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Introduction

Height variables: most natural but generally hardest !

Purpose = compute joint probas $P^*[h_{z_1} = a, h_{z_2} = b, \dots]$

Plane 1-point probas computed in '91 (height 1) and in '94 (heights 2,3,4), but are completely ignored by the FT description:

$$P^*(a) = P^*[h_z = a] = \langle \delta(h_z - a) \rangle_{P^*} \neq 0 \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \langle h_a(z) \rangle = 0$$

As FT describes correlation functions, the proper correspondence reads

$$\delta(h_z - a) - P^*(a) \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad \text{field } h_a(z)$$

under which

$$\text{scalim} \left\{ P^*[h_{z_1} = a, h_{z_2} = b] - P^*(a) P^*(b) \right\} = \langle h_a(z_1) h_b(z_2) \rangle$$

Introduction

The identification of scaling fields h_a requires computing lattice correlation functions of height variables ...

Easy for heights 1 (boundary or bulk)

More difficult for heights 2,3,4 on boundary (open or closed)

Still much harder for heights 2,3,4 in bulk !

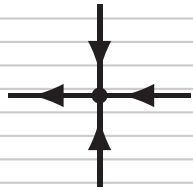
Hereafter:

1. explain how to compute and why $h = 2, 3, 4$ are hard
2. give some details for height 1
3. give results for higher heights

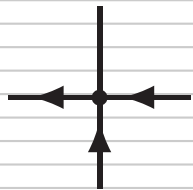
Trees, branches, leaves

Need spanning tree description of recurrent configurations of ASM.

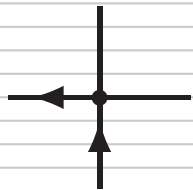
Remember the burning algorithm, building the spanning tree:



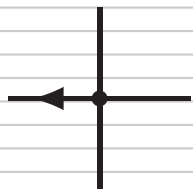
height can only be equal to 4: $P_4 = P_3 + \frac{\mathcal{N}_3}{\mathcal{N}}$



height can be equal to 3 or 4: $P_3 = P_2 + \frac{\mathcal{N}_2}{2\mathcal{N}}$



height can be equal to 2, 3 or 4: $P_2 = P_1 + \frac{\mathcal{N}_1}{3\mathcal{N}}$



height can be equal to 1, 2, 3 or 4: $P_1 = \frac{\mathcal{N}_0}{4\mathcal{N}}$

Predecessors

Previous formulae require computing the number of trees with fixed number of predecessors at given site z :

\mathcal{N}_k = number of configs such that z has set fire to exactly k n.n.

Huge difference between $k = 0$ and $k > 0$:

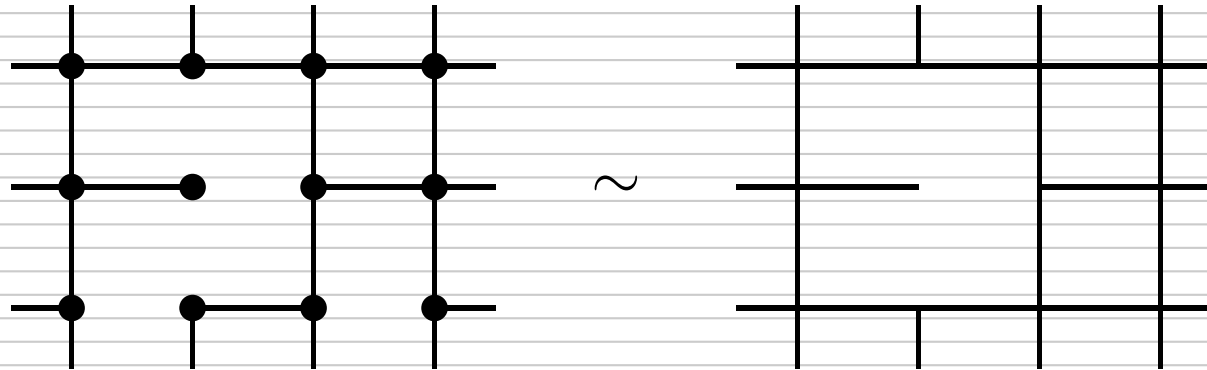
\mathcal{N}_0 is local: reference site is a leaf; local constraint

$\mathcal{N}_{k>0}$ is non-local: must exclude big fire path in lattice which eventually comes back to a nearest neighbour; non-local constraint

Heights 1 are easy, while heights 2, 3, 4 are hard !!

