
Variations on the discrete Laplacian

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Laplacian Δ is ubiquitous and connected with many different problems :

- (almost) every single solvable statistical models (Ising, dimers, free fermions)
- base for perturbation
- random walks, diffusive processes
- spanning trees, ...

As are spanning structures ...

- dimers (Temperley correspondence 1974)
- loop erased random walk (Lawler 1991, Pemantle 1991, Wilson 1996) and SLE_2 in the scaling limit (Lawler–Schramm–Werner 2004)
- sandpile model (Dhar–Majumdar 1992)

Great variety: spanning tree, spanning forests, unicycles, cycle-rooted spanning forests, cycle-rooted groves, incompressible spanning webs, ...

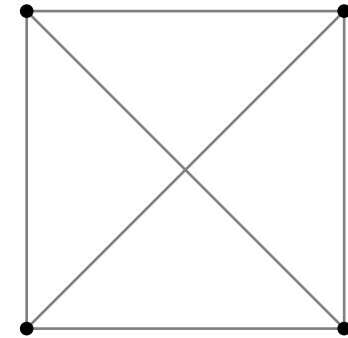
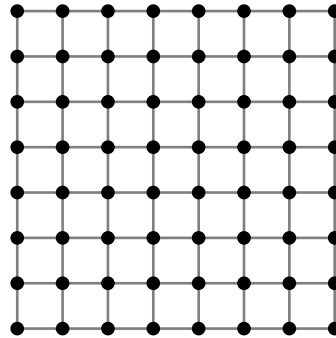
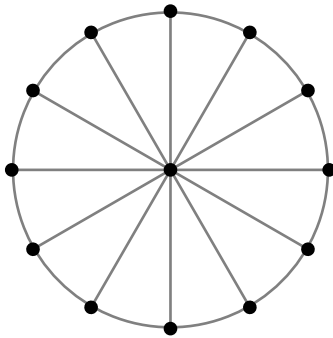
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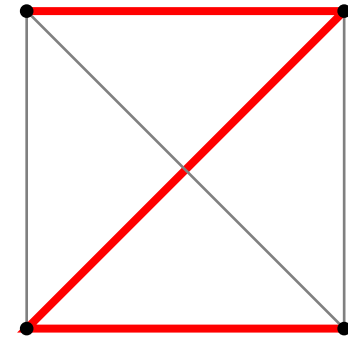
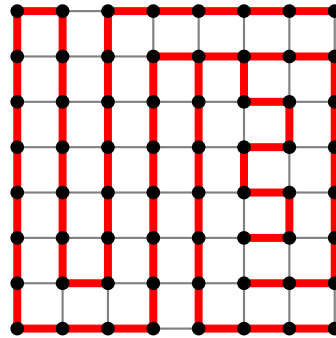
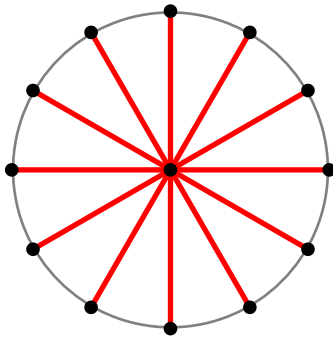
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Spanning trees: counting

Most obvious question: how many spanning trees on a graph ?

First result attributed to Kirchhoff (1847), also known as [matrix-tree theorem](#).

Form graph (or combinatorial) Laplacian matrix Δ ,

$$\Delta_{u,v} = \begin{cases} \deg u = \# \text{ incident edges} & \text{if } u = v, \\ -1 & \text{if } u, v \text{ are connected,} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Symmetric matrix, equal to minus adjacency matrix, up to diagonal.

Note all row and column sums vanish : Δ^{-1} does not exist !

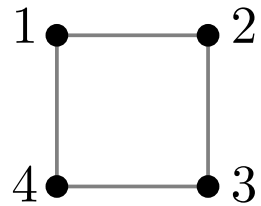
Kirchhoff's theorem : for a graph with N vertices,

$$Z = \text{number of spanning trees} = |\text{ST}| = \frac{1}{N} \det' \Delta = \det \Delta^{\text{rest}}$$

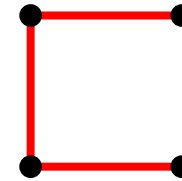
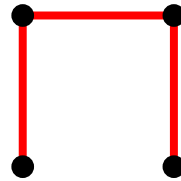
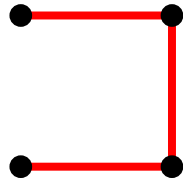
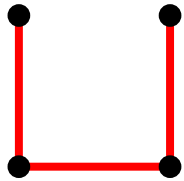
where Δ^{rest} is the restriction of Δ to graph with any vertex removed.

Z is a partition function w.r.t. uniform distribution on spanning trees (can be gener.)

