Scaling limit of Baxter permutations and Bipolar orientations

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Permutons

A permuton is a probability measure on $[0, 1]^2$ with both marginals uniform.



 \implies compact metric space (with weak convergence).

Permutations of all sizes are densely embedded in permutons.



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Theorem. (Borga, M) There exists a random permuton μ_B such that if σ_n is a uniform random Baxter permutation of size n, $\mu_{\sigma_n} \rightarrow \mu_B$ in distribution in the space of permutons.



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Theorem (Bonichon, Bousquet-Mélou, Fusy '11) $OP^{-1} : \mathcal{P}_n \to \mathcal{O}_n$ is a bijection.

Inverse bijection: OP(m)is the only permutation π such that the *i*-th edge in the exploration of T(m) is the $\pi(i)$ -th edge in the exploration of $T(m^*)$

Theorem.

(Kenyon-Miller-Sheffield-Wilson, 2010) Let $(0, X_1 + 1, X_2 + 1, ..., X_n + 1)$ and $(0, Y_n + 1, Y_{n-1} + 1, ..., Y_1 + 1)$ be the height processes of T(m) and $T(m^{**})$. Denote OW(m) = W = (X, Y). Then OW is a bijection between \mathcal{P}_n and the set W_n of *n*-step walks in the cone from $(\mathbb{N}, 0)$ to $(0, \mathbb{N})$ and steps in $(1, -1) \cup (-\mathbb{N}) \times \mathbb{N}$.

We construct a coalescent process $Z = (Z^{(j)}(i))_{1 \le j \le i \le n}$ driven by (X, Y). The branching structure of the trajectories is that of $T(m^*)$, but edges are visited in the order given by T(m). Comparing the orders given by visit times and by the contour exploration allows to recover the permutation.

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Theorem (Prokaj, Cinlar, Hajri, Karakus) Let (X, Y) be a pair of standard Brownian motions with cross-correlation coefficient $\rho \in [-1, 1)$. Then the *perturbed Tanaka's equation* $dZ(t) = \mathbf{1}_{\{Z(t)>0\}} dY(t) - \mathbf{1}_{\{Z(t)\leq 0\}} dX(t), t \ge 0$ has strong solutions.

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The convergence of the first four marginals is an extension of a result of Gwynne,Holden,Sun that deals with infinite-volume bipolar triangulations.

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We expect the correlation parameter ρ to vary, and might lose symmetry at the origin, as in the study of Schnyder woods by Li-Sun-Watson.