



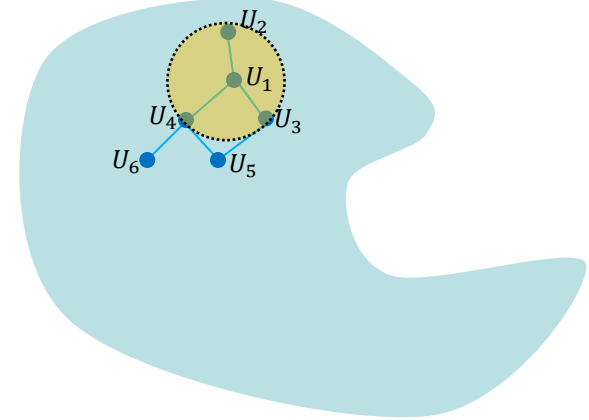
# Factor of IID for the Ising model on the tree

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# Local Functions

Two perspectives:



Local functions for optimization  
Factors of IID – Ergodic Theory

# Large Independent sets

Finding large independent sets in  $d$ -random regular graphs.

Largest IS is roughly  $\frac{(2+o(1)) \log d}{d}n$ .

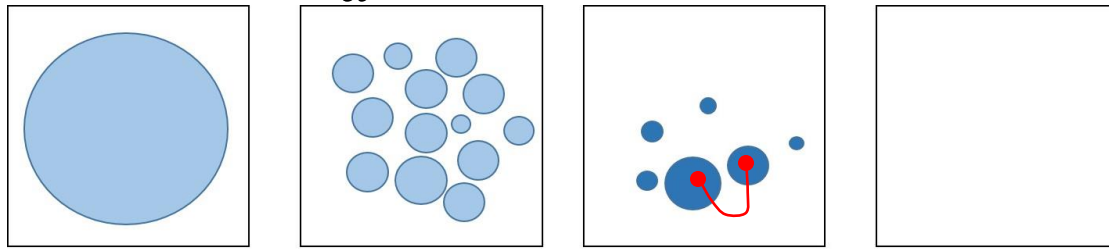
Lauer and Wormald '07 give a local algorithm that finds an IS of size  $\frac{(1+o(1)) \log d}{d}n$

Iteratively pick vertices with probability  $p$  and add them to the set if possible.

Gap of factor of 2.

# Large Independent sets

Hatami, Lovasz, and Szegedy asked if there were local algorithms up to  $\frac{(2-\epsilon) \log d}{d}$



No for IS up to  $\frac{(1+\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}o(1)) \log d}{d} n$  Gamarnik, Sudan '14

Independent sets larger than  $\frac{(1+\epsilon) \log d}{d} n$  come in well separated clusters.

No for IS larger than  $\frac{(1+\epsilon) \log d}{d} n$  Rahman, Virag '17

# Factors of IID

Goal: reconstruct  $\sigma: V \rightarrow X$  e.g. colouring, matching, Ising from IID random variables  $\{U_x\}_{x \in V}$ .

On a transitive graph e.g.  $\mathbb{Z}^d, \mathbb{T}^d$  with randomness a FIID is a measurable function

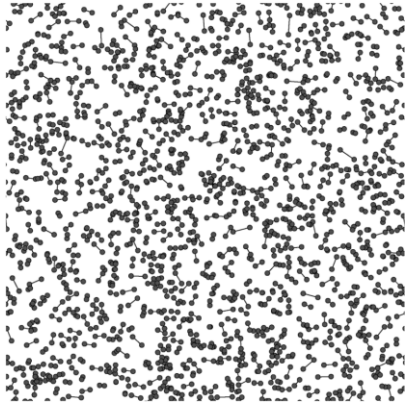
$$f: [0,1]^V \rightarrow X, \quad \sigma(x) = f(\tau_x\{U_y\}),$$

where  $\tau_x$  is the shift operator  $(\tau_x\{U\})_z = U_{z-x}$ .

Note that there is no assumption on the radius but by measurability it can be approximated by bounded radius.

On  $\mathbb{Z}^d$  being a factor of IID is equivalent to being isomorphic to a Bernoulli shift.

