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Talk Title: Periodicity, Positivity, & Integrability of T-systems

Date: 10 / 30 / 12 Time: 3 : 30 am (pm) (circle one)

List 6-12 key words for the talk: T-systems, Laurent positivity, periodicity, Yang-Baxter Equation, Mutation, Discrete Integrable Systems

Please summarize the lecture in 5 or fewer sentences: The speaker introduced a family of discrete integrable systems called T-systems which embed into cluster algebras. He shows that the solutions are a positive Laurent polynomial in the choice of initial data for several classes of T-systems.

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# PERIODICITY, POSITIVITY & INTEGRABILITY OF T-SYSTEMS

(P. DiFrancesco & R. Kedem)  
[arXiv:1002.4427; 1208.4333]

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## Discrete Integrable Systems

- evolution eqns in discrete time  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$
- conservation laws
- dependence on initial data / boundary conditions
  - Laurent positivity [Cluster Algebras]
  - Periodicity [Zamolodchikov '90s]
  - Network Exact solutions [DF-K]

# T SYSTEM

general form: ( $A_\infty$ , discrete Hirota, octahedron)

$$T_{\alpha, j, k+1} T_{\alpha, j, k-1} = T_{\alpha, j+1, k} T_{\alpha, j-1, k} + T_{\alpha+1, j, k} T_{\alpha-1, j, k}$$

$\alpha, j, k \in \mathbb{Z}$

↑  
reps index

↑  
spectral parameter

↑  
discrete time

- Fusion relations for transfer matrices of generalized Heisenberg quantum spin chains (type A)
- Frieze patterns • LR rules •  $\Delta$ -det, ASM.  
Aztec diamond tilings

# BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

- appeared first with  $\alpha \geq 1$  condition (reps. index)

and

$$T_{0,j,k} = 1 \quad \forall j,k \in \mathbb{Z} \quad (A_{\infty/2})$$

- $Sl_{r+1}$  spin chains  $1 \leq \alpha \leq r$  restriction

$$T_{0,j,k} = T_{r+1,j,k} = 1 \quad \forall j,k \in \mathbb{Z} \quad (A_r)$$

Ex:  $(A_2)$   $\alpha=1,2$   $T_{1,j,k} = R_{j,k}$   $T_{2,j,k} = S_{j,k}$

$$\begin{cases} R_{j,k+1} R_{j,k-1} = R_{j+1,k} R_{j-1,k} + S_{j,k} \\ S_{j,k+1} S_{j,k-1} = S_{j+1,k} S_{j-1,k} + R_{j,k} \end{cases} \quad (A_2)$$

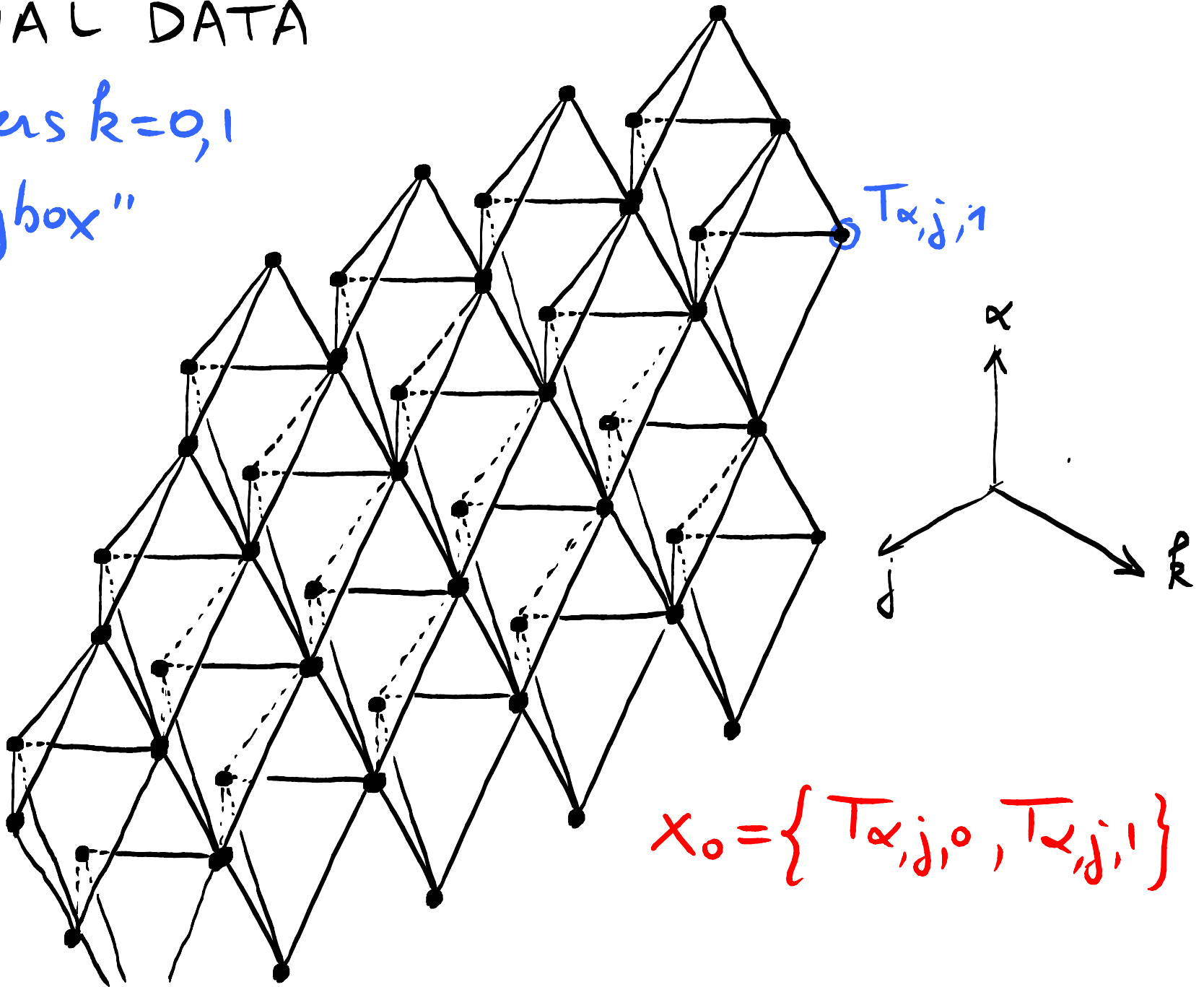
# LAURENT POSITIVITY

- all these T-systems are embedded into Cluster algebras. [Kedem 07 - DFK 09]. Positivity?
- $A_\infty$  case: proved by [Speyer 04] for  $f_{\text{al}}$  initial data
- THM [DFK] For various boundary conditions:

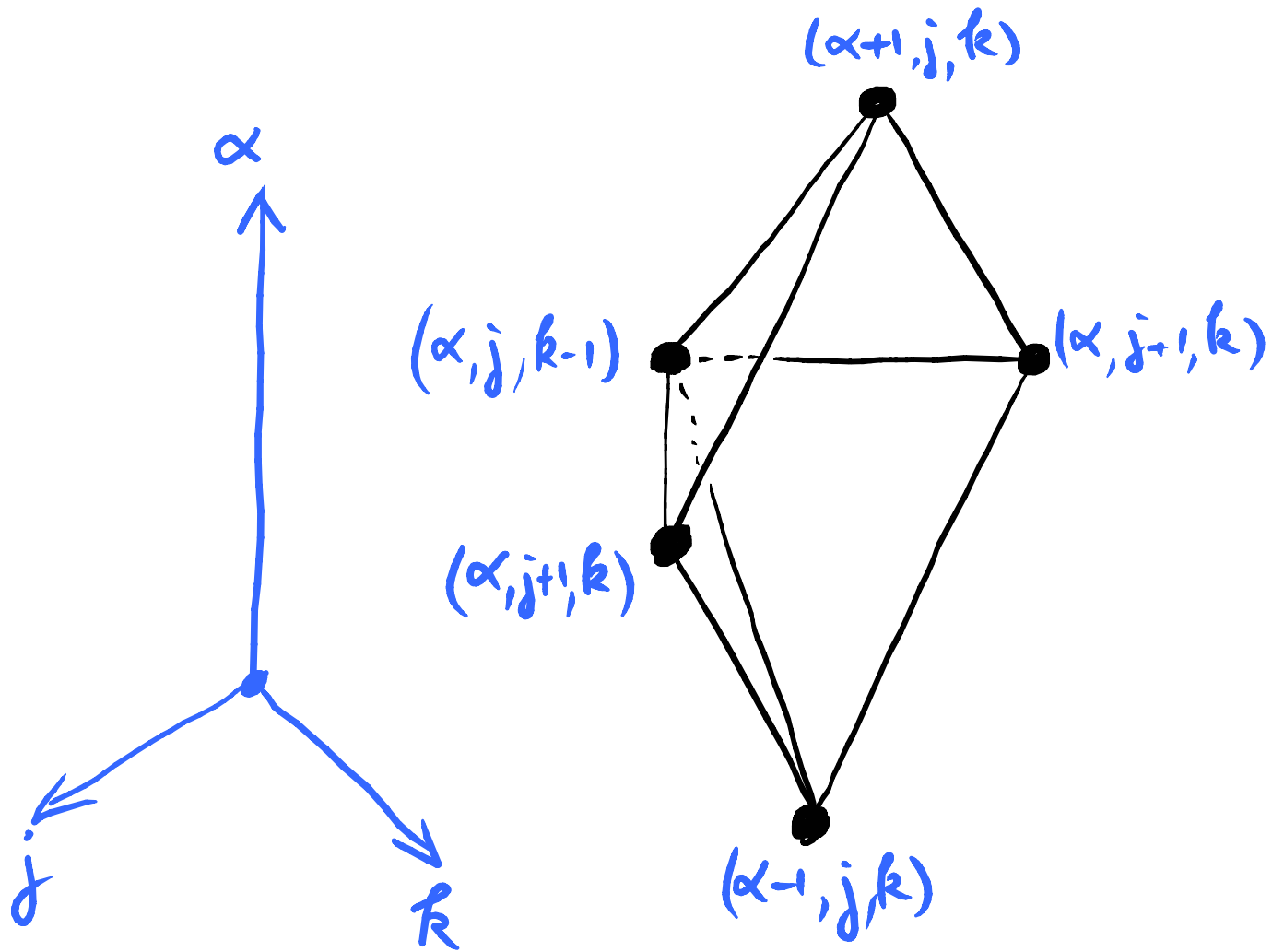
The Solution  $T_{\alpha jk}$  of T system is a Laurent polynomial of any initial data

INITIAL DATA

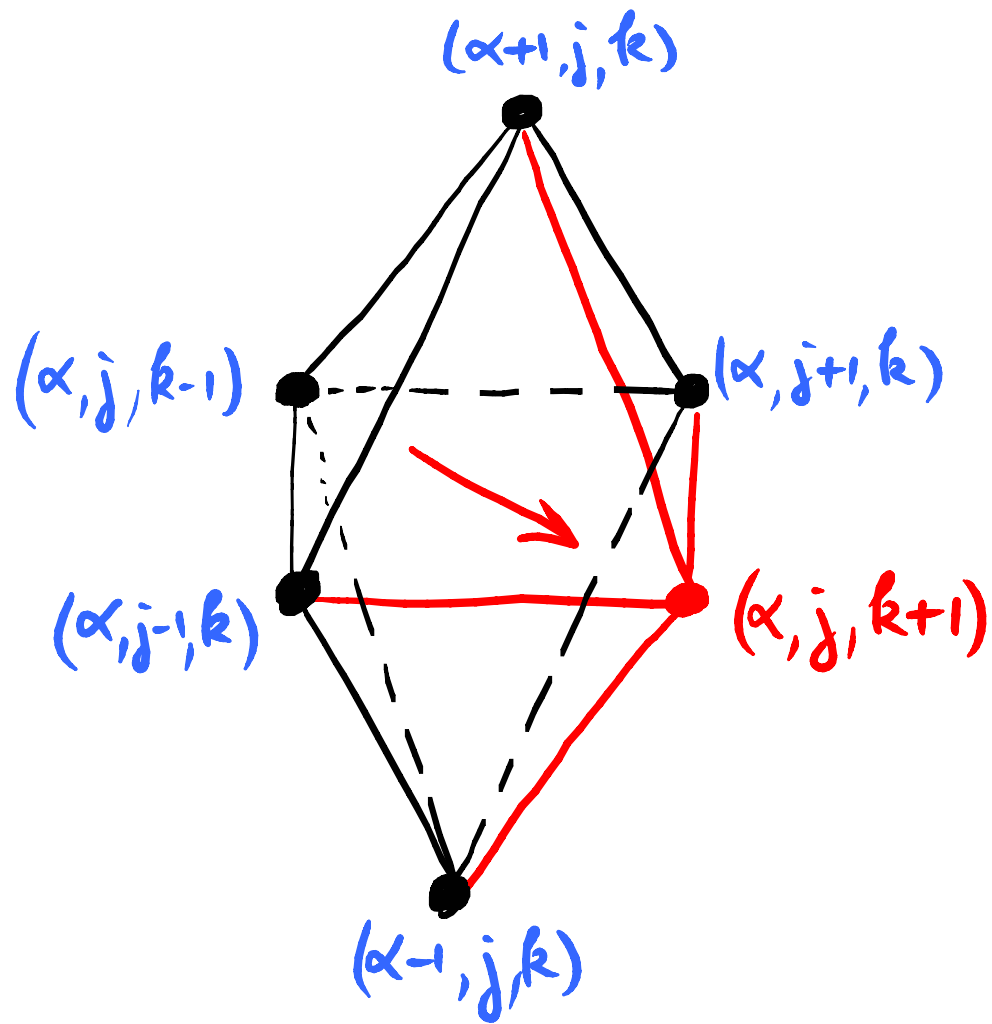
layers  $k=0,1$   
of "eggbox"



$$x_0 = \{ T_{\alpha,j,0}, T_{\alpha,j,1} \}$$

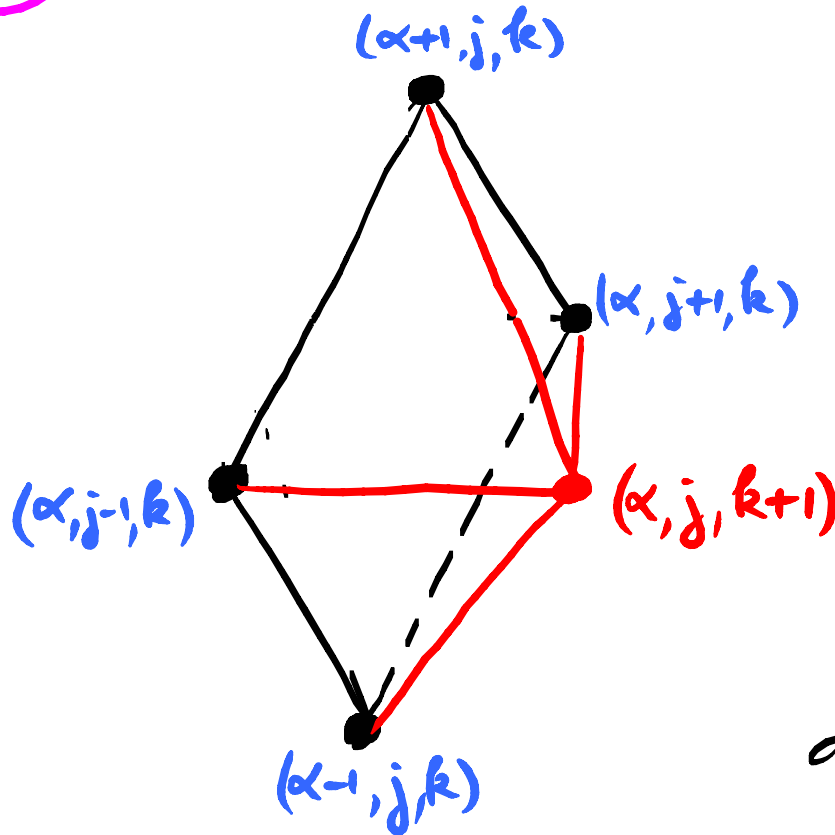






MUTATION  $(\alpha, j)$ :

$$T_{\alpha, j, k+1} T_{\alpha, j, k-1} = T_{\alpha, j+1, k} T_{\alpha, j-1, k} + T_{\alpha+1, j, k} T_{\alpha-1, j, k}$$



local move that evolves the stepped surface by "adding" an octahedron at  $(\alpha, j)$  and replacing the initial data  $T_{\alpha, j, k-1}$  with  $T_{\alpha, j, k+1}$

# SUMMARY

$$T_{\alpha_j k+1} T_{\alpha_j k-1} = T_{\alpha_{j+1} k} T_{\alpha_{j-1} k} + T_{\alpha_{+1, j, k}} T_{\alpha_{-1, j, k}}$$