Height 1

Reference site is a leaf:



Laplacian on lattice with 3 removed bonds:

$$\Delta' = \Delta + \begin{pmatrix} -3 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{N}_0 = 4 \det \Delta',$$

$$\implies P_1(z) = \frac{\det \Delta'}{\det \Delta} = \det[\mathbb{I} + \Delta^{-1} B_z] \text{ is a 4-by-4 determinant.}$$

Height 1

1. On the **plane**: involves G^{pl} for sites closed to reference site z :

$$P_1 = \frac{2(\pi - 2)}{\pi^3} = 0.0736 \quad (\text{transl. inv.})$$

2. On the **UHP with open b.c.:** $(P_1^{\text{op}} = 0.104)$

$$P_1^{\text{op}}(z) = P_1 + \frac{P_1}{4m^2} + \mathcal{O}(m^{-4}), \quad m = \text{Im } z$$

3. On the **UHP with closed b.c.:** $(P_1^{\text{cl}} = 0.113)$

$$P_1^{\text{cl}}(z) = P_1 - \frac{P_1}{4m^2} + \mathcal{O}(m^{-4})$$

Correlator $\langle h_1(z) h_1(\bar{z}) \rangle$ of height 1 field with image

→ $h_1(z, \bar{z})$ is primary field with conformal dimensions (1,1)

Higher heights

Much harder because of non-local constraint on trees (exactly 1,2,3 predecessors).

On the **plane**, exact (integrals) expressions are known:

$$P_2 = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\pi} - \frac{3}{\pi^2} + \frac{12}{\pi^2} - \frac{\pi - 2}{2\pi} J_2$$

with

$$J_2 = \frac{4}{\pi^2} - \frac{14}{\pi} - 8 - \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{\pi^2} \int_0^\pi \frac{d\beta_1}{\sqrt{3 - \cos \beta_1}} \int_{-\pi}^\pi \frac{d\beta_2}{1 - t_1 t_2 t_3} \sin \frac{\beta_1 - \beta_2}{2}$$
$$\left[\cos \frac{\beta_1 - \beta_2}{2} - 2 \cos \frac{\beta_1 + \beta_2}{2} \right] \times \left[(3 - \cos \beta_1 + \cos \beta_2) \cos \frac{\beta_1}{2} - 2 \sin \beta_2 \sin \frac{\beta_1}{2} \right],$$

where $t_i = y_i - \sqrt{y_i^2 - 1}$, $y_i = 2 - \cos \beta_i$ and $\beta_3 = -(\beta_1 + \beta_2)$.

Remarkably $J_2 = 0.5 + o(10^{-12})$, but no proof !

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$$P_3 = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{2}{\pi} - \frac{12}{\pi^3} - \frac{8 - \pi}{4\pi} J_2 = 0.3063$$

$$P_4 = 1 - P_1 - P_2 - P_3 = 0.4461$$

Note $P_1 < P_2 < P_3 < P_4$ in agreement with forbidden subconfigurations picture.

