

Lect 4

1. Kasteleyn orientations on square lattice domains

2. Perkus - Kasteleyn operators

3. The partition function and correlation functions for rectangular domains

4. The thermodynamic limit

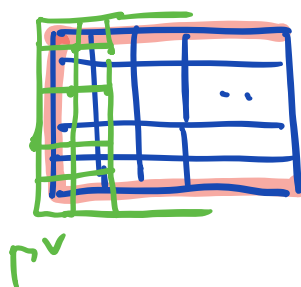
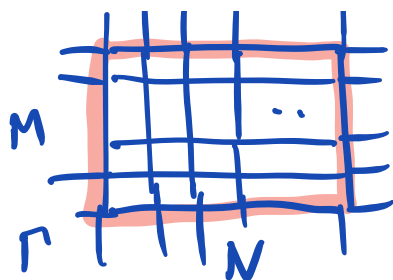
5. The limit shape phenomenon and the variational principle

6. Aztec diamond with 2-periodic weights. Ordered phase.

Kast.
orient.
↓
Kast.
sign fun
→ complex
valued

① Two special regions on a square lattice

1. A rectangular domain of size $N \times M$
Everything can be calculated explicitly



by 1
"step
bigger
than Γ "

dimers on Γ

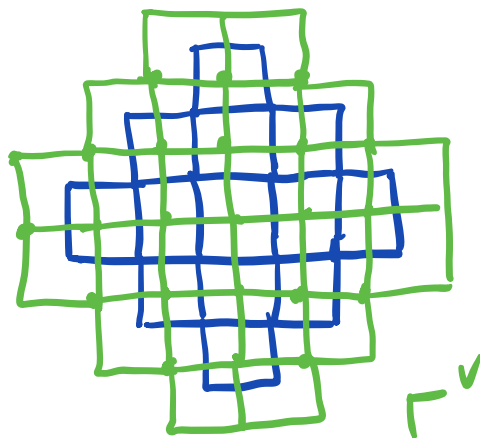
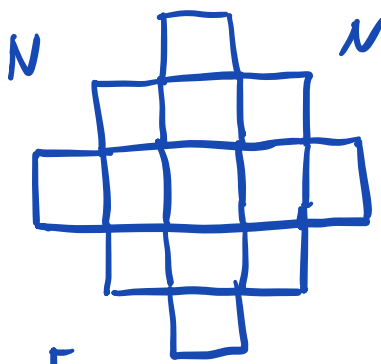


tilings of Γ^v
by dominos

height fcn = discrete surface



2. An Aztec diamond of size $N \times N$

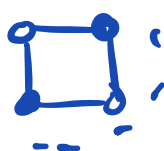
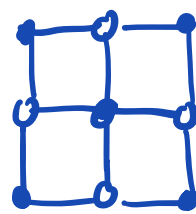


dimers Γ

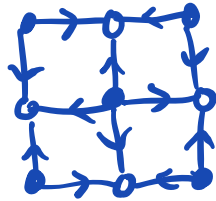
$\downarrow$ $N=3$

It has an interesting limit shape.

② Square lattice is bipartite

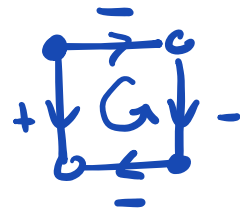
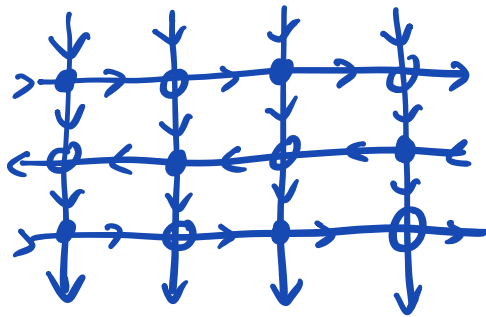


This gives a bipartite orientation of Γ



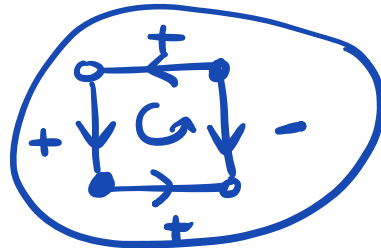
black $\rightarrow$ white

③ Kasteleyn orientation for the square grid



$\prod \text{signs} = -1$

Same:



$\prod \text{signs} = -1$

OK

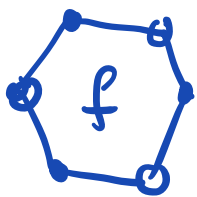
Introduce the Kast. sign fncn.