• initial data =

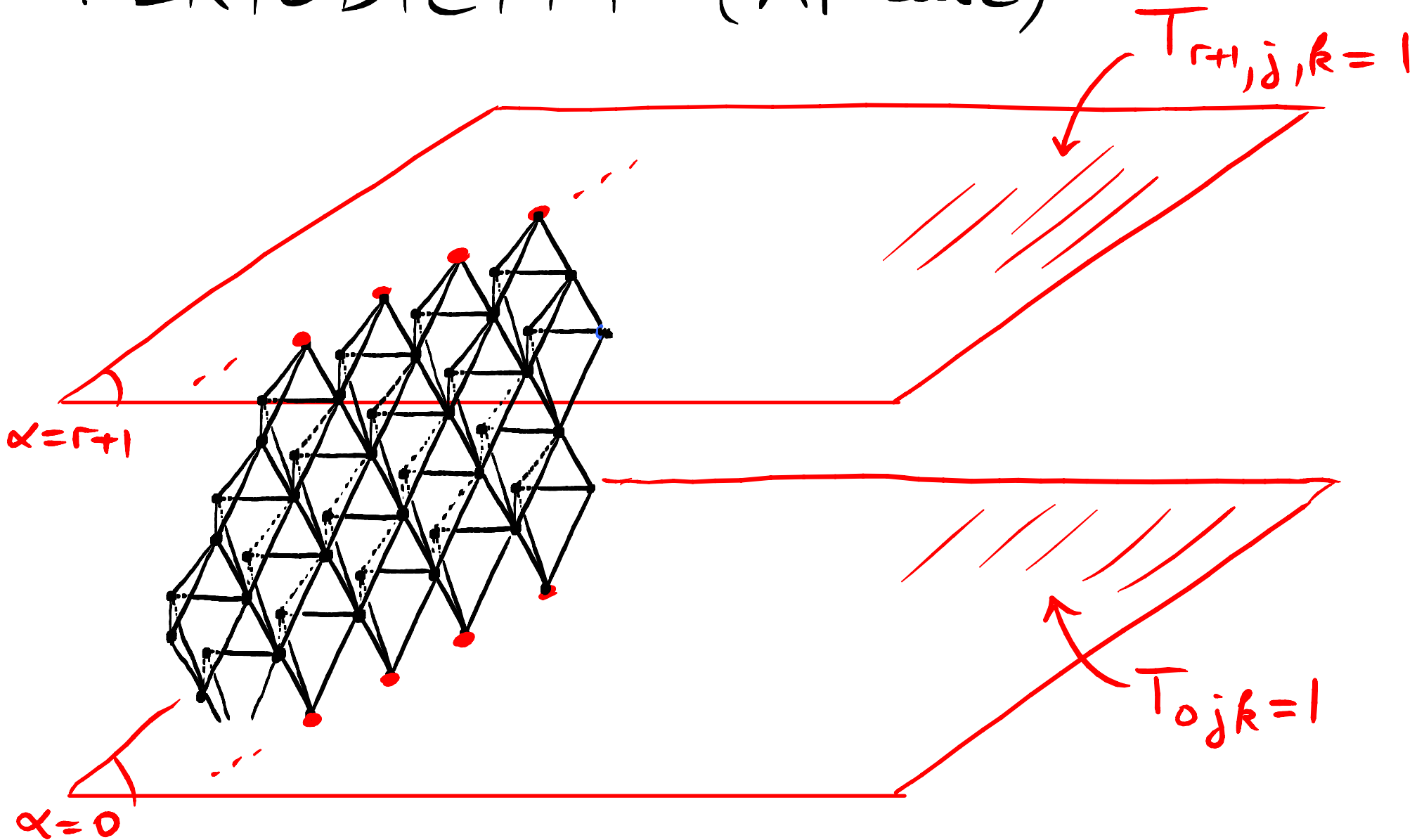
stepped surfaces  $\underline{k} = \{(\alpha, j, k_{\alpha, j})\} \begin{cases} |k_{\alpha+1, j} - k_{\alpha, j}| = 1 \\ |k_{\alpha, j+1} - k_{\alpha, j}| = 1 \end{cases}$

+ actual data  $X_{\underline{k}} = \{T_{\alpha, j, k_{\alpha, j}}\} = \text{initial data}$

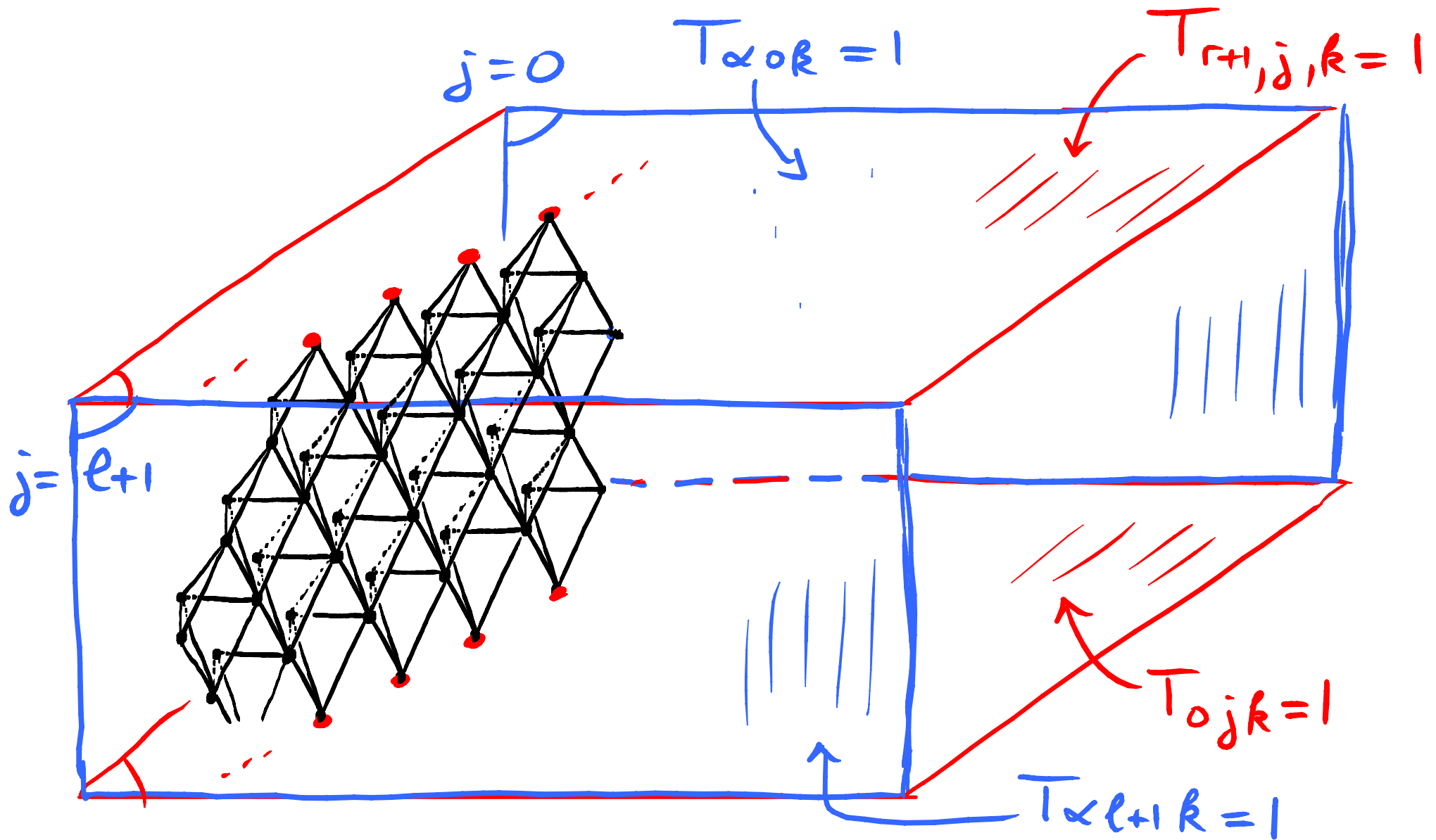
assignments along a stepped surface  $\underline{k}$

(NB: these are the clusters of the C.A.)

# PERIODICITY (A<sub>r</sub> case)



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# Zamolodchikov's periodicity conjecture (A case)

$$\begin{cases} T_{\alpha j k+1} T_{\alpha j k-1} = T_{\alpha j+1 k} T_{\alpha j-1 k} + T_{\alpha+1, j, k} T_{\alpha-1, j, k} & 1 \leq \alpha \leq r \\ T_{0 j k} = T_{r+1 j k} = 1 & \text{(Ar condition)} \\ T_{\alpha 0 k} = T_{\alpha l+1 k} = 1 & \text{(Box of width } l) \end{cases} \quad j, k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

THM The solution  $T_{\alpha ij}$  is periodic, with period

$$T = 2(r+l+2)$$

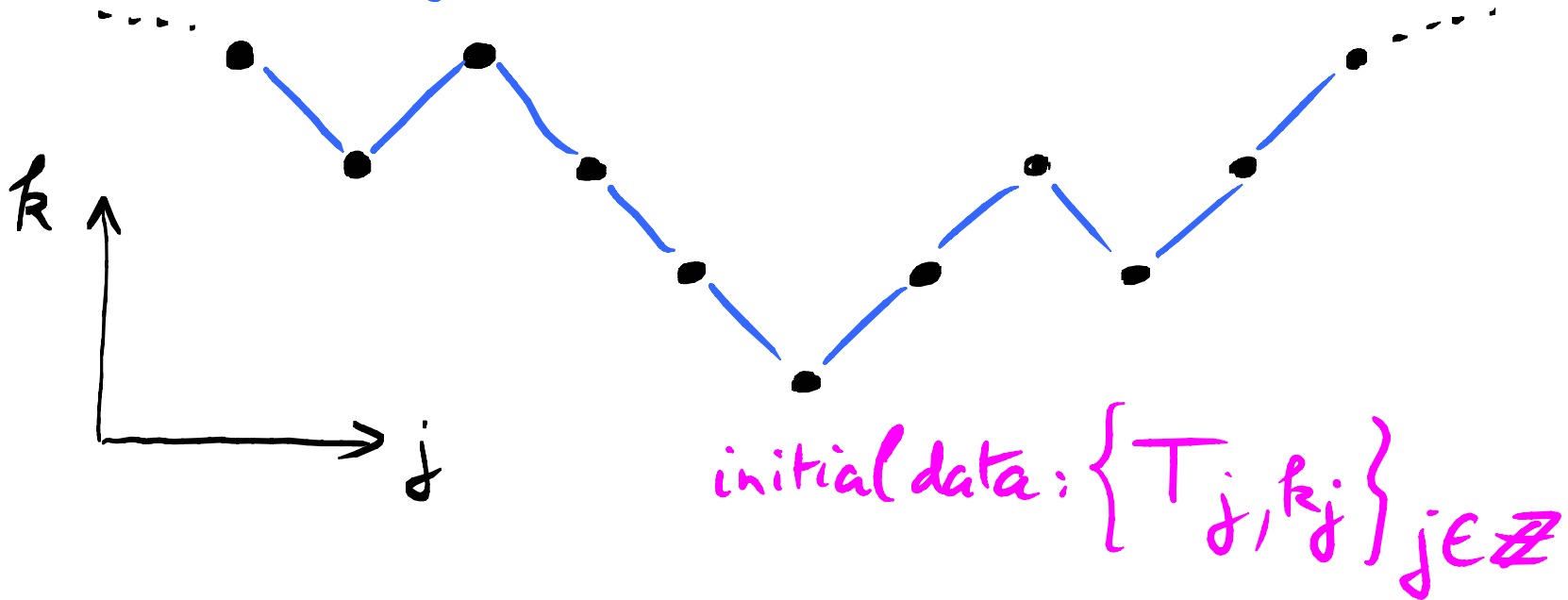
Proofs: [Volkov] [Frenkel Szenes] [Keller] [Inaetal] Today

# T-SYSTEM SOLUTION (A<sub>1</sub> CASE)

$$T_{j,k+1} T_{j,k-1} = T_{j+1,k} T_{j-1,k} + 1$$

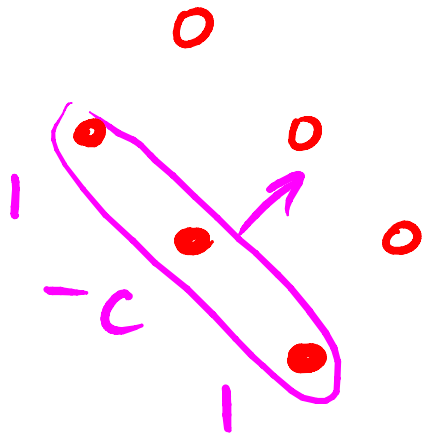
( $\alpha=1$ )  
 $j, k \in \mathbb{Z}$

initial data = zig-zag line  
(one slice of  $A_r$ )  $|k_{j+1} - k_j| = 1$

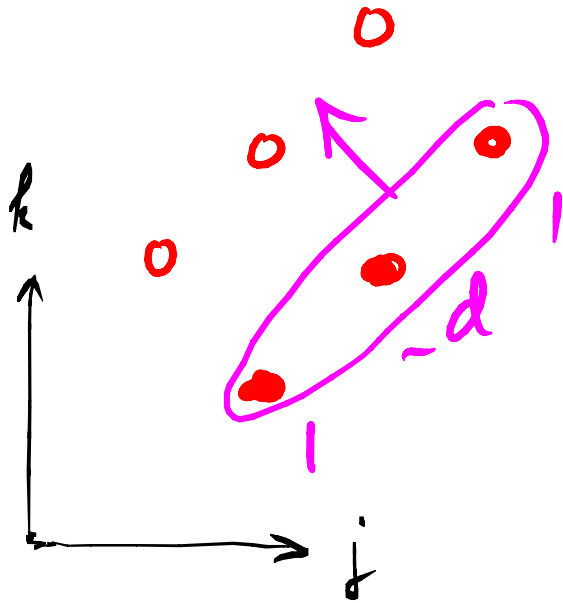


# INTEGRABILITY

2 types of conservation laws:



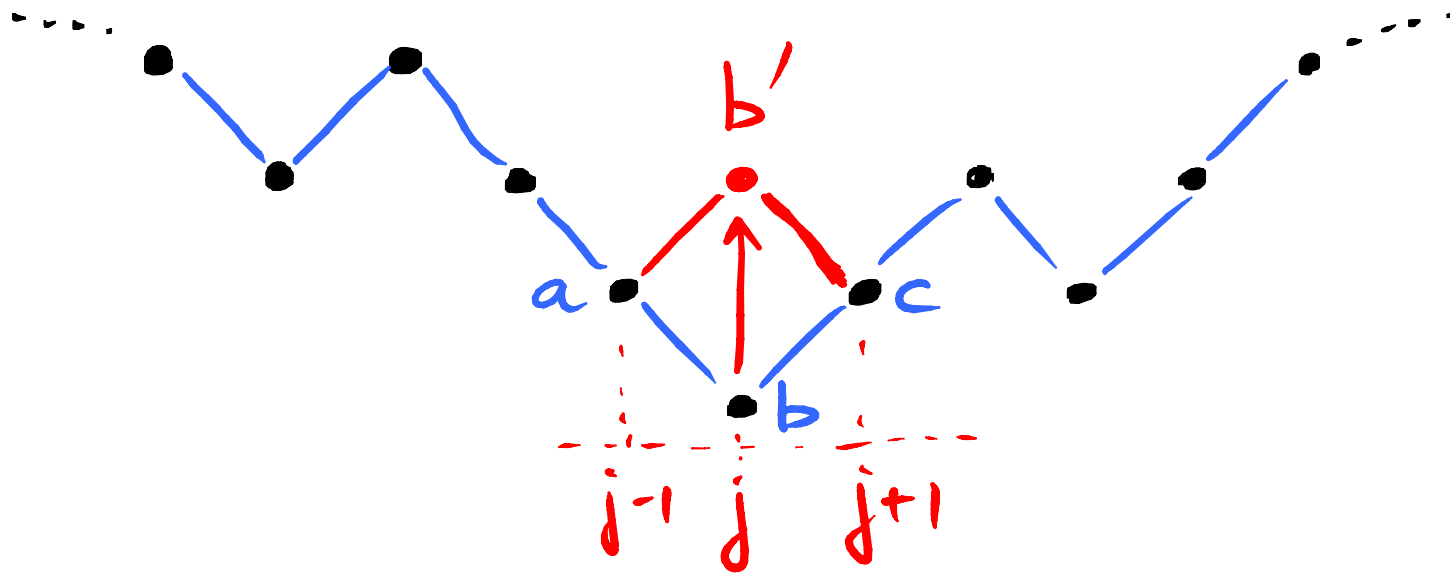
$$T_{j,k+1} - c(j-k) T_{j+1,k} + T_{j+2,k-1} = 0$$



$$T_{j+2,k+1} - d(j+k) T_{j+1,k} + T_{j,k-1} = 0$$



MUTATION = adding a "square"

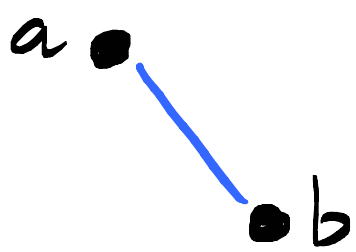


$$\mu_j \quad j \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$bb' = ac + 1$$

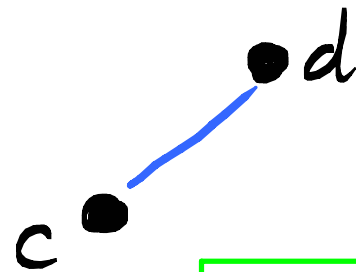
[NB inverse = subtracting a square]

# MATRIX REPRESENTATION:



$$\rightarrow D(a,b) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{a}{b} & \frac{1}{b} \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

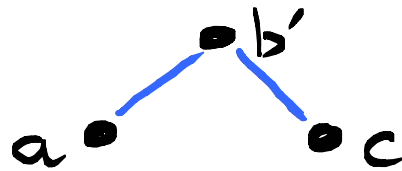
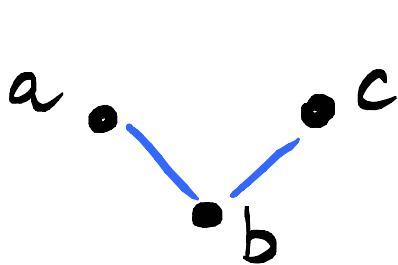
"down"



$$\rightarrow U(c,d) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{d} & \frac{c}{d} \end{pmatrix}$$

