Interpolating between ordinary and bumpless pipe dreams with hybrid pipe dreams

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but not \(\downarrow\),

so two ‘pipes’ never cross twice, each pipe connects some \(i\) on top to \(i\) on the left when top edges are labeled \(\pi^{-1}(1), \ldots, \pi^{-1}(n)\) and left edges are labeled \(1, \ldots, n\) from top to bottom.

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Bumpless pipe dreams

Definition (Lam-Lee-Shimozono 2018)

An (upside down) **bumpless pipe dream** for $\pi$ is a filling of an $n \times n$ square with tiles

![tiles](image)

but not ![tile](image),

so that two pipes never cross twice and pipes connect $i$ on top to $i$ on the right when the top edges of the square are labeled $\pi^{-1}(1), \ldots, \pi^{-1}(n)$ and the right edges are labeled $1, \ldots, n$ from bottom to top.
**Definition**

Write $\text{BPD}(\pi)$ for the set of bumpless pipe dreams for $\pi$.

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Hybrid pipe dreams by example
Hybrid pipe dreams defined

The ordinary tiles are

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Definition (Knutson)

A **hybrid pipe dream** is a filling of a square with ordinary and bumpless tiles such that

1. each row is either ordinary or bumpless
2. pipes connect top edges to left and right edges
3. no two pipes cross twice
Hybrid types

**Definition**
A hybrid pipe dream is of type $\tau = \tau_1 \tau_2 \ldots \tau_n \in \{O, B\}^n$ if (its $i$th physical row is ordinary if $\tau_i = O$ and bumpless if $\tau_i = B$).

Labels are left of ordinary rows and right of bumpless rows. Ordinary rows labeled $1, \ldots, k$ from the top. Bumpless rows labeled $k \ldots, n$ from the bottom.

**Definition**
A hybrid pipe dream for $\pi$ has labels $\pi^{-1}(1), \ldots, \pi^{-1}(n)$ across the top so pipes connect rows and columns with the same label.

**Definition**
$\text{HPD}(\pi, \tau)$ is the set of hybrid pipe dreams for $\pi$ with type $\tau$. 
Pipe dreams are the hybrid pipe dreams of type $O^n$, bumpless pipe dreams are the hybrid pipe dreams of type $B^n$. Hybrid pipe dreams for $\pi = 132$ and some choices of $\tau$. 

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OOB: 

OBO: 

OBB: 

BOB: 

BBO: 
and are the two weighty ordinary tiles.

is the only weighty bumpless tile.

**Definition**

\[
\text{weighty}(D) = \{(i, j) : \text{tile in the row labeled } i \text{ and } j\text{th physical column of } D \text{ is weighty}\}.
\]

**Theorem (Knutson)**

For any \( \tau \in \{O, B\}^n \),

\[
S_\pi = \sum_{D \in \text{HPD}(\pi, \tau)} \prod_{(i,j) \in \text{weighty}(D)} (x_i - y_j)
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If \(D^T\) is the transpose of a pipe dream (or the transpose about the antidiagonal of a bumpless pipe dream) then

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Plan for constructing hybrid bijections

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\[
\tau = \tau_1 \tau_2 \ldots \tau_{n-1} O, \quad \tau' = \tau_1 \tau_2 \ldots \tau_{n-1} B.
\]

Only change the last row of the hybrid pipe dream.

Part 2: swap adjacent rows
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\[
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\]

Modify only the physical \( k \)th, \((k + 1)\)st rows.

E.g. \( \text{OOO} \xrightarrow{1} \text{OOB} \xrightarrow{2} \text{OBO} \xrightarrow{2} \text{BOO} \xrightarrow{1} \text{BOB} \xrightarrow{2} \text{BBO} \xrightarrow{1} \text{BBB} \)
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\text{mon}_x \left( \left( \phi_y (D^T) \right)^T \right) = \text{mon}_y (\phi_y (D^T)) \\
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Therefore $D \mapsto \left( \phi_y (D^T) \right)^T$ gives a bijection between ordinary pipe dreams and bumpless pipe dreams that commutes with $\text{mon}_x$.