$\varepsilon : E(\Gamma) \rightarrow \pm$

Here we use the bipartite str.

$$\varepsilon_K(e) = \begin{cases} +1, & \text{K-orient of } e \text{ agrees with the bipartite one} \\ -1, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Kasteleyn condition for the sign function $\varepsilon_K(e)$ is:



$$\prod_{e \in \partial f} \varepsilon_K(e) = -1$$

for any face f of Γ



from $\prod_{e \in \partial f} \varepsilon_K(e, f) = -1$

and
from $\prod_{e \in \partial f} \varepsilon_B(e, f) = 1$

the relative orient, as above

for the bipartite orient.

The Kasteleyn matrix is:

$$A_{u,v} = \sum_{e \in \vec{E}(u,v)} \varepsilon_K(e, w) w(e, w) w$$

$$A_K w = - \sum_{w \sim b} \varepsilon^K(w, b) w(w, b) b$$

no bipartite
str. in
 $\Sigma^K(v, v')$

This the original formula

$$\varepsilon^K(v, u) = \begin{cases} +1, & v \rightarrow u \\ -1, & u \rightarrow v \end{cases}$$

Weight $w(e)$ do not depend on the
orientation and

$$\varepsilon_K(b, w) = \varepsilon_K(e), \quad \varepsilon(w, b) = -\varepsilon_K(e)$$

For a bipartite graph:

$V = C_0(\Gamma)$ - v. space
spanned by vertices

$$A_K = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \tilde{A}_K \\ -\tilde{A}_K^t & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\tilde{A}_K : B \rightarrow W$$

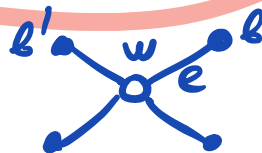
$$V = B \oplus W$$

spanned by black v.

$$\tilde{A}_K b = \sum_{\substack{e, \\ b \in \partial e}} \varepsilon^K(e) w$$

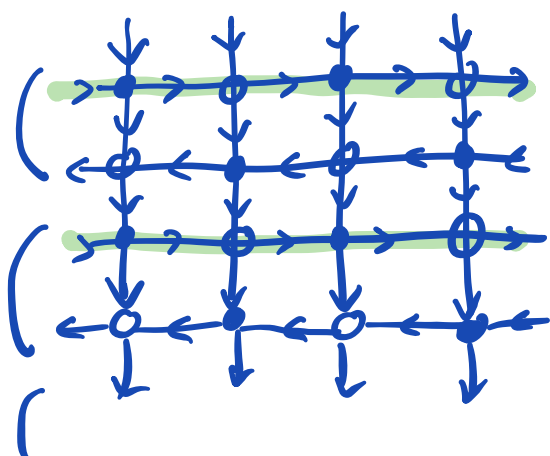
$$\tilde{A}_K^t w = \sum_{\substack{e \\ w \in \partial e}} \varepsilon^K(e) b$$

w-vertices

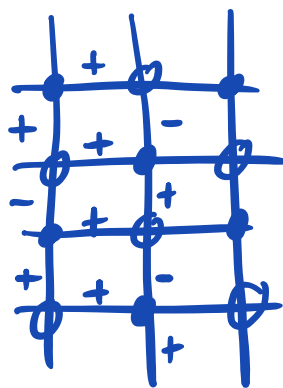


④ Now let us compute the Pfaffian
of A_K for a rectangular square
 domain with the K -orientation
 from above.

We know: $\sum_{\Gamma}^{\text{dimer}} = \sum_D \prod_{e \in D} w(e) =$
 $= |Pf(A^K)|$



The Kasteleyn
 orientation



corresponding
 sign fn

A^K is a difference operator
 transl. invariant in the horizontal
 direction and in vertical direction
 it has step 2 (I can use the
 discrete Fourier transform to find the spectrum)

Lemma Let $s: V(\Gamma) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$. The
 transformation

$$w(e) \mapsto s(e_+) w(e) s(e_-) \quad \begin{array}{c} e_+ \quad e \quad e_- \\ \bullet \text{---} \bullet \text{---} \bullet \end{array}$$

does not change the probability
 distribution of the dimer model.

Proof.

$$\text{Prob}(\mathcal{D}) = \frac{\prod_{e \in \mathcal{D}} w(e)}{\sum_{\mathcal{D}'} \prod_{e \in \mathcal{D}'} w(e)}$$

$$w'(e) = \underline{s(e_+) w(e) s(e_-)} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{inv. } e_+ \leftrightarrow e_- \\ \text{(gauge transformation)} \end{array}$$

$$\text{Prob}'(\mathcal{D}) = \frac{\prod_{e \in \mathcal{D}} \underline{s(e_+)} w(e) \underline{s(e_-)}}{\sum_{\mathcal{D}'} \prod_{e \in \mathcal{D}'} s(e_+) w'(e) s(e_-)} =$$



$\mathcal{D}$ covers all vertices
each of them once

$$= \frac{\left(\prod_{v \in V} \underline{s(v)} \right) \prod_{e \in \mathcal{D}} w(e)}{\sum_{\mathcal{D}'} \left(\prod_{v \in V} s(v) \right) \prod_{e \in \mathcal{D}'} w(e)} = \text{Prob}(\mathcal{D})$$

$$A^K_{vv'} = \varepsilon^K(v, v') w(e_{vv'})$$

$$A'^K_{vv'} = \varepsilon^K(v, v') s(v) s(v') w(e_{vv'})$$

$$A'^K = S' A^K S$$

$$S_v = s(v) \quad \text{diagonal matrix in } V$$

① when $s(v) > 0$, these transformations change weight, do not change $\text{Prob}(D)$.

