# Queueing process with excluded-volume effect

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We introduce an extension of the M/M/1 queueing process with a spatial structure and excluded-volume effect. The rule of particle hopping is the same as for the totally asymmetric simple exclusion process (TASEP). A stationary-state solution is constructed in a slightly arranged matrix product form of the open TASEP. We obtain the critical line that separates the parameter space depending on whether the model has the stationary state. We calculate the average length of the model and the number of particles and show the monotonicity of the probability of the length in the stationary state. We also consider a generalization of the model with backward hopping of particles allowed and an alternate joined system of the M/M/1 queueing process and the open TASEP.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

The queueing process is a typical example of a Markov process [1]. One of the simplest queueing processes is of the so-called M/M/1 type, where the arrival of customers and their service obey the Poisson point process. This model's stationary state is the geometric distribution that varies with the ratio of the arrival rate to the service rate. The M/M/1 queueing process has no spatial structure and particles do not interact with each other.

On the other hand, the asymmetric simple exclusion process (ASEP) on a one dimensional lattice is one of the simplest Markov processes with interacting particles [2]. In the ASEP, each site can be occupied by at most one particle and each particle can hop to a nearest-neighbor site if it is empty. The ASEP admits exact analyses of nonequilibrium properties by the matrix product ansatz and the Bethe ansatz [3]. The matrix product form of the stationary state was first found in the totally ASEP with open boundaries (open TASEP), where each particle enters at the left end, hops forward (rightward) in the bulk, and exits at the right end [4]. Similar results have been obtained in various generalized ASEPs and similar models in one dimension with both open and periodic boundary conditions [5].

In this paper, we introduce an extension of the M/M/1 queueing process on a semi-infinite chain with the excluded-volume effect (hard-core repulsion) as in the open TASEP. Each particle enters the chain at the left site next to the leftmost occupied site, hops, and exits following the same rule as for the open TASEP. A stationary-state solution is given by a slightly arranged matrix product form of the open TASEP. The normalization constant is given by the generating function of that of the open TASEP.

This paper is organized as follows. In Sec. II, we briefly review the M/M/1 queueing process and the open TASEP. In Sec. III, we define the model. In Sec. IV, we find a stationary state of the model. This will be constructed in a slightly modified matrix product form of the open TASEP. We obtain the critical line which separates the parameter space into the regions with and without the stationary state. The critical line will be written in terms of the stationary current of the open TASEP. We also calculate the average length of the system and the average number of particles on the assumption of the uniqueness of the stationary state. We also show the monotonicity of the probability of the length (i.e., the position of the leftmost particle). In Sec. V, we generalize the model by allowing particles to hop backward. It is fair to say that almost every calculation in Secs. IV and V will be performed by using known formulas in studies of the open TASEP and the open partially ASEP (PASEP). In Sec. VI, we introduce an alternate joined system of the queueing process and the open TASEP. Section VII is devoted to the conclusion of this paper.

## II. REVIEW OF THE M/M/1 QUEUEING PROCESS AND THE OPEN TASEP

#### A. M/M/1 queueing process

Let us consider the simplest queueing process, i.e., the M/M/1 queueing process, as in Fig. 1, where N denotes the number of particles. Particles enter the system with rate  $\alpha$  and exit the system with rate  $\beta$ . (Customers arrive at the queue with rate  $\alpha$  and receive service with rate  $\beta$  at one server.) The M/M/1 queueing process does not have spatial structure and is characterized only by the number of particles.

The system is encoded by a Markov process on the state space  $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  and governed by the following master equation for the probability P(N) that the number of particles is N:

$$\frac{d}{dt}P(0) = \beta P(1) - \alpha P(0), \qquad (1)$$



FIG. 1. M/M/1 queueing process.

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for  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ . The M/M/1 queueing process is equivalent to a continuous-time random walk on  $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$  whose jump rates to right and left directions are  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , respectively, with reflection at 0.

A unique stationary-state solution is easily obtained as

$$P(N) = \frac{1}{Z} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^{N}, \quad Z = \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^{N}.$$
 (3)

In other words, the equation

$$0 = \beta P(1) - \alpha P(0), \tag{4}$$

$$0 = \alpha P(N-1) + \beta P(N+1) - (\alpha + \beta) P(N) \quad (N \in \mathbb{N})$$
(5)

with  $\sum_{N=0}^{\infty} P(N) = 1$  imposed has the unique solution (3). We should note, however, that the normalization constant *Z* does not always converge; in other words, the stationary state does not always exist. If  $\alpha < \beta$ , *Z* actually converges to  $\beta/(\beta - \alpha)$  and the system has the stationary state. (Otherwise, *Z* diverges and the system has no stationary state.) Thus the critical line is  $\alpha = \beta$ . We can see the uniqueness of the stationary state recursively as follows:

- (i) We can set  $P(0) = \frac{1}{7}$ .
- (ii) From Eq. (4), we have  $P(1) = \frac{1}{Z} \frac{\alpha}{\beta}$ .
- (iii) The relation (5) implies that if we suppose

$$P(N-1) = \frac{1}{Z} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^{N-1}, \quad P(N) = \frac{1}{Z} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^{N}$$
(6)

for  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ , then

$$P(N+1) = \frac{1}{Z} \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^{N+1}.$$
(7)

The average number of particles can be easily calculated as

$$\langle N \rangle_{\mathrm{M/M/1}} = \sum_{N=0}^{\infty} NP(N) = \frac{\alpha}{\beta - \alpha}.$$
 (8)

In the stationary state, the current of particles through the server is nothing but the arrival rate  $\alpha$ ,

$$\beta \sum_{N=1}^{\infty} P(N) = \alpha.$$
(9)

#### **B. TASEP with open boundaries**

Let us consider an interacting particle system, the totally asymmetric simple exclusion process on the *L*-site chain with open boundaries (open TASEP), see Fig. 2. Each site can be occupied by at most one particle. Each particle enters the chain at the left end with rate  $\alpha$  if it is empty, hops to its right nearest-neighbor site in the bulk with rate p if it is empty, and exits at the right end with rate  $\beta$ . Let us write



