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Loop models on causal dynamical triangulations and height-coupled trees

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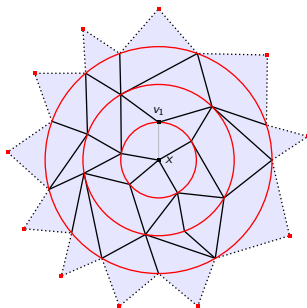
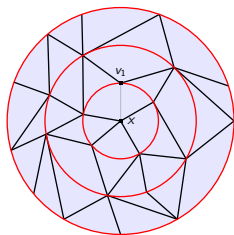
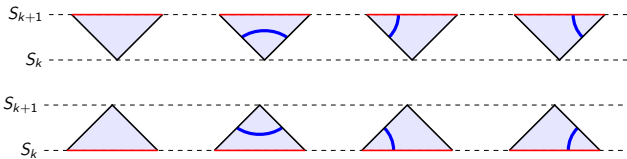


Figure: Causal triangulation C (Ambjørn+Loll, 1998) of the disk (left) with distinguished edge $\{x, v_1\}$, augmented to a triangulation of the sphere (right).

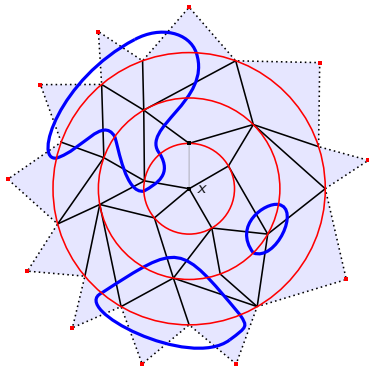
Spacelike slices: $S_k = \{v \mid d(x, v) = k\} \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, h(C)$

(red circles)

The loop model



Decorations of elementary triangles by arcs.



Loop configuration on
a causal triangulation of the sphere.

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$\mathcal{L}_m = \{\text{loop configurations } L \text{ of height } m\}$

$|L| = \#\{\text{spacelike edges in } L\} = \frac{1}{2}\#\{\text{triangles in } L\} = \frac{1}{2}(\text{area of } L)$

$t(L) = \#\{\text{timelike arcs in } L\}$ $s(L) = \#\{\text{spacelike arcs in } L\}$

$\ell(L) = t(L) + s(L) = \text{length of } L$

Triangle weight : $g^{\frac{1}{2}}$

Timelike arc weight: α

Spacelike arc weight: 1

Partition functions:

$$Z_m(g, \alpha) = \sum_{L \in \mathcal{L}_m} g^{|L|} \alpha^{t(L)}$$
$$Z(g, \alpha) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} Z_m(g, \alpha).$$

Note:

$$1) \quad Z(g, \alpha = 0) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} 2^m Z_m^{CDT}(g^{\frac{1}{2}}),$$

where

$$Z_m^{CDT}(g) = \sum_{C \in \mathcal{C}_m} g^{|C|}$$

$$\mathcal{C}_m = \{\text{causal triangulations } C \text{ of height } m\}, \quad |C| = \text{area of } C.$$

$$2) \quad Z(g, \alpha) = Z^{Ising}(g, \alpha, \beta = 1),$$

where Z^{Ising} is the partition function for the (anisotropic) Ising model on a CDT defined by

$$Z^{Ising}(g, \alpha, \beta) = \sum_{L \in \mathcal{L}} g^{|L|} (\alpha\beta)^{t(L)} \beta^{s(L)},$$

corresponding to the Hamiltonian

$$H_C(\sigma) = -J_s \sum_{\langle ij \rangle_{\text{spacelike}}} \sigma_i \sigma_j - J_t \sum_{\langle ij \rangle_{\text{timelike}}} \sigma_i \sigma_j$$

for an Ising spin configuration $\sigma = \{\sigma_i\}_{i \in C}$ on C and where

$$\alpha = e^{-J_s}, \quad \beta = e^{-J_t}, \quad J_s, J_t \geq 0.$$

2. Correspondence with trees

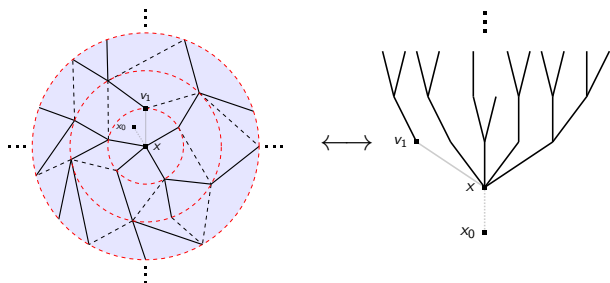


Figure: Causal triangulation of the disk C and the corresponding tree $\psi(C)$.

