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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 $H_{I I I}^{B}$ (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 $F_{I V}$ 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 $R: \mathrm{X} \times \mathrm{X} \rightarrow \mathrm{X} \times \mathrm{X}$, where X is some algebraic variety. For the case $\mathrm{X}=\mathbb{C P}^{1}$, these were partially classified in [2, 6]. In [8] a symmetry approach was introduced to relate YangBaxter equations with $3 D$ 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 $3 D$ 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 $\delta$, with $1 \leq \delta \leq \frac{N}{2}$, we present a Yang-Baxter map $R^{(\delta)}(a, b)$ with $2 N-2$ components (see Section 4). For $\delta=1$, this

[^0]includes the map $H_{I I I}^{B}$ 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 $F_{I V}$ 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

$$
R(a, b): \mathrm{X} \times \mathrm{X} \rightarrow \mathrm{X} \times \mathrm{X}
$$

satisfying:

$$
\begin{equation*}
R_{23}\left(a_{2}, a_{3}\right) \circ R_{13}\left(a_{1}, a_{3}\right) \circ R_{12}\left(a_{1}, a_{2}\right)=R_{12}\left(a_{1}, a_{2}\right) \circ R_{13}\left(a_{1}, a_{3}\right) \circ R_{23}\left(a_{2}, a_{3}\right) \tag{2.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $R_{i j}\left(a_{i}, a_{j}\right)$ is the map that acts as $R(a, b)$ on the $i$ and $j$ factor of $\mathrm{X} \times \mathrm{X} \times \mathrm{X}$, 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 $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{X}$, depending upon the YB parameter $a$ and the spectral parameter $\lambda$ is used to define the equation:

$$
\begin{equation*}
L\left(\mathbf{x}^{\prime}, a\right) L\left(\mathbf{y}^{\prime}, b\right)=L(\mathbf{y}, b) L(\mathbf{x}, a) \tag{2.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

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

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

### 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

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

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

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Psi_{m+1, n}=L\left(\mathbf{u}_{m, n}, a\right) \Psi_{m, n}, \quad \Psi_{m, n+1}=L\left(\mathbf{v}_{m, n}, b\right) \Psi_{m, n} \tag{2.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

with compatibility conditions

$$
\begin{equation*}
L\left(\mathbf{u}_{m, n+1}, a\right) L\left(\mathbf{v}_{m, n}, b\right)=L\left(\mathbf{v}_{m+1, n}, b\right) L\left(\mathbf{u}_{m, n}, a\right) \tag{2.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

If we now consider the reduction

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathbf{u}_{m, n}=\mathbf{x}_{p}, \quad \mathbf{v}_{m, n}=\mathbf{y}_{p+1}, \quad \text { where } \quad p=n-m \tag{2.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

then (2.4) reduces to (2.2), with $\mathbf{x}=\mathbf{x}_{p}, \mathbf{x}^{\prime}=\mathbf{x}_{p+1}, \mathbf{y}=\mathbf{y}_{p}, \mathbf{y}^{\prime}=\mathbf{y}_{p+1}$, with the map $(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \mapsto$ ( $\mathbf{x}^{\prime}, \mathbf{y}^{\prime}$ ) 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.

## $3 \mathbb{Z}_{N}$-Graded Lax Pairs

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

$$
\begin{align*}
\Psi_{m+1, n} & =L_{m, n} \Psi_{m, n} \equiv\left(U_{m, n}+\lambda \Omega^{\ell_{1}}\right) \Psi_{m, n}  \tag{3.1a}\\
\Psi_{m, n+1} & =M_{m, n} \Psi_{m, n} \equiv\left(V_{m, n}+\lambda \Omega^{\ell_{2}}\right) \Psi_{m, n} \tag{3.1b}
\end{align*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{equation*}
U_{m, n}=\operatorname{diag}\left(u_{m, n}^{(0)}, \ldots, u_{m, n}^{(N-1)}\right) \Omega^{k_{1}}, \quad V_{m, n}=\operatorname{diag}\left(v_{m, n}^{(0)}, \ldots, v_{m, n}^{(N-1)}\right) \Omega^{k_{2}} \tag{3.1c}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

