

Scaling and local limits of Baxter permutations and bipolar orientations through coalescent-walk processes

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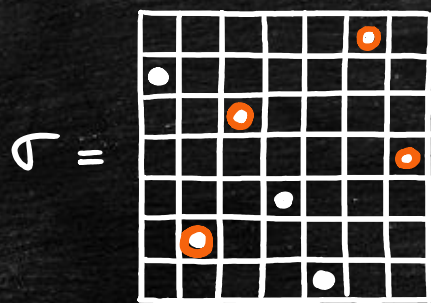
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(joint work with M. Maazoun)

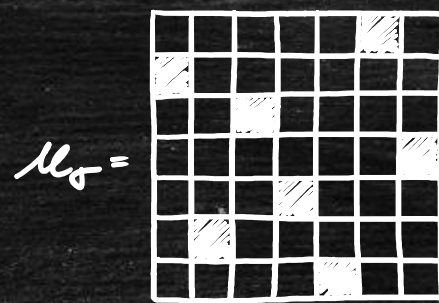
Motivations(PART 1): Permuton limits

We look at permutations from a geometric perspective:

Consider the permutation $\sigma = 6\ 2\ 5\ 3\ 1\ 7\ 4$



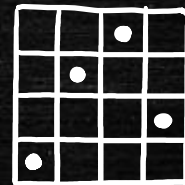
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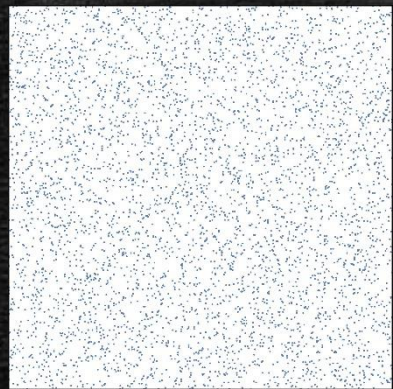
Probability measure
on the unit-square
with uniform marginals

Def: An occurrence of a pattern $\pi \in \mathcal{S}_k$ in $\sigma \in \mathcal{S}$ is a subsequence $\sigma(i_1) \dots \sigma(i_k) \in \mathcal{S}_k$ order-isomorphic to π .

Example: Occurrences of $\pi = 1342$ \rightsquigarrow

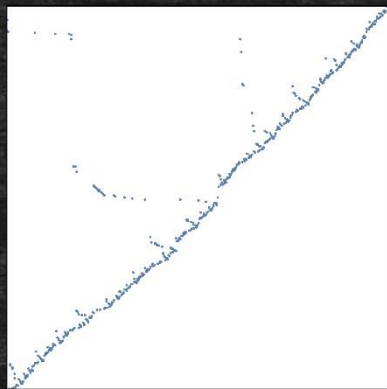


Lebesgue measure

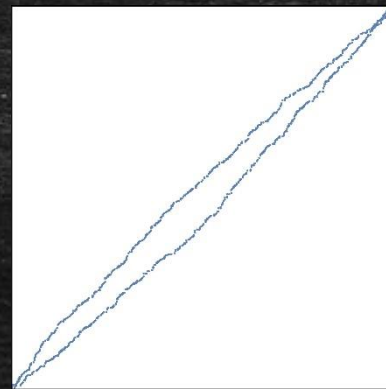


\mathcal{S}

Hoffman, Rizzolo, Slivken
Brownian excursion



$Av(231)$



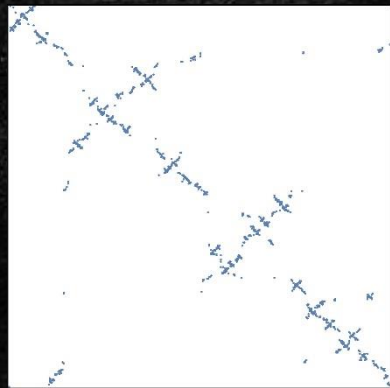
$Av(321)$

Traceless Dyson
Brownian bridge

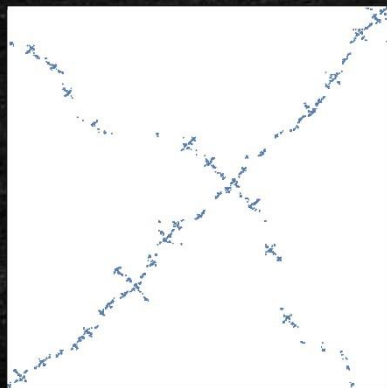


$Av(654321)$

Bossino, Bouvel, Féray, Gerin, Mazzoun, Pierrot, B., Stuffer
Continuum Random Tree



$Av(2413, 3142)$

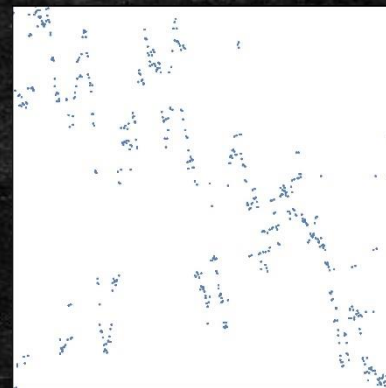


$\mathcal{SE}(Av(321))$

flows of SDEs + LQG



Baxter



Semi-Baxter

Def: A PERMUTON is a probability measure on the square $[0,1]^2$ with uniform marginals.

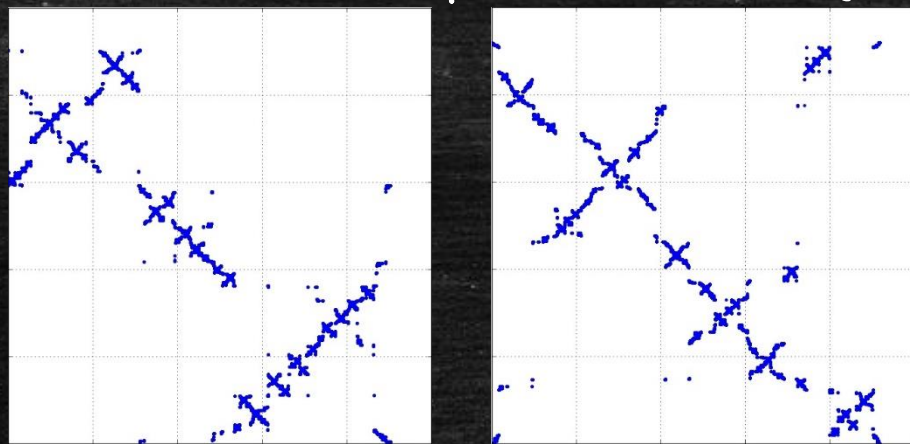
Remark: We have a natural notion of convergence of such objects: the WEAK CONVERGENCE. This defines a nice compact Polish space.

\Rightarrow limits of permutons are permutons, i.e., potential limits of sequences of permutons also have uniform marginals.

THEOREM [① Bossino, Bouvel, Féray, Gerin, Maazoun and Pierrot, 2016
② B., Bouvel, Féray, Stufler, 2019]

Let \mathcal{C} be a substitution closed class.

Let σ^n be a uniform random permutation of size n in \mathcal{C} . Then



RANDOM
BROWNIAN
SEPARABLE
PERMUTON

$$\mu_{\sigma^n} \xrightarrow{d} \mu_p =$$

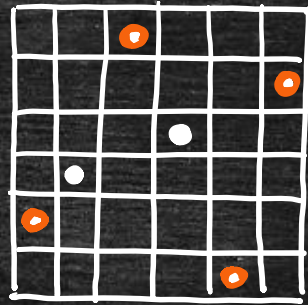
parameter $p \in [0, 1]$
depending on \mathcal{C}

Example: $\mathcal{C} = \text{Av}(2413 - 3142)$

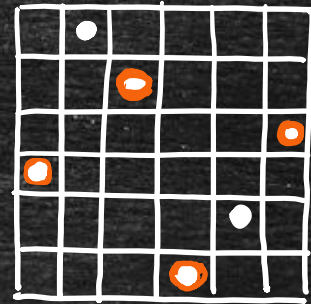
Separable
permutations

Def: Baxter permutations are permutations avoiding the patterns

$2\underline{41}3$ & $3\underline{14}2$.



