

*Large Deviations for partition functions.
(...and for other polymer related quantities)*

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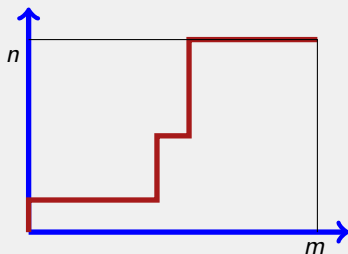
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Directed polymer in space-time random environment



- Nearest neighbor, up-right path $(x(u))$, $u \in \mathbb{N}^2$.
- “Space-time” environment $\{\omega(u) : u \in \mathbb{N}^2\}$.
- $\Pi(m, n) =$ Up-right paths $(x_{m,n})$ from $(1, 1)$ to (m, n) .
- Quenched probability measure on the paths

$$Q_{m,n}\{x_{m,n}(\cdot)\} = \frac{1}{Z_{m,n}} \exp \left\{ \beta \sum_{u \in x_{m,n}(\cdot)} \omega(u) \right\}$$

Inverse temperature $\beta > 0$ (set to be 1 for the majority of the talk) .

The normalizing constant $Z_{m,n}$ is the *partition function*, given by

$$Z_{m,n} = \sum_{x \in \Pi(m,n)} \exp \left\{ \beta \sum_{u \in x(\cdot)} \omega(u) \right\}$$

\mathbb{P} is the probability distribution on the environment ω , $\{\omega(u)\}$ i.i.d.

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Explicit rate functions for partition functions ?

Existence of Rate functions

Assumptions:

- d -dimensional rectangle (only steps parallel to the positive axes are allowed).
- General i.i.d. weights, so that a $\xi > 0$ that depends on the distributions of the weights ω exists, such that

$$\mathbb{E}(e^{\xi|\omega(u)|}) < \infty.$$

- $\beta < \xi$.

Theorem

For $t > 0$, $u \in \mathbb{R}_+^d$ and $r \in \mathbb{R}$ there exists a nonnegative function that satisfies

$$J_u^\beta(r) = - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{-1} \log \mathbb{P}\{\log Z_{\lfloor nu \rfloor}^\beta \geq nr\}.$$

J is convex in the variable (u, r) . The rate function is continuous in (u, r) where it is finite.

Log-Gamma Model

- Dimension $1 + 1$
- i.i.d. weights, with distributions

$$\omega(i, j) \sim \log Y_{i,j}, \quad \text{where } Y_{i,j}^{-1} \sim \text{Gamma}(\mu)$$

Gamma density: $\Gamma(\mu)^{-1} x^{\mu-1} e^{-x}$

- The partition function satisfies a law of large numbers:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{-1} \log Z_{\lfloor ns \rfloor, \lfloor nt \rfloor} = f_{\mu}(s, t).$$

- $J_{s,t}(r) = - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{-1} \log \mathbb{P}\{\log Z_{\lfloor ns \rfloor, \lfloor nt \rfloor} \geq nr\}.$

Results - The log-gamma rate function (fixed endpoint)

Definitions:

For $0 < \xi < (\mu + \xi)/2 \leq \theta < \mu$, define

- $h_\xi(\theta) = \log \Gamma(\mu - \theta) - \log \Gamma(\mu - \theta + \xi)$.
- $d_\xi(\theta) = \log \Gamma(\theta - \xi) - \log \Gamma(\theta)$.

Theorem

Let $r \in \mathbb{R}$, $0 \leq s \leq t$. Then

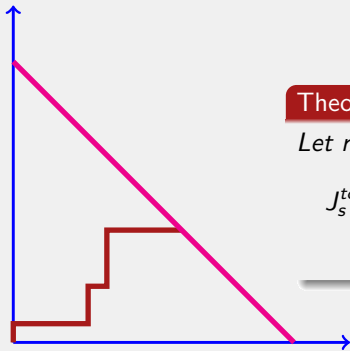
$$\begin{aligned} J_{s,t}(r) &= \sup_{\xi \in [0, \mu]} \sup_{h_\xi((\mu+\xi)/2) \leq v} \{(r, -s) \cdot (\xi, v) - t(d_\xi \circ h_\xi^{-1})(v)\}, \\ &= \sup_{\xi \in [0, \mu]} \left\{ r\xi - \inf_{\theta \in [(\mu+\xi)/2, \mu]} \{sh_\xi(\theta) + td_\xi(\theta)\} \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

The function $J_{s,t}(r)$ is strictly positive for $r > r_0 = f_\mu(s, t)$.

