The two-species exclusion process and Koornwinder moments

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The state diagram of the ASEP for N = 2.



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The ASEP exhibits boundary-induced phase transitions. (Here, q = 0.)



This picture from paper of Sasamoto. Phase diagram also appeared in e.g. works of Liggett.

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Dynamics on staircase tableaux when $\gamma = \delta = 0$



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Relationship between ASEP and Askey-Wilson moments

Let $Z_N(\xi; \alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta; q) = \sum_{\mathcal{T}} \operatorname{wt}(\mathcal{T})\xi^{b(\mathcal{T})}$, where $b(\mathcal{T})$ is the number of black particles in the type of \mathcal{T} . This is the *fugacity partition function*.

Theorem (Corteel-Stanton-Stanley-W.)

The Nth Askey-Wilson moment is equal to

$$\mu_N(\boldsymbol{a},\boldsymbol{b},\boldsymbol{c},\boldsymbol{d}|\boldsymbol{q}) = \frac{(1-q)^N}{2^N i^N} Z_N(-1;\alpha,\beta,\gamma,\delta;\boldsymbol{q}),$$

where $i^2 = -1$ and

$$\alpha = \frac{1-q}{1-ac+ai+ci}, \qquad \beta = \frac{1-q}{1-bd-bi-di},$$
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