# Domino tilings, lattice paths and plane overpartitions

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#### Aztec diamond



Aztec diamond of order n: 4 staircase of height n glued together.

## **Domino Tilings**



Tile the aztec diamond of order *n* with n(n + 1) dominos.



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 $2^{\binom{n+1}{2}}$  tilings of the aztec diamond of order *n* (Elkies et al 92)















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Rank: minimal number of flips from the horizontal tiling

#### Generating function

Tiling T. Number of vertical dominos : v(T). Rank : r(T).

$$A_n(x,q) = \sum_{T \text{ tiling of order } n} x^{\nu(T)} q^{r(T)} = \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} (1+xq^{2k+1})^{n-k}.$$

(Elkies et al, Stanley, Benchetrit)

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#### Generating function

- Vertical dominos = North-East and South-East steps
- Rank = height of the paths + constant

Non intersecting paths : Lindström, Gessel-Viennot (70-80s)  $A_n(x,q) =$ determinant ((x,q)-Schröder numbers)

Combinatorics of lattice paths  $\Rightarrow$ 

 $A_n(x,q) = (1+xq)^m A_{n-1}(xq^2,q), \quad A_0(x,q) = 1.$ 

$$A_n(x,q) = \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} (1 + xq^{2k+1})^{n-k}$$

## Artic circle





(Johansson 05)

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## Lattice paths and monotone triangles



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## Lattice paths and monotone triangles



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#### Lattice paths and monotone triangles



#### Monotone triangles

Monotone triangles with weights 2 on the non-diagonal rim hooks

Alternating sign matrices with weight 2 on each -1.

## Domino Tilings and plane overpartitions



## Plane overpartitions



## Tilings and flips

Flips and lattice steps





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#### Plane overpartitions

An overpartition is a partition where the last occurrence of a part can be overlined.  $(\bar{6},5,5,5,3,3,\bar{3},\bar{1})$ 

C, Lovejoy (04)A plane overpartition is a two-dimensional array such that each row is an overpartition and each column is a superpartition.

5 5 5 3 5 3 2 2 5 3 5

C. Savelief and Vuletic (09)

Generating function :

$$\sum_{\Pi} q^{|\Pi|} = \prod_{i \ge 1} \left( \frac{1+q^i}{1-q^i} \right)^i.$$

#### Lattice paths and plane overpartitions



Plane overpartitions of shape  $\lambda$ 

$$q^{\sum_i i\lambda_i} \prod_{x\in\lambda} rac{1+aq^{c_x}}{1-q^{h_x}}$$

Krattenthaler (96),  $a = -q^n$  Stanley content formula

Reverse plane overpartitions included in the shape  $\lambda$ 

$$\prod_{x\in\lambda}rac{1+q^{h_x}}{1-q^{h_x}}$$

#### Related objects

Plane overpartitions are in bijection with super semi-standard young tableaux.

Representation of Lie Superalgebras Berele and Remmel (85), Krattenthaler (96)

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## **Related** objects

Plane overpartitions are in bijection with diagonally strict partitions where each rim hook counts 2

Vuletic (07), Foda and Wheeler (07, 08)

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#### Limit shape



Diagonally strict polane partitions weighted by  $2^{k(\Pi)}q^{|\Pi|}$ Ronkin function of the polynomial P(z, w) = z + w + zwVuletic (07)

## RSK type algorithms

Generating function of plane overpartitions with at most r rows and c columns

$$\prod_{i=1}^r \prod_{j=1}^c \frac{1+q^{i+j-1}}{1-q^{i+j-1}}.$$

Generating function of plane overpartitions with entries at most n

$$\prod_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{n} (1 + aq^{i+j})}{\prod_{j=0}^{i-1} (1 - q^{i+j})(1 - aq^{i+j})}$$

Generating function of plane overpartitions with at most r rows and c columns and entries at most n?? NICE?

#### **Plane partitions**

Interlacing sequences



**Rhombus Tilings** 

Generating function

$$\sum_{\Pi} q^{|\Pi|} = \prod_{i=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{1-q^i} \right)^i.$$

#### Plane partitions

Plane partitions  $\leftrightarrow$  Non intersecting paths



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#### But...

Plane overpartitions are not a generalization of plane partitions.

$$\sum_{|\mathsf{\Pi}|} \mathsf{a}^{o(\mathsf{\Pi})} q^{|\mathsf{\Pi}|} = \prod_{i=1}^\infty rac{(1+\mathsf{a}q^i)^{i-1}}{((1-q^i)(1-\mathsf{a}q^i))^{\lfloor (i+1)/2 
floor}}.$$

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## Plane (over)partitions



t = 0: plane partitions, t = -1: plane overpartitions

## Hall-Littlewood functions

Column strict plane partitions  $\leftrightarrow$  Plane partition

 $\Rightarrow$ 

Knuth (70)

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc} 4444 & 4433 \\ 2221 \ , \ 3322 \\ 111 & 111 \end{array}\right) \begin{array}{c} 4444 \\ \leftrightarrow \\ 443 \\ 443 \\ 22 \end{array}$$

MacDonald (95)

$$\sum_{\lambda} Q_{\lambda}(x;t) P_{\lambda}(y;t) = \prod_{i,j} \frac{1 - t x_i y_j}{1 - x_i y_j}.$$

$$\sum_{\Pi\in\mathcal{P}(r,c)} A_{\Pi}(t) q^{|\Pi} = \prod_{i=1}^r \prod_{j=1}^c rac{1-tq^{i+j-1}}{1-q^{i+j-1}}.$$

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#### Interlacing sequences



$$\begin{split} & A = (0,0,0,1,1,0,0,0,0,0,0,1,1,1,1,1,1,1,0,0,0,0,1,1,1,1) \\ & T_{\Pi} = (1-t)^{19}(1-t^2)^4(1-t^3) \end{split}$$

$$\sum_{\Pi} T_{\Pi} q^{|\Pi|} = \prod_{\substack{i < j \\ A[i] = 0, \ A[j] = 1}} \frac{1 - tq^{j - i}}{1 - q^{j - i}}$$

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## Skew (or reverse) plane partitions



$$\prod_{\substack{i < j \\ A[i]=0, \ A[j]=1}} \frac{1 - tq^{j-i}}{1 - q^{j-i}} = \prod_{x \in \lambda} \frac{1 - tq^{h_x}}{1 - q^{h_x}}.$$

t = 0 Gansner (76), Mac Donald case : Okada (09)

#### Cylindric partitions



Cylindric plane partitions of a given profile  $(A_1, \ldots, A_T)$ 

$$\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1-q^{nT}} \prod_{\substack{1 \le i, j \le T \\ A_i=1, A_j=0}} \frac{1-tq^{(i-j)(T)+(n-1)T}}{1-q^{(i-j)(T)+(n-1)T}}$$

t = 0 Gessel and Krattenthaler (97), Borodin (03)

## More ?

- *d*-complete posets (Conjecture Okada 09)
- Link between cylindric partitions (t = 0) and the representation of  $\hat{sl}_n$  (Tingley 07)