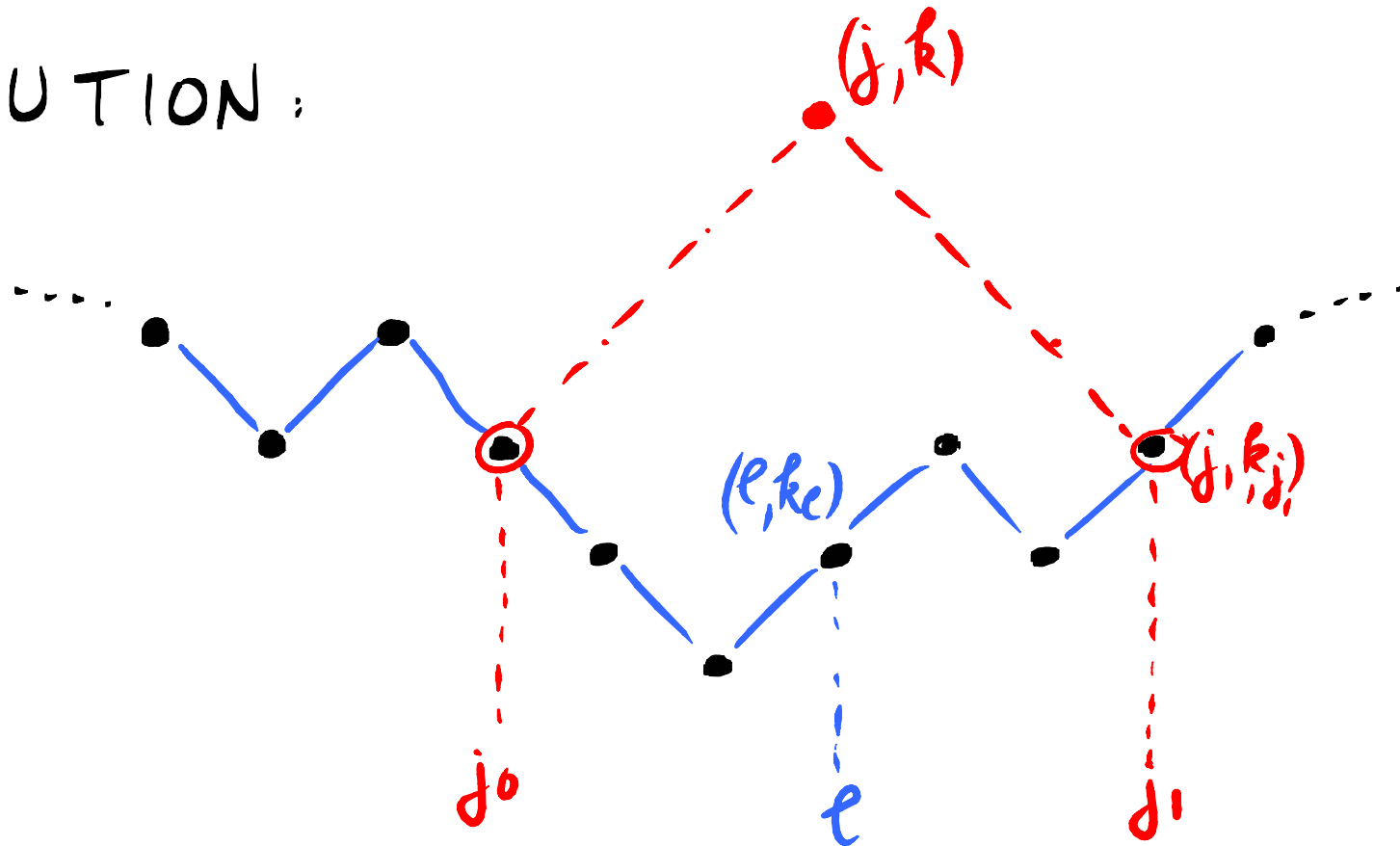
"up"

$$D(a,b)U(b,c) = U(a,b')D(b',c) \Leftrightarrow bb' = ac + 1$$



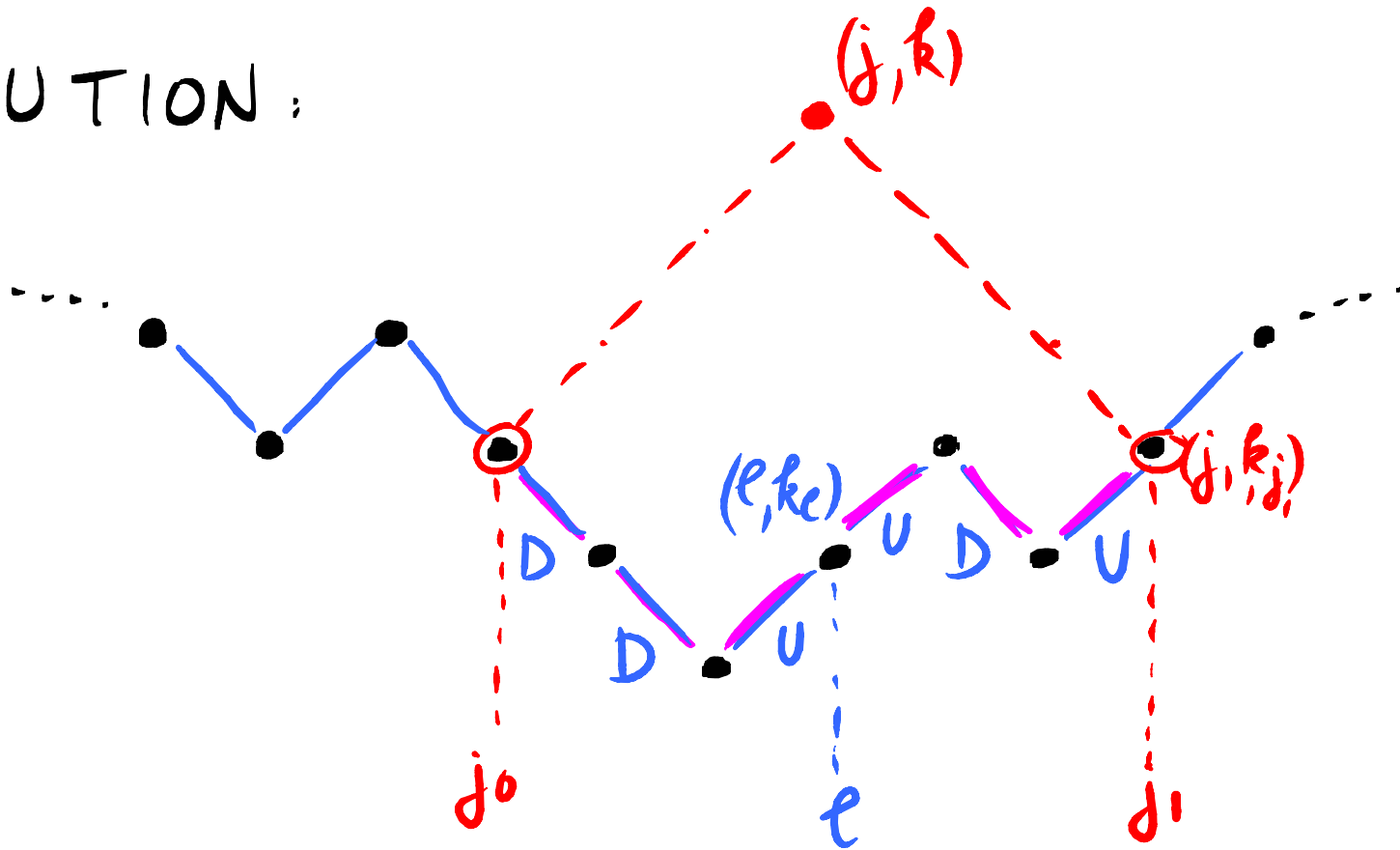
→ Implies the conservation laws (flat connexion)

SOLUTION:



$(j_0, j_1) = (\min, \max)$  of "projection" of  $(j, k)$   
onto initial data zig-zag line.  $(j, k_j)$

SOLUTION:

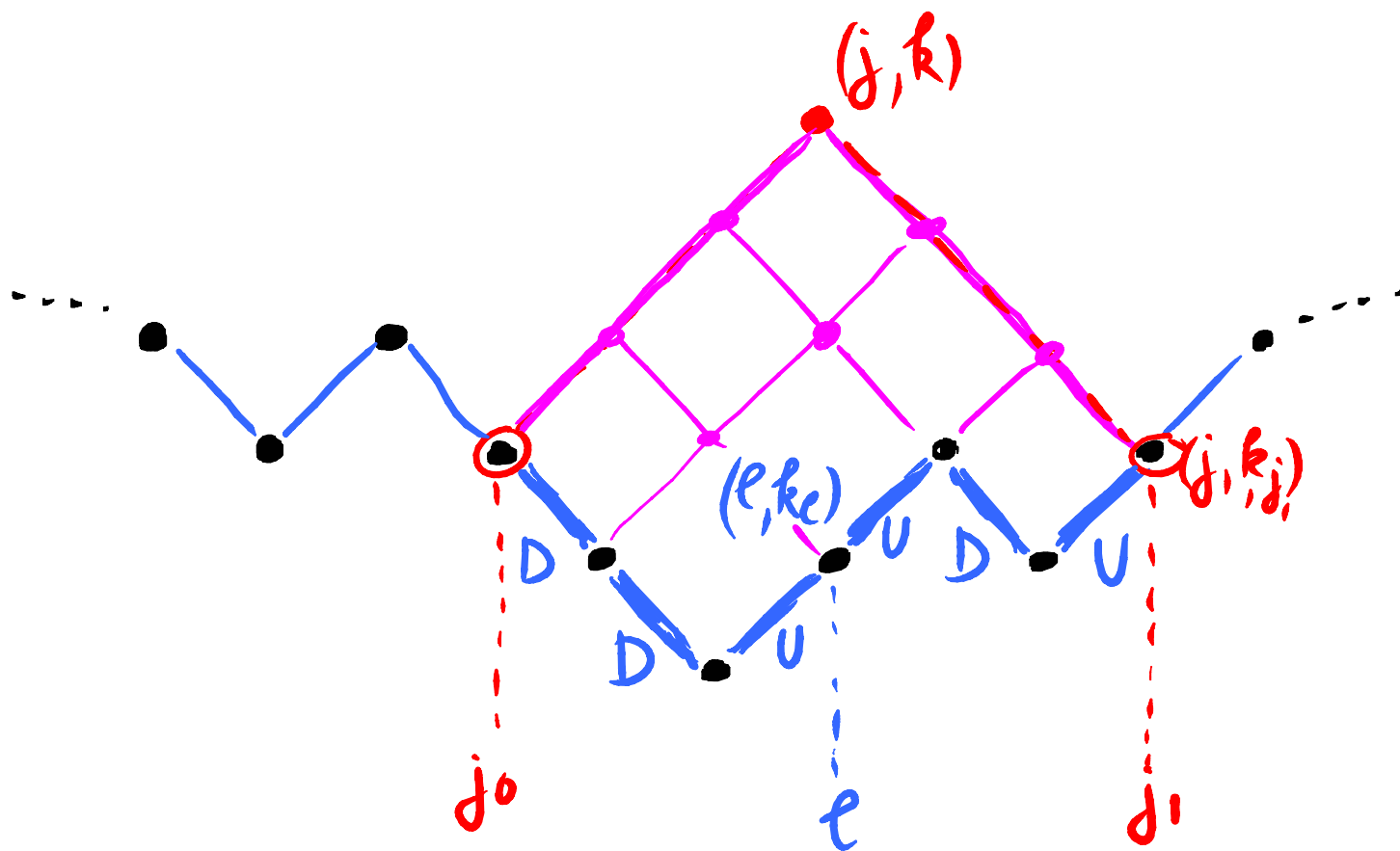


Thm

$$\frac{T_{j,k}}{T_{j_i, k_i}} = \left[ \begin{array}{c} \prod_{l=j_0}^{j_i-1} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} D \\ U \end{array} \right\} (k_l, k_{l+1}) \end{array} \right]_{1,1} \leftarrow (1,1) \text{ element}$$

"Transfer matrix"

Proof:



induction under mutation (box subtraction)



$$\text{and } T_{j,k} = [(\pi U)(\pi D)]_{j_1, k_1} T_{j_1, k_1}$$

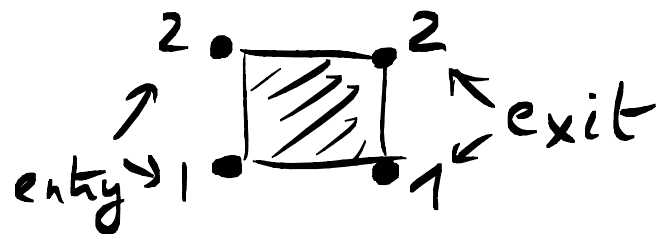
# POSITIVITY

- the arguments of  $D, U$  involve only values of  $T_{j,k_j}$  from the initial data
- these are all  $\geq 0$  Laurent monomials

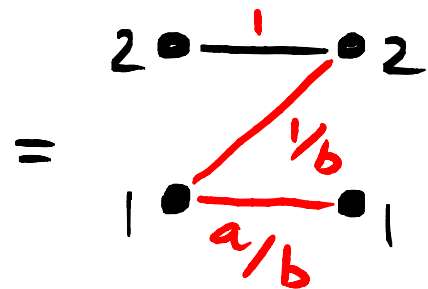
$\Rightarrow$  POSITIVITY

# NETWORK FORMULATION

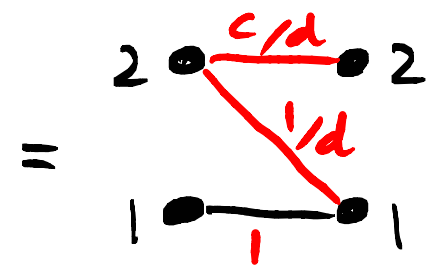
matrix-weighted graphs (oriented left→right)



$$D(a,b) = \begin{pmatrix} a & 1/b \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

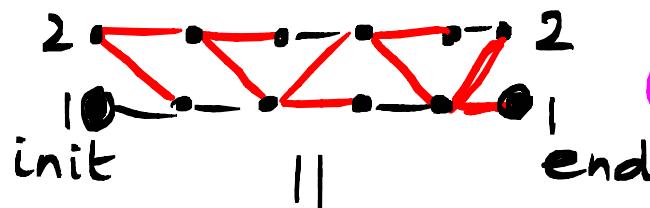


$$U(c,d) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1/d & c/d \end{pmatrix}$$



$$(U \cup D \cup D)$$

Product

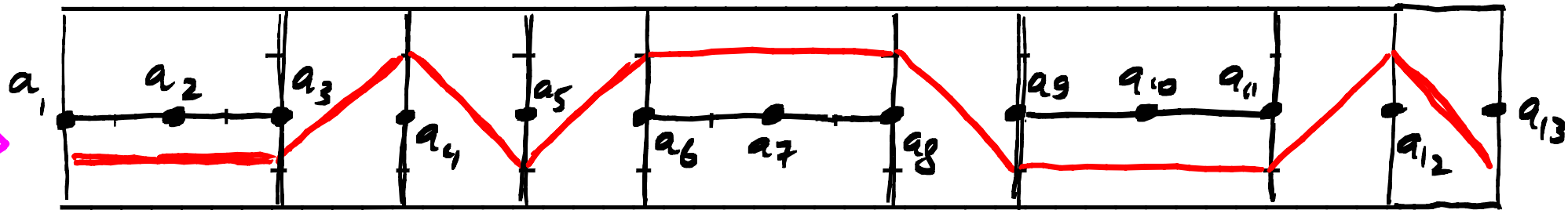
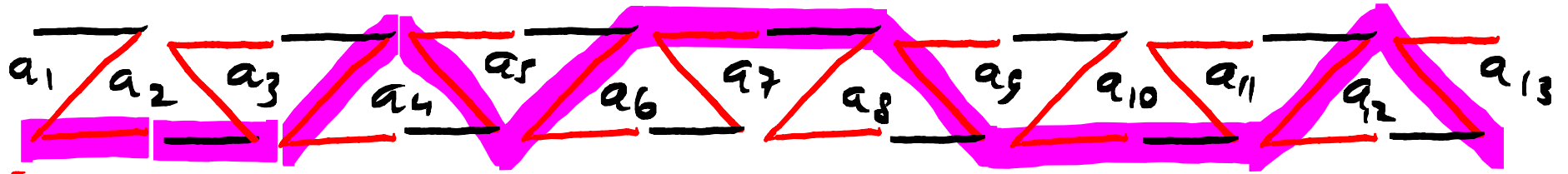
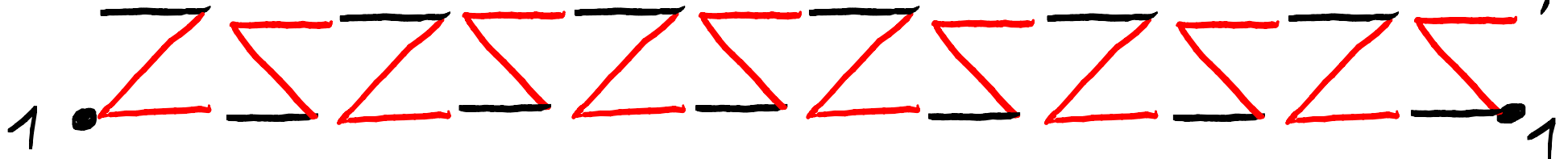


Concatenate

= Partition function for paths  $1 \rightarrow 1$  on the network.

