

Comments on the multi-spin solution to the Yang-Baxter equation and basic hypergeometric sum/integral identity

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Abstract

We present a multi-spin solution to the Yang-Baxter equation. The solution corresponds to the integrable lattice spin model of statistical mechanics with positive Boltzmann weights and parameterized in terms of the basic hypergeometric functions. We obtain this solution from a non-trivial basic hypergeometric sum-integral identity which originates from the equality of supersymmetric indices for certain three-dimensional $\mathcal{N} = 2$ Seiberg dual theories.

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1 Introduction and Conclusions

There has recently been a lot of interest in the study of integrability phenomenon in, and relation to quantum field theory (see, e.g. [1–4]), especially to supersymmetric gauge theories. The integrability via the Yang-Baxter equation turns out to be of particular interest since its appearance in several areas of mathematical physics, particularly it plays a fundamental role in integrable models of statistical mechanics (see, e.g., [5–9]).

The search for solutions to the Yang-Baxter equation in the context of the so-called gauge/YBE correspondence is one of the great successes in the subject [10–20]. It is known that every solution to the Yang-Baxter equation corresponds to an integrable model of statistical mechanics on a two-dimensional lattice. The gauge/YBE correspondence establishes a relation between supersymmetric quiver gauge theories and two-dimensional lattice spin models.

In these notes we present a new solution to the Yang-Baxter equation in terms of basic hypergeometric functions which is a multi-spin version of the exactly solvable model found in [12, 15]. The Yang-Baxter equation for this model becomes a new non-trivial basic-hypergeometric sum/integral identity. We found the solution by identification the equality of supersymmetric indices for certain supersymmetric dual theories with the star-star relation for the integrable lattice models.

There exist many possible future directions and we list some of them. A new basic hypergeometric sum/integral identity conjectured in this note needs to be proven (the univariate integrals were considered in [21–25]). Another possible future direction is to study the aspects of this solution in the framework of quantum algebras along the lines of [26, 27].

This paper is organized as follows. We start by recalling the solution to the star-triangle relation (a special form of the Yang-Baxter equation) with discrete and continuous spin variables found in [12, 15] in Section 2. A new basic hypergeometric sum/integral identity and the solution to the Yang-Baxter equation is presented in Section 3. In the last section, the relation between basic hypergeometric sum/integral identity and three-dimensional supersymmetric index is briefly discussed.

2 Ising-type models with discrete and continuous spin

There exist two-dimensional lattice models in statistical mechanics which are called Ising-type or edge-interaction models where the spins are located on sites of the lattice and interacted only with nearest neighbors. If the Boltzmann weights of such model satisfies the star-triangle relation, then the model is integrable. There are many solutions to the star-triangle relation, some of them are found from supersymmetric gauge theory calculations³ within a few years [10, 12, 14, 15, 19]. The star-triangle relation which leads Ising-type models with discrete and continuous spin variables has the following form

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{m_0} \int dx_0 \mathcal{S}(x_0|m_0) \mathcal{W}_{\eta-\gamma}(x_0|m_0, x_i|m_i) \mathcal{W}_{\eta-\beta}(x_j|m_j, x_0|m_0) \mathcal{W}_{\eta-\alpha}(x_k|m_k, x_0|m_0) \\ = \mathcal{W}_\alpha(x_i|m_i, x_j|m_j) \mathcal{W}_\beta(x_k|m_k, x_i|m_i) \mathcal{W}_\gamma(x_k|m_k, x_j|m_j), \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

where $\eta = \alpha + \beta + \gamma$ is the crossing parameter, \mathcal{W} is the Boltzmann weight describe the interaction between spin points, \mathcal{S} is the self interaction term, x_i and m_i are continuous and discrete spin variables, respectively.

³The complete list of references is given in our upcoming review paper [28].