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

The matrix $\Omega$ defines a grading and the four matrices of (3.1) are said to be of respective levels $k_{i}, \ell_{i}$, 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

$$
\begin{equation*}
k_{1}+\ell_{2} \equiv k_{2}+\ell_{1}(\bmod N) . \tag{3.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Since matrices $U, V$ and $\Omega$ are independent of $\lambda$, the compatibility condition of (3.1),

$$
\begin{equation*}
L_{m, n+1} M_{m, n}=M_{m+1, n} L_{m, n}, \tag{3.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

splits into the system

$$
\begin{align*}
U_{m, n+1} V_{m, n} & =V_{m+1, n} U_{m, n},  \tag{3.4a}\\
U_{m, n+1} \Omega^{\ell_{2}}-\Omega^{\ell_{2}} U_{m, n} & =V_{m+1, n} \Omega^{\ell_{1}}-\Omega^{\ell_{1}} V_{m, n}, \tag{3.4b}
\end{align*}
$$

which can be written explicitly as

$$
\begin{align*}
u_{m, n+1}^{(i)} v_{m, n}^{\left(i+k_{1}\right)} & =v_{m+1, n}^{(i)} u_{m, n}^{\left(i+k_{2}\right)},  \tag{3.5a}\\
u_{m, n+1}^{(i)}-u_{m, n}^{\left(i+\ell_{2}\right)} & =v_{m+1, n}^{(i)}-v_{m, n}^{\left(i+\ell_{1}\right)}, \tag{3.5b}
\end{align*}
$$

or, in a solved form, as

$$
\begin{equation*}
u_{m, n+1}^{(i)}=\frac{u_{m, n}^{\left(i+\ell_{2}\right)}-v_{m, n}^{\left(i+\ell_{1}\right)}}{u_{m, n}^{\left(i+k_{2}\right)}-v_{m, n}^{\left(i+k_{1}\right)}} u_{m, n}^{\left(i+k_{2}\right)}, \quad v_{m+1, n}^{(i)}=\frac{u_{m, n}^{\left(i+\ell_{2}\right)}-v_{m, n}^{\left(i+\ell_{1}\right)}}{u_{m, n}^{\left(i+k_{2}\right)}-v_{m, n}^{\left(i+k_{1}\right)}} v_{m, n}^{\left(i+k_{1}\right)}, \tag{3.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

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

$$
\begin{equation*}
a=\prod_{i=0}^{N-1} u_{m, n}^{(i)}, \quad b=\prod_{i=0}^{N-1} v_{m, n}^{(i)} \quad \text { satisfy } \quad \Delta_{n}(a)=\Delta_{m}(b)=0, \tag{3.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\Delta_{m}=\mathcal{S}_{m}-1, \quad \Delta_{n}=\mathcal{S}_{n}-1, \quad \text { with } \quad \mathcal{S}_{m} f_{m, n}=f_{m+1, n}, \quad \mathcal{S}_{n} f_{m, n}=f_{m, n+1}
$$

### 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

$$
\begin{equation*}
X_{p}=\operatorname{diag}\left(x_{p}^{(0)}, \ldots, x_{p}^{(N-1)}\right), \quad Y_{p}=\operatorname{diag}\left(y_{p}^{(0)}, \ldots, y_{p}^{(N-1)}\right) \tag{3.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

then the compatibility condition (3.3) takes the form

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(X_{p+1} \Omega^{k_{1}}+\lambda \Omega^{\ell_{1}}\right)\left(Y_{p+1} \Omega^{k_{2}}+\lambda \Omega^{\ell_{2}}\right)=\left(Y_{p} \Omega^{k_{2}}+\lambda \Omega^{\ell_{2}}\right)\left(X_{p} \Omega^{k_{1}}+\lambda \Omega^{\ell_{1}}\right), \tag{3.9}
\end{equation*}
$$

and equations (3.5) take the form

$$
\begin{equation*}
x_{p+1}^{(i)} y_{p+1}^{\left(i+k_{1}\right)}=y_{p}^{(i)} x_{p}^{\left(i+k_{2}\right)}, \quad x_{p+1}^{(i)}+y_{p+1}^{\left(i+\ell_{1}\right)}=y_{p}^{(i)}+x_{p}^{\left(i+\ell_{2}\right)} . \tag{3.10}
\end{equation*}
$$

