

Hook formulas for skew shapes, day 2: product formulas II, asymptotics, lozenge tilings

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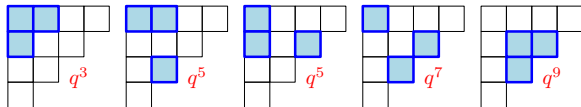
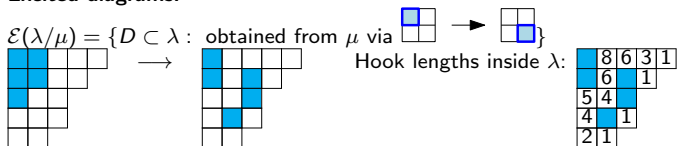
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Theorem (Naruse, SLC, September 2014)

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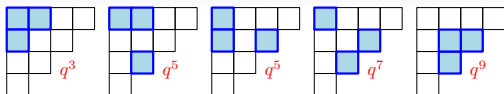
where $\mathcal{E}(\lambda/\mu)$ is the set of excited diagrams of λ/μ .

Excited diagrams:



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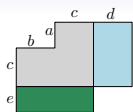
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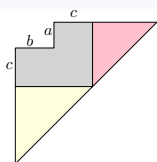
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where $\text{PD}(\lambda/\mu) := \{S \subset [\lambda] : S \subset [\lambda] \setminus D, \text{ for some } D \in \mathcal{E}(\lambda/\mu)\}$ is the set of "pleasant diagrams".

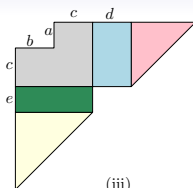
Product formulas



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(iii)

 $\Phi(n) := 1! \cdot 2! \cdots (n-1)!, \Psi(n) := 1!! \cdot 3!! \cdots (2n-3)!!,$
 $\Psi(n; k) := (k+1)!! \cdot (k+3)!! \cdots (k+2n-3)!!, \Lambda(n) := (n-2)!(n-4)! \cdots$

Theorem (MPP)

For nonnegative integers a, b, c, d, e , let n be the size of the corresponding skew shape, then for the shapes in (i), (ii), (iii) we have the following product formulas for the number of skew SYTs:

$$f^{sh(i)} = n! \frac{\Phi(a)\Phi(b)\Phi(c)\Phi(d)\Phi(e)\Phi(a+b+c)\Phi(c+d+e)\Phi(a+b+c+e+d)}{\Phi(a+b)\Phi(e+d)\Phi(a+c+d)\Phi(b+c+e)\Phi(a+b+2c+e+d)},$$

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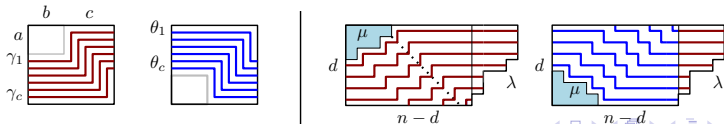
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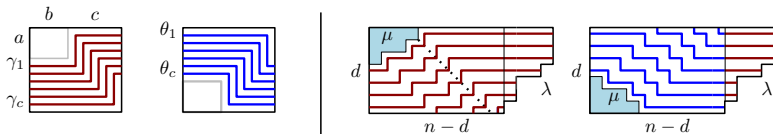
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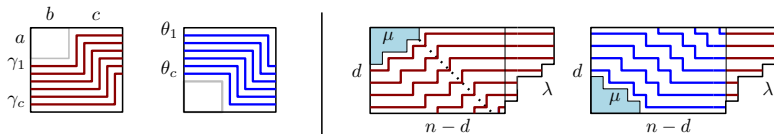


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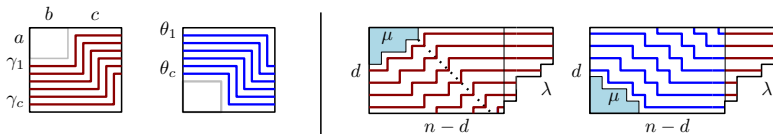
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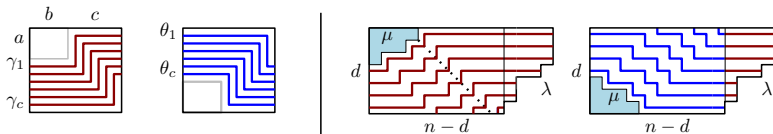
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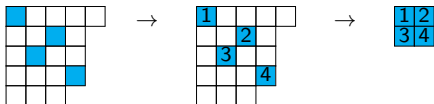
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When $\mu = (b^a)$, then SSYTs with max entry $\leq \max\{k : \lambda_k \geq k + b - a\}$:



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Question: Explicit formulas for $\mathfrak{S}_w(1^n)$? Asymptotics? Maximum?

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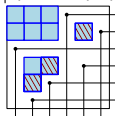
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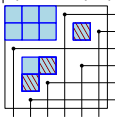
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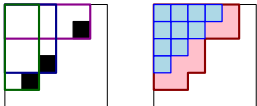
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Let $\lambda = \lambda(w)$ be the smallest partition containing the diagram $D(w)$ – the **supershape** of w



[Knutson-Miller-Yong, Wachs]: The double Schubert for vexillary permutations:

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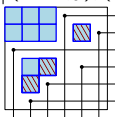
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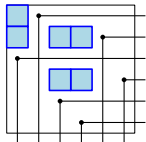
321-avoiding permutations: the diagram $D(w)$ of such a permutation is, up to removing rows and columns of the board not present in the diagram and flipping columns, the Young diagram of a skew shape that we denote $sh(w)$.

Theorem (Billey–Jockusch–Stanley)

For every skew shape λ/μ with $(n-1)$ diagonals, there is a 321-avoiding permutation $w \in S_n$, such that $sh(w) = \lambda/\mu$.



$$s_1 s_4 s_3 s_2 s_5 s_4 = 251634$$



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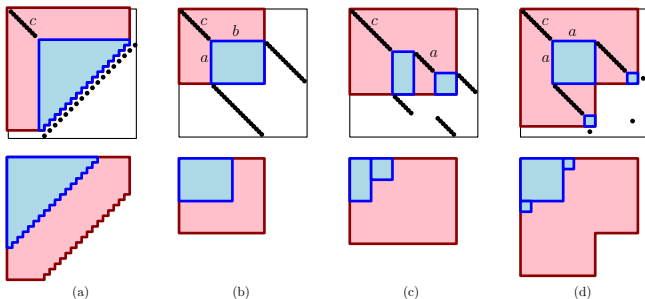
Corollary[Fomin-Kirillov]: For a dominant permutation w with $D(w) = \mu$, we have:

$$\mathfrak{S}_{id_c, (w+c)}(1^{n+c}) = |RPP_\mu(c)| = \prod \text{..hook-content formula.}$$

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Product formulas:[MPP] Case (c): $v(a) := 2413 \otimes 1^a$. Then, for all $c \geq a$, we have:

$$\mathfrak{S}_{(id_c, v(a)+c)}(1^n) = \frac{\Phi(4a+c)\Phi(c)\Phi(a)^4\Phi(3a)^2}{\Phi(3a+c)\Phi(a+c)\Phi(2a)^2\Phi(4a)}.$$

Case (d): $w(a) := (a+1, a+2, \dots, 2a-1, 2a+1, 1, 2, \dots, a-1, 2a, a)$.

