

# The Alcove Walk Model and Matrix Coefficients

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where each  $ut^\lambda = u't^\mu k \in U^+AK$ .

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**Claim:** *This integral is actually extremely computable!*

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