Weight / such gauge transf. =
= "effective" parameters of $\text{Prob}(D)$.

② $s(v) \in \mathbb{R}$, $s(v) = \sigma(v) |s(v)|$

$$A'_{vv'}^K = \underbrace{\varepsilon^K(v, v') \sigma(v) \sigma(v')} \cdot |s(v)| w(e_{vv'}) |s(v')|$$

Claim (h.w.)

$$\varepsilon^K(v, v') \sigma(v) \sigma(v') = \varepsilon^{K'}(v, v')$$

where K' is equivalent to K through change of orientation at vertices with $\sigma(v) = -1$.

$$A'^K = |S| A^{K'} |S|$$

③ $s(v) \in \mathbb{C}$, $|s(v)|$ change w/ (e_v, v')
 $s(v)/|s(v)|$ they change the last signs to compl. numbers

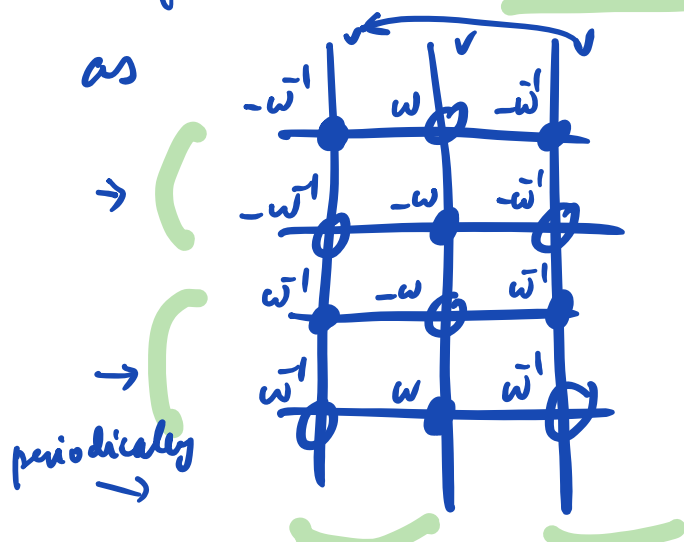
R. Kenyon (discrete Dirac & Laplace operators)

Discrete geometry related to this

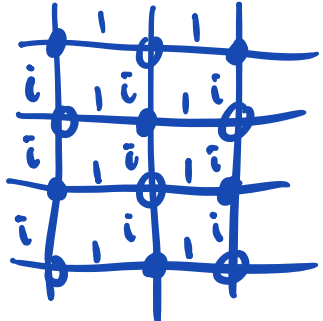
Let $\omega = e^{-i\frac{\pi}{4}}$, $\omega^2 = -i$.

Define the function $s: V(\tau) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

as



Thm (Perkus) After this transformation
 the complex numbers $\varepsilon_{\text{new}}^K(e)$ in the
 Kasteleyn matrix are:



$$\varepsilon_{\text{new}}^K(e) = s(e_+) \varepsilon_{\text{new}}^K(e) s(e_-)$$

$\uparrow$ $\uparrow$
 $\pm$
 as above

Proof (h.w.)

Assume $w(e) = 1$
 (uniform distribution)

Now the complex valued Kast matrix:

skew
symm

$$A^K = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \tilde{A} \\ -\tilde{A}^t & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{matrix} \tilde{A}: B \rightarrow W \\ \tilde{A}^t: W \rightarrow B \end{matrix}$$

$$\tilde{A} b_{n,m} = w_{n+1,m} + w_{n-1,m} + i(w_{n,m+1} + w_{n,m-1})$$

$$b_{n,m} : \quad n = m \bmod 2$$

$$w_{n,m} : \quad n = m+1 \bmod 2$$

$$|\text{Pf}(A^K)| = |\det(\tilde{A})| \quad (\text{lect. 3})$$

$$\exists K = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \tilde{A} \\ \tilde{A}^t & 0 \end{pmatrix} \leftarrow \text{symmetric}$$

$$|\text{Det}(K)| = |\det(\tilde{A})|^2$$

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} 0 & A \\ B & 0 \end{pmatrix} = (-1)^{\frac{n}{2}} \det(A) \det(B)$$