 $\tau_j=0$  if the *j*th site is empty and  $\tau_j=1$  if it is occupied by a particle. The system is formulated by a Markov process on the state space  $\{0,1\}^L$ . The master equation on the probability  $P(\tau_1,\ldots,\tau_L)$  of finding a configuration  $(\tau_1,\ldots,\tau_L)$  is as follows:

$$\frac{d}{dt}P(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_L) = \alpha(2\tau_1 - 1)P(0, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_L) + p\sum_{j=1}^{L-1} (\tau_{j+1} - \tau_j)P(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_L, 0, \dots, \tau_L) + \beta(1 - 2\tau_L)P(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_{L-1}, 1).$$
(10)

In contrast to the M/M/1 queueing process, the state space of the open TASEP is finite and thus it always has a stationary state. Moreover the open TASEP is irreducible; therefore the stationary state is unique. Derrida *et al.* found the stationary-state solution to the open TASEP in the following simple form [4]:

$$P(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_L) = \frac{1}{Z_L(\alpha, \beta, p)} \Big\langle W(\frac{\alpha}{p}) | X_{\tau_1} \cdots X_{\tau_L} \Big| V(\frac{\beta}{p}) \Big\rangle,$$
(11)

where  $X_0 = E$  and  $X_1 = D$  are matrices,  $\langle W(u) |$  and  $|V(v) \rangle$  are row and column vectors, respectively, and  $Z_L(\alpha, \beta, p)$  is the normalization constant

$$Z_{L}(\alpha,\beta,p) = \left\langle W\left(\frac{\alpha}{p}\right) \middle| (D+E)^{L} \middle| V\left(\frac{\beta}{p}\right) \right\rangle.$$
(12)

The matrices and the vectors should satisfy the following relation so that the matrix product form (11) actually gives the stationary-state probability:

$$DE = D + E,$$
  

$$\langle W(u)|E = \frac{1}{u} \langle W(u)|,$$
  

$$|V(v)\rangle D = \frac{1}{v} |V(v)\rangle.$$
(13)

Set  $\langle W(u) | V(v) \rangle = 1$  without loss of generality. The following representation satisfies the algebra (13):

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ & & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}, \quad E = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ & & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix},$$
(14)



FIG. 3. Phase diagram of the open TASEP.

$$\langle W(w)| = \kappa(1, a, a^2, \ldots), \quad |V(v)\rangle = \kappa \begin{pmatrix} 1\\b\\b^2\\\vdots \end{pmatrix}, \quad (15)$$

where  $\kappa = \sqrt{(w+v-1)/wv}$ , a = (1-w)/w and b = (1-v)/v. Note that, in the original paper [4], the bulk hopping rate p was set to be 1 and other representations of the matrices and vectors were found. For simplicity in what follows, however, we choose the representation (14) and (15) so that only the vectors depend on  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and p. By using the algebraic relation (13), we can calculate the normalization constant as follows [4]:

$$Z_L(\alpha,\beta,p) = \sum_{j=0}^{L} \frac{j(2L-j-1)!}{L!(L-j)!} \frac{\left(\frac{p}{\alpha}\right)^{j+1} - \left(\frac{p}{\beta}\right)^{j+1}}{\frac{p}{\alpha} - \frac{p}{\beta}}.$$
 (16)

The stationary current, for example, can be written in terms of the normalization constant  $Z_L(\alpha, \beta, p)$  as

$$J_L(\alpha,\beta,p) = p \frac{Z_{L-1}(\alpha,\beta,p)}{Z_L(\alpha,\beta,p)}.$$
(17)

In the limit  $L \rightarrow \infty$ , the phase diagram of the current  $J_{\infty}(\alpha, \beta, p)$  consists of three regions which are called the maximal current (MC) phase, the low-density (LD) phase, and the high-density (HD) phase (see Fig. 3),

$$J_{\infty}(\alpha,\beta,p) = \begin{cases} \frac{p}{4}, & \alpha,\beta \ge \frac{p}{2} \quad (MC) \\\\ \alpha(1-\alpha/p), & \alpha < \min\left(\beta,\frac{p}{2}\right) \quad (LD) \\\\ \beta(1-\beta/p), & \beta < \min\left(\alpha,\frac{p}{2}\right) \quad (HD). \end{cases}$$
(18)

The line  $\alpha = \beta < \frac{p}{2}$  is called the coexistence line, where a shock between a low-density segment and a high-density



FIG. 4. Queueing process with the excluded-volume effect.

segment exhibits a random walk [6]:  $J_{\infty}(\alpha, \alpha, p) = \alpha(1 - \alpha/p)$ .

Note that no particle can enter the chain if the leftmost site is occupied by another particle and thus the stationary current is not equal to  $\alpha$ . This means that the open TASEP is a "call-loss system." Recall that the stationary current of the M/M/1 queueing process, which is not a call-loss system, is  $\alpha$ .

#### **III. MODEL**

Let us introduce a new model which is an extended M/M/1 queueing process on a semi-infinite chain with the excluded-volume effect as in the TASEP. Figure 4 shows the model, where each site is numbered from right to left and L denotes the leftmost occupied site. Each site can be occupied by at most one particle. Each particle hops to its right nearest-neighbor site with rate p in the bulk if it is empty and exits with rate  $\beta$  at the right end. The rules of the bulk hopping and the exit are the same as for the open TASEP. However, the rule for the entering is different. Each particle enters the chain at the immediately left of the leftmost occupied site (or at site 1 if there is no particle on the chain). One can put this model into the TASEP in the semi-infinite chain with a new boundary condition.

The system is encoded by a Markov process on the state space

$$S := \emptyset \cup \bigcup_{L \in \mathbb{N}} (\{1\} \times \{0, 1\}^{L-1})$$
  
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The leftmost particle of each element of *S* except  $\emptyset$  can always be specified. Configurations such as (...,1,1,1,1) and (...,1,0,1,0,1,0) do not appear in *S*.

