

# The Combinatorial PT-DT Correspondence

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Summary:

We prove the identity

$$V(\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3) = \prod_{n \geq 1} \left( \frac{1}{1-q^n} \right)^n W(\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3)$$

- $\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3$  are arbitrary integer partitions (parameters of both  $V, W$ )
- $V$   $q$ -counts plane-partition-like objects
- $W$   $q$ -counts a more exotic type of "box configurations" related to the double dimer model.

## Summary (Cont'd)

This identity was conjectured in geometry:  $V, W$  are "topological vertices" (local contribution to curve counts in a toric Calabi-Yau 3-fold).

$V \rightsquigarrow$  Donaldson-Thomas (DT) vertex  
(MNOP 2004)

$W \rightsquigarrow$  Pandharipande-Thomas (PT) vertex  
( $\mu_3 = \phi$ : PT 2009  
(general case: JWY 2021))

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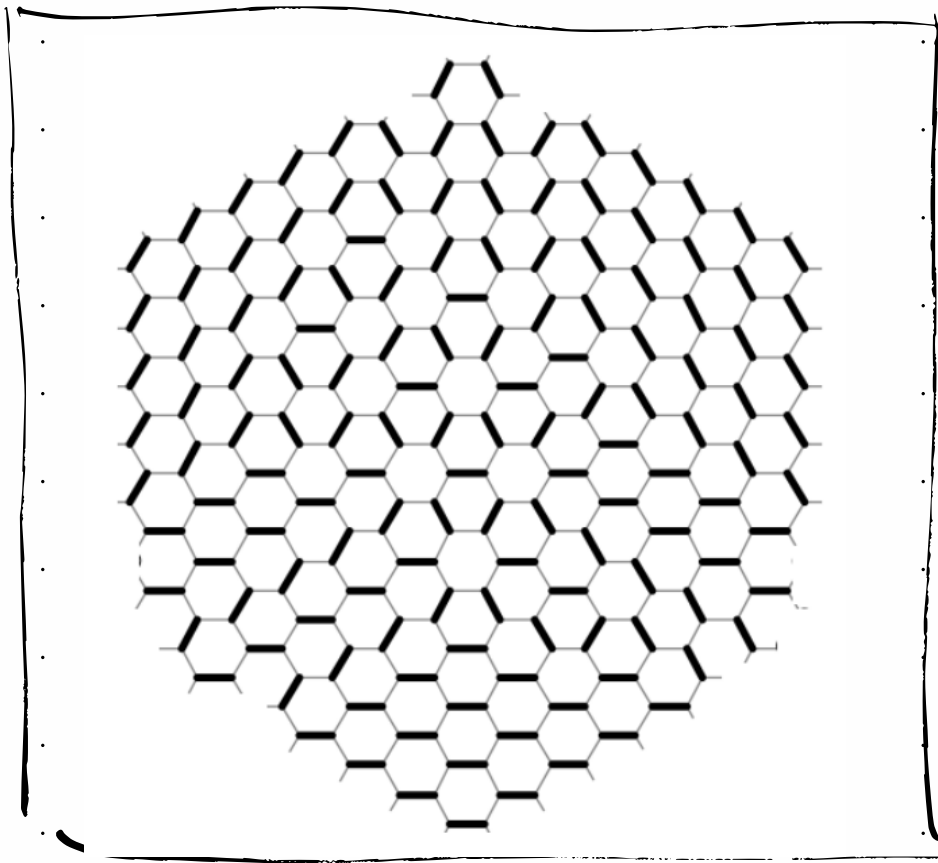
We don't do any geometry - "just" enumeration.

- we relate the geometer's "box counting" problems to the  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{single-} \\ \text{double-} \end{array} \right\}$  dimer model;
- we show that both  $U, W$  satisfy the same recurrence (coming from "condensation" in the 2 models)

# Outline

- { Dimer  
Dimer-dimer } models
- { DT  
PT } Box configurations
- Condensation recurrence.

# Dimer Model



$\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3$  encode  
boundary conditions  
near the corners  
(via their Maya  
diagrams)

Kasteleyn (1961) and many others.

# Dimer model.

Kasteleyn matrix  $K$ : white-to-black  
adjacency matrix with signs and weights

For us, all signs are  $\pm 1$   
all weights are  $q^m$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ .

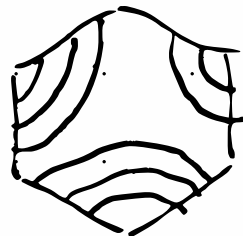
$$|\det K| = \sum_{M \text{ perfect matching}} \prod_{e \in M} w(e)$$

$\begin{matrix} 3 & q & 3 \\ \circ & \circ & \circ \\ 2 & & 2 \\ \circ & \circ & \circ \end{matrix}$

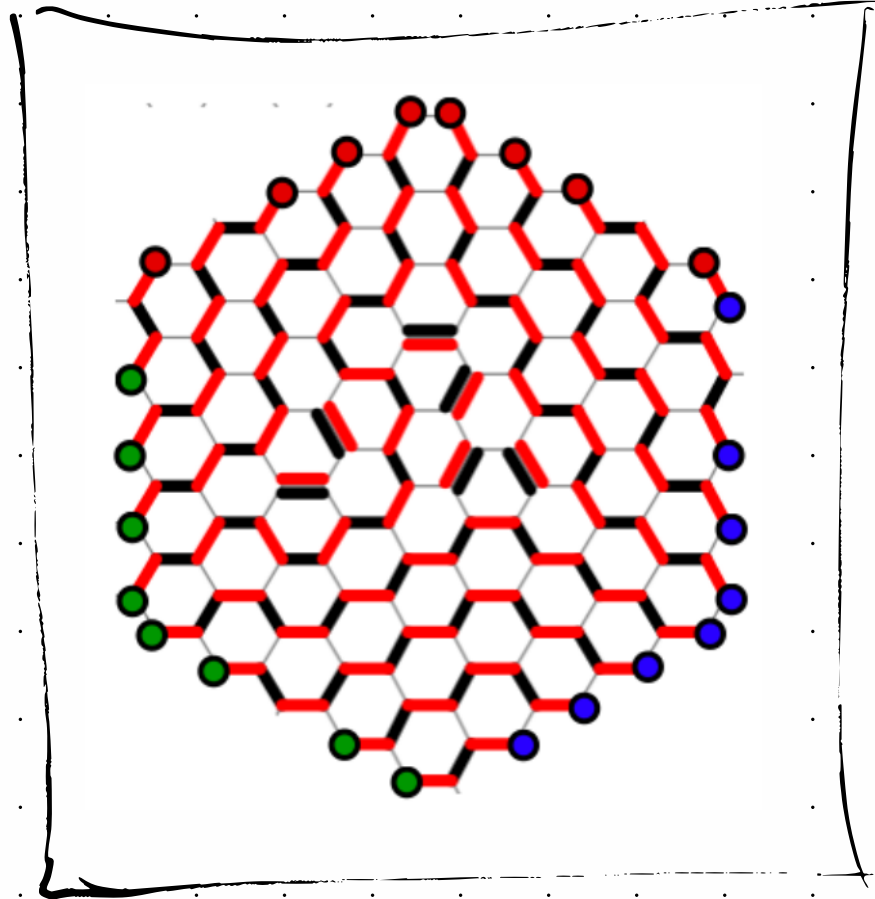
$$K = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & q \end{bmatrix} \quad \det K = - (1 + q)$$

# Tripartite Double-Dimer Model

- Some boundary vertices identified as nodes.

- Connectivity is 

-  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3$  encode what vertices aren't nodes.



(studied by Jenne, 2020; FPSAC 2020  
Kenyon-Wilson 2008)



Kempton-Wilson, Jense both give matrices whose determinants count such configurations.

However, for Jense's matrix,  $J$ , <sup>I'll call it</sup> minors also count configs, with some nodes turned off. Rows: black nodes  
cols: white nodes

Box counting in DT, PT theory.

We'll now describe "box configurations"

(basically some special  $\mathbb{C}[x_1, x_2, x_3]$ -  
modules) that we're counting for  
the geometric theories.

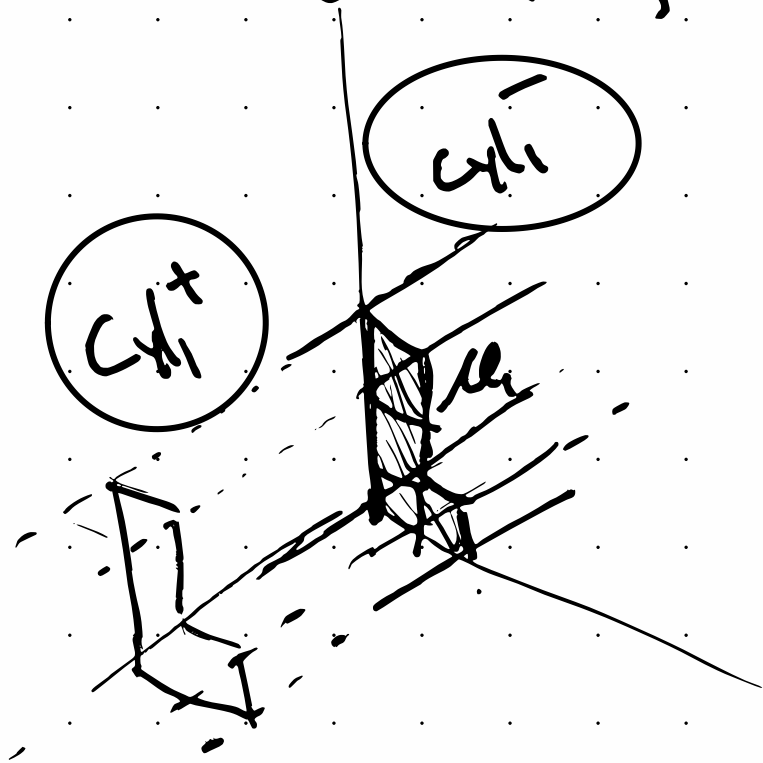
- subsets of  $\mathbb{Z}^3$  where each point  
is drawn as a unit cube.

