

# Random walks and the lace expansion I

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## Abstract

is an introduction to the lace expansion with emphasis on recent results to:

generation of self-avoiding walks, and

analysis of random walks on the incipient infinite cluster for oriented

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## The lace expansion

by Edw. Brydges–Spencer (1985) to analyse weakly SAW for  $d > 4$ .

extended by several people to analyse the critical behaviour of:

$> 4$ ,

s and lattice animals for  $d > 8$ ,

for  $d > 6$ ,

= directed) percolation for  $d > 4$ ,

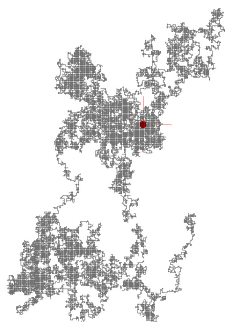
process, Ising model for  $d > 4$ .

ed to enumerate SAWs in all dimensions.

Slade, The Lace Expansion and its Applications, Springer LNM 1879, (2006).

## Simple random walk

$\mathbb{Z}^d$ . Choose one of the  $2d$  neighbours at random and step to it. Continue  
 ent steps to a neighbour of current position.



the position after  $n$  steps. Let  $s_n(x)$  be the number of  $n$ -step SRWs with  
 number of  $n$ -step SRWs.

ion:  $s_n(x) = \sum_{y \in \mathbb{Z}^d} s_1(y) s_{n-1}(x - y)$ , which can easily be solved.  
 $s_n = 2d s_{n-1}$  which has solution  $s_n = (2d)^n$ .

isplacement:  $E|\omega(n)|^2 = n$ .

## Self-avoiding walk

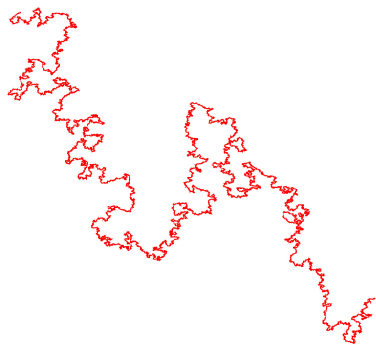
the set of  $\omega : \{0, 1, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^d$  with:

$\omega(0) = x$ ,  $|\omega(i+1) - \omega(i)| = 1$ , and  $\omega(i) \neq \omega(j)$  for all  $i \neq j$ .

$\mathcal{S}_n(x)$

$|\mathcal{S}_n(x)|$ . Let  $c_n = \sum_x c_n(x) = |\mathcal{S}_n|$ .

paths in  $\mathcal{S}_n$  to be equally likely: each has probability  $c_n^{-1}$ .



$E|\omega(n)|^2 = c_n^{-1} \sum_{\omega \in \mathcal{S}_n} |\omega(n)|^2 = c_n^{-1} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}^d} |x|^2 c_n(x)$ .



## Critical exponents

Constant  $\mu = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n^{1/n}$  exists because  $c_{n+m} \leq c_n c_m$ .  
 $\leq 2d - 1$ .

Asymptotic behaviour:

$$c_n \sim A \mu^n n^{\gamma-1}, \quad E|\omega(n)|^2 \sim D n^{2\nu}$$

Critical exponents  $\gamma$  and  $\nu$  (and log corrections for  $d = 4$ ).

$\gamma = \frac{43}{32}$  and  $\nu = \frac{3}{4}$  will follow if scaling limit is  $\text{SLE}_{8/3}$  (Lawler–Schramm–

Worger 2004, rigorous results).

$\gamma = 1$  and  $\nu = \frac{1}{2}$  with  $(\log n)^{1/4}$  corrections for hierarchical lattice (Kesten 2003).

$\gamma = 1$  and  $\nu = \frac{1}{2}$  (Hara–Slade 1992).

For  $d = 2, 3, 4$ ? Best bound is  $\mu^n \leq c_n \leq \mu^n e^{C n^{2/(d+2)} \log n}$ .

But  $c_n \leq E|\omega(n)|^2 \leq C n^{2-\epsilon}$ .

