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\mathbb{Z}_N graded discrete Lax pairs and Yang-Baxter maps

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Abstract

We recently introduced a class of \mathbb{Z}_N graded discrete Lax pairs and studied the associated discrete integrable systems (lattice equations). In this paper we introduce the corresponding Yang-Baxter maps. Many well known examples belong to this scheme for N=2, so, for $N\geq 3$, our systems may be regarded as generalisations of these.

In particular, for each N we introduce a class of multi-component Yang-Baxter maps, which include H_{III}^B (of [6]), when N=2, and that associated with the discrete modified Boussinesq equation, for N=3. For $N\geq 5$ we introduce a new families of Yang-Baxter maps, which have no lower dimensional analogue. We also present new multi-component versions of the Yang-Baxter maps F_{IV} and F_V (given in the classification of [2]).

Keywords: Discrete integrable system, Lax pair, symmetry, Yang-Baxter map.

1 Introduction

The term "Yang-Baxter map" was introduced by Veselov [10] as an abbreviation for Drinfeld's notion of "set-theoretical solutions to the quantum Yang-Baxter equation". The basic ingredient is a map $R: X \times X \to X \times X$, where X is some algebraic variety. For the case $X = \mathbb{CP}^1$, these were partially classified in [2, 6]. In [8] a symmetry approach was introduced to relate Yang-Baxter equations with 3D consistent equations on quad-graphs, which had been classified in [1]. Starting with any symmetry of an integrable equation on a quad-graph, the authors introduce invariant functions, which are then used to define a map. The Yang-Baxter relation was shown to be a consequence of 3D consistency. Multi-component Yang-Baxter maps are not yet classified, but several are known (see, for example, [9, 8, 7, 5, 3]).

We recently introduced a class of \mathbb{Z}_N graded discrete Lax pairs and studied the associated discrete integrable systems [4]. Many well known examples belong to that scheme for N=2, so, for $N\geq 3$, our systems may be regarded as generalisations of these. As mentioned above, the quad systems for N=2 can be related to Yang-Baxter maps. In this paper we construct generalisations of these, associated with our generalised lattice equations.

In Section 2 we present the basic background theory of Yang-Baxter maps and their relationship to lattice equations on a quadrilateral lattice. In Section 3, we introduce the \mathbb{Z}_N -graded Lax pairs of [4] and derive the reduction to Yang-Baxter maps. We show that all such maps are equivalent to ones with "level structure" $(0, \delta; 0, \delta)$. For each N and δ , with $1 \leq \delta \leq \frac{N}{2}$, we present a Yang-Baxter map $R^{(\delta)}(a, b)$ with 2N - 2 components (see Section 4). For $\delta = 1$, this

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includes the map H_{III}^B of [6], when N=2, and the Yang-Baxter map associated with the discrete modified Boussinesq equation, for N=3. The general map for $\delta=1$ is known [5], but for $\delta \geq 2$ this is a new class of Yang-Baxter maps. In Section 5 we present a new multi-component generalisation of the Yang-Baxter maps F_{IV} and F_V (given in the classification of [2])

2 Basic Definitions

Let X be an algebraic variety. A parametric Yang-Baxter map R(a,b), depending upon parameters (a,b), is a map

$$R(a,b): X \times X \to X \times X$$
,

satisfying:

$$R_{23}(a_2, a_3) \circ R_{13}(a_1, a_3) \circ R_{12}(a_1, a_2) = R_{12}(a_1, a_2) \circ R_{13}(a_1, a_3) \circ R_{23}(a_2, a_3),$$
 (2.1)

where $R_{ij}(a_i, a_j)$ is the map that acts as R(a, b) on the i and j factor of $X \times X \times X$, and identically on the other.

Definition 2.1 (Reversibility) Let P be the involution given by $P(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}; a, b) = (\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x}; b, a)$. If $P \circ R(a, b)$ is also an involution, then the map R(a, b) is said to be reversible.

Remark 2.2 An alternative way of writing this is that the map $P \circ R(a,b) \circ P$ is the inverse of R(a,b).

Lax pairs were defined for Yang-Baxter maps in [10, 9]. A matrix $L(\mathbf{x}, a)$, with $\mathbf{x} \in X$, depending upon the YB parameter a and the spectral parameter λ is used to define the equation:

$$L(\mathbf{x}', a)L(\mathbf{y}', b) = L(\mathbf{y}, b)L(\mathbf{x}, a). \tag{2.2}$$

It was shown in [10] that if L satisfies this, then the map $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \mapsto (\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{y}')$ satisfies the parametric Yang-Baxter equation (2.1) and is reversible.

Definition 2.3 (The Companion Map) The companion map $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}') \mapsto (\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{y})$ is obtained by solving equation (2.2) for the variables $(\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{y})$.

2.1 Travelling Wave Reductions of a Lattice Equation

Suppose we have a square lattice with vertices labelled (m,n). At each vertex we have functions

$$\mathbf{u}_{m,n} = \left(u_{m,n}^{(0)}, \dots, u_{m,n}^{(N-1)}\right), \quad \mathbf{v}_{m,n} = \left(v_{m,n}^{(0)}, \dots, v_{m,n}^{(N-1)}\right),$$

and vector function $\Psi_{m,n}$, satisfying

$$\Psi_{m+1,n} = L(\mathbf{u}_{m,n}, a) \, \Psi_{m,n}, \quad \Psi_{m,n+1} = L(\mathbf{v}_{m,n}, b) \, \Psi_{m,n},$$
 (2.3)

with compatibility conditions

$$L(\mathbf{u}_{m,n+1}, a)L(\mathbf{v}_{m,n}, b) = L(\mathbf{v}_{m+1,n}, b)L(\mathbf{u}_{m,n}, a).$$
(2.4)

If we now consider the reduction

$$\mathbf{u}_{m,n} = \mathbf{x}_p, \quad \mathbf{v}_{m,n} = \mathbf{y}_{p+1}, \quad \text{where} \quad p = n - m,$$
 (2.5)

then (2.4) reduces to (2.2), with $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_p$, $\mathbf{x}' = \mathbf{x}_{p+1}$, $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}_p$, $\mathbf{y}' = \mathbf{y}_{p+1}$, with the map $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \mapsto (\mathbf{x}', \mathbf{y}')$ being Yang-Baxter.

