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$$\overline{\nabla}_{\infty} = \left\{ x = (x_1, x_2, \dots) \in [0, 1]^{\infty} \colon x_1 \geqslant x_2 \geqslant \dots \geqslant 0, \ \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i \leqslant 1 \right\}.$$

In the topology of coordinatewise convergence  $\overline{\nabla}_{\infty}$  is a compact, metrizable and separable space. Denote by  $C(\overline{\nabla}_{\infty})$  the algebra of real continuous functions on  $\overline{\nabla}_{\infty}$  with pointwise operations and the supremum norm.

In  $C(\overline{\nabla}_{\infty})$  there is a distinguished dense subspace  $\mathcal{F}:=\mathbb{R}\left[q_1,q_2,\dots\right]$  generated (as a commutative unital algebra) by algebraically independent continuous functions  $q_k(x):=\sum_{i=1}^{\infty}x_i^{k+1},\ k=1,2,\dots,\ x\in\overline{\nabla}_{\infty}.$  For each  $0\leqslant\alpha<1$  and  $\theta>-\alpha$  we define an operator  $A\colon\mathcal{F}\to\mathcal{F}$  which can

For each  $0 \le \alpha < 1$  and  $\theta > -\alpha$  we define an operator  $A \colon \mathcal{F} \to \mathcal{F}$  which can be written as a formal differential operator of second order with respect to the generators of the algebra  $\mathcal{F}^{[1]}$ 

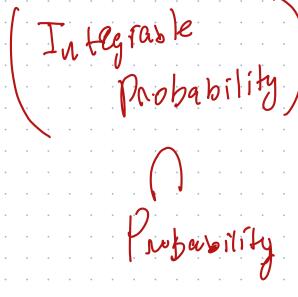
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$$A = \sum_{i,j=1}^{\infty} (i+1)(j+1)(q_{i+j} - q_i q_j) \frac{\partial^2}{\partial q_i \partial q_j} + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left[ -(i+1)(i+\theta)q_i + (i+1)(i-\alpha)q_{i-1} \right] \frac{\partial}{\partial q_i},$$

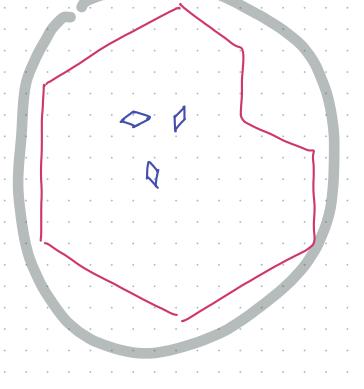
**Proposition 3.1.** Consider the transition operator of the nth up/down Markov chain  $T_n: \operatorname{Fun}(\mathbb{K}_n) \to \operatorname{Fun}(\mathbb{K}_n)$  which corresponds to the two-parameter Ewens-Pitman's partition structure. Its action on the functions  $\mathbf{m}_{\mu}^*$ ,  $\mu \in \mathbb{K}$  looks as follows:

$$\begin{split} (T_n - \mathbf{1})(\mathbf{m}_{\mu}^*)_n &= -\frac{k(k - 1 + \theta)}{(n + 1)(n + \theta)}(\mathbf{m}_{\mu}^*)_n \\ &+ \frac{n + 1 - k}{(n + 1)(n + \theta)} \sum_{i=1}^{\ell(\mu)} \mu_i (\mu_i - 1 - \alpha) \left(\mathbf{m}_{\mu - \square(\mu_i)}^*\right)_n \\ &+ \frac{n + 1 - k}{(n + 1)(n + \theta)} [\mu : 1] \left(\theta + \alpha(\ell(\mu) - 1)\right) \left(\mathbf{m}_{\mu - \square(1)}^*\right)_n, \end{split}$$

where 1 denotes the identity operator and  $k = |\mu|$ .

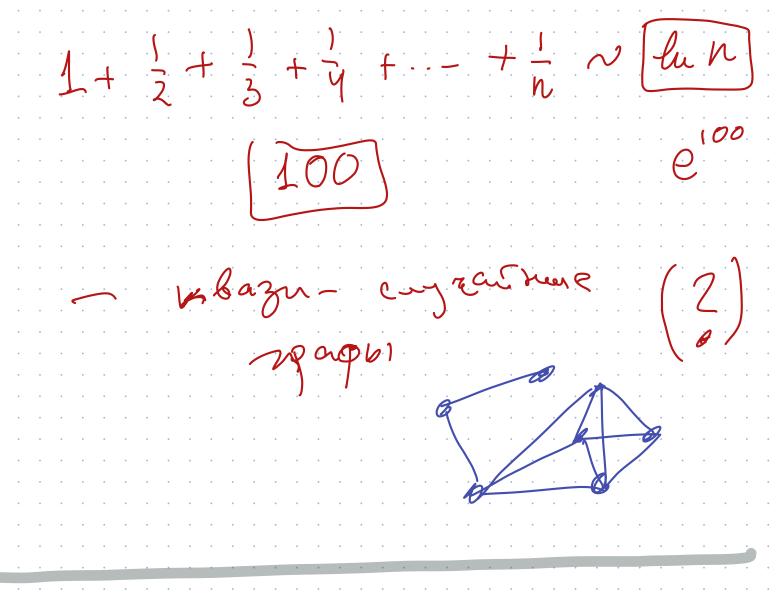






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