There are a few known solutions to the star-triangle relation of the form of (2.1), i.e. the model with discrete and continuous spin variables [12, 14, 15, 29]. We are interested in the solution [12, 15] originating from the three-dimensional $\mathcal{N} = 2$ supersymmetric index calculations [21–24, 30] which has the following form

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{W}_\alpha(x_i|m_i, x_j|m_j) &= \Phi_\alpha(x, m) \frac{(q^{1+(m_i+m_j)/2} q^{\eta-\alpha-i(x_i+x_j)}; q)_\infty (q^{1+(m_j-m_i)/2} q^{\eta-\alpha+i(x_i-x_j)}; q)_\infty}{(q^{(m_i+m_j)/2} q^{\alpha-\eta+i(x_i+x_j)}; q)_\infty (q^{(m_j-m_i)/2} q^{\alpha-\eta-i(x_i-x_j)}; q)_\infty} \\ &\times \frac{(q^{1-(m_i+m_j)/2} q^{\eta-\alpha+i(x_i+x_j)}; q)_\infty (q^{1+(m_i-m_j)/2} q^{\eta-\alpha+i(x_j-x_i)}; q)_\infty}{(q^{-(m_i+m_j)/2} q^{\alpha-\eta-i(x_i+x_j)}; q)_\infty (q^{(m_i-m_j)/2} q^{\alpha-\eta-i(x_j-x_i)}; q)_\infty}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

$$\mathcal{S}(x_0|m_0) = \frac{1}{q^{m_0}} \frac{(q^{2x_0+m_0}; q)_\infty (q^{-2x_0+m_0}; q)_\infty}{(q^{2x_0+m_0+1}; q)_\infty (q^{-2x_0+m_0+1}; q)_\infty}, \quad (2.3)$$

where

$$\Phi(\alpha, x, m) = \frac{q^{-2i(x_i m_i + x_j m_j)}}{k(\alpha)}, \quad \text{and} \quad k(\alpha) = \exp\left(-\sum_{n \neq 0} \frac{e^{4\alpha n}}{n(q^n - q^{-n})}\right). \quad (2.4)$$

The continuous and discrete spin variables for the model are $0 \leq x_j < 1$ and $m_j \in \mathbb{Z}$, respectively. Here we used the usual q -Pochhammer symbol $(z; q)_\infty := \prod_{i=0}^{\infty} (1 - zq^i)$.

This solution to the star-triangle relation (2.1) can be obtained from the following basic hypergeometric sum/integral identity [15, 24, 25]

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{m=-\infty}^{\infty} \oint \prod_{i=1}^6 \frac{(q^{1+(m+n_i)/2} / a_i z; q)_\infty (q^{1+(n_i-m)/2} z / a_i; q)_\infty (1 - q^m z^2)(1 - q^m z^{-2})}{(q^{(m+n_i)/2} a_i z; q)_\infty (q^{(n_i-m)/2} a_i / z; q)_\infty} \frac{dz}{q^m z^{6m}} \frac{1}{2\pi i z} \\ = \frac{2}{\prod_{i=1}^6 a_i^{n_i}} \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq 6} \frac{(q^{1+(n_i+n_j)/2} / a_i a_j; q)_\infty}{(q^{(n_i+n_j)/2} a_i a_j; q)_\infty}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.5)$$

with the balancing conditions $\prod_{i=1}^6 a_i = q$ and $\sum_{i=1}^6 n_i = 0$. The proof of this identity is presented in [24].

Another type of the Yang-Baxter equation is the IRF-type. The solution to the IRF-type Yang-Baxter equation describes an integrable model in which four spins are located around a face of the lattice, and interact with each other. We are interested in the following form of the IRF-type Yang-Baxter equation