We can write (3.9) as

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(X_{p+1}+\lambda \Omega^{\delta}\right)\left(\Omega^{k_{1}} Y_{p+1} \Omega^{-k_{1}}+\lambda \Omega^{\delta}\right)=\left(Y_{p}+\lambda \Omega^{\delta}\right)\left(\Omega^{k_{2}} X_{p} \Omega^{-k_{2}}+\lambda \Omega^{\delta}\right), \tag{3.11}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $0<\delta \leq N-1$, with $\delta \equiv \ell_{i}-k_{i}(\bmod N)$. This allows us to reduce the general case with level structure $\left(k_{1}, \ell_{1} ; k_{2}, \ell_{2}\right)$ to that with level structure $(0, \delta ; 0, \delta)$. First, note that formula (3.11) can be written

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(\bar{X}_{p+1}+\lambda \Omega^{\delta}\right)\left(\bar{Y}_{p+1}+\lambda \Omega^{\delta}\right)=\left(\bar{Y}_{p}+\lambda \Omega^{\delta}\right)\left(\bar{X}_{p}+\lambda \Omega^{\delta}\right), \tag{3.12}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

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

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

$$
\bar{x}_{p+1}^{(i)}=x_{p+1}^{(i)}, \quad \bar{y}_{p+1}^{(i)}=y_{p+1}^{\left(i+k_{1}\right)}, \quad \bar{x}_{p}^{(i)}=x_{p}^{\left(i+k_{2}\right)}, \quad \bar{y}_{p}^{(i)}=y_{p}^{(i)}
$$

all taken $(\bmod N)$. We see from (3.12) that the components $\left(\bar{x}_{p}^{(i)}, \bar{y}_{p}^{(i)}\right)$ 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 $\left(k_{i}, \ell_{i}\right)=(0, \delta)$. We summarise these results in:
Proposition 3.1 In the Yang-Baxter reduction, all systems with level structure ( $k_{1}, \ell_{1} ; k_{2}, \ell_{2}$ ), for which $\ell_{i}-k_{i} \equiv \delta(\bmod N)$, 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 $0<\delta \leq N-1$. The resulting equations are quadrirational, with both the Yang-Baxter and companion maps being birational. We find that the Yang-Baxter maps corresponding to $\delta$ 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

$$
\begin{equation*}
L(\mathbf{x}, a)=X_{p}+\lambda \Omega^{\delta}, \quad L(\mathbf{y}, b)=Y_{p}+\lambda \Omega^{\delta}, \tag{4.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $X_{p}$ and $Y_{p}$ are defined by (3.8), with

$$
\begin{equation*}
x_{p}^{(N-1)}=\frac{a}{\prod_{i=0}^{N-2} x_{p}^{(i)}}, \quad y_{p}^{(N-1)}=\frac{b}{\prod_{i=0}^{N-2} y_{p}^{(i)}}, \tag{4.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

the Lax equation (2.2) implies

$$
\begin{equation*}
x_{p+1}^{(i)} y_{p+1}^{(i)}=y_{p}^{(i)} x_{p}^{(i)}, \quad x_{p+1}^{(i)}+y_{p+1}^{(i+\delta)}=y_{p}^{(i)}+x_{p}^{(i+\delta)}, \quad 0 \leq i \leq N-1 . \tag{4.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

Only the formulae with $0 \leq i \leq N-2$ 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 $\left(x_{p+1}^{(i)}, y_{p+1}^{(i)}\right)$ as functions of $\left(x_{p}^{(i)}, y_{p}^{(i)}\right)$ (with $0 \leq i \leq N-2$ 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 $i \mapsto i+N-\delta \equiv i-\delta(\bmod N)$, 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 inverse of the map $R^{(\delta)}(a, b)$.

This means that we only need to consider $\delta \leq \frac{N}{2}$ and that, when $N=2 M$, 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:

$$
\begin{equation*}
x_{p}^{(i)} y_{p}^{(i)}=c_{i}, \quad 0 \leq i \leq N-2, \quad \sum_{i=0}^{N-1}\left(x_{p}^{(i+\delta)}+y_{p}^{(i)}\right)=c_{N-1}, \tag{4.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

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 $\left(x_{p+1}^{(i)}, y_{p}^{(i)}\right)$ as functions of $\left(x_{p}^{(i)}, y_{p+1}^{(i)}\right)$ (with $0 \leq i \leq N-2$ 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:

$$
\left(x_{p}^{(i)}, y_{p+1}^{(i)}\right)=\left(x_{q}^{(i)}, y_{q}^{(i)}\right), \quad\left(x_{p+1}^{(i)}, y_{p}^{(i)}\right)=\left(x_{q+1}^{(i)}, y_{q+1}^{(i)}\right)
$$

