

# An Unexpected Cyclic Symmetry of $lu_n$ - Verification Notebook

Pensieve header: This is a feel-good verification notebook for the paper “An Unexpected Cyclic Symmetry of  $lu_n$ ” by Dror Bar-Natan and Roland van der Veen, written only to ascertain that the paper contains no calculation errors. It is available web-only at <http://drorbn.net/UnexpectedCyclic>, and is not a part of the paper itself. Continues [pensieve://2020-01/](https://2020-01/).

Only Theorem 2 is tested; Theorem 1 is simply the case where  $\epsilon = 0$ , so it does not require independent testing.

## Definitions.

General definitions - brackets  $B$  and pairings  $P$  are bilinear, brackets are anti-symmetric:

```
In[ ]:= B[0, _] = 0; B[_ , 0] = 0;
B[c_* x : (x | a | b)_, y_] := Expand[c B[x, y]];
B[y_, c_* x : (x | a | b)_] := Expand[c B[y, x]];
B[x_Plus, y_] := B[#, y] & /@ x;
B[x_, y_Plus] := B[x, #] & /@ y;
```

```
In[ ]:= P[0, _] = 0; P[_ , 0] = 0;
P[c_* x : (x | a | b)_, y_] := Expand[c P[x, y]];
P[y_, c_* x : (x | a | b)_] := Expand[c P[y, x]];
P[x_Plus, y_] := P[#, y] & /@ x;
P[x_, y_Plus] := P[x, #] & /@ y;
```

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In[ ]:= B[y_, x_] := Expand[-B[x, y]];
```

The default value of  $n$  (can be changed):

```
In[ ]:= n = 5;
```

The “length”  $\lambda$  and the “truth indicator”  $\chi_\epsilon$ , and the Kronecker  $\delta$ -function  $\delta$ :

```
In[ ]:=  $\lambda[x_{i,j}] := \begin{cases} j-i & i < j \\ n-(i-j) & i > j \end{cases}$ 
 $\chi_\epsilon[cond_] := \text{If}[\text{TrueQ}[cond], 1, \epsilon];$ 
 $\delta_{i,j} := \chi_0[i == j];$ 
```

The bracket:

```
In[ ]:= B[x_{i,j}, x_{k,l}] :=  $\begin{cases} \chi_\epsilon[\lambda[x_{i,j}] + \lambda[x_{k,l}] < n] (\delta_{j,k} x_{i,l} - \delta_{l,i} x_{k,j}) & j \neq k \vee l \neq i \\ \frac{1}{2} b_i - \frac{1}{2} b_j + \frac{\epsilon}{2} a_i - \frac{\epsilon}{2} a_j & j == k \wedge l == i \end{cases};$ 
B[a_{i,j}, x_{k,l}] :=  $(\delta_{i,j} - \delta_{i,k}) x_{j,k};$ 
B[b_{i,j}, x_{k,l}] :=  $\epsilon (\delta_{i,j} - \delta_{i,k}) x_{j,k};$ 
B[(a | b)_, (a | b)_] = 0;
```

The duality pairing:

```
In[*]:= P[x_{i,j}, x_{k,l}] :=  $\delta_{j,k} \delta_{l,i}$ ;
P[x_, (a | b)_] = 0; P[(a | b)_, x_] = 0;
P[a_i, b_j] := 2  $\delta_{i,j}$ ; P[b_j, a_i] := 2  $\delta_{i,j}$ ;
P[a_, a_] = 0; P[b_, b_] = 0;
```

The permutation  $\psi$  and the automorphism  $\Psi$ :

```
In[*]:=  $\psi[k\_Integer]$  := { k + 1 k < n ;
1 k == n ;
 $\Psi[\mathcal{E}_]$  :=  $\mathcal{E} / . \{ x_{i,j} \rightarrow x_{\psi[i],\psi[j]}, a_i \rightarrow a_{\psi[i]}, b_i \rightarrow b_{\psi[i]} \}$ 
```

The basis of  $lu_n / g_{n+}^\epsilon$ :

```
In[*]:= Basis[n_] := Flatten@{
Table[{x_{i,j}, x_{j,i}}, {i, n - 1}, {j, i + 1, n}],
Table[{a_i, b_i}, {i, n}] }
```

## Testing.