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{H \in \mathbb{Z}} \int [d_H h] \mathbb{R}_{(t_4, t_1)(t_6, t_3)} \begin{pmatrix} a|A & b|B \\ h|H & c|C \end{pmatrix} \mathbb{R}_{(t_6, t_3)(t_2, t_5)} \begin{pmatrix} c|C & d|D \\ h|H & e|E \end{pmatrix} \mathbb{R}_{(t_2, t_5)(t_4, t_1)} \begin{pmatrix} e|E & f|F \\ h|H & a|A \end{pmatrix} \\ = \sum_{H \in \mathbb{Z}} \int [d_H h] \mathbb{R}_{(t_6, t_3)(t_2, t_5)} \begin{pmatrix} b|B & h|H \\ a|A & f|F \end{pmatrix} \mathbb{R}_{(t_2, t_5)(t_4, t_1)} \begin{pmatrix} d|D & h|H \\ c|C & b|B \end{pmatrix} \mathbb{R}_{(t_4, t_1)(t_6, t_3)} \begin{pmatrix} f|F & h|H \\ e|E & d|D \end{pmatrix}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

where (t_i, t_j) are the spectral parameters, and \mathbb{R} is the face weight. We use the capital letters to define the discrete spin variables, and the small letters for continuous ones.

One can construct the solution to the Yang-Baxter equation from the solution of the star-triangle relation [31] by using the star-triangle relation several times. By using the solution (2.2)-(2.3) one obtains the expression for the face weight (see for more details [15])

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{R}_{(t_i, t_j)(t_k, t_l)} \begin{pmatrix} a|A & b|B \\ f|F & h|H \end{pmatrix} &= \frac{(q^{\frac{2}{3}}(t/s)^{-2}; q)_\infty (q^{\frac{2}{3}}(s/r)^{-2}; q)_\infty (q^{\frac{2}{3}}(r/t)^{-2}; q)_\infty}{(q^{\frac{1}{3}}(t/s)^2; q)_\infty (q^{\frac{1}{3}}(s/r)^2; q)_\infty (q^{\frac{1}{3}}(r/t)^2; q)_\infty} \\ &\times \sum_m \int [d_m z] \mathcal{W}_{\frac{1}{6}+t_i-t_l}(a|A, z|m) \mathcal{W}_{\frac{1}{3}+t_j-t_i}(b|B, z|m) \\ &\times \mathcal{W}_{\frac{1}{3}+t_l-t_k}(f|F, z|m) \mathcal{W}_{\frac{1}{6}+t_k-t_j}(h|H, z|m), \end{aligned} \quad (2.7)$$

where \mathcal{W} is given in (2.2), and the integral measure is defined as $[d_m z] := q^{-m}(1 - q^m z^2)(1 - q^m z^{-2})(4\pi i z)^{-1} dz$.

3 A new identity for the star-star relation

In order to present a new multi-spin solution to IRF-type Yang-Baxter equation, let us consider the following basic hypergeometric sum/integral which originates from three-dimensional supersymmetric index computations:

$$\mathcal{I}(\{t_j\}, \{s_j\}) = \sum_{m_k} \int \prod_{k=1}^n \prod_{j=1}^{2n} \frac{\left(q^{1+\frac{\tau_j+m_k}{2}} \frac{1}{t_j z_k}; q\right)_\infty \left(q^{1+\frac{\kappa_j-m_k}{2}} \frac{z_k}{s_j}; q\right)_\infty}{\left(q^{\frac{\tau_j+m_k}{2}} t_j z_k; q\right)_\infty \left(q^{\frac{m_k-\kappa_j}{2}} \frac{s_j}{z_k}; q\right)_\infty} \times \frac{\left(q^{\frac{m_k-m_j}{2}} z_j/z_k; q\right)_\infty}{\left(q^{1+\frac{m_j-m_k}{2}} z_k/z_j; q\right)_\infty} \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{dz_k}{z_k}. \quad (3.1)$$

