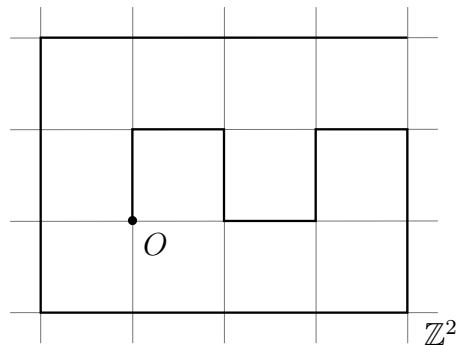


## 0.2) First Model (Polymer Model)

- Regular lattices, e.g.,  $\mathbb{Z}^d$
- Self-avoiding walk (SAW) (a polymer)



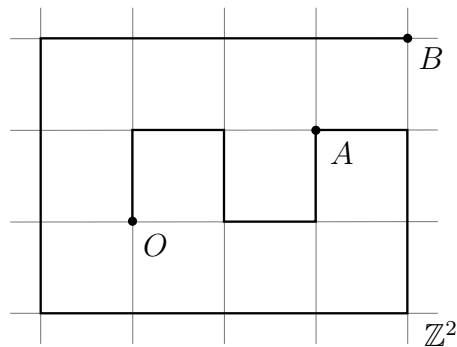
### Example A self-avoiding walk

- Consider  $\Omega = \{ \text{all SAWs} \}$ , define  $H(\omega) = |\omega|$  where  $\omega \in \Omega$   
Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , define  $\lambda_n = \# \text{ SAWs of length } n$ .

Observe : Given  $n, m \geq 1$

Any SAW of length  $n + m$  can be decomposed into 2 SAWs of length  $n$  and  $m$ .

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_{n+m} \leq \lambda_n \cdot \lambda_m.$$



**Figure**  $\lambda_{19} \leq \lambda_5 \cdot \lambda_{14}$

**Exercise 1**  $\mu \equiv \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\lambda_n)^{\frac{1}{n}}$  exists and  $\lambda_N \geq \mu^N$  for all  $N \geq 1$ .

**SOL** Note that  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $(\lambda_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} \geq 0$ , thus 0 is a lower bound of  $\{(\lambda_n)^{\frac{1}{n}}\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$ , therefore

$$\inf_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} (\lambda_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} = K \in \mathbb{R}$$

Now, given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , 1°  $\exists N_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.

$$K + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} > (\lambda_{N_1})^{\frac{1}{N_1}}$$

2° By division algorithm,  $\forall n \geq N_1$ ,  $\exists m, \ell \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $0 \leq \ell \leq N_1$  such that  $n = mN_1 + \ell$ , thus

$$\lambda_n = \lambda_{mN_1+\ell} \leq (\lambda_{N_1})^m \cdot \lambda_\ell$$

therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} (\lambda_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} &\leq (\lambda_{N_1})^{\frac{m}{n}} \cdot (\lambda_\ell)^{\frac{1}{n}} = (\lambda_{N_1})^{\frac{1}{N_1} + \frac{\ell}{m}} \cdot (\lambda_\ell)^{\frac{1}{n}} \leq (\lambda_{N_1})^{\frac{1}{N_1}} \cdot (\lambda_\ell)^{\frac{1}{n}} \\ &\leq (\lambda_{N_1})^{\frac{1}{N_1}} \cdot (\lambda_1)^{\frac{\ell}{n}} \leq (\lambda_{N_1})^{\frac{1}{N_1}} \cdot (\lambda_1)^{\frac{N_1}{n}} \end{aligned}$$

Because of  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\lambda_{N_1})^{\frac{1}{N_1}} \cdot (\lambda_1)^{\frac{N_1}{n}} = (\lambda_{N_1})^{\frac{1}{N_1}}$ ,  $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n \geq N \Rightarrow$

$$(\lambda_{N_1})^{\frac{1}{N_1}} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} > (\lambda_{N_1})^{\frac{1}{N_1}} \cdot (\lambda_1)^{\frac{N_1}{n}} \geq (\lambda_n)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

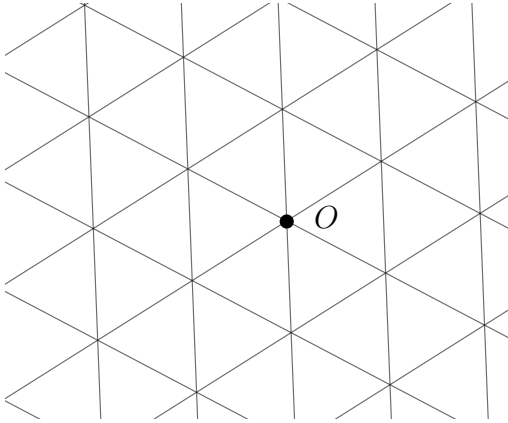
Therefore

$$K + \varepsilon = K + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} > \lambda_{N_1}^{\frac{1}{N_1}} + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} > (\lambda_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} \geq K.$$