# The 3 Cylinders

$\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3$  Fixed Yang dia.

Cyl<sub>1</sub> = cylinder with cross-section  $\mu_1$  extending out the x axis, in both directions

Similarly Cyl<sub>2</sub> on y axis  
Cyl<sub>3</sub> on z axis.

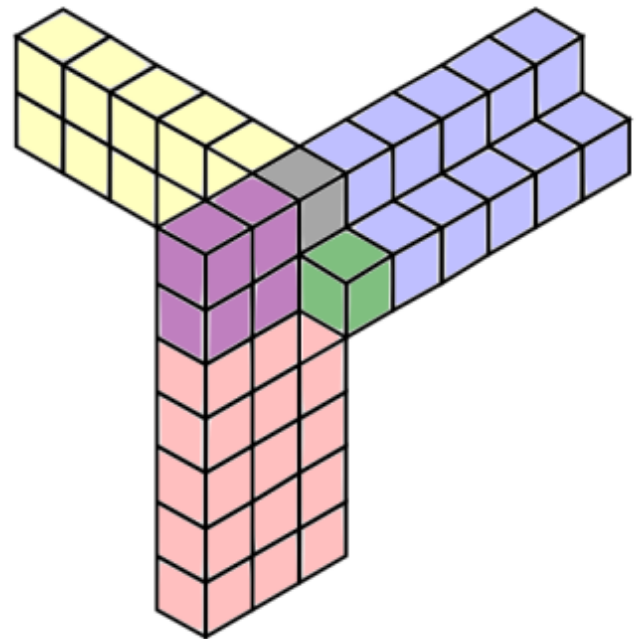
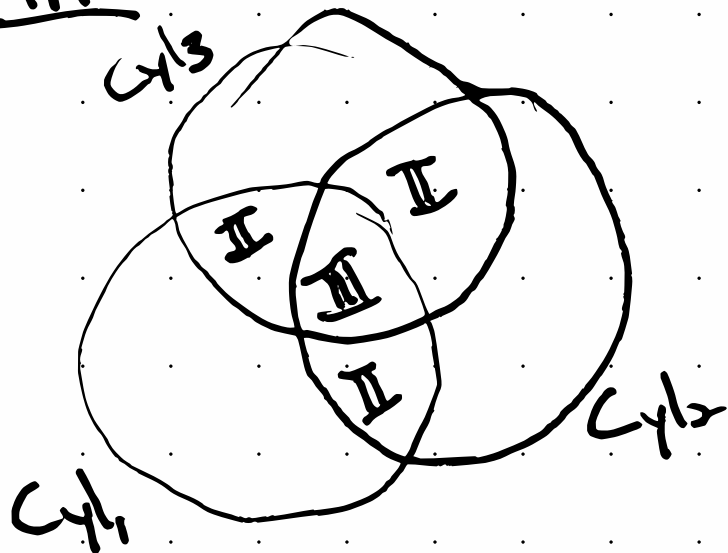