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

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

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

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{x_{q}^{(i)}}{y_{q}^{(i)}}=c_{i}, \quad 0 \leq i \leq N-2 \tag{4.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

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

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

If we define

$$
\begin{equation*}
f(x, y)=x-y \tag{4.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

then

$$
\begin{equation*}
f\left(x_{q+1}^{(i)}, y_{q+1}^{(i)}\right)=f\left(x_{q}^{(i+\delta)}, y_{q}^{(i+\delta)}\right), \quad 0 \leq i \leq N-1 \tag{4.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

We may use

$$
\left(\frac{x_{q}^{(0)}}{y_{q}^{(0)}}, \ldots, \frac{x_{q}^{(N-2)}}{y_{q}^{(N-2)}}, f\left(x_{q}^{(0)}, y_{q}^{(0)}\right), \ldots, f\left(x_{q}^{(N-2)}, y_{q}^{(N-2)}\right)\right)
$$

as coordinates and, in these coordinates, the map $\varphi^{(\delta)}$ just shifts the coordinates $f\left(x_{q}^{(i)}, y_{q}^{(i)}\right)$ by $\delta$, 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 $\delta$-fold composition of $\left.\varphi^{(1)}\right)$.

This statement is, of course, independent of coordinates.
Remark 4.6 ((2N-2) first integrals) Any cyclically symmetric function of $f\left(x_{q}^{(i)}, y_{q}^{(i)}\right)$ is a first integral of the companion map, so it possesses $(2 N-2)$ 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 $\delta$. 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 $H_{I I I}^{B}$ 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 $H_{I I I}^{B}$.

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

Case $\delta=3$ : For $N \geq 6$ 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 new classes of Yang-Baxter maps.

### 4.2.1 When $N=2$

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

$$
\begin{equation*}
x_{p+1}=y_{p}\left(\frac{a+x y}{b+x y}\right), \quad y_{p+1}=x_{p}\left(\frac{b+x y}{a+x y}\right) \tag{4.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

which (up to a relabelling of parameters) is just the map $H_{I I I}^{B}$ 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 $N-1=2 \equiv-1(\bmod 3)$, the map $R^{(2)}$ is just the inverse of $R^{(1)}$. In this case $R^{(1)}$ takes the form:

$$
\begin{equation*}
x_{p+1}^{(i)}=y_{p}^{(i)} \frac{A^{(i)}}{A^{(i+1)}}, \quad y_{p+1}^{(i)}=x_{p}^{(i)} \frac{A^{(i+1)}}{A^{(i)}}, \quad 0 \leq i \leq 1 \tag{4.9}
\end{equation*}
$$

with upper indices taken $(\bmod 2)$ and where

$$
A^{(0)}=a\left(x_{p}^{(1)}+y_{p}^{(0)}\right)+x_{p}^{(0)} x_{p}^{(1)} y_{p}^{(0)} y_{p}^{(1)}, \quad A^{(1)}=A^{(0)}+(b-a) x_{p}^{(1)}, \quad A^{(2)}=A^{(1)}+(b-a) y_{p}^{(0)} .
$$

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

$$
x^{(0)} \mapsto \frac{c_{0}}{x^{1}}, \quad x^{(1)} \mapsto c_{0} x^{2}, \quad y^{(0)} \mapsto \frac{c_{0} \alpha_{1}}{\alpha_{2} y^{1}}, \quad y^{(1)} \mapsto \frac{\alpha_{1}^{2} y^{2}}{c_{0}^{3}}, \quad \text { where } \quad c_{0}^{4}=\frac{\alpha_{1}^{3}}{\alpha_{2}} .
$$

### 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:

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
x_{p+1}^{(0)}=\frac{x_{p}^{(0)}\left(x_{p}^{(2)}+y_{p}^{(0)}\right)}{x_{p}^{(0)}+y_{p}^{(2)}}, & x_{p+1}^{(2)}=\frac{x_{p}^{(2)}\left(x_{p}^{(0)}+y_{p}^{(2)}\right)}{x_{p}^{(2)}+y_{p}^{(0)}},  \tag{4.10}\\
y_{p+1}^{(0)}=\frac{y_{p}^{(0)}\left(x_{p}^{(0)}+y_{p}^{(2)}\right)}{x_{p}^{(2)}+y_{p}^{(0)}}, & y_{p+1}^{(2)}=\frac{y_{p}^{(2)}\left(x_{p}^{(2)}+y_{p}^{(0)}\right)}{x_{p}^{(0)}+y_{p}^{(2)}},
\end{array}
$$