Let  $P(1, \tau_{L-1}, ..., \tau_1)$  be the probability of finding a configuration  $(1, \tau_{L-1}, ..., \tau_1)$  with the leftmost particle at *L*th site and  $P(\emptyset)$  be the probability of finding no particle on the chain. The master equation governing the model is as follows:

$$\frac{d}{dt}P(\emptyset) = \beta P(1) - \alpha P(\emptyset), \qquad (20)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}P(1) = \alpha P(\emptyset) + pP(1,0) - (\alpha + \beta)P(1), \qquad (21)$$

$$\begin{split} \frac{d}{dt} P(1,\tau_{L-1},\ldots,\tau_1) &= pP(1,0,\tau_{L-1},\ldots,\tau_1) + \alpha \tau_{L-1} P(1,\tau_{L-2},\ldots,\tau_1) \\ &- \alpha P(1,\tau_{L-1},\ldots,\tau_1) + p(\tau_{L-1}-1) P(1,0,\tau_{L-2}\ldots,\tau_1) \\ &+ p \sum_{j=1}^{L-2} (\tau_j - \tau_{j+1}) P(1,\tau_{L-1},\ldots,1,0,\ldots,\tau_1) \\ &+ \beta (1-2\tau_1) P(1,\tau_{L-1},\ldots,\tau_2,1). \end{split}$$
(22)

For example,

$$\frac{d}{dt}P(1,1,0,1,0,1)$$

$$= \alpha P(1,0,1,0,1) + pP(1,0,1,0,1,0,1)$$

$$+ pP(1,1,1,0,0,1) + pP(1,1,0,1,1,0)$$

$$- (\alpha + 2p + \beta)P(1,1,0,1,0,1), \qquad (23)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}P(1,0,0,1,1,0,1,0)$$

$$= pP(1,0,0,0,1,1,0,1,0) + pP(1,0,1,0,1,0,1,0)$$

$$+ pP(1,0,0,1,1,1,0,0) + \beta P(1,0,0,1,1,0,1,1)$$

$$- (\alpha + 3p)P(1,0,0,1,1,0,1,0).$$
(24)

We write the right-hand side of the master equation as  $(HP)(\tau_1, \ldots, \tau_L)$  with the generator matrix *H* acting on the probability vector  $P = (P(\emptyset), P(1), P(1, 0), \ldots)^T$ . Note that *H* is an infinite-dimensional matrix.

## **IV. STATIONARY STATE**

#### A. Matrix product form

The problem is how to find the solution to HP=0. We can see that a slightly arranged matrix product form

$$P(\emptyset) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}(\alpha, \beta, p)},$$

$$P(1) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}(\alpha, \beta, p)} \frac{\alpha}{\beta} = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}(\alpha, \beta, p)} \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \langle W(1) | V(\frac{\beta}{p}) \rangle,$$

$$P(\tau_L = 1, \dots, \tau_1) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}(\alpha, \beta, p)} \frac{\alpha^L}{\beta p^{L-1}} \langle W(1) | X_{\tau_{L-1}} \cdots X_{\tau_1} | V(\frac{\beta}{p}) \rangle$$
  
(for  $L \ge 2$ ) (25)

gives a stationary-state solution. (This idea is applicable to a discrete-time version of the model [7].) Here  $\mathcal{Z}(\alpha, \beta, p)$  is the normalization constant which can be written as a special case of the generating function of the normalization constant of the open TASEP,

$$\mathcal{Z}(\alpha,\beta,p) = \sum_{L=0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha^L}{\beta p^{L-1}} \langle W(1) | (D+E)^{L-1} | V(\frac{\beta}{p}) \rangle$$
$$= \sum_{L=0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha^L}{\beta p^{L-1}} Z_{L-1}(p,\beta,p)$$
(26)

with  $Z_{-1}(p,\beta,p) = \beta/p$ . See the Appendix for some stationary probabilities calculated by using the algebraic relation (13). That the form (25) gives a stationary-state solution (i.e., HP=0) can be proved by a similar canceling to that for the open TASEP. Let us use a short-hand notation

$$\langle W(1)|\cdots|\binom{\underline{\beta}}{p}\rangle = \langle\cdots\rangle.$$
 (27)

Substituting the form (25) into  $HP(1, \tau_{L-1}, ..., \tau_1)$  and multiplying it by  $\frac{\beta p^{L-1}}{\alpha^L} \mathcal{Z}(\alpha, \beta, p)$ , we find

$$\frac{\beta p^{L-1}}{\alpha^L} \mathcal{Z}(\alpha, \beta, p)(HP)(1, \tau_{L-1} \dots, \tau_1)$$
(28)

$$= p \frac{\alpha}{p} \langle EX_{\tau_{L-1}} \cdots X_{\tau_{1}} \rangle$$

$$+ \alpha \tau_{L-1} \frac{p}{\alpha} \langle X_{\tau_{L-2}} \cdots X_{\tau_{1}} \rangle - \alpha \langle X_{\tau_{L-1}} \cdots X_{\tau_{1}} \rangle$$

$$+ p(\tau_{L-1} - 1) \langle EX_{\tau_{L-2}} \cdots X_{\tau_{1}} \rangle$$

$$+ p \sum_{j=1}^{L-2} (\tau_{j} - \tau_{j+1}) \langle X_{\tau_{L-1}} \cdots DE \cdots X_{\tau_{1}} \rangle$$

$$+ \beta (1 - 2\tau_{1}) \langle X_{\tau_{L-1}} \cdots X_{\tau_{2}} D \rangle$$

$$= p \left\{ -(1 - 2\tau_{L-1}) \langle X_{\tau_{L-2}} \cdots X_{\tau_{1}} \rangle$$

$$+ \sum_{j=1}^{L-2} (1 - 2\tau_{j+1}) \langle X_{\tau_{L-1}} \cdots X_{\tau_{j+2}} X_{\tau_{j}} \cdots X_{\tau_{1}} \rangle$$

$$+ (1 - 2\tau_{1}) \langle X_{\tau_{L-1}} \cdots X_{\tau_{2}} \rangle \right\}$$

$$(30)$$

(31)

In the above calculation, we applied the algebraic relation (13),

$$\langle \cdots DE \cdots \rangle = \langle \cdots D \cdots \rangle + \langle \cdots E \cdots \rangle,$$
 (32)

$$\langle E \cdots \rangle = \langle \cdots \rangle, \quad \beta \langle \cdots D \rangle = p \langle \cdots \rangle.$$
 (33)

In our argument throughout this section, we assume that Eq. (25) is a unique stationary state of the model if  $\mathcal{Z}(\alpha,\beta,p)$  converges and there is no stationary state if  $\mathcal{Z}(\alpha,\beta,p)$  diverges. Recall that the stationary states of the usual M/M/1 queueing process and the open TASEP are unique.

