

Three-coloring statistical model with 'domain wall' boundary conditions

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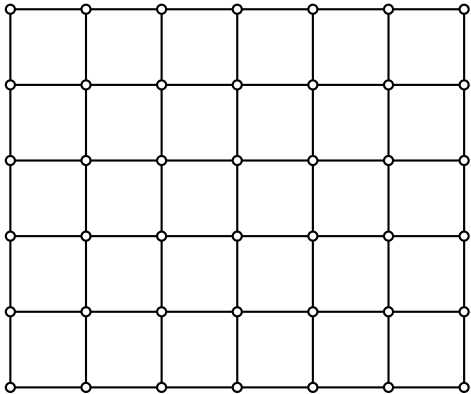
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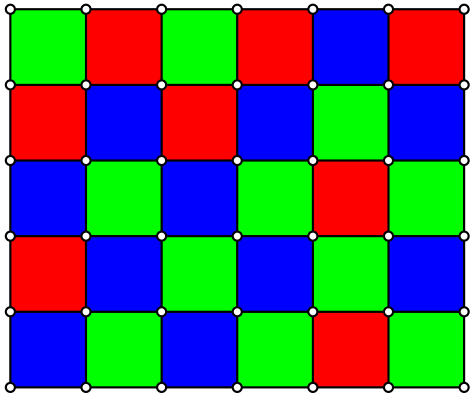
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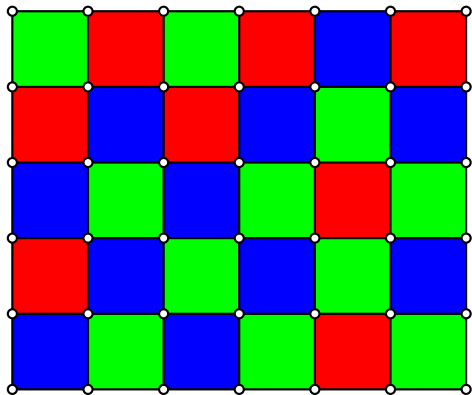
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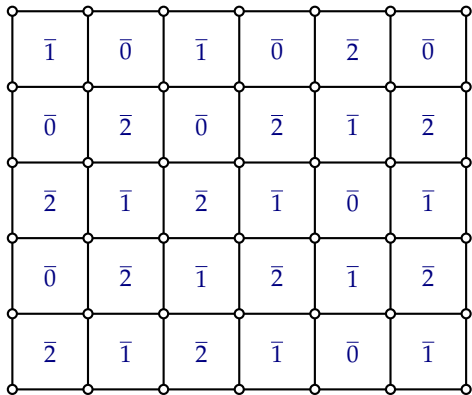


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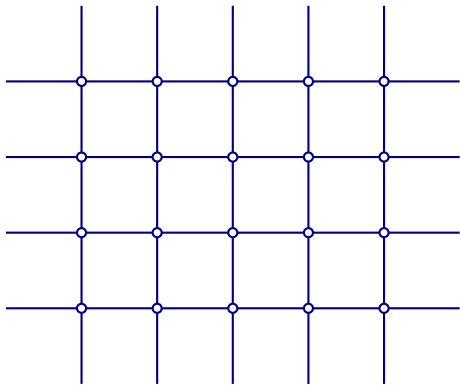


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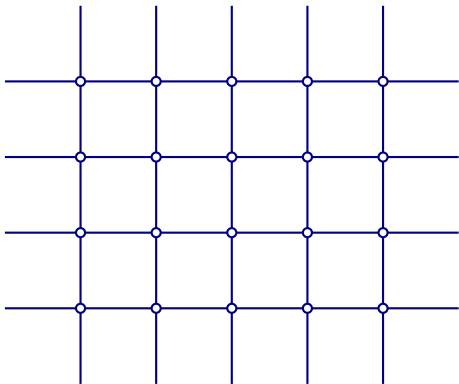