Higher heights

On the **UHP**, even more complicated because of boundary and loss of full translation invariance. F.i.

$$P_2^{\text{open}}(m) = \frac{\pi^3 - 3\pi^2 - 4\pi + 24}{2\pi^3} - \frac{3\pi^2 - 6\pi - 8}{8\pi^3 m} + \frac{11\pi^2 - 40\pi + 64 + 32\pi(\pi - 2)\tilde{g}(m)}{16\pi^3 m^2} - I_{AC} - 2I_B + \dots$$

$$I_B(m) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{l=1-m}^{\infty} \iint_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{d\alpha_1 d\beta_1}{8\pi^2} \frac{e^{-il\alpha_1} - e^{i(2m+l-1)\alpha_1}}{2 - \cos \alpha_1 - \cos \beta_1} \iint_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{d\alpha_2 d\beta_2}{8\pi^2} \frac{e^{-il\alpha_2} - e^{i(2m+l-1)\alpha_2}}{2 - \cos \alpha_2 - \cos \beta_2} \\ \times \iint_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{d\alpha_3 d\beta_3}{8\pi^2} \frac{[e^{i(1-l)\alpha_3} - e^{i(2m+l-2)\alpha_3}]e^{-i\beta_2} + [e^{-i(l+1)\alpha_3} - e^{i(2m+l)\alpha_3}]e^{i\beta_2}}{2 - \cos \alpha_3 - \cos \beta_3} \\ \times e^{ik(\beta_1 + \beta_2 + \beta_3)} \det \begin{pmatrix} a' & e^{-i\beta_1} & e^{-i\beta_2} & e^{-i\beta_3} \\ b' & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ c' - d' & e^{i\alpha_1} & e^{i\alpha_2} & e^{i\alpha_3} \\ c' + d' & e^{-i\alpha_1} & e^{-i\alpha_2} & e^{-i\alpha_3} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Higher heights

Asymptotic analysis for m large yields dominant contributions in SL:

$$P_i^{\text{op}}(m) = P_i + \frac{1}{m^2} \left(a_i + \frac{b_i}{2} + b_i \log m \right) + \dots,$$

$$P_i^{\text{cl}}(m) = P_i - \frac{1}{m^2} \left(a_i + b_i \log m \right) + \dots,$$

with explicit coefficients,

$$a_1 = \frac{\pi - 2}{2\pi^3}, \quad b_1 = 0$$

$$a_2 = \frac{\pi - 2}{2\pi^3} \left(\gamma + \frac{5}{2} \log 2 \right) - \frac{11\pi - 34}{8\pi^3}, \quad b_2 = \frac{\pi - 2}{2\pi^3}$$

$$a_3 = \frac{8 - \pi}{4\pi^3} \left(\gamma + \frac{5}{2} \log 2 \right) + \frac{2\pi^2 + 5\pi - 88}{16\pi^3}, \quad b_3 = \frac{8 - \pi}{4\pi^3}$$

Field identifications

Strongly suggests that the height 1 and 2 fields $(h_1, h_2) \equiv (\phi, \psi)$ form a logarithmic pair of fields with conformal weights $(1,1)$:

$$\langle \phi(z)\phi(z^*) \rangle = 0, \quad \langle \phi(z)\psi(z^*) \rangle = \frac{a}{(z - z^*)^2}$$

$$\langle \psi(z)\psi(z^*) \rangle = \frac{1}{(z - z^*)^2} [a' + a \log |z - z^*|]$$

for $L_0\psi = \psi - \frac{1}{2}\phi$.

From

$$P_3(m) - P_3 = \alpha_3 [P_2(m) - P_2] + \beta_3 [P_1(m) - P_1],$$

$$P_4(m) - P_4 = \alpha_4 [P_2(m) - P_2] + \beta_4 [P_1(m) - P_1],$$

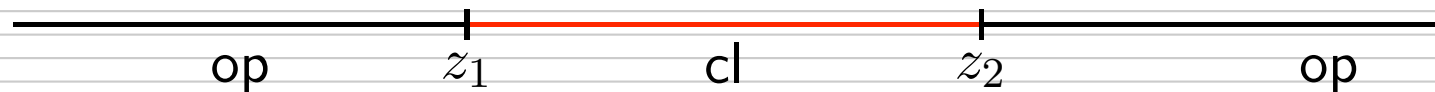
the height 3 and 4 fields h_3, h_4 are linear combinations of h_1 and h_2 .

