

# Sampling algorithms related to determinantal processes

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## General picture:

- universal distributions (universal scaling limits)
  - determinantal processes
  - sampling algorithms
  - probability, combinatorics, representation theory, statistical physics, number theory, algebraic geometry, tropical geometry, machine learning

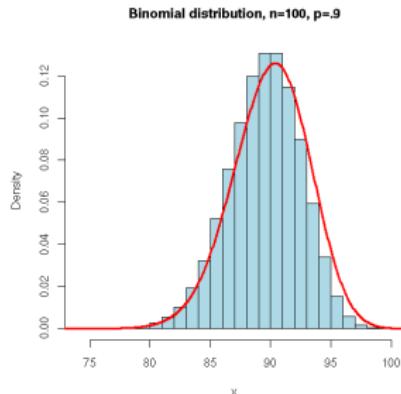
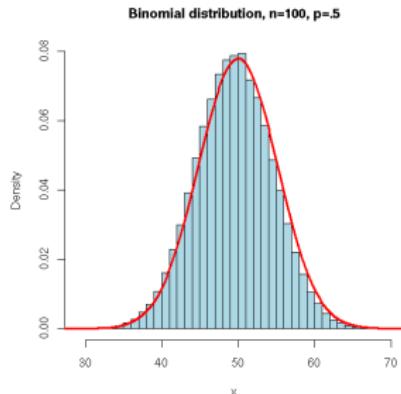
### Applications (two examples):

- combinatorics, limit shapes
  - machine learning applications (Kulesza and Taskar [2012])

## Sampling algorithms:

- Schur processes (joint work with Betea et al. [2014])
  - determinantal processes on finite spaces (due to Hough et al. [2006])

# Central limit theorem



Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be independent Bernoulli trials  $X : \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1-p & p \end{pmatrix}$

$$S_n = X_1 + X_2 + \cdots + X_n \sim \mathcal{B}(n, p)$$

$$\frac{S_n - nE(X)}{SD(X)/\sqrt{n}} \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

# Limit theory for random matrices

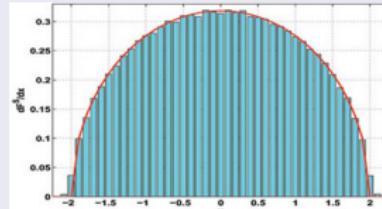
## Wigner matrices

$M$  is Hermitian ( $M = \overline{M}^T$ ) and  $M_{ij}$  for  $i \leq j$  are independent such that  $E(M_{ij}) = 0$ ,  $\text{Var}(M_{ii}) = \sigma^2$  and  $\text{Var}(M_{ij}) = 1$ ,  $i \neq j$

## Semicircle law

Let  $M_n$  be a Wigner matrix of size  $n$ .

$$\frac{\#\text{of eigenvalues of } \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} M_n}{n} \rightarrow$$



Universality: Erdös-Schlein-Yau and Tao-Vu [2010]

Asymptotics of any eigenvalue statistic  $f(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$  of Wigner matrices is independent of the underlying distribution.

### Special case of Wigner matrices:

GUE- Gaussian Unitary Ensemble

- $M_{ij}$  are complex  $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  for  $i \neq j$
  - $M_{ii}$  are real  $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$

- GUE is a determinantal process; the joint density of eigenvalues can be written as a determinant
  - eigenvalue spacing is the same as the spacing of zeros of Riemann zeta function:

$$\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s}$$

- The Riemann hypothesis: Riemann zeta function has its zeros only at the negative even integers and complex numbers with real part 1/2.

## Determinantal point processes

- Let  $\mathcal{X} = \{x_1, \dots, x_N\}$  be a finite space.
  - A random point process  $P$  on  $\mathcal{X}$  is a probability measure on the set  $2^{\mathcal{X}}$  of all subsets of  $\mathcal{X}$ .
  - Correlation function at  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathcal{X}^n$  is defined as

$$\rho(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \Pr(X | \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} \subset X).$$

- $P$  is determinantal if there exists a kernel  $K(x, y)$  such that

$$\rho(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \det(K(x_i, x_j))_{i,j=1\dots n}.$$

- introduced by Macchi [1975], term “determinantal” was first used by Borodin-Olshanski [2000]