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 $\left(x_{p}^{(0)}, x_{p}^{(2)}, y_{p}^{(0)}, y_{p}^{(2)}\right)$ :

$$
\begin{equation*}
x_{p+1}^{(1)}=\frac{y_{p}^{(0)} y_{p}^{(2)} y_{p}^{(1)}\left(a+x_{p}^{(0)} x_{p}^{(2)} x_{p}^{(1)} y_{p}^{(1)}\right)}{x_{p}^{(0)} x_{p}^{(2)}\left(b+y_{p}^{(0)} y_{p}^{(2)} x_{p}^{(1)} y_{p}^{(1)}\right)}, \quad y_{p+1}^{(1)}=\frac{x_{p}^{(0)} x_{p}^{(2)} x_{p}^{(1)}\left(b+y_{p}^{(0)} y_{p}^{(2)} x_{p}^{(1)} y_{p}^{(1)}\right)}{x_{p}^{(0)} x_{p}^{(2)}\left(a+x_{p}^{(0)} x_{p}^{(2)} x_{p}^{(1)} y_{p}^{(1)}\right)} . \tag{4.11}
\end{equation*}
$$

Notice that this last pair could also be written

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

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):

$$
\begin{equation*}
x_{p+1}^{(i)}=y_{p}^{(i)} \frac{A^{(i)}}{A^{(i+1)}}, \quad y_{p+1}^{(i)}=x_{p}^{(i)} \frac{A^{(i+1)}}{A^{(i)}}, \quad 0 \leq i \leq 3, \tag{4.12}
\end{equation*}
$$

with upper indices taken $(\bmod 4)$ and where

$$
\begin{aligned}
& A^{(0)}=a\left(x_{p}^{(1)} x_{p}^{(2)} x_{p}^{(3)}+x_{p}^{(2)} x_{p}^{(3)} y_{p}^{(0)}+x_{p}^{(3)} y_{p}^{(0)} y_{p}^{(1)}+y_{p}^{(0)} y_{p}^{(1)} y_{p}^{(2)}\right)+\prod_{i=0}^{3} x_{p}^{(i)} y_{p}^{(i)}, \\
& A^{(1)}=A^{(0)}+(b-a) x_{p}^{(1)} x_{p}^{(2)} x_{p}^{(3)}, \quad A^{(2)}=A^{(1)}+(b-a) x_{p}^{(2)} x_{p}^{(3)} y_{p}^{(0)}, \\
& A^{(3)}=A^{(2)}+(b-a) x_{p}^{(3)} y_{p}^{(0)} y_{p}^{(1)}, \quad A^{(4)}=A^{(3)}+(b-a) y_{p}^{(0)} y_{p}^{(1)} y_{p}^{(2)} .
\end{aligned}
$$

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

$$
\begin{equation*}
x_{p+1}^{(0)}=y_{p}^{(0)} \frac{A^{(2)}}{A^{(3)}}, \quad x_{p+1}^{(1)}=y_{p}^{(1)} \frac{A^{(0)}}{A^{(1)}}, \quad x_{p+1}^{(2)}=y_{p}^{(2)} \frac{A^{(3)}}{A^{(4)}}, \quad x_{p+1}^{(3)}=y_{p}^{(3)} \frac{A^{(1)}}{A^{(2)}}, \tag{4.13}
\end{equation*}
$$

and $y_{p+1}^{(i)}=\frac{x_{p}^{(i)} y_{p}^{(i)}}{x_{p+1}^{(i)}}$, with upper indices taken $(\bmod 4)$ and where

$$
\begin{aligned}
& A^{(0)}=a\left(x_{p}^{(3)} x_{p}^{(0)} x_{p}^{(2)}+x_{p}^{(0)} x_{p}^{(2)} y_{p}^{(1)}+x_{p}^{(2)} y_{p}^{(1)} y_{p}^{(3)}+y_{p}^{(1)} y_{p}^{(3)} y_{p}^{(0)}\right)+\prod_{i=0}^{3} x_{p}^{(i)} y_{p}^{(i)}, \\
& A^{(1)}=A^{(0)}+(b-a) x_{p}^{(3)} x_{p}^{(0)} x_{p}^{(2)}, \quad A^{(2)}=A^{(1)}+(b-a) x_{p}^{(0)} x_{p}^{(2)} y_{p}^{(1)}, \\
& A^{(3)}=A^{(2)}+(b-a) x_{p}^{(2)} y_{p}^{(1)} y_{p}^{(3)}, \quad A^{(4)}=A^{(3)}+(b-a) y_{p}^{(1)} y_{p}^{(3)} y_{p}^{(0)} .
\end{aligned}
$$