# Intersections of the cylinders

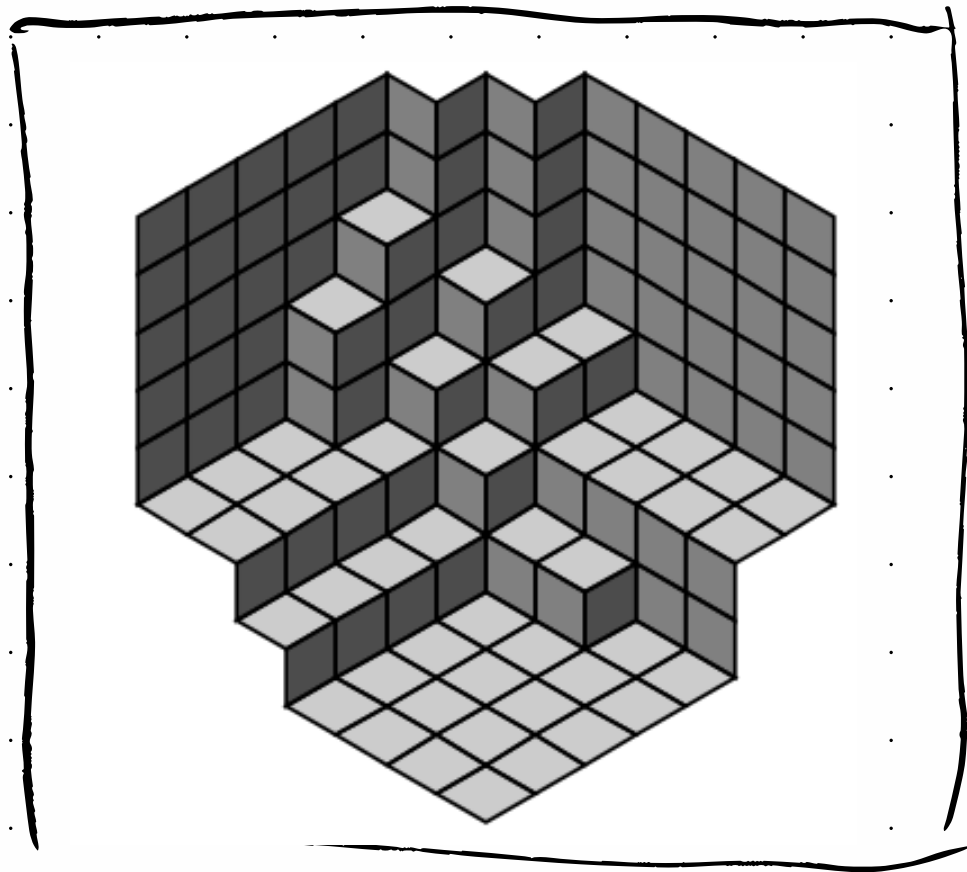
All 3 cylinders meet, in a complicated way, in 1st octant.

II = 2-fold intersections

III = 3-fold intersections.



DT box configs - "Plane partitions asymptotic to  $(\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3)$ "



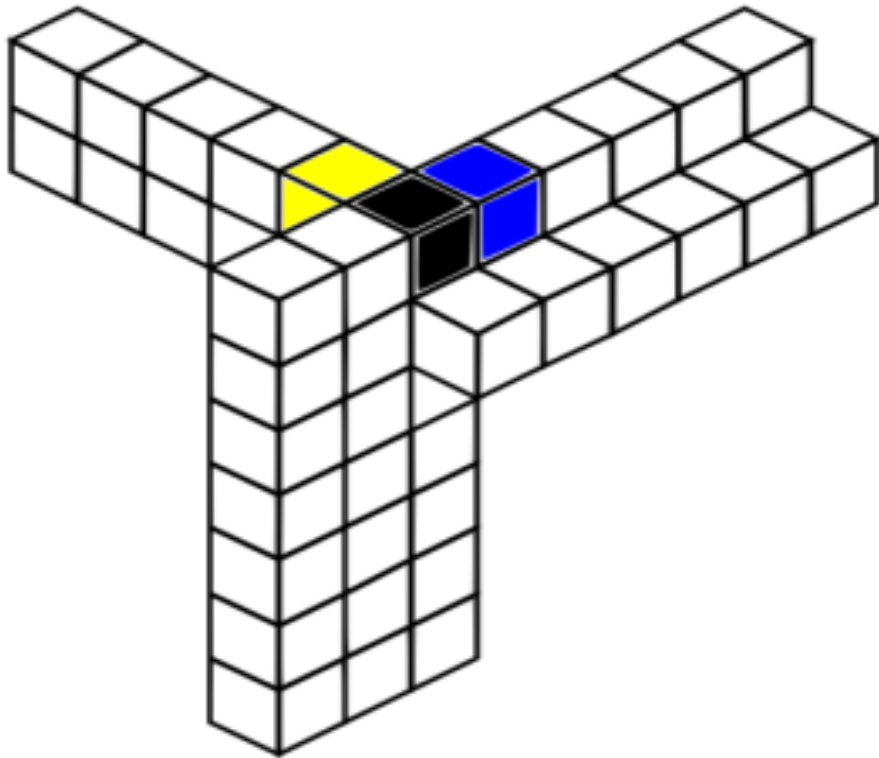
- Schur Function expansion:  $ORU_{2003}$  (which we do not use)

Stack boxes on top of

$$Cyl_1^+ \cup Cyl_2^+ \cup Cyl_3^+$$

Ex If  $\mu_1 = \mu_2 = \mu_3 = \emptyset$ : these are plane partitions.