Remark 2.4 Notice that this does not rely on any underlying Lie point symmetry of the lattice equation. It is just a "travelling wave" solution of the lattice equation.

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We now consider the specific discrete Lax pairs, which we introduced in [4]. Consider a pair of matrix equations of the form

$$\Psi_{m+1,n} = L_{m,n} \Psi_{m,n} \equiv \left(U_{m,n} + \lambda \Omega^{\ell_1} \right) \Psi_{m,n}, \tag{3.1a}$$

$$\Psi_{m,n+1} = M_{m,n} \Psi_{m,n} \equiv \left(V_{m,n} + \lambda \Omega^{\ell_2}\right) \Psi_{m,n}, \tag{3.1b}$$

where

$$U_{m,n} = \operatorname{diag}\left(u_{m,n}^{(0)}, \dots, u_{m,n}^{(N-1)}\right) \Omega^{k_1}, \quad V_{m,n} = \operatorname{diag}\left(v_{m,n}^{(0)}, \dots, v_{m,n}^{(N-1)}\right) \Omega^{k_2}, \tag{3.1c}$$

and

$$(\Omega)_{i,j} = \delta_{j-i,1} + \delta_{i-j,N-1}.$$

The matrix Ω defines a grading and the four matrices of (3.1) are said to be of respective levels k_i, ℓ_i , with $\ell_i \neq k_i$ (for each i). The Lax pair is characterised by the quadruple $(k_1, \ell_1; k_2, \ell_2)$, which we refer to as the level structure of system, and for consistency, we require

$$k_1 + \ell_2 \equiv k_2 + \ell_1 \pmod{N}.$$
 (3.2)

Since matrices U, V and Ω are independent of λ , the compatibility condition of (3.1),

$$L_{m,n+1}M_{m,n} = M_{m+1,n}L_{m,n}, (3.3)$$

splits into the system

$$U_{m,n+1}V_{m,n} = V_{m+1,n}U_{m,n}, (3.4a)$$

$$U_{m,n+1}\Omega^{\ell_2} - \Omega^{\ell_2}U_{m,n} = V_{m+1,n}\Omega^{\ell_1} - \Omega^{\ell_1}V_{m,n},$$
(3.4b)

which can be written explicitly as

$$u_{m,n+1}^{(i)}v_{m,n}^{(i+k_1)} = v_{m+1,n}^{(i)}u_{m,n}^{(i+k_2)},$$

$$u_{m,n+1}^{(i)} - u_{m,n}^{(i+\ell_2)} = v_{m+1,n}^{(i)} - v_{m,n}^{(i+\ell_1)},$$

$$(3.5a)$$

$$u_{m,n+1}^{(i)} - u_{m,n}^{(i+\ell_2)} = v_{m+1,n}^{(i)} - v_{m,n}^{(i+\ell_1)},$$
 (3.5b)

or, in a solved form, as

$$u_{m,n+1}^{(i)} = \frac{u_{m,n}^{(i+\ell_2)} - v_{m,n}^{(i+\ell_1)}}{u_{m,n}^{(i+k_2)} - v_{m,n}^{(i+k_1)}} u_{m,n}^{(i+k_2)}, \quad v_{m+1,n}^{(i)} = \frac{u_{m,n}^{(i+\ell_2)} - v_{m,n}^{(i+\ell_1)}}{u_{m,n}^{(i+k_2)} - v_{m,n}^{(i+k_1)}} v_{m,n}^{(i+k_1)},$$
(3.6)

assuming that $u_{m,n}^{(i)} \neq v_{m,n}^{(j)}$ for all i, j. In all the above formulae, i, j are taken (mod N). It is easily seen that the quantities

$$a = \prod_{i=0}^{N-1} u_{m,n}^{(i)}, \quad b = \prod_{i=0}^{N-1} v_{m,n}^{(i)} \quad \text{satisfy} \quad \Delta_n(a) = \Delta_m(b) = 0, \tag{3.7}$$

where

$$\Delta_m = \mathcal{S}_m - 1$$
, $\Delta_n = \mathcal{S}_n - 1$, with $\mathcal{S}_m f_{m,n} = f_{m+1,n}$, $\mathcal{S}_n f_{m,n} = f_{m,n+1}$.

3.1 Reduction to Yang-Baxter Maps

We can now employ the reduction (2.5), using (3.7) to replace the components $x_p^{(N-1)}$, $y_p^{(N-1)}$. This introduces parameters a, b into the Lax matrices. If we define

$$X_p = \operatorname{diag}\left(x_p^{(0)}, \dots, x_p^{(N-1)}\right), \quad Y_p = \operatorname{diag}\left(y_p^{(0)}, \dots, y_p^{(N-1)}\right),$$
 (3.8)

then the compatibility condition (3.3) takes the form

$$(X_{p+1}\Omega^{k_1} + \lambda \Omega^{\ell_1})(Y_{p+1}\Omega^{k_2} + \lambda \Omega^{\ell_2}) = (Y_p\Omega^{k_2} + \lambda \Omega^{\ell_2})(X_p\Omega^{k_1} + \lambda \Omega^{\ell_1}), \tag{3.9}$$

and equations (3.5) take the form

$$x_{p+1}^{(i)}y_{p+1}^{(i+k_1)} = y_p^{(i)}x_p^{(i+k_2)}, \quad x_{p+1}^{(i)} + y_{p+1}^{(i+\ell_1)} = y_p^{(i)} + x_p^{(i+\ell_2)}. \tag{3.10}$$

We can write (3.9) as

$$(X_{p+1} + \lambda \Omega^{\delta})(\Omega^{k_1} Y_{p+1} \Omega^{-k_1} + \lambda \Omega^{\delta}) = (Y_p + \lambda \Omega^{\delta})(\Omega^{k_2} X_p \Omega^{-k_2} + \lambda \Omega^{\delta}), \tag{3.11}$$

where $0 < \delta \le N - 1$, with $\delta \equiv \ell_i - k_i \pmod{N}$. This allows us to reduce the general case with level structure $(k_1, \ell_1; k_2, \ell_2)$ to that with level structure $(0, \delta; 0, \delta)$. First, note that formula (3.11) can be written

$$(\bar{X}_{p+1} + \lambda \Omega^{\delta})(\bar{Y}_{p+1} + \lambda \Omega^{\delta}) = (\bar{Y}_p + \lambda \Omega^{\delta})(\bar{X}_p + \lambda \Omega^{\delta}), \tag{3.12}$$

where

$$\bar{X}_p = \operatorname{diag}\left(\bar{x}_p^{(0)}, \dots, \bar{x}_p^{(N-1)}\right), \quad \bar{Y}_p = \operatorname{diag}\left(\bar{y}_p^{(0)}, \dots, \bar{y}_p^{(N-1)}\right).$$