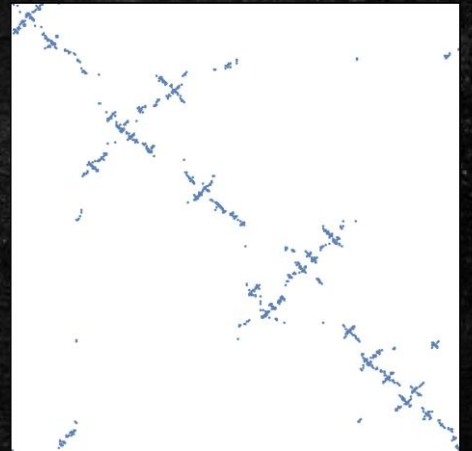
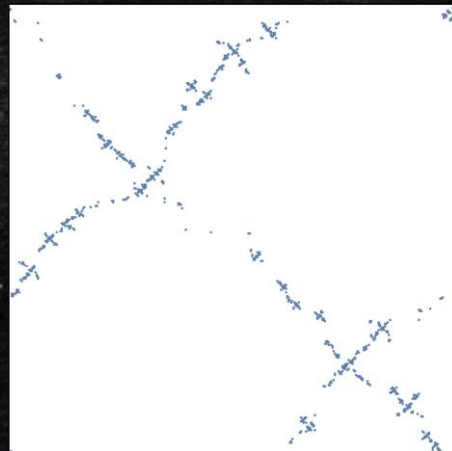
BAXTER



NOT
BAXTER

DOKOS & PAK (2014) explored the expected shape of doubly alternating Baxter permutations, i.e. Baxter perm. σ s.t. σ and σ^{-1} are alternating and they claimed that

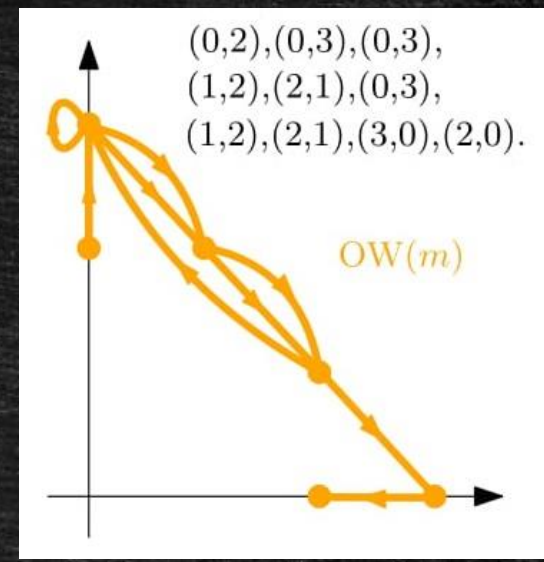
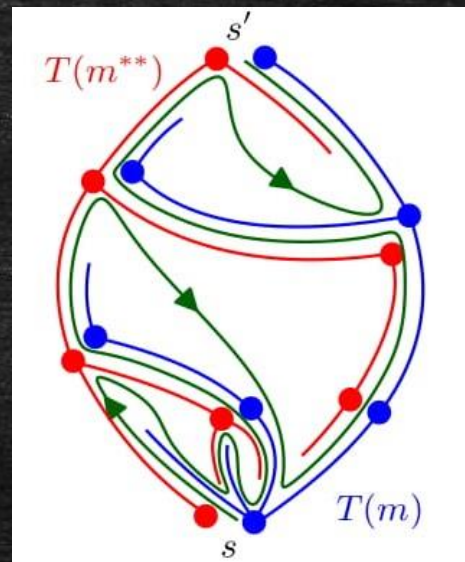
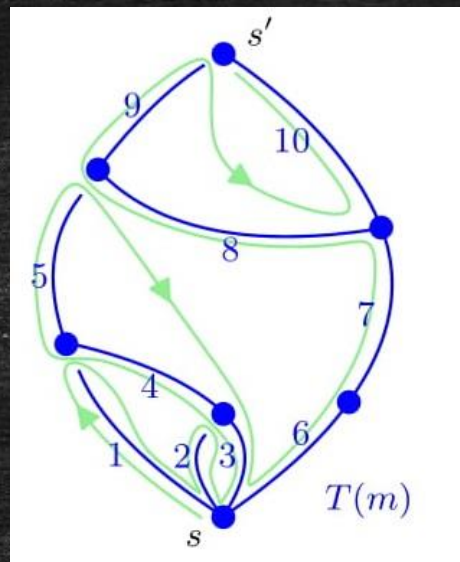
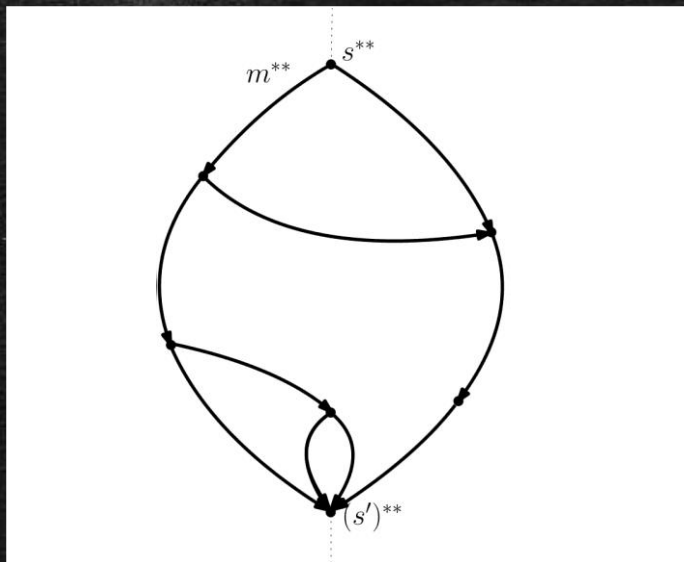
"IT WOULD BE NICE TO COMPUTE THE LIMIT SHAPE OF BAXTER PERMUTATIONS"



Motivations(PART 2): Bipolar orientations and walks in cones

Bonichon, Bousquet-Mélou & Fusy (2011) showed that Baxter permutations are in bijection with plane bipolar orientations.

Def: A PLANE BIPOLAR ORIENTATION is a planar map (connected graphs properly embedded in the plane up to continuous deformations) equipped with an acyclic orientation of the edges with exactly one source (a vertex with only outgoing edges) and one sink (a vertex with only incoming edges) both on the outer face.



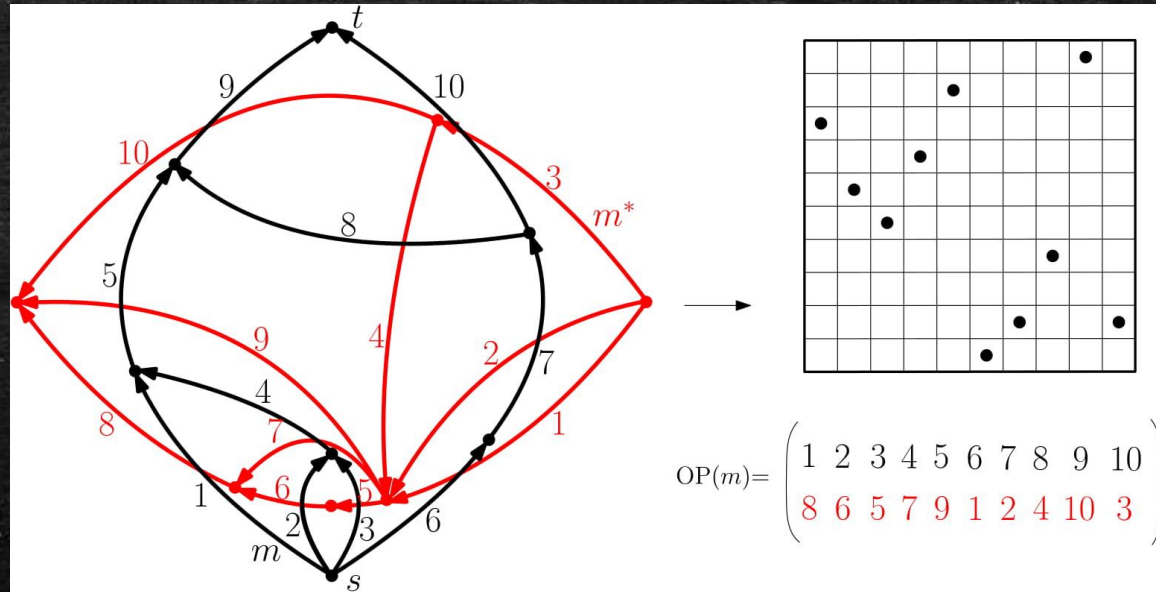
Kenyon, Miller, Sheffield & Wilson (2015) constructed the following bijection.