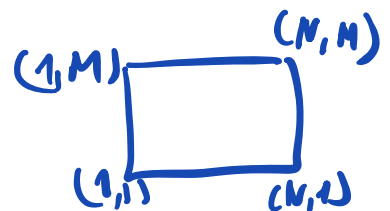
$$\text{Thus } |\text{Pf}(A^K)| = |\text{Det}(K)|^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\textcircled{1} K \psi_{n,m} = \psi_{n+1,m} + \psi_{n-1,m} + i(\psi_{n,m+1} + \psi_{n,m-1})$$

let us find the spectrum of K

$$\textcircled{2} \text{ b.c. } \psi_{0,m} = \psi_{n,0} = 0$$

$$\psi_{N+1,m} = 0 \quad \psi_{n,M+1} = 0$$



Thm. Vectors

$$y_{k,\ell} = \sum_{n,m=1}^{N,M} \psi_{n,m} \sin\left(\frac{\pi k n}{N+1}\right) \sin\left(\frac{\pi m \ell}{M+1}\right)$$

where $k=1,\dots,N$, $\ell=1,\dots,M$ form a complete set of eigenvectors with eigenvalues

$$\lambda_{k,l} = 2 \left(\cos\left(\frac{\pi k}{N+1}\right) + i \cos\left(\frac{\pi l}{M+1}\right) \right)$$

Proof, h.w.



~~$NM = \#(V)$
is odd $\rightarrow$
 $\rightarrow$ no perfect matching~~

Note, for an $N \times M$ region to have single dimer configuration at least^{one} of the numbers N, M should be even.

Corollary 1.

$$\text{Det}(K) = \prod_{k=1}^N \prod_{l=1}^M 2 \left(\cos\left(\frac{\pi k}{N+1}\right) + i \cos\left(\frac{\pi l}{M+1}\right) \right)$$

Corollary 2

$$|P_f(A^k)| = \prod_{k=1}^N \prod_{l=1}^M 2 \left| \cos\left(\frac{\pi k}{N+1}\right) + i \cos\left(\frac{\pi l}{M+1}\right) \right|^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Corollary 3

The number of tilings of an $(N+1) \times (M+1)$ square region by dominoes is

of dimer

$$\#(\text{tilings}) = |P_f(A^k)|$$

= config.
on Γ

$$= \sum_{\Gamma}^{\text{dimer (uniform)}}$$

⑤ Thermodynamic limit (uniform weights)

For uniform weights $w(r) = 1$

$$\sum_{NM}^{\text{dimers}} = \prod_{k=1}^N \prod_{l=1}^M \left| 2 \left(\cos\left(\frac{\pi k}{N+1}\right) + i \cos\left(\frac{\pi l}{M+1}\right) \right) \right|^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \exp\left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^N \sum_{l=1}^M \ln \left(2 \left| \cos\left(\frac{\pi k}{N+1}\right) + i \cos\left(\frac{\pi l}{M+1}\right) \right| \right)\right)$$

Riemann sum
as $N, M \rightarrow \infty$

$$\left\{ \frac{\pi k}{N+1} \right\}_{k=1}^N \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} \bigcup_{\theta \in (0, \pi)}$$

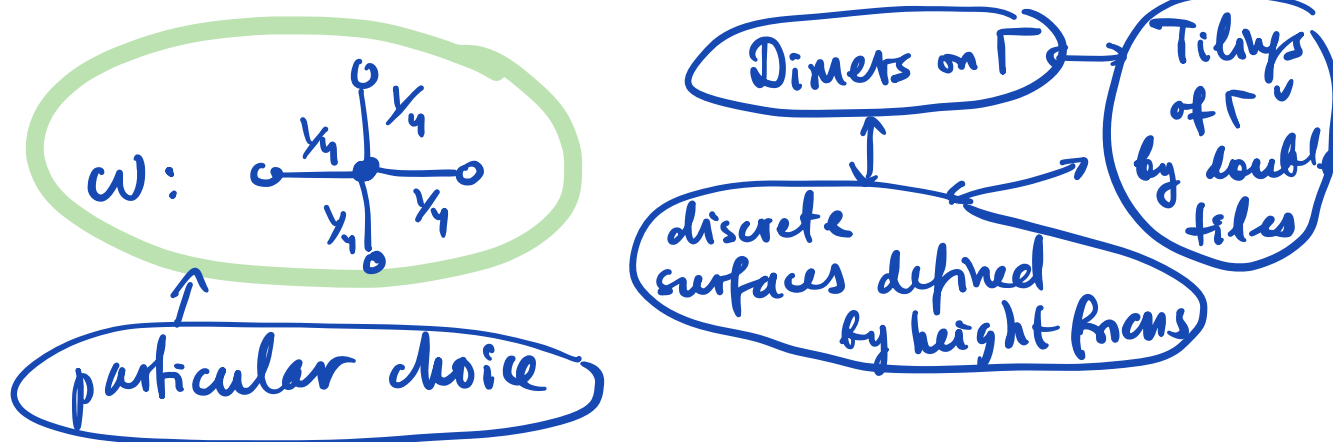
$$\sum_{k=1}^N \sum_{l=1}^M \dots \rightarrow \frac{NM}{2} \int_0^\pi \int_0^\pi \ln |2 (\cos(\theta) + i \cos(\varphi))| d\varphi d\theta$$

the free energy per site

$$\sum_{NM}^{\text{dimer}} = \exp(NMG + o(NM)) = \exp(\text{vol}(\Gamma)G + \dots)$$

$$G = 1 - \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} - \frac{1}{7^2} + \dots, \text{ Catalan's const.}$$