Checks ??

Consider two types of checks:

1. consistency within CFT: $P_i^{\text{op}}(z)$ and $P_i^{\text{cl}}(z)$ refer to different boundary conditions \longrightarrow can be related by b.c. changing field μ

$$h_i(z)$$

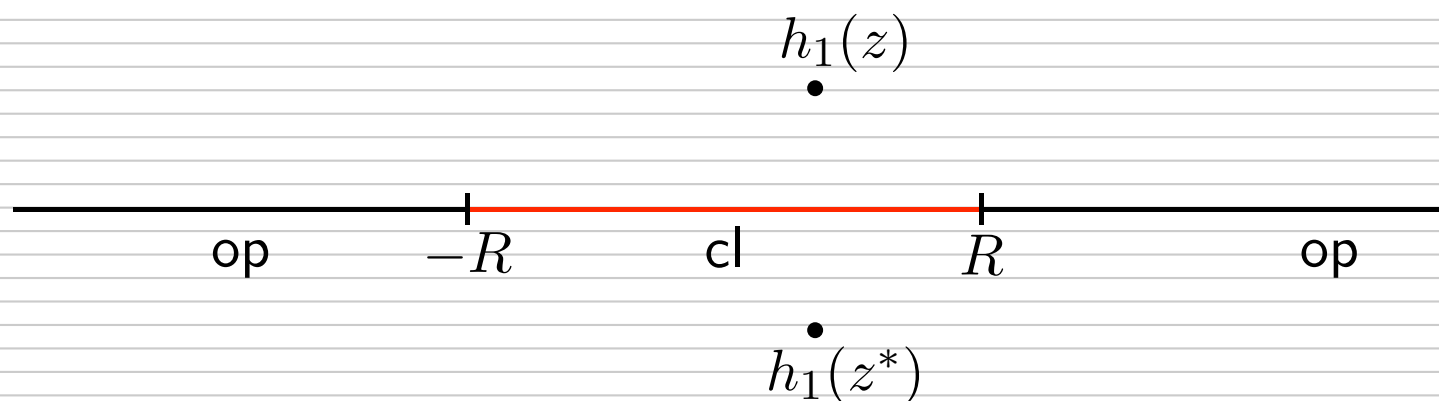


Look at limits of

$$\langle \mu(z_1) \mu(z_2) h_i(z, \bar{z}) \rangle \quad \text{when } z_1, z_2 \rightarrow 0 \text{ or } -z_1, z_2 \rightarrow +\infty$$

2. comparison of CFT predictions with simulation data, f.i. for finite-size corrections

Check for height 1



Fields μ (weight $-\frac{1}{8}$) and h_1 (weight 1) are degenerate at level 2:

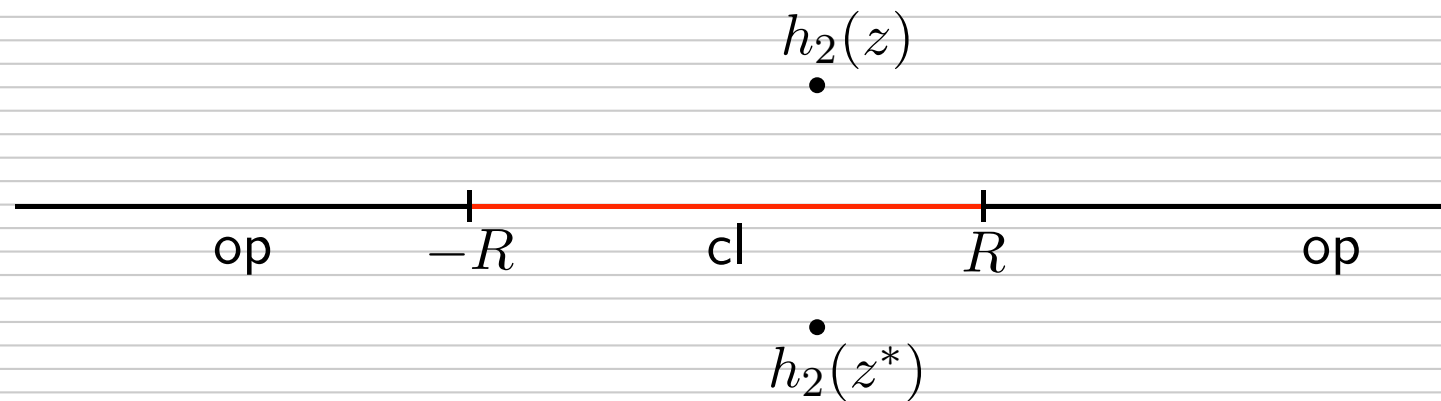
$$(2R)^{-1/4} \left\langle \mu(-R)\mu(R)h_1(z)h_1(z^*) \right\rangle_{\text{op}} = \frac{\alpha}{m^2} \frac{2-x}{\sqrt{1-x}}, \quad 1-x = \frac{(R-z)(R+z^*)}{(R-z^*)(R+z)}$$

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow 0} (2R)^{-1/4} \left\langle \mu(-R)\mu(R)h_1(z, z^*) \right\rangle_{\text{op}} = \frac{2\alpha}{m^2} = \frac{P_1}{4m^2} = P_1^{\text{op}}(z) - P_1$$

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow +\infty} (2R)^{-1/4} \left\langle \mu(-R)\mu(R)h_1(z, z^*) \right\rangle_{\text{op}} = -\frac{2\alpha}{m^2} = -\frac{P_1}{4m^2} = P_1^{\text{cl}}(z) - P_1$$

(monodromy of $1-x$ around 1)

Check for height 2



More complicated: h_2 is logarithmic, and not quasi-primary:

$$T(z)h_2(w, \bar{w}) = \frac{\rho(w, \bar{w})}{(z-w)^3} + \frac{h_2(w, \bar{w}) - \frac{1}{2}h_1(w, \bar{w})}{(z-w)^2} + \frac{\partial h_2(w, \bar{w})}{z-w} + \dots$$

$$T(z)\rho(w, \bar{w}) = \frac{\partial \rho(w, \bar{w})}{z-w} + \dots$$

$$\bar{T}(\bar{z})\rho(w, \bar{w}) = \frac{\kappa}{(\bar{z}-\bar{w})^3} + \frac{\rho(w, \bar{w})}{(\bar{z}-\bar{w})^2} + \frac{\bar{\partial} \rho(w, \bar{w})}{\bar{z}-\bar{w}} + \dots$$

Check for height 2

⇒ Ward identities and 2nd order ODE (from μ) are inhomogeneous: 9 correlators to compute $\langle \mu\mu\lambda\lambda \rangle$ with $\lambda = \rho, h_1, h_2$!

Imposing physical conditions (no log when $R \rightarrow 0$, regular if $R \rightarrow +\infty$),

$$(2R)^{-1/4} \left\langle \mu(-R)\mu(R) h_2(z, z^*) \right\rangle_{\text{op}} = \frac{1}{2m^2} \frac{2-x}{\sqrt{1-x}} \left\{ b \log m + a + \frac{b}{4} + \frac{b}{8} \frac{2-x}{\sqrt{1-x}} + 2b \frac{m^2}{(R+z)(R-z^*)} \left[\frac{1}{x-2} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{1-x}} \right] \right\}.$$

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow 0} (2R)^{-1/4} \left\langle \mu(-R)\mu(R) h_2(z, z^*) \right\rangle_{\text{op}} = \frac{1}{m^2} \left[a + \frac{b}{2} + b \log m \right] = P_2^{\text{op}}(z) - P_2$$

