

Pattern-avoiding  $c$ -Birkhoff polytopes

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Main Result We define a "pattern-avoiding" polytope  $\text{Birk}(c)$  and prove that it is integrally equivalent to the (Stanley's) order polytope  $\mathcal{O}(H)$ , where  $H$  is the heap poset of the  $c$ -sorting word of the longest permutation  $w_0$ .

Corollary

Volume of  $\text{Birk}(c) = \#$  of linear extensions of  $H$   
 $= \#$  of longest chains in the  $c$ -Cambrian lattice

- its Hasse diagram is an oriented exchange graph of the cluster algebra with initial quiver

$Q = \text{Quiver}(c)$

- a Tamari lattice if  $c = s_1 s_2 \dots s_n$   
(a partial order on ways to use parentheses)

# I. Setup

$W = A_n$  the symmetric group  $S_{n+1}$

generated by  $\underbrace{s_1, \dots, s_n}_{\text{simple transpositions}}$

$s_k = (k \ k+1)$   
cycle notation

$c$  a Coxeter elt of  $W$ ,  
i.e. product of all  $n$  simple  
transpositions, in any order

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Choosing a Coxeter elt is  
equivalent to choosing an  
orientation of the type  $A_n$   
Dynkin diagram, the path graph  
by  $n$  vertices

$Q$  an orientation of  $1 \text{---} 2 \text{---} \dots \text{---} n$

Rule:  $k \leftarrow^{k+1}$  if  $s_k$  is left of  $s_{k+1}$   
in  $c$  ("in order")

$k \rightarrow_{k+1}$  otherwise

$\text{Heap}(c)$  is  $\text{Quiver}(c)$ , thought of as  
a Hasse diagram labeled by  
the  $s_k$ .

$c = (1 \boxed{\text{lower-barred numbers } \underline{\quad}} (n+1) \boxed{\text{upper-barred numbers } \overline{\quad}})$   
lower-barred numbers  $\underline{\quad}$   
in increasing order  
upper-barred numbers  $\overline{\quad}$   
in decreasing order

Ex:

$A_4$  gen'd by

$s_1 = (1 \ 2)$ ,

$s_2$

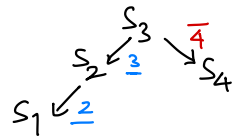
$s_3$

$s_4 = (4 \ 5)$

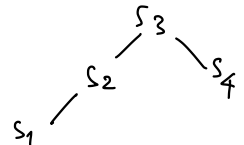
reduced word  
 $c = \overline{s_1 s_4 s_2 s_3}$   
 $= (1 \underline{2} \underline{3} 5 \overline{4})$

↕

$Q = \text{Quiver}(c) =$



Remove orientation



$\text{Heap}(c)$

$s_1 s_4 s_2 s_3$   
 $s_1 s_2 s_4 s_3$   
 $s_4 s_1 s_2 s_3$

Note:

All reduced words  
of  $c$  are linear  
extensions of  $c$

In general, if  $H$  is the heap of a reduced word  $a_1 \dots a_\ell$

then  $a_1 \dots a_\ell$  is a linear extension of  $H$ , and

A total order  $\pi$  that is consistent

w/ the structure of  $H$ , i.e.

$x \prec_H y$  implies  $\pi(x) < \pi(y)$

$\{\text{linear extensions of } H\} = \{\text{commutation class of } a_1 \dots a_\ell\}$   
(all words that can be obtained  
from  $a_1 \dots a_\ell$  by a sequence of  
commutation moves  $s_i s_j \leftrightarrow s_j s_i$   
for  $|i-j| \geq 2$ ).

Def (N. Reading '07)

A c-sorting word of  $w$  is the lexicographically first

(as a sequence of positions in  $c^\infty := c | c | c | \dots$ )

subword of  $c^\infty$  that is a reduced word for  $w$ .