The following function will be useful in the next section:

$$\mathcal{Z}(p\xi,\beta,p;\zeta) = 1 + \sum_{L=1}^{\infty} \frac{p}{\beta} \xi^L \zeta \langle W(1) | (\zeta D + E)^{L-1} | V(\frac{\beta}{p}) \rangle$$
(34)

with a fugacity  $\zeta$ . This can be regarded as a special case of the generating function of the normalization constant of the TASEP with a single defect particle (see section 4.3 in [5]). The case where  $\xi = \alpha/p$  and  $\zeta = 1$  corresponds to the normalization constant

$$\mathcal{Z}(\alpha,\beta,p) = \mathcal{Z}(p\alpha/p,\beta,p;1). \tag{35}$$

## **B.** Critical line

The asymptotic behavior of  $Z_L(p,\beta,p)$  as  $L \rightarrow \infty$  is as follows [4]:

$$Z_{L}(p,\beta,p) \sim \begin{cases} \frac{4^{L}}{\sqrt{\pi L^{3}}} \left(\frac{2\beta}{2\beta-p}\right)^{2}, & \beta > \frac{p}{2} \\ \frac{2 \cdot 4^{L}}{\sqrt{\pi L}}, & \beta = \frac{p}{2} \\ \frac{1-2\beta/p}{(1-\beta/p)^{2}} \left(\frac{1}{(1-\beta/p)\beta/p}\right)^{L}, & \beta < \frac{p}{2}. \end{cases}$$
(36)

Thanks to this asymptotic form, we see that if the condition

$$\alpha \leq \frac{p}{4} \qquad \left(\beta > \frac{p}{2}\right) \\ \alpha < \beta(1 - \beta/p) \quad \left(\beta \leq \frac{p}{2}\right)$$
(37)

is satisfied, then  $\mathcal{Z}(\alpha,\beta,p)$  converges. In other words, the critical line is given by

$$\alpha = \alpha_c = \begin{cases} \frac{p}{4}, & \left(\beta > \frac{p}{2}\right) \\ \beta(1 - \beta/p), & \left(\beta \le \frac{p}{2}\right), \end{cases}$$
(38)

see Fig. 5. Note that the area (37), where the normalization constant  $\mathcal{Z}(\alpha, \beta, p)$  converges, is embedded in that of the usual M/M/1 queueing process ( $\alpha < \beta$ ). We remark that the critical line can be written in terms of the stationary current (18) of the open TASEP with  $\alpha = p$ ,

$$\alpha_c = J_{\infty}(p, \beta, p). \tag{39}$$

Turning to the stationary current through the right end of the chain, we see that this must be the arrival rate  $\alpha$ , because the model is not a call-loss system. In fact, one can see

$$\begin{split} \beta P(1) + \beta \sum_{L=2}^{\infty} \sum_{\tau_j=0,1} P(1,\tau_{L-1},\ldots,\tau_2,1) \\ &= \frac{\alpha}{\mathcal{Z}(\alpha,\beta,p)} + \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}(\alpha,\beta,p)} \\ &\times \sum_{L=2}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha^L}{p^{L-1}} \langle W(1) | (D+E)^{L-2} D | V(\frac{\beta}{p}) \rangle \end{split}$$



FIG. 5. Critical line (38).

$$= \frac{\alpha}{\mathcal{Z}(\alpha,\beta,p)} \left( 1 + \sum_{L=2}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha^{L-1}}{\beta p^{L-2}} \times \langle W(1) | (D+E)^{L-2} | V(\frac{\beta}{p}) \rangle \right) = \alpha.$$
(40)

## C. Average values

In this subsection and the next subsection, we assume that the condition (37) is satisfied. According to the formula (4.27) in [5] we find

$$\mathcal{Z}(p\xi,\beta,p;\zeta) = 1 + \frac{p\xi\zeta}{\beta[1-\xi(\sqrt{\zeta}-1)^2](1-\eta)(1-\eta\mu)},$$
(41)

where

$$\mu = 1 + \sqrt{\zeta(p/\beta - 1)}, \qquad (42)$$

$$\eta = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \sqrt{\frac{1 - (1 + \sqrt{\zeta})^2 \xi}{1 - (1 - \sqrt{\zeta})^2 \xi}} \right).$$
(43)

In particular,

$$\mathcal{Z}(\alpha,\beta,p) = \frac{2\beta}{2\beta - p(1-r)} \tag{44}$$

with  $r = \sqrt{1 - 4\alpha/p}$ . The average length  $\langle L \rangle$  (the average position of the leftmost particle) and the average number  $\langle N \rangle$  of particles on the chain can be calculated by differentiating  $\mathcal{Z}(p\xi,\beta,p;\zeta)$  as

$$\langle L \rangle = \xi \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} \ln \mathcal{Z}(p\xi, \beta, p; 1) \Big|_{\xi = \alpha/p} = \frac{2\alpha/p}{r(-1 + r + 2\beta/p)},$$
(45)

$$\langle N \rangle = \frac{\partial}{\partial \zeta} \ln \left[ \mathcal{Z}(\alpha, \beta, p; \zeta) \right]_{\zeta = 1} = \frac{2\alpha [1 + r - (3 + r)\alpha/p]}{r(1 + r)[(1 + r)\beta - 2\alpha]}.$$
(46)

By the excluded-volume effect, these values are greater than the average number of particles in the usual M/M/1 queueing process,

$$\langle L \rangle > \langle N \rangle > \langle N \rangle_{M/M/1} = \frac{\alpha}{\beta - \alpha}.$$
 (47)