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where $\ell = |\lambda/\mu|$ and (r_1, \dots, r_ℓ) is a reduced word of w .

Proof: Macdonalds identity, + all reduced words are a permutation of (r_1, \dots, r_ℓ) + [Billey-Stanley-Jockush] $\#Red(w) = f^{\lambda/\mu}$.

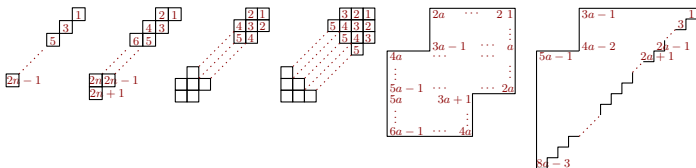
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$$\mathfrak{S}_{s(a)}(1^{6a}) = \frac{\Phi(a)^5 \Phi(3a)^2 \Phi(5a)}{\Phi(2a)^4 \Phi(4a)^2}$$

Example 2: Let $t(a)$ be the permutation of size $(8a - 2)$ obtained from the reading word of the skew shape δ_{4a}/a^{2a} :

$$\mathfrak{S}_{t(a)}(1^{8a-2}) = \frac{\Phi(a)^3 \Phi(3a) \Phi(4a-1) \Phi(8a-2) \cdot \Psi(a) \Psi(3a)}{\Phi(2a)^2 \Phi(3a-1) \Phi(5a-1) \cdot \Psi(2a)^2 \Psi(4a) \cdot \Lambda(8a-2)}$$

Symmetric group S_n Irreps \mathbb{S}_λ , $\lambda \vdash n$

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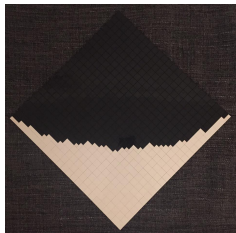
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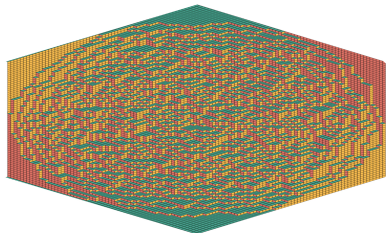
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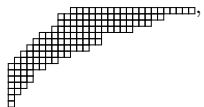
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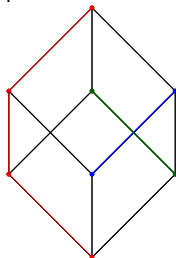
Question: What is the asymptotic value of $f^{\lambda/\mu}$, $|\lambda/\mu| = n$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ and λ, μ change under various regimes:

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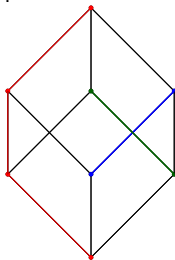
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In our case:

Theorem[MPP]: When $P = \lambda/\mu$ and A_i – i th antidiagonal, then

$$|A_1|! \cdots |A_\ell|! \leq F(\lambda/\mu)$$

if $|A_i| \leq |A_{i+1}|$.

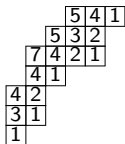
Tool

Naruse Hook-Length formula:

$$f^{\lambda/\mu} = \sum_{D \in \mathcal{E}(\lambda/\mu)} \prod_{u \in D} \frac{1}{h_u}.$$

Define the "naive" hook-length formula:

$$F(\lambda/\mu) := \prod_{u \in \lambda/\mu} \frac{1}{h_u}.$$



$$F((6, 5, 5, 3, 2, 2, 1)/(3, 2, 1, 1)) = \frac{1}{5 \cdot 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 5 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 7 \cdot 4 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 \cdot 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 4 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 1 \cdot 1}$$

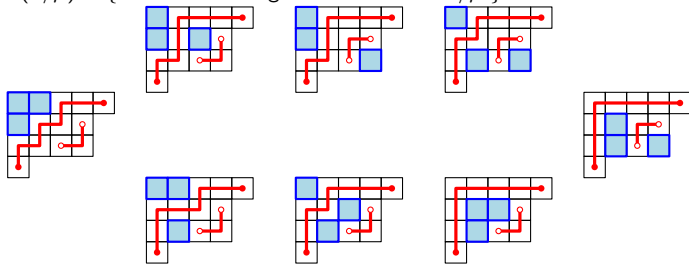
Corollary

$$F(\lambda/\mu) \leq f^{\lambda/\mu} \leq |\mathcal{E}(\lambda/\mu)| F(\lambda/\mu)$$

General bounds: size of $\mathcal{E}(\lambda/\mu)$

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$\mathcal{E}(\lambda/\mu) = \{ \text{Non-intersecting Lattice Paths in } \lambda/\mu \}$



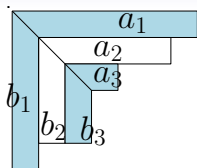
Lemma (MPP)

If $|\lambda/\mu| = n$ then $|\mathcal{E}(\lambda/\mu)| \leq 2^n$.

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If d is the Durfee square size of λ , then $|\mathcal{E}(\lambda/\mu)| \leq n^{2d^2}$.

The “linear” regime



$a(\lambda) = (a_1, a_2, \dots)$, $b(\lambda) = (b_1, b_2, \dots)$ – Frobenius coordinates of λ . Let $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k)$, $\beta := (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_k)$ be fixed sequences in \mathbb{R}_+^k .

Thoma–Vershik–Kerov (TVK) limit if $a_i/n \rightarrow \alpha_i$ and $b_i/n \rightarrow \beta_i$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, for all $1 \leq i \leq k$.