# Factors of IID



## Gaussian Wave function FIID

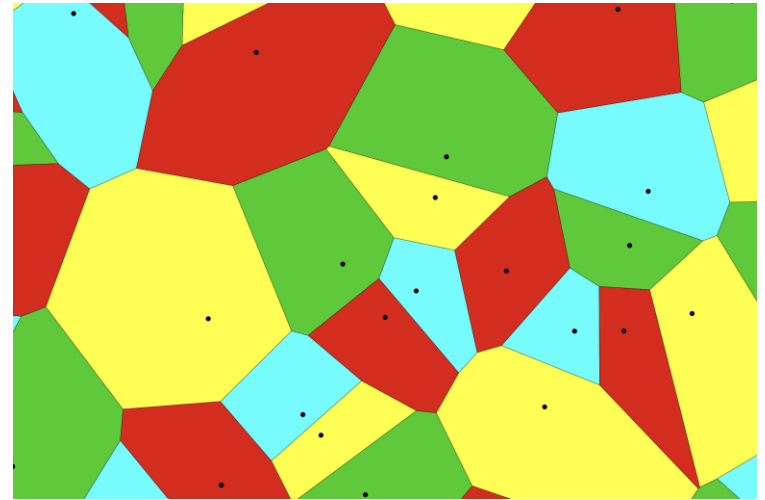
Thresholding leads to density 0.43 IS  
on 3-regular tree

Csóka, Gerencsér, Harangi, Virág '15

## Matchings

Holroyd, Pemantle, Peres,  
Schramm '09

Non-amenable graphs -  
Lyons Nazarov '11



## Colourings of Planar Graphs

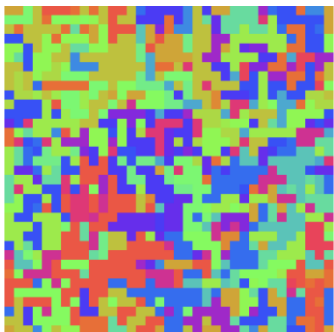
Angel, Benjamini, Gurel-Gurevich,  
Meyerovitch, Peled '12

Timar '11

## Divide and Colour

Partition vertices and colour components  
independently e.g. Ising, Potts, Voter  
Voter stationary distribution S., Zhang '19

Gibbs measures  
with spatial mixing  
Spinka '20.



Swart '17

# Ising model on trees (Free measure)

A random assignment

$$\sigma \in \{-1, +1\}^V$$

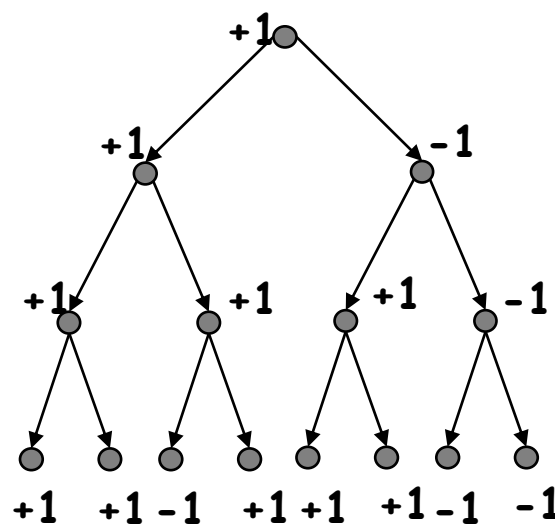
with distribution

$$\mathbb{P}[\sigma] = \frac{1}{Z} \exp(\beta \sum_{u \sim v} \sigma_u \sigma_v)$$

Alternatively: a broadcast model where a vertex is equal to its parent with probability

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \tanh \beta$$

$$\text{Cov}(\sigma_u, \sigma_v) = (\tanh \beta)^{d(u,v)}$$



FK model:  $\xi \in \{0,1\}^E$

$$\mathbb{P}[\xi] = \frac{1}{Z} y^{\sum \xi_u} 2^{\#C(\xi)}$$

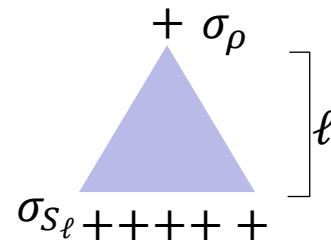
where  $C(\xi)$  is number of connected components.

On tree percolation w.p.

$$p = \tanh \beta$$

# Phase Transitions (Uniqueness)

Uniqueness Threshold:  $\tanh \beta = d^{-1}$



The critical value for a distant boundary to effect the root

$$\lim_{\ell} \mathbb{P} \left[ \sigma_\rho = + \mid \sigma_{S_\ell} \equiv + \right] = 1/2 \iff \tanh \beta \leq d^{-1}$$

For larger  $\beta$  there exist multiple *Gibbs measures* (extensions to infinite graph) such as the *plus measure*.

High Temperature:  $\tanh \beta \leq d^{-1}$

FK – model  $p \leq d^{-1}$  so all components are finite.

There exists a FIID.