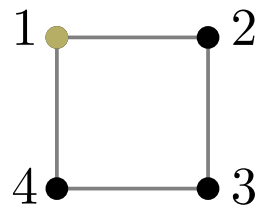
Spanning trees: example of counting



$$\Delta = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \lambda = 0, 2, 2, 4, \quad |\text{ST}| = 4$$



(unoriented)



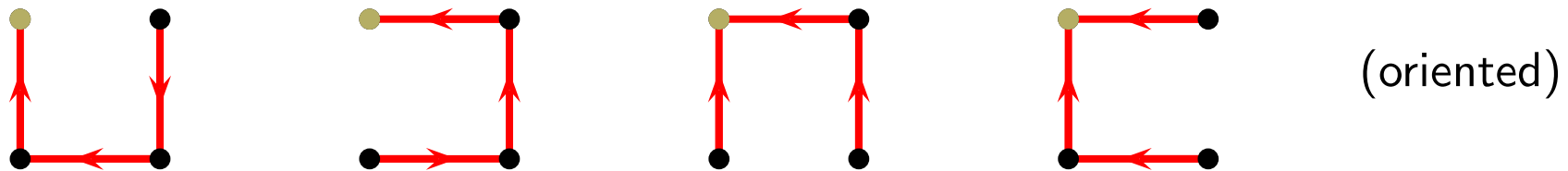
$$1 \text{ removed} \rightarrow \Delta^{\text{rest}} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \det \Delta^{\text{rest}} = |\text{ST}| = 4$$

Note that Δ^{rest} is invertible !

Diagonal entries indicate that the edges pointing to 1 are kept \rightarrow **root**

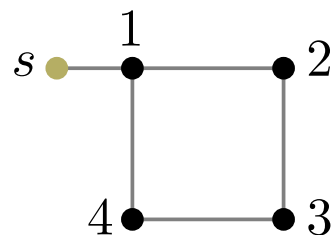
Rooted spanning trees

Removing vertex 1 (or any other) makes it special, and allows to define an orientation (most often conventional, except in sandpiles). All edges oriented towards the root :



Electrical image: seeing the edges as wires, connected at vertices, the root is the earth point, where current is flowing. **Graph is said to be wired to the root.**

Note that above is equivalent to connecting vertex 1 to extra vertex, taken as root s :



$$\Delta^{\text{rest}} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & -1 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 0 & -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \det \Delta^{\text{rest}} = |\text{ST}| = 4$$

Summary of trees

Spanning trees:

- loopless connected set of edges covering every vertex
- **unique simple path connecting any pair of vertices** (called chemical path)
- a spanning tree on N sites contains **exactly $N - 1$ edges**
- cutting any single edge in a spanning tree makes it disconnected (a forest)
- (unoriented) spanning trees on graph \Leftrightarrow rooted (oriented) spanning trees rooted at any particular vertex, reflected by $\frac{1}{N} \det' \Delta = \det \Delta^{\text{rest}}$
- root of a tree is unique (unique earth point !)
- rooting is very often a matter of convenience (unless you want to know if unique path from u to v goes through root, see later in sandpiles)

All very nice but ...

In many cases where spanning trees are central, **connectivity properties** are wanted
→ need refined, richer structures: **spanning forests** !

Spanning forests

In short, spanning forests :

- subset of edges spanning all vertices, where each component is a tree
- requires to say which vertices are in which component
- rooted spanning forests : each component is oriented towards its own root

Following setting is sufficient in many situations.

Let \mathcal{N} a set of $2k$ marked points, divided in $R = \{r_1, \dots, r_k\}$ and $S = \{s_1, \dots, s_k\}$.

Consider **spanning forests with $k + 1$ tree components** :

- one tree component rooted at distinguished root s
- k tree components, each one containing a pair of marked vertices, one from R , the other from S
- pairing $\sigma \in S_k$ says which pair $(r_i, s_{\sigma(i)})$ is on the same component

Quantity of interest : $Z[r_1, s_{\sigma(1)} | \dots | r_k, s_{\sigma(k)} | s]$ = number of spanning forests with prescribed pairing of marked nodes

All-minors matrix-tree theorem

Gives relations between these partition functions.

Because the graph has distinguished root s , relevant Laplacian is Δ^{rest} , the graph Laplacian with s removed.

Let $G = (\Delta^{\text{rest}})^{-1}$, the Green function; set $G_R^S = (G_{r_i, s_j})_{1 \leq i, j \leq k}$.

All-minors matrix-tree theorem : for all divisions of \mathcal{N} into $R \cup S$, we have

$$\det \Delta^{\text{rest}} \times \det G_R^S = \sum_{\sigma \in S_k} \epsilon_\sigma Z[r_1, s_{\sigma(1)} | \dots | r_k, s_{\sigma(k)} | s]$$

Remarks :

- yields system of relations since many choices of separating \mathcal{N} into $R \cup S$
- concerns only pairings (two marked nodes on each tree), but no general result
- even then : **the system is in general not invertible !** $\frac{1}{2} \binom{2k}{k}$ vs $(2k - 1)!!$
Solution : **introduce a connection ...**

Connection

Introduce a **connection** on edges: complex non-zero weights attached to oriented edges such $\phi_{u,v} = \phi_{v,u}^{-1}$.

Then define (line-bundle) Laplacian

$$\Delta_{u,v} = \begin{cases} \deg u & \text{if } u = v, \\ -\phi_{u,v}^{-1} & \text{if } u, v \text{ are connected,} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Terminology refers to some sort of parallel transport

$$\Delta f(u) = \sum_{\langle u,v \rangle} [f(u) - \phi_{u,v}^{-1} f(v)].$$

Δ no longer symmetric, but invertible.

