

# Limiting distribution of the geometric DLPP

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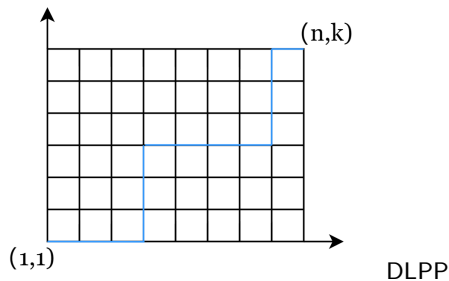
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# Directed last passage percolation(DLPP)



- i.i.d. random variables  $w_{ij}$  at each site  $(i, j) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ . Let  $\mu = \mathbb{E}[w_{ij}]$ ,  $\text{Var}(w_{ij}) = \sigma^2$ .
- **Admissible paths:**  $\Pi(n, k) =$  the set of “up/right” paths from  $(1, 1)$  to  $(n, k)$ .
- **Last passage time:**  $T(n, k) = \max_{\pi \in \Pi(n, k)} \left\{ \sum_{(i, j) \in \pi} w_{ij} \right\}$ .
- **Related models:** Corner growth, TASEP,  $\dots$

Some expectation consequences of these integrable models:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\mathbb{E}[T([\gamma n], n)]}{n} = a(\gamma). \quad (1)$$

## Theorem (Rost, 1981)

For  $w_{ij} \sim \text{Exp}(1)$ ,

$$a(\gamma) = (1 + \sqrt{\gamma})^2$$

## Theorem (Johansson, 2000)

For  $\mathbb{P}(w_{ij} = k) = (1 - q)q^k$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $0 < q < 1$ ,

$$a(\gamma) = \frac{q(1 + \gamma) + 2\sqrt{q\gamma}}{1 - q}.$$

## Theorem (Johansson, 2000)

For geometric, exponential DLPP, we have that

$$\frac{T([\gamma n], n) - a(\gamma)n}{b(\gamma)n^{1/3}} \xrightarrow{D} F_{TW}, \quad n \rightarrow +\infty.$$

- For  $\mathbb{P}(w_{ij} = k) = (1 - q)q^k$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $0 < q < 1$ ,

$$b(\gamma) = \frac{q^{1/6}}{(1 - q)^{1/6}} (\sqrt{\gamma} + \sqrt{q})^{2/3} (1 + \sqrt{q\gamma})^{2/3}.$$

- $Exp(1)$ :  $b(\gamma) = \frac{(1 + \sqrt{\gamma})^{4/3}}{\gamma^{1/6}}$ ;

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# Young diagram

## Definition

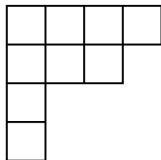
A **partition** is a sequence  $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots)$  of non-increasing integers satisfying  $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots$  such that  $|\lambda| = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots$  is finite. The number of non-zero numbers  $\lambda_i$  is called the length of  $\lambda$ .

A partition can be depicted by **Young diagram**. These are arrays of left justified unit boxes, the  $i$ th row of which has  $\lambda_i$  boxes.

The set of all partitions is denoted by  $\mathbb{Y}$ . The set of all partitions of length at most  $N$  is denoted by  $\mathbb{Y}_N$ .

## Example

The partition  $\lambda = (4, 3, 1, 1, \dots)$  has the Young diagram with  $|\lambda| = 9$ . We also have  $\lambda \in \mathbb{Y}_4 \subset \mathbb{Y}_5 \subset \dots$





## Definition

To each  $\lambda \in \mathbb{Y}_N$ , we associate the Schur polynomial defined by

$$s_\lambda(x_1, \dots, x_N) = \frac{\det[x_j^{\lambda_i + N - i}]_{i,j=1}^N}{\det[x_j^{N-i}]_{i,j=1}^N} = \frac{\det[x_j^{\lambda_i + N - i}]_{i,j=1}^N}{\prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq N} (x_i - x_j)}$$

## Theorem (Combinatorial definition of Schur polynomials)

For  $\lambda \in \mathbb{Y}_N$ ,

$$s_\lambda(x_1, \dots, x_N) = \sum_{\emptyset = \lambda^{(0)} \preceq \lambda^{(1)} \preceq \dots \preceq \lambda^{(N)} = \lambda} \prod_{k=1}^N x_k^{|\lambda^{(k)}| - |\lambda^{(k-1)}|}$$

where  $\lambda^{(k)} \in \mathbb{Y}_k$ .

For  $\lambda \in \mathbb{Y}_N$  and  $\mu \in \mathbb{Y}_{N-1}$ , we say that  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  interlace, denoted by  $\mu \preceq \lambda$ , if  $\lambda_{i+1} \leq \mu_i \leq \lambda_i$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq N-1$ .