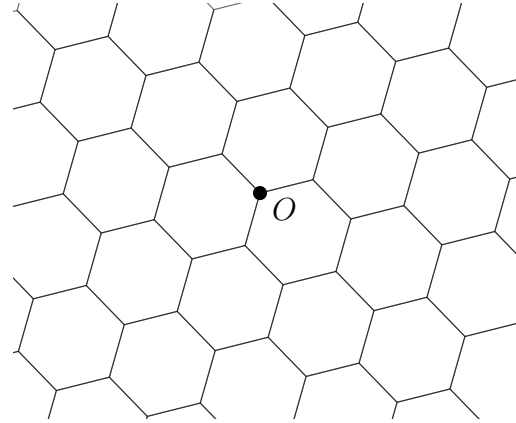
Thus,  $\mu = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\lambda_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} = K$  exists.

Next, for  $N > 1$ , we have  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \lambda_{nN} \leq (\lambda_N)^n$ , thus  $(\lambda_{nN})^{\frac{1}{nN}} \leq (\lambda_N)^{\frac{1}{N}}$ . Note that  $\{(\lambda_{nN})^{\frac{1}{nN}}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a subsequence of  $\{(\lambda_n)^{\frac{1}{n}}\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ , therefore  $\mu = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\lambda_{nN})^{\frac{1}{nN}} \leq (\lambda_N)^{\frac{1}{N}}$  ■

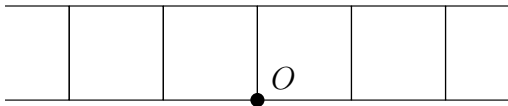
- Exercise 2**
- (a) In  $\mathbb{Z}^2$ ,  $\mu \in (2, 3)$
  - (b) In  $\mathbb{Z}^3$ ,  $\mu > 3$
  - (c) In the triangular mesh,  $\mu > 3$ ;
  - (d) In the hexagonal mesh,  $\mu < 2$
  - (e) In  $\mathbb{Z} \times \{0, 1\}$  ( i.e. a ladder ),  $\mu = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$ .



The triangular mesh



The hexagonal mesh



$\mathbb{Z} \times \{0, 1\}$

**sOL:** We first show a fact :

**Fact(ratio test and root test) :** Let  $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be a sequence that take value in  $(0, \infty)$ . Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = K \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{a_n} = K.$$

*Proof.* If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = K \in \mathbb{R}$ , then given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $N_1 > 0$  such that

$$n \geq N_1 \Rightarrow \left| \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} - K \right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \Rightarrow K - \frac{\varepsilon}{2} < \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} < K + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$$

Note that  $a_n = a_1 \times \frac{a_2}{a_1} \times \frac{a_3}{a_2} \times \cdots \times \frac{a_n}{a_{n-1}} = a_1 \times \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \frac{a_{k+1}}{a_k} = a_1 \times \prod_{k=1}^{N_1-1} \frac{a_{k+1}}{a_k} \times \prod_{k=N_1}^{n-1} \frac{a_{k+1}}{a_k}$ .

Now define  $\mathcal{Q} = a_1 \times \prod_{k=1}^{N_1-1} \frac{a_{k+1}}{a_k}$ , then  $\sqrt[n]{a_n} = \sqrt[n]{\mathcal{Q}} \times \prod_{k=N_1}^{n-1} \left( \frac{a_{k+1}}{a_k} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}}$ , thus

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt[n]{\mathcal{Q}} \times \left( K - \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right)^{\frac{n-N_1-1}{n}} &= \sqrt[n]{\mathcal{Q}} \times \prod_{k=N_1}^{n-1} \left( K - \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} < \sqrt[n]{a_n} = \sqrt[n]{\mathcal{Q}} \times \prod_{k=N_1}^{n-1} \left( \frac{a_{k+1}}{a_k} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \\ &< \sqrt[n]{\mathcal{Q}} \times \prod_{k=N_1}^{n-1} \left( K + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} = \sqrt[n]{\mathcal{Q}} \times \left( K + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right)^{\frac{n-N_1-1}{n}}. \end{aligned}$$

By the fact that

$A(n) = \sqrt[n]{\mathcal{Q}} \times \left( K - \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right)^{\frac{n-N_1-1}{n}} \rightarrow K - \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ ,  $B(n) = \sqrt[n]{\mathcal{Q}} \times \left( K + \frac{\varepsilon}{2} \right)^{\frac{n-N_1-1}{n}} \rightarrow K + \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , there is  $N > N_1$  such that  $n \geq N \Rightarrow A(n) > K - \varepsilon$  and  $B(n) < K + \varepsilon$ , thus

$$K - \varepsilon < A(n) < \sqrt[n]{a_n} < B(n) < K + \varepsilon.$$

Therefore,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{a_n} = K$ . □

(a)

**Remark.** (a) Highly non-trivial to compute  $\mu$ .

(b) On the hexagonal lattice, it is shown that  $\mu = \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2}}$  (2010, Copin et al.)