Def: Let $n \geq 1$ and m be a bipolar orientation with n edges. We define $OW(m) = (X_t, Y_t)_{1 \leq t \leq n} \in (\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^2)^n$ as follows: for $1 \leq t \leq n$, X_t is the height in the tree $T(m)$ of the bottom vertex of e_t and Y_t is the height in the tree $T(m'')$ of the top vertex of e_t .

THEOREM: (Gwynne, Holden, Sun 2016)

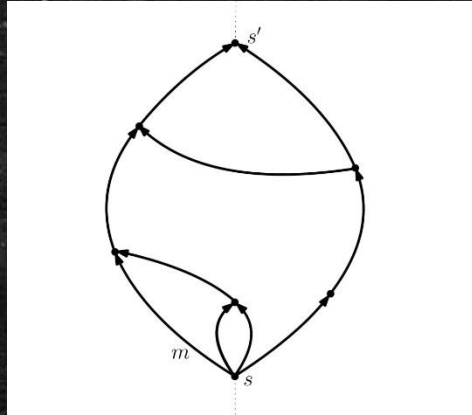
The pairs of height functions for an infinite-volume random bipolar triangulation and its dual converge jointly in law to the two Brownian motions which encode the same $\sqrt{4/3}$ -LQG surface decorated by both an SLE_{12} and the "dual" SLE_{12} which travels in a perpendicular direction.

Def: A TANDEM WALK is a two-dimensional walk in $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^2$ starting at $(0, h)$ and ending at $(k, 0)$ with steps in $\{(+1, -1)\} \cup \{(-i, j) : i, j \geq 0\}$.

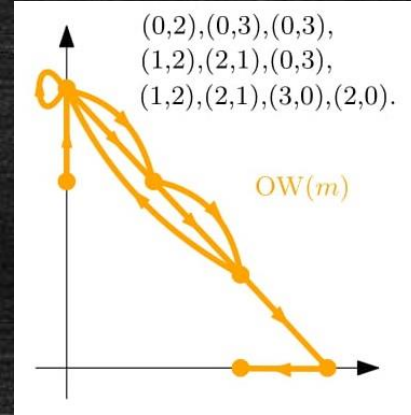


Def: Let $n \geq 1$ and m a bipolar orientation with n edges. Let $OP(m)$ be the only permutation π such that for every $1 \leq i \leq n$, the i -th edge to be visited in the exploration of $T(m)$ corresponds to the $\pi(i)$ -th edge to be visited in the exploration of $T(m^*)$.

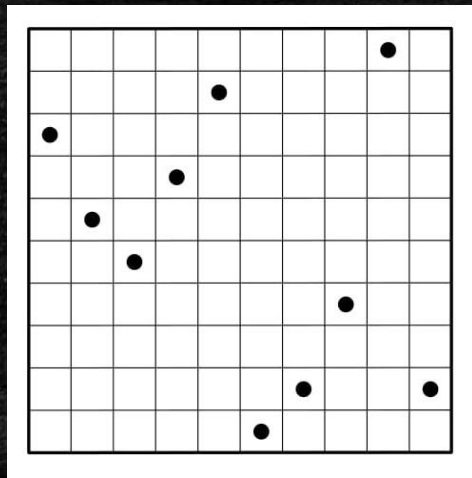
SO FAR ...



OW →



↓ OP



↙ $OP \circ OW^{-1}$



WE WANT "TO READ"
 THE PATTERNS OF A
 PERMUTATION
 IN THE CORRESPONDING
 WALK

Coalescent-walk processes

Let $W_t = (X_t, Y_t)$ be a tandem walk & $\sigma = OP \circ OW^{-1}(W)$ be the corresponding Baxter permutation.

IDEA: Given $i < j$, we want to find a way in order to "read" in W_t if $\sigma(i) < \sigma(j)$ or $\sigma(j) < \sigma(i)$.

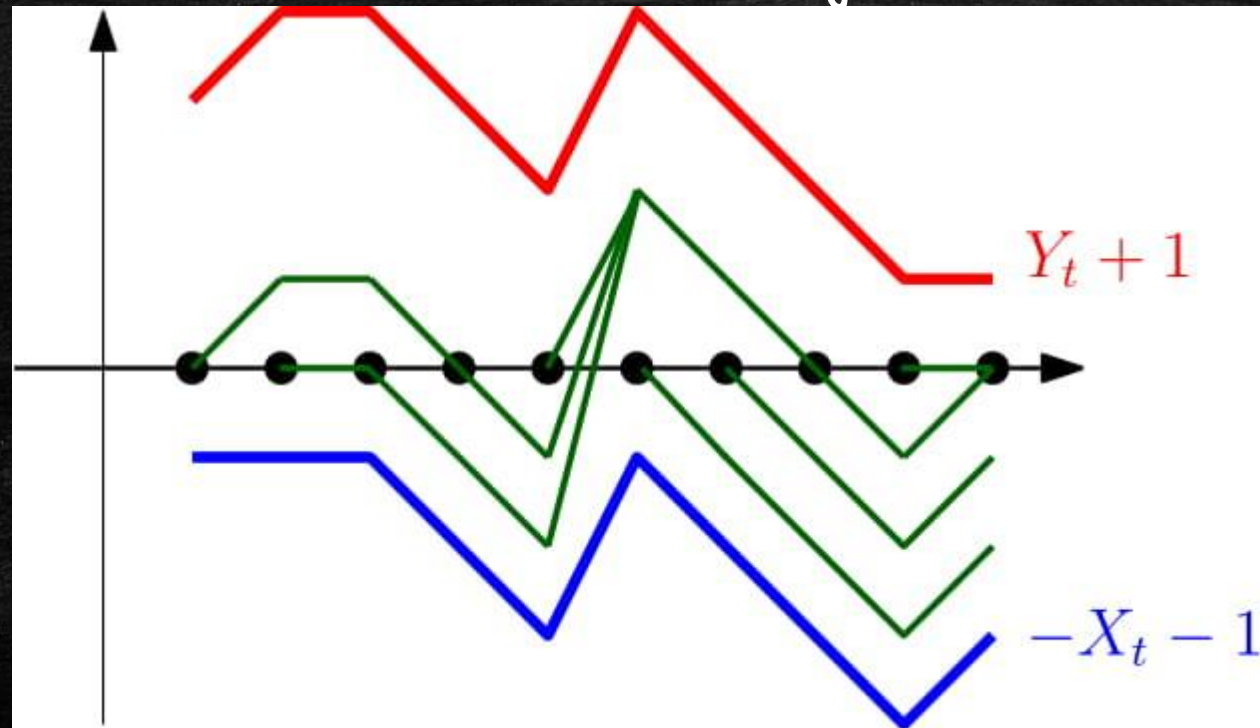
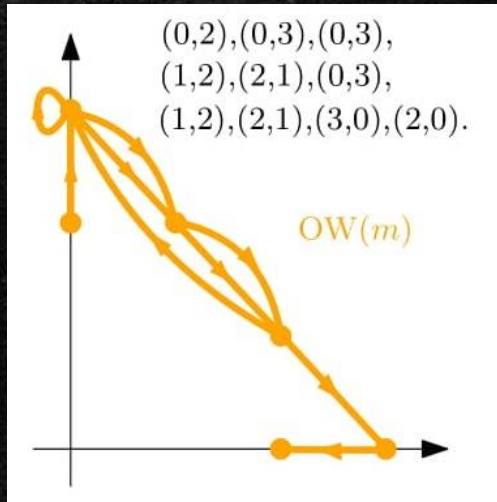
SOLUTION: **COALESCENT - WALK PROCESSES**

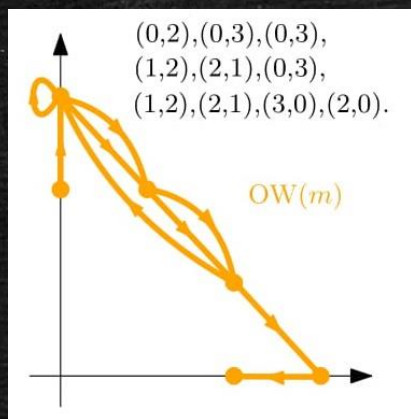
i.e. a collection of walks $(z_{i \geq t}^{(t)})_t$ that "follow" Y_t when they are positive and $-X_t$ when they are negative.