# CONNECTION TO DIMERS

$$T_{jk} \sim (D_{a_1 a_2} U_{a_2 a_3} D_{a_3 a_4} U \quad D \quad U \quad U \quad D \quad U \quad U \quad D \quad U)$$



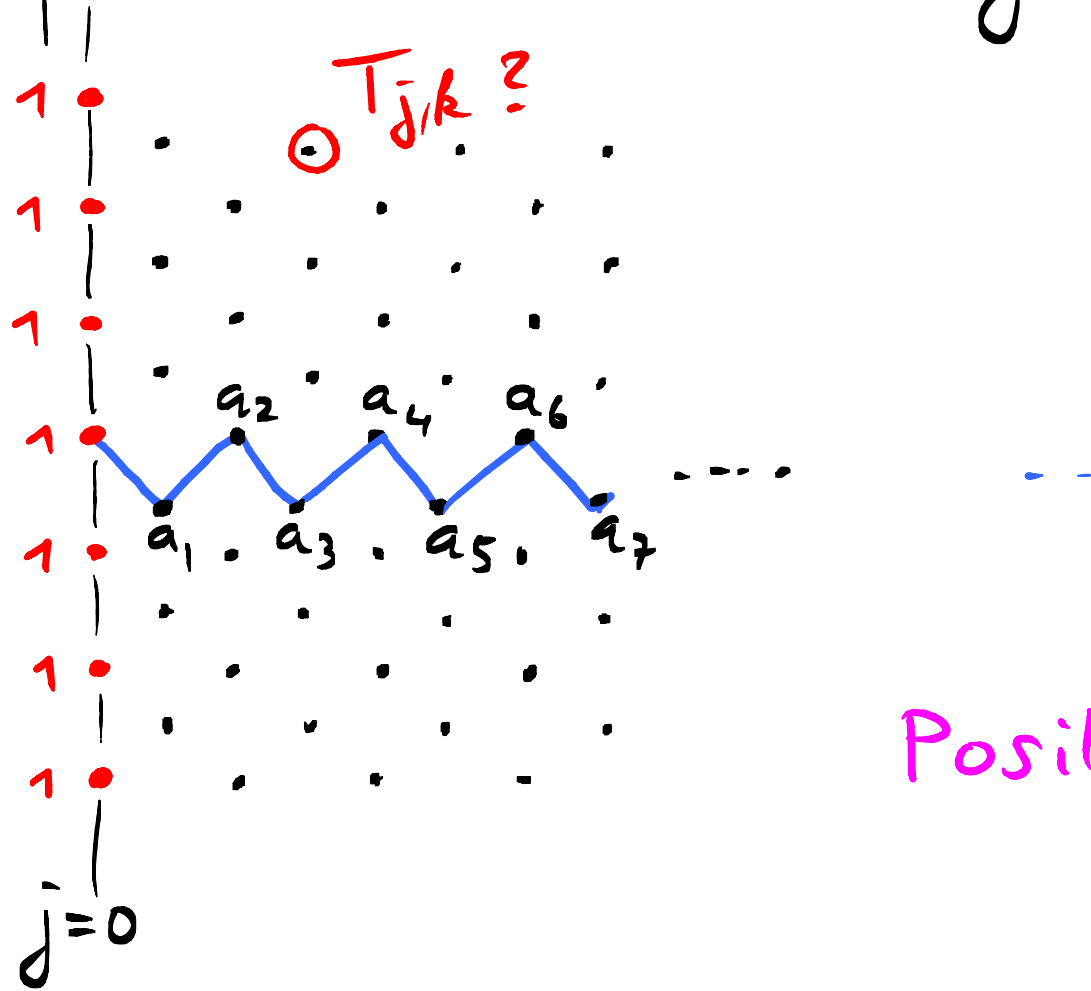
bijection between:

- paths on network and
- between domino tilings + same weight



# OTHER BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

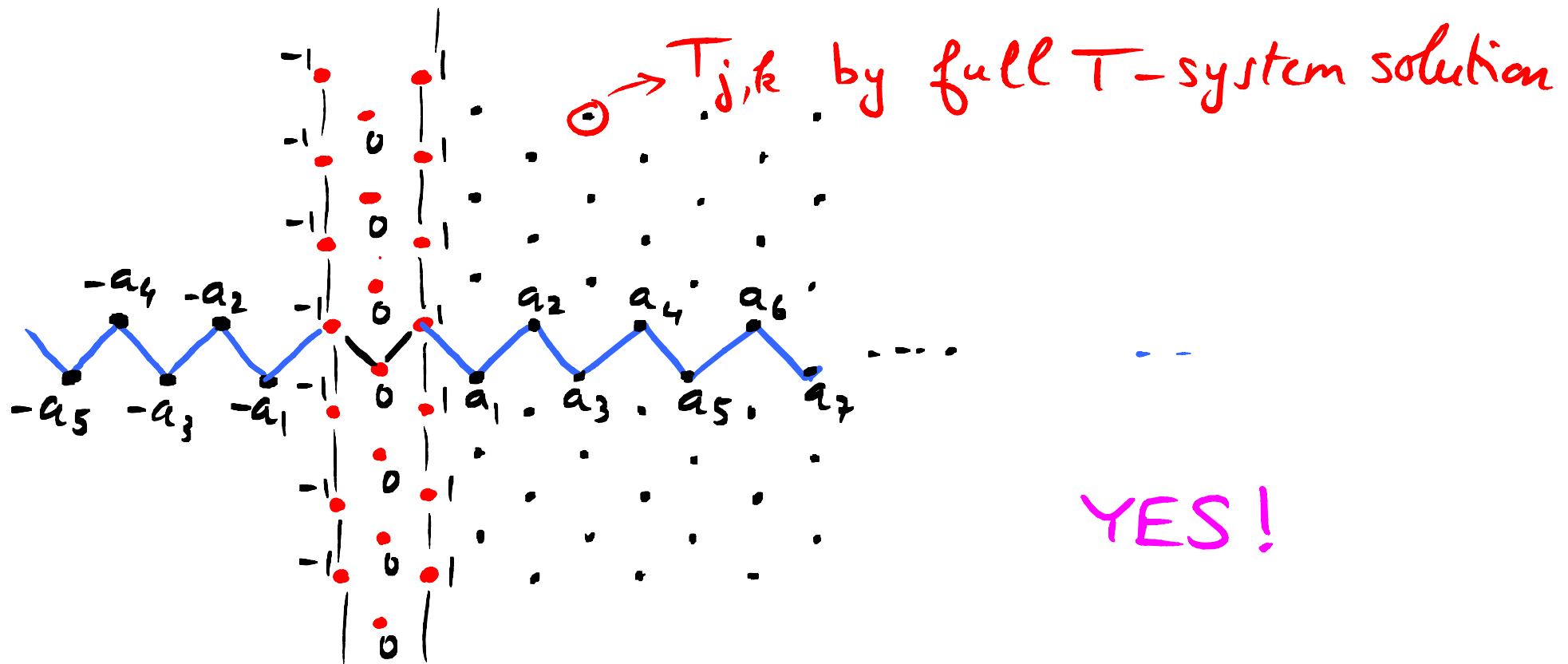
## 1. Half-plane "wall" boundary



Positivity?

# OTHER BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

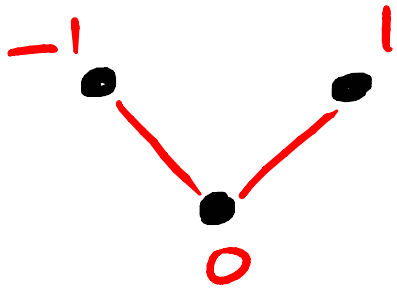
## 1. Half-plane "wall" boundary



Claim: the T-system with this init. data has same solution in the right half-plane

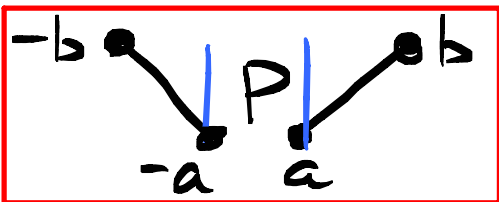
# Properties of D, U, P matrices

Lemma 1

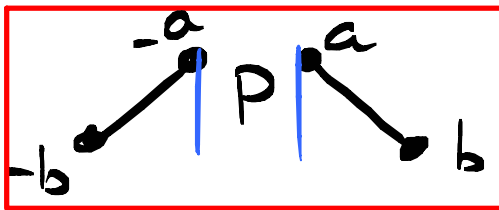


$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} D(-1, \varepsilon) U(\varepsilon, 1) = P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Lemma 2



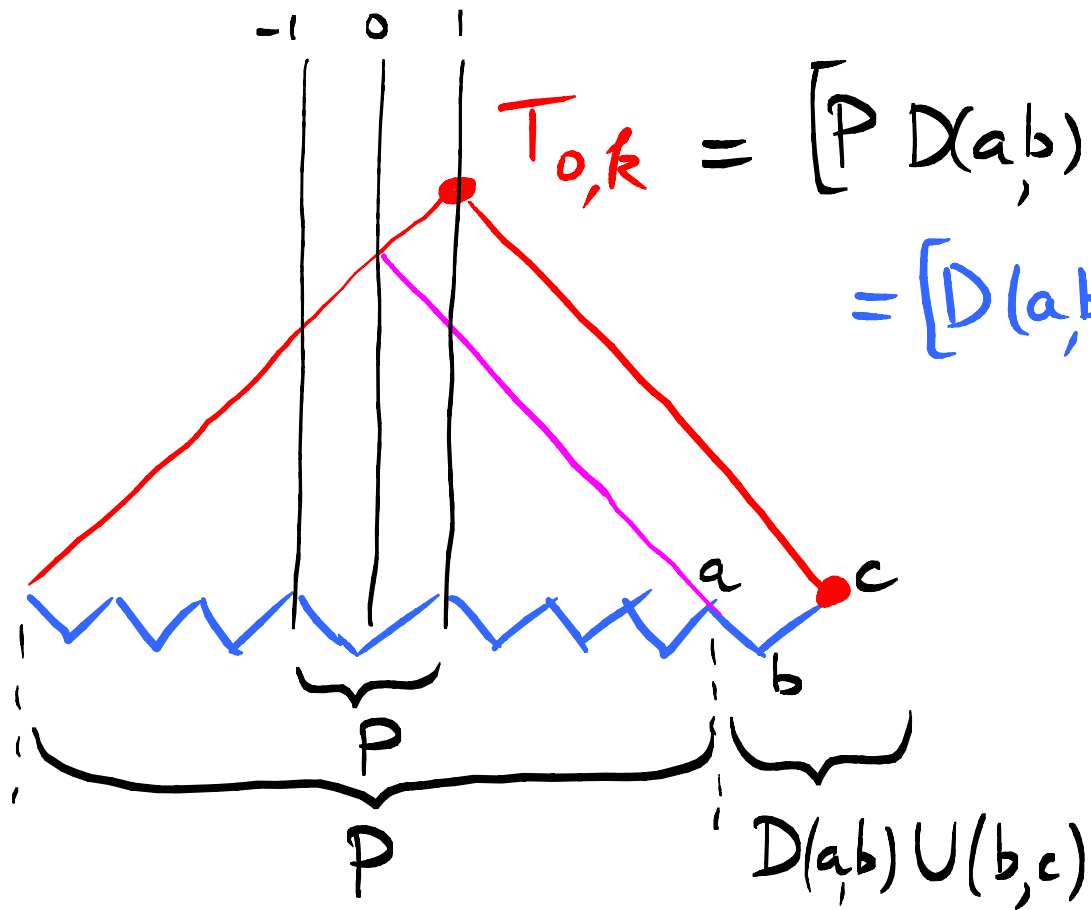
$$D(-b, -a) P U(a, b) = P$$



$$U(-b, -a) P D(a, b) = P$$

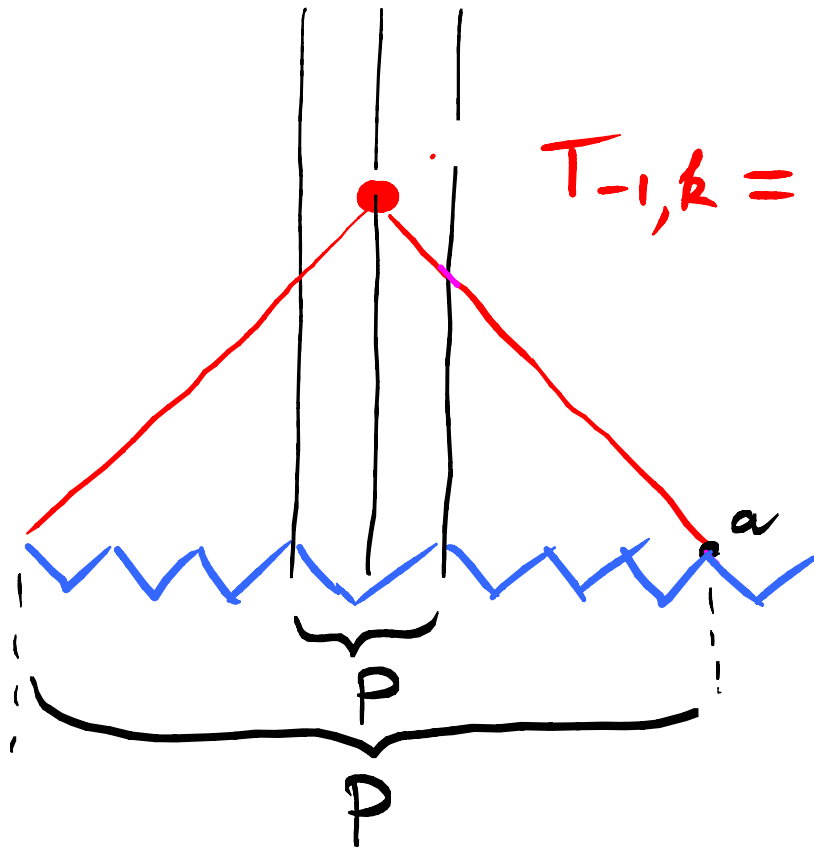
Corollary: **COLLAPSE PROPERTY**  $\underbrace{\text{W}}_{P(\vec{a})} P \underbrace{\text{W}}_{\vec{a}} = P$

Proof of  
the claim



$$\begin{aligned}
 T_{0,k} &= [P D(a,b) U(b,c)]_{1,1} \times c \\
 &= [D(a,b) U(b,c)]_{2,1} \times c \\
 &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

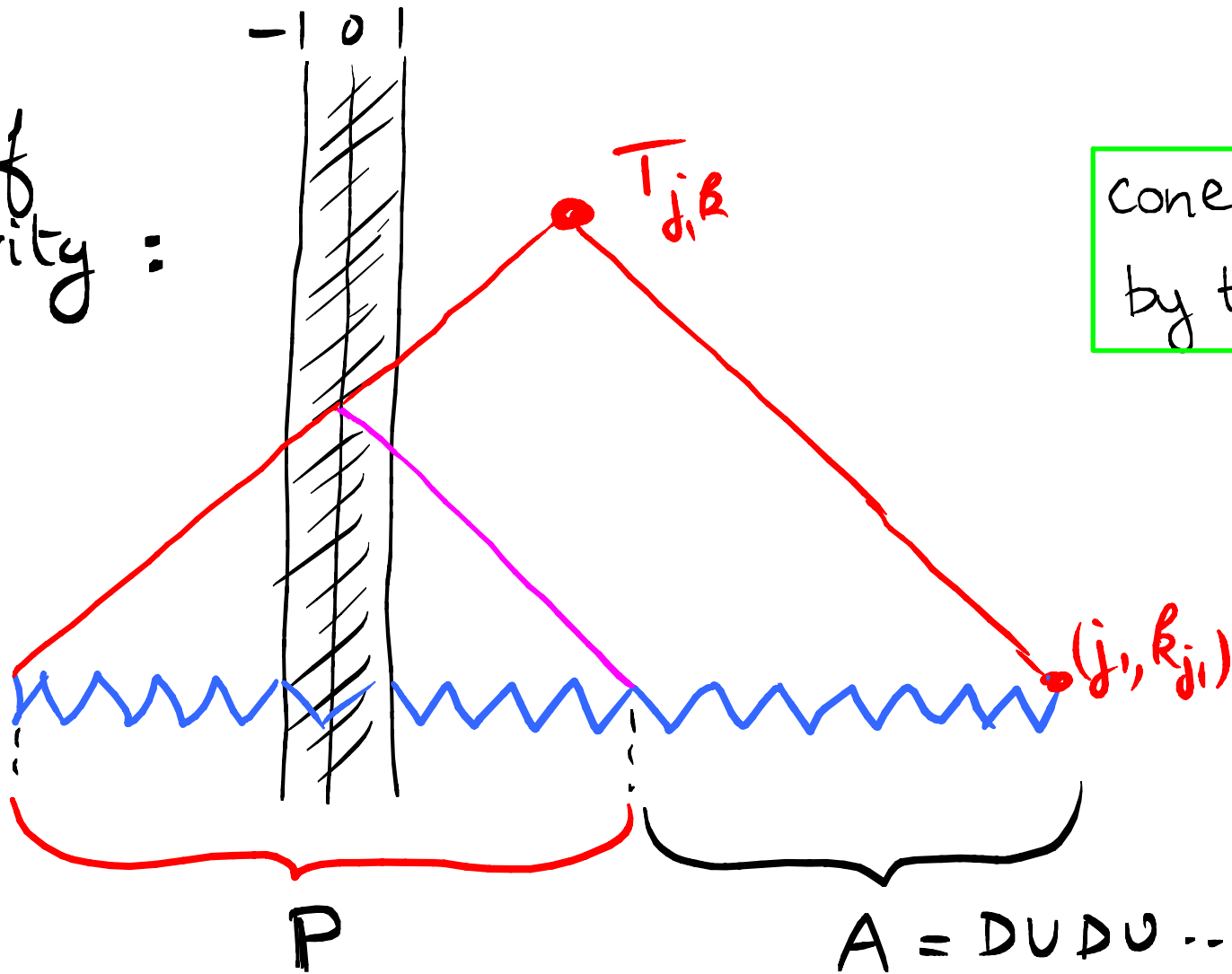
N.B.



$$T_{-1,k} = [P]_{1,1} \times a = 0$$

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

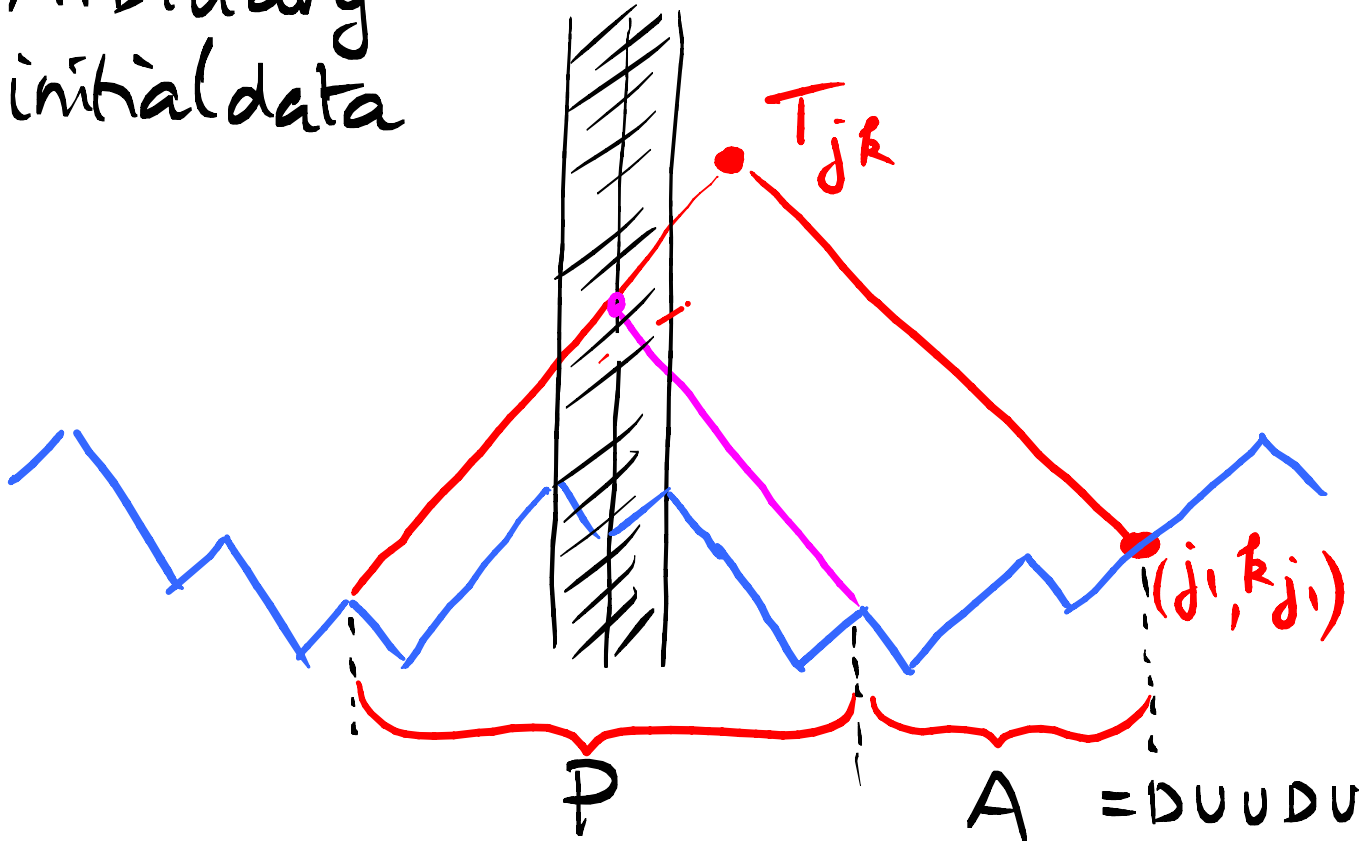
Proof of Positivity :