Notation:  $\text{sort}_c(w)$

$w_0$  longest permutation,  $(n+1) \dots 321$   
in 1-line notation  
 $l(w_0) = \binom{n+1}{2}$   
Coxeter length

$$w_0 = 54321$$

$$l(w_0) = \binom{5}{2} = 10$$

(I'm more interested in the heap of  $\text{sort}_c(w_0)$  than  
in the word  $\text{sort}_c(w_0)$  itself)

Prop The heap  $H$  of  $\text{sort}_c(w_0)$  is as follows:

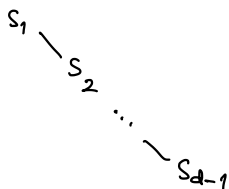
(1) Draw a slope -1 "diagonal"  $D_{\text{long}}$

$$\underline{d} = 3$$

(2) Below  $D_{\text{long}}$ , for each  $\underline{d}$ ,

$$\underline{d} = 2$$

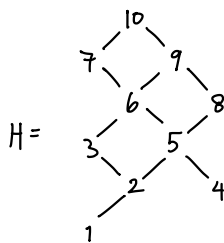
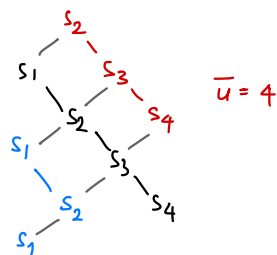
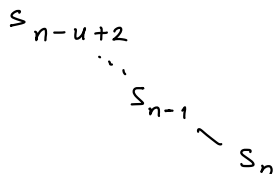
put a flushed-left diagonal



(3) Above  $D_{\text{long}}$ , for each  $\underline{u}$ ,

put a flushed-right diagonal

w/  $u-1$  vertices

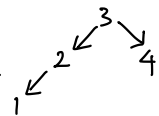


\* The elts of  $H$  are  $\{1, 2, \dots, l\}$ , read following the diagonals  
bottom to top

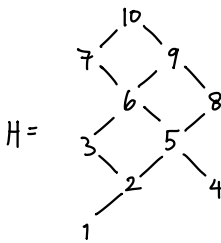
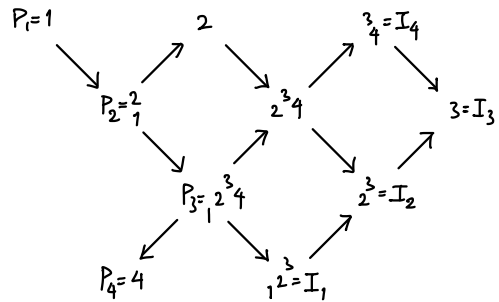
Note:

Rotating  $H$  by  $90^\circ$  clockwise gives us the "combinatorial AR quiver" for  $\text{sort}_c(\omega)$ . This terminology is because it is isomorphic to the Auslander-Reiten quiver of  $\text{Quiver}(c)$ .

Ex:  $Q = \text{Quiver}(c) =$



$\Gamma = \text{AR quiver of rep } Q =$



## II. The order polytope

The order polytope  $\mathcal{O}(H)$  of a finite poset  $H$  is

$$\mathcal{O}(H) = \left\{ \vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{|H|} : 0 \leq \vec{x}(i) \leq 1 \text{ for all } i=1, \dots, |H| \text{ and } \vec{x}(i) \leq \vec{x}(j) \text{ whenever } i \leq j \right\}$$

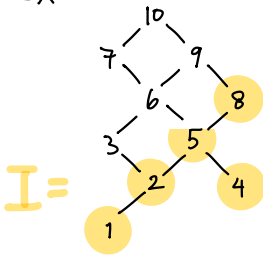
poset  
relation

### Facts

- $\dim \mathcal{O}(H) = |H|$
- $\{\text{Vertices of } \mathcal{O}(H)\} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Indicator vectors of } I: \\ I \text{ is an order ideal of } H \\ \text{(down-set)} \end{array} \right\}$

(i.e.  $\mathcal{O}(H)$  is the convex hull of the indicator vectors of order ideals of  $H$ )

Ex:



$I =$

Indicator vector of  $I =$

$$\begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \\ 5 \\ 8 \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\dim(\text{polytope})!$   $\text{Vol}(\text{polytope})$

- Normalized volume =  $|\{\text{linear extensions of } H\}|$

Ex:  $\dim \mathcal{O}(H) = 10$ ,

Volume = 41

### III. c-Singletons

TFAE:

1.  $w$  is c-singleton

Def / Thm of  
 (Hohlweg - Lange - Thomas '07)  
 pronounced like "Holweg" "Lang-e"  
 +  
 heap theory

2.  $w$  corresponds to an order ideal  $I$  of  $H$ ,

i.e.  $w$  has a reduced word which is a linear extension of  $I$ .

