

lec 02

(Deift, "Universality")

The next model in the KPZ class is FPP.

let  $\lambda_1(N)$  be the largest eigenvalue of an  $N \times N$  Hermitian random matrix.

Then  $\frac{\lambda_1(N)}{N} \rightarrow c$  (appropriately scaled)

and  $\frac{\lambda_1(N) - cN}{N^{1/3}} \xrightarrow{d} F_{GOE}^2$  (Tracy-Widom distribution)

$\lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_N$  (increasing)  
 In FPP  $\frac{T(0, Nx) - Ng(x)}{N^{1/3}} \xrightarrow{d} F_{GOE}$  (conjecturally)

random matrices, neutron, zeta function.

$\begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} \end{bmatrix}$   $x_{ji} = \overline{x_{ij}}$   $E[x_{ij}] = 0$   $E[x_{ij}^2] = c \delta_{ij}$

$E[\sum \lambda_i^2] = E[\text{tr}(X^2)] = \frac{1}{n} \sum x_{ij} \overline{x_{ji}} = \frac{1}{n} \sum |x_{ij}|^2$   
 $E[\sum \lambda_i^2] = c n$  (right scaling)

$\alpha = 0$  if expect  $E[\lambda_1^2] \approx c n \Rightarrow \sqrt{E[\lambda_1^2]} \approx c \sqrt{n}$   
 square root

(Many simulations suggest this.)

I chose  $d=1$  then  $\sqrt{E[\lambda_1^2]} = c \sqrt{n}$

(Heuristic)

F. Rezakhanlou's notes.

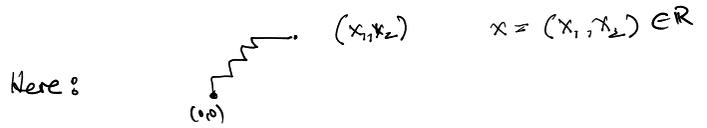
Bai and Silverstein

(Labaan #5).

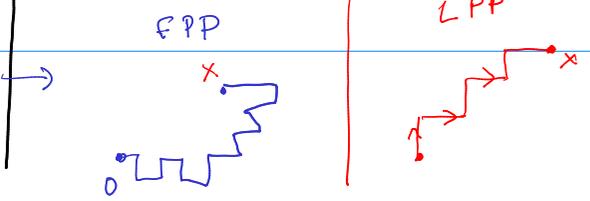
There are many physicsy arguments for the scale of fluctuations  $N^{1/3}$

(Hure-Henley, King-Spohn) (★ good reading)  
 polymers growth models like FPP & LPP

There is <sup>two</sup> an example where the conjecture has been proven: Last-passage percolations with Exp(1) weights.



Exp(1) wts.  
 $\{e_1, e_2\}$  directions



Can you find a solvable case with edge weights?

Paths go "up and right", and weights are

vertex weights.  $\{w_x\}_{x \in \mathbb{Z}^2}$

$$G(x, y) = \max_{\gamma: 0 \rightarrow (x, y)} T(\gamma) \quad (\text{Last-passage percolation})$$

where  $\gamma(i) - \gamma(i-1) \in \{e_1, e_2\}$

2 solvable model (Exp and geom)  
PPP / LPP (with general wts)

COMPLETELY OPEN.

$$\frac{G(N(x, y))}{N} \rightarrow \underbrace{g(x, y)}_{\text{"time constant"}}$$

"Superadditivity" (Concavity)  
"Subadditivity" (Convexity)

You get nearly identical expression for the discrete analog of Exponential wts. (Geometric)

Here  $g(x, y) = (\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y})^2$

LPP  $\rightarrow$  Combinatorial problem  
(LIS problem on  $S_n$ ).  
Representation theorem

And further (Totansson 2000)

$$\frac{G(0, N\vec{x}) - Ng(\vec{x})}{\sigma(\vec{x})N^{1/3}} \xrightarrow{d} F_{\text{GUE}}$$

Remark: There are all in dimension 2. We do not know what happens in  $d \geq 3$ .