cone is reflected by the wall

$$T_{j_1, k} = (PA)_{j_1, k} \cdot T_{j_1, k_{j_1}} \quad \text{POSITIVE}$$

Arbitrary  
initial data



$$T_{jR} = (PA)_{,,} T_{j_1, R_{j_1}} \quad \text{POSITIVE}$$

The same may be repeated for the left half-plane system

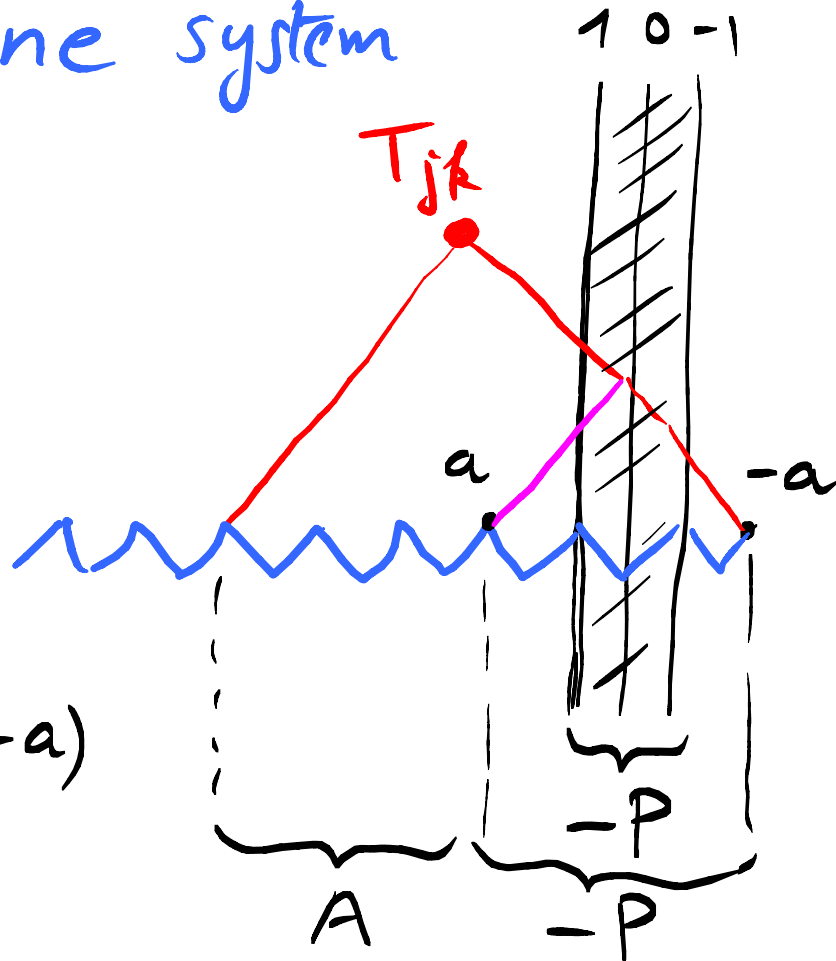
Lemma:

$$D(1,0)U(0,-1) = -P$$

$$T_{j,k} = [A(-P)]_{j,j} \times (-a)$$

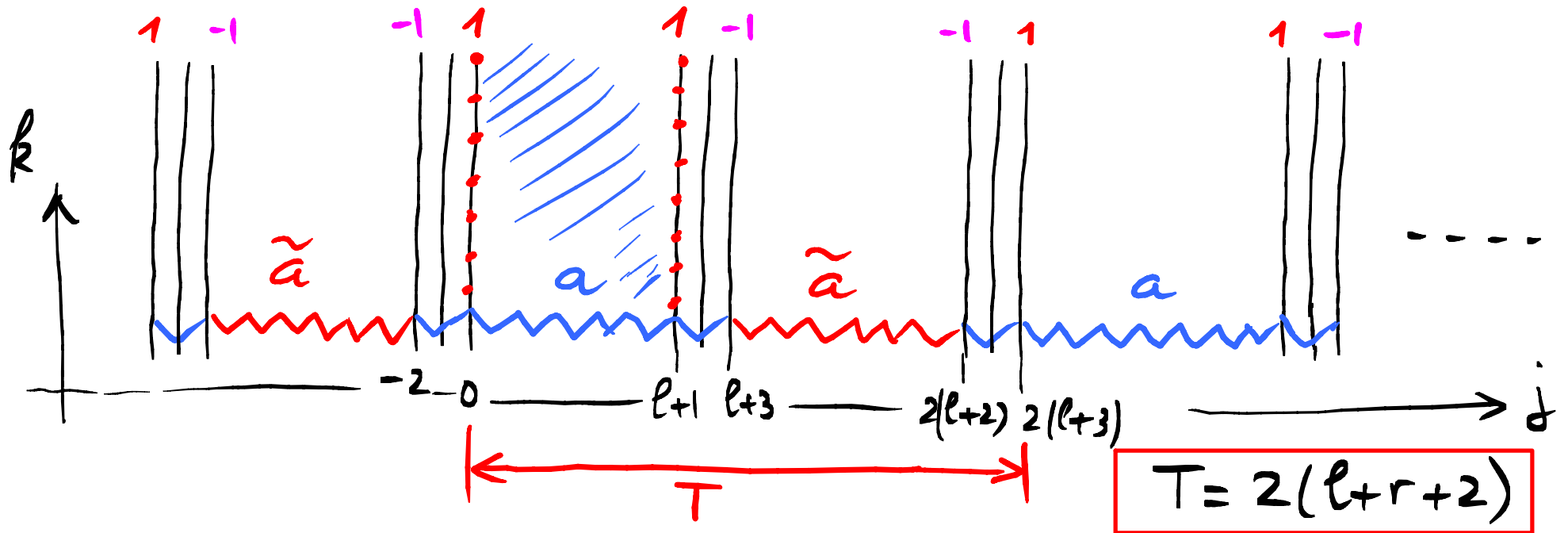
$$= [AP]_{j,j} a$$

POSITIVE





## 2. Strip : "2 wall" Boundary



Remark: the initial data has period  $T$  in  $j$ .

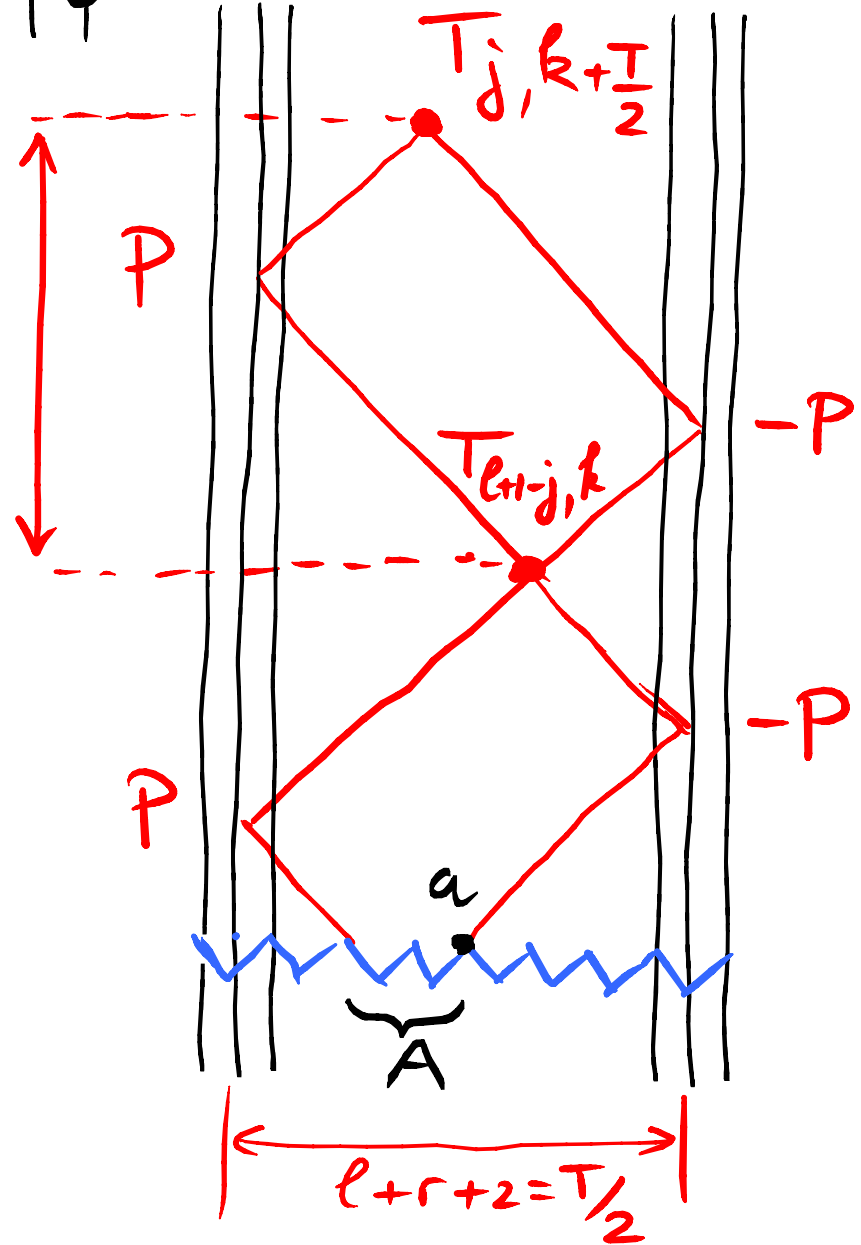
# PROOF OF PERIODICITY

"half-period" identity

$$T_{\frac{1}{2}} = l + r + 2$$

Lemma:

$$T_{j, k + \frac{1}{2}} = T_{l+1-j, k}$$



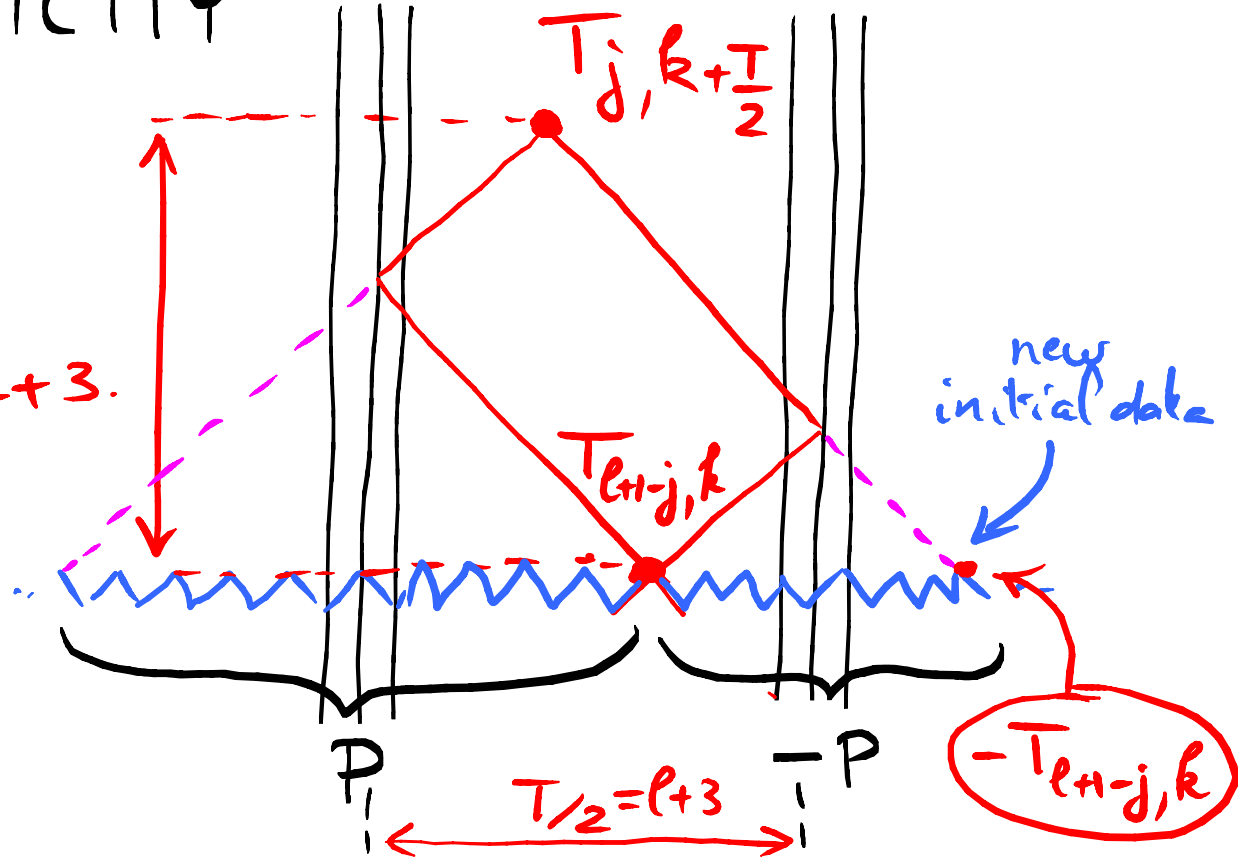
# PROOF OF PERIODICITY

"half-period" identity

$$T_{\frac{1}{2}} = \ell + 3.$$

Lemma:

$$T_{j, k + \frac{T}{2}} = T_{\ell + 1 - j, k}$$



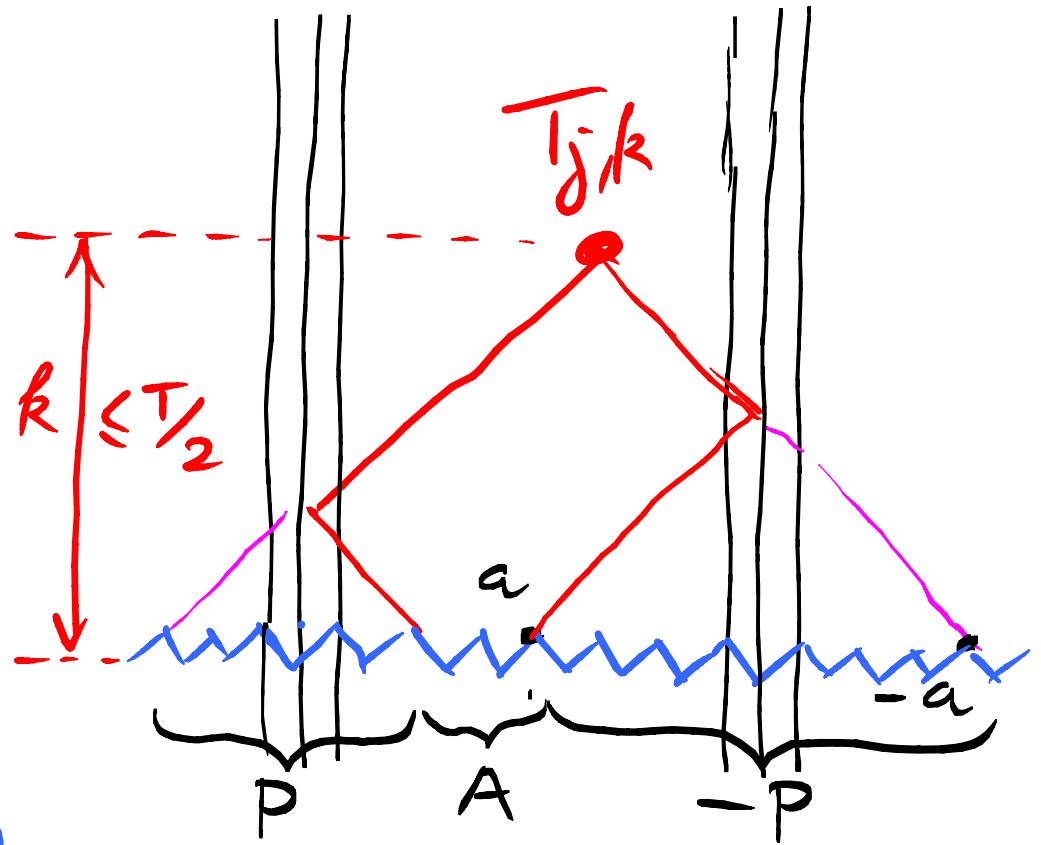
$$T_{j, k + \frac{T}{2}} = (P(-P))_{j, j} \times (-T_{\ell + 1 - j, k}) = T_{\ell + 1 - j, k}$$