⑥ Random surfaces in the thermo-dynamic limit. (uniform weights)



Recall that a height function is a function on Γ^v with $\hat{D} = \sum_{e \in D} e \in C_1(\Gamma)$

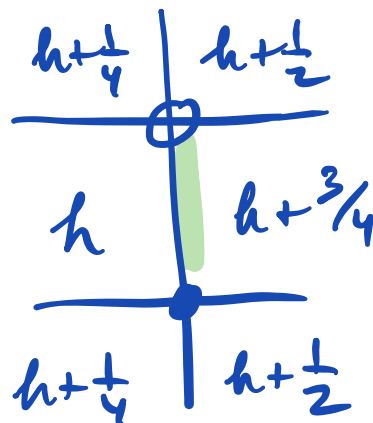
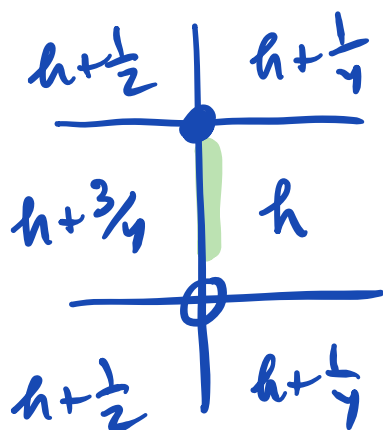
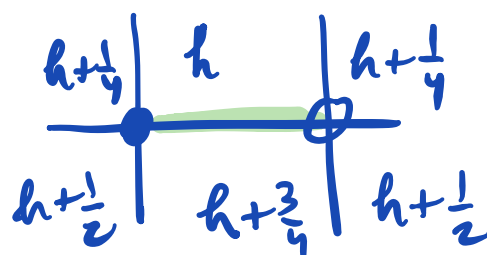
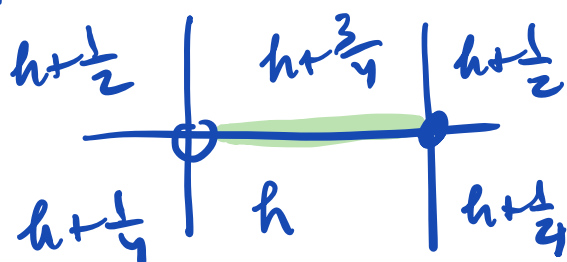
$\partial h_D = \hat{D} - \omega$ ($\partial \hat{D} = B - \omega$) assume the bipartite orient.

$\partial(\hat{D} - \omega) = 0$ $\omega \in C_1(\Gamma)$ we choose it

since $H_1(\Gamma) = 0$

$$\partial h = \hat{D} - \omega$$

for a square lattice
the height function changes around
a dimer edge as:



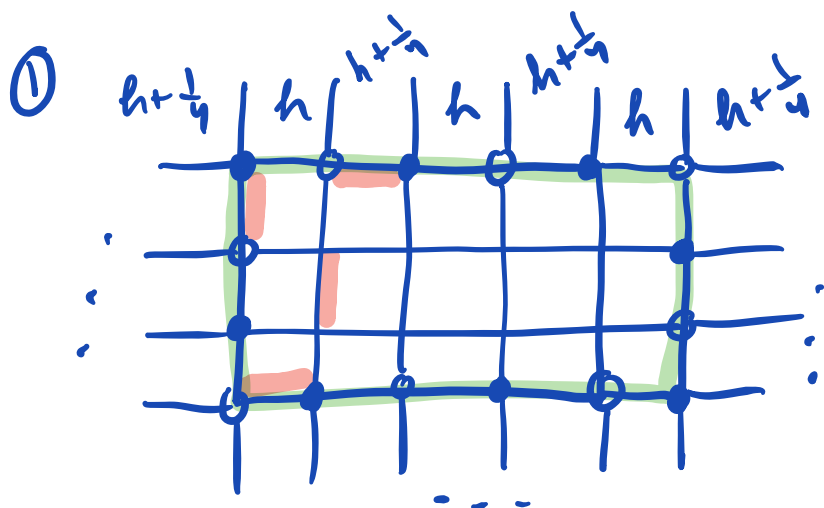
Surface
is the graph
of $h_{u,v}$

Γ/Γ'

Consider $N \times M$ rectangular region

NM should be even.