## Definition

A semistandard Young tableau of shape  $\lambda$  and rank  $N$  is a filling of the boxes of the Young diagram  $\lambda$  with numbers  $1, \dots, N$  such that the numbers along a row increase weakly and the numbers along a column increase strictly. Let  $d_\lambda(N)$  is the number of semistandard Young tableaux of shape  $\lambda$  and rank  $N$ .

## Proposition

For  $\lambda \in \mathbb{Y}_N$ , we have that

$$d_\lambda(N) = s_\lambda(\underbrace{1, \dots, 1}_N) = \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq N} \frac{\lambda_i - \lambda_j + j - i}{j - i}.$$

## Definition

Let  $\mathbb{M}_k(M, N)$  be the set of  $M \times N$  matrices  $A = (A_{ij})$  with  $A_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  and  $\sum_{i,j} A_{ij} = k$ .  
Let  $\mathbb{M}(M, N) = \bigcup_k \mathbb{M}_{k=0}^\infty(M, N)$

## Theorem (RSK: Robinson-Schensted-Knuth correspondence)

There is a bijection, denoted by RSK, between  $\mathbb{M}_k(M, N)$  and the pair of semistandard Young tableaux  $(P, Q)$  such that

- $P$  and  $Q$  have the same shape  $\lambda$  with  $|\lambda| = k$ .
- $P$  has rank  $M$ .
- $Q$  has rank  $N$ .

Furthermore,

$$\lambda_1 = G(A) := \max_{\pi} \sum_{(i,j) \in \pi} A_{ij}$$

where the maximum is taken over all up/right “path” from  $(1, 1)$  to  $(M, N)$ ,  
 $\pi = \{(i_k, j_k)_{k=1}^{M+N-1}\}$  satisfying

$$(i_1, j_1) = (0, 0), (i_{M+N}, j_{M+N}) = (M, N), (i_{k+1}, j_{k+1}) - (i_k, j_k) \in \{(1, 0), (0, 1)\}.$$

# Robinson-Schensted-Knuth correspondence

## Example

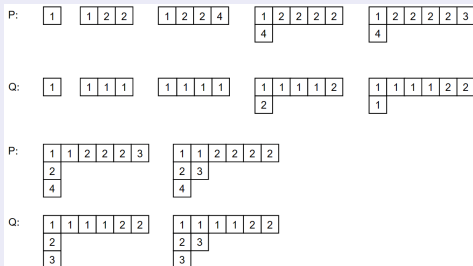
We consider the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then  $G(A) = 6$ , and  $A$  is equivalent to the two line array

$$\begin{array}{cccccccccc} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 2 & 2 & 2 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 2 & 4 & 2 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 2 \end{array}$$

The matrix  $A$  is mapped to the semistandard Young tableaux  $(P, Q)$ :



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## Theorem

For any  $m \geq n \geq 1$ ,

$$\mathbb{P}(T(m, n) \leq x) = \frac{1}{Z_{m,n}} \sum_{0 \leq h_i \leq x+n-1} \Delta_n(h)^2 \prod_{i=1}^n \binom{h_i + m - n}{h_i} q^{h_i} \quad (2)$$

where  $Z_{m,n}$  is the normalization constant

$$Z_{m,n} = \sum_{h \in \mathbb{Z}_+^n} \Delta_n(h)^2 \prod_{i=1}^n \binom{h_i + m - n}{h_i} q^{h_i} \quad (3)$$

and  $\Delta_n(h)$  is a Vandermonde determinant

$$\Delta_n(h) = \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} |h_i - h_j|.$$

**Proof idea:** Matrix  $A$  in RSK  $\longleftrightarrow$  Young tableaux  $(P, Q) \longleftrightarrow s_\lambda(1, \dots, 1)$ .

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# Meixner polynomials

Let  $K = m - n + 1$ ,  $m = [\gamma n]$ . Define the measure  $\mu^K$  on  $\mathbb{Z}_+$  by

$$\mu^K(x) = \binom{x+K-1}{x} q^x, \quad x \in \mathbb{Z}_+.$$

Rewrite (2) as

$$\mathbb{P}(T(m, n) \leq x) = \frac{1}{Z_{m,n}} \sum_{0 \leq h_i \leq x+n-1} \Delta_n(h)^2 \prod_{i=1}^n \mu^K(h_i) \quad (4)$$

Define the probability measure  $\mathcal{Q}_{m,n}$  on  $\mathbb{Z}_+^n$  by

$$\mathcal{Q}_{m,n}(A) = \frac{1}{Z_{m,n}} \sum_{h \in \mathbb{Z}_+^n: h \in A} \Delta_n(h)^2 \prod_{i=1}^n \mu^K(h_i) \quad (5)$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(T(m, n) \leq x) &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \prod_{j=1}^n (1 - \mathbf{1}_{[x+n, \infty)}(h_j)) \mathcal{Q}_{m,n}(d\vec{h}) \\ &= 1 + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} \sum_{h \in \mathbb{Z}_+^k, h_i \geq n+x} \det[K_n(h_i, h_j)]_{i,j=1}^k. \end{aligned}$$