Def: Let $(W_t)_{t \in [n]} = (X_t, Y_t)_{t \in [n]}$ be a tandem walk of length $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

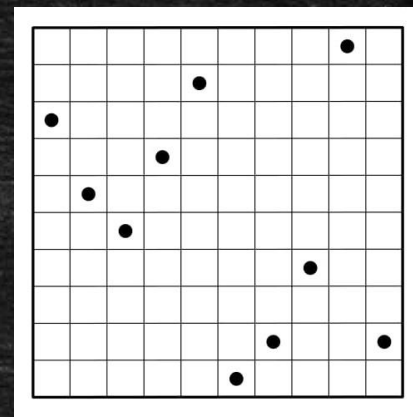
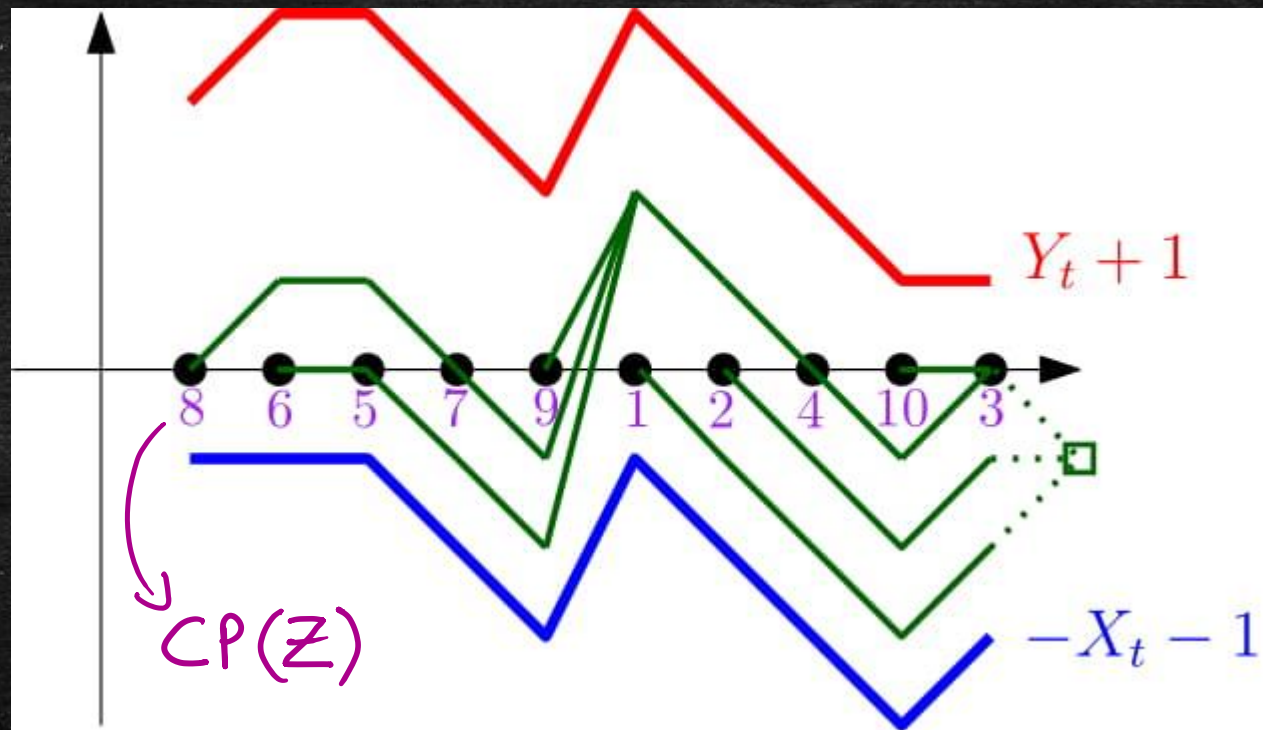
The COALESCENT-WALK PROCESS associated to $(W_t)_{t \in [n]}$ is a collection of n one-dimensional walks $(z^{(t)})_{t \in [n]} =: \text{WC}(W)$ defined for every $t \in [n]$ by:

$$\bullet z_t^{(t)} = 0 \quad \bullet z_k^{(t)} = \begin{cases} z_{k-1}^{(t)} + (Y_k - Y_{k-1}) & \text{if } z_{k-1}^{(t)} \geq 0 \\ z_{k-1}^{(t)} - (X_k - X_{k-1}) & \text{if } z_{k-1}^{(t)} < 0 \text{ \& } z_{k-1}^{(t)} - (X_k - X_{k-1}) < 0 \\ Y_k - Y_{k-1} & \text{if } z_{k-1}^{(t)} < 0 \text{ \& } z_{k-1}^{(t)} - (X_k - X_{k-1}) \geq 0 \end{cases}$$





$$W = (W_t)_t$$

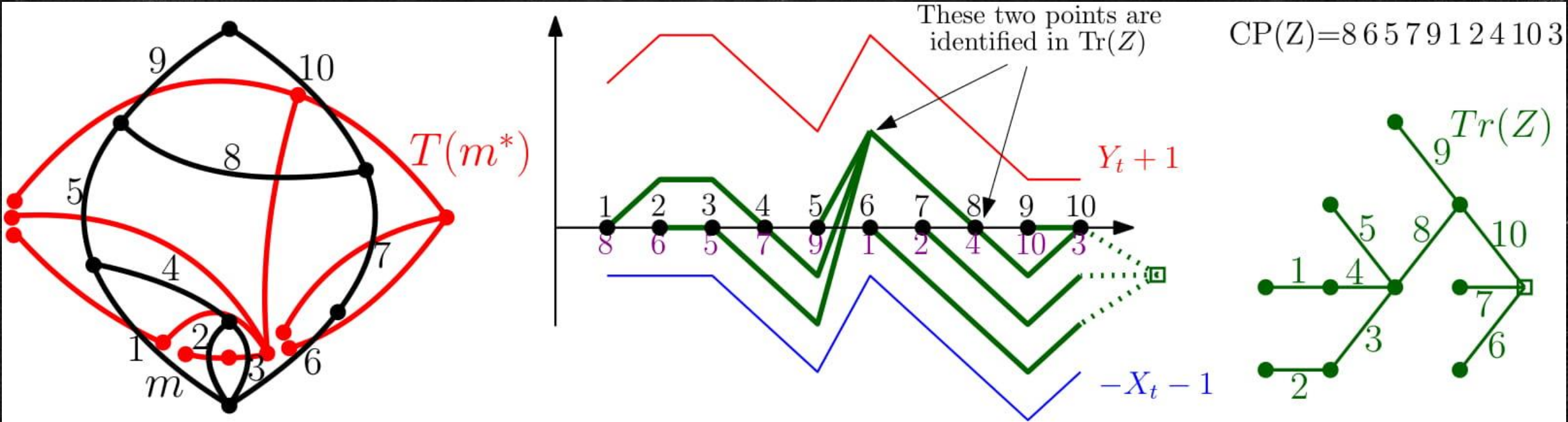


$$\sigma = OP \circ OW^{-1}(w)$$

THEOREM: Let $W = (W_t)_{t \in [n]}$ be a tandem walk and $\sigma = OP \circ OW^{-1}(w)$ the corresponding Baxter permutation. Then