We will denote **parallel transport** on

- sequence of edge-connected vertices $(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_\ell)$, by $\phi_{u_1 \rightarrow u_\ell} = \prod_i \phi_{u_i, u_{i+1}}$
- loop α of edge-connected vertices (u_1, u_2, \dots, u_1) , by $\omega_\alpha = \prod_i \phi_{u_i, u_{i+1}}$.
Called **monodromy of α** ; it depends of the orientation of loop, $\omega_{\alpha^{-1}} = \omega_\alpha^{-1}$.

Rooted spanning groves

Combinatorial significance of non-trivial connection involves new structures:

*a **cycle-rooted tree (CRT)** is a connected subset of edges containing a unique cycle (playing the role of root) with branches attached to it.*

A CRT therefore contains as many edges as sites.

To understand the combinatorial content of Δ , we need to combine components which are either trees or CRTs.

A **rooted spanning grove** is a subset of edges spanning all vertices, such that each component is either

- a tree rooted at a root s ,
- a tree containing a pair of marked vertices
- a cycle-rooted tree containing no marked vertices.

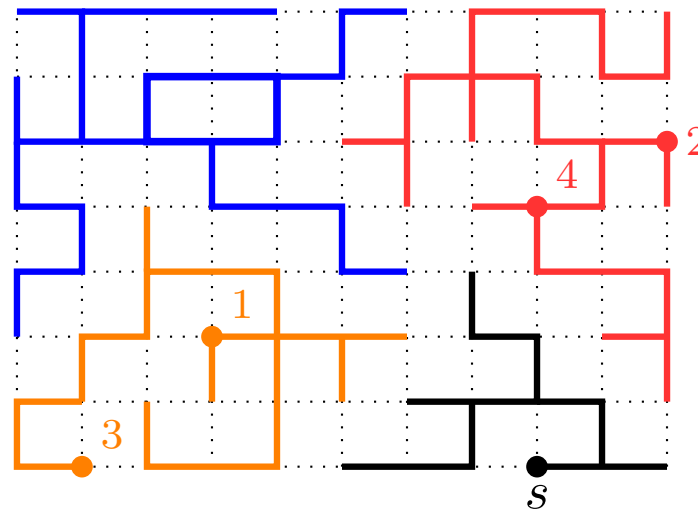
The first two types of trees form a spanning forest, in the previous sense; third one (CRTs) are new and are a consequence of non-trivial connection.

Rooted spanning groves (RSG)

Let \mathcal{N} a set of $2k$ marked points,
 $R = \{r_1, \dots, r_k\}$ and $S = \{s_1, \dots, s_k\}$.

Denote by σ a pairing of marked points, s.t.
 $(r_i, s_{\sigma(i)})$ are on the same tree component.
 Each pair has parallel transport $\phi_{s_{\sigma(i)} \rightarrow r_i}$.

Weigh a CRT component with cycle α by
 factor $2 - \omega_\alpha - \omega_\alpha^{-1}$.



Define the partition function of σ -RSG by

$$\mathcal{Z} \left[\begin{matrix} s_{\sigma(1)} \\ r_1 \end{matrix} \middle| \dots \middle| \begin{matrix} s_{\sigma(k)} \\ r_k \end{matrix} \middle| s \right] = \sum_{\sigma\text{-RSG}} \prod_{\alpha \in \sigma\text{-RSG}} (2 - \omega_\alpha - \omega_\alpha^{-1}) \times \prod_i \phi_{s_{\sigma(i)} \rightarrow r_i}$$

When connection gets trivial, $\phi \rightarrow 1$, reduces to number of spanning forests with prescribed marked points.

As the graph has distinguished root s , denote by Δ^{rest} the Laplacian with connection, where row and column s are removed; let $\mathbf{G} = (\Delta^{\text{rest}})^{-1}$.

Rooted spanning groves

Following result is the generalization of spanning forest theorem (all-minors matrix-tree) for Laplacian with connection.

Grove theorem (Kenyon-Wilson, 2011 publ. 2015) : for all divisions of \mathcal{N} as $R \cup S$,

$$\det \Delta^{\text{rest}} \times \det \mathbf{G}_R^S = \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_k} \epsilon_\sigma \mathcal{Z} \left[\begin{array}{c} s_{\sigma(1)} \\ r_1 \end{array} \mid \dots \mid \begin{array}{c} s_{\sigma(k)} \\ r_k \end{array} \mid \mathcal{S} \right]$$

As before, $\mathbf{G}_R^S = (\mathbf{G}_{r_i, s_j})_{i,j}$ is $k \times k$ restriction of \mathbf{G} (as before).

Remarks:

- if trivial connection, reduces to all-minors tree-matrix theorem
- unlike the all-minors tree-matrix theorem, yields invertible linear system for $\mathcal{Z} \left[\begin{array}{c} s_{\sigma(1)} \\ r_1 \end{array} \mid \dots \mid \begin{array}{c} s_{\sigma(k)} \\ r_k \end{array} \mid \mathcal{S} \right]$ (at least in certain cases, depends on topology).
- There is a price to pay ...

Loop-erased random walk

LERW (introduced by Lawler, 1980) :

starting from x_1 , run a symmetric random walk RW on \mathbb{Z}^2 , and erase loops in chronological order, as they arise.