Results - The log-gamma rate function (free endpoint)

Let $s > 0$. The free-endpoint directed polymer model has partition function

$$Z_{[ns]}^{tot} = \sum_{x: [ns]\text{-paths } x} \exp \left\{ \sum_{u \in x(\cdot)} \omega(u) \right\}$$



Theorem

Let $r \in \mathbb{R}$, $s > 0$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} J_s^{tot}(r) &= - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{-1} \log \mathbb{P} \{ \log Z_{[ns]}^{tot} \geq nr \} \\ &= J_{s/2, s/2}(r). \end{aligned}$$

Results - Exit point and Path Chain Quenched LDP

Theorem (Exit point LDP)

Let $0 < t < 1$ and consider $(t, 1 - t) \in \mathbb{R}_+^2$. For $n \in \mathbb{N}$ let $[n(t, 1 - t)] = (\lfloor nt \rfloor, n - \lfloor nt \rfloor)$ and denote by x_n the last point of the polymer chain $x_{0,n}$. Then

$$f_\mu(1/2, 1/2) - f_\mu(t, 1 - t) = - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{-1} \log Q_n^\omega \{x_n = [n(t, 1 - t)]\}.$$

This readily leads to the following path large deviations.

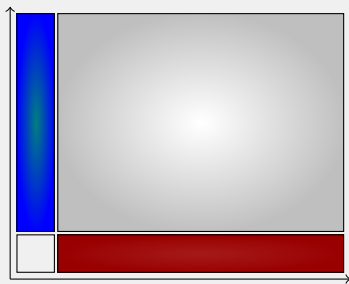
Theorem (Polymer chain LDP)

Let $\gamma(t) : [0, 1] \mapsto \mathbb{R}_+^2$ be a non decreasing Lipschitz-1 curve with $\gamma(0) = 0$ and let $\varepsilon > 0$ and $\mathcal{N}_\varepsilon(\gamma)$ an ε -neighborhood of γ . Let $\|\gamma(1)\|_1 = 1$. Then,


$$f_\mu(1/2, 1/2) - \int_0^1 f_\mu(\gamma'(t)) dt = - \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{-1} \log Q_n^\omega \{x_{0,n} \in n\mathcal{N}_\varepsilon(\gamma)\}.$$


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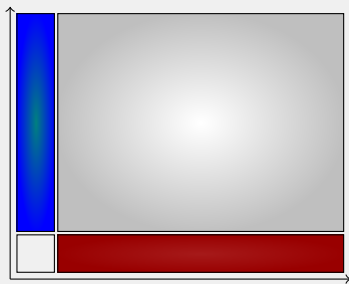
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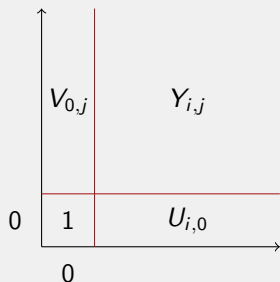
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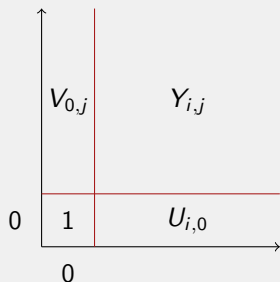
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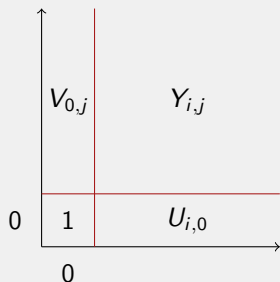
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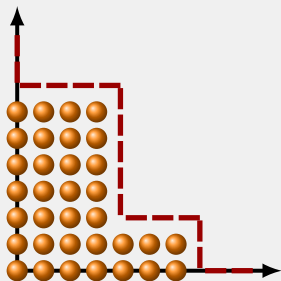
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For an undirected edge f :
$$T_f = \begin{cases} U_x & f = \{x - e_1, x\} \\ V_x & f = \{x - e_2, x\} \end{cases}$$