This integral possesses a very interesting transformation property

$$\mathcal{I}(\{t_j\}, \{s_j\}) = \prod_{j,k=1}^{2n} \frac{\left(q^{1+\frac{\tau_j+\kappa_k}{2}} \frac{1}{t_j s_k}; q\right)_\infty}{\left(q^{\frac{\tau_j+\kappa_k}{2}} t_j s_k; q\right)_\infty} \mathcal{I}(\{\tilde{t}_j\}, \{\tilde{s}_j\}), \quad (3.2)$$

with the balancing condition $\prod_{j=1}^{2n} s_j t_j = q^n$ and $\sum_{j=1}^{2n} \tau_j + \kappa_j = 0$ and we used the following notations

$$\tilde{t}_j = \left(\prod_{j=1}^{2n} t_j\right)^{\frac{1}{n}} t_j^{-1}; \quad \tilde{s}_j = \left(\prod_{j=1}^{2n} s_j\right)^{\frac{1}{n}} s_j^{-1}, \quad (3.3)$$

and similarly for the discrete variables

$$\tilde{\tau}_j = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{2n} \tau_j}{n} - \tau_j; \quad \tilde{\kappa}_j = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{2n} \kappa_j}{n} - \kappa_j. \quad (3.4)$$

The left-hand side of the integral identity (3.2) gives the V -function introduced in [15] when $n = 2$

$$\mathbf{V}(\{t_i\}, \{s_i\}) = \sum_m \int [d_m z] \prod_{i=1}^4 \frac{\left(q^{1+(m+\tau_i)/2} / t_i z, q^{1+(\tau_i-m)/2} z / t_i; q\right)_\infty}{\left(q^{(m+\tau_i)/2} t_i z, q^{(\tau_i-m)/2} t_i / z; q\right)_\infty} \times \frac{\left(q^{1+(m+\kappa_i)/2} / s_i z, q^{1+(\kappa_i-m)/2} z / s_i; q\right)_\infty}{\left(q^{(m+\kappa_i)/2} s_i z, q^{(\kappa_i-m)/2} s_i / z; q\right)_\infty}. \quad (3.5)$$

The integral identity (3.2) is just $W(E_7)$ transformation property of the integral (3.5) (see [15, 32, 33] for details).

The multi-spin generalization of the IRF-type Yang-Baxter equation has the following form

$$\sum_{\mathbf{H}} \int d\mathbf{h} \mathbb{R}_{\mathbf{u}|\mathbf{U} \ \mathbf{v}|\mathbf{V}} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{c}|\mathbf{C} & \mathbf{h}|\mathbf{H} \\ \mathbf{e}|\mathbf{E} & \mathbf{d}|\mathbf{D} \end{pmatrix} \mathbb{R}_{\mathbf{u}|\mathbf{U} \ \mathbf{w}|\mathbf{W}} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{h}|\mathbf{H} & \mathbf{b}|\mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{d}|\mathbf{D} & \mathbf{f}|\mathbf{F} \end{pmatrix} \mathbb{R}_{\mathbf{v}|\mathbf{V} \ \mathbf{w}|\mathbf{W}} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{c}|\mathbf{C} & \mathbf{g}|\mathbf{G} \\ \mathbf{h}|\mathbf{H} & \mathbf{b}|\mathbf{B} \end{pmatrix} \\ = \sum_{\mathbf{H}} \int d\mathbf{h} \mathbb{R}_{\mathbf{v}|\mathbf{V} \ \mathbf{w}|\mathbf{W}} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{e}|\mathbf{E} & \mathbf{h}|\mathbf{H} \\ \mathbf{d}|\mathbf{D} & \mathbf{f}|\mathbf{F} \end{pmatrix} \mathbb{R}_{\mathbf{u}|\mathbf{U} \ \mathbf{w}|\mathbf{W}} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{c}|\mathbf{C} & \mathbf{g}|\mathbf{G} \\ \mathbf{e}|\mathbf{E} & \mathbf{h}|\mathbf{H} \end{pmatrix} \mathbb{R}_{\mathbf{u}|\mathbf{U} \ \mathbf{v}|\mathbf{V}} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{g}|\mathbf{G} & \mathbf{b}|\mathbf{B} \\ \mathbf{h}|\mathbf{H} & \mathbf{f}|\mathbf{F} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (3.6)$$

where all bold letters are defined as $\mathbf{x} := \{x_i\}$ with $i = 1, \dots, n$ for continuous spins, (and $\mathbf{A} := \{A_i\}$ with $i = 1, \dots, n$ for discrete spins) and corresponds to the multi-spin components of the face weight.