⇒ PERIODICITY

$$T = 2(\ell + 3)$$

# PROOF OF POSITIVITY

use half-periodicity  
to restrict to  $k \leq \frac{T}{2}$



$$T_{j,k} = (P A (-P))_{1,1}(-a)$$
$$= A_{2,2} \cdot a$$

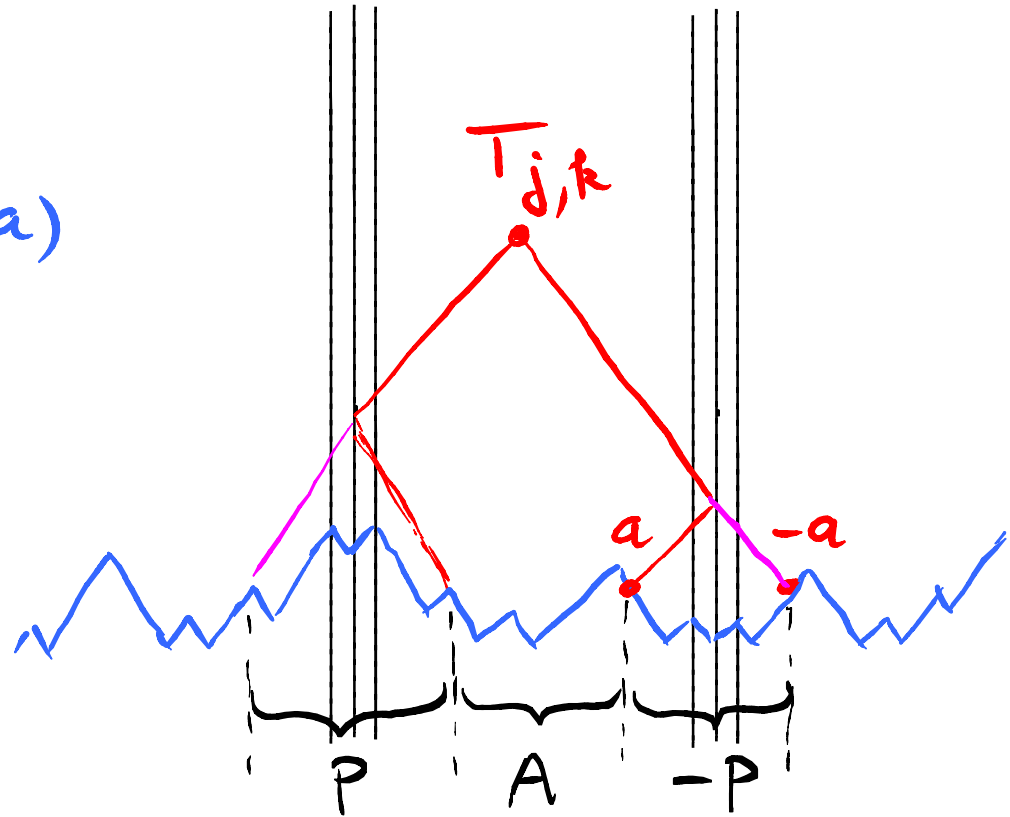
POSITIVE

Case of arbitrary initial data zig-zag line:

zig-zag is reflected

$$T_{j,k} = (PA \mp P)_{j,k}(-a) \\ = A_{22} \cdot a$$

⇒ POSITIVE



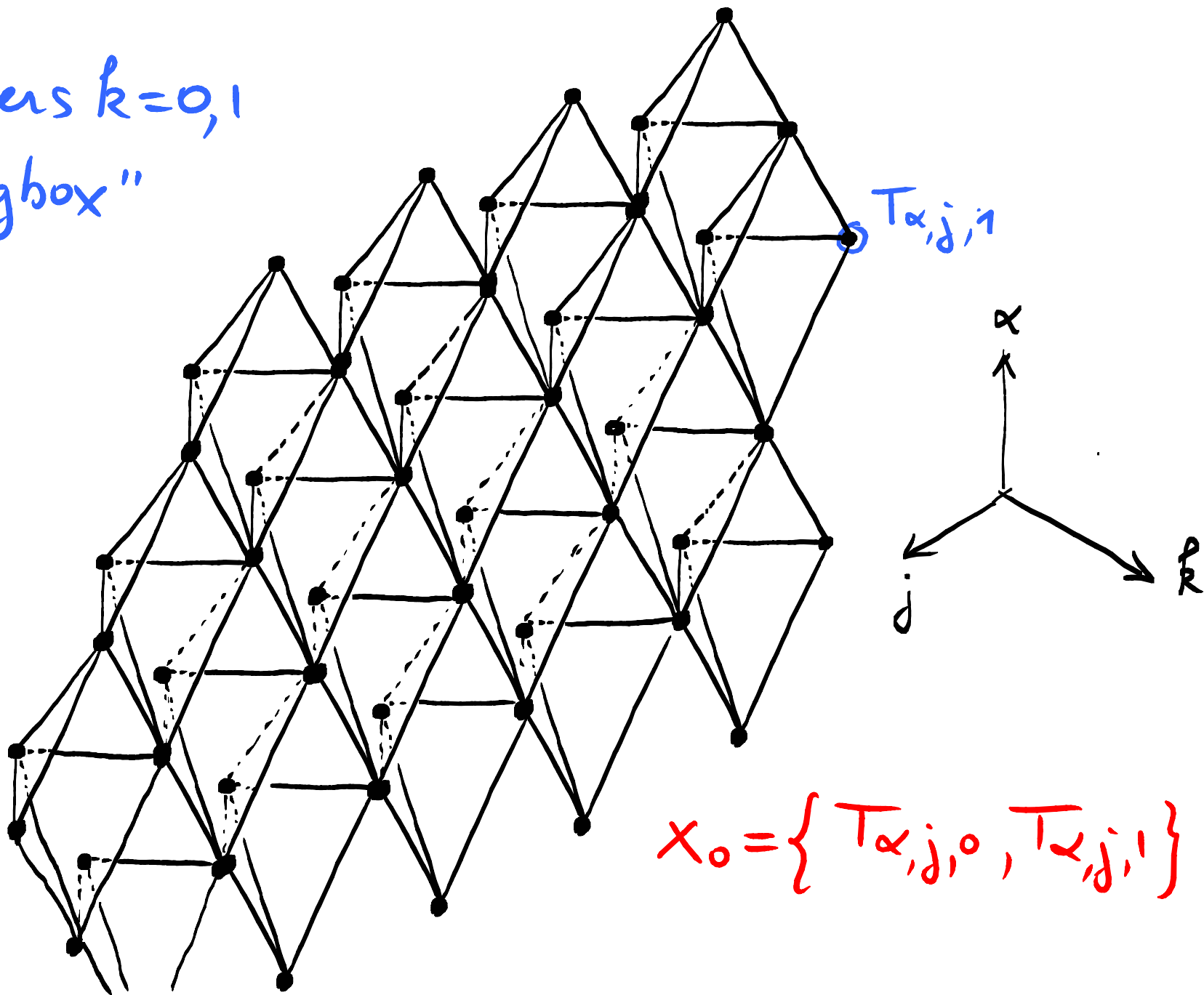
# GENERAL CASE: $A_r$ T-system

$$T_{\alpha, j, k+1} T_{\alpha, j, k-1} = T_{\alpha, j+1, k} T_{\alpha, j-1, k} + T_{\alpha+1, j, k} T_{\alpha-1, j, k}$$

$$T_{0, j, k} = T_{r+1, j, k} = 1 \quad 1 \leq \alpha \leq r \quad j, k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

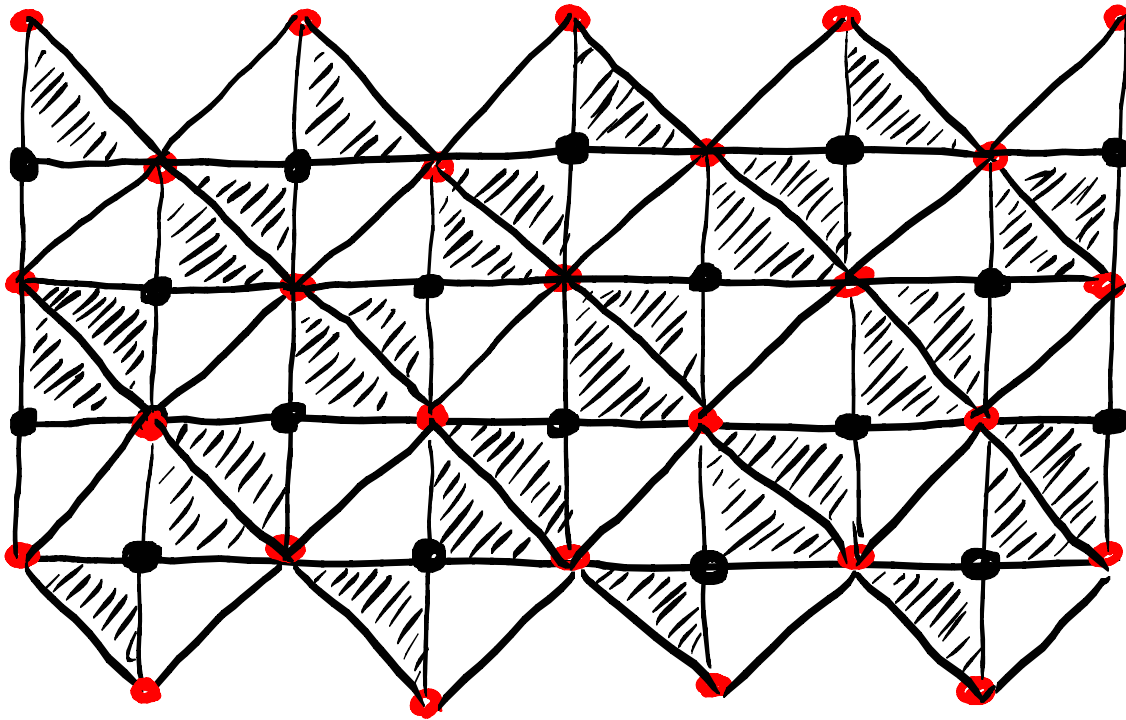
- generalization of D, U matrices
- express solution as a matrix element / network partition function

layers  $k=0,1$   
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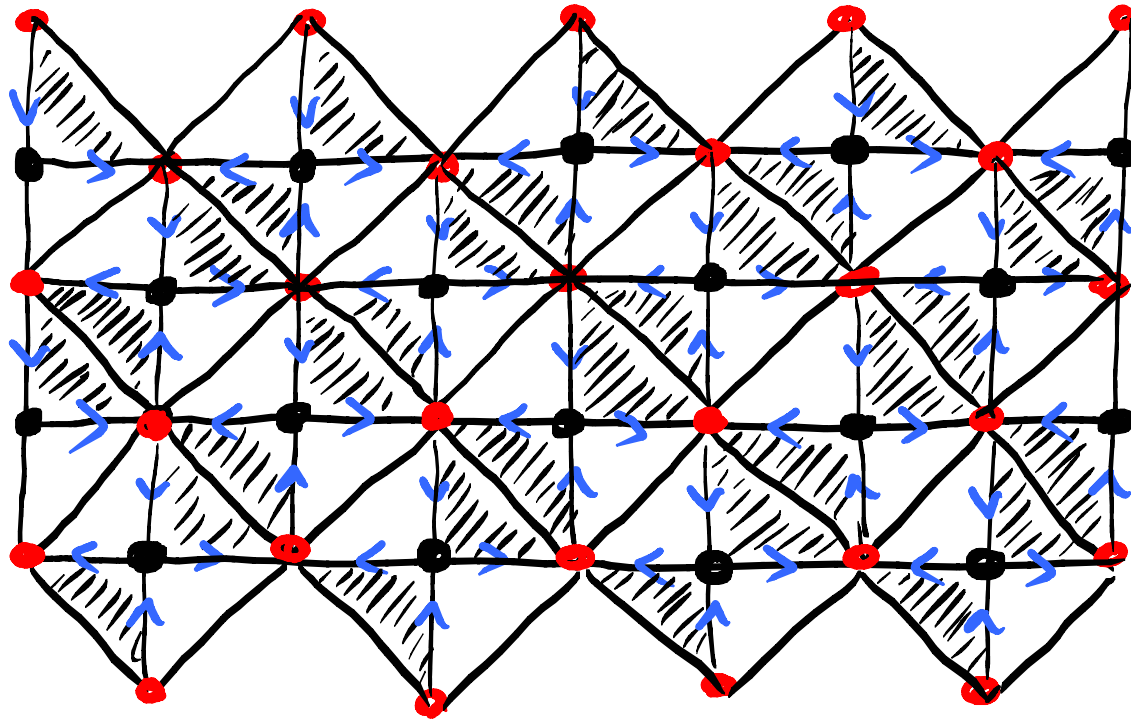
$$X_0 = \{T_{\alpha,j,0}, T_{\alpha,j,1}\}$$

view from behind : shade triangles as follows :



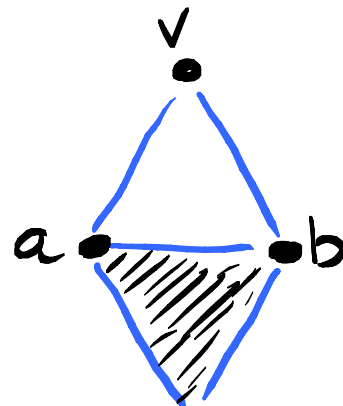
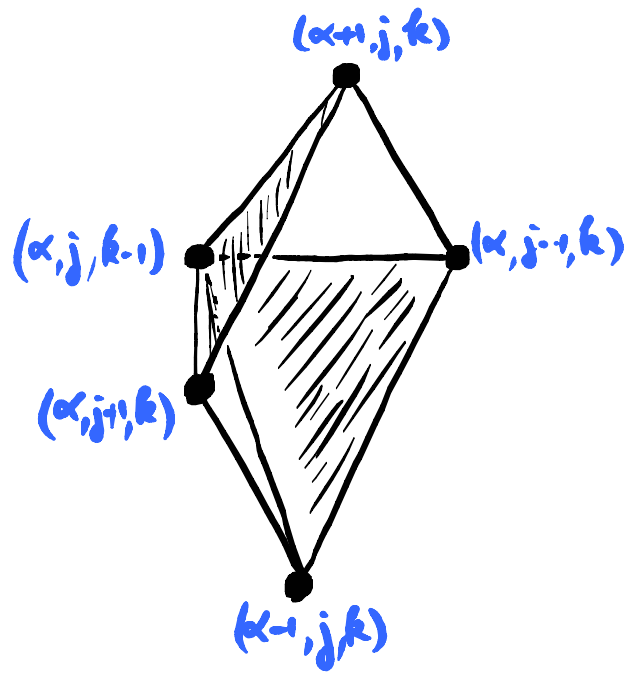


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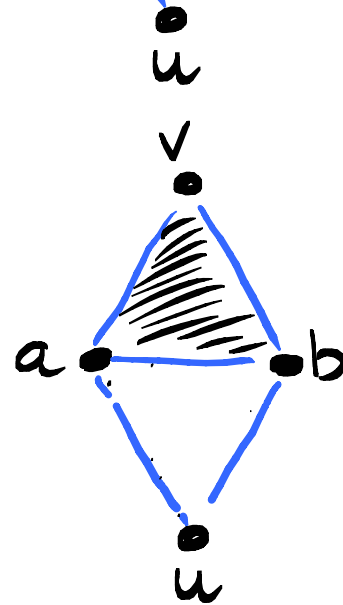


**QUIVER =**  
orient all grey  
faces counter  
clockwise.

Definition: D & U matrices

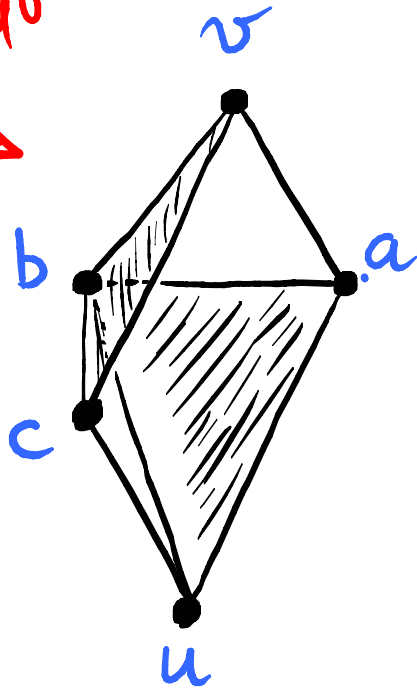


$$D(u, a, b) = \begin{pmatrix} a & u \\ b|a & b|u \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

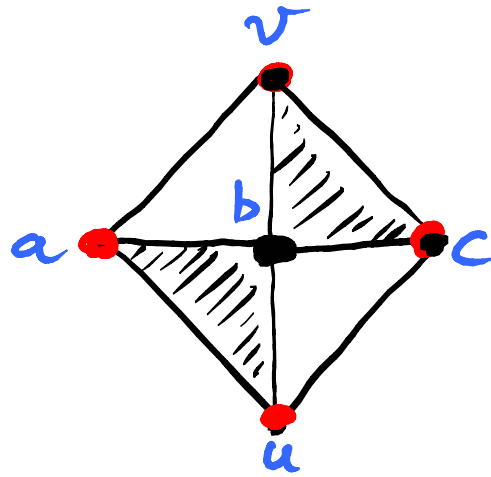


$$U(a, b, v) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ b|v & b|a \end{pmatrix}$$