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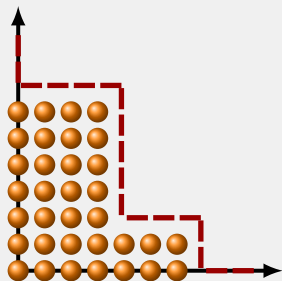


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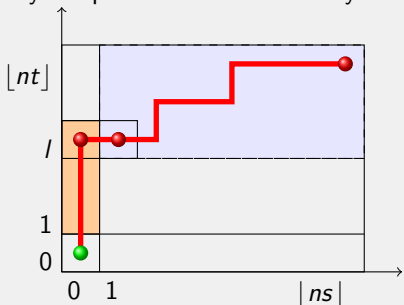
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Theorem

Variables $\{T_{f_k}, X_z : k \in \mathbb{Z}, z \in \mathcal{I}\}$ are independent with marginals $U^{-1} \sim \text{Gamma}(\theta)$, $V^{-1} \sim \text{Gamma}(\mu - \theta)$, and $X^{-1} \sim \text{Gamma}(\mu)$.

Idea of Proof - Decomposition

We start by decomposing $Z_{[ns],[nt]}$ according to the exit point of the polymer path from the boundary:



The shaded part represents the partition function conditioned on $(0, l)$ being the exit point of the polymer path from the boundary.

$$\left(\prod_{j=1}^l v_{0,j} \right) Z_{(1,l)}^{\square}([ns], [nt])$$

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$$\begin{aligned} Z_{[ns],[nt]} &= \sum_{x.} \prod_{j=1}^{[ns]+[nt]} Y_{x_j} \\ &= \sum_{l=1}^{[nt]} \left\{ \left(\prod_{j=1}^l V_{0,j} \right) Z_{(1,l)}^{\square}([ns],[nt]) \right\} + \\ &\quad \sum_{k=1}^{[ns]} \left\{ \left(\prod_{i=1}^k U_{i,0} \right) Z_{(k,1)}^{\square}([ns],[nt]) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Consequence of the Burke Property:

$$Z_{[ns],[nt]} = \prod_{j=1}^{[nt]} V_{0,j} \prod_{i=1}^{[ns]} U_{i,[nt]}$$

Idea of Proof - Burke Trick

Divide both sides by $\prod_{j=1}^{\lfloor nt \rfloor} V_{0,j}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{i=1}^{\lfloor ns \rfloor} U_{i, \lfloor nt \rfloor} &= \sum_{l=1}^{\lfloor nt \rfloor} \left\{ \left(\prod_{j=l+1}^{\lfloor nt \rfloor} V_{0,j}^{-1} \right) Z_{(1,l)}^{\square}(\lfloor ns \rfloor, \lfloor nt \rfloor) \right\} \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=1}^{\lfloor ns \rfloor} \left\{ \left(\prod_{j=1}^{\lfloor nt \rfloor} V_{0,j}^{-1} \prod_{i=1}^k U_{i,0} \right) Z_{(k,1)}^{\square}(\lfloor ns \rfloor, \lfloor nt \rfloor) \right\}. \\ &= \sum_{\substack{k=-\lfloor nt \rfloor \\ k \neq 0}}^{\lfloor ns \rfloor} \eta_k Z_k^{\square}(\lfloor ns \rfloor, \lfloor nt \rfloor). \end{aligned}$$