## Critical exponents for $d = 3$

to compute the exponents:

theory (physics)

Carlo (walks of length 640,000 have been simulated)

enumeration plus series analysis: determine  $c_n$  exactly for  $n = 1, 2, \dots, N$   
the sequence to determine  $\mu, A, \gamma$ .

back to Domb (1949) and was later developed at King's College London;  
Melbourne.

**SAW enumeration using the lace expansion**

by Nathan Clisby (Melbourne) and Richard Liang (Berkeley).

569 905 525 454 674 614  
492.3 ...

852 857 467 211 187 784  
14450.8 ...

742 525 570 299 581 210 090  
 $3.3 \times 10^8$

39 265 092 167 904 101 731 532  
 $2.3 \times 10^{10}$

new values due to MacDonald et al 2000 ( $d = 3$ ),  
( $d = 4, 5, 6$ ).

## SAW enumeration using the lace expansion

called the “two-step method” was also crucial.)

took 15000 CPU hours;

took 4400 CPU hours.

“finite lattice method” is remarkable (Jensen 2004):

93 020 903 935 054 619 120 005 916

expansion cannot compete.

## Series analysis

critical parameters for  $d = 3$ :  $c_n \sim A \mu^n n^{\gamma-1}$ ,  $E[|\omega(n)|^2] \sim D n^{2\nu}$ .

4043(12)

38(8) [Caracciolo et al 1998, MC: 1.1575(6)]

76(5) [Prellberg 2001, MC: 0.5874(2)]

6(5),  $D = 1.220(12)$ .

obtained for  $\mu$ ,  $A$ ,  $D$  in dimensions  $4 \leq d \leq 8$ ; accuracy improves as  $d \uparrow$ .

## The lace expansion: Recursion relation

function  $\pi_m(x)$  such that for  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$c_n(x) = \sum_{y \in \mathbb{Z}^d} c_1(y) c_{n-1}(x - y) + \sum_{m=2}^n \sum_{y \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \pi_m(y) c_{n-m}(x - y).$$

Summing over  $x \in \mathbb{Z}^d$  and sum over  $x \in \mathbb{Z}^d$  to get:

$$c_n = 2d c_{n-1} + \sum_{m=2}^n \pi_m c_{n-m}.$$

Knowledge of  $(\pi_m)_{2 \leq m \leq n}$  is equivalent to knowledge of  $(c_m)_{0 \leq m \leq n}$ .

## The lace expansion: graphs

$\mathcal{W}_n(x)$  = set of  $n$ -step simple random walks that start at the origin and end

$$U_{st}(\omega) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } \omega(s) = \omega(t) \\ 0 & \text{if } \omega(s) \neq \omega(t). \end{cases}$$

o, let

$$K[a, b] = K_\omega[a, b] = \prod_{a \leq s < t \leq b} (1 + U_{st}).$$

$$c_n(x) = \sum_{\omega \in \mathcal{W}_n(x)} K_\omega[0, n].$$

t of pairs  $st$  with  $s < t$ . Let  $\mathcal{B}_{[a,b]}$  denote the set of all graphs on  $[a, b]$ .

# The lace expansion: connected graphs

$$K[0, n] = \prod_{0 \leq s < t \leq n} (1 + U_{st}) = \sum_{\Gamma \in \mathcal{B}_{[0, n]}} \prod_{st \in \Gamma} U_{st}.$$

connected on  $[a, b]$  if, as intervals of real numbers,  $\cup_{st \in \Gamma} (s, t) = (a, b)$ .  
 connected graphs on  $[a, b]$  is denoted  $\mathcal{G}_{[a, b]}$ . Let

$$J[0, n] = \sum_{\Gamma \in \mathcal{G}_{[0, n]}} \prod_{st \in \Gamma} U_{st}.$$

$$K[0, n] = K[1, n] + \sum_{m=2}^n J[0, m] K[m, n].$$

$$c_n(x) = \sum_{\omega \in \mathcal{W}_n(x)} K_\omega[0, n].$$

s

$$\sum_{\omega \in \mathcal{W}_n(x)} K_\omega[1, n] = \sum_{y \in \mathbb{Z}^d} c_1(y) c_{n-1}(x - y).$$