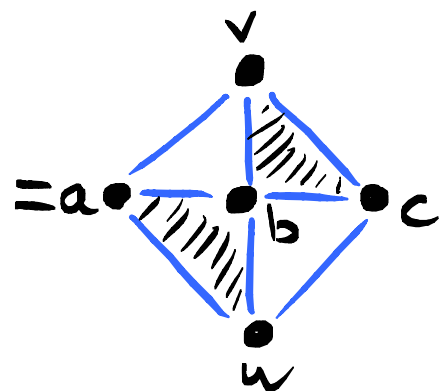
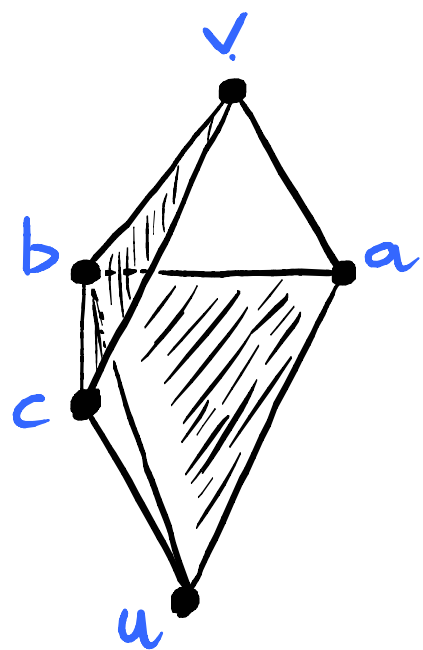
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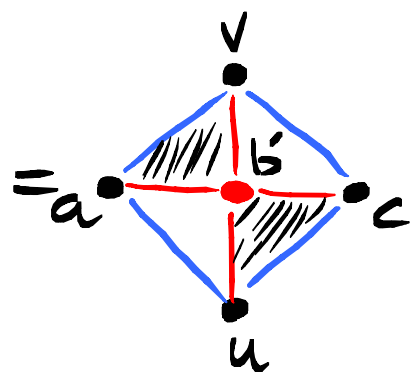
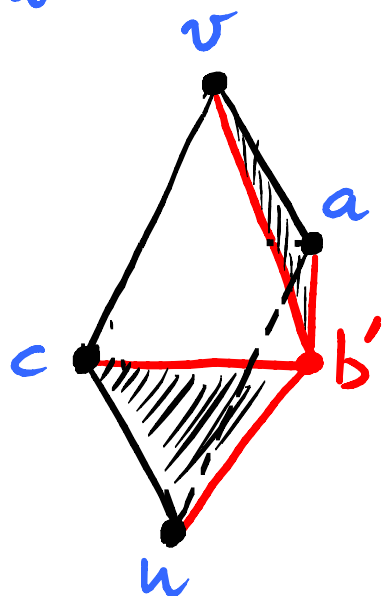
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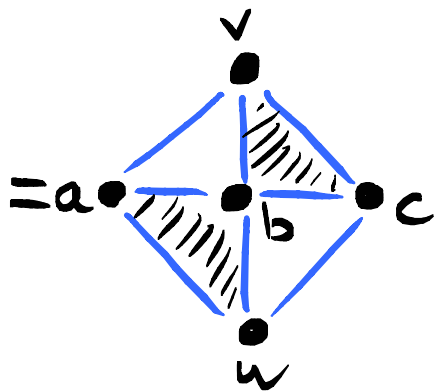
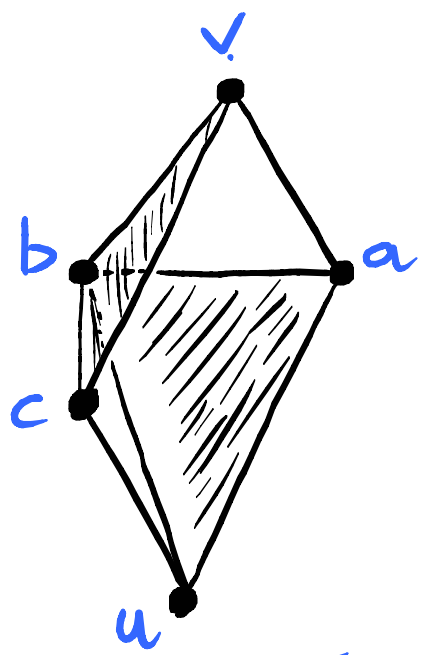
=  $D(uab)\bar{U}(bcv)$



$$= D(u,ab) U(b,c,v)$$

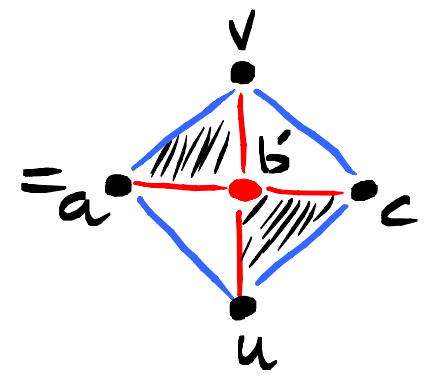
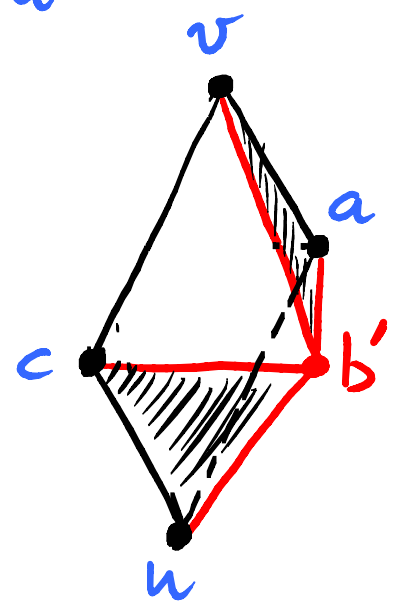


$$= U(a,b',v) D(u,b'c)$$



$$= D(u, a, b) U(b, c, v)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{bb' = ac + uv}$$

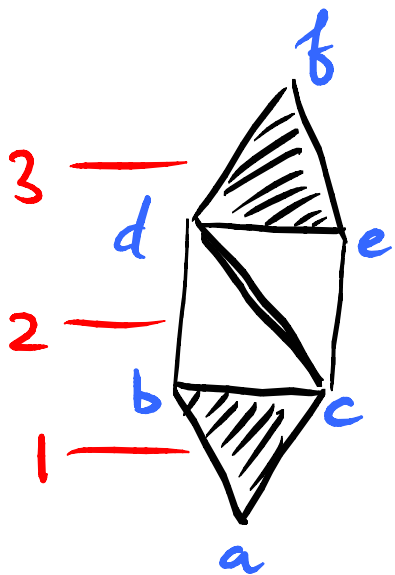


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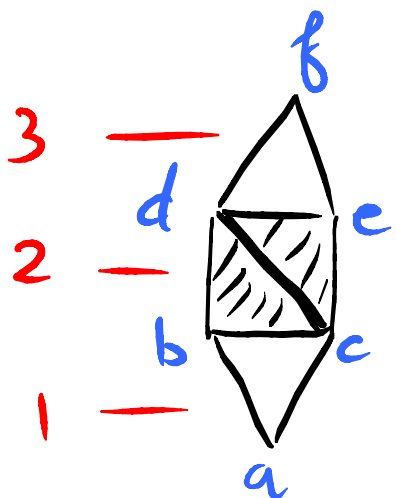
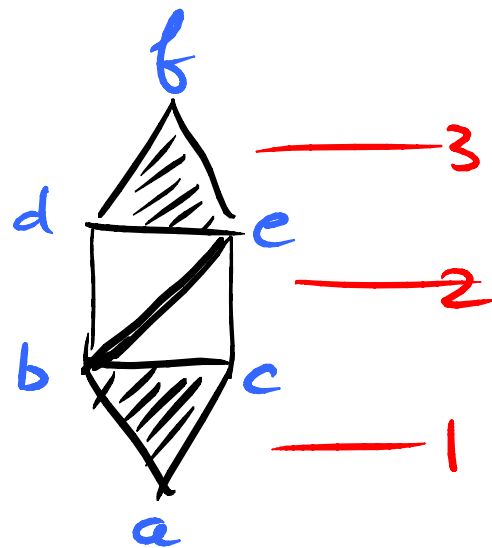
$\Rightarrow$  REPRESENTATION of T-system



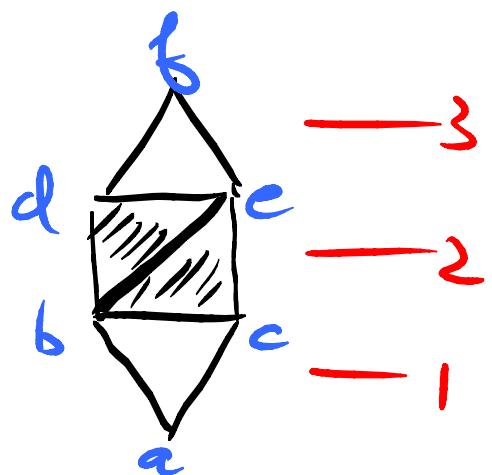
# OTHER PROPERTIES OF D,U MATRICES



$$D_{12}(abc) U_{23}(def) = U_{23}(def) D_{12}(abc)$$



$$U_{12}(bcd) D_{23}(cde) = D_{23}(cde) U_{12}(bce)$$



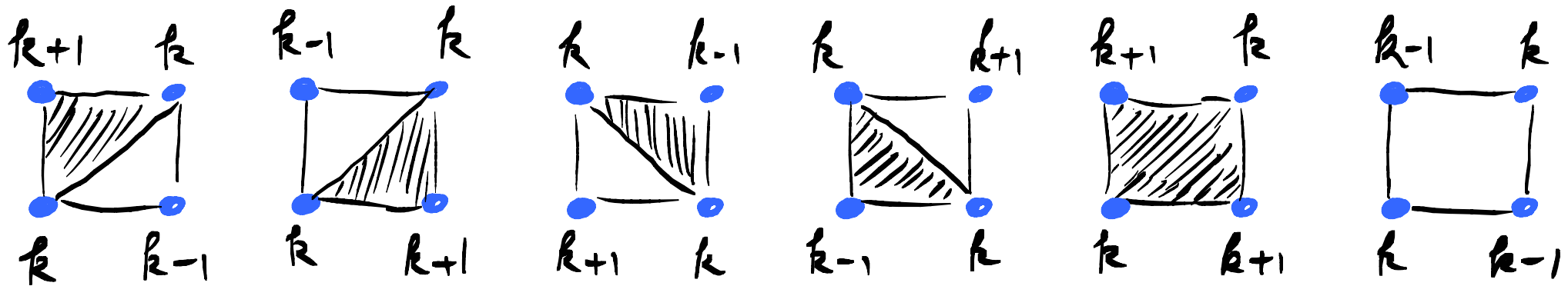
in colored squares diagonal is arbitrary

# D, U MATRIX PRODUCT ASSOCIATED TO ANY STEPPED SURFACE

$k = \text{height variable}$

$$\begin{cases} |k_{\alpha, j+1} - k_{\alpha, j}| = 1 \\ |k_{\alpha+1, j} - k_{\alpha, j}| = 1 \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow$  6 local configurations for each square in  $(\alpha, j)$  plane

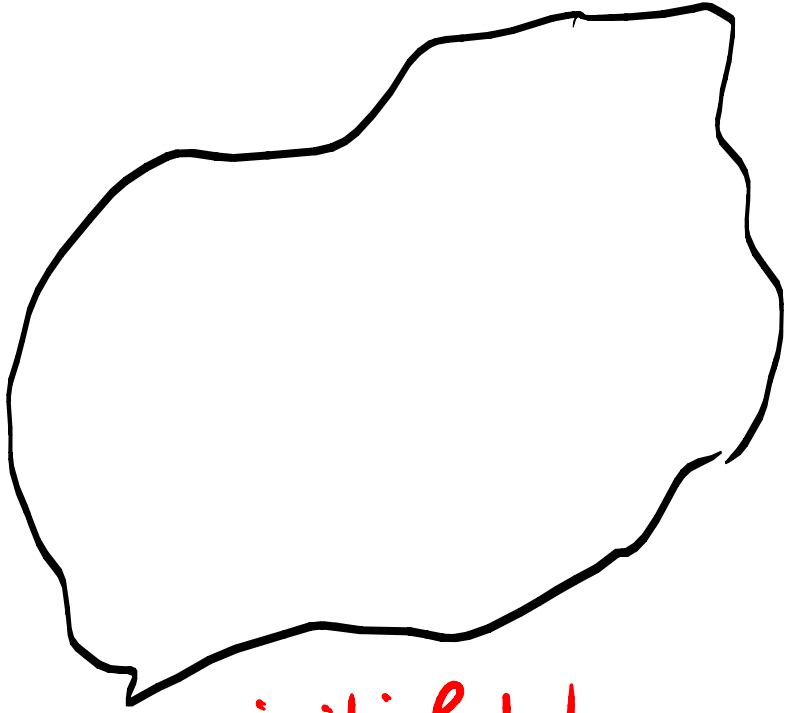


diagonal joins vertices of equal height

2 choices of diagonal

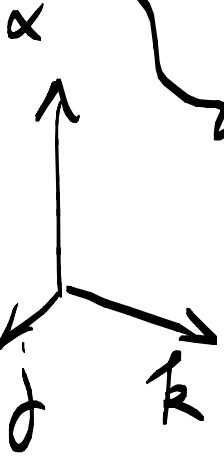


SOLUTION



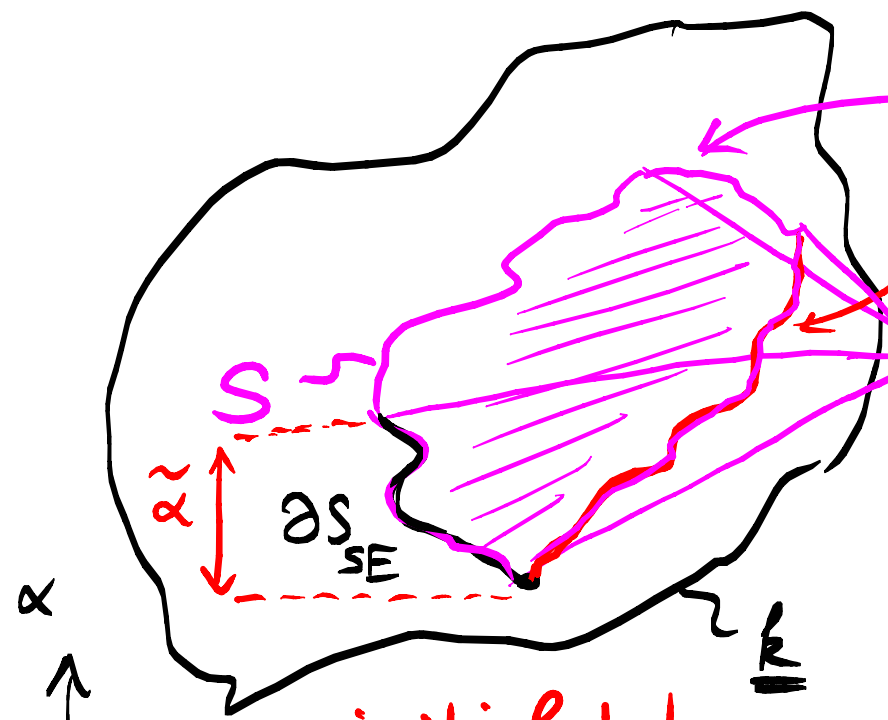
•  $T_{\alpha, j, k}$

initial data  
stepped  
surface



# SOLUTION

$S =$  "pyramidal" projection of  $(\alpha, j, k)$  onto  $\underline{\underline{R}}$



$$T_{\alpha, j, k} \left( \underbrace{S = \Pi_{\alpha, j, k} \cap \underline{\underline{R}}}_{\{x, y, z, |x-\alpha| + |y-j| \leq |z-k|\}} \right)$$

initial data  
stepped  
surface  $\underline{\underline{R}}$

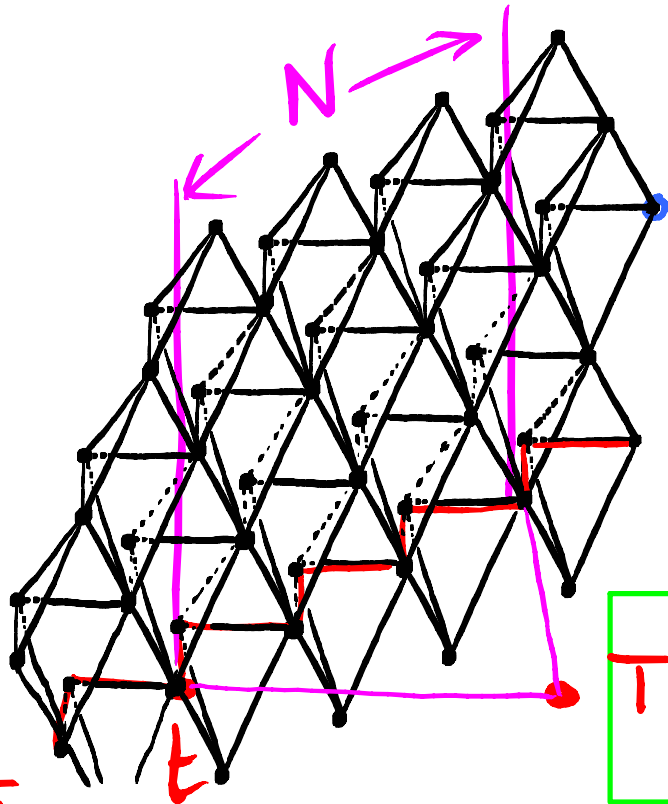
**Thm:**  $T_{\alpha, j, k} =$  principal  $\tilde{\alpha} \times \tilde{\alpha}$   
minor of the product of  
D's and U's corresponding  
to  $S \times \Pi_{\partial S_{sw}}^{-1} \times \Pi_{\partial S_R}$

initial values on SW & SE border of S

# $A_r$ -T-SYSTEM

POSITIVITY: follows from the formula for  $\alpha=1$  and det-identity.

Special case  $\alpha=1$ : formula is analogous to  $A_1$  case

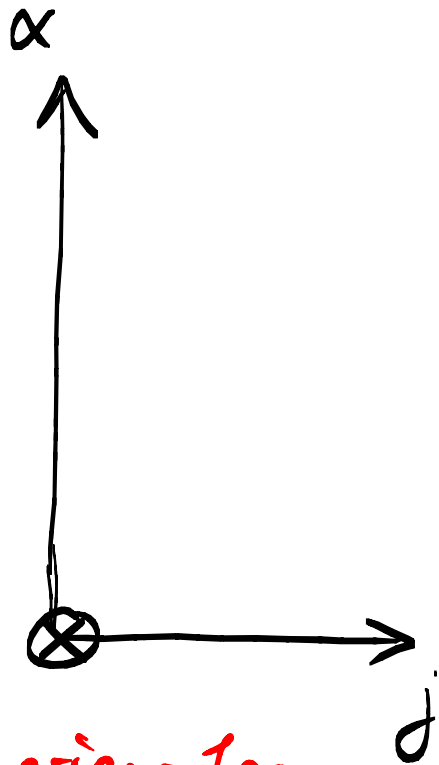


Product of D's and U's

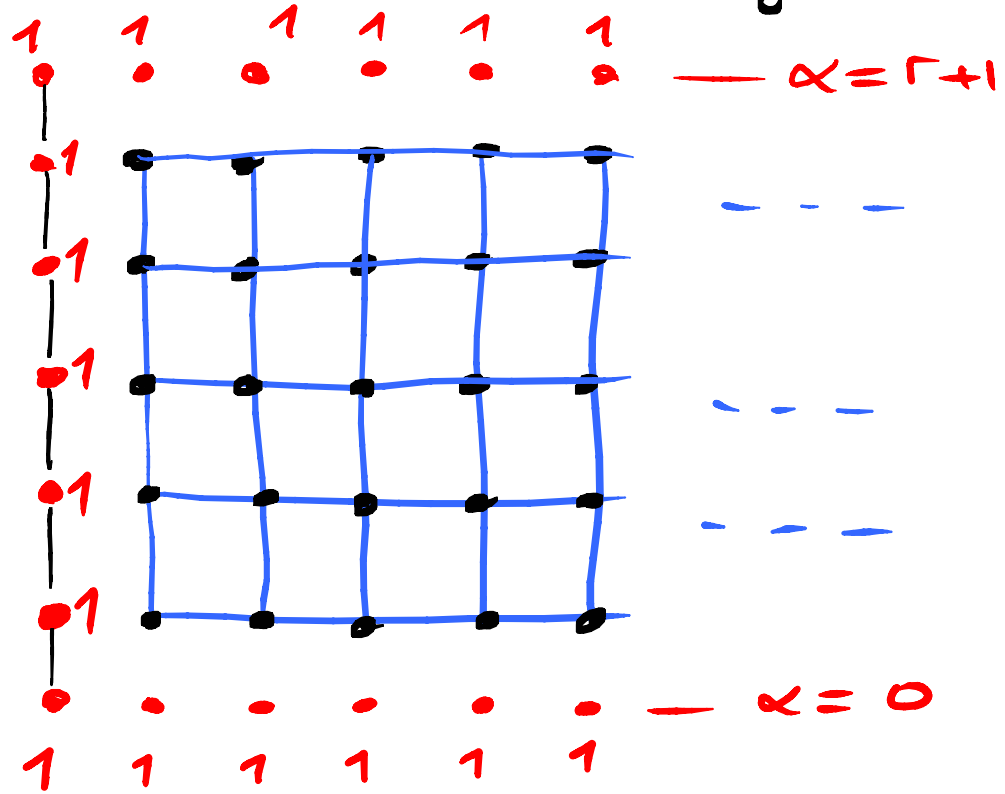
$$T_{i,j,k} = [N]_{i,j} \times t$$

# PERIODICITY (flat-stepped surface)

One wall boundary condition Ar-T-system:



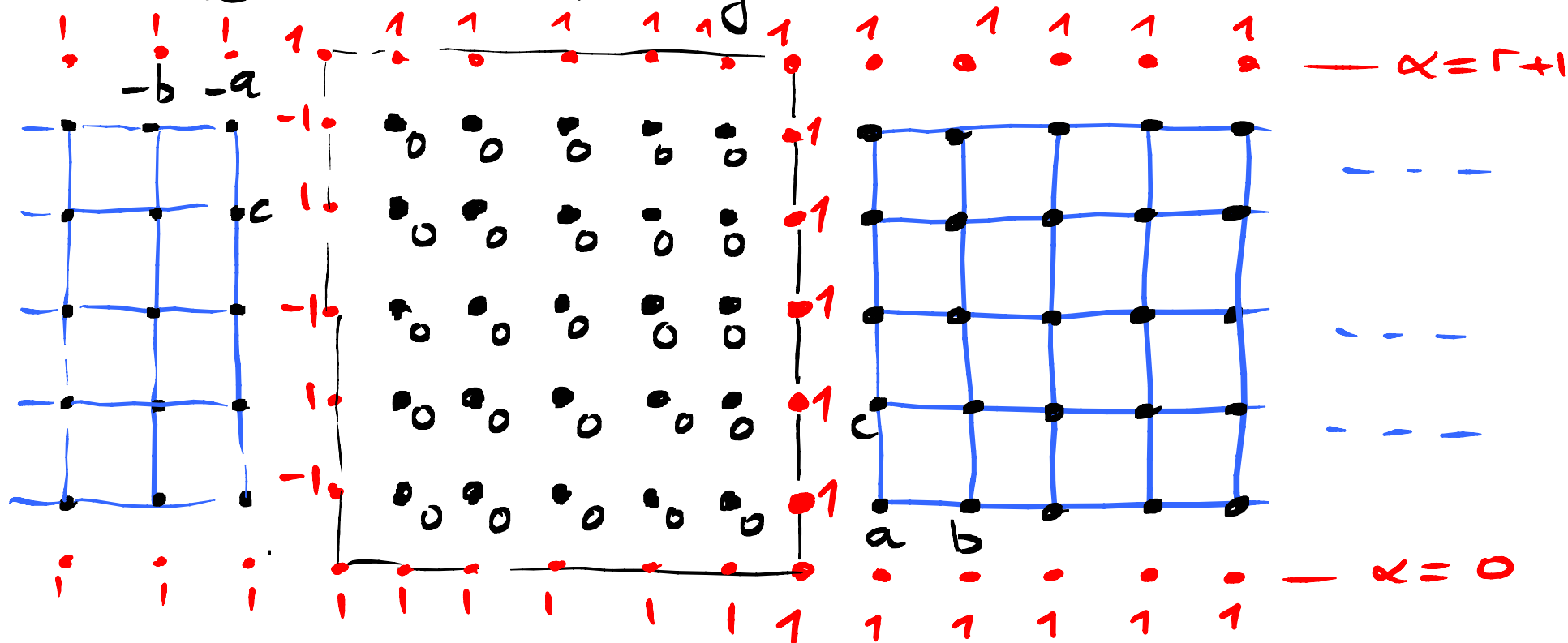
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The solution in the right  $\underline{1}$ -space  
is same as that in full  $\underline{2}$  space with

# PERIODICITY (flat-stepped surface)

One wall boundary condition



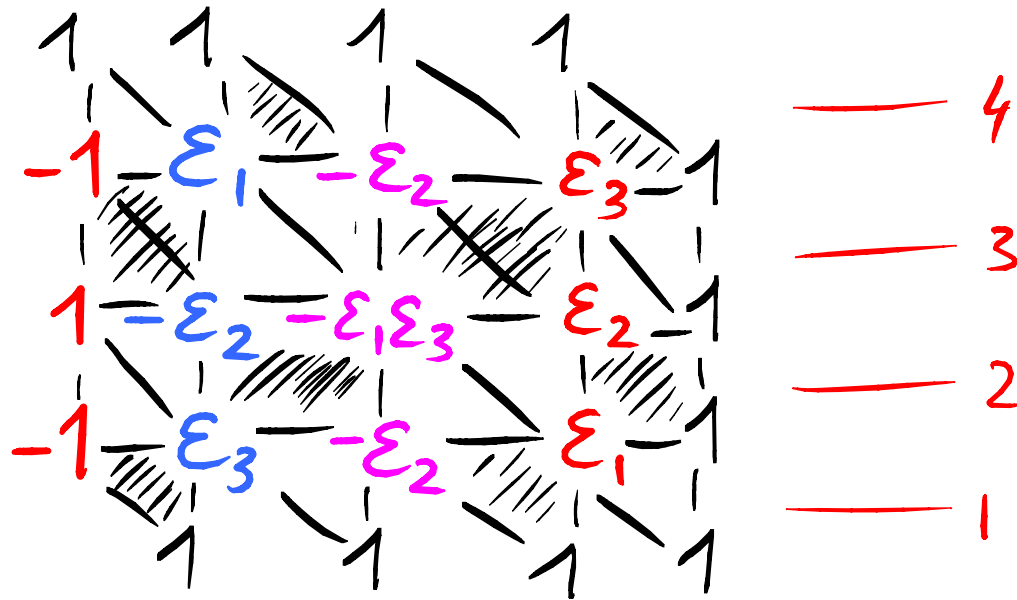
suitably reflected initial data

$$t_{r+1-j, r-1-k} = (-1)^{r-j} t_{j,k}$$

( $r=5$  here)

Ex:  $\Gamma = 3$

$P(\{\varepsilon\}) =$



(Product of D, U matrices)

$$\lim_{\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \varepsilon_3 \rightarrow 0} P(\{\varepsilon\}) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = P$$

More generally  $P_{ij} = \delta_{i+j, \Gamma+2} (-1)^{(\Gamma-1)(i-1)}$

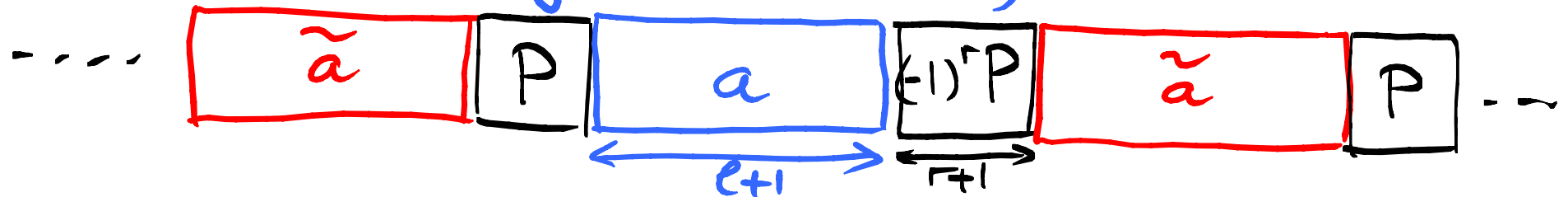
$$\text{Lemma: } V_{\Gamma+1-i, \Gamma+2-i}((-1)^{i-1} c, b, a) P U_{i, i+1}(a, b, c) = P$$

- This allows to repeat the A, case

for  $T_{1,j,k}$ , as:  $\boxed{s(t)} \boxed{P} \boxed{t} = \boxed{P}$

$\Rightarrow$  POSITIVITY (1 wall)

- Box boundary (2 walls)



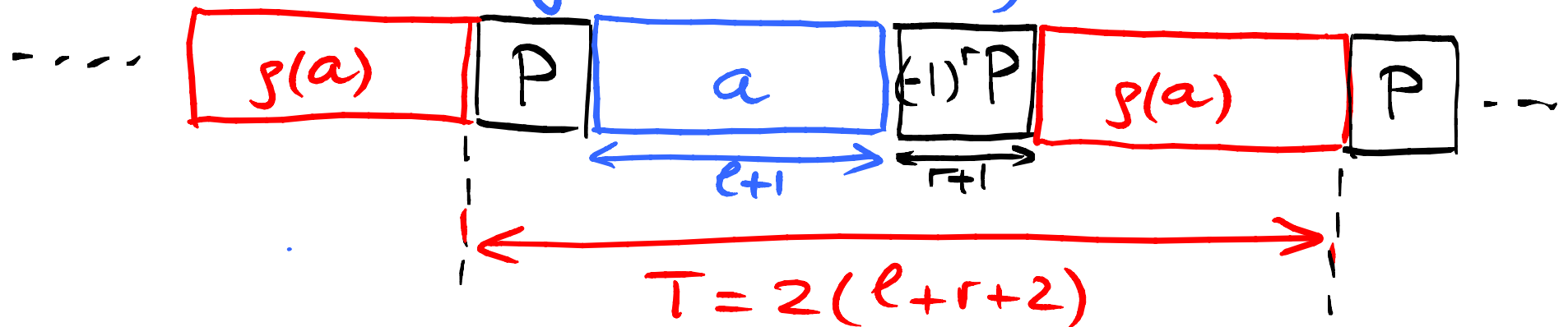
the  $A_r$  Tsystem with these initial data has the same solution as that in the Box

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initial data is  $T$ -periodic.



• Same mechanism for  $T_{i,j,k}$  as in A, case

⇒ POSITIVITY

PERIODICITY

$$T = 2(l+r+z)$$

• then  $T_{\alpha jk} = \alpha \times \alpha$  determinant of the  $T_i$ 's,

⇒ also periodic.

• via LGV,  $T_{\alpha jk} = \alpha$  non-intersecting paths on network (possibly reduced by reflections)

⇒ also positive.

# CONCLUSION

- everything reduces to  $D, U$  matrices and the mutation relation  $DU = U'D'$

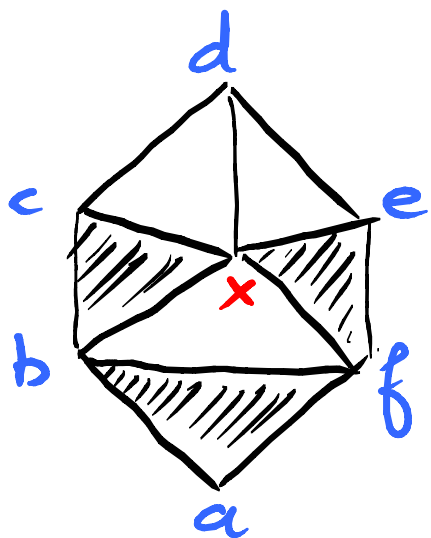
- link to Yang-Baxter eqn for networks (integrability).

- link to Dimer models / Domino Tilings

( $D, U \rightarrow$  transfer matrices for the Tiling)

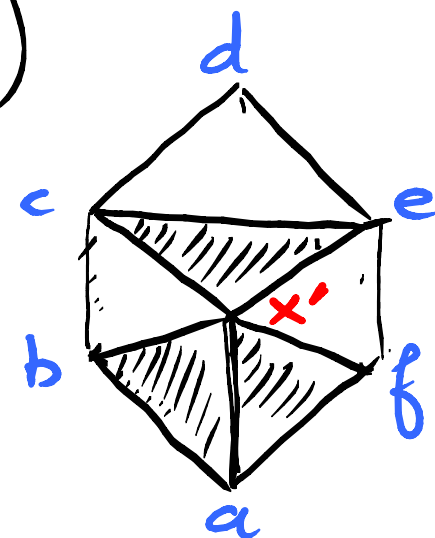
- other groups / coefficients as well [DF]
- non-commutative extensions  $q, A, T$  [DF-K]

EX 1: Generalized Yang-Baxter eqn for D matrix



$$D_{23}(bcx) D_{12}(abf) D_{23}(fxe)$$

$$= D_{12}(abx') D_{23}(x'ce) D_{12}(ax'f)$$

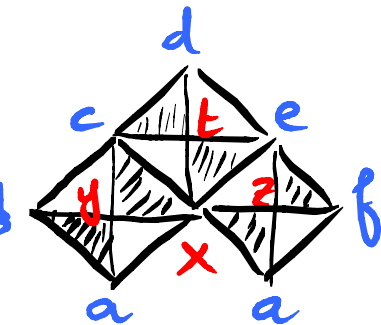


$\Leftrightarrow$

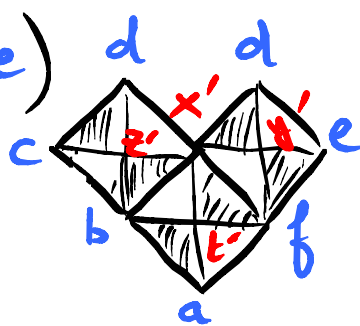
$$xx' = be + cf$$

Allows to have a "cube melting" octahedron recurrence  
(cf R. Kenyon's talk)

EX2. D, U matrix representation of ~~hexahedron~~ **garnet** eq.  
via gen DU Yang-Baxter eqn:



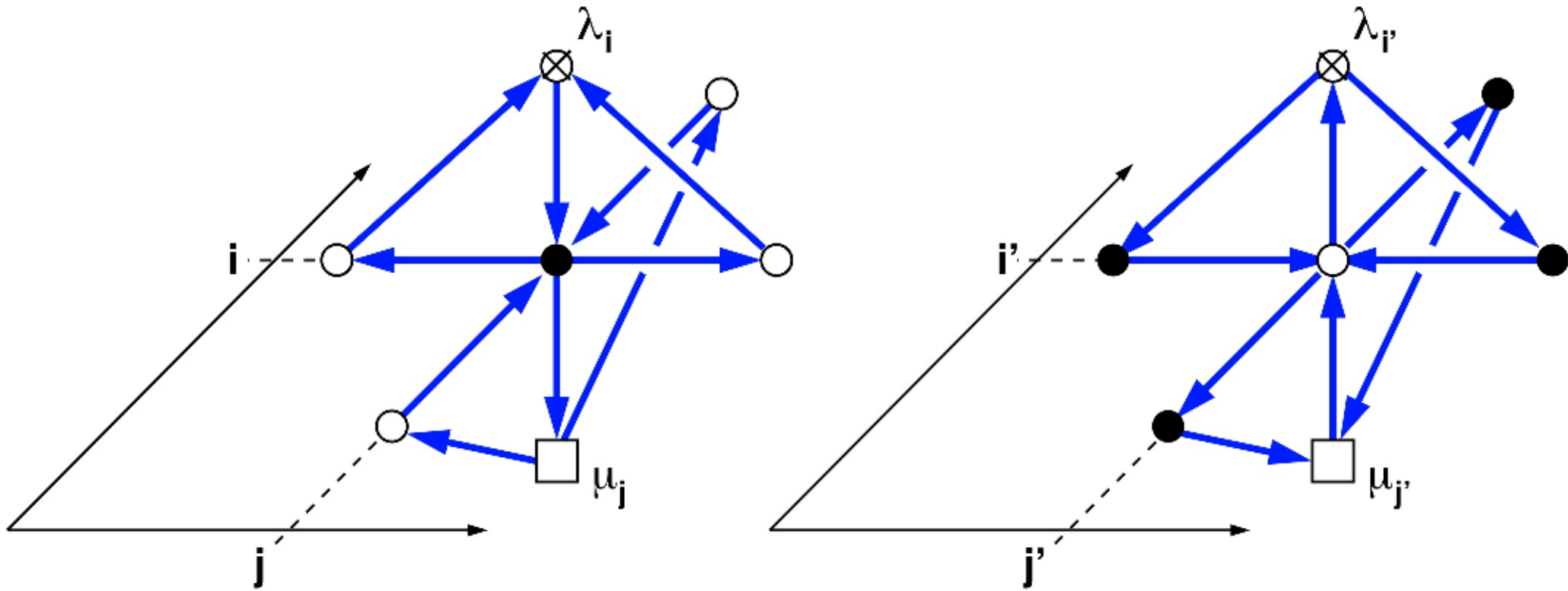
$$D_{12}(aby) U_{12}(yxc) U_{23}(ctd) D_{23}(xte) D_{12}(axz) U_{12}(zfe)$$

$$= U_{23}(cz'd) D_{23}(bz'x') D_{12}(abt') U_{12}(t'fx') U_{23}(x'y'd) D_{23}(fy'e)$$




$$\begin{aligned} xtt' &= xad + ace + yzt \\ xyy' &= xeb + ace + yzt \\ xzz' &= xfc + ace + yzt \\ x^2 yzt x'^2 &= (xad + ace + yzt)(xeb + ace + yzt) \\ &\quad + xf((xb + ae)(xd + ae) + yztc) \end{aligned}$$

# T-system with coefficients



$$T_{\bar{i}j k+1} T_{\bar{i}j k-1} = d_i T_{\bar{i}+1 j k} T_{\bar{i}-1 j k} + \mu_j T_{\bar{i} j+1 k} T_{\bar{i} j-1 k}$$

Allows to define the  $\vec{\mu}, \vec{\mu}$  - determinant of a  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$  by picking initial data

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & & & & & 1 \\
 & & & & & & 1 & a_{1n} & 1 \\
 & & & & & & 1 & 1 & 1 \\
 & & & & & & 1 & a_{11} & 1 & \dots & 1 & a_{nn} & 1 \\
 & & & & & & 1 & 1 & 1 & & 1 & 1 \\
 & & & & & & 1 & 1 & a_{n1} & 1 \\
 & & & & & & 1 & & & & & & 1
 \end{array}$$

$$|A|_{\vec{\mu}, \vec{\mu}} = T_{0,0,2n-1}$$

↓  
 explicit expression in terms of ASM - Gvaterx configs.