$\mathcal{C}_m(N) = \{\text{causal triangulations } C \text{ of height } m \text{ with } N \text{ vertices}\}$

$\mathcal{T}_m(N) = \{\text{planar trees } T \text{ of height } m + 1 \text{ with } N \text{ edges}\}$

- Bijection $\psi : \mathcal{C}_m(N) \rightarrow \mathcal{T}_m(N)$ given by deleting spacelike edges and the rightmost outgoing edge from every vertex $v \neq x$ and adding a root edge (x_0, x) in triangle to the left of marked edge in C .

Note: $V(C) = V(\psi(C)) \setminus x_0$

Labelled trees:

$\tilde{\mathcal{T}}_m(N) = \{(T, \delta) \mid T \in \mathcal{T}_m(N), \sum_{v \in S_k} \delta(v) = \text{even}\}$

- $\psi : \mathcal{C}_m(N) \rightarrow \mathcal{T}_m(N)$ extends to $\tilde{\psi} : \mathcal{L}_m(N) \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{T}}_m(N)$ by setting $\delta(v) = 1$ if spacelike edge to the left of v is intersected by an arc, else $\delta(v) = 0$.

Taking into account that

$$\tilde{\psi} \text{ is } 2^m \text{ to } 1 \quad \text{and} \quad |\delta| = \frac{1}{2}t(L),$$

we have

$$Z_m(g, \alpha) = 2^m \sum_{(T, \delta) \in \tilde{\mathcal{T}}_m} g^{|T|-1} \alpha^{2|\delta|},$$

where $|T| = \#\{\text{edges in } T\} := \text{size of } T$ and $\tilde{\mathcal{T}}_m = \cup_N \tilde{\mathcal{T}}_m(N)$.

Tree partition functions

Unlabelled tree:

$$W(g) = \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}} g^{|T|-1} = \frac{1 - \sqrt{1-4g}}{2g}, \quad g_{crit} = \frac{1}{4}$$

Labelled tree:

$$\begin{aligned} W(g, \alpha) &= \sum_{(T, \delta) \in \tilde{\mathcal{T}}} 2^{h(T)} g^{|T|-1} \alpha^{|\delta|} \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_m} g^{|T|-1} \prod_{i=1}^m [(1 + \alpha)^{n_i(T)} + (1 - \alpha)^{n_i(T)}], \end{aligned}$$

where $n_i(T) = \#\{\text{vertices in } S_i\}$ and $\mathcal{T} = \cup_m \mathcal{T}_m$.

Height-coupled tree:

$$W(g; k) = \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}} k^{h(T)} g^{|T|-1}$$

$$g_{crit}(k) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4} & \text{if } 0 \leq k \leq 1 \\ \frac{k}{(k+1)^2} & \text{if } k > 1 \text{ (simple pole!)} \end{cases}$$

Note:

$$W(g, \alpha^2) = Z(g; \alpha) \quad (*)$$

$$W(g, \alpha = 0) = W(g; k = 2) \quad (**)$$

$$W(g, \alpha = 1) = W(2g) = Z^{CDT}((2g)^{\frac{1}{2}}) \quad (***)$$

3. Results on phase structure

- Hausdorff dimension d_h : $|B_R(C)| \sim R^{d_h}$ for $R \rightarrow \infty$
where $B_R(C)$ is the ball of radius R around the centre x .

a) From (***) follows that

$$\begin{aligned} Z^{CDT}(g) &\sim Z^{CDT}(g_{crit}) - cst. (g_{crit} - g)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= 2 - 2\left(\frac{1}{2} - g\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}, \end{aligned}$$

and Hausdorff dimension $d_h(\alpha = 1) = 2$.

b) From (**) follows that the loop model for $\alpha = 0$ is in a different universality class than pure CDT:

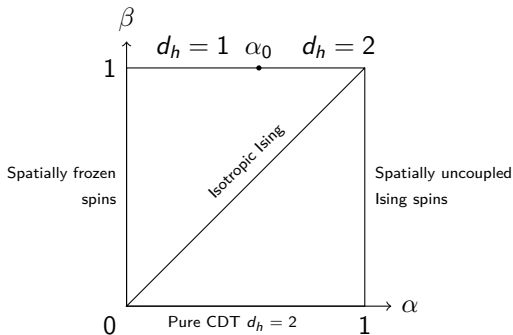
$$Z(g, \alpha = 0) \sim \frac{cst}{g_{crit}(0) - g} \quad (*)$$

and $d_h(\alpha = 0) = 1$.

Thm. The behaviour (\star) and $d_h(\alpha) = 1$ persist for α sufficiently small.