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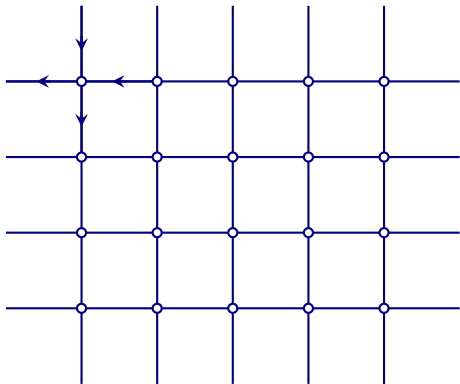


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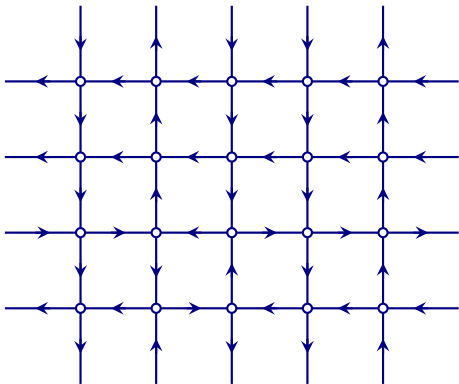


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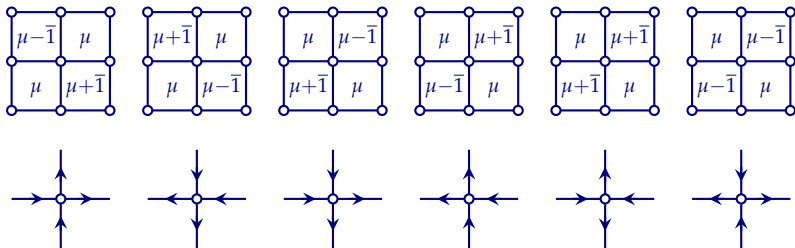


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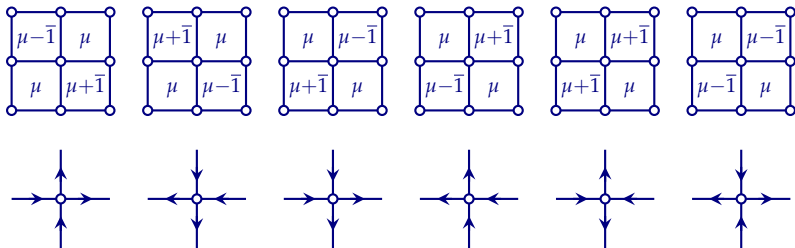
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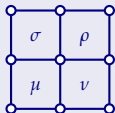


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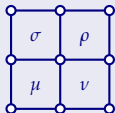


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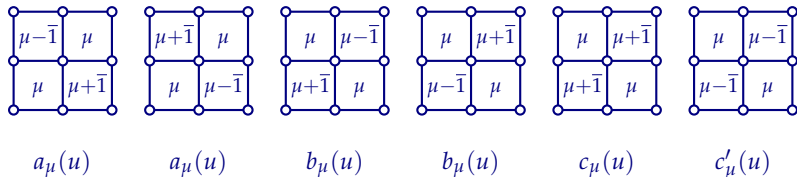


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The **spectral parameter** u is associated with the central vertex of a four face configuration.

Stroganov's solution of star-triangle relation (1982)

The weights are expressed via standart **elliptic θ -functions of nome p** :

$$a_\mu(u|\alpha, p) = \zeta_\mu^{3u/4\pi}(\alpha, p) \frac{\theta_1(2\pi/3 - u|p)}{\theta_1(2\pi/3|p)},$$

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Here α is an **arbitrary parameter** and

$$\zeta_\mu(\alpha, p) = \frac{\theta_4(\alpha + 2\pi(\bar{\mu} - 1)/3|p)\theta_4(\alpha + 2\pi(\bar{\mu} + 1)/3|p)}{\theta_4^2(\alpha + 2\pi\bar{\mu}/3|p)}.$$