We repeat the arguments of [34, 35] in order to find the solution to IRF-type Yang-Baxter equation. Note that we just conjecture the solution, and do not carry out any detailed computations which is out of the context of this note.

The multi-spin solution to the Yang-Baxter equation (3.6) reads as

$$\mathbb{R}_{\mathbf{u}|\mathbf{U}\mathbf{v}|\mathbf{V}} \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \mathbf{a}|\mathbf{A} & \mathbf{b}|\mathbf{B} \\ \hline \mathbf{c}|\mathbf{C} & \mathbf{d}|\mathbf{D} \end{array} \right) = \varrho \left(\prod_{j,k=1}^{2n} \frac{\left(q^{1+\frac{\tau_j+\kappa_k}{2}} \frac{1}{t_j s_k}; q \right)_{\infty}}{\left(q^{\frac{\tau_j+\kappa_k}{2}} t_j s_k; q \right)_{\infty}} \right)^{-1/2} \mathcal{I}(\{t_i\}, \{s_i\}), \quad (3.7)$$

where we use the following notations in (3.7)

$$t_j = q^{-2(u-v)-2ic_j}, \quad t_{n+j} = q^{-2(u'-v')-2ib_j}, \quad (3.8)$$

$$\tau_j = -2(U-V) - 2iC_j, \quad \tau_{n+j} = -2(U'-V') - 2iB_j, \quad (3.9)$$

$$s_j = q^{2(u'-v-\eta)+2ia_j}, \quad s_{n+j} = q^{2(u-v'-\eta)+2id_j}, \quad (3.10)$$

$$\kappa_j = 2(U'-V-\eta) + 2iA_j, \quad \kappa_{n+j} = 2(U-V'-\eta) + 2iD_j, \quad \text{and } j = 1, \dots, n \quad (3.11)$$

$$\mathbf{u} = [u, u'], \quad \mathbf{v} = [v, v'], \quad \mathbf{U} = [U, U'], \quad \mathbf{V} = [V, V']. \quad (3.12)$$

Here

$$\varrho = \frac{\sqrt{\mathbb{S}(\mathbf{c}|\mathbf{C})\mathbb{S}(\mathbf{b}|\mathbf{B})}}{k_n(\eta-u+v)k_n(\eta-u'+v')k_n(u-v)k_n(u-v')}. \quad (3.13)$$

$$\mathbb{S}(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{X}) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\prod_{j \neq k} \frac{\left(q^{1+\frac{x_j-x_k}{2}} \frac{z_k}{z_j}; q \right)_{\infty}}{\left(q^{\frac{x_k-x_j}{2}} \frac{z_j}{z_k}; q \right)_{\infty}} \right)^{-1}, \quad \text{with } z_j = q^{2ix_j}, \quad (3.14)$$

and k_n is some normalizing parameter and for $n = 2$ is given in (2.4).

In terms of Boltzmann weights the expression (3.6) gets the form of the star-star relation and reads as

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{W}_{2-\gamma-\delta}(\mathbf{d}|\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{c}|\mathbf{C}) \mathcal{W}_{2-\beta-\gamma}(\mathbf{b}|\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{c}|\mathbf{C}) \sum_{\mathbf{X}} \int [d_{\mathbf{X}} \mathbf{x}] \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{X}) \mathcal{W}_{\alpha}(\mathbf{a}|\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{x}|\mathbf{X}) \\ & \quad \times \mathcal{W}_{\beta}(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{b}|\mathbf{B}) \mathcal{W}_{\gamma}(\mathbf{c}|\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{x}|\mathbf{X}) \mathcal{W}_{\delta}(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{d}|\mathbf{D}) \\ & = \mathcal{W}_{2-\alpha-\beta}(\mathbf{a}|\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{b}|\mathbf{B}) \mathcal{W}_{2-\gamma-\delta}(\mathbf{a}|\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{d}|\mathbf{D}) \sum_{\mathbf{X}} \int [d_{\mathbf{X}} \mathbf{x}] \mathcal{S}(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{X}) \mathcal{W}_{\gamma}(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{a}|\mathbf{A}) \\ & \quad \times \mathcal{W}_{\delta}(\mathbf{b}|\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{x}|\mathbf{X}) \mathcal{W}_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{c}|\mathbf{C}) \mathcal{W}_{\beta}(\mathbf{d}|\mathbf{D}, \mathbf{x}|\mathbf{X}). \end{aligned} \quad (3.15)$$