Result is a simple path γ , by definition, a sample of LERW.

Measure on LERW paths $\gamma : x_1 \rightarrow x_2$:

$$\mu(\gamma_{x_1, x_2}) = \sum_{\text{RW} \downarrow \gamma_{x_1, x_2}} \mu(\text{RW}), \quad \text{with } \mu(\text{RW}) = 4^{-|\text{RW}|}$$

LERW is **different** from symmetric RW and SAW

- fractal dimension of LERW paths γ is $\frac{5}{4}$ (is $\frac{3}{2}$ for Brownian curves, $\frac{4}{3}$ for SAW)
It takes about $N^{5/4}$ edges to get to distance N (vs N^2 edges for RW)
- described by $\text{SLE}_{\kappa=2}$ in continuum limit ($\kappa = 4$ for BM, $\kappa = \frac{8}{3}$ for SAW)

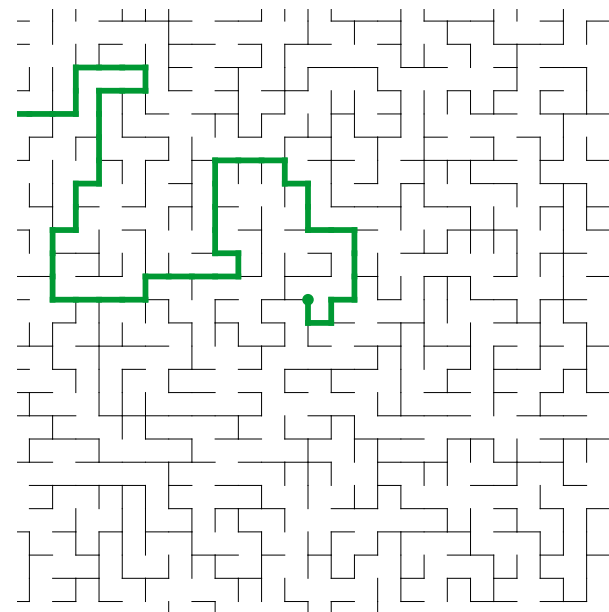
LERW and spanning trees

Well-known correspondence.

On random spanning trees, unique random simple path γ between x_1 and x_2 , a chemical path.

If spanning trees are sampled according to uniform distribution, the measure induced on chemical paths $x_1 \rightarrow x_2$ is identical to measure on LERW paths from x_1 to x_2 !

(Pemantle, 1991)



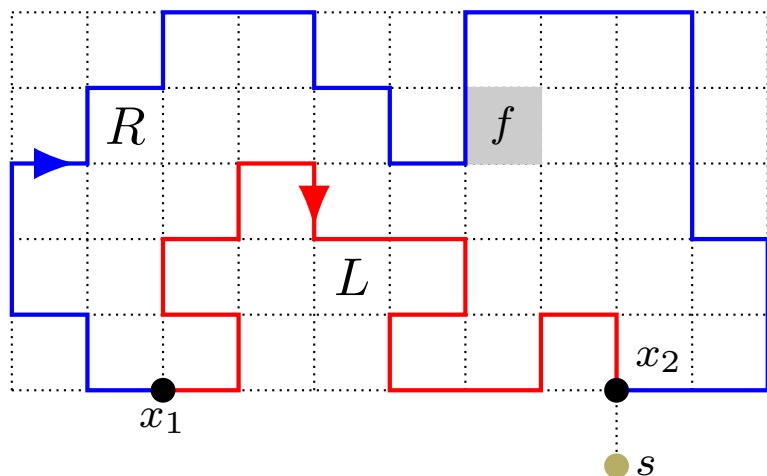
(Figure from Kenyon-Wilson)

Take x_1, x_2 on boundary of rectangular graph, and fix a face f in bulk.

Question : what is the probability that unique path $\gamma : x_1 \rightarrow x_2$ leaves f to its left ?

(discrete analogue of Schramm's formula)

Groves : application 1



Rectangular graph with x_1, x_2 on lower boundary; root is only connected to x_2 .

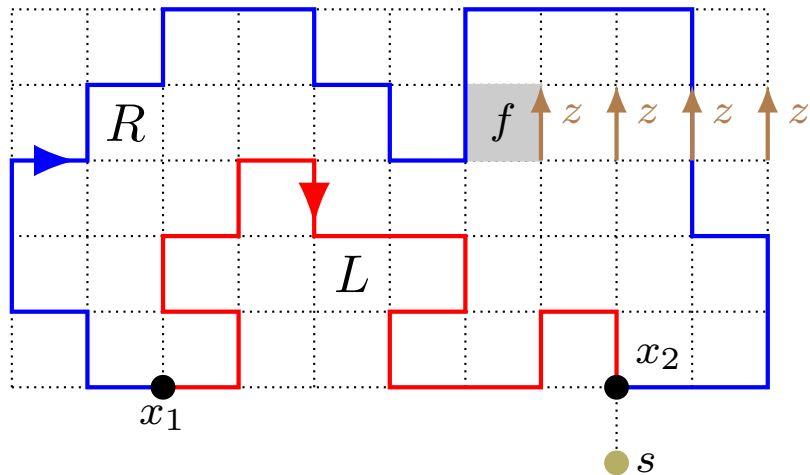
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Arrow $u \xrightarrow{z} v$ means connection $\phi_{u,v} = z$ and $\phi_{v,u} = z^{-1}$.