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow +\infty} (2R)^{-1/4} \left\langle \mu(-R)\mu(R) h_2(z, z^*) \right\rangle_{\text{op}} = -\frac{1}{m^2} [a + b \log m] = P_2^{\text{cl}}(z) - P_2$$

Exactly reproduces the lattice results ... (OK for heights 3, 4)

Remark

When $R \rightarrow 0$:

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow 0} (2R)^{-1/4} \left\langle \mu(-R)\mu(R) h_i(z, z^*) \right\rangle_{\text{op}} = \langle h_i(z, z^*) \rangle_{\text{op}}$$

as follows from $\mu(-R)\mu(R) = (2R)^{-1/4} \mathbb{I} + \dots$

When $R \rightarrow +\infty$:

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow +\infty} (2R)^{-1/4} \left\langle \mu(-R)\mu(R) h_i(z, z^*) \right\rangle_{\text{op}} = \langle \omega(\infty) h_i(z, z^*) \rangle_{\text{cl}}$$

because it does not contain the log singularity of the OPE

$$\mu(-R)\mu(R) = (2R)^{-1/4} [\omega(\infty) + \mathbb{I} \log 2R + \dots]$$

Need for dissipation ...

Infinite strip

Map UHP with closed on \mathbb{R}_- and open on \mathbb{R}_+ onto infinite strip



by conformal map $w = \frac{L}{\pi} \log z$ for width L .

The 1-pt probability profiles are transformed:

$$P_i^{\text{cl|op}}(z) - P_i = -\frac{z + z^*}{|z|(z - z^*)^2} \left\{ 2b_i \log \left| \frac{z - z^*}{2} \right| + 2a_i + \frac{b_i}{2} + \frac{b_i}{4} \frac{z + z^*}{|z|} \right\}$$

$$P_i^{\text{strip}}(w) - P_i = \left(\frac{\pi}{L} \right)^2 \frac{\cos(\pi v/L)}{\sin^2(\pi v/L)} \left\{ a_i + \frac{b_i}{4} \left[1 + \cos \left(\frac{\pi v}{L} \right) \right] + b_i \log \left(\frac{L}{\pi} \sin \left(\frac{\pi v}{L} \right) \right) \right\} + \frac{b_i \pi^2}{4L^2}$$