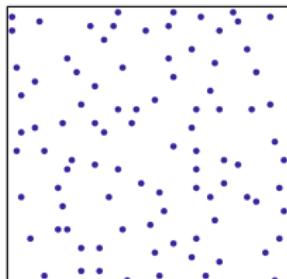
- determinantal processes exhibit repulsion (negative correlation) if we assume  $K$  is symmetric

$$\rho(x) = |K(x, x)| = K(x, x)$$

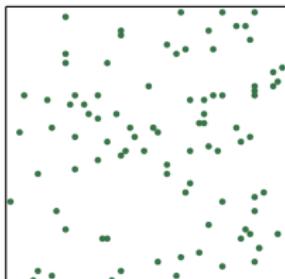
$$\rho(x_i, x_j) = \begin{vmatrix} K(x_i, x_i) & K(x_i, x_j) \\ K(x_j, x_i) & K(x_j, x_j) \end{vmatrix} = \rho(x_i)\rho(x_j) - K(x_i, x_j)^2$$

$$\rho(x_i, x_j) = \rho(x_i)\rho(x_j|x_i) \leq \rho(x_i)\rho(x_j)$$

$$\rho(x_j|x_i) \leq \rho(x_j)$$



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Independent

## General picture

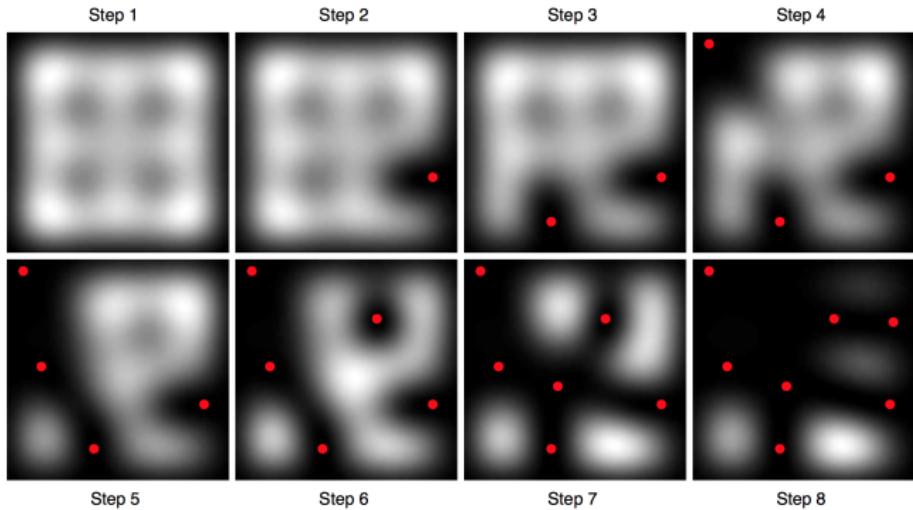
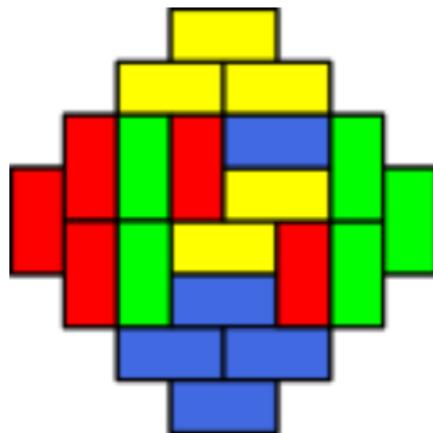
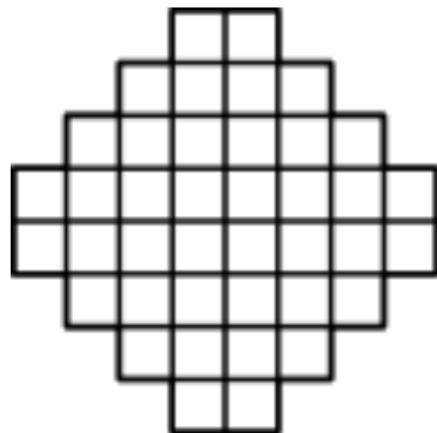


Figure taken from Kulesza and Taskar (20012)

An example of a sampling algorithm (for domino tilings of an Aztec diamond)

