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

We have two types of cycles:

- 1 cycles which do not contain  $i$  and  $\bar{i}$  for any  $i$ ,
- 2 cycles in which  $i$  is an element if and only if  $\bar{i}$  is an element.

Cycles of the first type come in natural pairs, and instead of

$$(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k)(\bar{i}_1, \bar{i}_2, \dots, \bar{i}_k),$$

we write  $(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k)$  and call it a positive cycle.

Cycles of the second type are of the form

$$(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k, \bar{i}_1, \bar{i}_2, \dots, \bar{i}_k).$$

We shorten that to  $(i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k)^-$  and call it a negative cycle.

For example, the permutation

$$\bar{4} \mapsto \bar{2}, \bar{3} \mapsto 1, \bar{2} \mapsto 4, \bar{1} \mapsto 3, 1 \mapsto \bar{3}, 2 \mapsto \bar{4}, 3 \mapsto \bar{1}, 4 \mapsto 2$$

is written as  $(1, \bar{3})(\bar{1}, 3)(2, \bar{4}, \bar{2}, 4) = (1, \bar{3})(2, \bar{4})^-$ .

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$$\sigma = (1, \bar{2}, 4)(\bar{1}, 2, \bar{4})(3, \bar{5}, \bar{3}, 5)(6)(\bar{6}) = (1, \bar{2}, 4)(3, \bar{5})^-(6)$$

The conjugacy classes of  $B(n)$  are identified with pairs of partitions

$$(\rho^+, \rho^-) = (\rho_1^+ \dots \rho_k^+, \rho_1^- \dots \rho_m^-)$$

of total size at most  $n$ , where the first partition  $\rho^+$  has no parts equal to 1, i.e.

$$|\rho^+| + |\rho^-| = \sum_i \rho_i^+ + \sum_j \rho_j^- \leq n; \quad \rho_i^+ > 1$$

For example, the conjugacy class of

- $(1, 5, \bar{2})(4, 7)(6; \bar{8})^-(3)^-$  is  $(32; 21) \subset B(6)$ ;
- $(1, 5, \bar{2})(9, 10, 11)(4, 7)(6; \bar{8})^-(3)^-$  is  $(332; 21) \subset B(11)$ ;
- $(1, 5, \bar{2})(\bar{9}, 11)(4, 7)(10)(6; \bar{8})^-(3)^-$  is  $(322; 21) \subset B(11)$ .



# Reflections=Transpositions

Positive reflections  $(i, j)(\bar{i}, \bar{j})$  for  $i \neq \bar{j}$  we denote it by  $\mathcal{R}_+$

Negative reflections  $(i, \bar{i})$  we denote it by  $\mathcal{R}_-$

Suppose that  $\sigma \in B(n)$  is expressed as a product of reflections, where the number of reflections is minimal in **non-mixed factorization**

$$\sigma = r_1 \cdots r_k, \quad r_i \in \mathcal{R},$$

Def. **non-mixed factorization** means that

$$r_i \cap r_j = \emptyset \text{ for all reflections } r_i \text{ and } r_j \text{ appearing in } \sigma.$$

Let

$l_{\mathcal{R}_+}(\sigma) =$  The number of positive reflections  $r_i$  appearing in the minimal, **non-mixed** factorization,

$l_{\mathcal{R}_-}(\sigma) =$  The number of negative reflections  $r_i$  appearing in the minimal, **non-mixed** factorization.

We define the *signed reflection function* by

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_{q_+, q_-} &: B(n) \rightarrow \mathbb{C} \\ \phi_{q_+, q_-}(\sigma) &:= q_+^{\ell_{\mathcal{R}_+}(\sigma)} q_-^{\ell_{\mathcal{R}_-}(\sigma)},\end{aligned}$$

where  $q_+, q_- \in \mathbb{C}$  be parameters.

## Remark

We can not put

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appearing in the factorization of  $\sigma$ ,

$l_{\mathcal{R}_-}(\sigma)$  = The minimal number of negative reflections  $r_i$   
appearing in the factorization of  $\sigma$ .

which is direct analog of  $l_{\mathcal{R}}(g)$ .

To see this, we consider

$$\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{2} & \bar{1} & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & \bar{1} & \bar{2} \end{pmatrix} \in B(2)$$

which is the product of two negative reflections

$$\sigma = (1, \bar{1})(2, \bar{2})$$

but also as the product of two positive reflections

$$\sigma = (1, 2)(\bar{1}, \bar{2})(1, \bar{2})(\bar{1}, 2).$$

Note that we have an ascending tower of groups:

$$B(1) < B(2) < \dots,$$

which allows to define the infinite group  $B(\infty)$  as the inductive limit of this tower.

## Definition

A character  $\phi : B(\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is a central, positive-definite function which takes value 1 on the identity.

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A character  $\phi : B(\infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  is called *extreme* if it is extreme point of all normalized positive-definite central function on the group.