Theorem (MPP)

Let $\{\lambda^{(n)}/\mu^{(n)}\}$ be a sequence of skew shapes with a TVK limit, i.e. suppose $\lambda^{(n)} \rightarrow (\alpha, \beta)$, where $\alpha_1, \beta_1 > 0$, and $\mu^{(n)} \rightarrow (\pi, \tau)$ for some $\alpha, \beta, \pi, \tau \in \mathbb{R}_+^k$. Then

$$\log f^{\lambda^{(n)}/\mu^{(n)}} = cn + o(n) \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

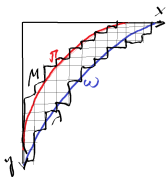
where

$$c = \gamma \log \gamma - \sum_{i=1}^k (\alpha_i - \pi_i) \log(\alpha_i - \pi_i) - \sum_{i=1}^k (\beta_i - \tau_i) \log(\beta_i - \tau_i)$$

and

$$\gamma = \sum_{i=1}^k (\alpha_i + \beta_i - \pi_i - \tau_i).$$

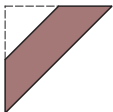
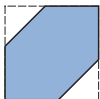
The stable shape: \sqrt{n} scale



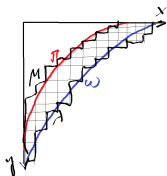
Theorem (MPP)

Let $\omega, \pi : [0, a] \rightarrow [0, b]$ be continuous non-increasing functions, and suppose that $\text{area}(\omega/\pi) = 1$. Let $\{\lambda^{(n)}/\mu^{(n)}\}$ be a sequence of skew shapes with the stable shape ω/π , i.e. $[\lambda^{(n)}]/\sqrt{n} \rightarrow \omega$, $[\mu^{(n)}]/\sqrt{n} \rightarrow \pi$. Then

$$\log f^{\lambda^{(n)}/\mu^{(n)}} \sim \frac{1}{2} n \log n \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$



The stable shape: \sqrt{n} scale



Theorem (MPP)

Suppose $(\sqrt{N} - L)\omega \subset [\lambda^{(n)}] \subset (\sqrt{N} + L)\omega$ for some $L > 0$, and similarly for $\mu^{(n)}$ wrt π , then

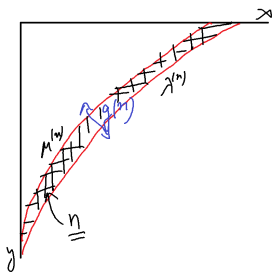
$$-(1 + c(\omega/\pi))n + o(n) \leq \log f^{\lambda^{(n)}/\mu^{(n)}} - \frac{1}{2}n \log n \leq -(1 + c(\omega/\pi))n + \log \mathcal{E}(\lambda^{(n)}/\mu^{(n)}) + o(n),$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$, where

$$c(\omega/\pi) = \iint_{\omega/\pi} \log h(x, y) dx dy,$$

where $h(x, y)$ is the hook length from (x, y) to ω .

Subpolynomial depth, “thin” shapes



Suppose

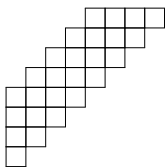
depth := $\max_{u \in \lambda/\mu} h_u =: g(n) = n^{o(1)}$
 (subpolynomial growth).

Theorem (MPP)

Let $\{\nu_n = \lambda^{(n)}/\mu^{(n)}\}$ be a sequence of skew partitions with a subpolynomial depth shape associated with the function $g(n)$. Then

$$\log f^{\nu_n} = n \log n - \Theta(n \log g(n)) \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Thick ribbons



Theorem (MPP)

Let $\gamma_k := (\delta_{2k}/\delta_k)$, where $\delta_k = (k-1, k-2, \dots, 2, 1)$. Then

$$\frac{1}{6} - \frac{3}{2} \log 2 + \frac{1}{2} \log 3 + o(1) \leq \frac{1}{n} \left(\log f^{\gamma_k} - \frac{1}{2} n \log n \right) \leq \frac{1}{6} - \frac{7}{2} \log 2 + 2 \log 3 + o(1),$$

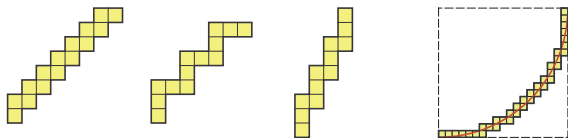
where $n = |\gamma_k| = k(3k-1)/2$.

Question: Does there exist a c , s.t. $c = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} (\log f^{\gamma_k} - \frac{1}{2} n \log n)$?

Answer: Yes (Martin Tassy's and others work in progress)

Jay Pantone's implementation (method of differential approximants) on 150+ terms of the sequence $\{\log f^{\gamma_k}\}$ to approximate $c \approx -0.1842$.

Thin ribbons



Zigzag: $\rho_k := \delta_{k+2}/\delta_k$, $E_n = |\{\sigma \in S_n : \sigma(1) < \sigma(2) > \sigma(3) < \dots\}|$ – Euler numbers, alternating permutations.

$$f^{\rho_n} = E_{2n+1}; \quad E_m \sim m!(2/\pi)^m 4/\pi(1 + o(1))$$

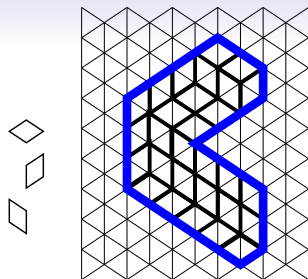
From theorem: $F(\rho_k) = n!/3^k$, $\mathcal{E}(\rho_k) = C_k$, so

$$\frac{(2k+1)!}{3^k} \leq E_{2k+1} \leq \frac{(2k+1)!C_k}{3^k}$$

Problem: If $\gamma_n := \lambda/\mu$ is a border strip (ribbon of thickness 1, n boxes) approaching a given curve γ under rescaling by n , what is $\log f^{\gamma_n} - n \log n$ in terms of γ ? Is it true that $\frac{\log f^{\gamma_n} - n \log n}{n} \rightarrow c(\gamma)$ for some constant $c(\gamma)$? (Permutations with certain descent sequences)

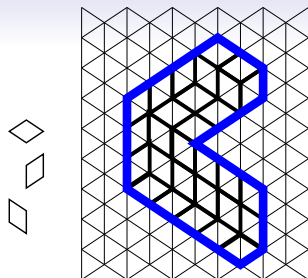
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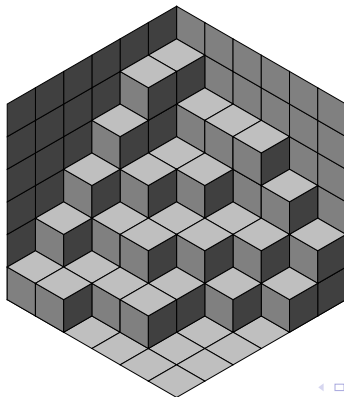