$$CP \circ \underbrace{WC(W)}_{\text{coalescent-walk process } Z} = \sigma.$$

coalescent-walk process Z



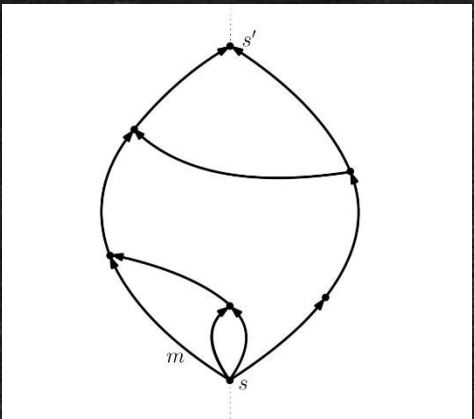
PROPOSITION: Let σ be a Baxter permutation of size $n \in \mathbb{N}$ corresponding to a coalescent-walk process $(Z^{(t)})_{t \in [n]}$. Then for $i < j$

$$\sigma(i) < \sigma(j) \iff Z_j^{(i)} < 0$$

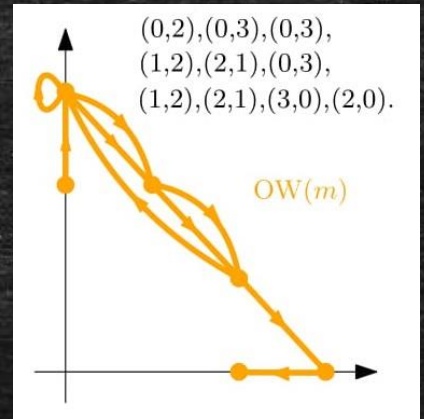
THEOREM: Let m be a bipolar orientation with n edges and $Z = (Z^{(t)})_{t \in [n]}$ be the corresponding coalescent-walk process. Then

$$\text{Tr}(Z) = T(m^*) \text{ as labeled trees.}$$

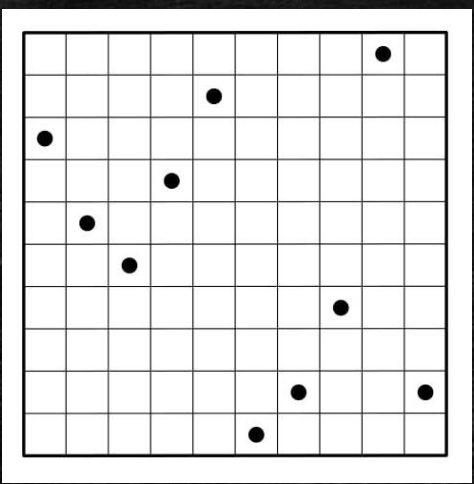
THEOREM:
 (B.-Mazoun) 2020



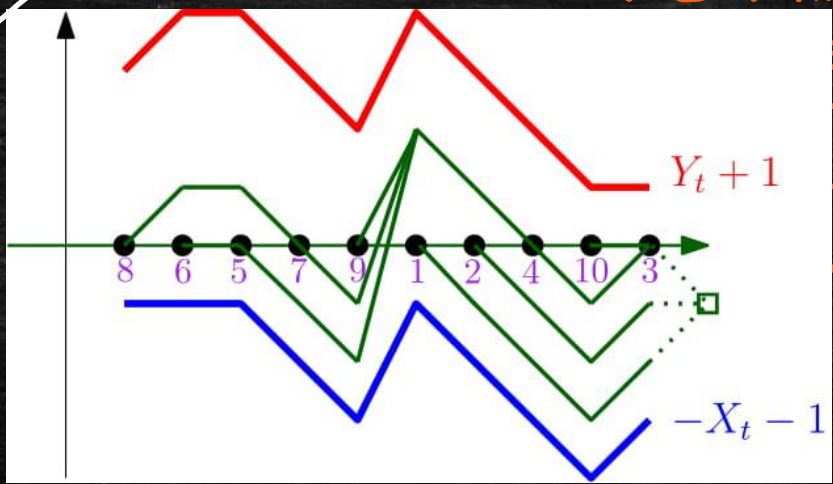
OW →



↓ OP



↓ WC

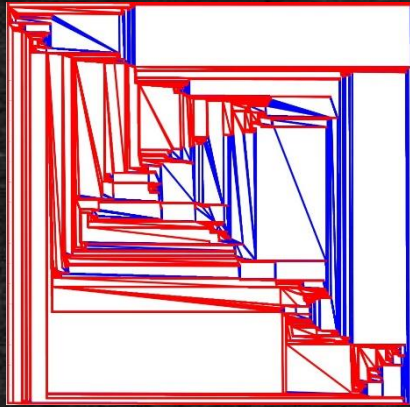


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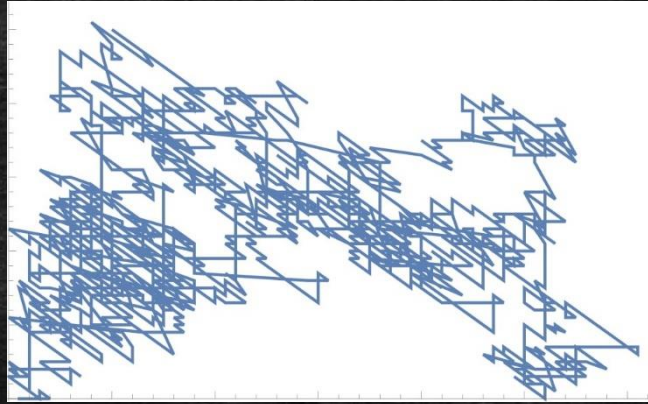
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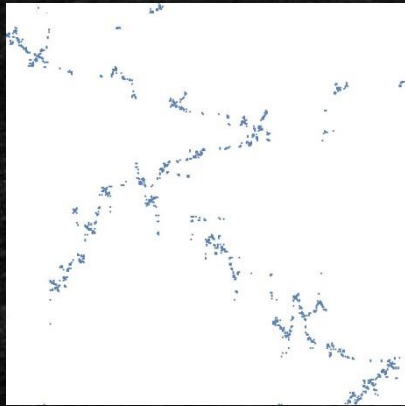
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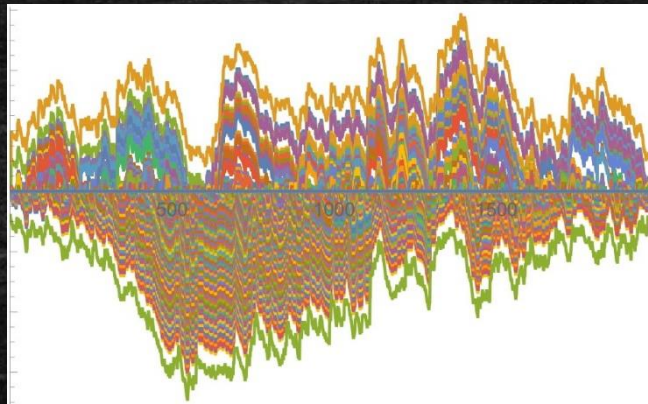
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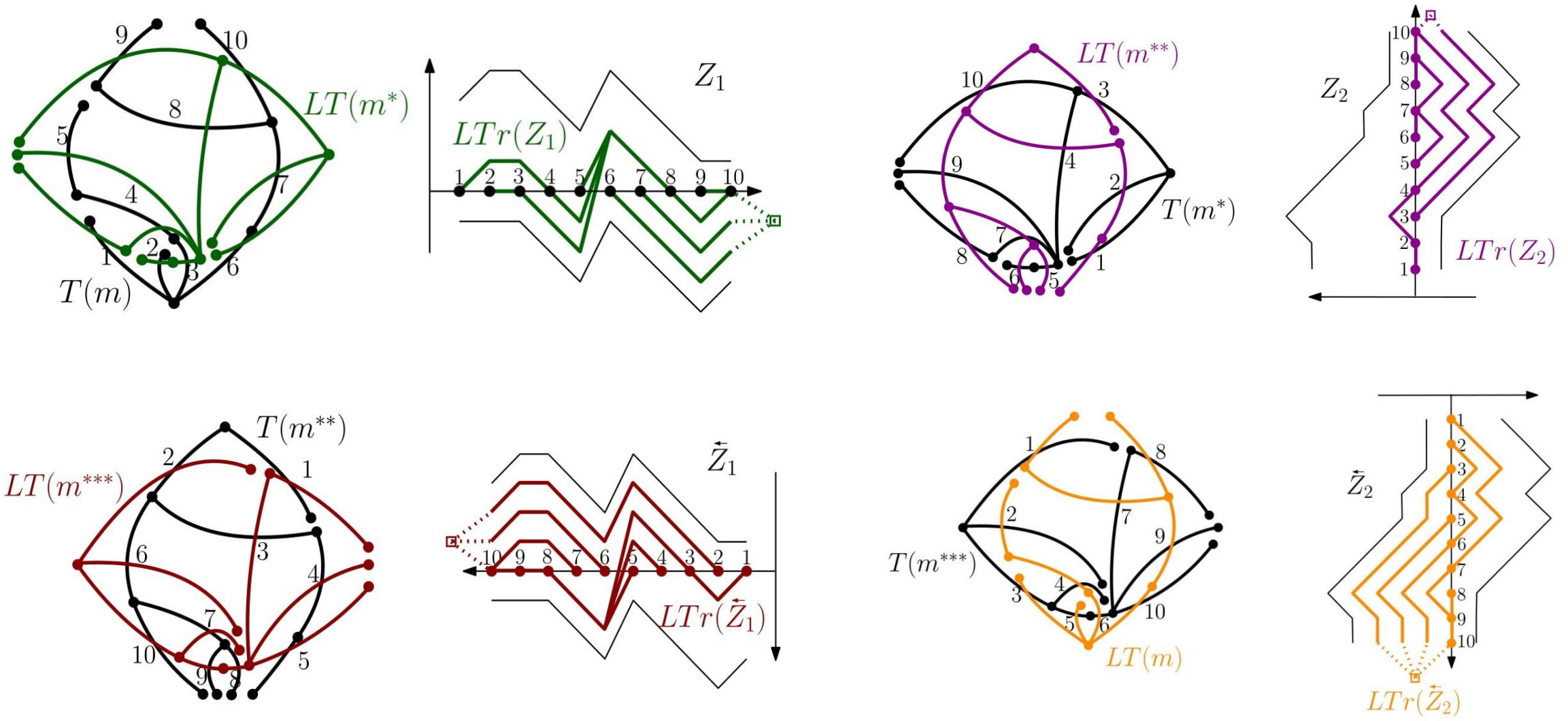
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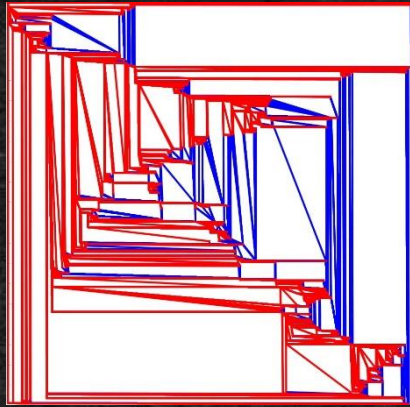
THEOREM: (B.-Mazzoun 2020)