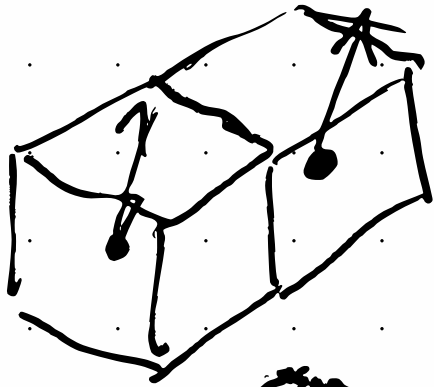
# PT. box Configs



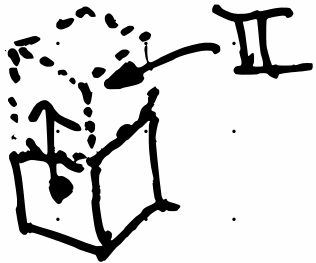
Boxes stacked inside  
 $\text{II} \cup \text{III} \cup \cup \text{Cyl}$

- Gravity pulls in  $(1,1,1)$  direction
- Boxes in III either labels, or have multiplicity 2.

# PT box configs - labels (sketch)



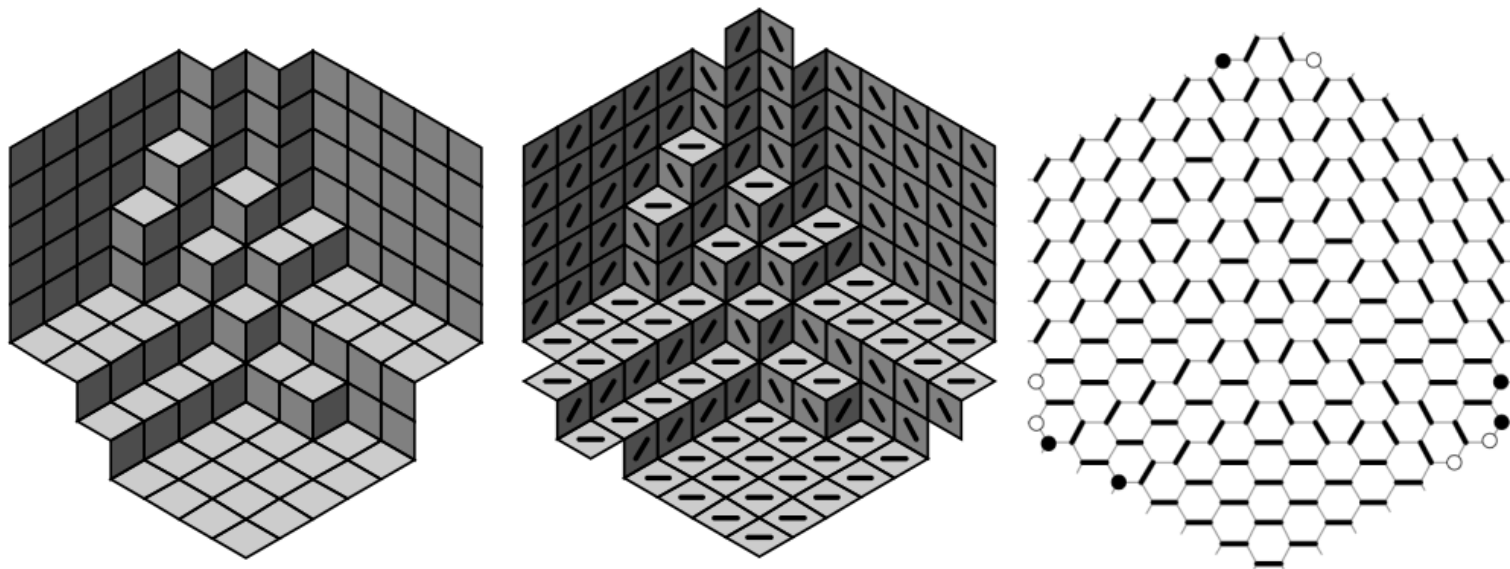
- Labels of adjacent boxes in  $\mathbb{II}$  must be the same.



- Labels are constrained by presence or absence of adjacent non- $\mathbb{II}$  boxes

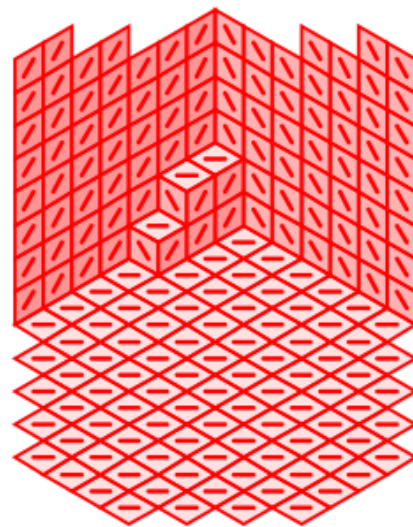
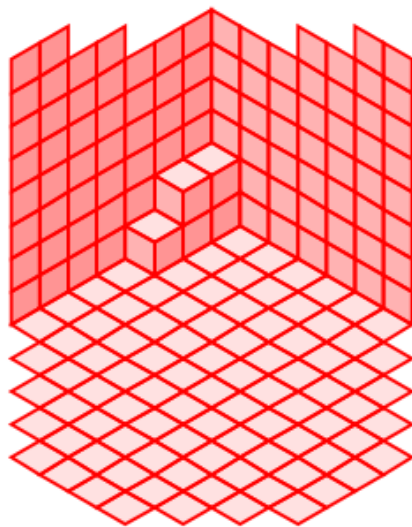
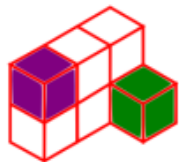
- If a label is "overconstrained" the box must appear with multiplicity 2.