Ch2 The time constant  $\mu(x)$   $\nearrow$  FPP

Thm (Thm 2.18 in Kesten, Aspects)

Assume  $E \min \{t_1, \dots, t_{2d}\} < \infty$   $d \geq 2$ .

where  $\{t_i\}$  are iid copies of  $t_e$ .  $\exists \mu(e_i) \in [0, \infty)$

st  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(0, ne_i)}{n} = \mu(e_i)$  as and in  $L^1$   
 $\rightarrow$  random quantity

$$\frac{t_1 \cdot t_2}{|E}$$

$$\frac{T(0, Nx)}{N} \rightarrow \mu(x).$$

$$E[\min \{t_1, \dots, t_{2d}\}] < E[t_1]$$

$\uparrow$   
 $\infty$

$\swarrow$  could be  $\infty$ .

$$P(X > t) = \frac{C}{t^{3/2}} \text{ then}$$

$$E[\min \{t_1, \dots, t_{2d}\}] = \int_0^\infty P(Y > t) dt = \int_0^\infty P(X > t)^{2d} dt$$

$$\leq C' + C \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{t^{3/2 \cdot 2d}} dt \quad \frac{3}{2} \cdot 2d > 1 \quad d > \frac{1}{3}$$

If  $E[T(0, e_i)] < \infty$   
 Then Reheke's lemma says  
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{E[T(0, ne_i)]}{n}$  exists.

we have already shown that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{T(0, ne_1)}{n} \right] \text{ exists. The above says}$$

Analogy of Strong Law.

this convergence is almost sure. (almost every where with respect to product measure  $\mathbb{P}$ )

→ (Kingman 68)

Needs: (Subadditive ergodic theorem)

Recall we looked at  $\mathbb{E} T(m e_1, n e_1) = a_{m,n}$

and said using "stationarity" that

$$\mathbb{E} T(m e_1, n e_1) = \mathbb{E} T(0, (n-m) e_1)$$

Ergodic Theory.

Stationarity → Ergodicity.

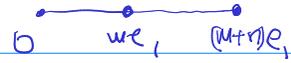
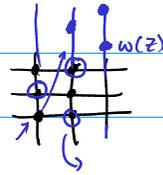
Fekete's Lemma

Stationarity: Suppose we have  $\{X_z\}_{z \in \mathbb{Z}^d}$ , some

r.v.s, and suppose  $\exists$  some family of meas.  $\mathbb{P}_{z_1, \dots, z_n}((X_{z_1}, X_{z_2}, \dots, X_{z_n}) \in A) \leftarrow$

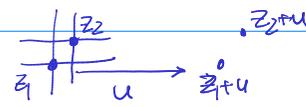
$$= \mathbb{P}_{z_1+u, \dots, z_n+u}((X_{z_1+u}, X_{z_2+u}, \dots) \in A) \quad \forall \text{ meas. } A,$$

$n, z_1, \dots, z_n, u \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ . Then the sequence is called stationary. (#1)



$\mathbb{P}_{z_1, \dots, z_n}((X_{z_1}, X_{z_2}, \dots, X_{z_n}) \in A)$  Panel subset of  $\mathbb{R}^d$

$$= \mathbb{P}_{z_1+u, \dots, z_n+u}((X_{z_1+u}, \dots, X_{z_n+u}) \in A)$$



Let  $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^{\otimes \mathbb{Z}^d}$

Then by Kolmogorov extension, there is  $\mathbb{P}$ ,

$\mathbb{P} \rightarrow$  projects correctly onto this family of measures  $\{\mathbb{P}_{z_1, \dots, z_n}\}_{z_1, \dots, z_n}$

a meas on  $\Omega$  st if  $M \subset \mathbb{Z}^d$  is finite

$\Pi_M: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{\otimes M}$  is the projection. Then for

$$\Pi_M(\{\omega_z\}_{z \in \mathbb{Z}^d}) = \{\omega_z\}_{z \in M}$$

any meas.  $A \subset \mathbb{R}^{\otimes M}$

$$\hat{\mathbb{P}}(\Pi^{-1}(A)) = \mathbb{P}_M(\{(x_z)_{z \in M} \in A\})$$

Single meas.  $\hat{\mathbb{P}}$  agrees with this family of FD meas.

original stationary family of meas.  $\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{"original meas on stationary"} \\ \text{sequence"} \end{array} \right.$

Translation maps.

$$\begin{array}{l} w \in \Omega \quad \omega(z) \text{ wt. at } z \\ M^x \omega(z) = \omega(z+x) \end{array}$$

Define a family of commuting maps  $\{M^z\}$

$M^z: \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$  as for  $w \in \Omega$

$$M^z \omega(x) := \omega(x+z)$$

follows from the stationarity property I assumed.

