

BOUCLES DANS LE MODÈLE XOR-ISING

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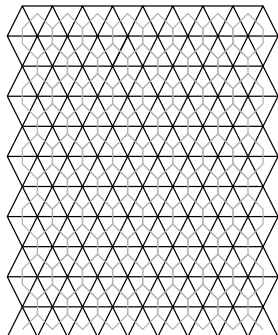
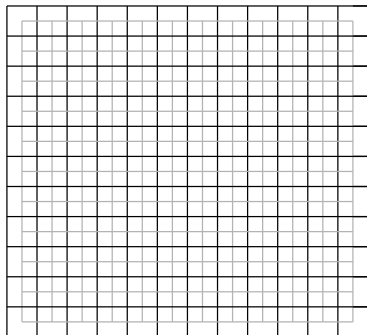
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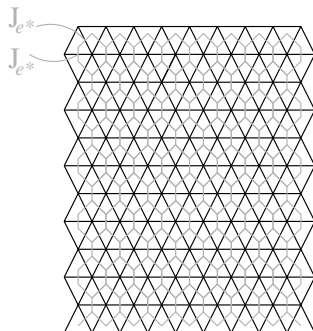
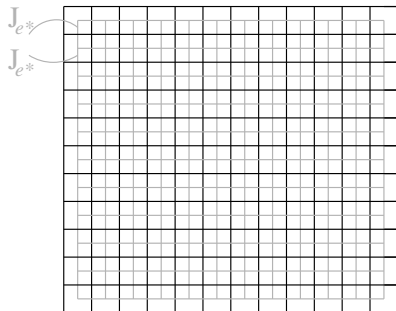
2-DIMENSIONAL ISING MODEL

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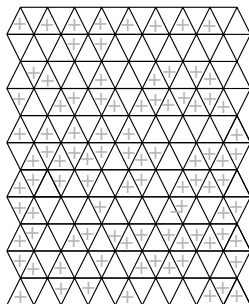
- Planar graph $G = (V, E)$, its dual graph $G^* = (V^*, E^*)$.
- Edges of G^* are assigned positive **coupling constant**, $(J_{e^*})_{e^* \in E^*}$.



2-DIMENSIONAL ISING MODEL

- Spin configuration: $\sigma \in \{-1, 1\}^{V^*}$.

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- Ising Boltzmann measure:

$$\mathbb{P}_{\text{Ising}}(\sigma) = \frac{1}{Z_{\text{Ising}}(J)} \exp\left(\sum_{\{e^*=u^*v^*\in E^*\}} J_{e^*}\sigma_{u^*}\sigma_{v^*}\right),$$

PARTITION FUNCTION EXPANSIONS (KRAMERS-WANNIER)

- Normalizing constant is the **partition function**:

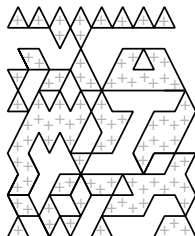
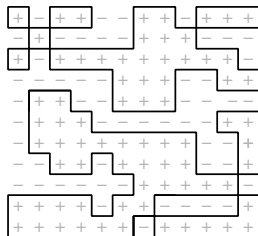
$$Z_{\text{Ising}}(J) = \sum_{\sigma \in \{-1,1\}^{V^*}} \exp\left(\sum_{\{e^*=u^*v^* \in E\}} J_{e^*} \sigma_{u^*} \sigma_{v^*}\right).$$

- **Low temperature expansion (LT)**

- Based on the identity:

$$e^{J_{e^*} \sigma_{u^*} \sigma_{v^*}} = e^{J_{e^*}} (\delta_{\{\sigma_{u^*} = \sigma_{v^*}\}} + e^{-2J_{e^*}} \delta_{\{\sigma_{u^*} \neq \sigma_{v^*}\}}).$$

- Geometric interpretation: polygons separate ± 1 clusters.