Comparing (3.12) and (3.11), we see that

$$\bar{x}_{p+1}^{(i)} = x_{p+1}^{(i)}, \quad \bar{y}_{p+1}^{(i)} = y_{p+1}^{(i+k_1)}, \quad \bar{x}_p^{(i)} = x_p^{(i+k_2)}, \quad \bar{y}_p^{(i)} = y_p^{(i)},$$

all taken (mod N). We see from (3.12) that the components $(\bar{x}_p^{(i)}, \bar{y}_p^{(i)})$ satisfy

$$\bar{x}_{p+1}^{(i)}\bar{y}_{p+1}^{(i)} = \bar{y}_p^{(i)}\bar{x}_p^{(i)}, \quad \bar{x}_{p+1}^{(i)} + \bar{y}_{p+1}^{(i+\delta)} = \bar{y}_p^{(i)} + \bar{x}_p^{(i+\delta)},$$

which are just (3.10) with $(k_i, \ell_i) = (0, \delta)$. We summarise these results in:

Proposition 3.1 In the Yang-Baxter reduction, <u>all</u> systems with level structure $(k_1, \ell_1; k_2, \ell_2)$, for which $\ell_i - k_i \equiv \delta \pmod{N}$, are equivalent (up to point transformation) to the system with level structure $(0, \delta; 0, \delta)$.

4 The Yang-Baxter Map Corresponding to the Case $(0, \delta; 0, \delta)$

In this section we consider the Lax equations with level structure $(0, \delta; 0, \delta)$, with $0 < \delta \le N - 1$. The resulting equations are *quadrirational*, with both the Yang-Baxter and companion maps being *birational*. We find that the Yang-Baxter maps corresponding to δ and $N - \delta$ are inverses to each other and that the companion map is periodic, with period N.

4.1 The Equations and Maps

With Lax matrices

$$L(\mathbf{x}, a) = X_p + \lambda \Omega^{\delta}, \quad L(\mathbf{y}, b) = Y_p + \lambda \Omega^{\delta},$$
 (4.1)

where X_p and Y_p are defined by (3.8), with

$$x_p^{(N-1)} = \frac{a}{\prod_{i=0}^{N-2} x_p^{(i)}}, \quad y_p^{(N-1)} = \frac{b}{\prod_{i=0}^{N-2} y_p^{(i)}}, \tag{4.2}$$

the Lax equation (2.2) implies

$$x_{p+1}^{(i)}y_{p+1}^{(i)} = y_p^{(i)}x_p^{(i)}, \quad x_{p+1}^{(i)} + y_{p+1}^{(i+\delta)} = y_p^{(i)} + x_p^{(i+\delta)}, \quad 0 \le i \le N - 1.$$
 (4.3)

Only the formulae with $0 \le i \le N-2$ are independent, but the full set is useful when discussing first integrals.

Remark 4.1 (Level structure $(\delta, 0; \delta, 0)$ vs $(0, \delta; 0, \delta)$) Under the point transformation

$$x_{p+1}^{(i)} = \tilde{x}_p^{(i+\delta)}, \quad x_p^{(i)} = \tilde{x}_{p+1}^{(i)}, \quad y_{p+1}^{(i)} = \tilde{y}_p^{(i)}, \quad y_p^{(i)} = \tilde{y}_{p+1}^{(i+\delta)},$$

equations (4.3) take the form

$$\tilde{x}_{p+1}^{(i)}\tilde{y}_{p+1}^{(i+\delta)} = \tilde{y}_p^{(i)}\tilde{x}_p^{(i+\delta)}, \quad \tilde{x}_{p+1}^{(i)} + \tilde{y}_{p+1}^{(i)} = \tilde{y}_p^{(i)} + \tilde{x}_p^{(i)}, \quad 0 \leq i \leq N-1,$$

which are just the equations for level structure $(\delta, 0; \delta, 0)$, so these structures are equivalent.

4.1.1 The Yang-Baxter map $R^{(\delta)}(a,b)$

Here we solve (4.3) for $(x_{p+1}^{(i)}, y_{p+1}^{(i)})$ as functions of $(x_p^{(i)}, y_p^{(i)})$ (with $0 \le i \le N-2$ and $x_p^{(N-1)}, y_p^{(N-1)}$ replaced by (4.2)). We write this map as $R^{(\delta)}(a, b)$, but when no ambiguity can arise, we suppress the parametric dependence by writing the map as $R^{(\delta)}$.

Notice that by shifting $i \mapsto i + N - \delta \equiv i - \delta \pmod{N}$, the second part of equation (4.3) takes the form

$$x_{p+1}^{(i-\delta)} + y_{p+1}^{(i)} = y_p^{(i-\delta)} + x_p^{(i)},$$

which leads to:

Proposition 4.2 (Inverse Map) The Yang-Baxter map $R^{(-\delta)}(a,b)$ is just the <u>inverse</u> of the map $R^{(\delta)}(a,b)$.

This means that we only need to consider $\delta \leq \frac{N}{2}$ and that, when N = 2M, the map $R^{(M)}(a,b)$ is an involution.

Proposition 4.3 (First Integrals) The Yang-Baxter map $R^{(\delta)}(a,b)$ has the following N first integrals:

$$x_p^{(i)}y_p^{(i)} = c_i, \quad 0 \le i \le N - 2, \quad \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} (x_p^{(i+\delta)} + y_p^{(i)}) = c_{N-1},$$
 (4.4)

where, in the latter, $x_p^{(N-1)}$ and $y_p^{(N-1)}$ are replaced by (4.2).

The last of these integrals is obtained by summing the additive equations of (4.3).