(Dimers on Γ) $\leftrightarrow$ (height functions
on faces of Γ
(on vertices of $\Gamma^\vee$))



— dimers
on Γ

it changes
periodically
on $\partial\Gamma$ approximately
constant.



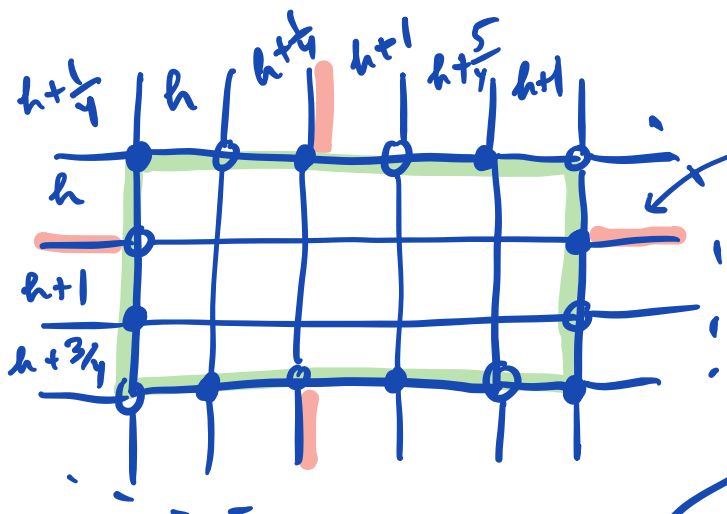
$h \approx 0$

$\langle \cdot \rangle$

This is what we studied

$h|_{\partial\Gamma}$ is compl.
det. by Γ & ω

② Dimers are placed on adjacent to Γ
vertices



Boundary
dimers.

let us fix
some
config. of
such dimers. $D|_{\partial\Gamma}$

The boundary h.f.

is completely determined by Γ , ω , $D|_{\partial\Gamma}$

$\boxed{\gamma \gamma \gamma}$ $\leftarrow \varphi$ on the boundary
boundary h. fcn.)

Assume that as $N, M \rightarrow \infty$, $N = \frac{L_1}{\varepsilon}$, $M = \frac{L_2}{\varepsilon}$

$\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$, boundary dimer configuration induce
boundary value of the height function

$\Downarrow \quad h_{n,m} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \varphi(x,y)$ $\leftarrow$ data
 $n = \frac{x}{\varepsilon}, m = \frac{y}{\varepsilon}$
 $n, m \in \partial \Gamma$

Thm (Cohn, Kenyon, Propp)

$$\lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \varepsilon^2 \ln \left(Z_{\mathcal{D}_0}^{\text{dimer}} \right) =$$

$\uparrow$ boundary dimer config.

$$= \int_0^{L_1} \int_0^{L_2} \sigma(\vec{\nabla} h_0) dx dy$$

where h_0 is the minimizer of

$$S[h] = \int_0^{L_1} \int_0^{L_2} \sigma(\vec{\nabla} h) dx dy$$

+ Lipschitz
condition

with $\boxed{h|_{\partial \mathcal{D}} = \varphi}$ $\boxed{\mathcal{D}}_{L_1, L_2}$ in $\mathbb{R}^2$

The function $\sigma(s, t)$ is the Legendre transform of

Rhokin function

$$f(H, V) = \iint_{|z|=e^H, |w|=e^V} \ln \left(2 \left(z + \bar{z}' + i(w + \bar{w}') \right) \right) \frac{dz}{z} \frac{dw}{w}$$

$\uparrow |p(z, w)|$

Proof. ... complicated ...

$\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$

„ $L_1 L_2$ “

$$Z_{\Gamma, D_0}^{\text{dimer}} \approx \exp \left(\frac{\text{Vol}(D)}{\varepsilon^2} S[h_0] + \text{lower order terms} \right)$$

Remark. Related problem:

Γ , Δ_Γ = the adjacency matrix
discrete difference operator of Γ

$$\det(\Delta_\Gamma) \rightarrow \exp\left(\frac{\text{Vol}(D)}{\varepsilon^2} S' + \dots\right)$$

More general:

$$\det(D) \rightarrow ?$$

$\uparrow$ $|\Gamma| \rightarrow \infty$
difference operator on $\Gamma \subset \mathbb{Z}^2$

active
research

Remark. If $\varphi = 0$ (no dimers are sticking out of Γ) $h_0 = 0$, 

$h_0 =$ the limit shape, deterministic

As $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$

$$h \approx \left(\frac{1}{\varepsilon} h_0\right) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}} \varphi$$

random, fluctuations
fluctuate at a smaller scale.
Gaussian (free Bose field)