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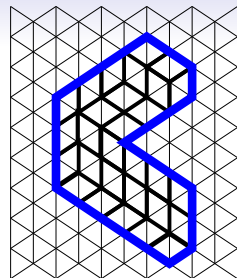
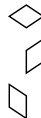
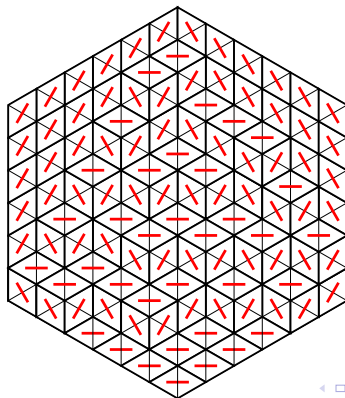
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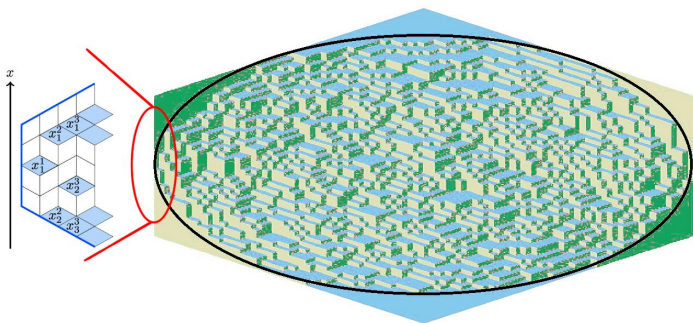
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Classical probabilistic questions: limit behavior

Question: Fix Ω in the plane and let *grid size* $\rightarrow 0$, what are the properties of *uniformly random* tilings of Ω ?



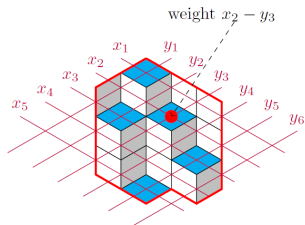
Frozen regions (polygonal domains), “limit shapes” of the surface of the height function (plane partition).

([Cohn–Larsen–Propp, 1998], [Kenyon–Okounkov, 2005], [Cohn–Kenyon–Propp, 2001; Kenyon–Okounkov–Sheffield, 2006] and newer via Schur generating functions [Borodin, Corwin, Bufetov–Gorin, Petrov, etc])

Behavior near boundary: Gaussian Unitary Ensemble eigenvalues,

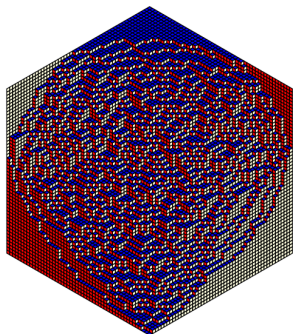
conjectured by [Okounkov–Reshetikhin, 2006], proofs – hexagon [Johansson–Nordenstam, 2006], more general shapes [Gorin–Panova, 2012]

Multivariate local weights

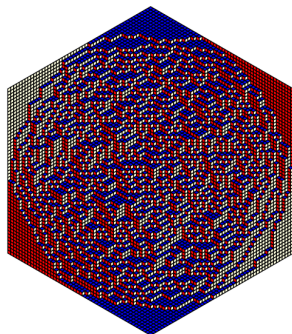


$$\text{Total weight} = \prod_{\text{lozenge at } (i,j)} (x_i - y_j)$$

$$(x_1 - y_1)(x_2 - y_3)(x_3 - y_5)(x_3 - y_2)(x_5 - y_5).$$



$$\text{lozenge at } (i,j) = 2N - (i+j)$$



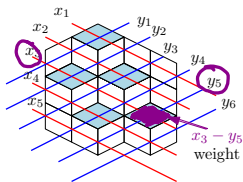
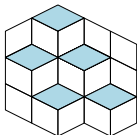
$$\text{lozenge} = 1$$

Lozenge tilings with multivariate weights

Plane partitions with base μ , height d

weights of horizontal lozenges = $x_i - y_j$

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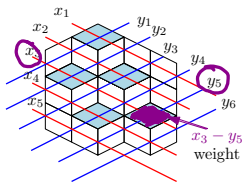
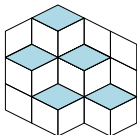


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Consider tilings with base μ and height d , we have that

$$\sum_{T \in \Omega_{\mu, d}} \prod_{(i, j) \in T} (x_i - y_j) = \det[A_{i, j}(\mu, d)]_{i, j=1}^{d + \ell(\mu)},$$

where

$$A_{i, j}(\mu, d) := \begin{cases} \frac{(x_i - y_1) \cdots (x_i - y_{d + \ell(\mu) - j})}{(x_i - x_{i+1}) \cdots (x_i - x_{d + \ell(\mu)})}, & \text{when } j = \ell(\mu) + 1, \dots, \ell(\mu) + d, \\ \frac{(x_i - y_1) \cdots (x_i - y_{\mu_j + d})}{(x_i - x_{i+1}) \cdots (x_i - x_{d+j})}, & \text{when } j = i - d, \dots, \ell(\mu), \\ 0, & \text{when } j < i - d. \end{cases}$$

Corollary (Krattenthaler, Stanley etc)

Consider the set $PP(\mu, d)$ of plane partitions of base μ and entries less than or equal to d . Then their volume generating function is given by the following determinantal formula

$$\sum_{P \in PP(\mu, d)} q^{|P|} = q^{\sum_r r\mu_r} \det[C_{i,j}]_{i,j=1}^{\ell+d},$$

where

$$C_{i,j} = \begin{cases} \frac{(-1)^{d+\ell-i} q^{(d-i)(d+\ell-j) - \frac{(d-i+\ell)(d-i-\ell-1)}{2}}}{(q; q)_{d+\ell-i}}, & \text{when } j = \ell + 1, \dots, \ell + d, \\ \frac{(-1)^{d+j-i} q^{(d-i)(\mu_j+d) - \frac{(d+j-i)(d-i-j-1)}{2}}}{(q; q)_{d+j-i}}, & \text{when } j = i - d, \dots, \ell, \\ 0, & \text{when } j < i - d, \end{cases}$$

where $(q; q)_m = (1 - q) \cdots (1 - q^m)$ is the q -Pochhammer symbol.