4.1.2 The Companion Map $\varphi^{(\delta)}$

Here we solve (4.3) for $(x_{p+1}^{(i)}, y_p^{(i)})$ as functions of $(x_p^{(i)}, y_{p+1}^{(i)})$ (with $0 \le i \le N-2$ and $x_p^{(N-1)}, y_p^{(N-1)}$ replaced by (4.2)). Since p is no longer the evolution parameter, we relabel our variables as:

$$(x_p^{(i)},y_{p+1}^{(i)})=(x_q^{(i)},y_q^{(i)}),\quad (x_{p+1}^{(i)},y_p^{(i)})=(x_{q+1}^{(i)},y_{q+1}^{(i)}).$$

Remark 4.4 (A second travelling wave reduction) This labelling follows directly from the travelling wave reduction

$$\mathbf{u}_{m,n} = \mathbf{x}_q, \quad \mathbf{v}_{m,n} = \mathbf{y}_q, \quad where \quad q = n + m$$

We can re-arrange the quadratic formulae in (4.3) (with this new labelling) to obtain N-1 first integrals:

$$\frac{x_q^{(i)}}{y_q^{(i)}} = c_i, \quad 0 \le i \le N - 2. \tag{4.5}$$

We can also re-arrange the linear formulae of (4.3) to obtain

$$x_{q+1}^{(i)} - y_{q+1}^{(i)} = x_q^{(i+\delta)} - y_q^{(i+\delta)}, \quad 0 \le i \le N-1.$$

If we define

$$f(x,y) = x - y, (4.6)$$

then

$$f(x_{q+1}^{(i)}, y_{q+1}^{(i)}) = f(x_q^{(i+\delta)}, y_q^{(i+\delta)}), \quad 0 \le i \le N - 1.$$

$$(4.7)$$

We may use

$$\left(\frac{x_q^{(0)}}{y_q^{(0)}}, \dots, \frac{x_q^{(N-2)}}{y_q^{(N-2)}}, f\left(x_q^{(0)}, y_q^{(0)}\right), \dots, f\left(x_q^{(N-2)}, y_q^{(N-2)}\right)\right)$$

as coordinates and, in these coordinates, the map $\varphi^{(\delta)}$ just shifts the coordinates $f(x_q^{(i)}, y_q^{(i)})$ by δ , whilst leaving the coordinates $\frac{x_q^{(i)}}{y_q^{(i)}}$ fixed. This leads to the following:

Proposition 4.5 (Periodicity) The map $\varphi^{(\delta)}$ is periodic with period N. When $(N, \delta) = 1$ this is the minimum period. Furthermore, we have that $\varphi^{(\delta)} = \varphi^{(1)} \circ \cdots \circ \varphi^{(1)}$ (the δ -fold composition of $\varphi^{(1)}$).

This statement is, of course, independent of coordinates.

Remark 4.6 ((2N-2) first integrals) Any cyclically symmetric function of $f(x_q^{(i)}, y_q^{(i)})$ is a first integral of the companion map, so it possesses (2N-2) first integrals. The common level set is then finite, corresponding to the periodicity of the map.

4.2 Examples of the map $R^{(\delta)}$

We can build hierarchies of Yang-Baxter maps for each δ . It follows from Proposition 4.2 that we only need to consider $\delta \leq \frac{N}{2}$. However, as the value of N increases, so does the number of different maps $R^{(\delta)}$. We have:

Case $\delta=1$: At N=2, we only have the case $\delta=1$, and $R^{(1)}$ is just the map H^B_{III} in the classification of scalar Yang-Baxter maps [6]. The map $R^{(1)}$ exists for all $N\geq 2$, which can therefore be considered as a multi-component generalisation of the scalar Yang-Baxter map H^B_{III} .

Case $\delta = 2$: For $N \ge 4$ we have the map $R^{(2)}$. When N is <u>even</u>, this map degenerates to lower dimensional maps (see the case N = 4 below), but when N is <u>odd</u>, we have a <u>new</u> sequence of Yang-Baxter maps which fully couple 2N - 2 variables. The 8-component case can be seen in the case N = 5 below.

Case $\delta = 3$: For $N \ge 6$ we have the map $R^{(3)}$, but again, this map degenerates to lower dimensional maps when N is a multiple of 3. The first fully coupled system is at N = 7.

Whilst the generalisation of $\delta = 1$ is already known [5], the maps $R^{(\delta)}$, for $\delta \geq 2$, are <u>new</u> classes of Yang-Baxter maps.

4.2.1 When N = 2

Here we only have the case $\delta = 1$, which leads to (with $x^{(0)} = x$, $y^{(0)} = y$, $x^{(1)} = a/x$, $y^{(1)} = b/y$)

$$x_{p+1} = y_p \left(\frac{a+xy}{b+xy}\right), \quad y_{p+1} = x_p \left(\frac{b+xy}{a+xy}\right), \tag{4.8}$$

which (up to a relabelling of parameters) is just the map H_{III}^B in the classification of scalar Yang-Baxter maps [6].

The existence of the two invariant functions (4.4) implies (the well known fact) that this map is an involution.

4.2.2 When N = 3

Here we have $\delta = 1$ and $\delta = 2$, but since $N - 1 = 2 \equiv -1 \pmod{3}$, the map $R^{(2)}$ is just the inverse of $R^{(1)}$. In this case $R^{(1)}$ takes the form:

$$x_{p+1}^{(i)} = y_p^{(i)} \frac{A^{(i)}}{A^{(i+1)}}, \qquad y_{p+1}^{(i)} = x_p^{(i)} \frac{A^{(i+1)}}{A^{(i)}}, \quad 0 \le i \le 1, \tag{4.9}$$

with upper indices taken (mod2) and where

$$A^{(0)} = a(x_p^{(1)} + y_p^{(0)}) + x_p^{(0)} x_p^{(1)} y_p^{(0)} y_p^{(1)}, \quad A^{(1)} = A^{(0)} + (b-a) x_p^{(1)}, \quad A^{(2)} = A^{(1)} + (b-a) y_p^{(0)}.$$

Remark 4.7 (Discrete Modified Boussinesq Equation) This is equivalent to the Yang-Baxter map derived in [8], associated with the discrete modified Boussinesq equation (see equation (67a-b) of [8]). They are related by a simple point transformation:

$$x^{(0)} \mapsto \frac{c_0}{x^1}, \quad x^{(1)} \mapsto c_0 x^2, \quad y^{(0)} \mapsto \frac{c_0 \alpha_1}{\alpha_2 y^1}, \quad y^{(1)} \mapsto \frac{\alpha_1^2 y^2}{c_0^3}, \quad where \quad c_0^4 = \frac{\alpha_1^3}{\alpha_2}.$$

4.2.3 When N = 4

For $\delta = 1$: We obtain the 6-component version of (4.9).

