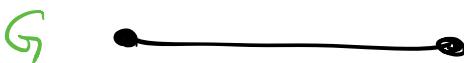


# The Multidimer model (joint w/ Cosmin Pohoata)

$G$  graph,  $v: E \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ , edge weights

$\vec{N} = \{N_v\}_{v \in V}$ ,  $N_v \in \mathbb{N}$ , multiplicities at each vertex.

$G_{\vec{N}} =$  replace each vtx with  $N_v$  vertices  
replace each edge with  $K_{N_v N_w}$



Def An  $\vec{N}$ -dimer cover is a dimer cover of  $G_{\vec{N}}$ .

Let  $\Omega_{\vec{N}} = \{\vec{N}\text{-dimer covers}\}$

mo  $\Omega_{\vec{N}}$  has weight  $v(m) = \prod_{e \in E} v_e^{m(e)}$

$$Z(v, \vec{N}) = \sum_{m \in \Omega_{\vec{N}}} v(m)$$

partition function.

We associate a variable  $x_v$  to vertex  $v$ .

define a polynomial

$$P = \sum_{e=uv} v_e x_u x_v$$

(sum over all edges of  $G$ )

Thm  $Z(v) := \exp(P) = \sum_{\vec{N} \geq 0} Z(v, \vec{N}) \frac{\vec{x}^{\vec{N}}}{\vec{N}!}$

$\vec{x}^{\vec{N}} \approx \prod x_v^{N_v}$   
 $\vec{N}! \approx \prod N_v!$

Pf  $\exp(P)$  is the exponential g.f. for labeled multisets of edges, or equivalently, multidimer covers.  $\square$

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### Asymptotics

Choose  $\{\alpha_v\}_{v \in V}$        $\alpha_v \in (0, 1)$ ,       $\sum_{v \in V} \alpha_v = 2$

Take  $N_v \rightarrow \infty$  simultaneously, so that

$$\boxed{\frac{N_v}{M} \rightarrow \alpha_v}$$

where  $M = \frac{1}{2} \sum_v N_v = \text{total } \# \text{ dimer's.}$

$$\text{Then } \frac{1}{M!} Z(\nu, \vec{N}) = \frac{\vec{N}!}{M!} [x^{\vec{N}}] Z(\nu)$$

$$= \frac{\vec{N}!}{M!^2} \frac{1}{(2\pi i)^n} \int_C \frac{P^M}{x^{\vec{N}}} \prod_v \frac{dx_v}{x_v}$$

For large  $M$  use saddle point method:  
find critical point of integrand.

defined  
by eqns:

$$\boxed{\frac{x_v P_{x_v}}{P} = \alpha_v}$$

There is a unique solution  $\vec{x} = \vec{x}_0$  (up to scale)  
by log-concavity.

$\Rightarrow$

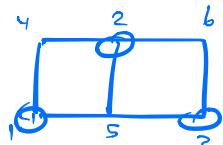
Free energy

$$F(\nu, \vec{\alpha}) := \lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{M} \log \left( \frac{Z(\nu, \vec{N})}{M!} \right)$$

$$F(\nu, \vec{\alpha}) = \log P(\vec{x}_0) - \sum_v \alpha_v \log x_{0,v} \sim 2 h\left(\frac{\vec{\alpha}}{2}\right) + \log 4$$

$$- \sum_v \frac{\alpha_v}{2} \log \frac{\alpha_v}{2}$$

Example



$$\alpha_v \equiv \frac{1}{3} \quad \nu \equiv 1$$

$$P = x_1 x_4 + x_1 x_5 + x_2 x_4 + x_2 x_5 + x_3 x_6 + x_3 x_5 + x_4 x_6$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{x_1x_4 + x_1x_5}{P} = \frac{1}{3} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{x_1x_4 + x_1x_5}{P} = \frac{1}{3} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \\ 1 \\ \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} x_4 \\ x_5 \\ x_6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$F = \log \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{5}} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

### Edge fluctuations

Fix  $\vec{x}$ . Let  $\vec{x}_0$  be equilibrium vertex weights.

Let  $c_e = v_e x_{0,u} x_{0,v}$  where  $e=uv$

equilibrium edge weights, scaled to sum to 1

After placing  $M$  drivers, each edge now has  
a Poisson # of drivers on it, mean  $\boxed{Mc_e}$

Then  $\hat{x}_e = \left\{ \frac{x_e - Mc_e}{\sqrt{M}} \right\}$  converges to a multidimensional

Gaussian RV with covariance

$$\text{Cov}(\hat{x}_e, \hat{x}_f) = S(e,f), \text{ where}$$

$S$  = "transfer cycle current" matrix

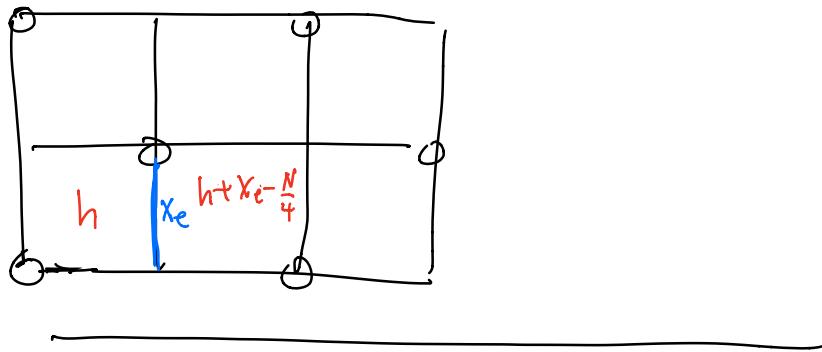
= kernel for the determinantal process for  
complement of a spanning tree