Actually, one can find

$$\langle N \rangle - \langle N \rangle_{M/M/1} = \frac{2\alpha^2 [(\beta - \alpha) + r(\alpha + \beta)]}{pr(1+r)[\beta(1+r) - 2\alpha](\beta - \alpha)} > 0,$$
(48)

whereas the first inequality in Eq. (47) is true by definition.  $\langle L \rangle$  and  $\langle N \rangle$  are expanded with respect to 1/p as

$$\langle L \rangle \sim \frac{\alpha}{\beta - \alpha} + \frac{\alpha^2 (2\beta - \alpha)}{(\beta - \alpha)^2} \frac{1}{p} + O((1/p)^2), \qquad (49)$$

$$\langle N \rangle \sim \frac{\alpha}{\beta - \alpha} + \frac{\alpha^2 \beta}{(\beta - \alpha)^2} \frac{1}{p} + O((1/p)^2)$$
 (50)

and we can see a natural result that they approach  $\langle N \rangle_{M/M/1}$  in the usual-M/M/1-queuing-process limit  $p \rightarrow \infty$ . Note that

$$\langle L \rangle = \infty, \quad \langle N \rangle = \infty$$
 (51)

on the critical line  $\alpha = \frac{p}{4}$  and  $\beta > \frac{p}{2}$ .

## D. Monotonicity of the length

Let us consider the probability  $\lambda_L$  that the length is *L* (the leftmost particle is at site *L*),

$$\lambda_{L} = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}(\alpha, \beta, p)} \sum_{\tau_{i}=0,1} P(1, \tau_{L-1}, \dots, \tau_{1})$$
$$= \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}(\alpha, \beta, p)} \frac{p}{\beta} \left(\frac{\alpha}{p}\right)^{L} Z_{L-1}(p, \beta, p).$$
(52)

For L=0, we set  $\lambda_0 = P(\emptyset)$ .

Thanks to the asymptotic form (36) again, we can see that  $\lambda_L$  decays as  $L \rightarrow \infty$  as

$$\lambda_{L} \sim \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}(\alpha,\beta,p)} \frac{p}{\beta} \\ \times \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi L^{3}}} \left(\frac{2\beta}{2\beta-p}\right)^{2} \left(\frac{4\alpha}{p}\right)^{L}, & \beta > \frac{p}{2} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi L}} \left(\frac{4\alpha}{p}\right)^{L}, & \beta = \frac{p}{2} \\ \frac{1-2\beta/p}{(1-\beta/p)^{2}} \left(\frac{\alpha}{(1-\beta/p)\beta}\right)^{L}, & \beta < \frac{p}{2}. \end{cases}$$
(53)

When *L* is finite,  $\lambda_L$  possesses the property of the monotonicity with respect to *L*,

$$\cdots < \lambda_2 < \lambda_1 < \lambda_0. \tag{54}$$

The rightmost inequality  $\lambda_1 < \lambda_0$  is clearly true. We devote the rest of this subsection to the proof of  $\lambda_{L+1} < \lambda_L$  for  $L \ge 1$ . Let us use short-hand notations

$$Z_L \coloneqq Z_L(p,\beta,p), \quad x \coloneqq \frac{p}{\beta}, \tag{55}$$

and the following alternate expression which can be obtained by transforming Eq. (16):

$$Z_L = \sum_{j=0}^{L} a_{L,j} x^j,$$
 (56)

where  $a_{L,j} = \frac{(j+1)(2L-j)!}{(L+1)!(L-j)!}$ .

## 1. Case when $\beta \leq p/2$

Under the assumption  $\alpha < \alpha_c = p/x(1-1/x)$ , we find that

$$\frac{\alpha}{p}Z_L - Z_{L-1} < \frac{1}{x} \left(1 - \frac{1}{x}\right) Z_L - Z_{L-1} = -\frac{C_L}{x^2} < 0, \quad (57)$$

where  $C_L = \frac{(2L)!}{(L+1)!L!}$  is the Catalan number. Thus, we have  $\lambda_{L+1} < \lambda_L$ .

#### 2. Case when $\beta > p/2$

The proof of the monotonicity for  $\beta > p/2$  (i.e., x < 2) will be somewhat more technical. Our goal is to show  $Z_L < 4Z_{L-1}$ , this implies that  $\frac{\alpha}{p}Z_L \le \frac{1}{4}Z_L < Z_{L-1}$  and thus  $\lambda_{L+1} < \lambda_L$ .

Before proving this in the general  $L \ge 1$  case, we demonstrate it for L=6,

$$Z_{6} = 132 + 132x + 90x^{2} + 48x^{3} + 20x^{4} + 6x^{5} + x^{6}$$

$$< 132 + 132x + 90x^{2} + 48x^{3} + 20x^{4} + 8x^{5}$$

$$< 132 + 132x + 90x^{2} + 48x^{3} + 28x^{4} + 4x^{5}$$

$$< 132 + 132x + 90x^{2} + 64x^{3} + 20x^{4} + 4x^{5}$$

$$< 132 + 132x + 106x^{2} + 56x^{3} + 20x^{4} + 4x^{5}$$

$$< 168 + 168x + 112x^{2} + 56x^{3} + 20x^{4} + 4x^{5}$$

$$= 4Z_{5}.$$
(58)

where we used  $x^6 < 2x^5$ ,  $x^5 < 2x^4$ , etc.