# Phase Transitions (Reconstruction)

Reconstruction/Extremality Threshold:  $\tanh \beta = d^{-1/2}$

Critical value for distant vertices to affect the root.

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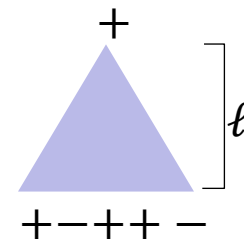
Low Temperature  $\tanh \beta > d^{-1/2}$

Distant spins contain information about the root,

$$\text{Var} \left( (d \tanh \beta)^{-\ell} \sum_{u \in S_{\ell}} \sigma_u \right) \rightarrow C$$

$$\lim_{\ell} \text{Cov}(\sigma_{\rho}, (d \tanh \beta)^{-\ell} \sum_{u \in S_{\ell}} \sigma_u) > 0$$

Is FIID possible with such long range dependencies?



No FIID for low temperature.

Suppose  $\sigma_x = f(\tau_x(\{U\}))$

There exists a finite range factor  $g$  such that

$$\sigma'_x = g(\tau_x(\{U\})) \in \{-1, 1\}, \quad \mathbb{P}[\sigma'_x \neq \sigma_x] \leq \epsilon, \quad \mathbb{E}[\sigma'_x] = 0$$

Then we have

$$\lim_{\ell} \text{Cov}(\sigma'_\rho, (d \tanh \beta)^{-\ell} \sum_{u \in S_\ell} \sigma_u) > 0$$

By symmetry

$$\text{Cov}(\sigma'_\rho, (d \tanh \beta)^{-\ell} \sum_{u \in S_\ell} \sigma_u) = \text{Cov}(\sigma_\rho, (d \tanh \beta)^{-\ell} \sum_{u \in S_\ell} \sigma'_u)$$

But

$$\text{Var}((d \tanh \beta)^{-\ell} \sum_{u \in S_\ell} \sigma'_u) \leq (d \tanh \beta)^{-2\ell} * C d^\ell \rightarrow 0$$

since  $\sigma'_u$  are uncorrelated at large distances.

# Intermediate temperatures?

Lyons '14 asked, when  $\tanh \beta \in (d^{-1}, d^{-1/2})$  is there a factor of IID?

Attempt 1: In the FK model, the components are infinite – no translation invariant way to assign the colours.

Attempt 2: Peres suggest the following:

- Construct  $\sigma$  using the Glauber Dynamics Markov chain.

  - Each vertex has rate 1 Poisson clock

  - Update it according to stationary distribution.

- Use coupling from the past i.e. run for  $t \in (-\infty.. 0]$

- Different initial condition such as  $+$  lead to different Gibbs measures.

- Suggests IID initial configuration.

Simulations/heuristics suggest it does not converge almost surely.

# Intermediate temperatures?

Attempt 3: Assign the vertices in order.

There's no T.I. ordering of all the vertices.

But we can assign them times  $T_v \in [0,1]$  IID plus  $U_v \in [0,1]$

Set  $\sigma_v = 1$  if  $U_v \leq \mathbb{P}[\sigma_v = 1 \mid \{\sigma_u\}_{u:T_u < T_v}]$

Problem: There exist multiple solution given  $\{U_v, T_v\}_{v \in V}$ .

Difficult to control the effect of far away choices.

Attempt 4: Reveal noisy version of  $\sigma_v, H_{v,1}, H_{v,2}, \dots$  at times  $T_{v,i}$  where  $\mathbb{P}[\sigma_v = H_{v,i}] = 1/2 + \alpha$ .

Then  $X_v(n) := \sum_{i=1}^n H_{v,i} \approx N(2\alpha \sigma_v n, n)$ .

Still requires hard choices - idea take  $\alpha \rightarrow 0$ . Asymptotically  $X_v(n)$  is Brownian motion with drift.

# FIID Construction

We will build a process  $X_t(v) = \sigma_v t + B_t(v)$  where  $B_t(v)$  are independent Brownian motions.

Easy to construct if we already know  $\sigma_v$  (but we don't).

Easier example: single vertex  $v$ . Then if  $\mathcal{F}_t$  is the filtration generated by  $X_t$  then

$$\mathbb{E}[\sigma_v \mid \mathcal{F}_t] = \tanh X_t(v)$$

we have can construct it by

$$dX_t(v) = \tanh X_t(v) dt + dB_t(v)$$

The stochastic differential equation has a unique strong solution, that is we can construct  $X_t(v)$  given  $B_t(v)$ .

# FIID Construction

For all  $v$  we want to construct  $X_v(t)$  simultaneously.

