## The Half-space Open Exclusion Process

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- $g(x) = \frac{1-x}{1-qx}$  is simple rational function.
- The classical partition function is computed by summing over connected path configurations

$$\mathcal{Z} = \sum_{\Omega} g(x)^{\#} (1 - g(x))^{\#} (qg(x))^{\#} (1 - qg(x))^{\#}.$$

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Diagrammatic proof by Yang-Baxter application.

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- This quantity is expected to obey a large deviation principle described by macroscopic fluctuation theory (MFT) at the diffusive scale with q = 1 (SSEP).



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where the left is an infinite sum while the right is a finite one.

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