Theorem (Morales-Pak-P)

Consider tilings of the $a \times b \times c \times a \times b \times c$ (base $a \times b$, height c) hexagon with horizontal lozenges having weights $x_i - y_j$, i.e. tilings $\Omega_{a,b,c}$ with rectangular base $\mu = a \times b$ and height c . The partition function is given by

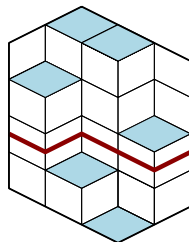
$$Z(a, b, c) := \sum_{T \in \Omega_{a,b,c}} \prod_{(i,j) \in T} (x_i - y_j) = \det \left[\begin{array}{ll} \frac{(x_i - y_1) \cdots (x_i - y_{c+a-j})}{(x_i - x_{i+1}) \cdots (x_i - x_{c+a})} & \text{if } j > a \\ \frac{(x_i - y_1) \cdots (x_i - y_{b+c})}{(x_i - x_{i+1}) \cdots (x_i - x_{c+j})} & \text{if } j = i - c, \dots, a \\ 0, & j < i - c \end{array} \right]_{i,j=1}^{a+c}$$

Consider a path $P(d_1, \dots)$ consisting of vertical lozenges (i.e. not the horizontal lozenges) passing through the points (i, d_i) (i th vertical line, distance of the midpoint $d_i + 1/2$ from the top axes) (necessarily $|d_i - d_{i+1}| \leq 1$, $d_i \leq d_{i+1}$ if $i \leq b$ and $d_i \geq d_{i+1}$ if $i > b$, and $d_1 = d_{a+b}$).

The probability that such path exists is given by

$$\text{Prob}(\text{path}) = \frac{\det[A_{i,j}(\mu, d)] \det[\bar{A}_{i,j}(\bar{\mu}, c - d - 1)]}{Z}$$

where $d := d_1$, $\ell(\mu) = b$, $\mu_1 = a$ and μ is given by its diagonals $-(d_1 - d, d_2 - d, \dots)$, and $\bar{\mu}$ is the complement of μ in $a \times b$. The matrix \bar{A} is defined as in previous Theorem with the substitution of x_i by $x_{a+c+1-i}$ and y_j by $y_{b+c+1-j}$.



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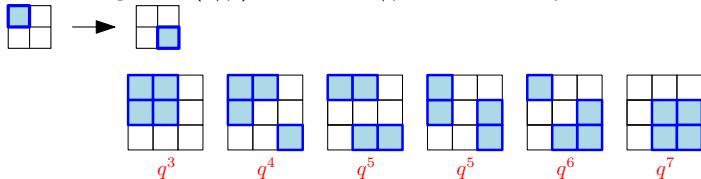
Origins: Excited diagrams and factorial Schur functions

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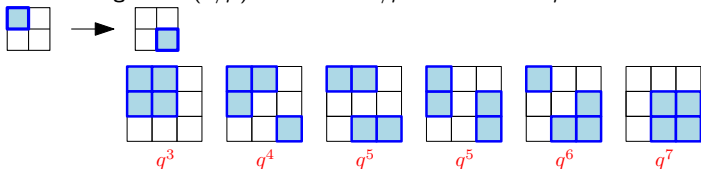
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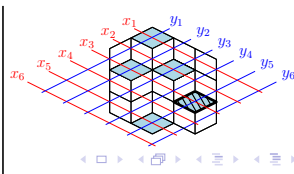
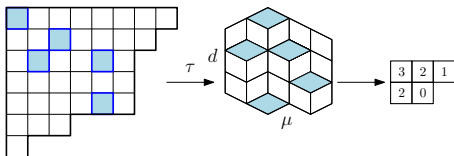
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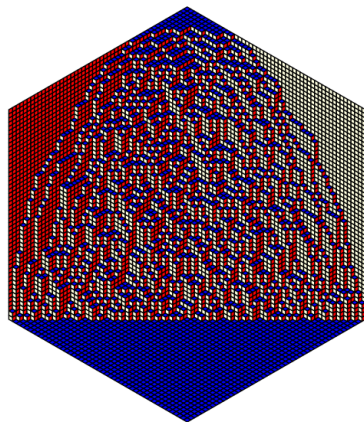
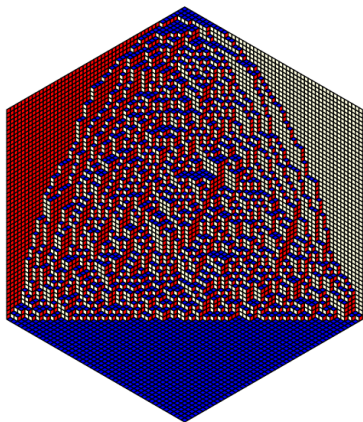
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Simulation 2: base = δ_n

Weights: "hook" weights ($4n - i - j$) versus uniform (i.e. 1).



Schur functions in statistical mechanics

Characters of $U(\infty)$, boundary
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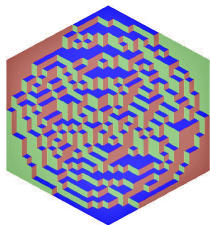
Alternating Sign Matrices
(ASM)/ 6-Vertex model:

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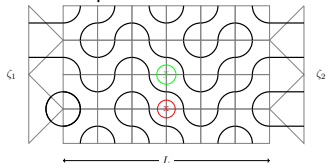
Normalized Schur functions:

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Lozenge tilings:

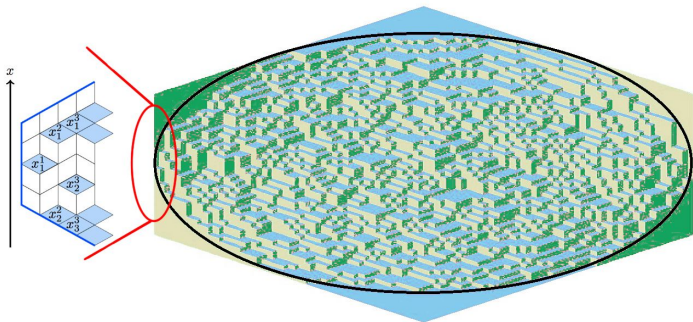


Dense loop model:



Classical questions: limit behavior

Question: Fix Ω in the plane and let *grid size* $\rightarrow 0$, what are the properties of *uniformly random* tilings of Ω ?



Frozen regions (polygonal domains), “limit shapes” of the surface of the height function (plane partition).