Two possible scenarios:

- i) $d_h(\alpha) = 1$ for $0 \leq \alpha < 1$ and $d_h(\alpha = 1) = 2$.
- ii) There exists $\alpha_0 < 1$ such that $d_h(\alpha) = 1$ for $\alpha < \alpha_0$ and $d_h(\alpha) = 2$ for $\alpha > \alpha_0$.



4. Tree models

Generic planar trees

$\mathcal{T}(N) = \{\text{planar rooted trees with } N \text{ edges}\}$; root r of degree 1

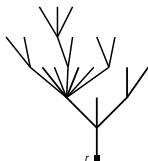
$\sigma_i = \text{degree of vertex } i \in T$

$B_R(T) = \text{ball of radius } R \text{ in } T \text{ around the root}$

$$\overline{\mathcal{T}} = \mathcal{T} \cup \mathcal{T}(\infty)$$

$$d(T, T') = \inf\left\{\frac{1}{R} \mid B_R(T) = B_R(T')\right\}$$

$(\overline{\mathcal{T}}, d)$, complete separable metric space



Convergence of measures:

$$\mu_N \rightarrow \mu \quad \text{if} \quad \mu_N(\mathcal{B}_a(T)) \rightarrow \mu(\mathcal{B}_a(T)), \quad T \in \mathcal{T}, a > 0,$$

where $\mathcal{B}_a(T)$ is the ball (in $\overline{\mathcal{T}}$) of radius a around T .

Branching (or offspring) probabilities:

$$p_n \geq 0, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad \sum_n p_n = 1$$

define a (Galton-Watson) branching process with average offspring

$$m = \sum_n n p_n$$

• Critical case: $m = 1$ Subcritical case: $m < 1$

Finite size partition function: $Z_N = \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}_N} \prod_{i \in T \setminus r} p_{\sigma_i - 1}$

Generating function: $Z(g) = \sum_{N \geq 1} Z_N g^N$

Finite size measure: $\mu_N(T) = \frac{\prod_{i \in T \setminus r} p_{\sigma_i - 1}}{Z_N}, \quad T \in \mathcal{T}(N)$

Example (uniform tree): $p_n = 2^{-(n+1)}$, $n \geq 0$,

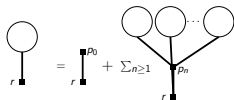
$$\prod_{i \neq r} p_{\sigma_{i-1}} = 2^{\sum_{i \neq r} \sigma_i} = 2^{-2|T|+1}, \quad Z_N = 2^{-2N+1} \#\mathcal{T}(N),$$

$$\mu_N(T) = \frac{1}{\#\mathcal{T}(N)}, \quad T \in \mathcal{T}(N)$$

Basic equation for partition functions:

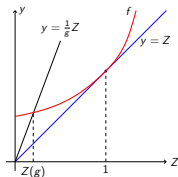
$$Z(g) = g f(Z(g))$$

where $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_n z^n$



Generic assumption:

- (p_n) is critical, i.e. $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n p_n = 1$
(valid for uniform tree)
- Convergence radius for f is $\rho > 1$
($\rho = 2$ for uniform tree)

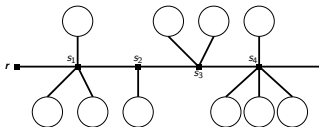


Then

$$Z(g) = 1 - \sqrt{\frac{2}{f''(1)}}(1-g)^{\frac{1}{2}} + O(1-g)$$

$$Z_N = (2\pi f''(1))^{-\frac{1}{2}} N^{-\frac{3}{2}}(1 + O(N^{-1})) (N \rightarrow \infty)$$

Theorem a) The limit $\mu = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \mu_N$ exists and is concentrated on trees with a single spine and with branches at spine vertices s_i that are i.i.d. Galton-Watson trees with offspring probabilities p_n and σ_{s_i} are i.i.d. with probability $(\sigma_{s_i} - 1)p_{\sigma_{s_i}-1}$, $\sigma_{s_i} \geq 2$.



b) Hausdorff dimension $d_h = 2$, i.e.

$|B_R(T)| \sim R^2$ for $R \rightarrow \infty$ for almost all T .

- The infinite size limit of causal dynamical triangulations exists and $d_h = 2$ almost surely.