## The lace expansion: factorisation

$$\omega[0, m]K_\omega[m, n] = \sum_y \sum_{m=2}^n \sum_{\omega_1 \in \mathcal{W}_m(y)} J_{\omega_1}[0, m] \sum_{\omega_2 \in \mathcal{W}_{n-m}(x-y)} K_{\omega_2}[0, n-m].$$

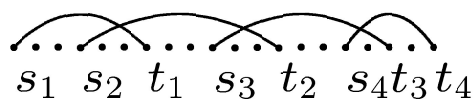
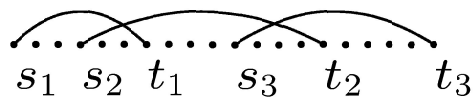
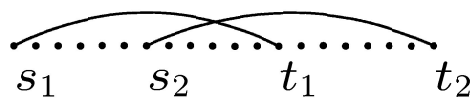
$$\sum_y \sum_{m=2}^n \pi_m(y) c_{n-m}(x-y)$$

$$\pi_m(y) = \sum_{\omega \in \mathcal{W}_m(y)} J_\omega[0, m].$$

$$x) = \sum_y c_1(y) c_{n-1}(x-y) + \sum_y \sum_{m=2}^n \pi_m(y) c_{n-m}(x-y).$$

## The lace expansion: laces

$n]$ , choose a ‘minimal’ connected  $L \subset \Gamma$ ,  
 denote the edges which are *compatible* with  $L$  in the sense that  $L$  remains  
 choice for  $\Gamma = L \cup \{st\}$ .  
 ces  $L$  with  $N = 1, 2, 3, 4$  edges:



## The lace expansion: resummation

$$\begin{aligned}
 0, m] &= \sum_{L \in \mathcal{L}_{[0, m]}} \prod_{st \in L} U_{st} \sum_{\Gamma \in \mathcal{G}_{[0, m]}(L)} \prod_{s't' \in \Gamma \setminus L} U_{s't'} \\
 &= \sum_{L \in \mathcal{L}_{[0, m]}} \prod_{st \in L} U_{st} \prod_{s't' \in \mathcal{C}(L)} (1 + U_{s't'}) \\
 &= \sum_{N=1}^{\infty} (-1)^N \sum_{L \in \mathcal{L}_{[0, m]}^{(N)}} \prod_{st \in L} [-U_{st}] \prod_{s't' \in \mathcal{C}(L)} (1 + U_{s't'}),
 \end{aligned}$$

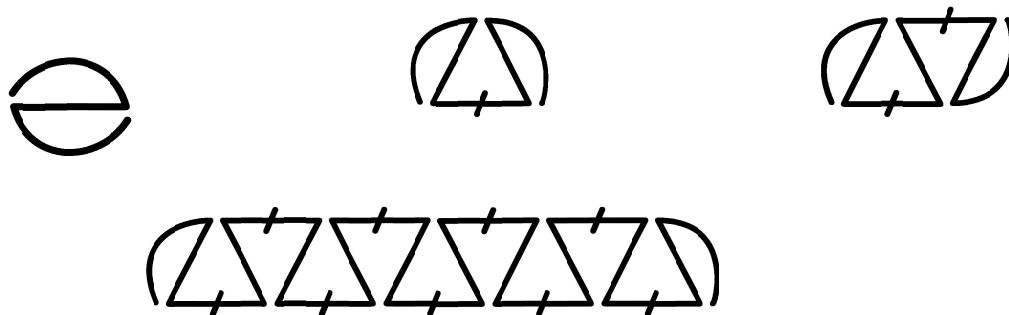
$$\pi_m(x) = \sum_{N=1}^{\infty} (-1)^N \pi_m^{(N)}(x)$$

$$(x) = \sum_{\omega \in \mathcal{W}_m(x)} \sum_{L \in \mathcal{L}_{[0, m]}^{(N)}} \prod_{st \in L} [-U_{st}(\omega)] \prod_{s't' \in \mathcal{C}(L)} (1 + U_{s't'}(\omega)).$$