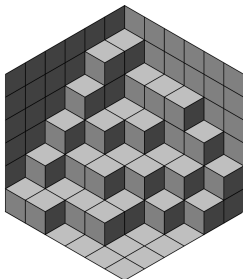
([Cohn–Larsen–Propp, 1998], [Kenyon–Okounkov, 2005], [Cohn–Kenyon–Propp, 2001; Kenyon–Okounkov–Sheffield, 2006])

Behavior near boundary: Gaussian Unitary Ensemble eigenvalues, conjectured by [Okounkov–Reshetikhin, 2006], proofs – hexagon [Johansson–Nordenstam, 2006], [Gorin–Panova, 2013]

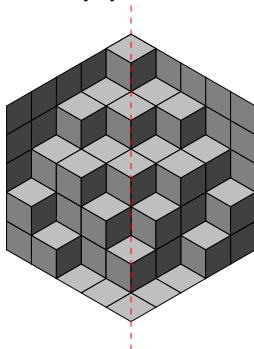
Uniform vs symmetric

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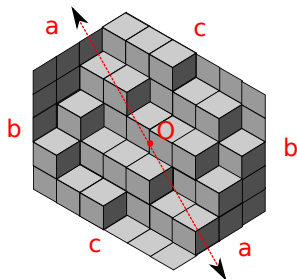
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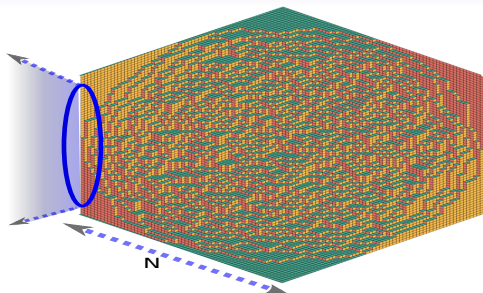
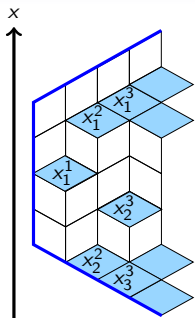


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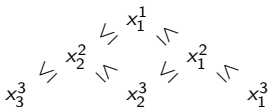


Limit behavior: fluctuations near the boundary, limit surface, CLT?

Behavior near the flat boundary:



Horizontal lozenges near a flat boundary:



Question: Joint distribution of $\{x_j^i\}_{i=1}^k$ as $N \rightarrow \infty$ (rescaled)?

Conjecture [Okounkov–Reshetikhin, 2006]:

Fixed boundary: The joint distribution converges to a *GUE*-corners (aka *GUE*-minors) process: eigenvalues of *GUE* matrices.

Proofs: hexagonal domain [Johansson–Nordenstam, 2006], more general domains [Gorin–P, 2012], [Novak, 2014], unbounded [Mkrtychyan, 2013], symmetric tilings [P, 2014, 2015]

Behavior near the flat boundary: GUE

GUE: matrices $A = [A_{ij}]_{i,j}$: $A = \overline{A^T}$

$\operatorname{Re}A_{ij}, \operatorname{Im}A_{ij}$ – i.i.d. $\sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1/2)$, $i \neq j$

A_{ii} – i.i.d. $\sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$

$$\left(\begin{array}{c|c|c|c} A_{11} & A_{12} & A_{13} & A_{14} \\ \hline A_{21} & A_{22} & A_{23} & A_{24} \\ \hline A_{31} & A_{32} & A_{33} & A_{34} \\ \hline A_{41} & A_{42} & A_{43} & A_{44} \end{array} \right) \quad (x_1^k \leq x_2^k \leq \dots \leq x_k^k) \text{ – eigenvalues of } [A_{i,j}]_{i,j=1}^k$$

Interlacing condition: $x_{i-1}^j \leq x_{i-1}^{j-1} \leq x_i^j$

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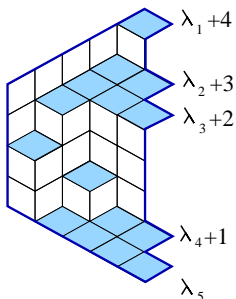
The *joint distribution* of $\{x_i^j\}_{1 \leq i \leq j \leq k}$ is the *GUE-corners (also, GUE-minors) process*, =: GUE_k .

Tilings setup

Domain $\Omega_{\lambda(N)}$:

positions of the N horizontal lozenges on right boundary are:

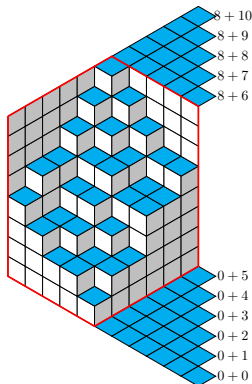
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$$\lambda(5) = (4, 3, 3, 0, 0)$$

$(\frac{1}{N}\Omega_{\lambda(N)})$ is not necessarily a finite polygon as $N \rightarrow \infty$, e.g.

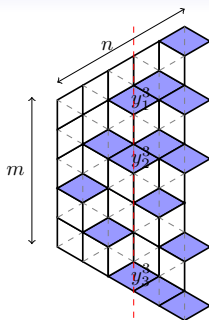
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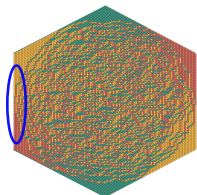
$$\lambda = (\underbrace{a, \dots, a}_c, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_b)$$

$\leftrightarrow a \times b \times c \dots$ hexagon.

Behavior near the flat left boundary



Line $k = 3$



Theorem

Let $Y_n^k = (y_1^k, \dots, y_k^k)$ – horizontal lozenges on k th line of a uniformly random tiling $T \in \mathcal{T}_n$. As $n \rightarrow \infty$ the collection

$$\left\{ \frac{Y_n^j - \mu_n}{\sqrt{n\sigma_n}} \right\}_{j=1}^k \rightarrow \text{GUE}_k$$

weakly as RVs, where

- \mathcal{T}_n – all tilings of a hexagon [Johansson-Nordenstam].
- $\mathcal{T}_n = \Omega_{\lambda(n)}$ – $\mu_n = E(f)$, $\sigma_n = S(f)$,
“ $f(t) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\lambda(n)nt}{n}$ ” [Gorin-P, 2013].
- \mathcal{T}_n – vertically symmetric lozenge tilings of a $n \times m \times n$ hexagon, $a = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} m/n$, $\mu_n = m/2$,
 $\sigma_n = \frac{a^2 + 2a}{8}$ [P, 2014].
- \mathcal{T}_n – centrally-symmetric tilings of a $a \times b \times c \dots$ hexagon with $a = 2qn$, $b = 2pn$, $c = 2(1 - q)n$:
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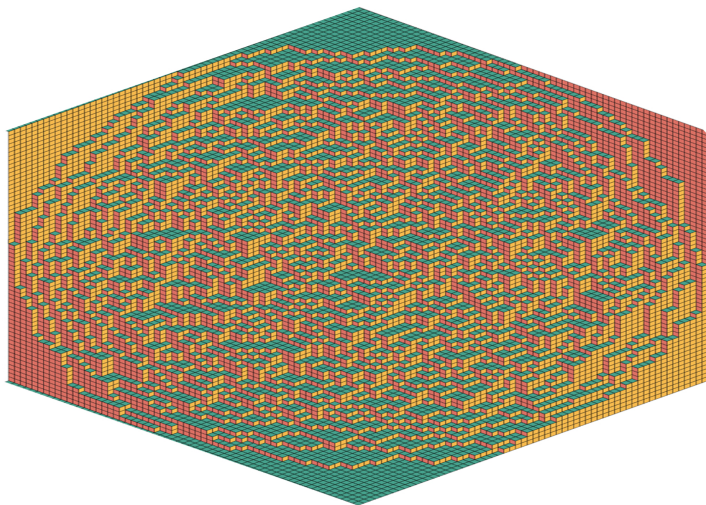