PARTITION FUNCTION EXPANSIONS (KRAMERS-WANNIER)

- Partition function can be rewritten as:

$$Z_{\text{Ising}}(J) = 2 \left(\prod_{e^* \in E^*} e^{J_{e^*}} \right) \sum_{P \in \mathcal{P}(G)} \left(\prod_{e \in P} e^{-2J_{e^*}} \right),$$

- $\mathcal{P}(G)$ is the set of **polygonal configuration of G** : edge config. P such that each vertex of G is incident to an even number of edges of P .
- **High temperature expansion (HT)**
 - Based on the identity:

$$e^{J_{e^*} \sigma_{u^*} \sigma_{v^*}} = \cosh(J_{e^*}) (1 + \sigma_{u^*} \sigma_{v^*} \tanh(J_{e^*})).$$

- Partition function can be rewritten as:

$$Z_{\text{Ising}}(J) = 2^{|V^*|} \left(\prod_{e^* \in E^*} \cosh(J_{e^*}) \right) \sum_{P^* \in \mathcal{P}(G^*)} \left(\prod_{e^* \in E^*} \tanh(J_{e^*}) \right).$$

PARTITION FUNCTION EXPANSIONS (KRAMERS-WANNIER)

- Writing

$$Z_{\text{LT}}(G, J) = \sum_{P \in \mathcal{P}(G)} \left(\prod_{e \in P} e^{-2J_{e^*}} \right),$$

$$Z_{\text{HT}}(G^*, J) = \sum_{P^* \in \mathcal{P}(G^*)} \left(\prod_{e^* \in P^*} \tanh(J_{e^*}) \right),$$

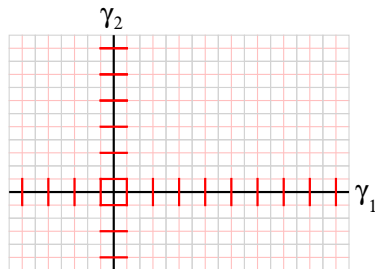
yields **Kramers & Wannier duality relation**:

$$Z_{\text{LT}}(G, J) = \mathcal{C}(G) Z_{\text{HT}}(G^*, J).$$

2-DIMENSIONAL ISING MODEL WITH DEFECTS

- Assume G is embedded on the torus \mathbb{T} .
- γ_1, γ_2 are cycles in the graph G , winding around the torus in the 2 possible directions.

(γ_1, γ_2) : representative of a basis of $H_1(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}) \simeq (\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})^2$.



Fix $\varepsilon = (\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2) \in \{0, 1\}^2$.

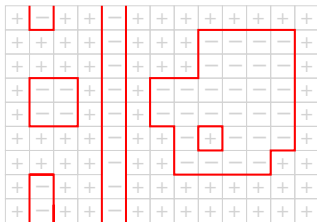
- Change sign of coupling constants of edges crossing γ_i iff $\varepsilon_i = 1$.
 \Rightarrow Ising model with coupling constants (J_{e^*}) and defect ε .
Partition function: $Z_{\text{Ising}}^\varepsilon(J)$.

LOW TEMPERATURE EXPANSION OF $Z_{\text{Ising}}^\varepsilon(J)$

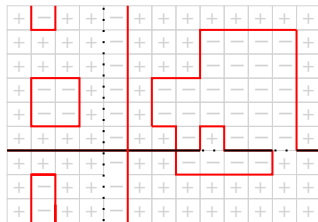
- **Polygonal configurations**, $\mathcal{P}^\varepsilon(G)$: edge configurations P of G s.t.
 - each vertex is incident to even number of edges of P ,
 - P has homology class ε in $H_1(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})$.
- **Low temperature expansion**

$$\forall \varepsilon \in \{0, 1\}^2, \quad Z_{\text{Ising}}^\varepsilon(J) = \left(\prod_{e^* \in E^*} e^{J_{e^*}} \right) \sum_{P \in \mathcal{P}^\varepsilon(G)} \prod_{e \in P} e^{-2J_e}.$$

- Geometric interpretation: polygons ‘separate’ clusters of ± 1 spins.



$\varepsilon = (0,0)$



$\varepsilon = (1,1)$

Low temperature representation of σ .