$$X_i^* = L_{Z_1}^{(\sigma^{-1}(i))} (n) - 1$$

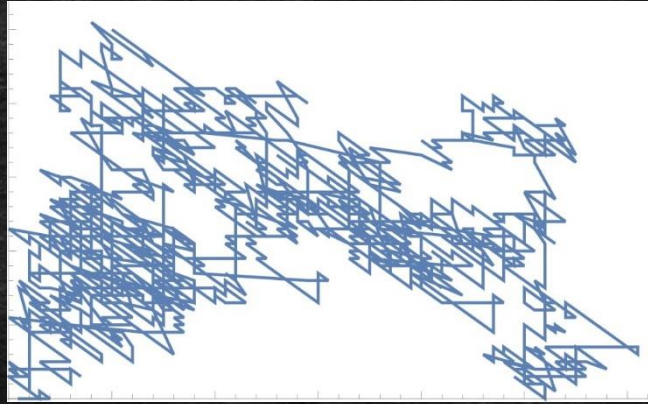
$$Y_i^* = L_{\tilde{Z}_1}^{(\sigma^*(i))} (n) - 1$$



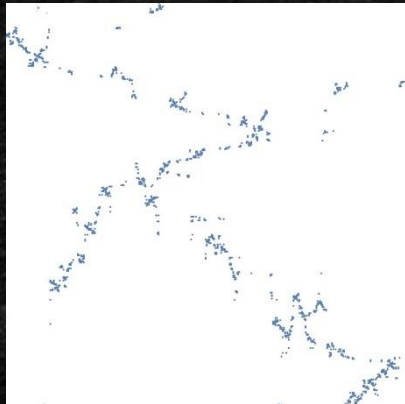
$$L_{Z}^{(i)}(j) := \# \{ k \in [i, j] \mid Z_k^{(i)} = 0 \}$$



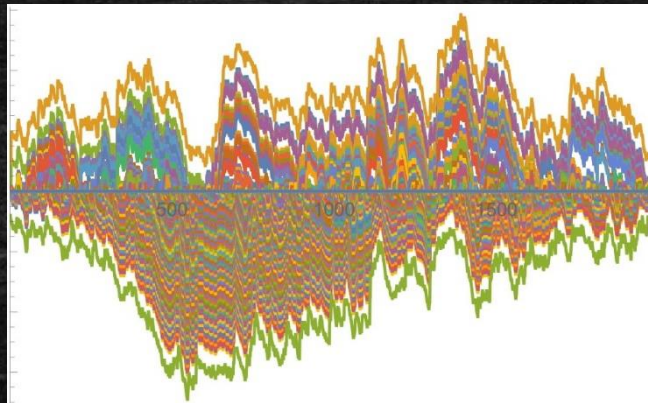
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Scaling limits of coalescent-walk processes

The continuous coalescent-walk process

Consider a two dimensional process $W(t) = (X(t), Y(t))_{t \in I}$ and the following family of stochastic differential equations (SDEs) indexed by $u \in I$

$$(*) \quad \begin{cases} dz^{(u)}(t) = \mathbb{1}_{\{z^{(u)}(t) > 0\}} dY(t) - \mathbb{1}_{\{z^{(u)}(t) \leq 0\}} dX(t), & t \in (u, \infty) \cap I, \\ z^{(u)}(t) = 0, & t \in (-\infty, u] \cap I. \end{cases}$$

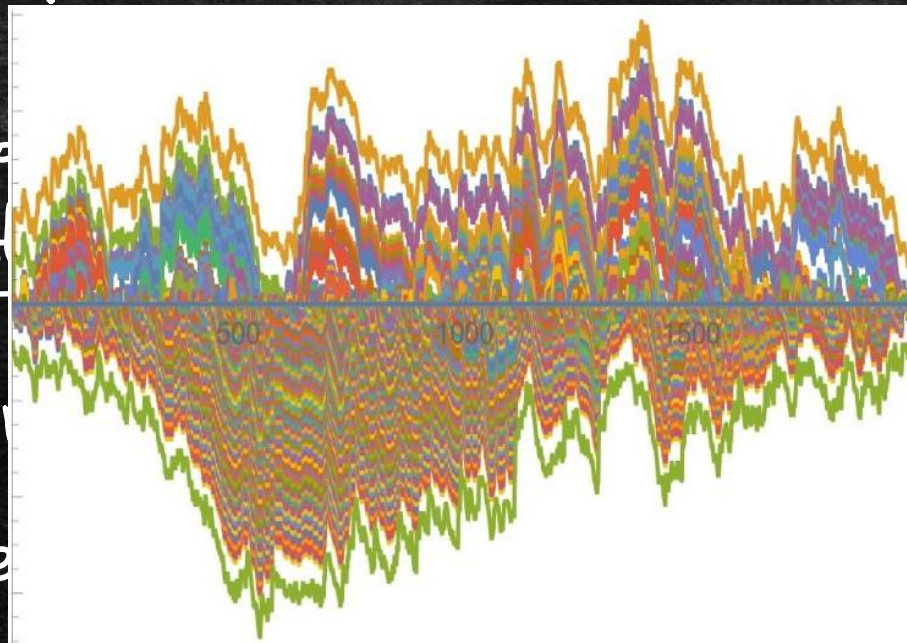
THEOREM (Prokaj 2013, Çağlar - Hajri - Karakus 2018)

Let $(W(t))_{t \in I}$ be a two-dimensional Brownian motion with covariance matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho \\ \rho & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ for some $\rho \in (-1, 1)$. Fix $u \in I$. We have path-wise uniqueness and existence of a strong solution for the SDE $(*)$ driven by $W(t)$.