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\text{mon}_x \left( (\phi_y (D^T))^T \right) = \text{mon}_y (\phi_y (D^T)) \\
= \text{mon}_y (D^T) \\
= \text{mon}_x (D)
\]

Therefore $D \mapsto (\phi_y (D^T))^T$ gives a bijection between ordinary pipe dreams and bumpless pipe dreams that commutes with $\text{mon}_x$

Work in progress (Knutson-U)

\[
(\phi_y (D^T))^T = \phi_x (D) = \phi_{GH}(D)
\]
Definition (Huang 2020)

\[ \overline{\text{HPD}}(\pi, \tau) = \{(D, f) : D \in \text{HPD}(\pi, \tau), f : \text{weighty}(D) \rightarrow \{x, -y\}\} \]

\[ \text{mon}(D, f) = \prod_{(i,j) \in \text{weighty}(D)} x_i \prod_{(i,j) \in \text{weighty}(D)} -y_j \]

\[ S_\pi(x, y) = \sum_{(D, f) \in \overline{\text{HPD}}(\pi, \tau)} \text{mon}(D, f) \]

Theorem (Knutson-U)

For \( \tau_1, \tau_2 \in \{O, B\} \), and \( \pi \in S_n \) there exists a bijection \( \phi : \overline{\text{HPD}}(\pi, \tau_1) \rightarrow \overline{\text{HPD}}(\pi, \tau_2) \) such that \( \text{mon}(\phi(D, f)) = \text{mon}(D, f) \)
Examples of decorated bumpless pipe dreams
Further questions

- Describe (equivariant) Monk’s rule maps on decorated hybrid pipe dreams
- Describe the bijection between decorated PDs and decorated BPDs without using hybrid pipe dreams
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Bonus slides
There is no equivariant weight preserving bijection

(Impossible) Goal

Find a weight preserving bijection between any two types of hybrids.
Hope: Factoring the PD to BPD bijection through HPDs is insightful

Ordinary and bumpless pipe dreams for $\pi = 132$.

\[ OOO : \begin{aligned}
&1 \ 2 \ 3 \\
(1, 3, 2) & (1, 3, 2) & (1, 3, 2) & (1, 3, 2)
\end{aligned} \]

\[ BBB : \begin{aligned}
&1 \ 2 \ 3 \\
(x_2 - y_1) & (x_1 - y_2) & (x_2 - y_2) & (x_1 - y_1)
\end{aligned} \]

\[ S_{132} = (x_2 - y_1) + (x_1 - y_2) = (x_2 - y_2) + (x_1 - y_1) = x_1 + x_2 - y_1 - y_2 \]
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\begin{align*}
\text{OOO} : & \\
& (x_2 - y_1) & (x_1 - y_2) \\
& \begin{array}{c}
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2 \\
3
\end{array} & \\
& \begin{array}{c}
1 \\
2 \\
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\end{array}
\end{align*}
\]

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\begin{align*}
\text{BBB} : & \\
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\]
There are non-equivariant weight preserving bijections

Ordinary and bumpless pipe dreams for $\pi = 132$.

\begin{align*}
OOO : & \quad \text{weight} \quad (x_2 - y_1) \quad \text{mon} \quad x(D) \quad x_2 \\
& \quad \text{mon} \quad y(D) \quad -y_1
\end{align*}

\begin{align*}
BBB : & \quad \text{weight} \quad (x_1 - y_2) \quad \text{mon} \quad x(D) \quad x_1 \\
& \quad \text{mon} \quad y(D) \quad -y_2
\end{align*}

\begin{align*}
S_{132}(x_1, x_2, 0, 0) & = x_2 + x_1 \\
S_{132}(0, 0, y_1, y_2) & = (-y_1) + (-y_2)
\end{align*}

\begin{align*}
S_{132}(0, 0, y_1, y_2) & = (-y_2) + (-y_1)
\end{align*}
Getting a weight preserving bijection for decorated hybrid pipe dreams

Plan:
- Break up a strip of $n$ dominos into a strip of $k$ dominos and a strip of $(n - k)$ dominos
- Understand the bijection on the irreducible pieces
Irreducible chunks