The Ising model with external field  $\{h_v\}$  is given by

$$\mathbb{P}_h[\sigma] = \frac{1}{Z} \exp(\beta \sum_{u \sim v} \sigma_u \sigma_v + \sum_v h_v \sigma_v)$$

Then by Bayes rule with  $\mathcal{F}_t = \{X_s(v)\}_{s \leq t, v \in T}$

$$\mathbb{E}[\sigma_v \mid \mathcal{F}_t] = \mathbb{E}_{X_t}[\sigma_v]$$

And  $X_t(v)$  is a solution of

$$dX_t(v) = \mathbb{E}_{X_t}[\sigma_v] dt + dB_t(v)$$

This is an infinite dimensional SDE.

It has multiple strong solutions.

Theorem (Nam, S., Z.) When  $\tanh \beta \in (d^{-1}, \delta d^{-\frac{1}{2}})$  there is a strong solution that gives a FIID for the free Ising model.

# FIID Construction

For the infinite dimensional SDE

$$dX_t(v) = \mathbb{E}_{X_t}[\sigma_v]dt + dB_t(v)$$

We now construct a strong solution that is translation invariant; i.e., define a translation invariant function  $\mathcal{F}: B \mapsto X$ .

A step back: on a finite graph, this SDE has a unique strong solution.

On a ball of radius  $R$  around the root  $\rho$  ( $T_R$ ) we build the SDE

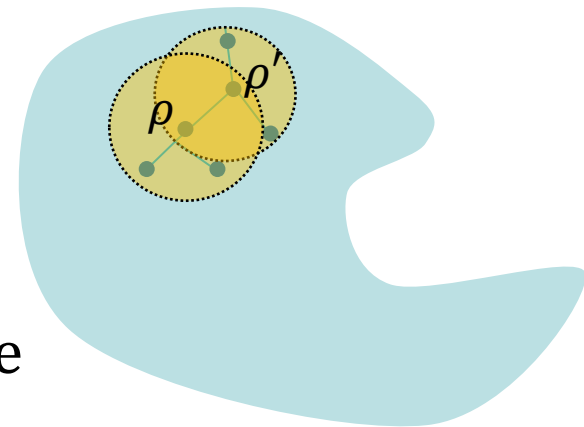
$$dX_t^R(v) = \mathbb{E}_{X_t^R}[\sigma_v]dt + dB_t(v) \quad \forall v \in T_R$$

Theorem (Nam, S., Z.)

When  $\tanh \beta \in (d^{-1}, \delta d^{-\frac{1}{2}})$ , almost surely as  $R \rightarrow \infty$

$$X_t^R(v) \rightarrow X_t(v)$$

And the limit  $X_t(v)$  is independent of the choice of  $\rho$ .



# Comparing $X_t^R$ and $X_t^{R+1}$

To show convergence, bound the difference between  $X_t^R$  and  $X_t^{R+1}$ .  
Again we take a continuous approach.

For  $\gamma \in [0, \beta]$  define

$$\mathbb{P}_{h,\gamma}[\sigma] = \frac{1}{Z} \exp\left(\beta \sum_{\substack{u \sim v \\ u,v \in T_R}} \sigma_u \sigma_v + \gamma \sum_{\substack{u \sim v \\ u \in T_R, v \in T_{R+1}}} \sigma_u \sigma_v + \sum_{v \in T_{R+1}} h_v \sigma_v\right)$$

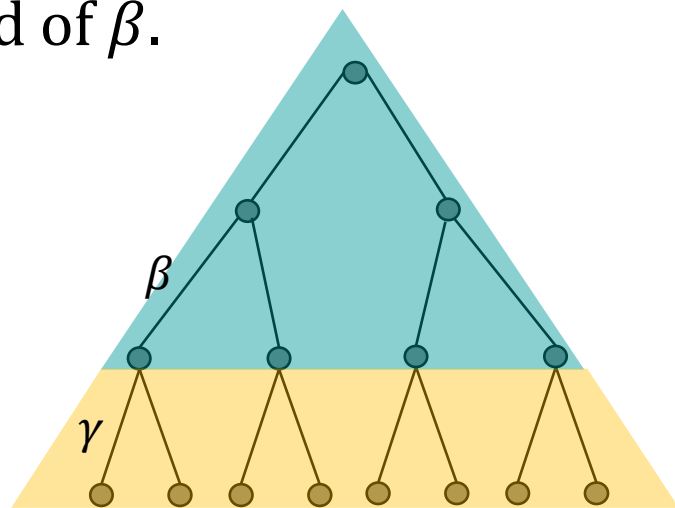
In words, it is Ising model on  $T_{R+1}$  with external field  $h$  ( $\mathbb{P}_h$ ), and the inverse temperature on leaves is  $\gamma$  instead of  $\beta$ .