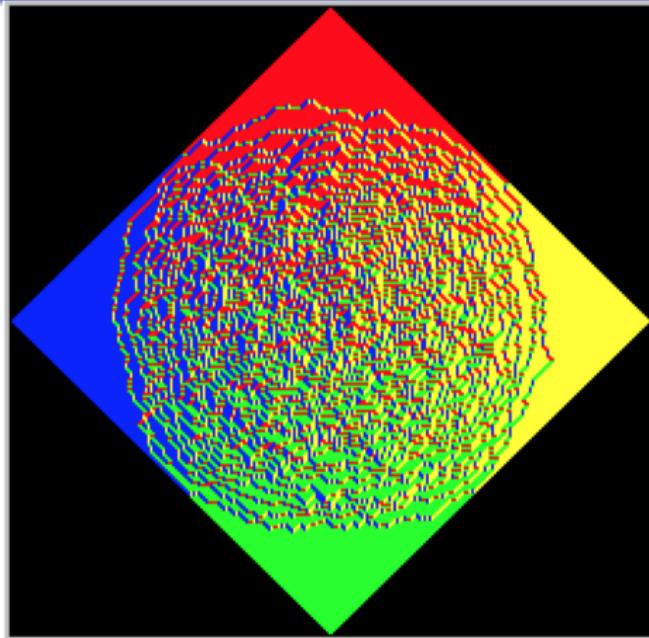
## ► Simulation (Patrik Ferrari)



- Aztec diamond of size  $n$ - four staircases with  $n$  steps glued together
  - There are  $2^{n(n+1)/2}$  different domino tilings of Aztec diamond of size  $n$ . [Elkies, Kuperberg, Larsen, Propp '92]

General picture

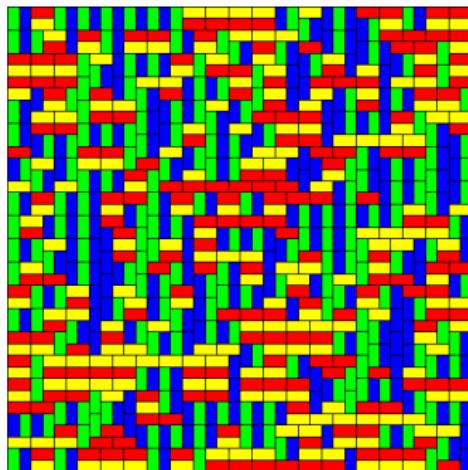
# Arctic Circle Theorem



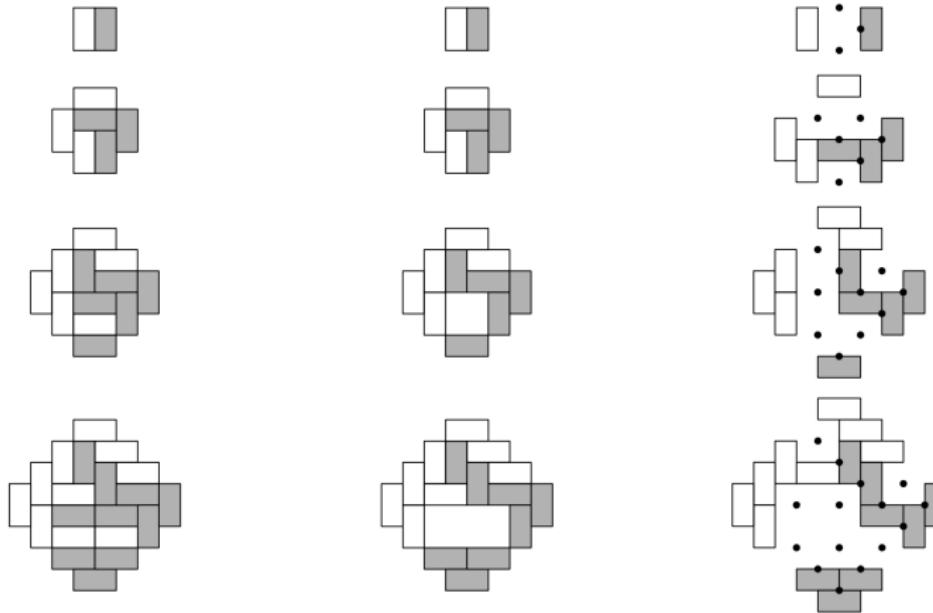
Arctic Circle Theorem [Jockusch, Propp, Shor 1985]

Domino tilings of a large Aztec diamond tend to be frozen outside the circle.