Then, claim: for any  $A$  meas. (in product  $\sigma$  algebra)

$$\hat{\mathbb{P}}(M^z A) = \hat{\mathbb{P}}(A)$$

← probability space family of commuting maps

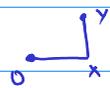
Thus we may take this as an equivalent definition of a stationary system:  $(\Omega, \mathbb{P}, \{M^z\}_{z \in \mathbb{Z}^d})$

Give me just one meas, and translate it, and every stationary seq described like this.

invertible

with commuting maps  $M^z$  st  $\mathbb{P}(M^z A) = \mathbb{P}(A)$

$\forall z \in \mathbb{Z}^d$



$$M^x M^y = M^y M^x$$

→ Then my system is called stationary.  
↳ I have a  $\mathbb{Z}^d$  dynamical system.

Then we can extract a stationary sequence

$$\{X_z\} = \{\omega(z)\}_{z \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \quad (\text{If we say sequence, usually } d=1)$$

Note that

$$\hat{\mathbb{P}}(M^z A) = \hat{\mathbb{P}}(A) \quad \text{--- can be written}$$

Invariance property of the meas.

$$M^z A = \{M^z \omega : \omega \in A\} = \{\omega' : \exists \omega \in A \text{ st } \omega' = M^z \omega\}$$
$$= \{\omega' : M^{-z} \omega' \in A\}$$

$$\omega \in M^z A \Leftrightarrow M^{-z} \omega \in A$$

$$\mathbb{1}_{M^z A}(\omega) = \mathbb{1}_A(M^{-z} \omega)$$

Taking expectation and using  $\#2$  station approximation

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbb{1}_A(M^{-z} \omega)] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{1}_A(\omega)]$$

In general, if  $f$  is an integrable fn  $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  (approximate using simple fns) and

$$\mathbb{E}[f(M^z \omega)] = \mathbb{E}[f(\omega)] \quad \text{--- } \#2$$

Translation invariance of the meas  $\hat{\mathbb{P}}$   
Stationarity

$\hat{\mathbb{P}}$  is an invariant meas for  $\{M^z\}_{z \in \mathbb{Z}}$

(Total)

$(\Omega, \hat{P}, \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{Z}})$

Ergodicity The system above is called

Ergodic if  $P(M^z A \Delta A) = 0$  for any  $z$

Initial  $(P(A) \in \{0, 1\})$

Ex: Suppose  $(\Omega, P, \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{Z}})$  is a stationary-ergodic system. (Ergodic dynamical system)

If  $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is st  $f(M^1 \omega) = f(\omega)$  a.s.

then  $f$  is a constant a.s.

(HW)

Let  $f(\omega) = \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \omega(k)$  is well defined

← iid system of vts.

Then  $f(T\omega) = \overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \omega(k+1) = f(\omega)$

This  $\Rightarrow f(\omega) = C$  a.s.

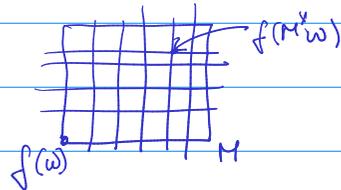
A is invariant if  $P(M^z A \Delta A) = 0 \quad \forall z$  | Standard Ergodicity.  
 $\Rightarrow P(A) = 0$  or  $1$

Further restriction on system

If we have a stationary ergodic system

(Ergodic thm): If  $f: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is  $L^1$  then  $R$  is a  $\chi$  box of side length  $N_A$  in  $\mathbb{Z}^d$

$$\frac{1}{|R|} \sum_{x \in R} f(M^x \omega) \rightarrow E[f]$$



$\{X_z\}_{z \in \mathbb{Z}}$  iid. Then you think of this sequence as an element of  $\Omega = \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{Z}}$

In fact applying the ergodic theorem to  $g(\omega) = \omega(0)$

gives us that

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n g(M^k \omega) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \omega(k) \rightarrow E[g]$$

Theorem (Subadditive ergodic theorem) Let

$(X_{m,n})_{0 \leq m < n}$  be a family of random variables ← "2d family"

variables that satisfies the following conditions:

(SUB) 1)  $X_{0,m} \leq X_{0,m} + X_{m,n} \quad \forall 0 \leq m < n$

2) The sequences  $(X_{m,m+k})_{k \geq 1}$  and  $(X_{nm, nm+k+1})_{k \geq 1}$  have the same (finite-dim) distributions for all  $m \geq 0$ .