```
In[*]:= Basis[4]
```

```
Out[*]= {x_{1,2}, x_{2,1}, x_{1,3}, x_{3,1}, x_{1,4}, x_{4,1}, x_{2,3}, x_{3,2}, x_{2,4}, x_{4,2}, x_{3,4}, x_{4,3}, a_1, b_1, a_2, b_2, a_3, b_3, a_4, b_4}
```

A full bracket-table for  $n = 2$ :

```
In[*]:= n = 2; MatrixForm[
Table[B[u, v], {u, Basis[n]}, {v, Basis[n]}],
TableHeadings -> {Basis[n], Basis[n]}]
```

Out[\*]//MatrixForm=

|           | $x_{1,2}$  | $x_{2,1}$   | $a_1$      | $b_1$               | $a_2$      | $b_2$               |
|-----------|--|---|------------|---------------------|------------|---------------------|
| $x_{1,2}$ | 0  | $\frac{\epsilon a_1}{2} - \frac{\epsilon a_2}{2} + \frac{b_1}{2} - \frac{b_2}{2}$ | $-x_{1,2}$ | $-\epsilon x_{1,2}$ | $x_{1,2}$  | $\epsilon x_{1,2}$  |
| $x_{2,1}$ | $-\frac{\epsilon a_1}{2} + \frac{\epsilon a_2}{2} - \frac{b_1}{2} + \frac{b_2}{2}$ | 0   | $x_{2,1}$  | $\epsilon x_{2,1}$  | $-x_{2,1}$ | $-\epsilon x_{2,1}$ |
| $a_1$     | $x_{1,2}$  | $-x_{2,1}$  | 0          | 0                   | 0          | 0                   |
| $b_1$     | $\epsilon x_{1,2}$   | $-\epsilon x_{2,1}$   | 0          | 0                   | 0          | 0                   |
| $a_2$     | $-x_{1,2}$   | $x_{2,1}$   | 0          | 0                   | 0          | 0                   |
| $b_2$     | $-\epsilon x_{1,2}$  | $\epsilon x_{2,1}$  | 0          | 0                   | 0          | 0                   |

The bracket is anti-symmetric at  $n = 4$ :

```
In[*]:= n = 4; Short@Table[
{u, v} = t; B[u, v] + B[v, u],
{t, Tuples[Basis[n], 2]}]
```

```
Out[*]//Short= {0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
0, <<364>>, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0}
```

The bracket satisfies the Jacobi identity (strictly, we verify Jacobi only for  $n = 6$ , but three basis elements may involve at most 6 distinct indices, so this is general):

```
In[ ]:= n = 6; DeleteCases[0]@Table[
  {u, v, w} = t; B[u, B[v, w]] + B[v, B[w, u]] + B[w, B[u, v]],
  {t, Tuples[Basis[n], 3]} ]
```

```
Out[ ]:= {}
```

The pairing is invariant:

```
In[ ]:= n = 6; DeleteCases[0]@Table[
  {u, v, w} = t; P[B[u, v], w] + P[v, B[u, w]],
  {t, Tuples[Basis[n], 3]} ]
```

```
Out[ ]:= {}
```

The action of  $\Psi$ :

```
In[ ]:= (# ->  $\Psi$ [#]) & /@Basis[4]
```

```
Out[ ]:= {x1,2 -> x2,3, x2,1 -> x3,2, x1,3 -> x2,4, x3,1 -> x4,2, x1,4 -> x2,1,
  x4,1 -> x1,2, x2,3 -> x3,4, x3,2 -> x4,3, x2,4 -> x3,1, x4,2 -> x1,3, x3,4 -> x4,1,
  x4,3 -> x1,4, a1 -> a2, b1 -> b2, a2 -> a3, b2 -> b3, a3 -> a4, b3 -> b4, a4 -> a1, b4 -> b1}
```

$\Psi$  is an automorphism:

```
In[ ]:= n = 4; DeleteCases[0]@Table[
  {u, v} = t;  $\Psi$ [B[u, v]] - B[ $\Psi$ [u],  $\Psi$ [v]],
  {t, Tuples[Basis[n], 2]} ]
```

```
Out[ ]:= {}
```

$\Psi$  respects the pairing:

```
In[ ]:= n = 4; DeleteCases[0]@Table[
  {u, v} = t;  $\Psi$ [P[u, v]] - P[ $\Psi$ [u],  $\Psi$ [v]],
  {t, Tuples[Basis[n], 2]} ]
```

```
Out[ ]:= {}
```

## Bonus Tests

Acting by arbitrary index-permutations:

```
In[ ]:= Act $_{\sigma}$ List[ $\mathcal{E}$ ] :=  $\mathcal{E}$  /. {x $_{i,j}$  -> x $_{\sigma[i],\sigma[j]}$ , a $_{i_}$  -> a $_{\sigma[i]}$ , b $_{i_}$  -> b $_{\sigma[i]}$ }
```

At  $n = 5$ , only cyclic permutations induce automorphisms:

```
In[ ]:= n = 5;
Select[Permutations[Range[n]],
   $\sigma$  -> And@@Flatten[Table[
    Act $_{\sigma}$ [B[u, v]] === B[Act $_{\sigma}$ [u], Act $_{\sigma}$ [v]],
    {u, Basis[n]}, {v, Basis[n]}
  ]]]
```

```
Out[ ]:= {{1, 2, 3, 4, 5}, {2, 3, 4, 5, 1}, {3, 4, 5, 1, 2}, {4, 5, 1, 2, 3}, {5, 1, 2, 3, 4}}
```

Yet in the case of  $gl_n$ , meaning when  $\epsilon = 1$ , all permutations induce automorphisms:

```
In[ ]:= n = 4;
Block[{ε = 1}, Select[Permutations[Range[n]],
σ ↦ And@@Flatten[Table[
Actσ[B[u, v]] == B[Actσ[u], Actσ[v]],
{u, Basis[n]}, {v, Basis[n]}
]]
]]
```

```
Out[ ]:= {{1, 2, 3, 4}, {1, 2, 4, 3}, {1, 3, 2, 4}, {1, 3, 4, 2}, {1, 4, 2, 3}, {1, 4, 3, 2},
{2, 1, 3, 4}, {2, 1, 4, 3}, {2, 3, 1, 4}, {2, 3, 4, 1}, {2, 4, 1, 3}, {2, 4, 3, 1},
{3, 1, 2, 4}, {3, 1, 4, 2}, {3, 2, 1, 4}, {3, 2, 4, 1}, {3, 4, 1, 2}, {3, 4, 2, 1},
{4, 1, 2, 3}, {4, 1, 3, 2}, {4, 2, 1, 3}, {4, 2, 3, 1}, {4, 3, 1, 2}, {4, 3, 2, 1}}
```

If  $\epsilon$  is invertible, the isomorphism class of  $gl_{n+}^\epsilon$  is independent of  $\epsilon$ , using Inonu-Wigner contractions:

```
In[ ]:= IWλ[ε] := ε /. {xi,j /; i > j ↦ λ xi,j, bi ↦ λ bi};
```

```
In[ ]:= n = 4;
Union@Flatten@Table[
(B[u, v] /. ε → 1) == IWε@B[IW1/ε@u, IW1/ε@v],
{u, Basis[n]}, {v, Basis[n]} ]
```

```
Out[ ]:= {True}
```

Even cyclic index permutations become singular at  $\epsilon = 0$  when conjugated by Inonu-Wigner contractions (so  $\Psi$  simply isn't that):