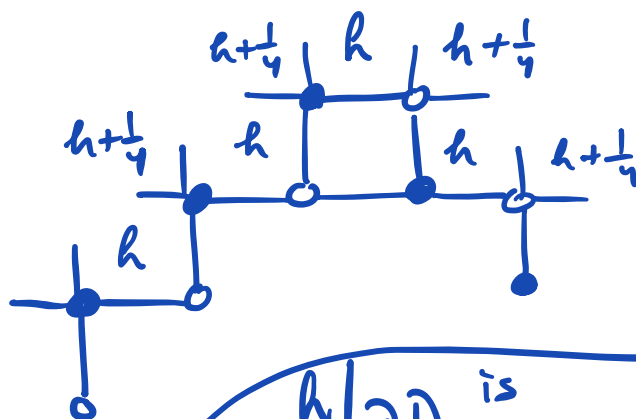
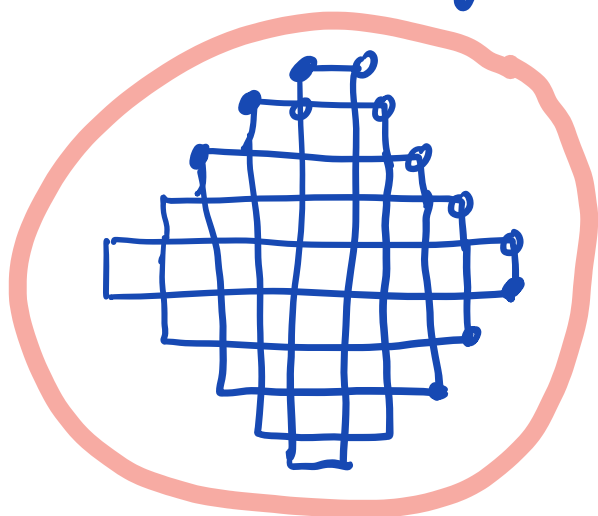
$$\varepsilon h \xrightarrow{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} h_0 + \sqrt{\varepsilon} \varphi$$

random

⑦ Aztec diamond. (uniform weights)

The asymptotic of the partition function is given by the theorem.

If no dimers are sticking out, boundary value of any height function is determined by Γ and w .



$h|_{\partial D}$ is
appr. const. fixed
by Γ, w

However the limit shape h_0 is not flat (Cohn, Kenyon, Propp).

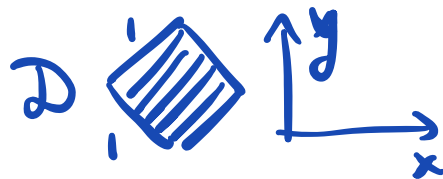


Example
of a domino
tiling of A_n diagram

$$N = \frac{1}{\epsilon}$$

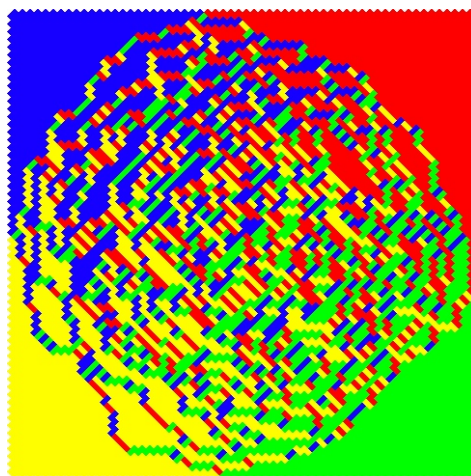
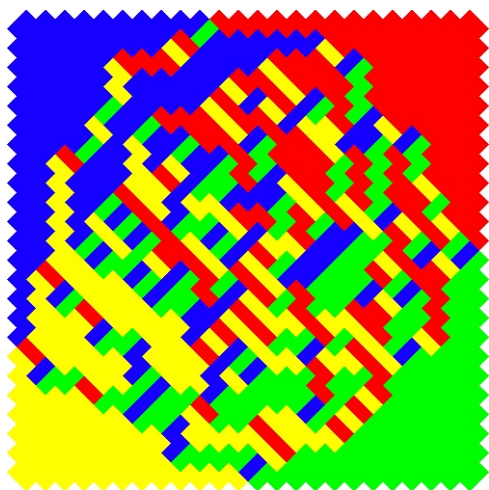
$$Z \rightarrow \exp\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon^2} S[h]\right)$$