Let  $X_t^{R,\gamma}$  be the solution of

$$dX_t^{R,\gamma}(v) = \mathbb{E}_{X_t^{R,\gamma}, \gamma}[\sigma_v] dt + dB_t(v)$$

By varying  $\gamma$  we interpolate:

$$X_t^{R,0} = X_t^R \text{ and } X_t^{R,\beta} = X_t^{R+1}$$





# Comparing $X_t^R$ and $X_t^{R+1}$

Denote  $H_t^{R,\gamma} = \frac{d}{d\gamma} X_t^{R,\gamma}$ .

From  $dX_t^{R,\gamma}(v) = \mathbb{E}_{X_t^{R,\gamma},\gamma}[\sigma_v]dt + dB_t(v)$  we compute that

$$\frac{d}{dt} H_t^{R,\gamma}(v) = \partial_\gamma \mathbb{E}_{X_t^{R,\gamma},\gamma}[\sigma_v] = M_t H_t^{R,\gamma}(v) + N_t(v)$$

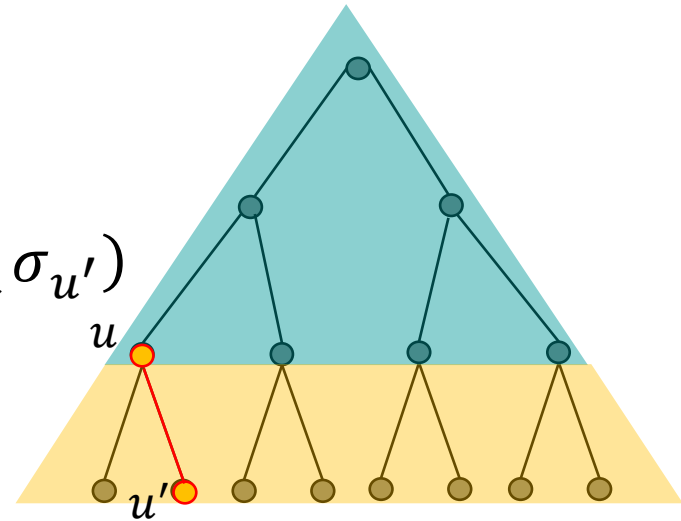
where  $M_t$  is a  $T_{R+1} \times T_{R+1}$  matrix:

$$M_t(u, v) = \text{COV}_{X_t^{R,\gamma}}(\sigma_u, \sigma_v), \text{ and}$$

$$N_t(v) = \sum_{u \in T_R, u \sim u', u' \in \partial T_{R+1}} \text{COV}_{X_t^{R,\gamma}}(\sigma_v, \sigma_u \sigma_{u'})$$

Thus we can write

$$H_t^{R,\gamma} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_{0 < t_1 < \dots < t_k < t} M_{t_k} \dots M_{t_2} N_{t_1} dt_1 \dots dt_k$$



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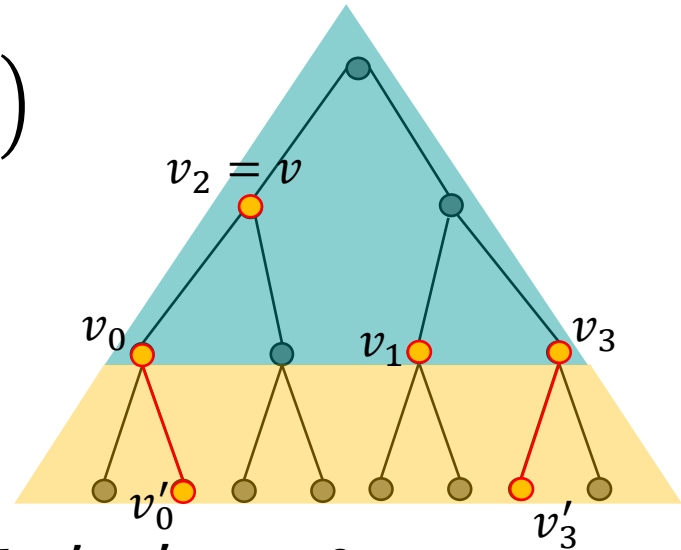
To bound  $X_t^R - X_t^{R+1}$ , we study the second moment  $\mathbb{E}[(H_t(v))^2]$ .