Relation to enumerations

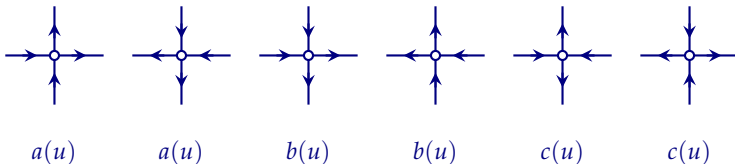
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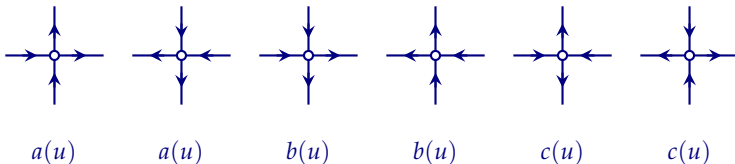
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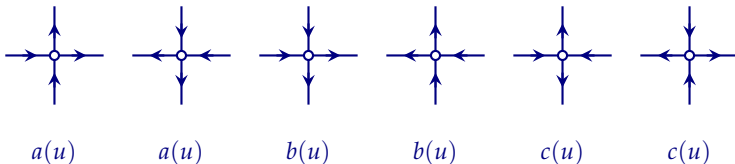
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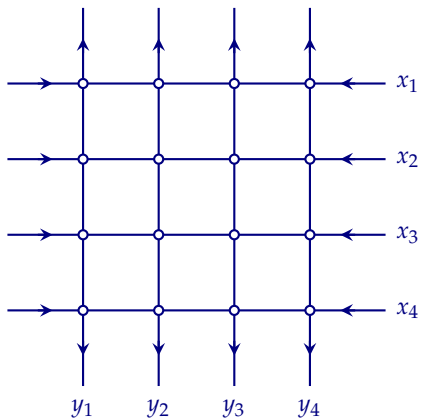
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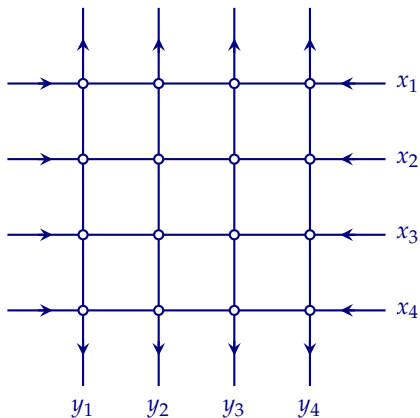
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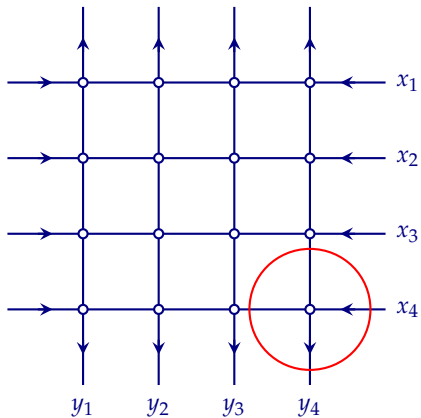


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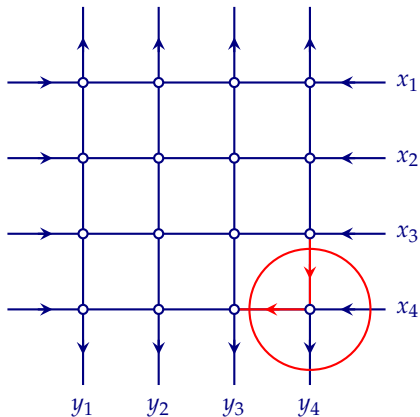
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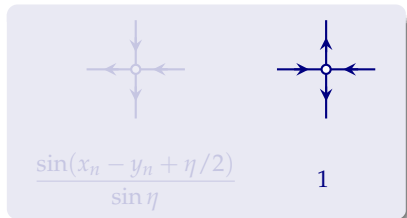
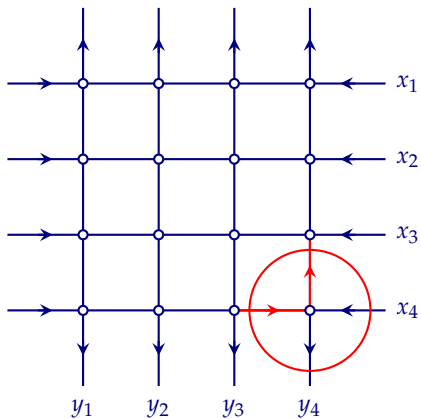