Let us go back to the general  $L \ge 1$  case and introduce a sequence  $\{b_{L,j}\}_{1 \le j \le L-1}$  defined by the following recursion relation:

$$b_{L,j} = 2(b_{L,j+1} - 4a_{L-1,j+1}) + a_{L,j}$$
(59)

with  $a_{L-1,L}=b_{L,L+1}=0$ . One can find that

$$b_{L,j} = \frac{(2L - j - 2)!}{(L + 1)! (L - j)!} \times [4jL^2 - 2(j^2 - 4j - 3)L - j(j + 1)(j + 7)].$$
(60)

As long as  $b_{L,j} > 4a_{L-1,j}$ ,

$$a_{L,j-1}x^{j-1} + b_{L,j}x^{j} = a_{L,j-1}x^{j-1} + (b_{L,j} - 4a_{L-1,j})x^{j} + 4a_{L-1,j}x^{j}$$
  
$$< a_{L,j-1}x^{j-1} + 2(b_{L,j} - 4a_{L-1,j})x^{j-1} + 4a_{L-1,j}x^{j} = b_{L,j-1}x^{j-1} + 4a_{L-1,j}x^{j}.$$
(61)

Let k be an integer such that

$$b_{L,k} \le 4a_{L-1,k}$$
 and  $b_{L,j} > 4a_{L-1,j}(\forall j > k)$ . (62)

This is equivalent to

$$k(k+3) \le 2L < (k+1)(k+4) \tag{63}$$

and k is determined uniquely. For example, k=2 for L=6. Using the inequality (61) repeatedly while j > k, we get

$$Z_{L} = a_{L,0} + \dots + a_{L,L-2} x^{L-2} + a_{L,L-1} x^{L-1} + a_{L,L} x^{L}$$

$$< a_{L,0} + \dots + a_{L,L-2} x^{L-2} + b_{L,L-1} x^{L-1}$$

$$< a_{L,0} + \dots + b_{L,L-2} x^{L-2} + 4a_{L-1,L-1} x^{L-1}$$

$$< \dots$$

$$< \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} a_{L,j} x^{j} + b_{L,k} x^{k} + \sum_{j=k+1}^{L-1} 4a_{L-1,j} x^{j}.$$
(64)

The coefficients  $\{a_{L,j}\}_{0 \le j \le k-1}$  in the first summation of the last line of Eq. (64) satisfy  $a_{L,j} \le 4a_{L-1,j}$ ,

$$\therefore \quad a_{L,j} - 4a_{L-1,j} = \frac{(j+1)(2L-j-2)!(j^2+5j-6L)}{(L+1)!(L-j)!} < \frac{(j+1)(2L-j-2)!(2j-4L)}{(L+1)!(L-j)!} < 0,$$
(65)

where we used  $j^2+3j < k^2+3k \le 2L$  [see Eq. (63)]. Finally, we achieve

$$Z_{L} < \sum_{j=0}^{k-1} 4a_{L-1,j} x^{j} + 4a_{L-1,k} x^{k} + \sum_{j=k+1}^{L-1} 4a_{L-1,j} x^{j} = 4Z_{L-1}.$$
(66)

#### V. GENERALIZATION

In this section, we generalize the model by allowing particles to hop backward with rate pq(q>0), see Fig. 6. We will construct a stationary state and derive the critical line, arranging the matrix product form of the partially ASEP (PASEP) with the open boundary condition as in Fig. 7.

The matrix product stationary state of the open PASEP is as follows:

$$P(\tau_1, \dots, \tau_L) = \frac{1}{Z_L(\alpha, \beta, p, q)} \langle W(\frac{\alpha}{p}) | X_{\tau_1} \cdots X_{\tau_L} | V(\frac{\beta}{p}) \rangle,$$
(67)

where the matrices  $X_0 = E_q$  and  $X_1 = D_q$ , the row vector  $\langle W(w) |$  and the column vector  $|V(v)\rangle$  satisfy

$$D_q E_q - q E_q D_q = D_q + E_q,$$



FIG. 6. Queueing process with exclusive hopping to both directions.

$$\langle W(w)|E_q = \frac{1}{w} \langle W(w)|,$$

$$D_q|V(v)\rangle = \frac{1}{v}|V(v)\rangle, \tag{68}$$

and  $Z_L(\alpha, \beta, p, q)$  is the normalization constant,

$$Z_{L}(\alpha,\beta,p,q) = \left\langle W\left(\frac{\alpha}{p}\right) \middle| (D_{q} + E_{q})^{L} \middle| V\left(\frac{\beta}{p}\right) \right\rangle.$$
(69)

Some representations of the matrices and the vectors can be found in [5,8,9]. The notation used in Eq. (68) was chosen for convenience. However, we stress that, despite appearances, we have found no representation such that the matrices depend only on q and the vectors are independent of q.

For q < 1, the normalization constant  $Z_L(\alpha, \beta, p, q)$  can be written in the following integral form [8,9]:

$$Z_{L}(\alpha,\beta,p,q) = \frac{(q,ab;q)_{\infty}}{4\pi i} \int_{K} \frac{dz}{z} \frac{(z^{2},z^{-2};q)_{\infty}}{(az,a/z,bz,b/z;q)_{\infty}} \left(\frac{2+z+z^{-1}}{1-q}\right)^{L},$$
(70)

where  $a = \frac{p(1-q)}{\alpha} - 1$ ,  $b = \frac{p(1-q)}{\alpha} - 1$  and  $(x_1, \dots, x_m; q)_{\infty} = \prod_{1 \le n \le m} \prod_{0 \le i \le \infty} (1 - x_n q^i)$  is the *q*-shifted factorial. The contour *K* encloses poles  $z = a, qa, q^2a, \dots$  and  $z = b, qb, q^2b, \dots$ , and excludes  $z = 1/a, q/a, q^2/a, \dots$  and  $z = 1/b, q/b, q^2/b, \dots$ . The asymptotic form of the normalizing constant of the open PASEP in the limit  $L \to \infty$  has been obtained by applying the saddle-point method to the integral form (70) [8,9],



FIG. 7. PASEP with open boundaries.