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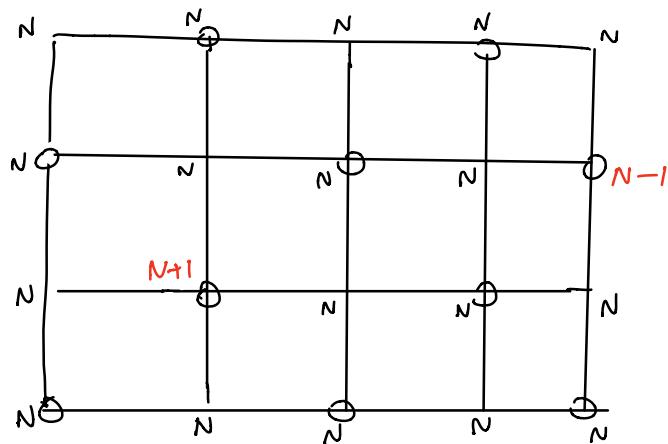
For planar graphs like  $\mathbb{Z}^2$ , there is a

height function; its fluctuations

form a Gaussian Free Field for the  
dual graph (with <sup>dual</sup> conductances  $\frac{1}{c_e}$ ).



Coulomb Gas



Suppose  $G$  is  $\delta$ -regular and bipartite.

Take  $v_e \equiv 1$

Let  $N_v = N + p_v$ , where  $\{p_v\}$  fixed as  $N \rightarrow \infty$   
 $\sum_w p_w = \infty = \sum_b p_b$

We can perturb saddle-point equations  
to first order in  $d\alpha_v$

We find

Thm  $d^2F = \frac{n}{q} \left( -d\tilde{\alpha}^T \Delta^{-1} d\tilde{\alpha} + d\tilde{\alpha}^T d\tilde{\alpha} \right)$

where  $d\tilde{\alpha}_v = \begin{cases} d\alpha_v & v \in W \\ -d\alpha_v & v \in B \end{cases}$

interaction energy      internal energy

Internal energy: sum of squares of charges

Interaction energy: Coulomb potential

define the charge  $q_v = \begin{cases} p_v & v \in W \\ -p_v & v \in B \end{cases}$

Then like charges repel  
opposite charges attract

In  $\mathbb{Z}^2$  potential  $1/\log r \leftrightarrow$  force  $\frac{q_v q_{v'}}{r}$

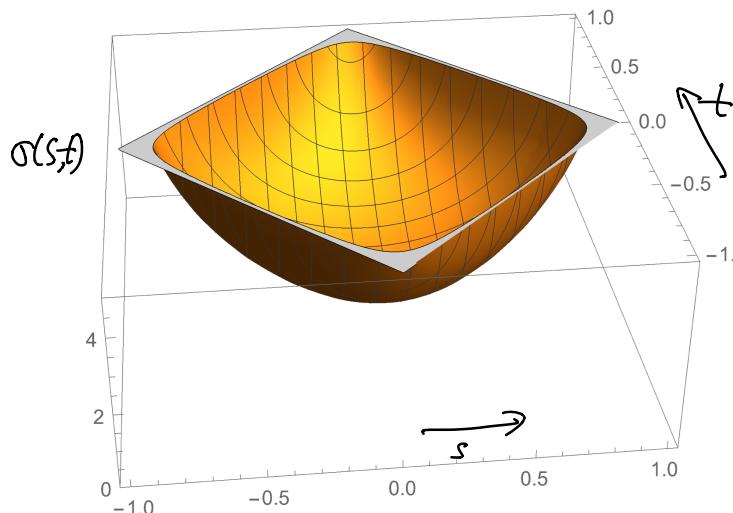
$\mathbb{Z}^3$  potential  $\frac{1}{r} \leftrightarrow$  force  $\frac{q_v q_{v'}}{r}$

$r^2$

## Other applications

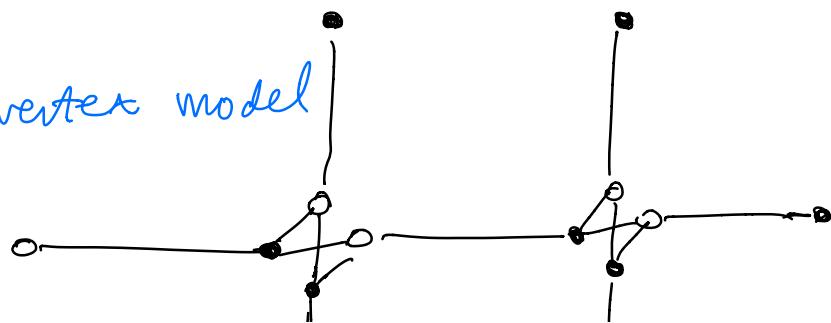
- \* Surface tension and limit shapes

$$F(x, y) = \log(e^x + e^{-x} + e^y + e^{-y}) \quad \text{for } \mathbb{Z}^2$$



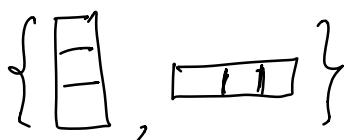
$$F(x, y) = \log(e^x + e^{-x} + e^y + e^{-y} + e^z + e^{-z}) \quad \text{for } \mathbb{Z}^3$$