## The lace expansion: lace graphs

$$G(x) = \sum_{\omega \in \mathcal{W}_m(x)} \sum_{L \in \mathcal{L}_{[0,m]}^{(N)}} \prod_{st \in L} [-U_{st}(\omega)] \prod_{s't' \in \mathcal{C}(L)} (1 + U_{s't'}(\omega)).$$

These are the walks that give nonzero products in the above sum, and this is what we enumerate.



Lace graphs for  $N = 1, 2, 3, 4, 11$ .

## The lace expansion: smaller enumeration task

find that the ratio of SAWs to lace graphs is approximately

$$d = 2, n = 30 : 36$$

$$d = 3, n = 30 : 525$$

$$d = 4, n = 24 : 1700$$

$$d = 5, n = 24 : 6200$$

$$d = 6, n = 24 : 20000$$

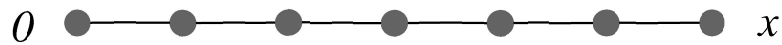
of  $(\pi_m)_{m \leq M}$  in dimensions  $d \leq \frac{M}{2}$  gives  $(\pi_m)_{m \leq M}$  in *all* dimensions  $d$ .  
in dimensions  $d \leq 12$  gives  $(c_n)_{n \leq 24}$  in *all* dimensions  $d$ .

:

|   | $\delta = 3$           | $\delta = 4$          | $\delta = 5$           | $\delta = 6$           |
|---|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 2 | 0                      | 0                     | 0                      | 0                      |
| 1 | 0                      | 0                     | 0                      | 0                      |
| 3 | -4                     | 0                     | 0                      | 0                      |
| 3 | 15                     | 0                     | 0                      | 0                      |
| 9 | -86                    | -27                   | 0                      | 0                      |
| 0 | 300                    | 106                   | 0                      | 0                      |
| 1 | -1 511                 | -1 340                | - 248                  | 0                      |
| 5 | 5 297                  | 5 333                 | 966                    | 0                      |
| 5 | -25 566                | -52 252               | -25 020                | -2 830                 |
| 3 | 91 234                 | 211 403               | 100 988                | 10 755                 |
| 1 | - 435 330              | -1 907 566            | -1 850 364             | - 515 509              |
| 4 | 1 586 306              | 7 854 601             | 7 635 822              | 2 029 500              |
| 4 | -7 568 792             | -68 777 498           | - 123 248 980          | -64 816 437            |
| 3 | 28 105 857             | 288 074 727           | 517 006 517            | 260 695 401            |
| 5 | - 134 512 520          | -2 498 227 824        | -7 899 351 270         | -7 074 329 136         |
| 3 | 507 675 751            | 10 626 960 167        | 33 569 520 427         | 28 860 719 280         |
| 7 | -2 438 375 322         | -92 047 793 514       | - 500 752 577 733      | - 724 291 034 691      |
| 5 | 9 330 924 963          | 396 919 882 288       | 2 150 581 793 271      | 2 984 307 507 943      |
| 7 | -44 965 008 206        | -3 445 692 397 195    | -31 789 616 257 271    | -72 005 867 458 629    |
| 1 | 174 103 216 625        | 15 035 569 992 917    | 137 713 940 393 321    | 298 797 296 949 195    |
| 2 | - 841 380 441 626      | - 130 974 140 581 412 | -2 032 548 406 479 564 | -7 072 798 632 884 530 |
| 9 | 3 290 830 791 268      |                       |                        |                        |
| 5 | -15 941 476 401 251    |                       |                        |                        |
| 3 | 62 897 919 980 935     |                       |                        |                        |
| 5 | - 305 298 415 550 796  |                       |                        |                        |
| 7 | 1 213 812 491 872 081  |                       |                        |                        |
| 2 | -5 901 490 794 431 276 |                       |                        |                        |
| 3 |                        |                       |                        |                        |

## Inclusion-exclusion

contributing to the two-point function are regarded as a string of mutually-avoiding paths (= vertices):



mutually avoiding. The problem would be easy if the beads were independent

alternate view: The lace expansion is an inclusion-exclusion argument that is as independent to first order, with explicit higher order corrections.

ns give rise to lace graphs.