Here we defined

$$\eta_k = \begin{cases} \prod_{j=-k}^{\lfloor nt \rfloor} V_{0,j}^{-1}, & \text{for } -\lfloor nt \rfloor \leq k \leq -1, \\ \eta_{-1}, & k = 0 \\ \eta_0 \prod_{i=1}^k U_{i,0}, & \text{for } 0 < k \leq \lfloor ns \rfloor, \end{cases}$$

Idea of Proof - Estimation

$$\begin{aligned} R_s(r) &= - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{-1} \log \mathbb{P} \left\{ \log \prod_{i=1}^{\lfloor ns \rfloor} U_{i, \lfloor nt \rfloor} \geq nr \right\} \\ &\sim -n^{-1} \log \mathbb{P} \left\{ \log \sum_{\substack{k=-\lfloor nt \rfloor \\ k \neq 0}}^{\lfloor ns \rfloor} \eta_k Z_{\mathbf{k}}^{\square}(\lfloor ns \rfloor, \lfloor nt \rfloor) \geq nr \right\} \\ &\sim -n^{-1} \log \mathbb{P} \left\{ \max_k \log \eta_k Z_{\mathbf{k}}^{\square}(\lfloor ns \rfloor, \lfloor nt \rfloor) \geq nr \right\} \\ &\sim -n^{-1} \max_k \log \mathbb{P} \left\{ \log \eta_k + \log Z_{\mathbf{k}}^{\square}(\lfloor ns \rfloor, \lfloor nt \rfloor) \geq nr \right\} \\ &\sim \inf_{-t \leq a \leq s} \inf_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \{ \kappa_a(x) + J_{s,t}^a(r-x) \} \end{aligned}$$

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Idea of Proof - Inversion

$$R_s^*(\xi) = \sup_{-t \leq a \leq s} \{ \kappa_a^*(\xi) + (J_{s,t}^a)^*(\xi) \}$$

$$F^s(\theta, \xi) = \sup_{-t \leq a \leq s} \{ a u(\theta) - (-(J_{s,t}^a)^*(\xi)) \}$$

$$F^t(u^{-1}(v), \xi) \stackrel{\text{magic}}{=} \sup_{0 \leq a \leq t} \{ a v - (-(J_{t,t}^a)^*(\xi)) \}$$

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Then,

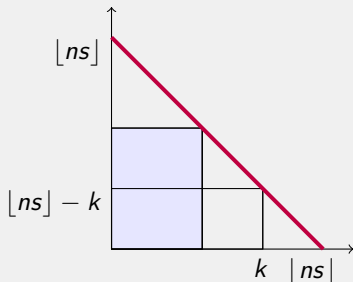
$$\begin{aligned} J_{t,t}^a(r) &= \sup_{\xi \in [0, \mu)} \{ r \xi - (J_{t,t}^a)^*(\xi) \} \\ &= \sup_{\xi \in [0, \mu)} \{ r \xi + G_\xi(a) \} \\ &= \sup_{\xi \in [0, \mu)} \sup_{v \in \mathbb{R}} \{ r \xi + a v - G_\xi^*(v) \}. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Proof for unconstrained endpoint model

$$\begin{aligned} \log \left(Z_{\lfloor n\frac{s}{2} \rfloor, \lfloor ns \rfloor - \lfloor n\frac{s}{2} \rfloor} \right) &\leq \log Z_{\lfloor ns \rfloor}^{\text{tot}} \leq \\ &\leq \log(ns + 1) + \log \left(\max_k Z_{k, \lfloor ns \rfloor - k} \right). \end{aligned}$$

After some estimates, this translates to the rate functions:

$$\inf_{0 \leq a \leq s} J_{a, s-a}(r) \leq J_s^{\text{tot}}(r) \leq J_{s/2, s/2}(r).$$



Use convexity of the point-to-point rate functions to get that

$$J_{s/2, s/2}(r) \leq \inf_{0 \leq a \leq s} J_{a, s-a}(r).$$