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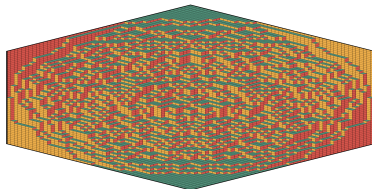
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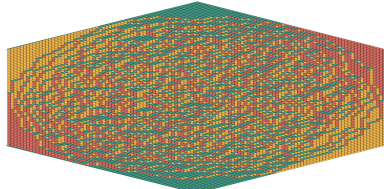
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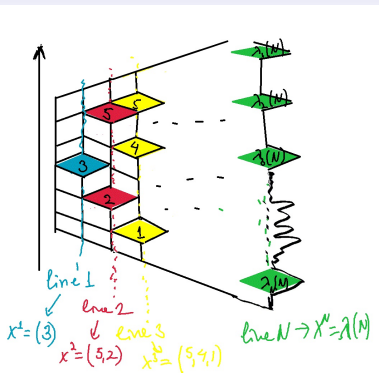
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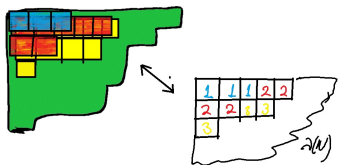


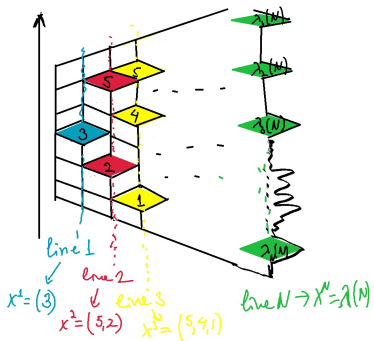
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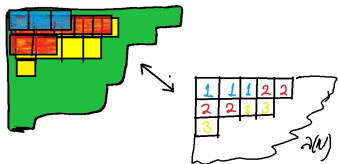
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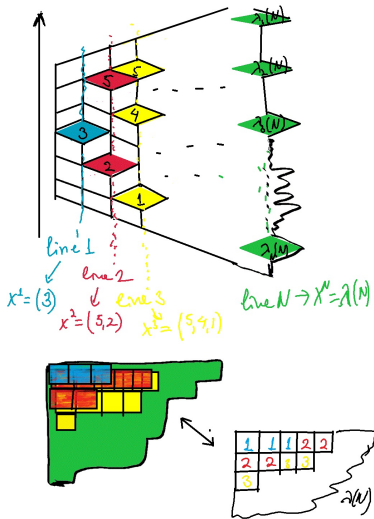
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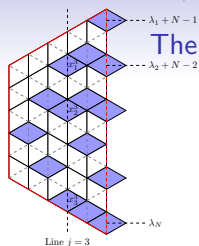
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The explicit Schur Generating Functions¹

\mathcal{T}_n – set of tilings, $x^j(T)$ – horizontal lozenge positions on line j of $T \in \mathcal{T}_n$

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- $= \prod_i y_i^{m/2} \cdot \frac{s_0(\frac{m}{2})^n(y_1, \dots, y_k, 1^{n-k})}{s_0(\frac{m}{2})^n(1^n)}$ for \mathcal{T}_n – symmetric tilings of $n \times m \times n \dots$
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¹from [Gorin-Panova, *Ann. Prob.*], [Panova, *Comm. Math. Phys.*], [Panova, in prep]

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$$\frac{\Upsilon_{\lambda(N)}^k - NE(f)}{\sqrt{NS(f)}} \rightarrow \text{GUE}_k \text{ (GUE-corners process of rank } k \text{).}$$

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Theorem[Bufetov-Gorin,2014] Suppose that ρ^N is a sequence of measures on partitions, s.t. for every r

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \ln \left(S_{\rho^N}(u_1, \dots, u_r, 1^{N-r}) \right) = Q(u_1) + \dots + Q(u_r),$$

uniformly in a \mathbb{C} nbhd of (1^r) , Q – analytic. Then the random measures $m[\rho^N]$ converge, as $N \rightarrow \infty$, in probability to a deterministic measure M on \mathbb{R} with moments

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} t^p M(dt) = \sum_{\ell=0}^p \binom{p}{\ell} \frac{1}{(\ell+1)!} \frac{\partial^\ell}{\partial u^\ell} u^p Q'(u)^{p-\ell} \Big|_{u=1}$$

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$$S_\rho(u_1, \dots, u_k) := \sum_{\mu} \rho(\mu) \frac{s_{\mu}(u_1, \dots, u_k)}{s_{\mu}(1^k)} = \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{s_{x^k(T)}(y_1, \dots, y_k)}{s_{x^k(T)}(\underbrace{1, \dots, 1}_k)} \mid T \sim \text{Unif}(T_n) \right]$$

Theorem[Bufetov-Gorin, 2014] Suppose that ρ^N is a sequence of measures on partitions, s.t. for every r

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \ln \left(S_{\rho^N}(u_1, \dots, u_r, 1^{N-r}) \right) = Q(u_1) + \dots + Q(u_r),$$

uniformly in a \mathbb{C} nbhd of (1^r) , Q – analytic. Then the random measures $m[\rho^N]$ converge, as $N \rightarrow \infty$, in probability to a deterministic measure M on \mathbb{R} with moments

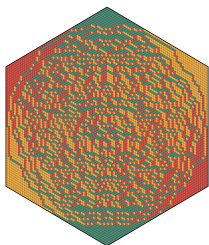
$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} t^p M(dt) = \sum_{\ell=0}^p \binom{p}{\ell} \frac{1}{(\ell+1)!} \frac{\partial^\ell}{\partial u^\ell} u^p Q'(u)^{p-\ell} \Big|_{u=1}$$

Our cases: MGF = normalized Schur $S_{\lambda(n)}$, SO characters, etc.