## What about a square?



## Shuffling algorithm



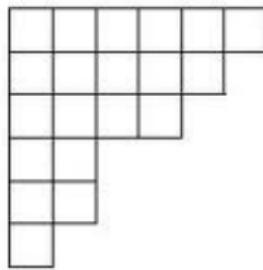
Algorithm due to Elkies, Kuperberg, Larsen, Propp (1992)

Figure taken from Nordenstam (2008)

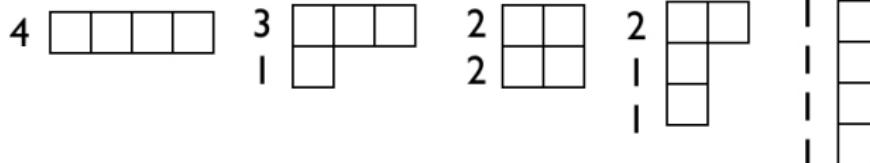
## Applications

## Partitions

$$\lambda = (6, 5, 4, 2, 2, 1)$$



- size  $|\lambda|$ - sum of all entries (or the area)
- partitions of size 4:

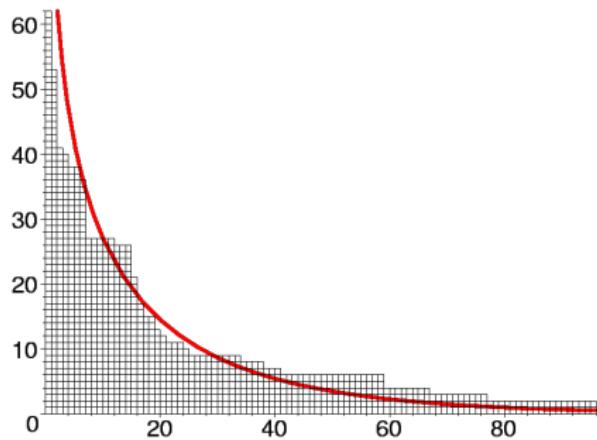


# Limit shape- partitions

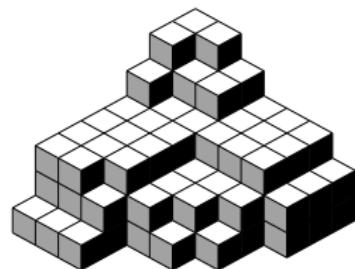
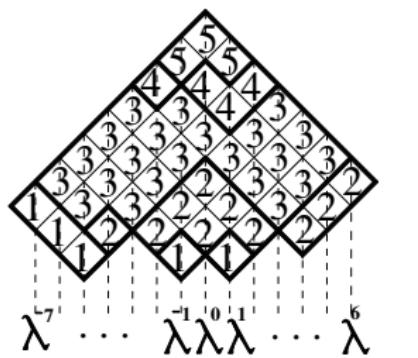
Vershik-Kerov [1985]

Limit shape of uniformly distributed partitions of size  $n$ , when  $n \rightarrow \infty$  is

$$e^{-x} + e^{-y} = 1$$

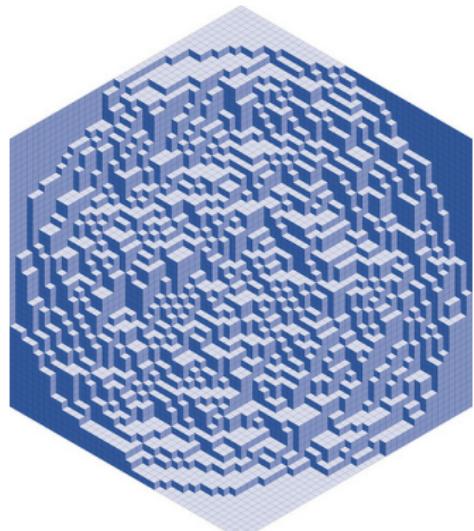
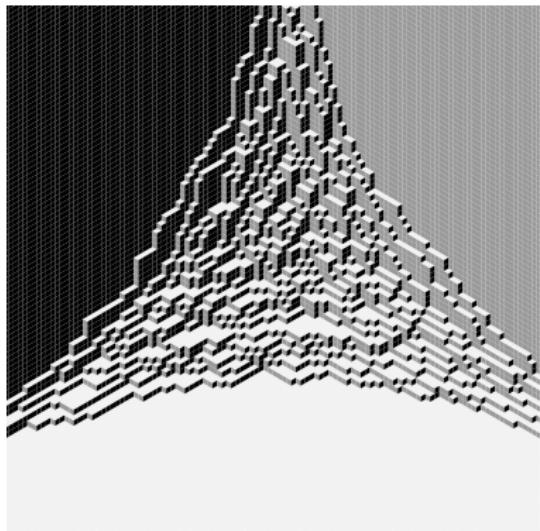