$$Z_{L}(\alpha,\beta,p,q) \sim \begin{cases} \frac{4(ab;q)_{\infty}(q;q)_{\infty}^{3}}{\sqrt{\pi}(a,b;q)_{\infty}^{2}L^{3/2}} \left(\frac{4}{1-q}\right)^{L} & \alpha,\beta > \frac{p(1-q)}{2} \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}(b;q)_{\infty}L^{1/2}} \left(\frac{4}{1-q}\right)^{L} & \alpha = \frac{p(1-q)}{2} < \beta \\ \frac{2}{\sqrt{\pi}(a;q)_{\infty}L^{1/2}} \left(\frac{4}{1-q}\right)^{L} & \beta = \frac{p(1-q)}{2} < \alpha \\ \left(\frac{4}{1-q}\right)^{L}, & \alpha = \beta = \frac{p(1-q)}{2} \\ \frac{(a^{-2};q)_{\infty}}{(b/a;q)_{\infty}} \left(\frac{2+a+a^{-1}}{1-q}\right)^{L}, & \alpha < \min\left(\beta,\frac{p(1-q)}{2}\right) \\ \frac{(b^{-2};q)_{\infty}}{(a/b;q)_{\infty}} \left(\frac{2+b+b^{-1}}{1-q}\right)^{L}, & \beta < \min\left(\alpha,\frac{p(1-q)}{2}\right) \\ \frac{(a-1)(a^{-2};q)_{\infty}L}{(a+1)(q;q)_{\infty}} \left(\frac{2+a+a^{-1}}{1-q}\right)^{L}, & \alpha = \beta < \frac{p(1-q)}{2}. \end{cases}$$

$$(71)$$

The stationary current of the open PASEP can be written in terms of the normalization constant as

$$J_L(\alpha,\beta,p,q) = p \frac{Z_{L-1}(\alpha,\beta,p,q)}{Z_L(\alpha,\beta,p,q)}.$$
(72)

Noting the asymptotic form (71), we have

$$J_{\infty}(\alpha,\beta,p,q) = \begin{cases} \frac{p(1-q)}{4}\alpha, & \beta \ge \frac{p(1-q)}{2} \\ \alpha \left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{p(1-q)}\right), & \beta \le \min\left(\alpha,\frac{p(1-q)}{2}\right) \\ \beta \left(1 - \frac{\beta}{p(1-q)}\right), & \alpha \le \min\left(\beta,\frac{p(1-q)}{2}\right). \end{cases}$$

$$(73)$$

In the symmetric case q=1, the normalization constant has the following simple form [10]:

$$Z_L(\alpha,\beta,p,q) = (\gamma+1)(\gamma+2)\cdots(\gamma+L), \qquad (74)$$

where  $\gamma = \frac{p}{\alpha} + \frac{p}{\beta} - 1$ . In the reverse-bias case q > 1, the normalization constant behaves in the limit  $L \rightarrow \infty$  as

$$Z_L(\alpha,\beta,p,q) \sim Aq^{L^2/4} \left(\frac{\sqrt{ab}}{1-q}\right)^L,\tag{75}$$

where A is a constant independent of L [9].

Let us go back to the generalized queueing process with forward and backward hopping (Fig. 6), which is governed by the following master equation:

$$\frac{d}{dt}P(\emptyset) = \beta P(1) - \alpha P(\emptyset), \qquad (76)$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}P(1) = \alpha P(\emptyset) + pP(1,0) - (\alpha + \beta + pq)P(1), \quad (77)$$

$$\begin{split} \frac{d}{dt} P(1,\tau_{L-1},\ldots,\tau_{1}) &= pP(1,0,\tau_{L-1},\ldots,\tau_{1}) - pqP(1,\tau_{L-1},\ldots,\tau_{1}) \\ &+ \alpha\tau_{L-1}P(1,\tau_{L-2},\ldots,\tau_{1}) - \alpha P(1,\tau_{L-1},\ldots,\tau_{1}) \\ &+ p(\tau_{L-1}-1)P(1,0,\tau_{L-2}\ldots,\tau_{1}) \\ &+ pq(1-\tau_{L-1})P(1,\tau_{L-2}\ldots,\tau_{1}) \\ &+ p\sum_{j=1}^{L-2} (\tau_{j}-\tau_{j+1})P(1,\tau_{L-1},\ldots,1,0,\ldots,\tau_{1}) \\ &+ pq\sum_{j=1}^{L-2} (\tau_{j+1}-\tau_{j})P(1,\tau_{L-1},\ldots,0,1,\ldots,\tau_{1}) \\ &+ \beta(1-2\tau_{1})P(1,\tau_{L-1},\ldots,\tau_{2},1). \end{split}$$
(78)

A stationary-state solution to this equation is given by the following form, which can be proved in the same way as Eqs. (28)-(31):

$$P(\emptyset) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}(\alpha, \beta, p, q)}, \quad P(1) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}(\alpha, \beta, p, q)} \frac{\alpha}{\beta},$$
$$P(1, \tau_{L-1} \dots, \tau_1) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}(\alpha, \beta, p, q)} \frac{\alpha^L}{\beta p^{L-1}} \times \langle W(\frac{\alpha}{\alpha + pq}) | X_{\tau_{L-1}} \cdots X_{\tau_1} | V(\frac{\beta}{p}) \rangle, \quad (79)$$

where  $\mathcal{Z}(\alpha, \beta, p, q)$  is the normalization constant



FIG. 8. Critical lines for (a)  $0 < q < \frac{1}{3}$  and (b)  $\frac{1}{3} \le q < 1$ .

$$\mathcal{Z}(\alpha,\beta,p,q) = \sum_{L=0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha^L}{\beta p^{L-1}} Z_{L-1}\left(\frac{\alpha p}{\alpha + pq},\beta,p,q\right)$$
(80)

with  $Z_{-1}(\frac{\alpha p}{\alpha + pq}, \beta, p, q) = \beta/p$ . We now obtain the critical line assuming the uniqueness of the stationary state. In view of Eqs. (74) and (75), we find that the normalization constant  $\mathcal{Z}(\alpha,\beta,p,q)$  converges only if the hopping ratio q < 1. Moreover, using the asymptotic form (71), we find that the condition for the model to have the stationary state is the following, see Fig. 8

(i) for  $0 < q < \frac{1}{3}$ ,

$$\alpha \leq \alpha_c = \frac{p(1-q)}{4}, \qquad \beta > \frac{p(1-q)}{2}$$

$$\alpha < \alpha_c = \beta \left(1 - \frac{\beta}{p(1-q)}\right), \quad \beta \leq \frac{p(1-q)}{2}.$$
(81)

(ii) for  $1/3 \le q < 1$ ,



FIG. 9. Alternate joined system of the M/M/1 queueing process and the open TASEP.