## Definition

Let  $\{M_j^K(x) : j \in \mathbb{Z}_+\}$  denote the polynomials that are orthonormal under the weights  $\mu^K(x)$ :

$$\sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}_+} M_i^K(x) M_j^K(x) \mu^K(x) = \delta_{i,j}, \quad i, j \in \mathbb{Z}_+$$

and have positive leading coefficient  $\kappa_i > 0$ :  $M_i^K(x) = \kappa_i x^i + \dots$  which called Meixner polynomials.

Define Meixner kernel

$$K_n(x, y) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} M_i^K(x) M_i^K(y) \mu^K(x)^{1/2} \mu^K(y)^{1/2}. \quad (6)$$

The polynomials  $M_j^K(x)$  are multiples of the standard Meixner polynomials

$$M_n^K(x) = \frac{(-1)^n}{d_n} m_n^K(x), \quad (7)$$

where

$$d_n^2 = \frac{n!(n+K-1)!}{(1-q)^K q^n (K-1)!}. \quad (8)$$



## Proposition

For  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  we have the formula

$$m_n^K(x) = (-1)^n n! \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{x}{k} \binom{-x-K}{n-k} q^{-k} \quad (9)$$

and the leading coefficient in  $\kappa_n^K(x)$  is  $(\frac{q-1}{q})^n$  and consequently

$$\kappa_n = \frac{1}{d_n} \left( \frac{1-q}{q} \right)^n. \quad (10)$$

The generating function is

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{z^n}{n!} m_n^K(x) = \left( 1 - \frac{z}{q} \right)^x (1-z)^{-x-K} \quad (11)$$

for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and complex  $z$  such that  $|z| < q$ .

By the Christoffel-Darboux formula , for  $x \neq y$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_+$

$$K_n(x, y) = \frac{\kappa_{n-1}}{\kappa_n} \cdot \frac{M_n^K(x)M_{n-1}^K(y) - M_n^K(y)M_{n-1}^K(x)}{x - y} \mu^K(x)^{1/2} \mu^K(y)^{1/2} \quad (12)$$

$$= \frac{-q}{(1 - q)d_{n-1}^2} \cdot \frac{m_n^K(x)m_{n-1}^K(y) - m_n^K(y)m_{n-1}^K(x)}{x - y} \mu^K(x)^{1/2} \mu^K(y)^{1/2}, \quad (13)$$

$$\mathbb{P}(T(m, n) \leq x) = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} \sum_{h \in \mathbb{Z}_+^k, h_i \geq n+x} \det[K_n(h_i, h_j)]_{i,j=1}^n \quad (14)$$

Let  $b \geq 0$  be a constant and assume that  $\rho_n \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  along positive integers and assume  $\rho_n = o(n)$ . Suppose furthermore that  $K_n : \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , satisfies the following properties:

## Lemma

(i) Let  $M_1 > 0$  be a given constant. For all  $n \geq 1, \tau \geq -M_1$ , there is a constant  $C$  such that

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} K_n(bn + \rho_n \tau + m, bn + \rho_n \tau + m) \leq C. \quad (15)$$

(ii) Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is an  $L > 0$  so that

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} K_n(bn + \rho_n L + m, bn + \rho_n L + m) \leq \varepsilon \quad (16)$$

for all  $n \geq 1$ .

(iii) Let  $M_0 > 0$  be a given constant. If  $\mathbb{A}(\xi, \eta)$  is the Airy kernel defined by (??), then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rho_n K_n(bn + \rho_n \xi, bn + \rho_n \eta) = \mathbb{A}(\xi, \eta) \quad (17)$$

uniformly for  $\xi, \eta \in [-M_0, M_0]$ .

(iv) The matrix  $(K_n(x_i, x_j))_{i,j=1}^n$  is positive definite for any  $x_i, x_j \in [0, \infty), k \geq 1$ .

Then, for each fixed  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} \sum_{h \in \mathbb{N}^k} \det[K_n(bn + \rho_n t + h_i, bn + \rho_n t + h_j)]_{i,j=1}^k = F_{TW}(t), \quad (18)$$

## Lemma

The Meixner kernel satisfies the properties (i) to (iv) in the above Lemma with  $b = a(\gamma)$  and  $\rho_n = b(\gamma)n^{1/3}$ , where  $a(\gamma), b(\gamma)$  are given by Theorem.

Combining (14) and (18) , we obtain the result.

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## From geometric r.v. to exponential r.v.