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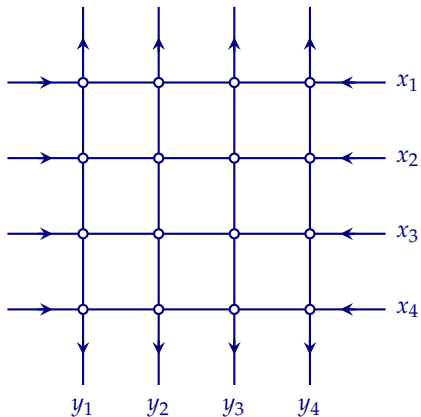
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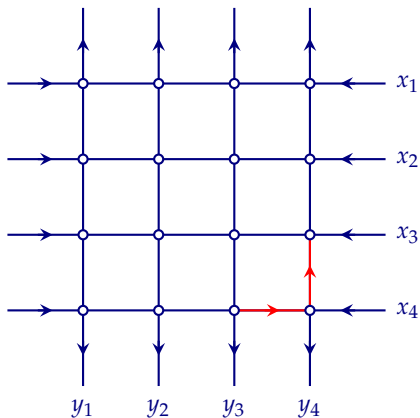


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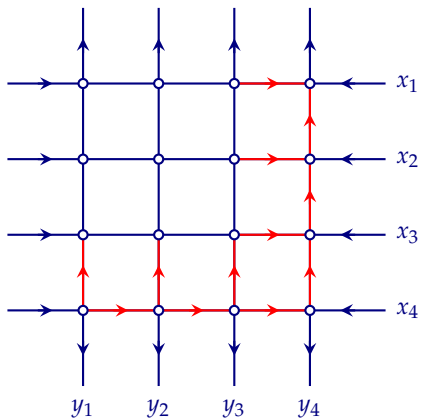


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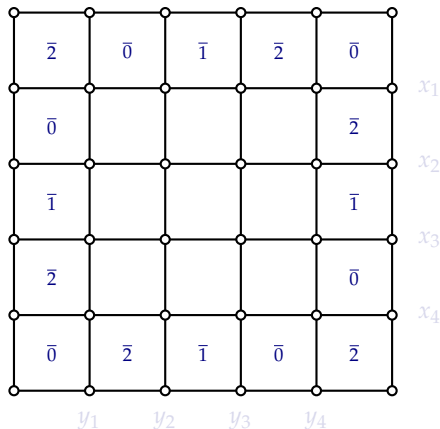
Partial partition functions

The total partition sum can be naturally represented as

$$Z_n(\{x\}; \{y\}) = \sum_{\mu \in \mathbb{Z}_3} Z_n^\mu(\{x\}; \{y\}),$$

where μ is the **color** of the **left topmost vertex** of the lattice.