For $\delta = 2$: Since $(N, \delta) = 2 \neq 1$, the map is reducible, with a 4-component subsystem:

$$x_{p+1}^{(0)} = \frac{x_p^{(0)}(x_p^{(2)} + y_p^{(0)})}{x_p^{(0)} + y_p^{(2)}}, \quad x_{p+1}^{(2)} = \frac{x_p^{(2)}(x_p^{(0)} + y_p^{(2)})}{x_p^{(2)} + y_p^{(0)}},$$

$$y_{p+1}^{(0)} = \frac{y_p^{(0)}(x_p^{(0)} + y_p^{(2)})}{x_p^{(2)} + y_p^{(0)}}, \quad y_{p+1}^{(2)} = \frac{y_p^{(2)}(x_p^{(2)} + y_p^{(0)})}{x_p^{(0)} + y_p^{(2)}},$$

$$(4.10)$$

in which the parameters (a, b) are absent.

The remaining pair of equations are a non-autonomous version of (4.8), with coefficients depending upon $(x_p^{(0)}, x_p^{(2)}, y_p^{(0)}, y_p^{(2)})$:

$$x_{p+1}^{(1)} = \frac{y_p^{(0)} y_p^{(2)} y_p^{(1)} \left(a + x_p^{(0)} x_p^{(2)} x_p^{(1)} y_p^{(1)}\right)}{x_p^{(0)} x_p^{(2)} \left(b + y_p^{(0)} y_p^{(2)} x_p^{(1)} y_p^{(1)}\right)}, \quad y_{p+1}^{(1)} = \frac{x_p^{(0)} x_p^{(2)} x_p^{(1)} \left(b + y_p^{(0)} y_p^{(2)} x_p^{(1)} y_p^{(1)}\right)}{x_p^{(0)} x_p^{(2)} \left(a + x_p^{(0)} x_p^{(2)} x_p^{(1)} y_p^{(1)}\right)}. \quad (4.11)$$

Notice that this last pair could also be written

$$x_{p+1}^{(1)} = \frac{x_p^{(1)}(x_p^{(3)} + y_p^{(1)})}{x_p^{(1)} + y_p^{(3)}}, \quad y_{p+1}^{(1)} = \frac{y_p^{(1)}(x_p^{(1)} + y_p^{(3)})}{x_p^{(3)} + y_p^{(1)}},$$

which, with the constraint (4.2), explains the formulae in (4.11).

The 4-component system (4.10) has 4 independent first integrals

$$I_1 = x_p^{(0)} y_p^{(0)}, \quad I_2 = x_p^{(2)} y_p^{(2)}, \quad I_3 = x_p^{(0)} x_p^{(2)}, \quad I_4 = x_p^{(0)} + x_p^{(2)} + y_p^{(0)} + y_p^{(2)}$$

so is periodic (and has period 2).

The remaining two equations (4.11) cannot be taken alone, but only as part of the 6-component system. This system has two more first integrals,

$$I_5 = x_p^{(1)} y_p^{(1)}, \quad I_6 = x_p^{(1)} + \frac{a}{x_p^{(0)} x_p^{(1)} x_p^{(2)}} + y_p^{(1)} + \frac{b}{y_p^{(0)} y_p^{(1)} y_p^{(2)}},$$

so is also periodic (of period 2). As commented after Proposition 4.2, this involutive property follows from $\delta = N - \delta$ for this case.

Remark 4.8 (Non-Coprime Case) This decoupling, when $(N, \delta) \neq 1$, is a general feature.

4.2.4 When N = 5

Here $\delta = 1$ and $\delta = 2$ give genuinely different maps.

For $\delta = 1$: The map $R^{(1)}$ takes the same form as (4.9):

$$x_{p+1}^{(i)} = y_p^{(i)} \frac{A^{(i)}}{A^{(i+1)}}, y_{p+1}^{(i)} = x_p^{(i)} \frac{A^{(i+1)}}{A^{(i)}}, 0 \le i \le 3, (4.12)$$

with upper indices taken (mod4) and where

$$\begin{split} A^{(0)} &= a(x_p^{(1)} x_p^{(2)} x_p^{(3)} + x_p^{(2)} x_p^{(3)} y_p^{(0)} + x_p^{(3)} y_p^{(0)} y_p^{(1)} + y_p^{(0)} y_p^{(1)} y_p^{(2)}) + \prod_{i=0}^3 x_p^{(i)} y_p^{(i)}, \\ A^{(1)} &= A^{(0)} + (b-a) x_p^{(1)} x_p^{(2)} x_p^{(3)}, \quad A^{(2)} &= A^{(1)} + (b-a) x_p^{(2)} x_p^{(3)} y_p^{(0)}, \\ A^{(3)} &= A^{(2)} + (b-a) x_p^{(3)} y_p^{(0)} y_p^{(1)}, \quad A^{(4)} &= A^{(3)} + (b-a) y_p^{(0)} y_p^{(1)} y_p^{(2)}. \end{split}$$

For $\delta = 2$: The map $R^{(2)}$ takes the form:

$$x_{p+1}^{(0)} = y_p^{(0)} \frac{A^{(2)}}{A^{(3)}}, \quad x_{p+1}^{(1)} = y_p^{(1)} \frac{A^{(0)}}{A^{(1)}}, \quad x_{p+1}^{(2)} = y_p^{(2)} \frac{A^{(3)}}{A^{(4)}}, \quad x_{p+1}^{(3)} = y_p^{(3)} \frac{A^{(1)}}{A^{(2)}}, \tag{4.13}$$

and $y_{p+1}^{(i)} = \frac{x_p^{(i)} y_p^{(i)}}{x_{n+1}^{(i)}}$, with upper indices taken (mod4) and where

$$\begin{split} A^{(0)} &= a(x_p^{(3)}x_p^{(0)}x_p^{(2)} + x_p^{(0)}x_p^{(2)}y_p^{(1)} + x_p^{(2)}y_p^{(1)}y_p^{(3)} + y_p^{(1)}y_p^{(3)}y_p^{(0)}) + \prod_{i=0}^3 x_p^{(i)}y_p^{(i)}, \\ A^{(1)} &= A^{(0)} + (b-a)x_p^{(3)}x_p^{(0)}x_p^{(2)}, \quad A^{(2)} &= A^{(1)} + (b-a)x_p^{(0)}x_p^{(2)}y_p^{(1)}, \\ A^{(3)} &= A^{(2)} + (b-a)x_p^{(2)}y_p^{(1)}y_p^{(3)}, \quad A^{(4)} &= A^{(3)} + (b-a)y_p^{(1)}y_p^{(3)}y_p^{(0)}. \end{split}$$