## Theorem

Let  $q_+, q_- \in \mathbb{C}$ . The following conditions are equivalent:

- 1 The function  $\phi_{q_+, q_-}$  is positive definite on  $B(\infty)$ ;
- 2 The function  $\phi_{q_+, q_-}$  is a character of  $B(\infty)$ ;
- 3 The function  $\phi_{q_+, q_-}$  is an extreme character of  $B(\infty)$ ;
- 4 for  $M, N \in \mathbb{N}, M + N \neq 0, \epsilon \in \{1, -1\}$

$$q_+ = \frac{\epsilon}{M + N}, q_- = \frac{M - N}{M + N} \quad \text{discrete,}$$

or  $q_+ = 0, -1 \leq q_- \leq 1$  continuous.



Proof:

- uses a representation theory of  $B(n)$ ;
- Frobenius formula;

We can apply the Frobenius formula to show that the reflection function  $g \rightarrow q^{\ell_{\mathcal{R}}(g)}$  on the infinite symmetric group  $\mathfrak{S}_{\infty}$  is positive definite if and only if  $q = \frac{\epsilon}{N}$ ,  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\epsilon \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$ .

We assume that the parameters  $q_+$  and  $q_-$  are as in the main Theorem.

Let  $H_{\mathbb{R}}$  be a separable real Hilbert space and let  $H$  be its complexification with the inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ .

We consider the Hilbert space  $\mathcal{K} := H \otimes H$ , with the inner product

$$\langle x \otimes y, \xi \otimes \eta \rangle_{\mathcal{K}} = \langle x, \xi \rangle \langle y, \eta \rangle.$$

We define a natural action of  $B(n)$  on  $\mathcal{K}_n := H^{\otimes 2n}$  by setting:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma : \mathcal{K}_n &\rightarrow \mathcal{K}_n \\ x_{\bar{n}} \otimes \cdots \otimes x_{\bar{1}} \otimes x_1 \otimes \cdots \otimes x_n &\mapsto x_{\sigma(\bar{n})} \otimes \cdots \otimes x_{\sigma(\bar{1})} \otimes x_{\sigma(1)} \otimes \cdots \otimes x_{\sigma(n)} \end{aligned}$$

$$1 \quad F := \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathcal{K}_n = \bigoplus_{n=0}^{\infty} H^{\otimes 2n};$$

$$2 \quad P_{q_+, q_-}^{(n)} := \sum_{\sigma \in B(n)} \phi_{q_+, q_-}(\sigma) \sigma, \quad n \geq 1;$$

3 For  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{K}_n$  and  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{K}_m$  we deform inner product by

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle_{q_+, q_-} := \delta_{n,m} \langle \mathbf{x}, P_{q_+, q_-}^{(m)} \mathbf{y} \rangle_{0,0}$$

4  $\mathcal{F}_{q_+, q_-}(\mathcal{K})$  is denote the algebraic full Fock space with the inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{q_+, q_-}$

5 For  $x \otimes y \in \mathcal{K}$  we define

$$b_{q_+, q_-}^*(x \otimes y) : \mathcal{K}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{K}_{n+1}$$

$$\eta \mapsto x \otimes \eta \otimes y.$$

and  $b_{q_+, q_-}(x \otimes y)$  be its adjoint operator with respect to the inner product  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{q_+, q_-}$ .

## The cyclic commutation relation of type B

For  $x \otimes y, \xi \otimes \eta \in \mathcal{K}$  we have

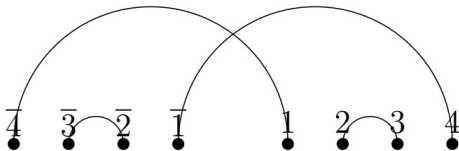
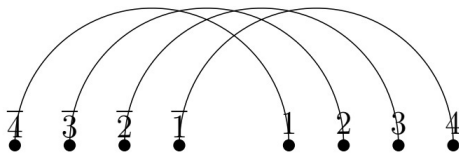
$$b_{q_+, q_-}(x \otimes y) b_{q_+, q_-}^*(\xi \otimes \eta) = \langle x, \xi \rangle \langle y, \eta \rangle \text{id} + q_- \langle x, \eta \rangle \langle y, \xi \rangle \text{id} \\ + \Gamma_{q_+}(|\xi\rangle \langle x| \otimes |\eta\rangle \langle y|).$$

where  $\Gamma_{q_+}$  is the deformation of differential second quantisation operator.

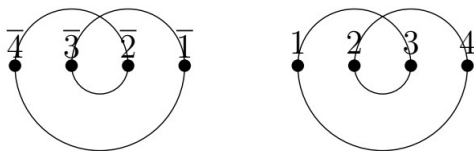
We denote by  $\mathcal{P}_2^{sym}(n)$  the subset of pair partitions of

$$\bar{n}, \dots, \bar{1}, 1, \dots, n,$$

whose every block is pair such that they are symmetric  $\bar{\pi} = \pi$ ,  
but every pair  $B \in \pi$  is different then its symmetrization  $\bar{B}$ ,  
i.e..  $B \neq \bar{B}$ .