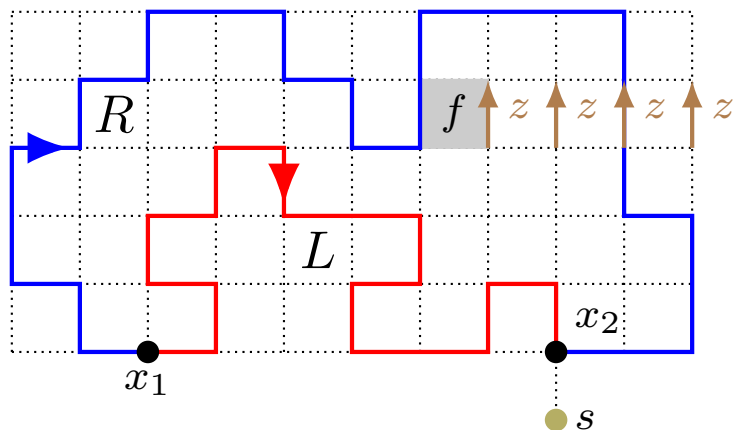
What changes ?

- now talk of spanning groves $\mathcal{Z}[\frac{1}{2}|s]$ or $\mathcal{Z}[\frac{2}{1}|s]$, namely two trees **and** CRTs looping around f (only them have nontrivial monodromy $\omega_\alpha = z$ or z^{-1})
- allows to disentangle the two types of path, L and R !

Groves : application 1

Remember weight of grove contributing to $\mathcal{L} \left[\begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{smallmatrix} | s \right]$ or $\mathcal{L} \left[\begin{smallmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix} | s \right]$ is resp.

$$\prod_{\alpha \in \text{RSG}} (2 - \omega_\alpha - \omega_\alpha^{-1}) \times \left(\phi_{1 \rightarrow 2} \text{ or } \phi_{2 \rightarrow 1} \right)$$



Compute the parallel transports :

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{1 \rightarrow 2} &= 1 \text{ for } L & \phi_{1 \rightarrow 2} &= z^{-1} \text{ for } R \\ \phi_{2 \rightarrow 1} &= 1 \text{ for } L & \phi_{2 \rightarrow 1} &= z \text{ for } R \end{aligned}$$

We decompose

$$\mathcal{L} \left[\begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{smallmatrix} | s \right] = \mathcal{L}_L \left[\begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{smallmatrix} | s \right] + \mathcal{L}_R \left[\begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{smallmatrix} | s \right] = p_L(z) + z^{-1} p_R(z)$$

$$\mathcal{L} \left[\begin{smallmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix} | s \right] = \mathcal{L}_L \left[\begin{smallmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix} | s \right] + \mathcal{L}_R \left[\begin{smallmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix} | s \right] = p_L(z) + z p_R(z)$$

with $p_{L,R}(z)$ is the contribution of the groves s.t. the path $1 \rightarrow 2$ leaves f to its L,R.

Groves : application 1

Then

$$\det \Delta^{\text{rest}} \times \mathbf{G}_{2,1} = p_L(z) + z^{-1} p_R(z)$$

$$\det \Delta^{\text{rest}} \times \mathbf{G}_{1,2} = p_L(z) + z p_R(z)$$

yields

$$p_L(z) = \frac{\det \Delta^{\text{rest}} (\mathbf{G}_{2,1} - z^{-2} \mathbf{G}_{1,2})}{1 - z^{-2}}, \quad p_R(z) = \frac{\det \Delta^{\text{rest}} (\mathbf{G}_{1,2} - \mathbf{G}_{2,1})}{z(1 - z^{-2})}$$

and also

$$\frac{p_L(z)}{p_L(z) + p_R(z)} = \frac{\mathbf{G}_{2,1} - z^{-2} \mathbf{G}_{1,2}}{(z - 1)(\mathbf{G}_{2,1} + z^{-1} \mathbf{G}_{1,2})}.$$

The probability we are after is the limit $z \rightarrow 1$ of last ratio

$$\mathbb{P}(\gamma_{x_1, x_2} \in L) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} \frac{\mathbf{G}_{2,1} - z^{-2} \mathbf{G}_{1,2}}{(z - 1)(\mathbf{G}_{2,1} + z^{-1} \mathbf{G}_{1,2})}$$

since $p_L(1)$ is fraction of spanning trees s.t. $\gamma_{x_1, x_2} \in L$ and all cycles disappear.

Groves : application 1

To analyze

$$\mathbb{P}(\gamma_{x_1, x_2} \in L) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} \frac{\mathbf{G}_{2,1} - z^{-2} \mathbf{G}_{1,2}}{(z-1)(\mathbf{G}_{2,1} + z^{-1} \mathbf{G}_{1,2})}$$

remember that $\mathbf{G} = (\Delta^{\text{rest}})^{-1}$.

For $z = 1$, Δ^{rest} is symmetric $\Rightarrow G$ is symmetric too, so that both numerator and denominator vanish when $z \rightarrow 1$.