We now consider the SDEs (*) driven by a two-dimensional Brownian excursion $W_e = (X_e, Y_e)$ with cov. matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$:

$$\begin{cases} dz_e^{(\mu)}(t) = \mathbb{1}_{\{z_e^{(\mu)}(t) > 0\}} dY_e(t) - \mathbb{1}_{\{z_e^{(\mu)}(t) \leq 0\}} dX_e(t), & t > \mu, \\ z_e^{(\mu)}(t) = 0, & t \leq \mu. \end{cases}, \forall \mu \in [0, 1]$$

Using absolutely continuous μ we proved existence & uniqueness of solutions.



The above

For almost every

imply that:

for almost every $\mu \in [0, 1]$.

Def: We call CONTINUOUS COALESCENT-WALK PROCESS (driven by W_e) the collection of solutions $\{z_e^{(\mu)}\}_{\mu \in [0, 1]}$ where properly defined.

Let $\bar{W} = (\bar{X}, \bar{Y}) = (\bar{X}_k, \bar{Y}_k)_{k \geq 0}$ be a two dimensional random walk having value $(0, 0)$ at time 0 and step distribution

$$\nu = \frac{1}{2} \delta_{(+1, -1)} + \sum_{i, j \geq 0} 2^{-i-j-3} \delta_{(-i, j)}$$

Proposition: The following is a uniform tandem walk of length n :

$$(W_t)_{1 \leq t \leq n} := \left((\bar{W}_t)_{1 \leq t \leq n} \mid \bar{W}_0 = (0, 0), \bar{W}_{n+1} = (0, 0), (\bar{W}_t)_{0 \leq t \leq n+1} \in (\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^2)^{n+1} \right)$$

Let $Z = \text{NC}(W)$ be the corresponding coalescent-walk process and $(L^{(i)}(j))_{-\infty \leq i \leq j \leq \infty}$ be the corresponding local time process. We define the rescaled continuous versions: for all $n \geq 1, u \in \mathbb{R}$, let

$$W_n : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2 \quad Z_n^{(u)} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad L_n^{(u)} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

be the continuous functions defined by interpolating the following points:

$$W_n \left(\frac{k}{n} \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2n}} W_k \quad Z_n^{(u)} \left(\frac{k}{n} \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2n}} Z_k^{(\lceil nu \rceil)} \quad L_n^{(u)} \left(\frac{k}{n} \right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2n}} L^{(\lceil nu \rceil)}(k), \quad k \in \mathbb{R}$$

THEOREM: Let $u \in (0, 1)$. We have the following joint convergence in $\mathcal{C}([0, 1], \mathbb{R})^3 \times \mathcal{C}([0, 1], \mathbb{R})$
 (B.-Mazzoun 2020)

$$(W_n, Z_n^{(u)}, L_n^{(u)}) \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{d} (W_e, Z_e^{(u)}, L_e^{(u)})$$

2-dim. Brownian excursion in the quadrant with cov $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1/2 \\ -1/2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ associated continuous coad-walk process associated local time

- Remarks:**
- The convergence to the process W_e is due to Denisov & Wachtel.
 - The convergence of local times is up to time 1 excluded!

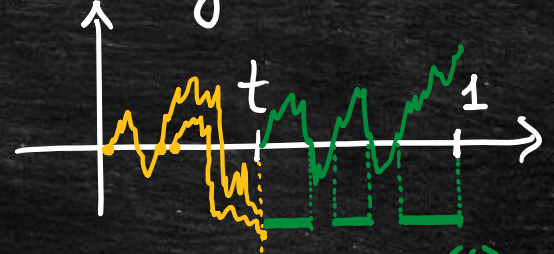
THEOREM: Let $(u_i)_{i \geq 1}$ be a sequence of iid uniform random variables on $[0, 1]$ independent of all other variables. Then
 (B.-Mazzoun 2020)

$$(W_n, (Z_n^{(u_i)}, L_n^{(u_i)})_{i \geq 1}) \xrightarrow{d} (W_e, (Z_e^{(u_i)}, L_e^{(u_i)})_{i \geq 1})$$

Scaling limits of Baxter permutations

Let $\mathcal{Z}_e = \{ \tilde{z}_e^{(\mu)} \}_{\mu \in (0,1)}$ be the family of solutions of the SDEs (*) driven by the Brownian excursion W_e in the quadrant of cov. matrix $\begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{2} & 1 \\ 1 & -\frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$.

Define the following random function for $t \in [0,1]$:



$$\varphi_{\tilde{z}_e}(t) := \text{Leb}(\{x \in [0,t) \mid \tilde{z}_e^{(x)}(t) < 0\}) + \text{Leb}(\{x \in [t,1] \mid \tilde{z}_e^{(t)}(x) \geq 0\})$$

The BAXTER PERMUTON is the following random probability measure on the square $[0,1]^2$:

$$\mu_{\tilde{z}_e}(\cdot) := (\text{Id}, \varphi_{\tilde{z}_e})_* \text{Leb}(\cdot) = \text{Leb}(\{t \in [0,1] \mid (t, \varphi(t)) \in \cdot\}).$$

PROPOSITION: $\mu_{\mathbb{Z}_e}(\cdot)$ is almost surely a permutation.

THEOREM: Let σ_n be a uniform Baxter permutation of size n .
(B.-Mazzoun 2020) We have the following convergence in the space of permutations

$$\mu_{\sigma_n} \xrightarrow{d} \mu_{\mathbb{Z}_e}$$



Proof based on:

• PROPOSITION: $\sigma(i) < \sigma(j) \iff z_j^{(i)} < 0$

• THEOREM: $\left(\mathcal{W}_n, \left(z_n^{(u_i)}, \rho_n^{(u_i)} \right)_{i \geq 1} \right) \xrightarrow{d} \left(\mathcal{W}_e, \left(z_e^{(u_i)}, \rho_e^{(u_i)} \right)_{i \geq 1} \right)$

Joint scaling limits: the four trees of bipolar orientations

Recall that m, m^*, m^{**}, m^{***} are the four bipolar orientations obtained by the duality operation.

Let m be a uniform bipolar orientation with n edges.

From now $\theta \in \{\emptyset, *, **, ***\}$. Given m^θ we denote by

W_n^θ the corresponding tandem walk, Z_n^θ the corresponding coalescent-walk process

L_n^θ the corresponding local time process & σ_n^θ the corresponding Baxter permutation.

Moreover $W_n^\theta, Z_n^\theta, L_n^\theta$ denote the continuous interpolating versions.

Finally, $(u_{n,i}^\theta)_{i \geq 1}$ denotes a seq of unif. r.v. on $[0,1]$.