## Plane partitions



# Limit shape- plane partitions

- uniform distribution on partitions of volume  $n$ , when  $n \rightarrow \infty$ : Cerf-Kenyon [01] and Okounkov-Reshetikhin [03]
- uniform distribution on partitions that fit in a box of size  $n \times n \times n$ , when  $n \rightarrow \infty$ : Cohn-Larsen-Propp [98]



# Machine learning- major threads from newspaper corpus



Figure taken from Kulesza and Taskar (20012)

# Machine learning- major events in a thread

## Thread: pope vatican church parkinson

- Feb 24: Parkinson's Disease Increases Risks to Pope
- Feb 26: Pope's Health Raises Questions About His Ability to Lead
- Mar 13: Pope Returns Home After 18 Days at Hospital
- Apr 01: Pope's Condition Worsens as World Prepares for End of Papacy
- Apr 02: Pope, Though Gravely Ill, Utters Thanks for Prayers
- Apr 18: Europeans Fast Falling Away from Church
- Apr 20: In Developing World, Choice [of Pope] Met with Skepticism
- May 18: Pope Sends Message with Choice of Name

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## Applications

# Machine learning- human pose detection

The output of a human pose detector is noisy and uncertain; applying diversity as a filter leads to a clean, separated set of predictions.

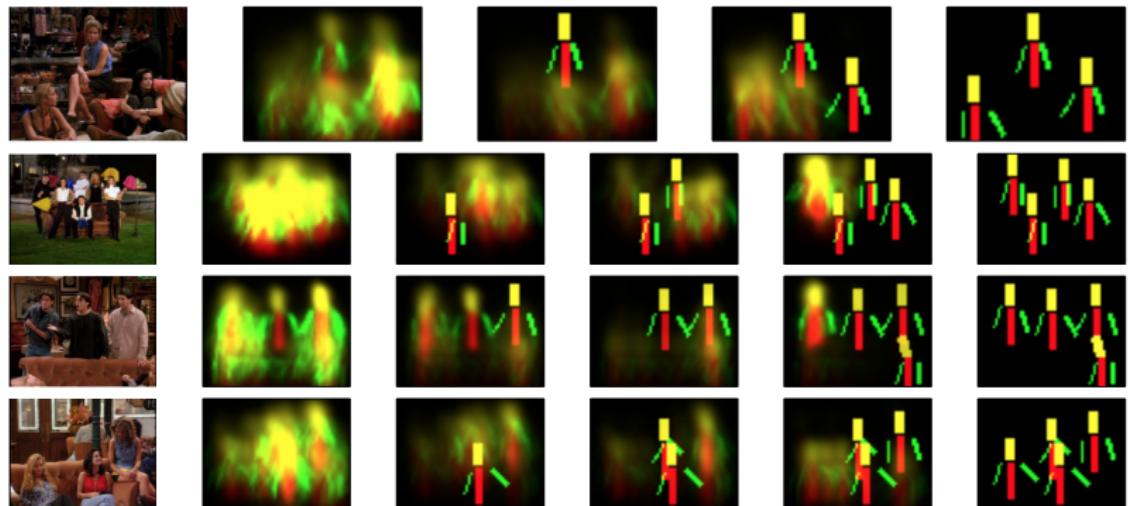
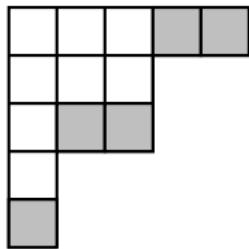


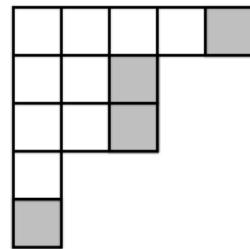
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# Interlacing

- interlacing  $\lambda \succ \mu : \lambda_1 \geq \mu_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \mu_2 \cdots$
- dual interlacing  $\lambda \succ' \mu$  means  $\lambda' \succ \mu'$



$$(5, 3, 3, 1, 1) \succ (3, 3, 1, 1) \quad \text{horizontal strip} \quad (5, 3, 3, 1, 1) \succ' (4, 2, 2, 1) \quad \text{vertical strip}$$