```
In[ ]:= n = 4; Table[u → IW1/ε@Act{2,3,4,1}@IWε@u, {u, Basis[n]} ]
```

```
Out[ ]:= {x1,2 → x2,3, x2,1 → x3,2, x1,3 → x2,4, x3,1 → x4,2, x1,4 →  $\frac{x_{2,1}}{\epsilon}$ ,
x4,1 → ε x1,2, x2,3 → x3,4, x3,2 → x4,3, x2,4 →  $\frac{x_{3,1}}{\epsilon}$ , x4,2 → ε x1,3, x3,4 →  $\frac{x_{4,1}}{\epsilon}$ ,
x4,3 → ε x1,4, a1 → a2, b1 → b2, a2 → a3, b2 → b3, a3 → a4, b3 → b4, a4 → a1, b4 → b1}
```

The same is true for all other permutations (except the identity):

```
In[ ]:= n = 3; MatrixForm[
Table[IW1/ε@Actσ@IWε@u, {σ, rows = Permutations@Range@n}, {u, cols = Basis[n]}],
TableHeadings → {rows, cols} ]
```

```
Out[ ]//MatrixForm=
```

|           | x <sub>1,2</sub>           | x <sub>2,1</sub>   | x <sub>1,3</sub>           | x <sub>3,1</sub>   | x <sub>2,3</sub>           | x <sub>3,2</sub>   | a <sub>1</sub> | b <sub>1</sub> | a <sub>2</sub> | b <sub>2</sub> | a <sub>3</sub> | b <sub>3</sub> |
|-----------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| {1, 2, 3} | x <sub>1,2</sub>           | x <sub>2,1</sub>   | x <sub>1,3</sub>           | x <sub>3,1</sub>   | x <sub>2,3</sub>           | x <sub>3,2</sub>   | a <sub>1</sub> | b <sub>1</sub> | a <sub>2</sub> | b <sub>2</sub> | a <sub>3</sub> | b <sub>3</sub> |
| {1, 3, 2} | x <sub>1,3</sub>           | x <sub>3,1</sub>   | x <sub>1,2</sub>           | x <sub>2,1</sub>   | $\frac{x_{3,2}}{\epsilon}$ | ε x <sub>2,3</sub> | a <sub>1</sub> | b <sub>1</sub> | a <sub>3</sub> | b <sub>3</sub> | a <sub>2</sub> | b <sub>2</sub> |
| {2, 1, 3} | $\frac{x_{2,1}}{\epsilon}$ | ε x <sub>1,2</sub> | x <sub>2,3</sub>           | x <sub>3,2</sub>   | x <sub>1,3</sub>           | x <sub>3,1</sub>   | a <sub>2</sub> | b <sub>2</sub> | a <sub>1</sub> | b <sub>1</sub> | a <sub>3</sub> | b <sub>3</sub> |
| {2, 3, 1} | x <sub>2,3</sub>           | x <sub>3,2</sub>   | $\frac{x_{2,1}}{\epsilon}$ | ε x <sub>1,2</sub> | $\frac{x_{3,1}}{\epsilon}$ | ε x <sub>1,3</sub> | a <sub>2</sub> | b <sub>2</sub> | a <sub>3</sub> | b <sub>3</sub> | a <sub>1</sub> | b <sub>1</sub> |
| {3, 1, 2} | $\frac{x_{3,1}}{\epsilon}$ | ε x <sub>1,3</sub> | $\frac{x_{3,2}}{\epsilon}$ | ε x <sub>2,3</sub> | x <sub>1,2</sub>           | x <sub>2,1</sub>   | a <sub>3</sub> | b <sub>3</sub> | a <sub>1</sub> | b <sub>1</sub> | a <sub>2</sub> | b <sub>2</sub> |
| {3, 2, 1} | $\frac{x_{3,2}}{\epsilon}$ | ε x <sub>2,3</sub> | $\frac{x_{3,1}}{\epsilon}$ | ε x <sub>1,3</sub> | $\frac{x_{2,1}}{\epsilon}$ | ε x <sub>1,2</sub> | a <sub>3</sub> | b <sub>3</sub> | a <sub>2</sub> | b <sub>2</sub> | a <sub>1</sub> | b <sub>1</sub> |