Trees with height dependent weights (with M. Ünel, 2023)

Set $A_{m,N} = \#\mathcal{T}_m(N)$ and define

$$\mu_N^{(\zeta)}(T) = \frac{e^{-\zeta h(T)}}{Z_N^{(\zeta)}}, \quad T \in \mathcal{T}(N)$$

where $Z_N^{(\zeta)} = \sum_{T \in \mathcal{T}(N)} e^{-\zeta h(T)} = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} e^{-\zeta m} A_{m,N}$

Results:

a) For $\zeta = 0$ the measure $\mu_N^{(0)}$ coincides with the uniform measure on $\mathcal{T}(N)$.

b) For $\zeta < 0$ generic trees still have a single spine, but branches become subcritical, yielding $d_h = 1$.

c) $\zeta > 0$: We have $A_{m,N} = B_{m,N} - B_{m-1,N}$, where

$$B_{m,N} = 4^N \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor} \frac{1}{m+1} \tan^2 \frac{\pi k}{m+1} \left(1 + \tan^2 \frac{\pi k}{m+1} \right)^{-N}, \quad N \geq 2$$

The asymptotic form of $Z_N^{(\zeta)}$ is obtained by a saddlepoint approximation:

$$Z_N^{(\zeta)} = (e^\zeta - 1) \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{B}} \frac{\zeta}{2} e^{-AN^{\frac{1}{3}}} N^{-\frac{5}{6}} 4^N (1 + N^{-\delta}) \quad (\delta > 0)$$

$$A = 3 \left(\frac{\pi \zeta}{2} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}}, \quad B = 3 \left(\frac{\zeta^2}{4\pi} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

Theorem Assume $\zeta > 0$. The $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \mu_N^{(\zeta)} = \mu^{(\zeta)}$ exists. It is concentrated on $\mathcal{T}(\infty)$ and determined by

$$\mu^{(\zeta)}(\mathcal{B}_{\frac{1}{r}}(T)) = e^{-\zeta(r-1)} 4^{-|T|} 2^{K+1} \sum_{R=1}^K \binom{K}{R} \frac{\zeta^{R-1}}{(R-1)!}$$

for any finite tree T of height r and with K vertices at height r .

Description of $\mu^{(\zeta)}$:

The *spine* T^s of $T \in \mathcal{T}_\infty$ is defined as the subtree of T spanned by vertices of *infinite type*, i.e. vertices having infinitely many descendants in T .

Let $\mathcal{T}^s = \{T \in \mathcal{T}_\infty \mid \text{all vertices in } T \text{ are of infinite type}\}$.
Then the spine map $\chi : T \rightarrow T^s$ maps \mathcal{T}_∞ to \mathcal{T}^s and $\mu^{(\zeta)}$
gives rise to a measure $\tilde{\mu}^{(\zeta)}$ on \mathcal{T}^s by

$$\tilde{\mu}^{(\zeta)}(E) = \mu^{(\zeta)}(\chi^{-1}(E)), \quad E \subseteq \mathcal{T}^s$$

Theorem $\tilde{\mu}^{(\zeta)}$ is a *Poisson tree* defined by

$$\tilde{\mu}^{(\zeta)}(\mathcal{B}_{\frac{1}{r}}^s(T)) = e^{-\zeta(r-1)} \frac{\zeta^{R-1}}{(R-1)!}, \quad r \geq 1$$

for any finite tree T of height r with R leaves, all at height r .

Corollary The random variables

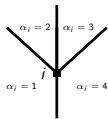
$$\tau_r(T^s) = |B_{r+1}(T^s)| + |B_{r-1}(T^s)| - 2|B_r(T^s)|$$

are i.i.d. with distribution

$$\tilde{\mu}^{(\zeta)}(\tau_r = n) = e^{-\zeta} \frac{\zeta^n}{n!}, \quad n \geq 0.$$

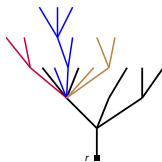
- This implies $d_h(T^s) = 2$ for $\tilde{\mu}^{(\zeta)}$ - a.e. T^s .

Vertex i in T^s has σ_i angular sectors:

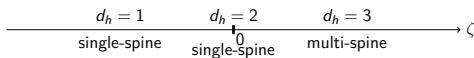


Vertex i of degree 4
with 4 angular sectors.

Theorem $\mu^{(\zeta)}$ is obtained from $\tilde{\mu}^{(\zeta)}$ by decorating T^s with branches T_{i,α_i} , $\alpha_i = 1, \dots, \sigma_i$, in each angular sector, independently and identically distributed as Galton-Watson trees with offspring probability $p_n = 2^{-(n+1)}$



Theorem $d_h(T) = 3$ holds $\mu^{(\zeta)}$ - a.s.



5. Questions

- Spectral dimensions of $\mu^{(\zeta)}$ and $\tilde{\mu}^{(\zeta)}$ for $\zeta > 0$ not known.
- Generalisations: introduce height-dependence for general generic GW-trees.
- Implications for randomly triangulated models, in particular CDT coupled to e.g. spin systems or to loop models.