DOUBLE ISING MODEL

- Take 2 copies (red/blue) of an Ising model on G^* , with coupling constants (J_{e^*}) , having the *same* defect condition.
- LT representation of the partition function:

$$Z_{2\text{-Ising}}(J) = (Z_{\text{Ising}}^{(0,0)})^2 + (Z_{\text{Ising}}^{(1,0)})^2 + (Z_{\text{Ising}}^{(0,1)})^2 + (Z_{\text{Ising}}^{(1,1)})^2.$$

- Interested in the probability measure $\mathbb{P}_{2\text{-Ising}}$:

- defined on, $\mathcal{P}^2 := \bigcup_{\varepsilon \in \{0,1\}^2} \mathcal{P}^\varepsilon(G) \times \mathcal{P}^\varepsilon(G)$,

- by, $\mathbb{P}_{2\text{-Ising}}(P, P) = \frac{\mathcal{C}^2 \left(\prod_{e \in P} e^{-2J_{e^*}} \right) \left(\prod_{e \in P} e^{-2J_{e^*}} \right)}{Z_{2\text{-Ising}}(J)}$.

XOR-CONFIGURATIONS

Let $(P, P) \in \mathcal{P}^2$, and consider spin configurations (σ, σ) corresponding to (P, P) . Define **XOR-spin configuration** ξ :

$$\forall v^* \in V^*, \xi_{v^*} = \sigma_{v^*} \sigma_{v^*}.$$

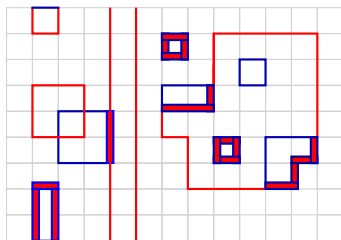
CONJECTURE (WILSON, IKHLEF, PICCO, SANTACHIARA)

The scaling limit of polygonal configurations separating ± 1 clusters of the critical XOR model are contour lines of the Gaussian free field, with the heights of the contours spaced $\sqrt{2}$ times as far apart as they are for [...] the double dimer model on the square lattice.

GOAL: partial proof of this conjecture.

DOUBLE ISING MODEL

Let $(P, P) \in \mathcal{P}^2$, and consider the superimposition $P \cup P$.

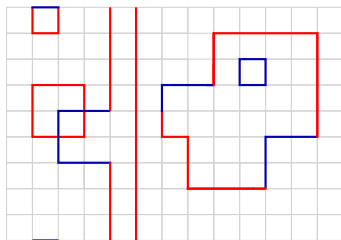


Superimposition of 2 polygonal configurations $P \cup P$.

Define 2 new edge configurations:

- $\text{Mono}(P, P)$: monochromatic edges.
- $\text{Bi}(P, P)$: bichromatic edges.

MONOCHROMATIC EDGES



Monochromatic edge configuration of $P \cup P$.

LEMMA

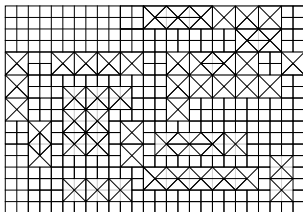
$\text{Mono}(P, P)$ is the polygonal configuration separating ± 1 clusters of the corresponding XOR-configuration.

$$\Rightarrow \text{Mono}(P, P) \in \mathcal{P}^{(0,0)}(G).$$

GOAL: understand the law of monochromatic edge configurations.

THEOREM (BOUTILLIER, dT)

1. *Monochromatic edge configurations have the same distribution as a family of ‘contours’ in a bipartite dimer model.*
2. *This family of ‘contours’ are the $1/2$ -integer level lines of a restriction of the height function of this bipartite dimer model.*

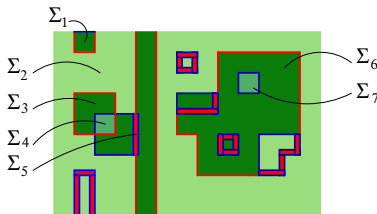


- When the double Ising model is *critical*, so is the bipartite dimer model.
- Using results of [dT] on the convergence of the height function, we give a partial proof of Wilson's conjecture.

BICHROMATIC EDGE CONFIGURATIONS

Let $\varepsilon \in \{0, 1\}^2$, and let $(P, P) \in \mathcal{P}^\varepsilon(G) \times \mathcal{P}^\varepsilon(G)$.

$\text{Mono}(P, P)$ separates the torus into connected components
 $\Sigma_1, \dots, \Sigma_{n_P}$



LEMMA

For every i , the restriction of $\text{Bi}(P, P)$ to Σ_i is the LTE of an Ising configuration on $G_{\Sigma_i}^*$, with coupling constants $(2J_{e^*})$, and defect condition $\Pi_{\Sigma_i}(\varepsilon)$.

$$\Rightarrow \text{Bi}(P, P)_i \in \mathcal{P}^{\Pi_{\Sigma_i}(\varepsilon)}(G_{\Sigma_i}).$$

PROBABILITY OF MONOCHROMATIC CONFIG.