### 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 $x_{p}^{(i)}, y_{p}^{(i)}$ :

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

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

$$
\begin{equation*}
x_{p+1}^{(m \delta-1)}=y_{p}^{(m \delta-1)} \frac{A^{(m-1)}}{A^{(m)}}, \quad 1 \leq m \leq N-1 . \tag{4.14}
\end{equation*}
$$

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

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

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

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

and

$$
x_{p}^{(3)} x_{p}^{(0)} x_{p}^{(2)} \rightarrow x_{p}^{(0)} x_{p}^{(2)} y_{p}^{(1)} \rightarrow x_{p}^{(2)} y_{p}^{(1)} y_{p}^{(3)} \rightarrow y_{p}^{(1)} y_{p}^{(3)} y_{p}^{(0)},
$$

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

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

and

$$
x_{p}^{(5)} x_{p}^{(1)} x_{p}^{(4)} x_{p}^{(0)} x_{p}^{(3)} \rightarrow x_{p}^{(1)} x_{p}^{(4)} x_{p}^{(0)} x_{p}^{(3)} y_{p}^{(2)} \rightarrow \cdots \rightarrow y_{p}^{(2)} y_{p}^{(5)} y_{p}^{(1)} y_{p}^{(4)} y_{p}^{(0)},
$$

giving

$$
A^{(0)}=a\left(x_{p}^{(5)} x_{p}^{(1)} x_{p}^{(4)} x_{p}^{(0)} x_{p}^{(3)}+x_{p}^{(1)} x_{p}^{(4)} x_{p}^{(0)} x_{p}^{(3)} y_{p}^{(2)}+\cdots+y_{p}^{(2)} y_{p}^{(5)} y_{p}^{(1)} y_{p}^{(4)} y_{p}^{(0)}\right)+\prod_{i=0}^{5} x_{p}^{(i)} y_{p}^{(i)}
$$

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

$$
\begin{equation*}
u_{m, n}^{(i)}=\alpha \frac{\phi_{m+1, n}^{(i)}}{\phi_{m, n}^{\left(i+k_{1}\right)}}, \quad v_{m, n}^{(i)}=\beta \frac{\phi_{m, n+1}^{(i)}}{\phi_{m, n}^{\left(i+k_{2}\right)}} \tag{4.15}
\end{equation*}
$$

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

$$
\begin{equation*}
\alpha\left(\frac{\phi_{m+1, n+1}^{(i)}}{\phi_{m, n+1}^{\left(i+k_{1}\right)}}-\frac{\phi_{m+1, n}^{\left(i+\ell_{2}\right)}}{\phi_{m, n}^{\left(i+\ell_{2}+k_{1}\right)}}\right)=\beta\left(\frac{\phi_{m+1, n+1}^{(i)}}{\phi_{m+1, n}^{\left(i+k_{2}\right)}}-\frac{\phi_{m, n+1}^{\left(i+\ell_{1}\right)}}{\phi_{m, n}^{\left(i+\ell_{1}+k_{2}\right)}}\right), \tag{4.16}
\end{equation*}
$$

where indices are taken $(\bmod N)$.
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

$$
\begin{equation*}
u_{m, n}^{(i)}=\chi_{m+1, n}^{(i)}-\chi_{m, n}^{\left(i+\ell_{1}\right)}, \quad v_{m, n}^{(i)}=\chi_{m, n+1}^{(i)}-\chi_{m, n}^{\left(i+\ell_{2}\right)} \tag{5.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

Equations (3.5a) then take the form

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{\left(\chi_{m+1, n+1}^{(i)}-\chi_{m, n+1}^{\left(i+\ell_{1}\right)}\right)}{\left(\chi_{m+1, n+1}^{(i)}-\chi_{m+1, n}^{\left(i+\ell_{2}\right)}\right)}=\frac{\left(\chi_{m+1, n}^{\left(i+k_{2}\right)}-\chi_{m, n}^{\left(i+k_{2}+\ell_{1}\right)}\right)}{\left(\chi_{m, n+1}^{\left(i+k_{1}\right)}-\chi_{m, n}^{\left(i+k_{1}+\ell_{2}\right)}\right)} \tag{5.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

and the first integrals (3.7) take the form

$$
\begin{equation*}
\prod_{i=0}^{N-1}\left(\chi_{m+1, n}^{(i)}-\chi_{m, n}^{\left(i+\ell_{1}\right)}\right)=a, \quad \prod_{i=0}^{N-1}\left(\chi_{m, n+1}^{(i)}-\chi_{m, n}^{\left(i+\ell_{2}\right)}\right)=b \tag{5.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