From  $H_t = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \int_{0 < t_1 < \dots < t_k < t} M_{t_k} \dots M_{t_2} N_{t_1} dt_1 \dots dt_k$ ,  
we can write  $(H_t(v))^2$  as sum and integral of terms like

$$\text{Cov}_{X_{t_0}}(\sigma_{v_1}, \sigma_{v_0} \sigma_{v'_0}) \text{Cov}_{X_{t_k}}(\sigma_{v_k}, \sigma_{v_{k+1}} \sigma_{v'_{k+1}}) \\ \times \prod_{i=1}^{k-1} \text{Cov}_{X_{t_i}}(\sigma_{v_i}, \sigma_{v_{i+1}})$$

where  $v \in \{v_0, \dots, v_{k+1}\}$ ,

and  $v_0, v_{k+1} \in T_R, v_0 \sim v'_0, v_{k+1} \sim v'_{k+1}$ , and  $v'_0, v'_{k+1} \in \partial T_{R+1}$



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Given  $v$ , we wish the sum (and integral) of all such terms decay fast in  $R$  (want  $\sum_R |X_t^R(v) - X_t^{R+1}(v)| < \infty$  a.s.).

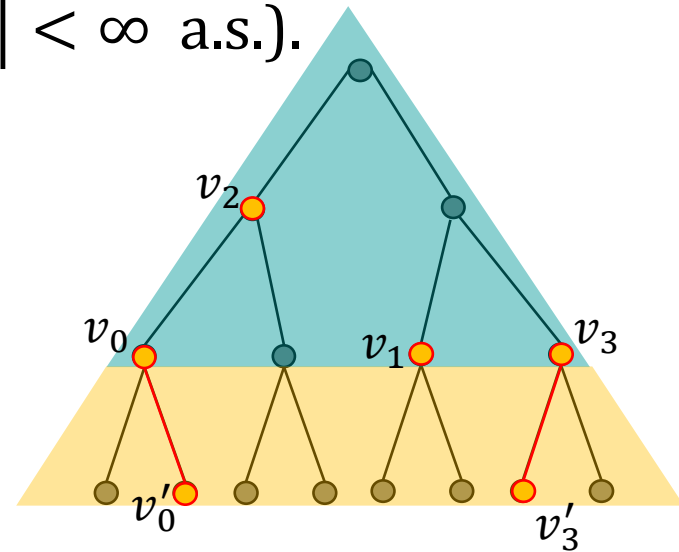
A direct bound: in a tree, external fields only decrease covariances:

$$0 \leq \text{Cov}_h(\sigma_v, \sigma_u) \leq \text{Cov}_0(\sigma_v, \sigma_u) \\ = (\tanh \beta)^{\text{dist}(u,v)} < d^{-\text{dist}(u,v)/2}$$

(recall  $\tanh \beta < \delta d^{-\frac{1}{2}}$ ).

A bound of  $(\tanh \beta)^{\text{dist}(v_0, v_1) + \dots + \text{dist}(v_k, v_{k+1})}$  **is not enough!**

e.g.  $\sum_{v_0, v_2 \in \partial T_R} d^{-(\text{dist}(v_0, v) + \text{dist}(v, v_2)) / 2} \approx d^R$ .



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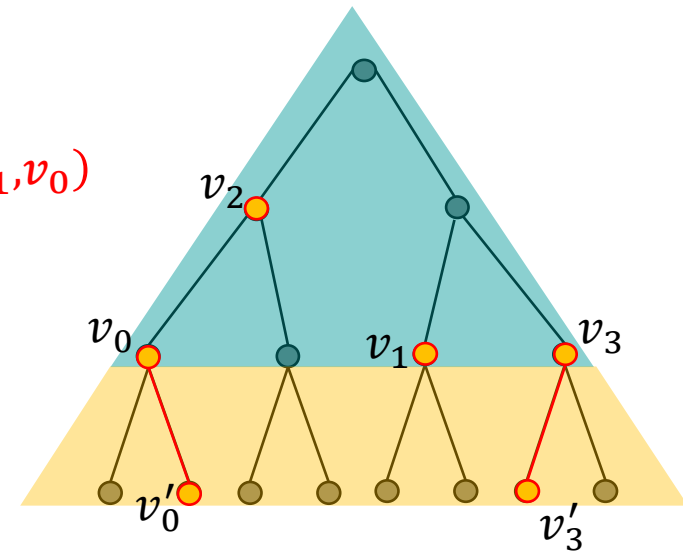
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Suffices to have one extra factor:

$$\frac{1}{k!} (\tanh \beta)^{\text{dist}(v_0, v_1) + \dots + \text{dist}(v_k, v_{k+1}) + \text{dist}(v_{k+1}, v_0)}$$

Each  $(\tanh \beta)^L$  corresponds to a walk starting and ending at  $v$  with length  $L$ ; there are  $\approx (d + o(1))^{L/2}$  such walks.