$$\alpha < \alpha_{c} = \begin{cases} \frac{p[s - q(3 - 2q)]}{2(1 - q)}, & \beta > \frac{p(s + 2 - q)}{2} \\ \beta \left(1 - \frac{\beta}{p(1 - q)}\right), & \beta \le \frac{p(s + 2 - q)}{2}. \end{cases}$$
(82)

where  $s = \sqrt{q(4-3q)}$ . Note that the critical line  $\alpha_c$  is just the solution to

$$\alpha_c = J_{\infty} \Big( \frac{\alpha_c p}{\alpha_c + pq}, \beta, p, q \Big).$$
(83)

## **VI. ALTERNATE MODEL**

We introduce here an alternate joined system of the M/M/1 queueing process and the open TASEP. This new system consists of a queue part and a TASEP part, see Fig. 9. Each particle enters the system with rate  $\alpha$  and joins the queue part. The queue part has no spatial structure, and is characterized by the number of particles N. Each particle leaves the queue part and enters the TASEP part with rate  $\alpha'$ . After entering the TASEP part, particles follow the same rule as in the usual open TASEP. This is a model of, for example, a production line with a material inventory.

The state space of the Markov process encoding the model is  $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0} \times \{0, 1\}^L$ . The master equation governing the probability  $P(N, \tau_1, \dots, \tau_L)$  of finding the configuration  $(N, \tau_1, ..., \tau_L)$  is

$$\frac{d}{dt}P(N,\tau_{1},\ldots,\tau_{L}) = \alpha(1-\delta_{N0})P(N-1,\tau_{1},\ldots,\tau_{L}) - \alpha P(N,\tau_{1},\ldots,\tau_{L}) 
+ \alpha'\tau_{1}P(N+1,0,\tau_{2},\ldots,1,0,\ldots,\tau_{L}) 
- \alpha'(1-\tau_{1})P(N,0,\tau_{2},\ldots,1,0,\ldots,\tau_{L}) 
+ p\sum_{j=1}^{L-1} (\tau_{j+1}-\tau_{j})P(N,\tau_{1},\ldots,\tau_{j-1}1,0,\tau_{j+2},\ldots,\tau_{L}) 
+ \beta(1-2\tau_{L})P(N,\tau_{1},\ldots,\tau_{L-1},1).$$
(84)

For example, with L=4,

$$\frac{d}{dt}P(0,1,1,0,1) = \alpha' P(1,0,1,0,1) + pP(0,1,1,1,0) - (\alpha + p + \beta)P(0,1,1,0,1),$$
(85)

$$\frac{d}{dt}P(5,0,1,0,0) = \alpha P(4,0,1,0,0) + pP(5,1,0,0,0) + \beta P(5,0,1,0,1) - (\alpha + \alpha' + p)P(5,0,1,0,0).$$
(86)

It is difficult to find an exact stationary state of this model. One can expect, however, the critical line separating the parameter space to take the form

$$\alpha = J_L(\alpha', \beta, p), \tag{87}$$

Because of the following:

(i) In a stationary state, the current must be  $\alpha$ .

(ii) If there is no stationary state and the queue part continues to grow, the TASEP part can be regarded as the open TASEP with a particle reservoir in the left end. Thus, the current must be  $J_L(\alpha', \beta, p)$  in this case.

(iii) These two values should be equal on the critical line.

In fact, the critical lines for L=1,2,3,4 with  $\alpha'=p$  were calculated (although not rigorously) and found to agree with Eq. (87) [11].

## VII. CONCLUSION

We have studied an extension of the M/M/1 queueing process on a semi-infinite chain with the excluded-volume effect as in the open TASEP. We found that a stationary-state solution is given by a slightly arranged matrix product form of the open TASEP and its normalization constant is given by the generating function of that of the open TASEP. The critical line which separates the parameter space into the regions with and without the stationary state is written in terms of the stationary current of the open TASEP. We also calculated the average length of the system and the average number of particles. We also showed the monotonicity of the probability of the length. These were derived by assuming the uniqueness of the stationary state. We generalized the model by allowing particles to hop backward and obtained its critical line. An alternate joined system of the queueing process and the open TASEP was introduced. We expect that its critical line can be also written in terms of the current of the open TASEP.

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#### **APPENDIX: EXAMPLE**

The stationary probabilities (25) for some configurations are listed here,

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{Z}P(1,0) &= \frac{\alpha^2}{p\beta}, \quad \mathcal{Z}P(1,1) = \frac{\alpha^2}{\beta^2}, \quad \mathcal{Z}P(1,0,0) = \frac{\alpha^3}{p^2\beta}, \\ \mathcal{Z}P(1,0,1) &= \frac{\alpha^3}{p\beta^2}, \quad \mathcal{Z}P(1,1,0) = \frac{\alpha^3(p+\beta)}{p^2\beta^2}, \\ \mathcal{Z}P(1,1,1) &= \frac{\alpha^3}{\beta^3}, \quad \mathcal{Z}P(1,0,0,0) = \frac{\alpha^4}{p^3\beta}, \\ \mathcal{Z}P(1,0,0,1) &= \frac{\alpha^4}{p^2\beta^2}, \quad \mathcal{Z}P(1,0,1,0) = \frac{\alpha^4(p+\beta)}{p^3\beta^2}, \\ \mathcal{Z}P(1,0,1,1) &= \frac{\alpha^4}{p\beta^3}, \quad \mathcal{Z}P(1,1,0,0) = \frac{\alpha^4(p+2\beta)}{p^3\beta^2}, \\ \mathcal{Z}P(1,1,0,1) &= \frac{\alpha^4(p+\beta)}{p^2\beta^3}, \\ \mathcal{Z}P(1,1,1,0) &= \frac{\alpha^4(p^2+p\beta+\beta^2)}{p^3\beta^3}, \quad \mathcal{Z}P(1,1,1,1) = \frac{\alpha^4}{\beta^4}, \end{split}$$

where  $\mathcal{Z}=\mathcal{Z}(\alpha,\beta,p)$ . These were calculated by using the algebraic relation (13).

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