4.2.5 The Structure of the Formulae

The order of appearance of $A^{(i)}$ in (4.13) and the combination of variables appearing in the definition of $A^{(0)}$ is controlled by the following ordering of the variables $x_p^{(i)}, y_p^{(i)}$:

$$\{x^{(\delta-1)}, x^{(2\delta-1)}, \dots, x^{((N-1)\delta-1)}, y^{(\delta-1)}, y^{(2\delta-1)}, \dots, y^{((N-1)\delta-1)}\}.$$

When $(N, \delta) = 1$, the numbers $\{(m\delta - 1)\}_{m=1}^{N-1}$ form a permutation of the numbers $0, \ldots, N-2$, so all the variables are included in this list. The formulae (4.13) are just

$$x_{p+1}^{(m\delta-1)} = y_p^{(m\delta-1)} \frac{A^{(m-1)}}{A^{(m)}}, \quad 1 \le m \le N-1.$$
(4.14)

The coefficient of the parameter a in function $A^{(0)}$ is constructed as follows: the first term is $\frac{\prod_{i=0}^{N-2} x^{(i)}}{r^{(\delta-1)}}$. We then repeatedly act by the permutation

$$x^{(\delta-1)} \to x^{(2\delta-1)} \to \cdots \to x^{((N-1)\delta-1)} \to y^{(\delta-1)} \to y^{(2\delta-1)} \to \cdots \to y^{((N-1)\delta-1)} \to x^{(\delta-1)}$$

for (N-2) times, which ends with $\frac{\prod_{i=0}^{N-2} y^{(i)}}{y^{(N-1-\delta)}}$. The coefficient of a is then just the sum of these (N-1) terms. The remaining term in $A^{(0)}$ is just $\prod_{i=0}^{N-2} x^{(i)} y^{(i)}$.

The functions $A^{(i)}$ are formed by successively changing the coefficient a to b at each of the terms in the above sum.

Example 4.9 (The case $N=5, \delta=2$) Here we have

$$x^{(1)} \to x^{(3)} \to x^{(0)} \to x^{(2)} \to y^{(1)} \to y^{(3)} \to y^{(0)} \to y^{(2)}$$

and

$$x_p^{(3)}x_p^{(0)}x_p^{(2)} \to x_p^{(0)}x_p^{(2)}y_p^{(1)} \to x_p^{(2)}y_p^{(1)}y_p^{(3)} \to y_p^{(1)}y_p^{(3)}y_p^{(0)},$$

giving the expression for $A^{(0)}$, given in the case of (4.13).

Example 4.10 (The case N = 7, $\delta = 3$) Here we have

$$x^{(2)} \to x^{(5)} \to x^{(1)} \to x^{(4)} \to x^{(0)} \to x^{(0)} \to x^{(3)} \to y^{(2)} \to y^{(5)} \to y^{(1)} \to y^{(4)} \to y^{(0)} \to y^{(3)},$$

and

$$x_p^{(5)}x_p^{(1)}x_p^{(4)}x_p^{(0)}x_p^{(3)} \to x_p^{(1)}x_p^{(4)}x_p^{(0)}x_p^{(3)}y_p^{(2)} \to \cdots \to y_p^{(2)}y_p^{(5)}y_p^{(1)}y_p^{(4)}y_p^{(0)},$$

giving

$$A^{(0)} = a(x_p^{(5)}x_p^{(1)}x_p^{(4)}x_p^{(0)}x_p^{(3)} + x_p^{(1)}x_p^{(4)}x_p^{(0)}x_p^{(3)}y_p^{(2)} + \dots + y_p^{(2)}y_p^{(5)}y_p^{(1)}y_p^{(4)}y_p^{(0)}) + \prod_{i=0}^5 x_p^{(i)}y_p^{(i)}.$$

The remaining $A^{(i)}$ are then constructed by the above prescription and the map $R^{(3)}$, for N=7 is given by (4.14), for $\delta=3$.

4.3 The Quotient Potential Case and Symmetries

In [4] we introduced two potential forms of our equations (3.5). Here we briefly mention the "quotient potential", leaving the "additive potential" to Section 5.

Equations (3.5a) hold identically if we set

$$u_{m,n}^{(i)} = \alpha \frac{\phi_{m+1,n}^{(i)}}{\phi_{m,n}^{(i+k_1)}}, \quad v_{m,n}^{(i)} = \beta \frac{\phi_{m,n+1}^{(i)}}{\phi_{m,n}^{(i+k_2)}}, \tag{4.15}$$

where $a = \alpha^N$, $b = \beta^N$. Equations (3.5b) then take the form

$$\alpha \left(\frac{\phi_{m+1,n+1}^{(i)}}{\phi_{m,n+1}^{(i+k_1)}} - \frac{\phi_{m+1,n}^{(i+\ell_2)}}{\phi_{m,n}^{(i+\ell_2+k_1)}} \right) = \beta \left(\frac{\phi_{m+1,n+1}^{(i)}}{\phi_{m+1,n}^{(i+k_2)}} - \frac{\phi_{m,n+1}^{(i+\ell_1)}}{\phi_{m,n}^{(i+\ell_1+k_2)}} \right), \tag{4.16}$$

where indices are taken (mod N).

These equations have a weighted scaling symmetry, whose invariants are given exactly by the formulae (4.15), leading us back to equations (3.5) and therefore to our previous Yang-Baxter maps.