3) For each  $k \geq 1$ , the seq  $(X_{nk, (n+k)k})_{n \geq 1}$  is stationary.

4)  $\mathbb{E} X_{0,1} < \infty \quad \mathbb{E} X_{0,m} > -cn$  for some  $c > 0$

Then

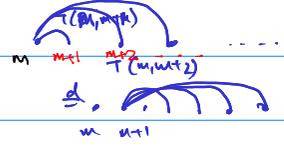
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{X_{0,n}}{n} \text{ exists a.s.}$$

and if the sequence in 3 is ergodic, then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{X_{0,n}}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\mathbb{E} X_{0,n}}{n} = \inf_{n \geq 1} \frac{\mathbb{E} X_{0,n}}{n}$$

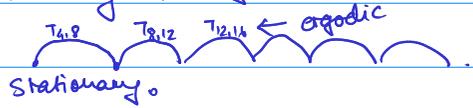
$$\Leftrightarrow T(0, nx) \leq T(0, nAx) + T(nAx, nx)$$

2) Stationarity.



weaker version of  $Z^d$  stationarity we have stated above

3) Stationarity fix any  $h \geq 1$



$$4) \mathbb{E}[T(0, x)] < \infty \quad \mathbb{E}[T(0, nx)] \geq 0$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(0, nx)}{n} \text{ exists a.s.}$$

Fekete's lemma

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(0, nx)}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\mathbb{E} T(0, nx)}{n} = \inf_{n \geq 1} \frac{\mathbb{E} T(0, nx)}{n}$$

$X_{m,n} = T(m e_1, n e_1)$  satisfies the hypothesis of the subadditive ergodic theorem

1) (SUB) is easy to obtain.



$T(0, n e_1) \leq T(0, m e_1) + T(m e_1, n e_1)$

2)  $(X_{m, m+k})_{k \geq 1}$  has the same distribution as

$(X_{m+1, m+1+k})_{k \geq 1}$ . [can shift long range passage times]

$T(m e_1, m+k e_1)$   
 $\vdots$   
 $T(m+1 e_1, m+1+k e_1)$

Ex: Prove this using  $\mathbb{Z}^d$  stationarity that we have defined.

Same idea for both 2 and 3.

How to prove something like this?  $\Omega = \{\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{Z}^d}\}$

space of edge weights. Define

$T: \mathbb{Z}^d \times \mathbb{Z}^d \times \Omega$   $T(x, y, \omega)$  is the passage

time from  $x$  to  $y$  using weights  $\omega$ .

$T(m e_1, (m+k) e_1, \omega(\cdot - e_1)) = T((m+1) e_1, (m+k) e_1, \omega(\cdot))$



$T((m+1) e_1, \dots) = T(m e_1, (m+1) e_1, \omega(\cdot - e_1))$

Then, to show

$$\begin{aligned} & (T(m e_1, (m+1)e_1, \omega), \dots, T(m e_1, (m+k)e_1, \omega)) = Y_1 = (X_{m,m+1}, X_{m,m+2}, X_{m,m+3}, \dots, X_{m,m+k}) \\ & \stackrel{d}{=} (T((m+1)e_1, (m+2)e_1, \omega), \dots, T((m+k)e_1, (m+k+1)e_1, \omega)) = Y_2 \stackrel{d}{=} (X_{m+1,m+2}, X_{m+1,m+3}, \dots, X_{m+1,m+k+1}) \end{aligned}$$

is equivalent to showing

$$\mathbb{E}[f(\omega)] = \mathbb{E}[f(M^Z \omega)]$$

for any (say) bounded function  $f$ .

This follows from the definition.

★ Rest is an exercise.

3)  $(X_{kn}, (n+1)k)$  for each fixed  $k$  is stationary.

$(X_{k+2k}, X_{2k+3k}, X_{3k+4k}, \dots)$  also

a stationary sequence. [short range percolation]

In Fekete's lemma we used this stationarity

$$\mathbb{E}[T(m e_1, (m+n)e_1)] = \mathbb{E}[T(0, n e_1)]$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X_{m,m+n}] = \mathbb{E}[X_{0,n}]$$

This corresponds to 3) in the conditions for the subadditive ergodic theorem.