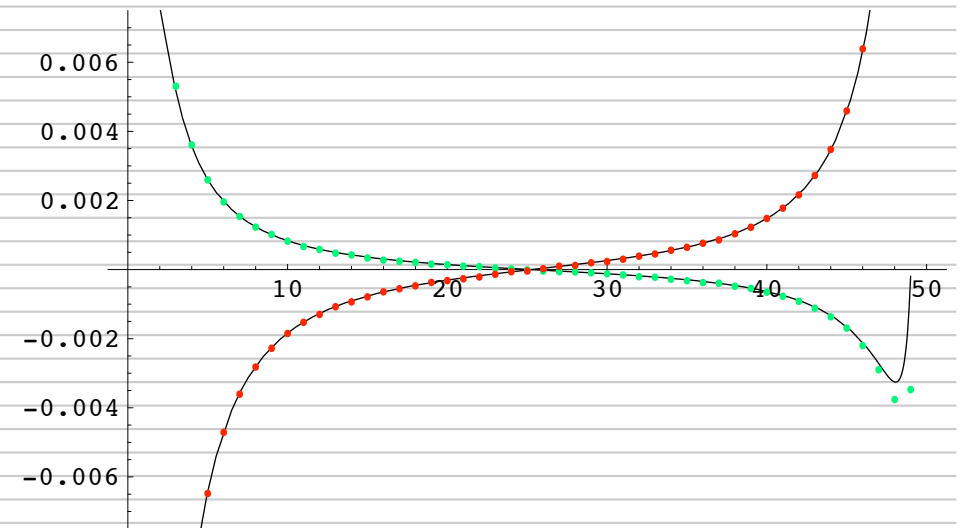
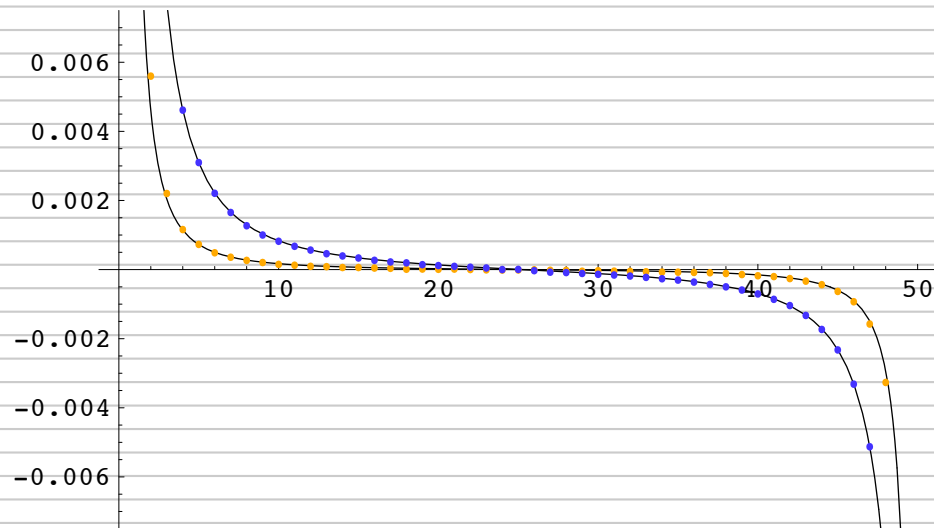
Simulations

ASM dynamics on finite rectangle $M \times L$

- $M/L = 4$ to reproduce infinite strip, and $L = 50$ to approach SL
- choose open b.c. on far sides to speed up relaxation process
- run dynamics from many initial recurrent configs, and sample every 50th config to avoid correlations in data
- collect statistics of height occurrences along medial line of over 10^{10} recurrent configs (note $|\mathcal{R}| \sim 10^{5045}$...)
- subtract bulk probabilities P_i and compare with CFT curves

CFT vs simulations

Results for subtracted probabilities $P_i^{\text{strip}}(v) - P_i$



for height 1 height 2 height 3 height 4.

Solid curves are

$$P_i^{\text{strip}}(w) - P_i = \left(\frac{\pi}{L}\right)^2 \frac{\cos(\pi v/L)}{\sin^2(\pi v/L)} \left\{ a_i + \frac{b_i}{4} \left[1 + \cos\left(\frac{\pi v}{L}\right) \right] + b_i \log\left(\frac{L}{\pi} \sin\left(\frac{\pi v}{L}\right)\right) \right\} + \frac{b_i \pi^2}{4L^2}$$

Height fields

All tests confirm following field identifications for height variables:

The height 1 field h_1 is a **primary field** with weights (1,1).

The others three h_2, h_3, h_4 are all, up to normalizations, the same field, equal to the **logarithmic partner** of h_1 .

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Good number of features well understood:

- 4 boundary conditions identified, leading to b.c. changing fields with conformal weights $0, -\frac{1}{8}, 0, \frac{3}{8}, 1$
- isolated dissipation, on boundary or in bulk, with and without change of b.c.; bulk, boundary and bulk-boundary fusions checked
- boundary height variables on closed and open boundaries (not log)
- bulk height variables properly identified (log fields), with and without change of b.c.
- fully dissipative model, no longer critical, described by massive perturbation of $c = -2$

Open issues:

- relevant LCFT likely to be non-rational: complete its identification
- look for other boundary conditions
- identify new bulk observables
- establish relationships with other models
- cylinder and torus partition functions: new meaning ?

Perspective:

Avalanche observables