## The lace expansion via inclusion-exclusion

$$c_n(x) = \sum_y c_1(y) c_{n-1}(x - y) - R_n^{(1)}(x)$$

$$R_n^{(1)}(x) = \text{Diagram: a blue circle with a horizontal line segment extending to the right, labeled 0 at the left end and x at the right end.}$$

sion again:

$$R_n^{(1)}(x) = \sum_{m=2}^n u_m c_{n-m}(x) - R_n^{(2)}(x)$$

$$R_n^{(2)}(x) = \text{Diagram: a circle with a horizontal line segment extending to the right, labeled 0 at the left end and x at the right end. The top half of the circle and the line segment are red, and the bottom half of the circle and the line segment are blue.}$$



# The lace expansion via inclusion-exclusion

s to

$$x) = \sum_y c_1(y) c_{n-1}(x-y) + \sum_{m=2}^n \sum_y \pi_m(y) c_{n-m}(x-y)$$

$$\pi_m(y) = -\delta_{0,y} \text{ (point)} + 0 \text{ (line)} - \text{ (triangle)} + \cdots$$

## $1/d$ expansions

ursion relation

$$c_n = 2dc_{n-1} + \sum_{m=2}^n \pi_m c_{n-m}.$$

erating functions

$$\chi(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n z^n, \quad \Pi(z) = \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \pi_m z^m.$$

relation gives

$$\chi(z) = \frac{1}{1 - 2dz - \Pi(z)}.$$

convergence of  $\chi(z)$  is  $z_c = \mu^{-1}$ , and  $\chi(z_c) = \infty$ , so

$$1 - 2dz_c - \Pi(z_c) = 0.$$

## $1/d$ expansions: truncation

int is given implicitly by

$$z_c = \frac{1}{2d}[1 - \Pi(z_c)] = \frac{1}{2d} \left[ 1 - \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \sum_{M=1}^{\infty} (-1)^M \pi_m^{(M)} z_c^m \right].$$

ed this to prove that there exist  $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that

$$z_c \sim \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_i}{(2d)^i} \quad \text{as } d \rightarrow \infty.$$

e gives (in high  $d$ )

$$\sum_{m=2}^{\infty} \sum_{M=N}^{\infty} \pi_m^{(M)} z_c^m \leq C_N d^{-N}$$

in high  $d$ )

$$\sum_{m=j}^{\infty} \pi_m^{(M)} z_c^m \leq C_{M,j} d^{-j/2}.$$

## $1/d$ expansions: results

edge of  $\pi_m^{(M)}$  for  $m \leq 2N$  and  $M \leq N$  permits the recursive calculation  
 $\dots, N+1$ .

$m \leq 24$  and  $M \leq 12$  gives

$$= 1 - \frac{1}{2d} - \frac{3}{(2d)^2} - \frac{16}{(2d)^3} - \frac{102}{(2d)^4} - \frac{729}{(2d)^5} - \frac{5533}{(2d)^6} - \frac{42229}{(2d)^7} \\ - \frac{88761}{(2d)^8} - \frac{1026328}{(2d)^9} + \frac{21070667}{(2d)^{10}} + \frac{780280468}{(2d)^{11}} + O\left(\frac{1}{(2d)^{12}}\right).$$

The full asymptotic series is divergent. Note sign change at order  $(2d)^{-10}$ .

These results result for the amplitudes  $A$  and  $D$ , using e.g.,

$$\frac{1}{A} = 2dz_c + \sum_{m=2}^{\infty} m\pi_m z_c^m$$