THEOREM: (B.-Mazzoun 2020) Let u denote a uniform r.v. on $[0,1]$ independent of \mathcal{W}_c . Then

1. Almost surely $\mathcal{L}_c^{(u)}$ has a limit at 1 and we still denote its extension by $\mathcal{L}_c^{(u)} \in \mathcal{C}([0,1], \mathbb{R})$.
2. There exists a measurable map $r: \mathcal{C}([0,1], \mathbb{R}^2) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}([0,1], \mathbb{R}^2)$ such that almost surely, denoting $(\tilde{X}, \tilde{Y}) = r(\mathcal{W}_c)$,

$$\tilde{X}(\varphi_{\tilde{X}_c}^{(u)}) = \mathcal{L}_c^{(u)}(1) \quad \text{and} \quad r(s(\mathcal{W}_c)) = s(r(\mathcal{W}_c))$$

$\curvearrowright s(X_t, Y_t) = (Y_{1-t}, X_{1-t})$

These properties uniquely determine the map r $\mathbb{P}_{\mathcal{W}_c}$ -a.s. and moreover

$$r(\mathcal{W}_c) \stackrel{d}{=} \mathcal{W}_c, \quad r^2 = s, \quad r^4 = \text{Id} \quad \text{a.s.}$$

3. If we couple \mathcal{W}_c^{θ} then

$$\left(\mathcal{W}_n^{\theta}, (\mu_{n,i}^{\theta}, \tilde{Z}_n^{\theta}(\mu_n^{\theta})) \right)_{i \geq 1}, \mu_{\tilde{Z}_c}^{\theta}$$

THEOREM: (B.-Mazzoun 2020) $X_i^* = L_{Z_1}^{(\sigma^{-1}(i))} - 1$ $Y_i^* = L_{\tilde{Z}_1}^{(\sigma^{-1}(i))} - 1$ either

$L_{\tilde{Z}}^{(i)} := \# \{k \in [i, j] \mid Z_k^{(i)} = 0\}$

varying θ by taking μ_i^{θ} for all $i \geq 0$

$$\left(\mu_{\tilde{Z}_c}^{\theta}, \mu_{\tilde{Z}_c}^{\theta} \right)_{i \geq 1}, \mu_{\tilde{Z}_c}^{\theta}$$

Future projects

Fix $\rho \in [-1, 1]$ and $q \in [0, 1]$. Consider a two-dim. Brow. excursion

$\mathcal{E}_\rho = (X_\rho, Y_\rho)$ with cov. matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho \\ \rho & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ & the SDEs

$$(*) \begin{cases} dZ_{\rho, q}^{(u)}(t) = \mathbb{1}_{\{Z_{\rho, q}^{(u)}(t) > 0\}} dY_\rho(t) - \mathbb{1}_{\{Z_{\rho, q}^{(u)}(t) \leq 0\}} dX_\rho(t) + (2q - 1) d\mathcal{L}^Z(t), & t > u \\ Z_{\rho, q}(t) = 0, & t \leq u \end{cases}$$

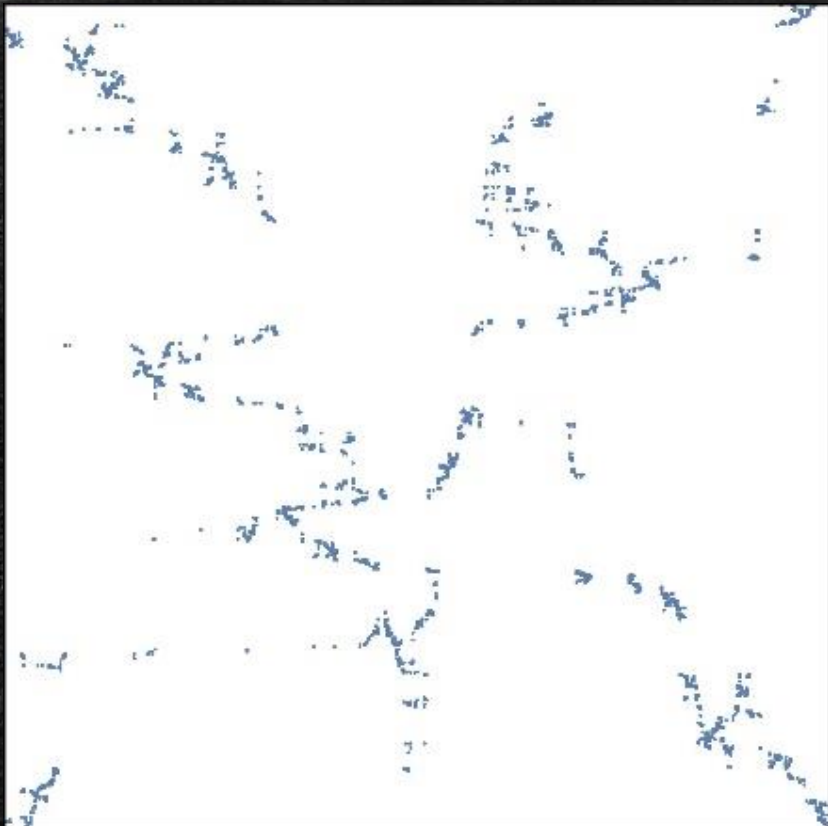
where $\mathcal{L}^Z(t)$ is the local time process of $Z_{\rho, q}^{(u)}(t)$ at zero.

From $(*)$ we can define $\mu_{\rho, q} := \mu_{Z_{\rho, q}}$. BAXTER PERMUTON = $\mu_{-1/2, 1/2}$

CONJECTURE: The Brownian sep. permuton μ_ρ satisfies

$$\mu_\rho \stackrel{d}{=} \mu_{-1, 1-\rho}.$$

The permuton $\mu_{\rho, q}$ is a NEW UNIVERSAL LIMITING OBJECT.



Baxter



$$\mathcal{M}_{-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}}$$



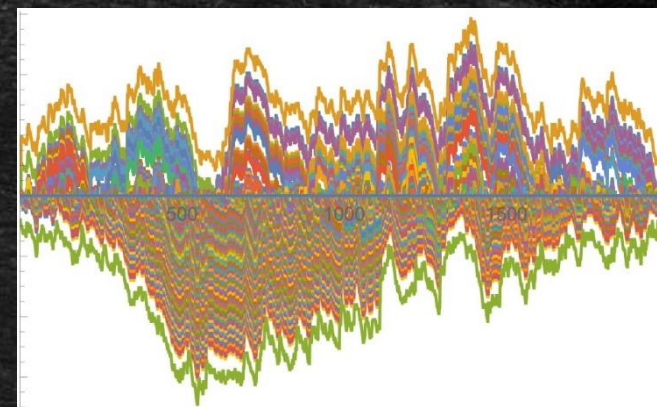
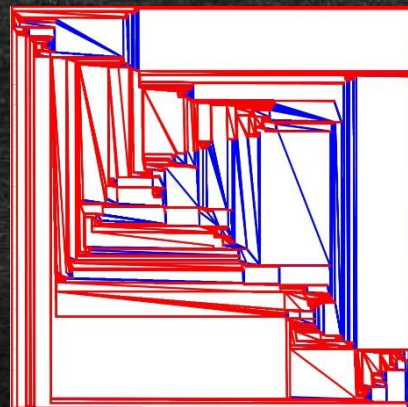
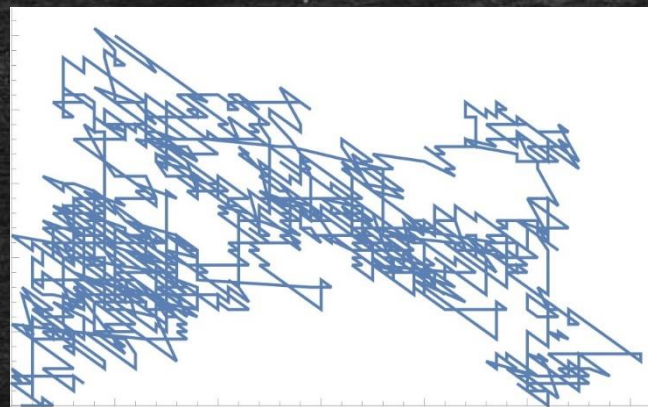
CONS: Semi-Baxter



$$\mathcal{M}_{\rho, \eta} \text{ with } |\rho| < 1 \\ \eta \neq \frac{1}{2}$$

Final comments

- Our result implies convergence of finite-volume bip-orientations to a $\sqrt{4/3}$ -LQG. What is the connection between our approach and the LQG approach?
- We also proved joint Benjamini-Schramm local limits (both in the ANNEALED & QUENCHED sense) for all the objects involved in the commutative diagram.
- We believe that our techniques are rather general: we would like to consider other families of permutations (and maps?) encoded by two-dimensional walks.
- We would also like to investigate better the generalized Baxter permutation. For instance, what is $\mathbb{E}[\mu_{p,q}] = ?$.
- Relations between the parameters q and θ (of LQG)?



THANK YOU!

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