### Lemma

If random variables  $\{X_n\}$  are geometric with parameter  $1/n$ , then the distribution of  $X_n/n$  converges to  $Exp(1)$ .

### Proof.

Note that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P} \left( \frac{X_n}{n} > x \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \right)^{nx} = e^{-x} \quad \text{for } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$



To prevent notation confusion, we let variables  $w'_{ij}$  be independent exponentially distributed with mean 1 and the last passage time

$$T'(m, n) = \max_{\pi \in \Pi(m, n)} \left\{ \sum_{(i, j) \in \pi} w'_{ij} \right\}.$$

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## Theorem

For any  $m \geq n \geq 1$ ,

$$\mathbb{P}(T'(m, n) \leq x) = \frac{1}{Z'_{m,n}} \int_{[0,x]^n} \Delta_n(h)^2 \prod_{i=1}^n h_i^{m-n} e^{-h_i} d\vec{h} \quad (19)$$

where  $Z'_{m,n}$  is the normalization constant.

## Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}(T'(m, n) \leq x) &= \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{Z_{m,n}} \sum_{0 \leq h_i \leq [Lx] + n - 1} \Delta_n(h)^2 \prod_{i=1}^n \binom{h_i + m - n}{h_i} \left(1 - \frac{1}{L}\right)^{h_i} \\ &= \lim_{L \rightarrow \infty} \frac{L^{(m+1)n}}{Z_{m,n} (m-n)!} \sum_{0 \leq h_i \leq [Lx] + n - 1} \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \left(\frac{h_i - h_j}{L}\right)^2 \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n e^{-\frac{h_i}{L} + o(\frac{1}{L})} \prod_{k=1}^{m-n} \left(\frac{h_i + k}{L}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{Z'_{m,n}} \int_{[0,x]^n} \Delta_n(h)^2 \prod_{i=1}^n h_i^{m-n} e^{-h_i} d\vec{h}. \end{aligned}$$





## Laguerre kernels

We let  $m = [\gamma n]$  and

$$c = (1 + \sqrt{\gamma})^2, \quad \rho = \frac{(1 + \sqrt{\gamma})^{4/3}}{\gamma^{1/6}}.$$

Then by Theorem 4.1,

$$\mathbb{P}(T'([\gamma n], n) \leq cn + \rho n^{1/3}x) = \frac{1}{Z_{[\gamma n], n}'} \int_{[0, cn + \rho n^{1/3}x]^n} \Delta_n(h)^2 \prod_{i=1}^n h_i^{\alpha_n} e^{-h_i} d\vec{h}$$

where  $\alpha_n = (\gamma - 1)n$ . this equals the Fredholm determinant

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} \int_{[x, \infty)^k} \det[\rho n^{1/3} K_n^{\alpha_n}(cn + \rho n^{1/3}x_i, cn + \rho n^{1/3}x_j)]_{i,j=1}^k d\vec{x} \quad (20)$$

where

$$K_n^{\alpha}(x, y) = \frac{\kappa_{n-1}}{\kappa_n} \cdot \frac{l_n^{\alpha}(x)l_{n-1}^{\alpha}(y) - l_n^{\alpha}(y)l_{n-1}^{\alpha}(x)}{x - y} \sqrt{x^{\alpha}e^{-x}y^{\alpha}e^{-y}}$$

is the Laguerre kernel, and

$$l_n^{\alpha}(x) = \left( \frac{n!}{(\alpha + n)!} \right)^{1/2} (-1)^n L_n^{\alpha}(x) = \kappa_n x^n + \dots$$

are the normalized associated Laguerre polynomials,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} l_m^{\alpha}(x)l_n^{\alpha}(x)x^{\alpha}e^{-x}dx = \delta_{m,n}.$$

In fact,  $L_n^\alpha(x)$  has an explicit formula:

$$L_n^\alpha(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} \binom{n+\alpha}{k+\alpha} x^k \quad (21)$$

By Cauchy integral formula,

$$L_n^\alpha(x) = \frac{e^x}{2\pi xi} \int_C \frac{e^{-xz} z^{n+\alpha}}{(z-1)^{n+1}} dz \quad (22)$$

where  $C$  is a circle surrounding  $z = 1$ . From asymptotic formulas for these polynomials it follows that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} K_n^{\alpha n}(cn + \rho n^{1/3} x_i, cn + \rho n^{1/3} x_j) = \mathbb{A}(x_i, x_j). \quad (23)$$

This can be proved in the same way as the corresponding results for Meixner polynomials. Using (20), (23) and some estimates we obtain

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}(T([\gamma n], n) \leq cn + \rho n^{1/3} x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{k!} \int_{[x, \infty)^k} \det[\mathbb{A}(h_i, h_j)]_{i,j=1}^k d\vec{h} = F_{TW}(x).$$

**Thank you!**