- $w = (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n) \in \{\prec, \succ, \prec', \succ'\}^n$ :  $w$ -interlaced sequences of partitions  $\Lambda = (\emptyset = \lambda(0), \lambda(1), \dots, \lambda(n) = \emptyset)$  means  $\lambda(i-1)w_i\lambda(i)$ ,  $\forall i$

# Sampling of the Schur process

For a word  $w = (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n) \in \{\prec, \succ, \prec', \succ'\}^n$ , the *Schur process* of word  $w$  with parameters  $Z = (z_1, \dots, z_n)$  is a measure on the set of  $w$ -interlaced sequences of partitions  $\Lambda = (\emptyset = \lambda(0), \lambda(1), \dots, \lambda(n) = \emptyset)$  given by

$$\text{Prob}(\Lambda) \propto \prod_{i=1}^n z_i^{||\lambda(i)| - |\lambda(i-1)||}.$$

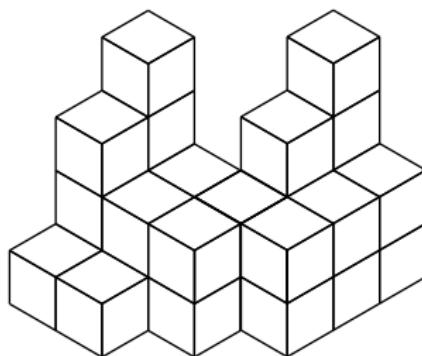
Remark.

$$s_{\lambda/\mu}(x_1) = x_1^{|\lambda| - |\mu|} \delta_{\lambda \succ \mu}.$$

# Reverse plane partitions

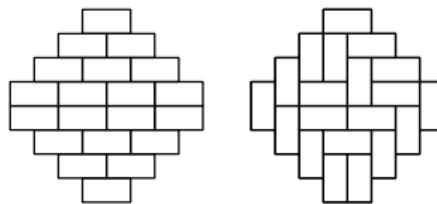
$(m \times n)$ -boxed *plane partitions*:  $w = (\prec)^m (\succ)^n$

1	3	4		
1	2	2		
0	2	2	3	4
0	0	2	2	2



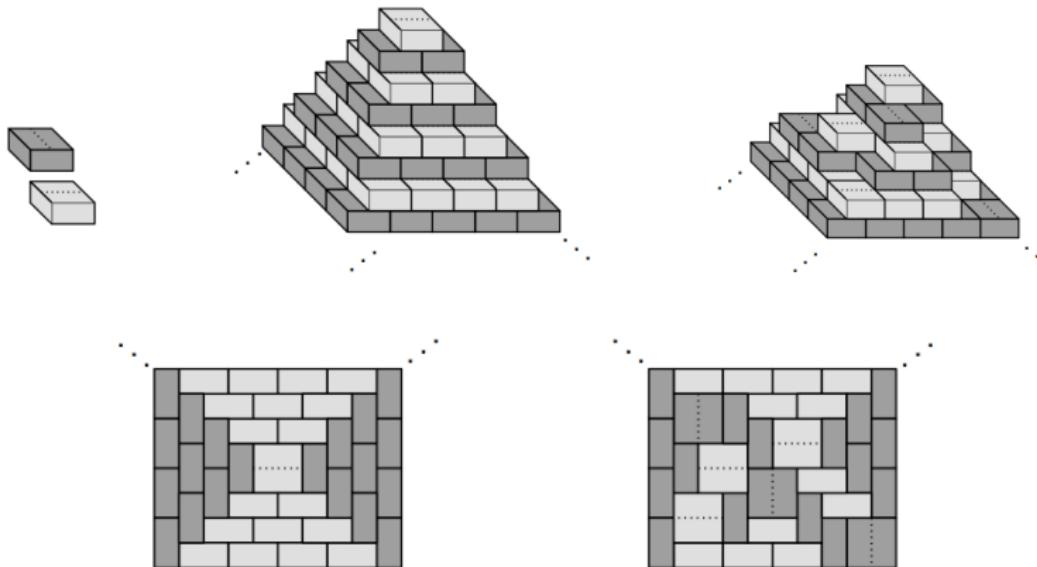
$$\emptyset \prec (1) \prec (3, 1) \prec (4, 2) \succ (2, 2) \succ (2) \prec (3, 2) \prec (4, 2) \succ (2) \succ \emptyset$$