Or the prob of a random walk starting from  $v$ . At each step, with prob  $\frac{1}{2}$  moves farther from  $v$ , and prob  $\frac{1}{2}$  moves closer to  $v$ .

# Estimating $\mathbb{E} \left[ \left( H_t^{R,\gamma}(v) \right)^2 \right]$

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \text{Cov}_{X_{t_0}^{R,\gamma}}(\sigma_{v_1}, \sigma_{v_0} \sigma_{v'_0}) \text{Cov}_{X_{t_k}^{R,\gamma}}(\sigma_{v_k}, \sigma_{v_{k+1}} \sigma_{v'_{k+1}}) \prod_{i=1}^{k-1} \text{Cov}_{X_{t_i}^{R,\gamma}}(\sigma_{v_i}, \sigma_{v_{i+1}}) \right]$$

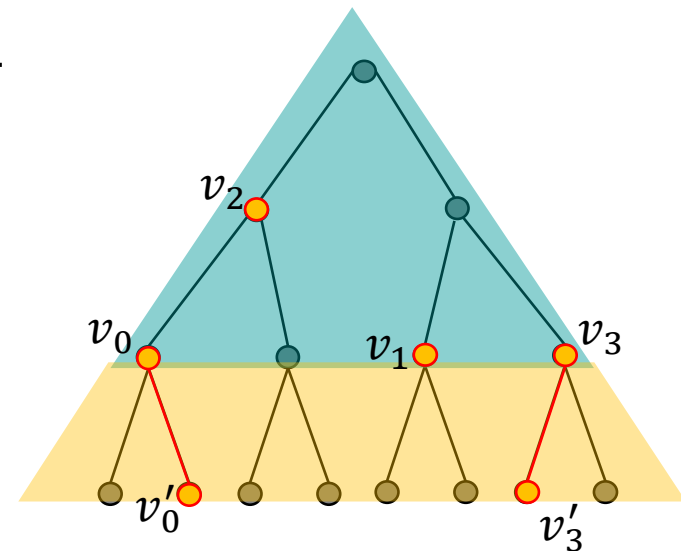
$$< (C \tanh \beta)^{\text{dist}(v_0, v_1) + \dots + \text{dist}(v_k, v_{k+1}) + \text{dist}(v_{k+1}, v_0)}$$

Actually we can write

$$\text{Cov}_{X_t}(\sigma_v, \sigma_u \sigma_{u'}) = \frac{\sinh(X_t(u')) (\tanh \beta)^{\text{dist}(u', v)}}{2(\bar{Z}_{X_t}(u', v))^2}$$

$$\text{Cov}_{X_t}(\sigma_u, \sigma_v) = \frac{(\tanh \beta)^{\text{dist}(u, v)}}{(\bar{Z}_{X_t}(u, v))^2}$$

where  $\bar{Z}_{X_t}(u, v) = \frac{Z_{X_t}(u, v)}{Z_0(u, v)} \geq 1$ .



Need:  $\mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{\sinh(X_{t_0}(v_0)) \sinh(X_{t_k}(v_{k+1}))}{\left( \prod_i \bar{Z}_{X_{t_i}}(v_i, v_{i+1}) \right)^2} \right] < (C \tanh \beta)^{\text{dist}(v_{k+1}, v_0)}$

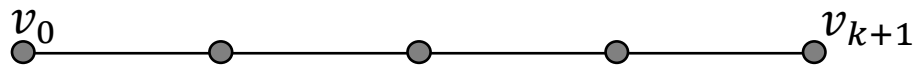
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The LHS is 'like'  $\mathbb{E}[\sigma_{v_0} \sigma_{v_{k+1}}]$ , which equals  $(\tanh \beta)^{\text{dist}(v_{k+1}, v_0)}$ .

However, the weights make it hard to compute directly.