LEMMA

Let $P \in \mathcal{P}^{(0,0)}(G)$, and for every $i \in \{1, \dots, n_P\}$ let P_i be a polygon configuration of $\mathcal{P}^{\Pi_{\Sigma_i}(\varepsilon)}(G_{\Sigma_i})$.

Then, there are 2^{n_P} pairs $(P, P) \in \mathcal{P}^\varepsilon(G) \times \mathcal{P}^\varepsilon(G)$ having P as monochromatic edges, and P_1, \dots, P_{n_P} as bichromatic edges.

For $P \in \mathcal{P}^{(0,0)}(G)$, denote by $W^\varepsilon(P)$ the contribution of:
 $\{(P, P) \in \mathcal{P}^\varepsilon(G) \times \mathcal{P}^\varepsilon(G) : \text{Mono}(P, P) = P\}$,
to $(Z_{\text{Ising}}^\varepsilon(J))^2$.

COROLLARY

- $W^\varepsilon(P) = \mathcal{C}(\prod_{e \in P} e^{-2J_{e^*}}) \prod_{i=1}^{n_P} \left(2Z_{\text{LT}}^{\Pi_{\Sigma_i}(\varepsilon)}(G_{\Sigma_i}, 2J) \right)$.
- $Z_{2\text{-Ising}}(J) = \sum_{P \in \mathcal{P}^{(0,0)}(G)} \sum_{\varepsilon \in \{0,1\}^2} W^\varepsilon(P)$.

$$\forall P \in \mathcal{P}^{(0,0)}(G), \mathbb{P}_{2\text{-Ising}}(\text{Mono} = P) = \frac{\sum_{\varepsilon \in \{0,1\}^2} W^\varepsilon(P)}{Z_{2\text{-Ising}}(J)}.$$

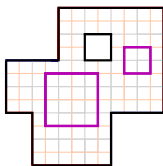
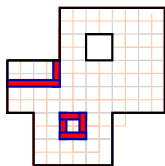
MIXED CONTOUR EXPANSION

$$W^\varepsilon(P) = \mathcal{C} \left(\prod_{e \in P} e^{-2J_{e^*}} \right) \prod_{i=1}^{n_P} \left(2Z_{\text{LT}}^{\Pi_{\Sigma_i}(\varepsilon)}(G_{\Sigma_i}, 2J) \right).$$

IDEA (NIENHUIS): use Kramers and Wannier duality in each connected component Σ_i .

$$Z_{\text{LT}}^{\Pi_{\Sigma_i}(\varepsilon)}(G_{\Sigma_i}, 2J) = \mathcal{C}(\Sigma_i) \underbrace{Z_{\text{HT}}^{\Pi_{\Sigma_i}(\varepsilon)}(G_{\Sigma_i}^*, 2J)}_{(*)},$$

where $(*) = \sum_{\tau \in H_1(\Sigma_i, \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})} (-1)^{(\tau | \Pi_{\Sigma_i}(\varepsilon))} \sum_{P^* \in \mathcal{P}^\tau(G_{\Sigma_i}^*)} \left(\prod_{e^* \in P^*} \tanh(2J_{e^*}) \right).$



Low temp. expansion on G_{Σ_i}

High temp. expansion on $G_{\Sigma_i}^*$

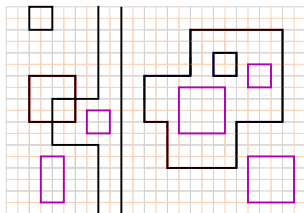
MIXED CONTOUR EXPANSION

Combining terms, and taking the sum over $\varepsilon \in \{0, 1\}^2$, yields:

PROPOSITION

For all monochromatic configuration $P \in \mathcal{P}^{(0,0)}(G)$,

$$\sum_{\varepsilon \in \{0,1\}^2} W^\varepsilon(P) = \mathcal{C} \prod_{e \in P} \left(\frac{2e^{-2J_{e^*}}}{1 + e^{-4J_{e^*}}} \right) \sum_{\{P^* \in \mathcal{P}^{(0,0)}(G^*): P \cap P^* = \emptyset\}} \prod_{e^* \in P^*} \left(\frac{1 - e^{-4J_{e^*}}}{1 + e^{-4J_{e^*}}} \right)$$



$$\mathbb{P}_{2\text{-Ising}}(\text{Mono} = P) = \frac{\prod_{e \in P} \left(\frac{2e^{-2J_{e^*}}}{1 + e^{-4J_{e^*}}} \right) \sum_{\{P^* \in \mathcal{P}^{(0,0)}(G^*): P \cap P^* = \emptyset\}} \prod_{e^* \in P^*} \left(\frac{1 - e^{-4J_{e^*}}}{1 + e^{-4J_{e^*}}} \right)}{\sum_{P \in \mathcal{P}^{(0,0)}(G)} \dots}$$

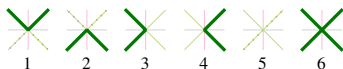
6-VERTEX MODEL ON THE MEDIAL GRAPH

- **Medial graph** G^M of G (or G^*) [Ore]:
 - vertices of $G^M \leftrightarrow$ edges of G (or G^*),
 - vertices are joined by an edge if corresponding edges are incident.



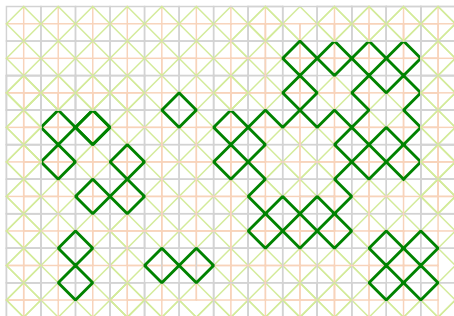
Remark: vertices of the medial graph have degree 4.

- **6-vertex configuration**: at each vertex, one of the following:



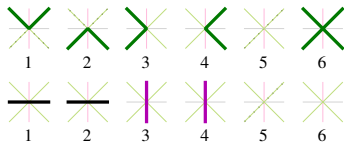
- **Weights**: $\omega_{12} = \frac{2e^{-2J_{e^*}}}{1+e^{-4J_{e^*}}}$, $\omega_{34} = \frac{1-e^{-4J_{e^*}}}{1+e^{-4J_{e^*}}}$, $\omega_{56} = 1$.

6-VERTEX MODEL ON THE MEDIAL GRAPH



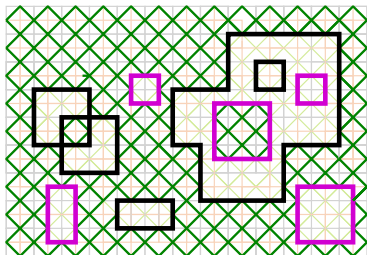
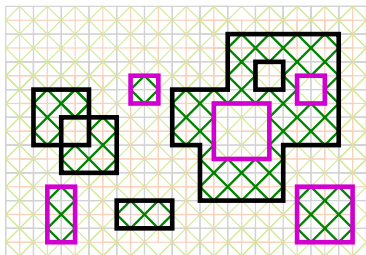
6-vertex configuration

Mapping:



LEMMA (NIENHUIS)

- 6-vertex configuration \rightarrow a pair (P, P^*) of primal and dual polygonal configurations of G and G^* :
 - P and P^* do not intersect,
 - homology class of $P \cup P^*$ in $H_1(\mathbb{T}, \mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z})$ is $(0, 0)$.
- Given (P, P^*) as above \rightarrow two 6-vertex configurations.



Let $\mathcal{P}^{(0,0)}(G, G^*) = \{(P, P^*) \in \mathcal{P}(G) \times \mathcal{P}(G) : \text{hom}(P \cup P^*) = (0, 0)\}$.

As a consequence of the above mapping, we have:

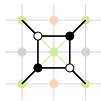
COROLLARY

The 6-vertex partition function can be expressed as:

$$Z_{6\text{-vertex}}(J) = 2^{-1} \sum_{\{(P, P^*) \in \mathcal{P}^{(0,0)}(G, G^*) : P \cap P^* = \emptyset\}} \prod_{e \in P} \left(\frac{2e^{-2J_{e^*}}}{1+e^{-4J_{e^*}}} \right) \prod_{e^* \in P^*} \left(\frac{1-e^{-4J_{e^*}}}{1+e^{-4J_{e^*}}} \right).$$

QUADRI-TILINGS

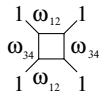
- **Quadri-tiling** graph G^Q of G (or G^*): each vertex of the medial graph is replaced by a quadrangle. It is *bipartite*.