Ex:  $I = \{1, 2, 4, 5, 8\}$

$$w(I) = s_1 s_2 s_4 s_3 s_4$$

3.  $w$  avoids four certain patterns  
 (for all  $n$ )

$312, \bar{2}31$  (Reading '04)  
 $132, \bar{2}13$

Rem:

If  $c = s_1 s_2 \dots s_n$  then  $w$  is c-singleton iff  $w$  avoids  $312, 132$

$Q =$

"the four patterns collapse to  
 just two patterns"

(the "Tamari case")

# IV. A "pattern-avoiding" Birkhoff subpolytope

Def (Our pattern-avoiding polytope):

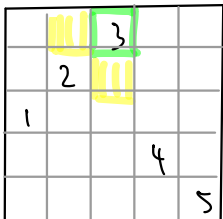
- $\text{Birk}(c) := \text{Conv} \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{permutation matrices } M(w) \\ \text{of } c\text{-singletons } w \end{array} \right)$

$$\text{Conv}(X) = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i x_i \mid \sum_{i=1}^m \lambda_i = 1, \lambda_i \geq 0, x_i \in X \right\}$$

- The permutation matrix  $M(w)$  of  $w$  is

the  $(n+1) \times (n+1)$  matrix s.t. row  $i$ , col  $j$  has entry  $\begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } w(i)=j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Ex:  $I = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $w(I) = s_1 s_2 s_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 & 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$  2-line notation

$M(32145) =$    $\rightarrow$  vector in  $\mathbb{R}^{25}$



Rem Birk(c) lives in  $\mathbb{R}^{(n+1)^2} = \mathbb{R}^{25}$

Prop Birk(c) has  $\dim = \binom{n+1}{2} = \frac{(n+1)n}{2} = \frac{(5)4}{2} = 10$

Fifteen Relations that give us  $\dim 10$ :

(Birkhoff relation)

- Each row and col sum up to 1:

				✗
				✗
				✗
				✗
✗	✗	✗	✗	✗

minus  
9

(Zero relation)

- The pattern avoidance conditions immediately require these four entries to be 0:

			0	
		0		
	0	0		

minus  
4

(Summing relation)

- (i) These entries must sum up to 1:

▲		▲	▲	
▲		▲	▲	

minus  
1

- (ii) These entries must sum up to 1:

■				■
■				■
■				■

minus  
1

— +  
minus 15

$$\text{V. } \text{Birk}(c) \cong \mathcal{O}(H)$$

integrally equivalent

$$\text{Projection } \pi_c : \begin{matrix} (n+1) \times (n+1) \\ 5 \times 5 \text{ matrices in } \text{Birk}(c) \end{matrix} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\binom{n+1}{2}}$$

$$c = (\bar{4} \ 1 \ \underline{2} \ \underline{3} \ 5)$$

$$Q = \text{Quiver}(c) = \begin{matrix} & & \overset{3}{\swarrow} & \overset{\bar{4}}{\searrow} \\ & \overset{2}{\swarrow} & \underline{3} & \searrow \\ \overset{1}{\swarrow} & \underline{2} & & 4 \end{matrix}$$

	$\underline{2}$	$\underline{3}$		
.	10	8	0	4
	.	9	1	5
		.	2	6
		0	.	7
3	0	0		.