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 $\left(k_{i}, \ell_{i}\right)=(0,1)$, which takes the form

$$
\begin{align*}
& \frac{\left(\chi_{m+1, n+1}^{(i)}-\chi_{m, n+1}^{(i+1)}\right)}{\left(\chi_{m+1, n+1}^{(i)}-\chi_{m+1, n}^{(i+1)}\right)}=\frac{\left(\chi_{m+1, n}^{(i)}-\chi_{m, n}^{(i+1)}\right)}{\left(\chi_{m, n+1}^{(i)}-\chi_{m, n}^{(i+1)}\right)}, i=0, \ldots, N-3  \tag{5.4a}\\
& \chi_{m+1, n+1}^{(N-2)}=\chi_{m, n}^{(0)}+\frac{1}{\chi_{m+1, n}^{(N-2)}-\chi_{m, n+1}^{(N-2)}}\left(\frac{a}{X}-\frac{b}{Y}\right) \tag{5.4b}
\end{align*}
$$

where $X=\prod_{j=0}^{N-3}\left(\chi_{m+1, n}^{(j)}-\chi_{m, n}^{(j+1)}\right)$ and $Y=\prod_{j=0}^{N-3}\left(\chi_{m, n+1}^{(j)}-\chi_{m, n}^{(j+1)}\right)$.
Remark 5.2 This is a direct generalisation of equation $H 1$ in the ABS classification [1].
It is easy to see that the system (5.4) has the following pair of symmetry generators:

$$
\begin{align*}
& \mathbf{X}_{t}=\sum_{i=0}^{N-2} \omega^{m+n+i} \partial_{\chi_{m, n}^{(i)}},  \tag{5.5a}\\
& \mathbf{X}_{s}=\sum_{i=0}^{N-2} \omega^{m+n+i} \chi_{m, n}^{(i)} \partial_{\chi_{m, n}^{(i)}}, \omega \neq 1, \tag{5.5b}
\end{align*}
$$

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 $\mathbf{X}_{t}$

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

$$
\begin{equation*}
x^{(i)} \equiv x_{p}^{(i)}, \quad y^{(i)} \equiv y_{p}^{(i)}, \quad u^{(i)} \equiv x_{p+1}^{(i)}, \quad v^{(i)} \equiv y_{p+1}^{(i)}, \quad \text { where } p=n-m \tag{5.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

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:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& x^{(i)}=\chi_{m+1, n}^{(i)}-\chi_{m, n}^{(i+1)}, \quad i=0, \ldots, N-3, \quad x^{(N-2)}=\chi_{m+1, n}^{(N-2)}+\sum_{j=0}^{N-2} \chi_{m, n}^{(j)} \\
& y^{(i)}=\chi_{m+1, n+1}^{(i)}-\chi_{m+1, n}^{(i+1)}, \quad i=0, \ldots, N-3, \quad y^{(N-2)}=\chi_{m+1, n+1}^{(N-2)}+\sum_{j=0}^{N-2} \chi_{m+1, n}^{(j)}, \\
& u^{(i)}=\chi_{m+1, n+1}^{(i)}-\chi_{m, n+1}^{(i+1)}, \quad i=0, \ldots, N-3, \quad u^{(N-2)}=\chi_{m+1, n+1}^{(N-2)}+\sum_{j=0}^{N-2} \chi_{m, n+1}^{(j)}, \\
& v^{(i)}=\chi_{m, n+1}^{(i)}-\chi_{m, n}^{(i+1)}, \quad i=0, \ldots, N-3, \quad v^{(N-2)}=\chi_{m, n+1}^{(N-2)}+\sum_{j=0}^{N-2} \chi_{m, n}^{(j)},
\end{aligned}
$$

satisfy $(N-1)$ identities:

$$
\begin{align*}
x^{(i+1)}+y^{(i)} & =u^{(i)}+v^{(i+1)}, \quad i=0, \ldots, N-3,  \tag{5.7a}\\
y^{(N-2)}+\sum_{j=0}^{N-2} v^{(j)} & =u^{(N-2)}+\sum_{j=0}^{N-2} x^{(j)}, \tag{5.7b}
\end{align*}
$$

and equations (5.4) take the form

$$
\begin{align*}
u^{(i)} v^{(i)} & =x^{(i)} y^{(i)}, \quad i=0, \ldots, N-3  \tag{5.7c}\\
u^{(N-2)} & =\sum_{j=0}^{N-2} v^{(j)}+\frac{1}{x^{(N-2)}-v^{(N-2)}}\left(\frac{a}{\prod_{j=0}^{N-3} x^{(j)}}-\frac{b}{\prod_{j=0}^{N-3} v^{(j)}}\right) \tag{5.7d}
\end{align*}
$$

The Yang-Baxter map corresponds to the solution of equations (5.7) for $\left(u^{(i)}, v^{(i)}\right)$. 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 $H 1$ in the $A B S$ 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

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

### 5.2 The Invariants of $\mathrm{X}_{s}$

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

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
x^{(i)}=\frac{\chi_{m+1, n}^{(i)}}{\chi_{m, n}^{(i+1)}}, \quad i=0, \ldots, N-3, & x^{(N-2)}=\chi_{m+1, n}^{(N-2)} \prod_{j=0}^{N-2} \chi_{m, n}^{(j)} \\
y^{(i)}=\frac{\chi_{m+1, n+1}^{(i)}}{\chi_{m+1, n}^{(i+1)}}, \quad i=0, \ldots, N-3, & y^{(N-2)}=\chi_{m+1, n+1}^{(N-2)} \prod_{j=0}^{N-2} \chi_{m+1, n}^{(j)}, \\
u^{(i)}=\frac{\chi_{m+1, n+1}^{(i)}}{\chi_{m, n+1}^{(i+1)}}, \quad i=0, \ldots, N-3, & u^{(N-2)}=\chi_{m+1, n+1}^{(N-2)} \prod_{j=0}^{N-2} \chi_{m, n+1}^{(j)}, \\
v^{(i)}=\frac{\chi_{m, n+1}^{(i)}}{\chi_{m, n}^{(i+1)}}, \quad i=0, \ldots, N-3, & v^{(N-2)}=\chi_{m, n+1}^{(N-2)} \prod_{j=0}^{N-2} \chi_{m, n}^{(j)},
\end{array}
$$

satisfy $(N-1)$ identities:

$$
\begin{align*}
u^{(i)} v^{(i+1)} & =x^{(i+1)} y^{(i)}, \quad i=0, \ldots, N-3  \tag{5.8a}\\
u^{(N-2)} \prod_{j=0}^{N-2} x^{(j)} & =y^{(N-2)} \prod_{j=0}^{N-2} v^{(j)} \tag{5.8b}
\end{align*}
$$

and equations (5.4) take the form

$$
\begin{align*}
u^{(i)} v^{(i+1)} & =\frac{\left(v^{(i)}-1\right) v^{(i+1)}-\left(x^{(i)}-1\right) x^{(i+1)}}{v^{(i)}-x^{(i)}}, \quad i=0, \ldots, N-3  \tag{5.8c}\\
u^{(N-2)} & =\left(1+\frac{1}{x^{(N-2)}-v^{(N-2)}}\left(\frac{a}{X}-\frac{b}{Y}\right)\right) \prod_{j=0}^{N-2} v^{(j)} \tag{5.8~d}
\end{align*}
$$

where $X=\prod_{j=0}^{N-3}\left(x^{(j)}-1\right), Y=\prod_{j=0}^{N-3}\left(v^{(j)}-1\right)$.
Remark 5.5 (The Case $N=2$ ) Again, since the lattice equation is just $H 1$ 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 $F_{I V}$ of the ABS classification of quadrirational maps [2]. Clearly, we may consider this whole family of maps as multi-component generalisations of $F_{I V}$.

Example 5.6 (The Case $N=3$ ) In this case, we first define $P_{a}=a x^{(0)}-\left(x^{(0)}-1\right)\left(y^{(0)}-1\right)\left(x^{(0)} x^{(1)}-y^{(1)}\right), \quad P_{b}=b x^{(0)}-\left(x^{(0)}-1\right)\left(y^{(0)}-1\right)\left(x^{(0)} x^{(1)}-y^{(1)}\right)$.

We then have the map

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

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