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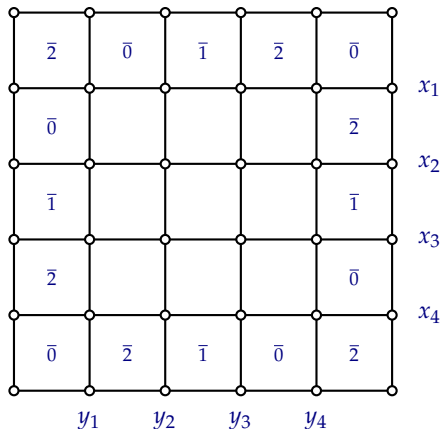
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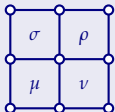
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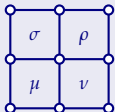
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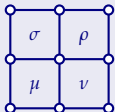
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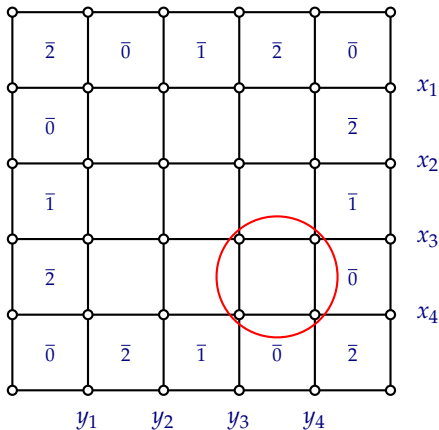
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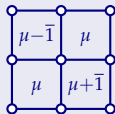
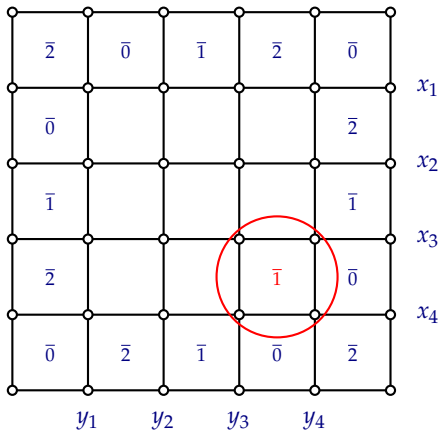
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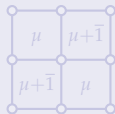
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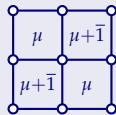
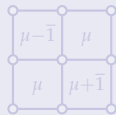
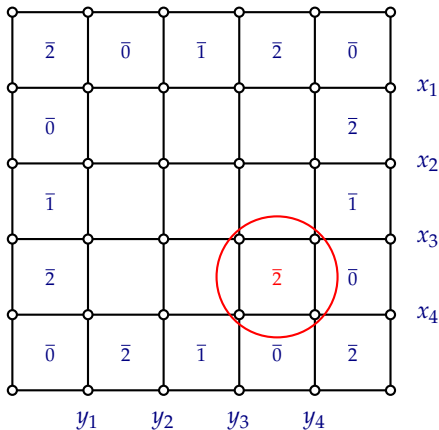


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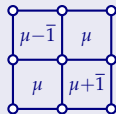
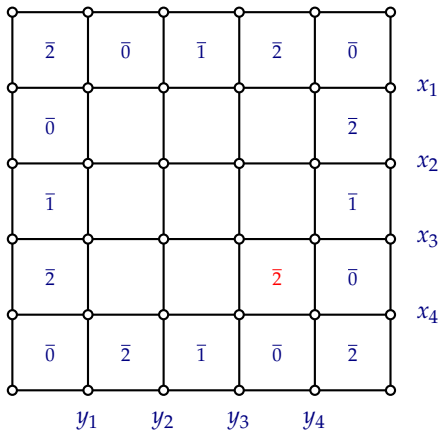
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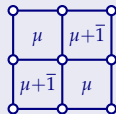
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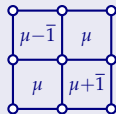
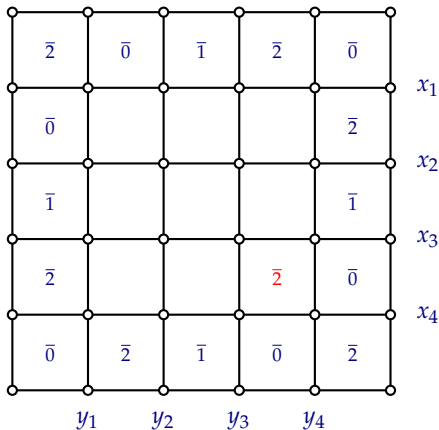
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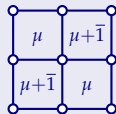
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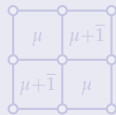
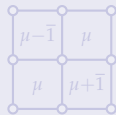
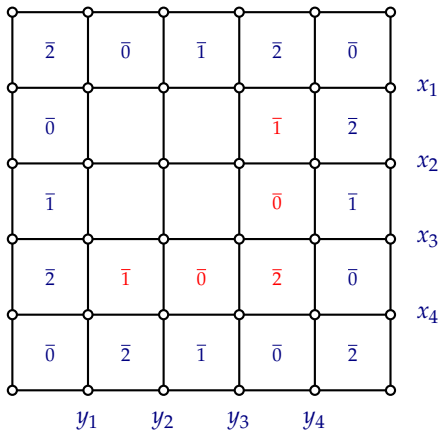
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