- **Dimer configuration**: subset of edges M such that each vertex is incident to exactly one edge of M . Denote by $\mathcal{M}(G^Q)$ the set of dimer configurations. At each decoration, one of the following:



- Weights assigned to edges.



QUADRI-TILINGS

- REMARK: weights satisfy the **free fermion condition** :

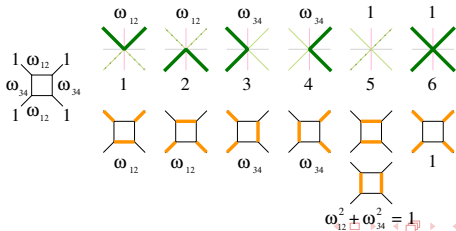
$$\omega_{12}^2 + \omega_{34}^2 = \left(\frac{2e^{-2J_{e^*}}}{1 + e^{-4J_{e^*}}} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{1 - e^{-4J_{e^*}}}{1 + e^{-4J_{e^*}}} \right)^2 = \omega_{56}^2 = 1.$$

- Dimer Boltzmann measure:**

$$\forall M \in \mathcal{M}(G), \quad \mathbb{P}_Q(M) = \frac{1}{Z_Q} \prod_{e \in M} \text{weight}_e,$$

where Z_Q is the **partition function**.

- Mapping [Wu & Lin, Dubédat]



- Let M be a dimer configuration of G^Q :
 - $\text{Poly}(M) = (\text{Poly}_1(M), \text{Poly}_2(M))$ is the pair of polygonal configurations assigned by the mappings.
- Let $(P, P^*) \in \mathcal{P}^{(0,0)}(G, G^*)$ be such that $P \cap P^* = \emptyset$.
 - Denote by $W_Q(P, P^*)$ the contribution to Z_Q of:

$$\{M \in \mathcal{M}(G^Q) : \text{Poly}(M) = (P, P^*)\}.$$

As a consequence of the mappings we have:

COROLLARY

- $W_Q(P, P^*) = 2^{-1} \prod_{e \in P} \left(\frac{2e^{-2J_{e^*}}}{1+e^{-4J_{e^*}}} \right) \prod_{e^* \in P^*} \left(\frac{1-e^{-4J_{e^*}}}{1+e^{-4J_{e^*}}} \right)$
- $Z_Q = \sum_{(\{P, P^*\} \in \mathcal{P}^{(0,0)}(G \cup G^*) : P \cap P^* = \emptyset)} W_Q(P, P^*).$

$$\mathbb{P}_Q(\text{Poly} = (P, P^*)) = \frac{\prod_{e \in P} \left(\frac{2e^{-2J_{e^*}}}{1+e^{-4J_{e^*}}} \right) \prod_{e^* \in P^*} \left(\frac{1-e^{-4J_{e^*}}}{1+e^{-4J_{e^*}}} \right)}{\sum_{(P, P^*)} \dots}$$

WRAPPING UP

- $\mathcal{M}^{(0,0)}(G^Q)$: dimer configurations of G^Q such that $\text{Poly}_1(M)$ has $(0,0)$ homology class.
- $\mathbb{P}_Q^{(0,0)}$: dimer probability measure on $\mathcal{M}^{(0,0)}(G^Q)$. Then:

$\forall (P, P^*) \in \mathcal{P}^{(0,0)}(G) \times \mathcal{P}^{(0,0)}(G^*)$ such that $P \cap P^* = \emptyset$,

$$\mathbb{P}_Q^{(0,0)}(\text{Poly} = (P, P^*)) = \frac{\prod_{e \in P} \left(\frac{2e^{-2J_{e^*}}}{1+e^{-4J_{e^*}}} \right) \prod_{e^* \in P^*} \left(\frac{1-e^{-4J_{e^*}}}{1+e^{-4J_{e^*}}} \right)}{\sum_{\{(P, P^*) \in \mathcal{P}^{(0,0)}(G) \times \mathcal{P}^{(0,0)}(G^*) : P \cap P^* = \emptyset\}} \dots}$$