5 The Additive Potential

Equations (3.5b) hold identically if we set

$$u_{m,n}^{(i)} = \chi_{m+1,n}^{(i)} - \chi_{m,n}^{(i+\ell_1)}, \quad v_{m,n}^{(i)} = \chi_{m,n+1}^{(i)} - \chi_{m,n}^{(i+\ell_2)}. \tag{5.1}$$

Equations (3.5a) then take the form

$$\frac{\left(\chi_{m+1,n+1}^{(i)} - \chi_{m,n+1}^{(i+\ell_1)}\right)}{\left(\chi_{m+1,n+1}^{(i)} - \chi_{m+1,n}^{(i+\ell_2)}\right)} = \frac{\left(\chi_{m+1,n}^{(i+k_2)} - \chi_{m,n}^{(i+k_2+\ell_1)}\right)}{\left(\chi_{m,n+1}^{(i+k_1)} - \chi_{m,n}^{(i+k_1+\ell_2)}\right)},$$
(5.2)

and the first integrals (3.7) take the form

$$\prod_{i=0}^{N-1} \left(\chi_{m+1,n}^{(i)} - \chi_{m,n}^{(i+\ell_1)} \right) = a, \quad \prod_{i=0}^{N-1} \left(\chi_{m,n+1}^{(i)} - \chi_{m,n}^{(i+\ell_2)} \right) = b.$$
 (5.3)

Remark 5.1 (Reduction) It is not always possible to use these first integrals to explicitly reduce (5.2) to a system with N-1 components (eliminating $\chi_{m,n}^{(N-1)}$), and even when this is possible the spectral problem (3.1) cannot be written in terms of the reduced variables.

In [4] we showed that it is possible to explicitly reduce the system with $(k_i, \ell_i) = (0, 1)$, which takes the form

$$\frac{\left(\chi_{m+1,n+1}^{(i)} - \chi_{m,n+1}^{(i+1)}\right)}{\left(\chi_{m+1,n+1}^{(i)} - \chi_{m+1,n}^{(i+1)}\right)} = \frac{\left(\chi_{m+1,n}^{(i)} - \chi_{m,n}^{(i+1)}\right)}{\left(\chi_{m,n+1}^{(i)} - \chi_{m,n}^{(i+1)}\right)}, \quad i = 0, \dots, N-3,$$
(5.4a)

$$\chi_{m+1,n+1}^{(N-2)} = \chi_{m,n}^{(0)} + \frac{1}{\chi_{m+1,n}^{(N-2)} - \chi_{m,n+1}^{(N-2)}} \left(\frac{a}{X} - \frac{b}{Y}\right), \tag{5.4b}$$

where
$$X = \prod_{j=0}^{N-3} (\chi_{m+1,n}^{(j)} - \chi_{m,n}^{(j+1)})$$
 and $Y = \prod_{j=0}^{N-3} (\chi_{m,n+1}^{(j)} - \chi_{m,n}^{(j+1)})$.

Remark 5.2 This is a direct generalisation of equation H1 in the ABS classification [1].

It is easy to see that the system (5.4) has the following pair of symmetry generators:

$$\mathbf{X}_{t} = \sum_{i=0}^{N-2} \omega^{m+n+i} \partial_{\chi_{m,n}^{(i)}}, \tag{5.5a}$$

$$\mathbf{X}_{s} = \sum_{i=0}^{N-2} \omega^{m+n+i} \chi_{m,n}^{(i)} \partial_{\chi_{m,n}^{(i)}}, \quad \omega \neq 1,$$
 (5.5b)

where $\omega^N = 1$. It is therefore possible to write equations (5.4) in terms of the invariants of these symmetries. We can then reduce this form of the lattice equations to Yang-Baxter maps.

5.1 The Invariants of X_t

It is straightforward to write a suitable "basis" for the invariants of \mathbf{X}_t . The formulae are more symmetric if we write "too many" invariants, which then satisfy some additional identities. We therefore define 4(N-1) invariants, satisfying (N-1) identities. Furthermore, we make the reduction (2.5), so that we derive a map. Following [8], we denote these invariants by

$$x^{(i)} \equiv x_p^{(i)}, \ y^{(i)} \equiv y_p^{(i)}, \ u^{(i)} \equiv x_{p+1}^{(i)}, \ v^{(i)} \equiv y_{p+1}^{(i)}, \ \text{where } p = n - m,$$
 (5.6)

corresponding to specific edges of the lattice square, as shown in Figure 1 and noting that the shifts $m \mapsto m-1$ and $n \mapsto n+1$ both correspond to $p \mapsto p+1$.

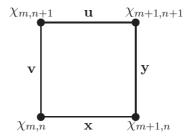


Figure 1: Invariants defined on edges

The 4(N-1) invariants:

$$x^{(i)} = \chi_{m+1,n}^{(i)} - \chi_{m,n}^{(i+1)}, \qquad i = 0, \dots, N-3, \quad x^{(N-2)} = \chi_{m+1,n}^{(N-2)} + \sum_{j=0}^{N-2} \chi_{m,n}^{(j)},$$

$$y^{(i)} = \chi_{m+1,n+1}^{(i)} - \chi_{m+1,n}^{(i+1)}, \quad i = 0, \dots, N-3, \quad y^{(N-2)} = \chi_{m+1,n+1}^{(N-2)} + \sum_{j=0}^{N-2} \chi_{m+1,n}^{(j)},$$

$$u^{(i)} = \chi_{m+1,n+1}^{(i)} - \chi_{m,n+1}^{(i+1)}, \quad i = 0, \dots, N-3, \quad u^{(N-2)} = \chi_{m+1,n+1}^{(N-2)} + \sum_{j=0}^{N-2} \chi_{m,n+1}^{(j)},$$

$$v^{(i)} = \chi_{m,n+1}^{(i)} - \chi_{m,n}^{(i+1)}, \quad i = 0, \dots, N-3, \quad v^{(N-2)} = \chi_{m,n+1}^{(N-2)} + \sum_{j=0}^{N-2} \chi_{m,n}^{(j)},$$

satisfy (N-1) identities:

$$x^{(i+1)} + y^{(i)} = u^{(i)} + v^{(i+1)}, \quad i = 0, \dots, N-3,$$
 (5.7a)

$$y^{(N-2)} + \sum_{j=0}^{N-2} v^{(j)} = u^{(N-2)} + \sum_{j=0}^{N-2} x^{(j)},$$
 (5.7b)

and equations (5.4) take the form

$$u^{(i)}v^{(i)} = x^{(i)}y^{(i)}, \quad i = 0, \dots, N-3,$$
 (5.7c)

$$u^{(N-2)} = \sum_{j=0}^{N-2} v^{(j)} + \frac{1}{x^{(N-2)} - v^{(N-2)}} \left(\frac{a}{\prod_{j=0}^{N-3} x^{(j)}} - \frac{b}{\prod_{j=0}^{N-3} v^{(j)}} \right).$$
 (5.7d)

The Yang-Baxter map corresponds to the solution of equations (5.7) for $(u^{(i)}, v^{(i)})$. We do not have an explicit form of the solution in general, but for any given value of N, this can be found.