$$S[h] = \iint \dots \text{the same as above}$$

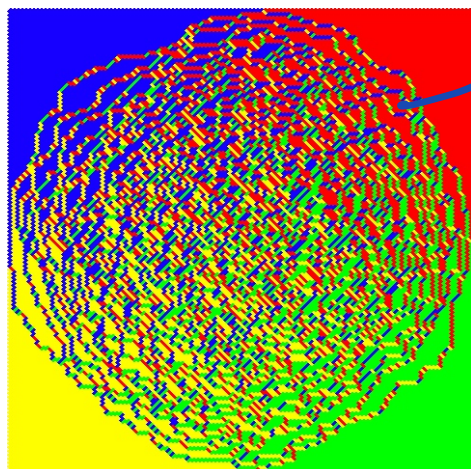
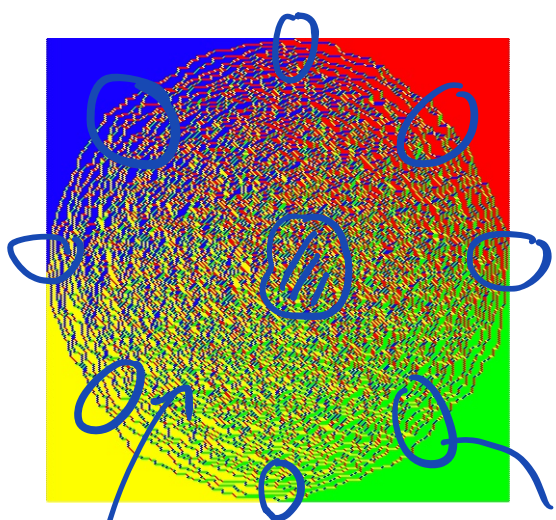


$$\text{with } \varphi|_{\partial D} = 0$$

h_0 can be found explicitly



$N \rightarrow \infty$



fluctuations

h_0

$N = 250$

Airy

$h = 0$

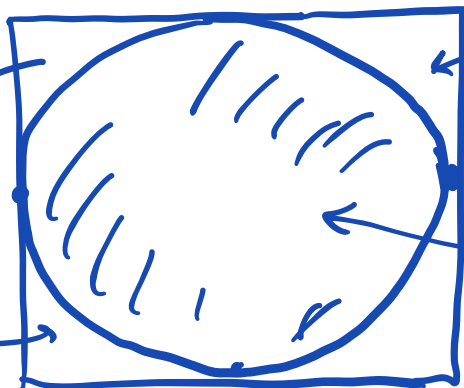
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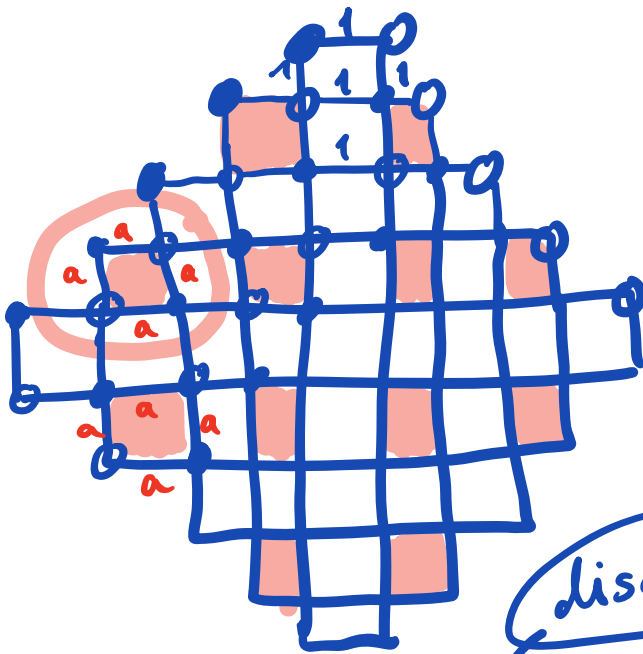
Frozen

disordered

Fluctuations



⑧ Aztek diamond (2-periodic weights)



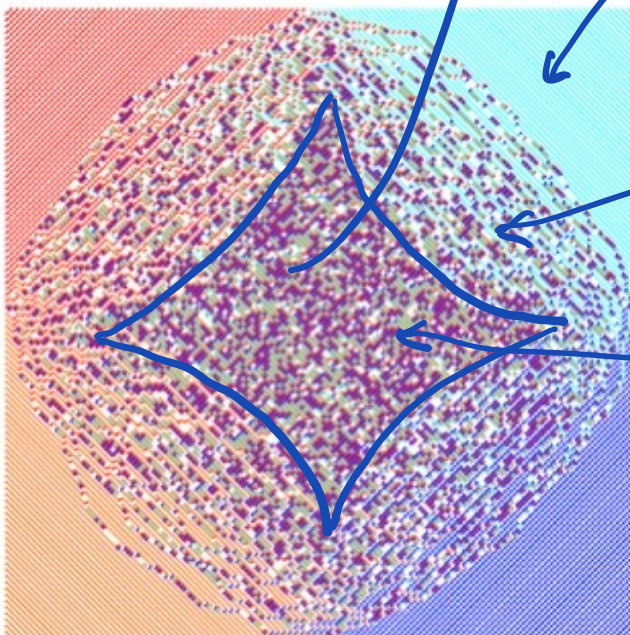
Weights:
 $a > 0$
other edges
have weight 1.

disappears as $a \rightarrow 1$

frozen

disordered

ordered:
limit shape
is flat



Details and how to do numerical
simulations are in Emily Bain's
Lectures.