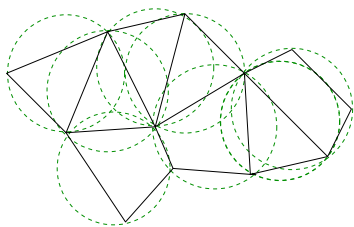
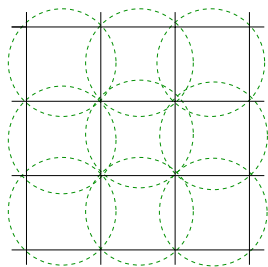
Wrapping everything together we obtain, the following:

THEOREM

$$\forall P \in \mathcal{P}^{(0,0)}(G), \quad \mathbb{P}_{2\text{-Ising}}(\text{Mono} = P) = \mathbb{P}_Q^{(0,0)}(\text{Poly}_1 = P)$$

ISORADIAL GRAPHS

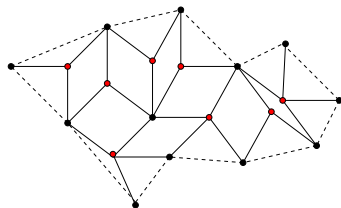
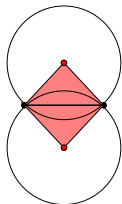
- A graph $G = (V, E)$ is **isoradial** if it can be embedded in the plane such that all faces are inscribed in a circle of radius 1.



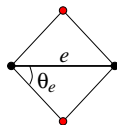
- G isoradial $\Rightarrow G^*$ isoradial: vertices of $G^* =$ center of the circumcircles.

ISORADIAL GRAPHS

- G^\diamond : associated rhombus graph, $\begin{cases} \text{vertices: } V(G) \cup V(G^*) \\ \text{edges: radii of the circles} \end{cases}$



- Edge $e \rightarrow \begin{cases} \text{rhombus (or 1/2)} \\ \text{angle } \theta_e \end{cases}$



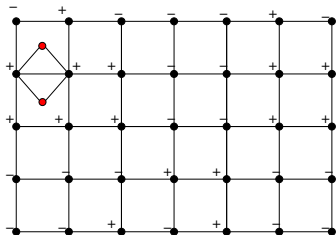
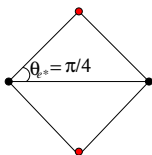
CRITICAL 2-DIMENSIONAL ISING MODEL

- The Ising model on an isoradial graph G^* is **critical** if the coupling constants are given by, for every edge e^* :

$$J_{e^*} = \frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{1 + \sin \theta_{e^*}}{\cos \theta_{e^*}} \right).$$

(Z -invariance + duality [Baxter], proof in period. case [Cimasoni & Duminil-Copin, Li])

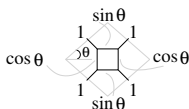
Example: $G = \mathbb{Z}^2$: \forall edge e^* , $\theta_{e^*} = \frac{\pi}{4}$, $J_{e^*} = \frac{1}{2} \log(1 + \sqrt{2})$.



\Rightarrow critical temperature computed by Kramers and Wannier.

INFINITE VOLUME MEASURES

Corresponding quadri-tiling graph G^Q is also isoradial, and corresponding weights are the **critical** dimer weights (Kenyon):



THEOREM (dT, BOUTILLIER-DT)

- There exists a probability measure \mathbb{P}_Q^∞ on $\mathcal{M}(G^Q)$, respectively $\mathbb{P}_{2\text{-Ising}}^\infty$ on $\mathcal{P}(G) \times \mathcal{P}(G)$, having explicit expressions on cylinder sets.
- When G is \mathbb{Z}^2 -periodic, each of these measures is obtained as weak limit of the Boltzmann measures.