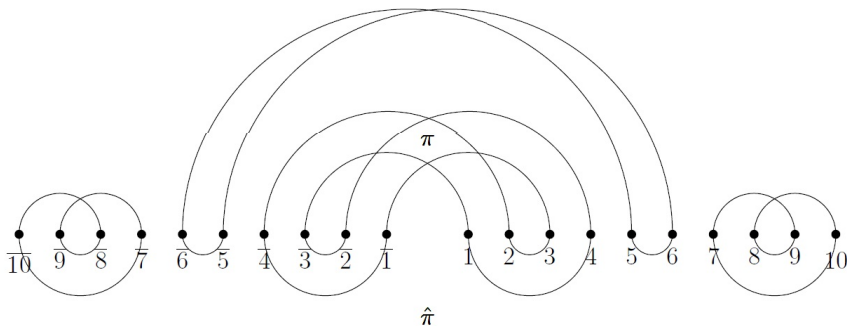
Let  $\pi \in \mathcal{P}_2^{\text{sym}}(n)$ . There exists a unique non-crossing partition  $\hat{\pi} \in \mathcal{P}_2^{\text{sym}}(n)$ , such that the positive/negative pairs of  $\pi$  and  $\hat{\pi}$  are coincide;



1. the set of right legs of the positive pairs of  $\pi$  and  $\hat{\pi}$  coincide;
2. the set of left legs of the negative pairs of  $\pi$  and  $\hat{\pi}$  coincide;



We distinguish two different kinds of cycles: positive and negative, which resembles the description of the cycles in the  $B(n)$



$$\text{Cyc}(\pi) = \{(\bar{1}, 3, 2, \bar{4})^+, (7, 9, 8, 10)^+, (\bar{5}, 6)^-\}$$

The operator

$$G(x \otimes y) = b_{q_+, q_-}(x \otimes y) + b_{q_+, q_-}^*(x \otimes y), \quad x, y \in H_{\mathbb{R}},$$

is called the *cyclic Gaussian operator of type B*.

# Wick formula

Suppose that  $x_1, \dots, x_{2n} \in H_{\mathbb{R}}$ ,  $x_{\bar{1}}, \dots, x_{\bar{2n}} \in H_{\mathbb{R}}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(G(x_{\bar{2n}} \otimes x_{2n}) \dots G(x_{\bar{1}} \otimes x_1)) &= \sum_{\pi \in \mathcal{P}_2^{\text{sym}}(2n)} q_-^{\text{neg}c(\pi)} q_+^{n-c(\pi)} \\ &\times \prod_{\{i,j\} \in \text{Pair}(\pi)} \langle x_i, x_j \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

where

- 1  $c(\pi)$  is the number of cycles of  $\pi$ ;
- 2  $\text{neg}c(\pi)$  is the number of negative cycle of  $\pi$ ;

The Askey-Wimp-Kerov distribution  $\nu_c$  is the measure on  $\mathbb{R}$ , with Lebesgue density

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\Gamma(c+1)} |D_{-c}(ix)|^{-2} \quad x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad c \in (-1, \infty)$$

where  $D_{-c}(z)$  is the solution to the differential Weber equation:

$$\frac{d^2y}{dz^2} + \left( \frac{1}{2} - c - \frac{z^2}{4} \right) y = 0,$$

satisfying the initial conditions:

$$D_{-c}(0) = \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) 2^{-c/2}}{\Gamma\left(\frac{1+c}{2}\right)} \quad \text{and} \quad D'_{-c}(0) = \frac{\Gamma\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) 2^{-(c+1)/2}}{\Gamma\left(\frac{c}{2}\right)}.$$

The orthogonal polynomials  $(H_n(t))_{n=0}^{\infty}$ , with respect to  $\nu_c$  are given by the recurrence relation:

$$tH_n(t) = H_{n+1}(t) + (n + c)H_{n-1}(t), \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

with  $H_{-1}(t) = 0$ ,  $H_0(t) = 1$ .

Let  $\mu_{q_+, q_-}$  be the probability distribution of  $G(x \otimes x)$ , with respect to the vacuum state. Then  $\mu_{q_+, q_-}$  is equal to:

- Askey-Wimp-Kerov distribution for  $q_+ > 0$ ;
- the semi-circle distribution for  $q_+ = 0$ ;
- discrete measure of finite support for  $q_+ < 0$ ;

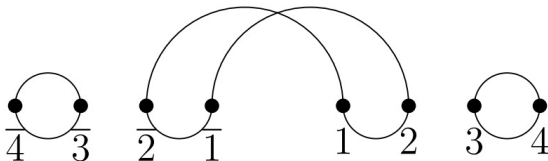
From above, we conclude

$$\#\{\text{Cyc}(\pi) \mid \pi \in \mathcal{P}_2^{\text{sym}}(2n)\} = \frac{(2n)!}{n!} = 2n \text{ moment of } N(0, 2).$$

Another interesting specialization is given by  $q_+ = 0$ , which gives us

$$\sum_{\substack{\pi \in \mathcal{P}_2^{sym}(2n): \\ \pi \text{ contains cycles of size 2}}} q_-^{negc(\pi)} = C_n(1 + q_-)^n$$

where  $C_n = \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n}$ .





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