(c) By computer simulation,

**Conjecture :**  $Z_\beta = (\beta - \beta_c)^{-\gamma+o(1)}$  for  $\beta \rightarrow \beta_c^+$ , where  $\gamma$  only depends on that dimension of the lattice. In 2D,  $\gamma = \frac{43}{32}$  (conjectured)

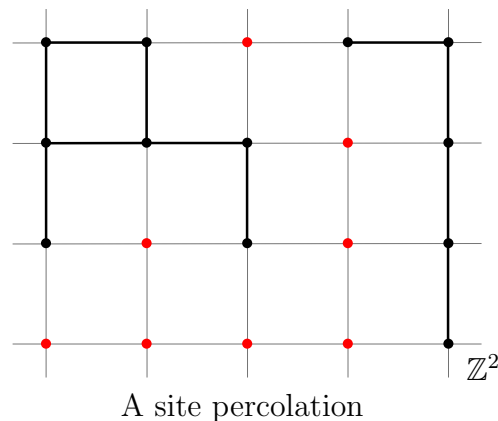
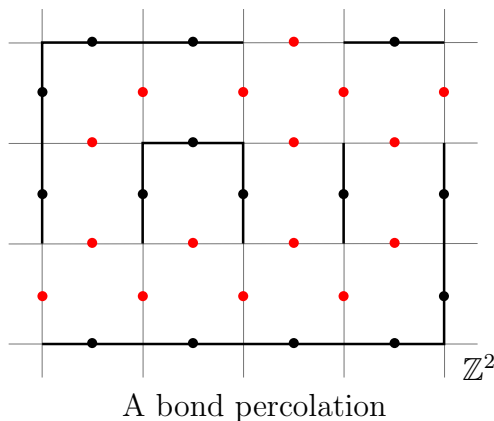
(d) If we have  $\lambda_N \sim \mu^N N^\alpha$ , then  $Z_\beta$  can be computed to satisfy  $Z_\beta \sim (\beta - \beta_c)^{-1+\alpha}$ ,  $\alpha = \frac{11}{32}$  in 2D (conjectured)

**Exercise 3** How to sample SAWs with computer.

## 0.3) Bernoulli Percolation

We first consider  $\mathbb{Z}^d$  lattices,

- **Bond percolation** Give  $p \in [0, 1]$ , consider  $\omega = (\omega(e))_{e \in \mathbb{Z}^d}$  such that  $\{\omega(e)\}_{e \in \mathbb{Z}^d}$  is i.i.d with  $\omega(e) \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$ .  
If  $\omega(e) = 1$ , we say that  $e$  is open. If  $\omega(e) = 0$ , we say that  $e$  is closed.
- **Remark** We got a model of random subgraph. By above of notation, we may also write  $\omega$  for the random subgraph (consisting of that open edges).
- **Site percolation** Same thing with i.i.d Bernoulli( $p$ ),  
open means that the node can pass, closed means that the node can not pass.
- **Notation :**  
 $\mathbb{P}_p$  = The Bernoulli percolation of parameter  $p$ .  
 $\omega_p$  a sample of  $\mathbb{P}_p$



**Remark** The terminology “Bernoulli percolation” stands for **i.i.d**, on the other hand, without independence, we simply say that we have a “percolation model”, e.g. random cluster model.

For the following classes we use “percolation” to refer to Bernoulli percolation.

**Exercise 1** Show that a bond percolation is equivalent to a site percolation. How about the other way? Construct an example.

**Question :** What are the interesting behavior when  $p$  varies? e.g. # component, size of component etc.

$p = 0$  is an empty graph,  $p = 1$  is a full graph.

- **Connected component (cluster)**

Let  $a, b$  be two vertex of  $\mathbb{Z}^d$ , we say that  $a \sim b$  if exists an path in  $\omega_p$  from  $a$  to  $b$ . It is clearly that  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation.

A **connected component**(cluster) is an element in equivalence classes of  $\sim$

- **Infinite cluster**

A infinite cluster is a cluster of  $\omega_p$  that has infinite edges and infinite vertex.

Let  $[O \leftrightarrow \infty]$  be the event in  $\mathbb{P}_p$  that  $O$  belongs to a infinite cluster.