# Aztec diamonds



$$w = (\prec', \succ)^n$$

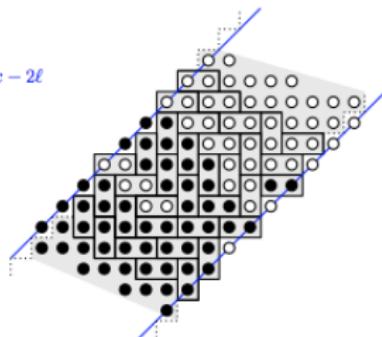
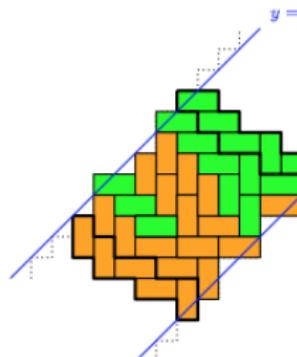
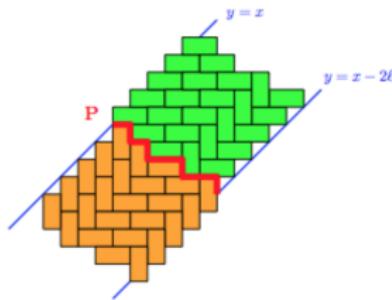
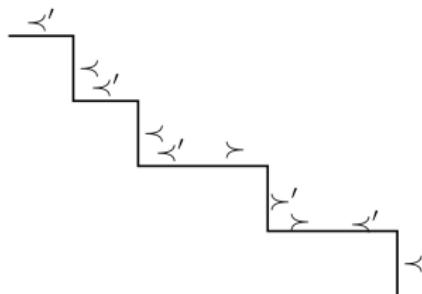
# Pyramid partitions



$$w = (\underbrace{\dots, \prec, \prec', \prec, \prec'}_I, \underbrace{\succ, \succ', \succ, \succ'}_I, \dots)$$

# Steep tilings

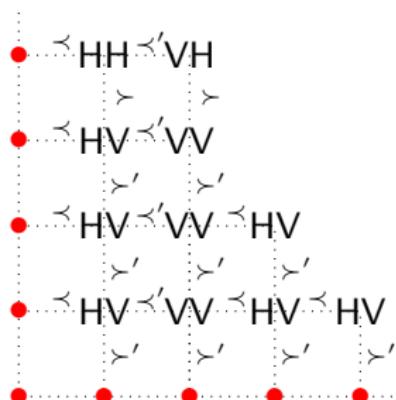
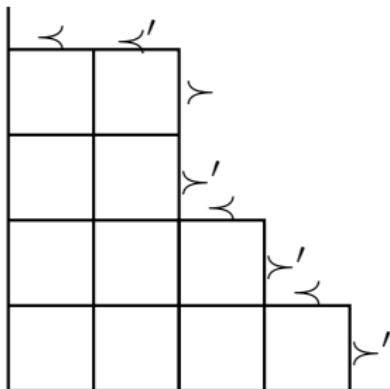
$w \in \{\prec, \succ, \prec', \succ'\}^{2l}$   $w_{2i} \in \{\prec, \succ\}$  and  $w_{2i+1} \in \{\prec', \succ'\}$



# Algorithm

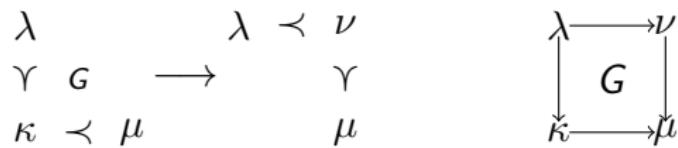
Ex.  $w = (\prec, \prec', \succ, \succ', \prec, \succ', \prec, \succ')$

- shape: path of horizontal ( $w_i \in \{\prec, \prec'\}$ ) and vertical ( $w_i \in \{\succ, \succ'\}$ ) segments
- : type: HH ( $\prec, \succ$ ), HV ( $\prec, \succ'$ ), VH ( $\prec', \succ$ ), VW ( $\prec', \succ'$ )