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- the "folklore" correspondences between  
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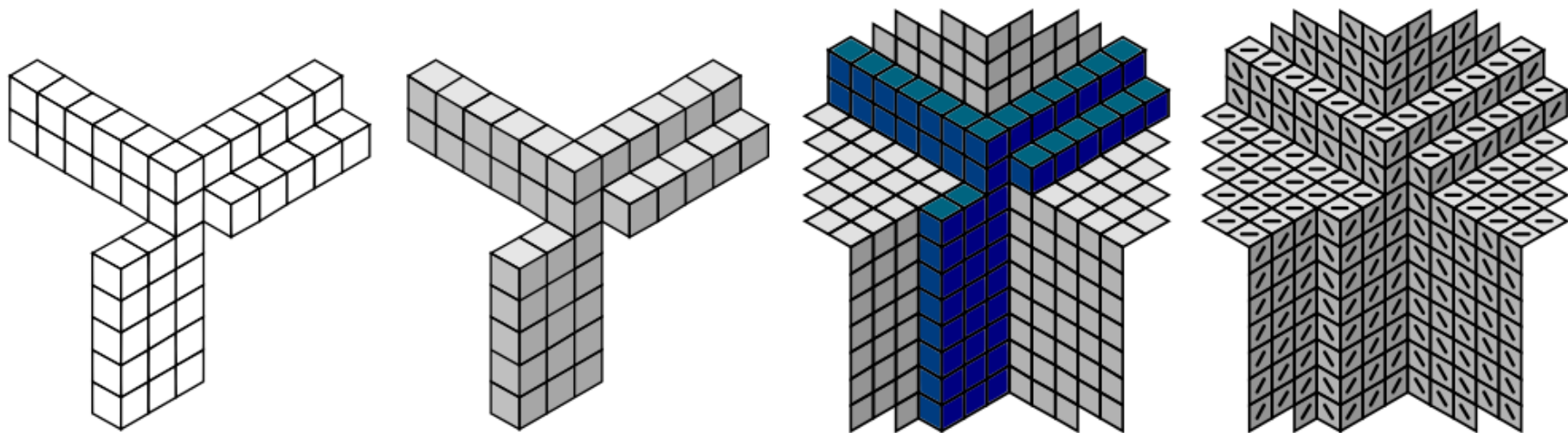




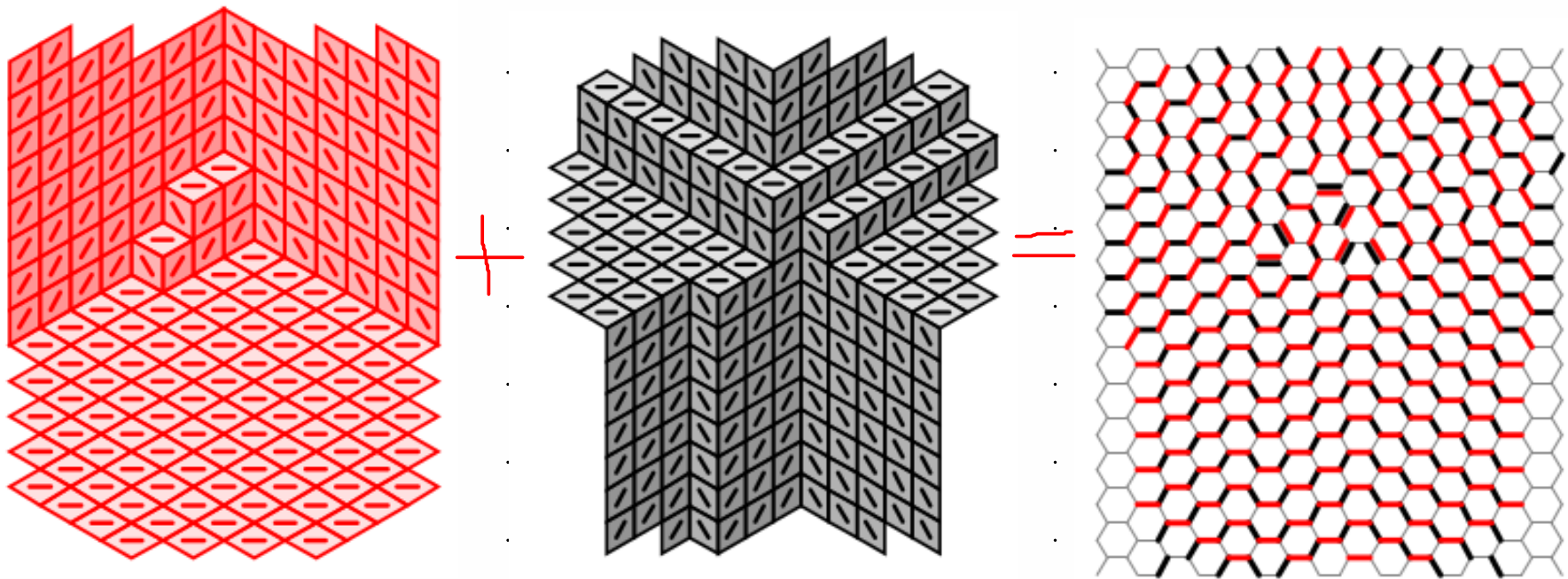
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- Labelling rules  $\leftrightarrow$  tripartiteness of double-dimers.