★ I don't understand why it's formulated in this language in the probability literature.

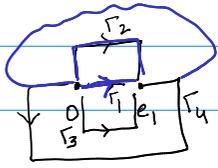
$$P(Y_1 \in A) = P(Y_2 \in A)$$

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\underbrace{1_{\{Y_1 \in A\}}}_{f(\omega)}\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[\underbrace{1_{\{Y_2 \in A\}}}_{f(M^Z \omega)}\right]$$

easy to show from our setup.

- 1) easy 2), 3) stationarity.  
 4)  $E[X_{0,1}] < \infty$ . Where we use the condition  $E[\min\{t_1, \dots, t_{2d}\}] < \infty$  weaker  $E[t_i] < \infty$

5) So finally have to show  $E[T(0, e_1)] < \infty$   
 and  $X_{0,1} = E[T(0, ne_1)] > -\infty$  (trivial)



In general we have  $2d$  disjoint paths  $\{\Gamma_1, \dots, \Gamma_{2d}\}$   
 $|\Gamma_i| \leq B$  (maximal length)

(In  $d=2, B=9$ ) In general  $B$  can depend on  $d$ .

Then  $T(0, e_1) \leq \min_{i=1, \dots, 2d} T(\Gamma_i)$

$$\Rightarrow P(T(0, e_1) > s) \leq P(\min_{i=1, \dots, 2d} T(\Gamma_i) > s)$$

$$= P(T(\Gamma_i) > s, i=1, \dots, 2d)$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^{2d} P(T(\Gamma_i) > s) \quad (\#2)$$

$$E[T(0, e_1)] = \int_0^\infty P(T(0, e_1) > s) ds$$

are disjoint and involve independent rvs.

$\sum_{e \in \Gamma_i} z_e$

$$P(T(\Gamma_i) > s) \leq P(\text{at least one edge } e \text{ in } \Gamma_i = \{e_{j_1}, \dots, e_{j_{k_i}}\} \text{ takes time } > \frac{s}{k_i})$$

$$= P(\bigcup_{u=1, \dots, k} t_{e_u} > \frac{s}{k}) \leq k_i P(t_{e_u} > \frac{s}{k_i})$$

$$\leq B P(t_{e_u} > \frac{s}{B}) \quad \text{union bound.}$$

If  $z_e \leq \frac{s}{B} \Rightarrow \sum z_e \leq s$

$k_i = |\Gamma_i|$  (# of edges in path  $i$ )

$\Rightarrow$  (#2) becomes

$$P(T(0, e_1) > s) \leq \left[ B P(t_e > \frac{s}{B}) \right]^{2d}$$

$$= B^{2d} P(\min_{i=1, \dots, 2d} t_{e_i} > \frac{s}{B})$$



Thus  $E[T(0, e_1)^r] = \int_0^\infty r s^{r-1} P(T(0, e_1) > s) ds$

$\int_0^\infty P(T(0, e_1) > s) ds = E[T(0, e_1)]$  ( $r=1$ )

can be bounded!  $\leq \int_0^\infty r s^{r-1} B^{2d} P(t_e > \frac{s}{B}) ds = \int_0^\infty r s^{r-1} B^{2d} P(\min_{i=1, \dots, 2d} t_{e_i} > \frac{s}{B}) ds$

$$\text{COV } t = \frac{S}{B}$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} r(Bt)^{r-1} B^{2d} P(\min_{i=1, \dots, 2d} t_{e_i} > t) B dt$$

$$= B^{2d+r} \mathbb{E} \left[ \min_{i=1, \dots, 2d} t_{e_i}^r \right] < \infty$$

Ex:

lemma  $\mathbb{E}[T(0, e_1^r)] < \infty$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \min_{i=1, \dots, d} \{t_i\}^r \right] < \infty$$

$\rightarrow$

$$\min_{i=1, \dots, 2d} \{t_{e_i}\} \leq T(0, e_1)$$


This shows that  $\mathbb{E} \left[ \min_{i=1, \dots, d} \{t_i\} \right] < \infty$  is

sufficient to prove

$$\hookrightarrow \mathbb{E}[T(0, e_1)] < \infty \quad (\text{SUB})$$

$$0 \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(0, ne_1)}{n} \leq \mathbb{E}[T(0, e_1)] < \infty$$

exists and is finite.

But is it necessary?