## Cauchy identity

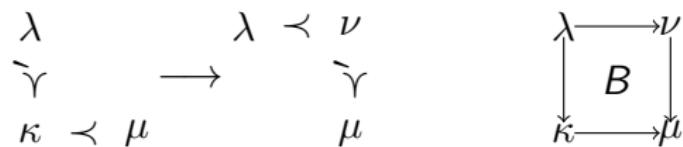
$$\sum_{\nu} s_{\nu/\lambda}(x) s_{\nu/\mu}(y) = \frac{1}{1-xy} \sum_{\kappa} s_{\lambda/\kappa}(y) s_{\mu/\kappa}(x)$$



- sample  $G \sim Geom(xy)$
- $\nu_i = \begin{cases} \max(\lambda_1, \mu_1) + G & \text{if } i = 1, \\ \max(\lambda_i, \mu_i) + \min(\lambda_{i-1}, \mu_{i-1}) - \kappa_{i-1} & \text{if } i > 1 \end{cases}$

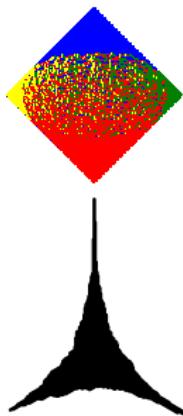
# Dual Cauchy identity

$$\sum_{\nu} s_{\nu/\lambda}(x) s_{\nu'/\mu'}(y) = (1 + xy) \sum_{\kappa} s_{\lambda'/\kappa'}(y) s_{\mu/\kappa}(x)$$

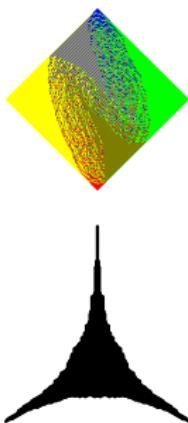


- sample  $B \sim Bernoulli(\frac{xy}{1+xy})$
- for  $i = 1 \dots \max(\ell(\lambda), \ell(\mu)) + 1$ 
  - if  $\lambda_i \leq \mu_i < \lambda_{i-1}$  then  $\nu_i = \max(\lambda_i, \mu_i) + B$
  - else  $\nu_i = \max(\lambda_i, \mu_i)$
  - if  $\mu_{i+1} < \lambda_i \leq \mu_i$  then  $B = \min(\lambda_i, \mu_i) - \kappa_i$

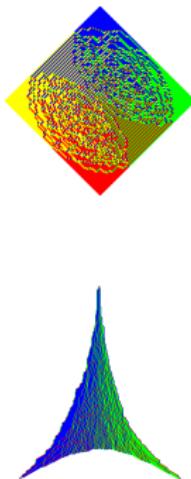
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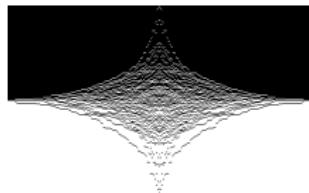
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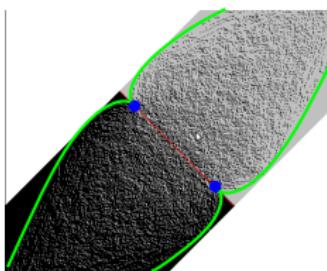
symmetric plane partition



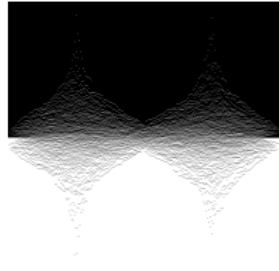
plane overpartition



symmetric pyramid partition



finite width pyramid partition



steep tilings

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**Algorithm 1** Sampling from a DPP

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**Input:** eigendecomposition  $\{(\mathbf{v}_n, \lambda_n)\}_{n=1}^N$  of  $L$

$J \leftarrow \emptyset$

**for**  $n = 1, 2, \dots, N$  **do**

$J \leftarrow J \cup \{n\}$  with prob.  $\frac{\lambda_n}{\lambda_n + 1}$

**end for**

$V \leftarrow \{\mathbf{v}_n\}_{n \in J}$

$Y \leftarrow \emptyset$

**while**  $|V| > 0$  **do**

Select  $i$  from  $\mathcal{Y}$  with  $\Pr(i) = \frac{1}{|V|} \sum_{\mathbf{v} \in V} (\mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{e}_i)^2$

$Y \leftarrow Y \cup i$

$V \leftarrow V_\perp$ , an orthonormal basis for the subspace of  $V$  orthogonal to  $\mathbf{e}_i$

**end while**

**Output:**  $Y$

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Algorithm due to Hough et al. [2006]

Figure taken from Kulesza and Taskar (20012)