The generating functions:

$$V(\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3) = \sum_{\lambda \text{ asymp. to } \mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3} q^{|\lambda|}$$

where

$$|\lambda| = \#\{\text{boxes in } \lambda \text{ min. config}\} - |\text{II}| - 2|\text{III}|$$

$$\text{min config} = \text{cyl}_1^+ \cup \text{cyl}_2^+ \cup \text{cyl}_3^+$$

# The generating functions:

$$W = \sum_{\lambda \text{ PT box config}} \chi_{\text{top}}(\lambda) q^{|\lambda|}$$

$\chi_{\text{top}}(\lambda)$ : topological Euler characteristic of moduli space of labellings (basically  $2^{\#\{\text{free choices of label}\}}$ )

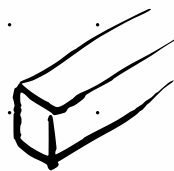
$$|\lambda| = \# \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{boxes in } \lambda \text{ up to} \\ \text{multiplicity} \end{array} \right\} - |\text{II}| - 2|\text{III}|$$

# Examples

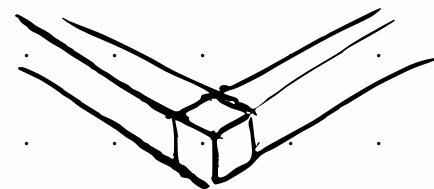
$$W_{\phi\phi\phi} = 1$$

(everything is trivial)

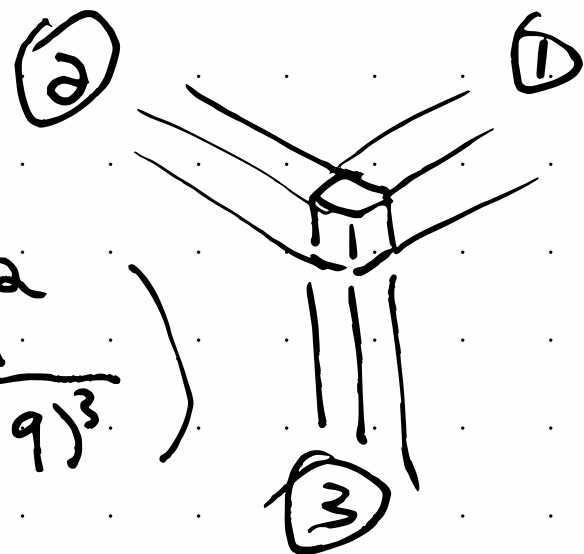
$$W_{\square\phi\phi} = \frac{1}{1-q}$$



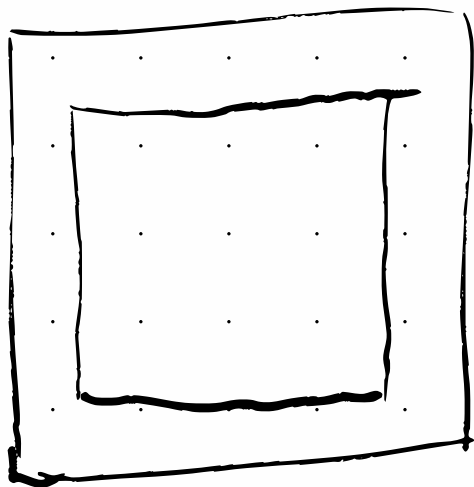
$$W_{\square\square\phi} = q^{-1} \left( 1 + \frac{q}{(1-q)^3} \right)$$