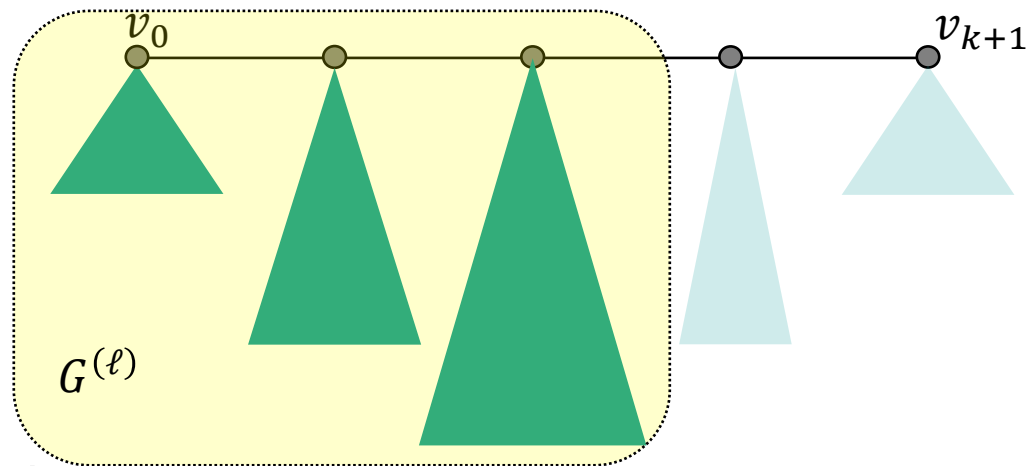
Recall how we compute  $\mathbb{E}[\sigma_{v_0} \sigma_{v_{k+1}}]$ : one way is to take the path from  $v_0$  to  $v_{k+1}$ , and it is a Markov chain.



Solution: reveal the field gradually

# Estimating $\mathbb{E} \left[ \left( H_t^{R,\gamma} (v) \right)^2 \right]$

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{\sinh \left( X_{t_0} (v_0) \right) \sinh \left( X_{t_k} (v_{k+1}) \right)}{\left( \prod_i \bar{Z}_{X_{t_i}} (v_i, v_{i+1}) \right)^2} \right]$$



For  $0 \leq \ell \leq \text{dist}(v_{k+1}, v_0)$ , construct measure  $\mu_{\pm, \ell}$ :

$$d\mu_{\pm, \ell} = \frac{I(\pm X_{t_0} (v_0) > 0) \sinh(|X_{t_0} (v_0)|)}{\left( \prod_i \bar{Z}_{X_{t_i}}^{(\ell)} (v_i, v_{i+1}) \right)^2} d\mu$$

Where  $\bar{Z}_{X_{t_i}}^{(\ell)}$  is  $\bar{Z}_{X_{t_i}}$  restricted to  $G^{(\ell)}$ .

We couple  $\mu_{+, \ell}$  with  $\mu_{-, \ell}$  inductively (in  $\ell$ ), minimizing

$$\mathbb{E}_{\mu_{+, \ell}} \left[ \sinh \left( X_{t_k} (v_{k+1}) \right) \right] - \mathbb{E}_{\mu_{-, \ell}} \left[ \sinh \left( X_{t_k} (v_{k+1}) \right) \right]$$

# Open Problems

Some directly related questions:

- 1) Extend the analysis to full intermediate regime?

The reason we require  $\tanh \beta \in (d^{-1}, \delta d^{-1/2})$  instead of  $\tanh \beta \in (d^{-1}, d^{-1/2})$  is technical, rather than intrinsic.

- 2) Find a simpler FIID?

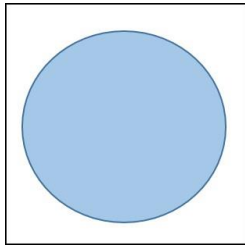
Is there a more direct construction, avoiding the computations?

- 3) What is the relationship between FIIDs and reconstruction/extremality?

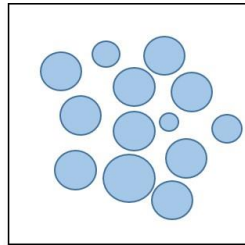


# 1RSB models

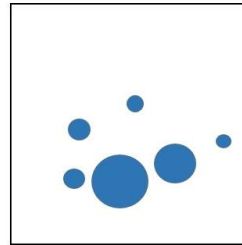
Several models (colourings, large independent sets, k-sat) are in the one step replica symmetry breaking universality class.



Thresholds



Colouring



IS/Hardcore

Clustering

$$d \log d$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\log d}{d}$$

Algorithms

$$d \log d$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\log d}{d}$$

Colourability/  
MAX IS

$$2d \log d$$

$$\alpha = \frac{2 \log d}{d}$$

# Full RSB models

Example: Sherrington-Kirkpatrick model, antiferromagnetic Ising model.

For spin glasses Subag '18, Montanari '19, El Alaoui, Montanari Selke '20 gave algorithms that give  $(1 - \epsilon)$  approximation to the ground state.

Should also apply to anti-ferromagnetic Ising model:

$$\text{Max Cut} = n \left( \frac{d}{2} + \sqrt{d} P_* + o(\sqrt{d}) \right)$$

[Dembo, Montanari, Sen]

The Gibbs measure is not locally optimal.

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Thank you for listening

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