Expanding \mathbf{G} around $z = 1$,

$$\mathbf{G}_{u,v} \equiv G_{u,v} + (z-1)G'_{u,v} + \dots$$

L'Hospital's rule yields, using $G_{u,v} = G_{v,u}$ and $G'_{u,v} = -G'_{v,u}$ (see next)

$$\mathbb{P}(\gamma_{x_1, x_2} \in L) = 1 - \frac{G'_{1,2}}{G_{1,2}} \quad (\text{Kenyon 2011})$$

Check A. Poncelet (2017, to appear) for concrete formulas in different geometries.

Derivative of Green function

Write $\Delta(z) = \Delta + B$, where $B_{u,v} = 1 - \phi_{u,v}^{-1}$ for nodes $\langle u, v \rangle$ (n.n.).

Then

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{G} &= (\Delta + B)^{-1} = [\Delta(\mathbb{I} - \Delta^{-1}B)]^{-1} = (\mathbb{I} - \Delta^{-1}B)^{-1} \Delta^{-1} \\ &= (\mathbb{I} - GB)^{-1} G = (\mathbb{I} + GB + \dots) G\end{aligned}$$

Expanding in powers of $1 - z$ at first order, we get

$$\mathbf{G}_{u,v} = G_{u,v} - (1 - z) \sum_{k,l: \phi_{k,l}=z} [G_{u,k} G_{l,v} - G_{u,l} G_{k,v}] + \dots,$$

and

$$G'_{u,v} = - \sum_{k,l: \phi_{k,l}=z} [G_{u,k} G_{l,v} - G_{u,l} G_{k,v}] = -G'_{v,u}.$$

Depends explicitly on the location of non-trivial connection.

For u close to v , can be reduced to a finite sum.

Abelian sandpile model

Take a grid Λ with N sites.

Attach a random variable $h_i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ to every site (h_i is # grains).

2	3	1	3	4	2	1	4	2	3
4	2	3	1	3	2	4	1	2	1
2	2	1	1	4	3	4	2	3	2
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2	3	3	4	4	3	1	1	2	3
2	3	2	4	3	3	4	2	4	3
3	1	3	2	4	2	1	4	4	3
4	3	2	4	3	1	2	3	4	1

stable configs = 4^N

Need a probability measure on configurations : [induced by dynamics](#)

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2. **relaxation**: all unstable sites topple (avalanche)

If $h_i \geq 5$, then $\begin{cases} h_i \rightarrow h_i - 4 \\ h_j \rightarrow h_j + 1, \quad j = \text{nearest neighbour of } i \end{cases}$

Repeat until all sites are stable again \leftarrow **OK BECAUSE DISSIPATION !!**

Resulting configuration is \mathcal{C}_{t+1} . (on boundaries)

Potential chain reaction: one grain dropped can trigger a large avalanche.

Avalanches spanning whole system will happen, and induce correlations of heights over long distances \rightarrow as dynamics runs, system will enter a critical state.

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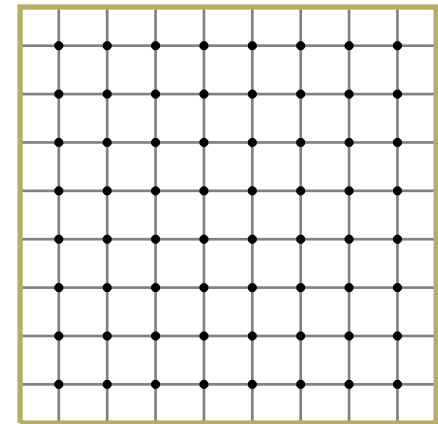
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Upon toppling, redistribution of sand described by toppling matrix according to $h_j \rightarrow h_j - \Delta_{j,i}^{\text{rest}}$ for all j , where Δ^{rest} is restriction of the graph Laplacian of \rightarrow

Root is a sink that collects sand falling off.

Sink is special : receives sand, but never topples itself.



Recurrent configurations

- Dynamics is stochastic \rightarrow proba distribution $\mathbb{P}_t(\mathcal{C})$ on set of configs.
- Certain configs, called transient, have a zero probability to occur after the dynamics has been run for long enough.
The image of the repeated dynamics \mathcal{T} shrinks and then stabilizes.

- Unique probability measure \mathbb{P} invariant under dynamics

$$\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{C}) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{T}^t \mathbb{P}_0(\mathcal{C})$$

- \mathbb{P} is uniform on **recurrent** configs, which keep reoccurring under the dynamics, all with equal probability.
- **Recurrent configs are 1-to-1 correspondence with spanning trees, rooted at sink.**
Explicit, non-local mapping heights \leftrightarrow spanning trees, by **burning algorithm**.
Sandpile model with measure \mathbb{P} is equivalent to uniform spanning tree problem.
- By Kirchhoff's theorem, number of recurrent configs (partition function) is

$$Z \equiv \# \text{ spanning trees} = \det \Delta^{\text{rest}} \simeq 3.21^N \ll 4^N$$

- Recurrent configurations are subjected to non-local constraints.