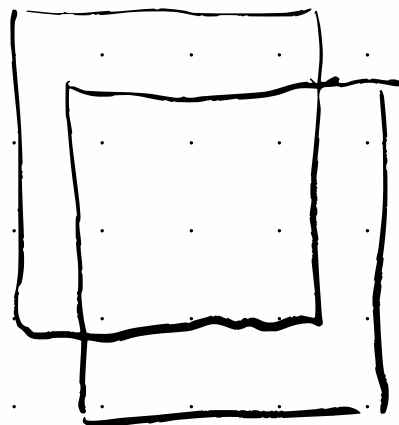
$$W_{\square\square\square} = q^{-2} \left( 1 + 2q + 3 \frac{q^2}{(1-q)} + \frac{q^2}{(1-q)^3} \right)$$



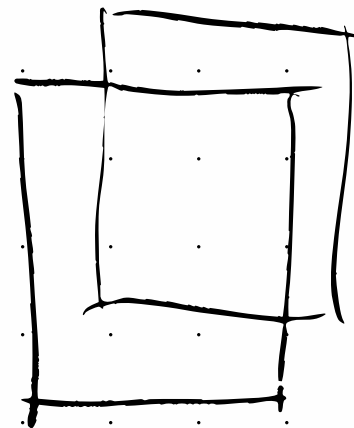
The recurrence: Condensation.



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$$\det M \det M_{in}^{in} = \det M' \det M_n^n - \det M'' \det M_n^n$$

$M_{ij}$  means:  $M$  with row  $i$ , col  $j$  deleted.

Apply this recurrence to  $K$ ,  $J$ .

Kasuya  
Matrix

Jenne  
Matrix

In both cases, when applied to the specific matrices I've described, one obtains the recurrence:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & q^K V(\mu_1^r, \mu_2^r, \mu_3^r) V(\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3) \\
 &= q^K V(\mu_1^r, \mu_2^r, \mu_3) V(\mu_1, \mu_2^r, \mu_3) \\
 &+ V(\mu_1^r, \mu_2^c, \mu_3) V(\mu_1^c, \mu_2^r, \mu_3)
 \end{aligned}$$

K: next slide...

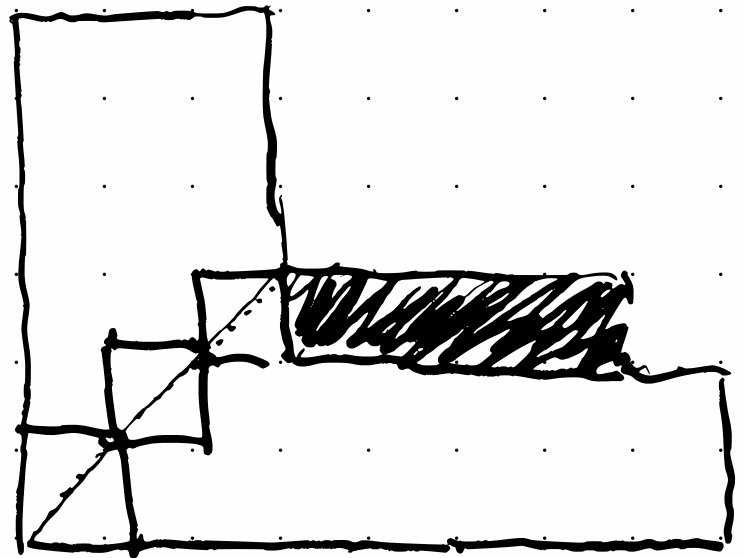
and similarly for  $W$ .  $\mu_i^r, \mu_i^c, \mu_i^r$  mean to modify a specific row, column at  $\mu_i$ .



Here  $K = K(\mu_1, \mu_2)$  (not  $\mu_3$  dependent)

$$= 1 + (\mu_1) d(\mu_1) - d(\mu_1) \\ + (\mu_2) d(\mu_2) - d(\mu_2)$$

$d(\lambda)$ : diag. of  $\lambda$ .



Ex If  $\mu_1 = \mu_2 = \mu_3 = 0$ ,

$$qV(\square\square\square)V(\phi\phi\square) = qV(\square\phi\square)V(\phi\square\square) + V(\phi\phi\square)^2$$

$$\text{or } V(\square\square\square) = \frac{qV(\square\square\phi)^2}{V(\square\phi\phi)} + V(\phi\phi\square).$$

(Note: this lets you compute  $V(\square\square\square)$  in terms of 1- and 2-leg vertices)

Same for  $\omega$ .

Note: it's clear that you'll get a recurrence for both the DT and the PT problems. It is not clear why the recurrence is the same.

Future work: other relations between the single and double dimer models and associated "box counting" problems.

Thank You!