$\theta(p) = \mathbb{P}_p[O \leftrightarrow \infty]$ .

# 1. Basic Properties of the Bernoulli Percolation

Consider  $G = \mathbb{Z}^d$  or some “nice” graph.

## 1.1) Coupling (耦合)

- Given  $p \leq p'$ , how to compute  $X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$ ,  $X' \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p')$ ?  
Consider  $\mathcal{U} \sim \text{Uniform}([0, 1])$ , define  $Y = \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{U} \leq p}$ ,  $Y' = \mathbf{1}_{\mathcal{U} \leq p'}$ , we get

$$X \stackrel{(id)}{=} Y, \quad X' \stackrel{(id)}{=} Y', \quad Y \leq Y'. \quad a.s. (almost sure)$$

This is called a coupling.

**Remark.** In coupling, usually we do not want independence, so that we can compute values between random variables.

**Exercise 1** Construct a coupling between  $\omega \sim \mathbb{P}_p$ ,  $\omega' \sim \mathbb{P}_{p'}$  with  $p \leq p'$ , so that values between edges can be computed.

Wanted :  $p \leq p' \Rightarrow \omega_p \leq \omega_{p'} (\Leftrightarrow \omega_p(e) \leq \omega_{p'}(e), \forall e \in E)$

**sOL:** Let  $\omega = (\omega(e))_{e \in G}$  such that  $\{\omega(e)\}_{e \in G}$  is i.i.d. and  $\omega(e) \sim \text{Uniform}([0, 1])$ .  
Define  $\omega_p \sim \mathbb{P}_p$ ,  $\omega_{p'} \sim \mathbb{P}_{p'}$  as  $\forall e \in E$ ,  $\omega_p(e) = \mathbf{1}_{\omega(e) \leq p}$ ,  $\omega_{p'}(e) = \mathbf{1}_{\omega(e) \leq p'}$ , thus,  $p \leq p' \Rightarrow \forall e \in E$ ,  $\omega_p(e) \leq \omega_{p'}(e)$ .

**Exercise 2** Given  $O \in V(G)$ , define  $\theta : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  (percolation function).  
 $p \mapsto \mathbb{P}_p([O \leftrightarrow \infty])$

Show that  $\theta$  is increasing. In more general case, at most how many different  $\theta$  function can be obtain?

**sOL:** If  $p \leq p'$ , let  $\omega_1 \sim \mathbb{P}_p$ ,  $\omega_2 \sim \mathbb{P}_{p'}$ , we use the definition of **Exercise 1**, we have  
 $\omega_1 \stackrel{(id)}{=} \omega_p$ ,  $\omega_2 \stackrel{(id)}{=} \omega_{p'}$ , thus  $\mathbb{P}_p([O \leftrightarrow \infty]) = \mathbb{P}_p([O \leftrightarrow \infty] \text{ in } \omega_1) = \mathbb{P}_p([O \leftrightarrow \infty] \text{ in } \omega_p)$ ,

similarly,  $\mathbb{P}_{p'}([O \leftrightarrow \infty]) = \mathbb{P}_{p'}([O \leftrightarrow \infty] \text{ in } \omega_1) = \mathbb{P}_{p'}([O \leftrightarrow \infty] \text{ in } \omega_{p'})$ . We note that  $\omega_p$  is always a subgraph of  $\omega_{p'}$  (by **Exercise 1**), thus  $\{[O \leftrightarrow \infty] \text{ in } \omega_p\} \subseteq \{[O \leftrightarrow \infty] \text{ in } \omega_{p'}\}$ , we have  $\mathbb{P}_p([O \leftrightarrow \infty]) = \mathbb{P}_p([O \leftrightarrow \infty] \text{ in } \omega_p) \leq \mathbb{P}_{p'}([O \leftrightarrow \infty] \text{ in } \omega_{p'}) = \mathbb{P}_{p'}([O \leftrightarrow \infty])$ .

And, because of  $\omega_1 \stackrel{(id)}{=} \omega_p$ , where  $\omega_1$  is a arbitrary random variable with  $\omega_1 \sim \mathbb{P}_p$  thus there are only one choice of  $\theta$ . i.e.,  $\theta$  is well-defined. ■

- Define  $p_c = \sup\{p \in [0, 1] \mid \theta(p) = 0\}$

**Exercise 3** Check the following properties :

- The function  $p \mapsto \theta(p)$  is right-continuous on  $[0, 1]$ .
- The function  $p \mapsto \theta(p)$  is left-continuous on  $(p_c, 1)$ .
- Show that  $p \mapsto \theta(p)$  is strictly increasing in  $(p_c, 1]$ .

I add a test line