ASM summary

1. ASM = recurrent configuration space + measure \mathbb{P} .
2. At finite volume, \mathbb{P} is unique but explicitly depends on type of lattice, size of lattice, boundary conditions, number and location of dissipative sites, ...
3. Measure allows to compute joint probabilities, typically $\mathbb{P}[h_i = a, h_j = b, \dots]$.
4. Want to study these in large/infinite volume and relate to conformal field predictions, on the basis that

scaling $\lim_{|\Lambda| \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}_\Lambda$ is field-theoretic measure of a LogCFT

F.i. known (1st and 2nd) and conjectured (3rd) that

$$\mathbb{P}_c[h_i = 1, h_j = 1] \sim \frac{1}{|i - j|^4}, \quad \mathbb{P}_c[h_i = 1, h_j > 1] \sim \frac{\log |i - j|}{|i - j|^4}, \quad \mathbb{P}_c[h_i > 1, h_j > 1] \sim \frac{\log^2 |i - j|}{|i - j|^4}$$

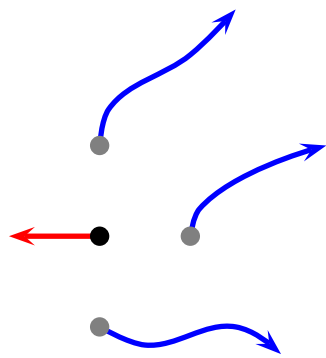
5. However non-local nature of recurrent configs/spanning trees makes life hard ...
6. Here, mere illustration of difficulties and relevance of groves !

1-site probabilities : trees, branches, leaves

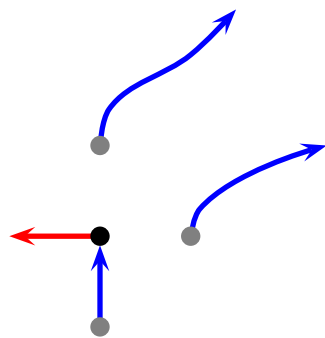
Want to compute $\mathbb{P}[h_i = a]$ for $a = 1, 2, 3, 4$.

Need to translate heights in terms of characteristics of spanning trees.

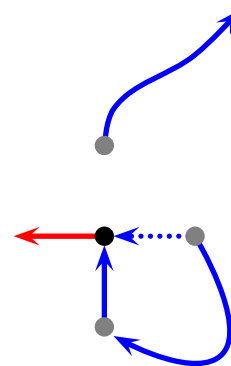
Turns out (burning algor.) that h_i is determined by number of **predecessors** of i among its nearest neighbours



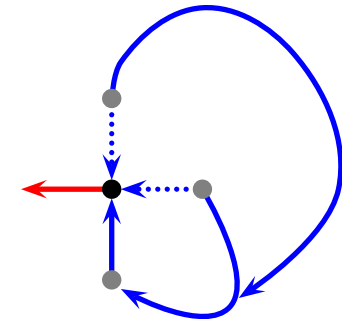
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height ≥ 2



height ≥ 3



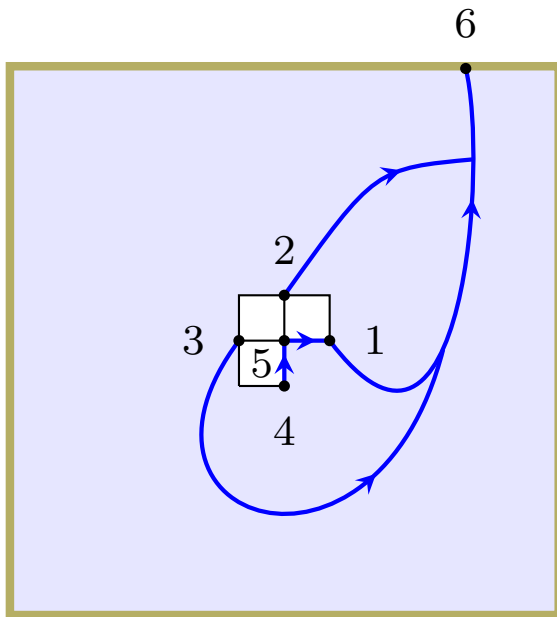
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Height ≥ 2 : have to control long paths across whole lattice \rightarrow non-local !!

Height 1 is easy, heights 2, 3, 4 much harder !! Took 15 years to find closed form ...