where $\alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta = 2$, and the integral measure is

$$\sum_{\mathbf{X}} \int [d_{\mathbf{X}} \mathbf{x}] := \sum_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n} \int \frac{dx_1}{2\pi i x_1} \frac{dx_2}{2\pi i x_2} \cdots \frac{dx_n}{2\pi i x_n}. \quad (3.16)$$

Note that one can obtain this solution by taking certain limit from the solution presented in [17]. By taking limit of (3.7) one may construct new solution to the Yang-Baxter equation. For instance, using the following property of the q-Pochhammer symbol

$$\lim_{q \rightarrow 1} \frac{(q^{\alpha}; q)_{\infty}}{(q^{\beta}; q)_{\infty}} (1-q)^{\alpha-\beta} = \frac{\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)}, \quad (3.17)$$

one obtains the solution in terms of Euler's gamma function⁴ [36]

$$\mathcal{W}_{\alpha}(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{y}|\mathbf{Y}) = \prod_{i,j=1}^n \frac{\Gamma(\alpha - \eta \pm [\frac{X_i+Y_j}{2} + i(x_i + y_j)])}{\Gamma(1 + \eta - \alpha \pm [-\frac{X_i+Y_j}{2} + i(x_i + y_j)])}, \quad (3.18)$$

$$\mathcal{S}(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{X}) = \frac{1}{n!} \prod_{i \neq j} \left((x_i - x_j)^2 + \left(\frac{X_i - X_j}{2} \right)^2 \right). \quad (3.19)$$

⁴Special form of this solution ($n = 2$ case) is presented in [29].

4 Three-dimensional supersymmetric index

In this section, we give a brief information about three dimensional supersymmetric index which we use to get the solution to the Yang-Baxter equation.

In order to obtain the star-star relation we use the so-called gauge/YBE correspondence. The essence of the correspondence may be explained in simple terms as follows. The equality of partition functions of supersymmetric dual theories may be written as the Yang-Baxter equation. Therefore the exact computation of the partition function on supersymmetric gauge theory side leads to an integrable lattice model.

The supersymmetric index of three-dimensional $\mathcal{N} = 2$ supersymmetric field theory is a twisted partition function defined on $S^2 \times S^1$:

$$\mathcal{I}(q, t) = \text{Tr} \left[(-1)^F e^{-\beta\{Q, Q^\dagger\}} q^{\frac{1}{2}(\Delta + j_3)} \prod_i t_i^{F_i} \right], \quad (4.1)$$

where F is the fermion number, Q and Q^\dagger are corresponding supercharges, Δ is the energy, j_3 is the third component of the angular momentum around S^2 , and F_i 's are the Cartan generators of the flavor symmetry and t_i 's are corresponding fugacities, and the trace is taken over the Hilbert space of the theory. Using the localization technique [37] the supersymmetric index can be computed exactly, and it gets the form of the matrix integral [38, 39].

The identity (3.2) in terms of supersymmetric gauge theory computations corresponds to the equality of supersymmetric indices of the following Seiberg dual theories:

- **the left-hand side** of the identity is the index of three-dimensional $\mathcal{N} = 2$ Supersymmetric Quantum Chromodynamics with gauge group $SU(N)$ and flavor group $SU(2N) \times SU(2N)$, chiral multiplets belonging to the fundamental and anti-fundamental representations of gauge group and corresponding flavor group;
- **the right-hand side** of the identity is the index of the dual theory with $SU(N)$ gauge group and with the same flavor group, including mesons in the fundamental and anti-fundamental representation of the flavor group.

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