also  $\bar{4}$

$$\text{Do: } \text{col } \underline{2} : (\underline{1}, \underline{2})^{(10)}$$

$$\text{col } \underline{3} : (\underline{2}, \underline{3})^{(9)}, (\underline{1}, \underline{3})^{(8)}$$

$$\text{col } n+1 : (\underline{4}, \underline{5})^{(7)}, (\underline{3}, \underline{5})^{(6)}, (\underline{2}, \underline{5})^{(5)}, (\underline{1}, \underline{5})^{(4)}$$

$$\text{Then do: } u = \bar{4}, \quad m = \min(u-1, n+1-u) = \min(3, 5-4) = 1$$

$$\bullet \text{First: } (\underline{n+1}, c^1(u)), (\underline{m}, c^2(u)), \dots, (\underline{n+2-m}, c^m(u))$$

$$(\underline{5}, c^1(\bar{4})) = (\underline{5}, \underline{1})^{(3)}$$

$$\bullet \text{Then, if } u-1 > m, \text{ do: } \underline{u-1-m} = 2 \text{ entries:}$$

$$(\underline{u-1}, u), (\underline{u-2}, u), \dots, (\underline{m+1}, u)$$

$$(\underline{3}, \underline{4})^{(2)}, (\underline{2}, \underline{4})^{(1)}$$

Thm  $\pi_c$  sends integral points to integral points  
 "Birk(c) has no internal integral points"

Thm Fix Coxeter elt  $c$ .

There exists a unique  $\binom{n+1}{2} \times \binom{n+1}{2}$  lower-triangular matrix  $U_c$  with 1's on the main diagonal (in particular,  $U_c$  has det 1)

$$\text{s.t. } U_c \circ \pi_c(M(w))$$

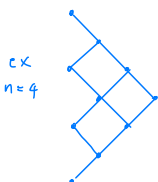
= indicator vector of the order ideal  $I$  of  $H$   
 corresponding to  $w$

for all  $c$ -singletons  $w$ .  $\square$

# VI. Inspiration

OEIS A003121 ( $n=0\ 1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 5\ 6$   $(1, 1, 1, 2, 12, 286, 33592, \dots)$ ) Counts:

- a. longest chains (length  $\binom{n+1}{2}$ ) in Tamari lattice  
(Fishel-Nelson '12)
- b. (normalized) volume of  $B = \text{Conv}(\text{perm. matrices avoiding } 312 \text{ and } 132)$   
(Davis-Sagan '16)
- c. linear extensions of poset  $H$  whose Hasse diagram is the Auslander-Reiten quiver of  $\text{rep}(\leftarrow \leftarrow \dots \leftarrow)$   
(OEIS 3rd comment '03)
- d. (normalized) volume of the order polytope  $\mathcal{O}(H)$



## VII. Questions

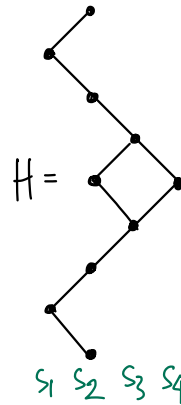
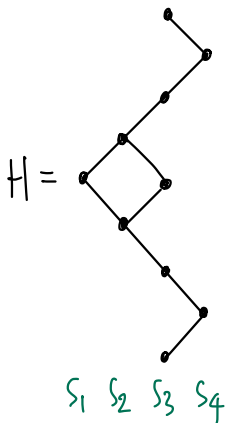
1. Our  $H$  is the heap of the  $c$ -sorting word of  $w_0$ .  
 If we take an arbitrary reduced word  $[u]$  of an arbitrary permutation  $w$ , and let  $H = \text{Heap}([u])$ , when is  $\mathcal{O}(H) \cong \text{Conv}(\text{perm. matrices of order ideals of } H)$ ?

Ans Not in general.

Two counterexamples in  $A_4$ :

More Counterex  
 in  $A_5$  and bigger  $A_n$

$$[u] = [3\ 4\ 3\ 2\ 3\ 1\ 2\ 3\ 4\ 3] \quad [u] = [2\ 1\ 3\ 2\ 4\ 3\ 2\ 1\ 2]$$



$\dim \mathcal{O}(H) = 10$ ,  $\dim \text{Birk}(H) = 9$ , so  $\mathcal{O}(H) \not\cong \text{Birk}(H)$ .

2. Relate our results to rep theory meaningfully
3. Generalize to type BDEFGHI?

# linear extensions

$A_4$  41 our ex

12  $\cdot \rightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow$  OEIS A003121

70  $\rightarrow \leftarrow \rightarrow$