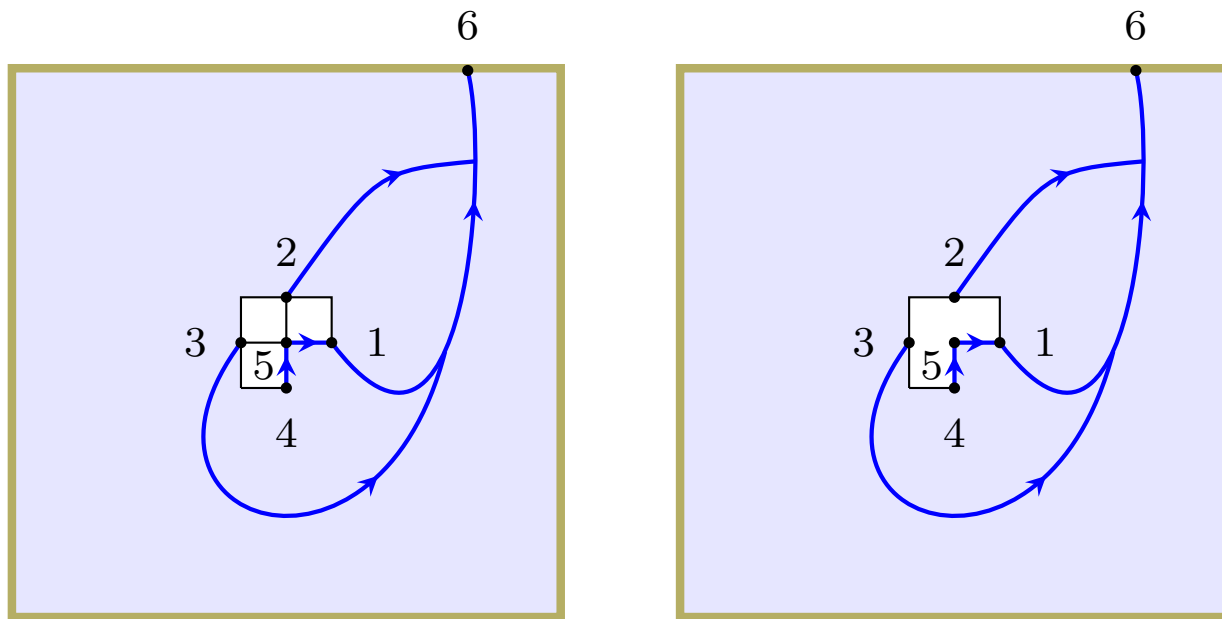
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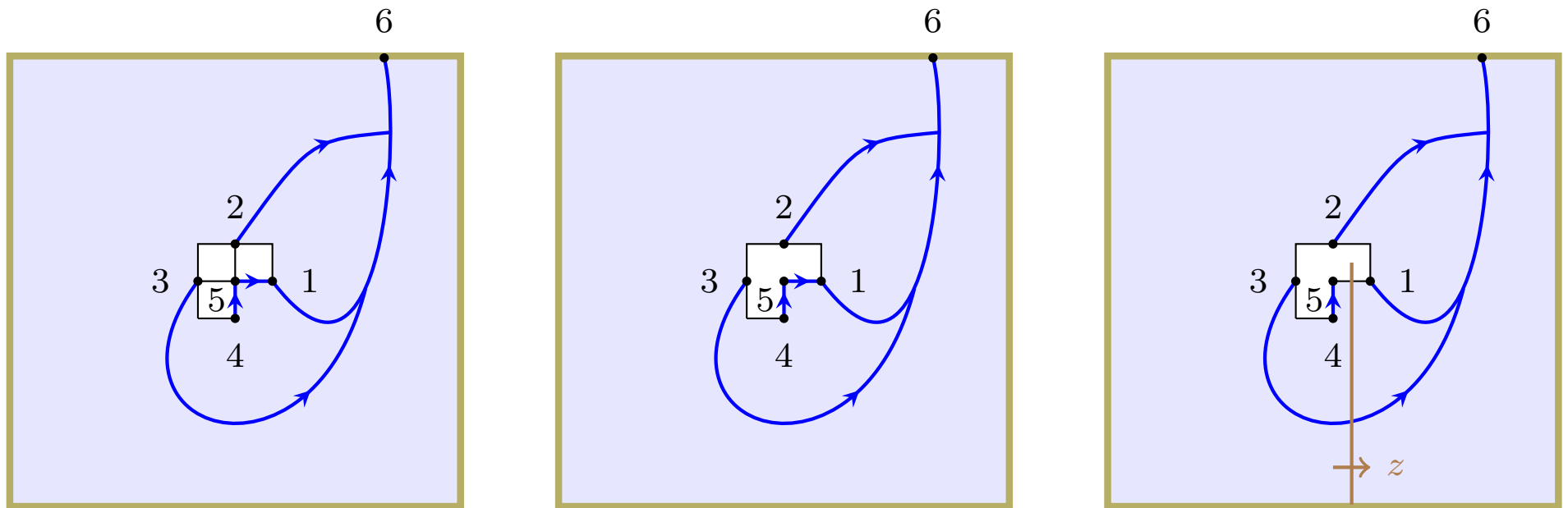
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$$X_1 = 12 \frac{\bar{Z}[45|1236]}{Z}, \quad \bar{Z}[45|1236] = \bar{Z}[45|136] = \bar{Z}[45|16] - \bar{Z}[345|16] = \bar{Z}[45|16] - \bar{Z}[35|16]$$

Reduces to counting groves with pairs of nodes. Insert connection and compute !

Spanning trees with 1 predecessor

Insert connection, compute grove fractions and take limit of trivial connection.

Result reads

$$X_1 = 12 \cdot \frac{\bar{Z}}{Z} [\bar{G}_{4,4} - \bar{G}_{4,5} - \bar{G}_{3,4} + \bar{G}_{3,5} + \bar{G}'_{3,4} - \bar{G}'_{3,5} - \bar{G}'_{4,5}].$$

Remains to express Green function on modified lattice in terms usual Green function.

Final result reads

$$X_1 = \frac{3}{4} - \frac{3}{2\pi} - \frac{15}{\pi^2} + \frac{48}{\pi^3} \simeq 0.300791.$$

Details omitted, a matter of a few hours calculations. All reduces to finite number of usual Green functions, for close points.

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