Asymptotics using [Gorin-P, 2013] for fixed r :

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \ln S_{\lambda(n)}(u_1, \dots, u_r) = \sum_{i=1}^r \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \ln S_{\lambda(n)}(u_i) = \sum_{i=1}^r \Phi(u_i)$$

Limit surface



Theorem (P, 2014)

Let $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$, such that $m/n \rightarrow a$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, where $a \in (0, +\infty)$. Let $H_n(u, v)$ – height function of a symmetric tiling of $n \times m \times n$... hexagon, i.e.

$$H_n(u, v) = \frac{1}{n} y_{[nv]}^{[nu]} - v.$$

For all $1 \geq u \geq v \geq 0$, as $n \rightarrow \infty$ we have that $H_n(u, v)$ converges uniformly in probability to a deterministic function $L(u, v)$ (“the limit surface”).

For any fixed $u \in (0, 1)$, $L(u, v)$ is the distribution function of the measure \mathbf{m} , given by its moments:

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} t^r \mathbf{m}(dt) = \sum_{\ell=0}^r \binom{r}{\ell} \frac{1}{(\ell+1)!} u^{-r+\ell} \frac{\partial^\ell}{\partial z^\ell} z^p \Phi'_a(z)^{p-\ell} \Big|_{z=1},$$

where $\Phi_a(e^y) = y \frac{a}{2} + 2\phi(y; a) - 2$ and...

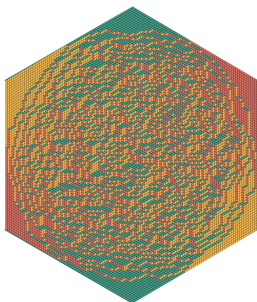
$$h(y) = \frac{1}{4} \left((e^y + 1) + \sqrt{(e^y + 1)^2 + 4(a^2 + a)(e^y - 1)^2} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(y; a) = & \left(\frac{a}{2} + 1 \right) \ln \left(h(y) - \left(\frac{a}{2} + 1 \right) (e^y - 1) \right) - \left(\frac{a}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \right) \ln \left(h(y) - \left(\frac{a}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \right) (e^y - 1) \right) \\ & + \frac{a}{2} \ln \left(h(y) + \frac{a}{2} (e^y - 1) \right) - \left(\frac{a}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \ln \left(h(y) + \left(\frac{a}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \right) (e^y - 1) \right) \end{aligned}$$

Limit surface

Theorem (P, 2015+)

*The scaled height function $H_n(u, v)$ of a centrally symmetric tiling of an $a \times b \times c$... hexagon converges uniformly in probability to a deterministic function $L(u, v)$ – the limit surface, as $n \rightarrow \infty$, where $n = \frac{a+c}{2}$ and $a/n, b/n$ – approx constant.
The limit surface coincides with the limit surface for the uniformly random tilings of the hexagon (without symmetry constraints).*



Behind the scene: asymptotics of symmetric functions

$$S_{\lambda(N)}(x_1, \dots, x_k) := \frac{s_{\lambda(N)}(x_1, \dots, x_k, \overbrace{1, \dots, 1}^{N-k})}{s_{\lambda(N)}(\underbrace{1, \dots, 1}_N)}$$

Theorem (Gorin-P)

For any partition λ and any $x \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \{0, 1\}$ we have

$$S_{\lambda}(x; N, 1) = \frac{(N-1)!}{(x-1)^{N-1}} \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_C \frac{x^z}{\prod_{i=1}^N (z - (\lambda_i + N - i))} dz,$$

where the contour C includes all the poles of the integrand. Similar formulas hold for the *other normalized Lie group characters*.

Theorem (Gorin-P)

If $\frac{\lambda(N)}{N} \rightarrow f\left(\frac{\cdot}{N}\right)$ [under certain convergence conditions], for all fixed $y \neq 0$:

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \ln S_{\lambda(N)}(e^y; N, 1) = yw_0 - \mathcal{F}(w_0) - 1 - \ln(e^y - 1),$$

where $\mathcal{F}(w; f) = \int_0^1 \ln(w - f(t) - 1 + t) dt$, w_0 - root of $\frac{\partial}{\partial w} \mathcal{F}(w; f) = y$. If $\frac{\lambda(N)}{N} \rightarrow f\left(\frac{\cdot}{N}\right)$ ["other" conv. cond.], for any fixed $h \in \mathbb{R}$:

$$S_{\lambda(N)}(e^{h/\sqrt{N}}; N, 1) = \exp\left(\sqrt{N}E(f)h + \frac{1}{2}S(f)h^2 + o(1)\right),$$

$$\text{where } E(f) = \int_0^1 f(t) dt, \quad S(f) = \int_0^1 (f(t) - t + 1/2)^2 dt - 1/6 - E(f)^2.$$

Behind the scene: asymptotics of symmetric functions

$$S_{\lambda(N)}(x_1, \dots, x_k) := \frac{s_{\lambda(N)}(x_1, \dots, x_k, \overbrace{1, \dots, 1}^{N-k})}{s_{\lambda(N)}(\underbrace{1, \dots, 1}_N)}$$

Theorem (Gorin-P)

Let $D_{i,1} = x_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$, Δ -Vandermonde det. Then $\forall \lambda, k \leq N$, we have

$$S_{\lambda}(x_1, \dots, x_k; N) = \prod_{i=1}^k \frac{(N-i)!}{(N-1)!(x_i-1)^{N-k}} \times \frac{\det [D_{i,1}^{j-1}]_{i,j=1}^k}{\Delta(x_1, \dots, x_k)} \prod_{j=1}^k S_{\lambda}(x_j; N, 1)(x_j-1)^{N-1}.$$

Corollary (Gorin-P)

Suppose that the sequence $\lambda(N)$ is such that, as $N \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\frac{\ln(S_{\lambda(N)}(x; N, 1))}{N} \rightarrow \Psi(x) \quad \text{uniformly on a compact } M \subset \mathbb{C}. \quad \text{Then for any } k$$

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(S_{\lambda(N)}(x_1, \dots, x_k; N, 1))}{N} = \Psi(x_1) + \dots + \Psi(x_k)$$

uniformly on M^k . More informally, under various regimes of convergence for $\lambda(N)$ we have $S_{\lambda(N)}(x_1, \dots, x_k) \sim S_{\lambda(N)}(x_1) \cdots S_{\lambda(N)}(x_k)$.

More problems?

- More precise asymptotics of $f^{\lambda/\mu}$ in various regimes.
- Asymptotics of lozenge tilings using the multivariate weights, new regimes?
- Asymptotics of $\frac{s_{\lambda/\mu}(x_1, \dots, x_k, 1^{n-k})}{s_{\lambda/\mu}(1^n)}$ (Schur generating functions of tilings of arbitrary domains)
- Asymptotics of Littlewood-Richardson coefficients, $c_{\mu, \nu}^{\lambda}$... (e.g. if $\lambda \vdash 2n$, $\mu, \nu \vdash n$, when is it maximal)
- Maximal $f^{\lambda/\mu}$ under constraints...

Thank you