Remark 5.3 (The Case N=2) We already remarked that for N=2 the lattice equation is just H1 in the ABS classification [1]. Using the symmetry \mathbf{X}_t , with $\omega=-1$ leads to the Yang-Baxter map

$$u = y + \frac{a-b}{x-y}, \quad v = x + \frac{a-b}{x-y},$$

which is just F_V of the ABS classification of quadrirational maps [2] (the Adler map). Clearly, we may consider this whole family of maps as multi-component generalisations of F_V .

Example 5.4 (The Case N=3) In this case, we find

$$\begin{split} u^{(0)} &= y^{(0)} + \frac{(a-b)y^{(0)}}{b - x^{(0)}y^{(0)}(x^{(0)} + x^{(1)} - y^{(1)})}, \\ u^{(1)} &= y^{(1)} + \frac{(b-a)y^{(0)}}{b - x^{(0)}y^{(0)}(x^{(0)} + x^{(1)} - y^{(1)})} + \frac{(b-a)x^{(0)}}{a - x^{(0)}y^{(0)}(x^{(0)} + x^{(1)} - y^{(1)})}, \\ v^{(0)} &= x^{(0)} + \frac{(b-a)x^{(0)}}{a - x^{(0)}y^{(0)}(x^{(0)} + x^{(1)} - y^{(1)})}, \\ v^{(1)} &= x^{(1)} + \frac{(b-a)y^{(0)}}{b - x^{(0)}y^{(0)}(x^{(0)} + x^{(1)} - y^{(1)})}. \end{split}$$

5.2 The Invariants of X_s

Again we denote invariants as in (5.6) and Figure 1. The 4(N-1) invariants:

$$x^{(i)} = \frac{\chi_{m+1,n}^{(i)}}{\chi_{m,n}^{(i+1)}}, \quad i = 0, \dots, N-3, \qquad x^{(N-2)} = \chi_{m+1,n}^{(N-2)} \prod_{j=0}^{N-2} \chi_{m,n}^{(j)},$$

$$y^{(i)} = \frac{\chi_{m+1,n+1}^{(i)}}{\chi_{m+1,n}^{(i+1)}}, \quad i = 0, \dots, N-3, \quad y^{(N-2)} = \chi_{m+1,n+1}^{(N-2)} \prod_{j=0}^{N-2} \chi_{m+1,n}^{(j)},$$

$$u^{(i)} = \frac{\chi_{m+1,n+1}^{(i)}}{\chi_{m,n+1}^{(i+1)}}, \quad i = 0, \dots, N-3, \quad u^{(N-2)} = \chi_{m+1,n+1}^{(N-2)} \prod_{j=0}^{N-2} \chi_{m,n+1}^{(j)},$$

$$v^{(i)} = \frac{\chi_{m,n+1}^{(i)}}{\chi_{m,n}^{(i+1)}}, \quad i = 0, \dots, N-3, \quad v^{(N-2)} = \chi_{m,n+1}^{(N-2)} \prod_{j=0}^{N-2} \chi_{m,n}^{(j)},$$

satisfy (N-1) identities:

$$u^{(i)}v^{(i+1)} = x^{(i+1)}y^{(i)}, \quad i = 0, \dots, N-3,$$
 (5.8a)

$$u^{(N-2)} \prod_{j=0}^{N-2} x^{(j)} = y^{(N-2)} \prod_{j=0}^{N-2} v^{(j)},$$
 (5.8b)

and equations (5.4) take the form

$$u^{(i)}v^{(i+1)} = \frac{(v^{(i)} - 1)v^{(i+1)} - (x^{(i)} - 1)x^{(i+1)}}{v^{(i)} - x^{(i)}}, \quad i = 0, \dots, N - 3,$$
 (5.8c)

$$u^{(N-2)} = \left(1 + \frac{1}{x^{(N-2)} - v^{(N-2)}} \left(\frac{a}{X} - \frac{b}{Y}\right)\right) \prod_{j=0}^{N-2} v^{(j)}, \tag{5.8d}$$

where $X = \prod_{j=0}^{N-3} (x^{(j)} - 1), Y = \prod_{j=0}^{N-3} (v^{(j)} - 1).$

Remark 5.5 (The Case N=2) Again, since the lattice equation is just H1 in the ABS classification [1], the symmetry \mathbf{X}_s , with $\omega=-1$, leads to the Yang-Baxter map

$$u = y \left(1 + \frac{a-b}{x-y} \right), \quad v = x \left(1 + \frac{a-b}{x-y} \right),$$

which is just F_{IV} of the ABS classification of quadrirational maps [2]. Clearly, we may consider this whole family of maps as multi-component generalisations of F_{IV} .

Example 5.6 (The Case N=3) In this case, we first define

$$P_a = ax^{(0)} - (x^{(0)} - 1)(y^{(0)} - 1)(x^{(0)}x^{(1)} - y^{(1)}), \quad P_b = bx^{(0)} - (x^{(0)} - 1)(y^{(0)} - 1)(x^{(0)}x^{(1)} - y^{(1)}).$$

We then have the map

$$u^{(0)} = y^{(0)} \left(1 - \frac{(a-b)x^{(0)}(y^{(0)} - 1)}{(y^{(0)} - 1)P_a - y^{(0)}P_b} \right),$$

$$u^{(1)} = y^{(1)} \left(1 - (a-b) \left(\frac{(x^{(0)} - 1)y^{(0)}}{P_a} + \frac{(y^{(0)} - 1)}{P_b} \right) \right),$$

$$v^{(0)} = x^{(0)} \left(1 - \frac{(a-b)(x^{(0)} - 1)}{P_a} \right),$$

$$v^{(1)} = x^{(1)} \left(1 - \frac{(a-b)(y^{(0)} - 1)x^{(0)}}{P_b} \right).$$

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