COROLLARY

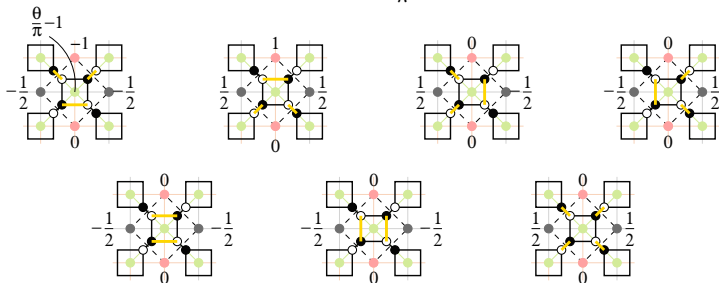
For every finite subset of edges \mathcal{E} of E , we have:

$$\mathbb{P}_{2\text{-Ising}}^\infty(\mathcal{E} \subset \text{Mono}) = \mathbb{P}_Q^\infty(\mathcal{E} \subset \text{Poly}_1).$$

HEIGHT FUNCTION ON QUADRI-TILINGS

- The **height function** is defined on faces of G^Q :
 - If f and f' are incident along an edge wb having rhombus half-angle θ_{wb} , if from f to f' , b is on the left:

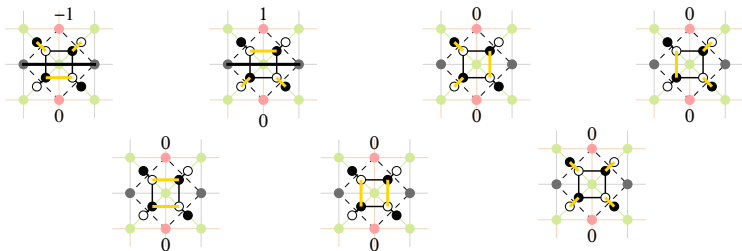
$$h^M(f') - h^M(f) = \frac{\theta_{wb}}{\pi} - \mathbb{I}_{\{wb\}}(M).$$



- If f and f' are not incident, h^M is defined inductively. Well defined up to choice of value at base point.

HEIGHT FUNCTION ON QUADRI-TILINGS

- Faces of G^Q are vertices of $(G^Q)^*$, which consist of vertices of:
 - the medial graph V^M (green),
 - the primal graph V (gray),
 - the dual graph V^* (pink).
- Consider the restriction of h^M to vertices of V^* (pink).
- $\frac{1}{2}$ -integer level lines of the above restriction (live on G):
draw a primal edge $e = uv$ iff $h^M(v^*) - h^M(u^*) = \pm 1$.



LEVEL LINES AND MONOCHROMATIC CONFIGURATIONS

LEMMA

Let M be a quadri-tiling of $G^{\mathbb{Q}}$, then $1/2$ integer level lines of the restriction of h^M to V^* exactly consist of $\text{Poly}_1(M)$.

COROLLARY

Monochromatic configurations of the double critical Ising model have the same law as $1/2$ -integer level lines of the restriction to V^* of the height function of quadri-tilings.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Define, } H^\varepsilon : C_{c,0}^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2) &\rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ \phi &\mapsto H^\varepsilon \phi = \varepsilon^2 \sum_{f \in V(G_Q^*)} a(f^*) \phi(f) h(f). \end{aligned}$$

THEOREM (dT)

The random distribution H^ε converges weakly in distribution to $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}}$ a Gaussian free field in the plane.

The same holds for the restricted height function if $a(f^*)$ is replaced by the area of the corresponding face of G^* .

BACK TO WILSON'S CONJECTURE

Suppose we had strong form of convergence, allowing for convergence of level lines. Then:

level lines of h^ε	\rightarrow	level lines of GFF	
$(k, k \in \mathbb{Z})$		$(\sqrt{\pi}k, k \in \mathbb{Z})$	
$(k + \frac{1}{2}, k \in \mathbb{Z})$		$(\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}(2k + 1), k \in \mathbb{Z})$	XOR loops

For the critical double dimer model. The height function is $h_1^\varepsilon - h_2^\varepsilon$, where h_1 and h_2 are independent, and each converges weakly in distribution to $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}}$ a Gaussian free field. Thus, $h_1 - h_2$ converges weakly in distribution to $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{\pi}}$ a Gaussian free field.

level lines of $h_1^\varepsilon - h_2^\varepsilon$	\rightarrow	level lines of GFF	
$(k, k \in \mathbb{Z})$		$(\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{\sqrt{2}}k, k \in \mathbb{Z})$	
$(k + \frac{1}{2}, k \in \mathbb{Z})$		$(\frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2\sqrt{2}}(2k + 1), k \in \mathbb{Z})$	d-dimer loops