- \* Multi-6-vertex model

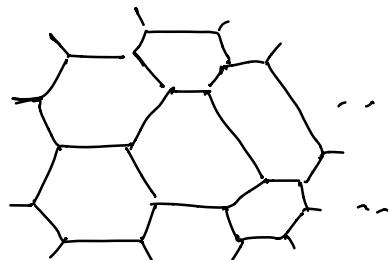




## \* Other random tiling models



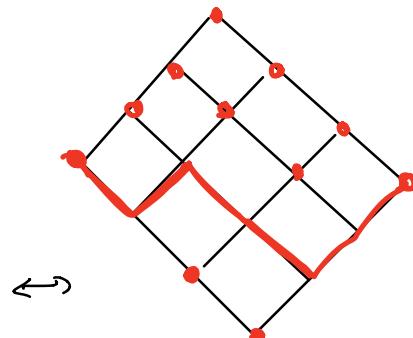
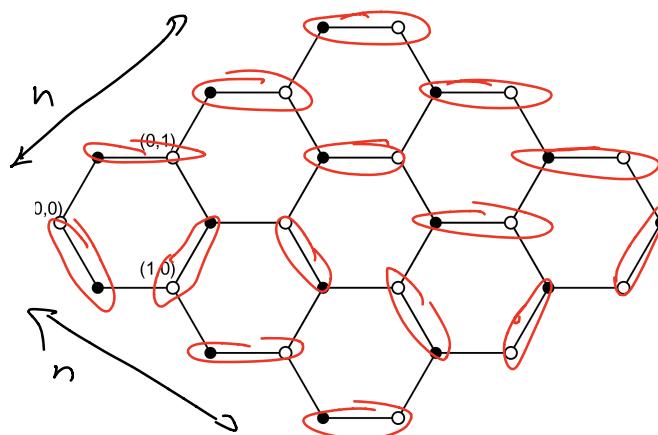
$3 \times 1, 1 \times 3$  bars



random honeycombs

### Sample Calculation

$$v=1, N_v=N$$



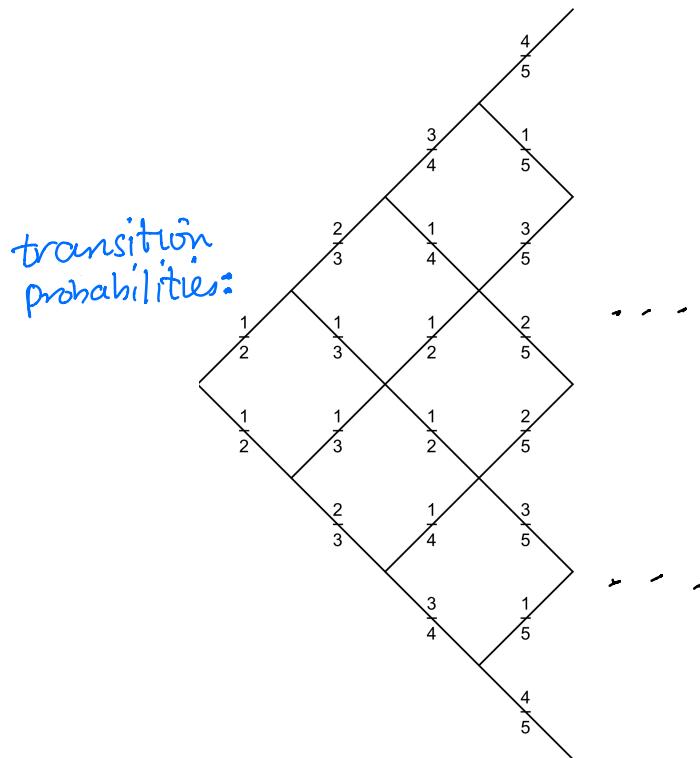
### equilibrium equation

$$\frac{x_{ij}^*}{x_{ij}^* + x_{i-1,j} + x_{i,j-1}} + \frac{x_{ij}^*}{x_{ij}^* + x_{i+1,j} + x_{i+1,j-1}} + \frac{x_{ij}^*}{x_{ij}^* + x_{i,j+1} + x_{i-1,j+1}} = 1$$

+ boundary conditions  $x_{ij} = 0$  if  $i < 0$ , or  $j < 0$ .

In limit  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$x_{ij} = (i+j)! \binom{i+j}{i}$$



We get a Polya Urn: the "multidimer" random walk is uniformly distributed at time  $k \geq 0$ .