

## §5 Towards zero bias

Goal: Describe protocols that achieve  $\rightarrow 0$  bias in Kitaev's 2<sup>nd</sup> form.

Recall:  $p(z)$  is valid  $\Leftrightarrow \sum_z p(z) = 1$ ,  $\sum_z \frac{1}{\lambda + z} p(z) \geq 0 \quad \forall \lambda \geq 0$ .

e.g. point raises, point merges & splits

$h(x, y)$  is valid as  $\circ f^n$  of  $x \neq y \geq 0$

$v(x, y)$  is valid as a  $f^n$  of  $y$   $\forall x \geq 0$

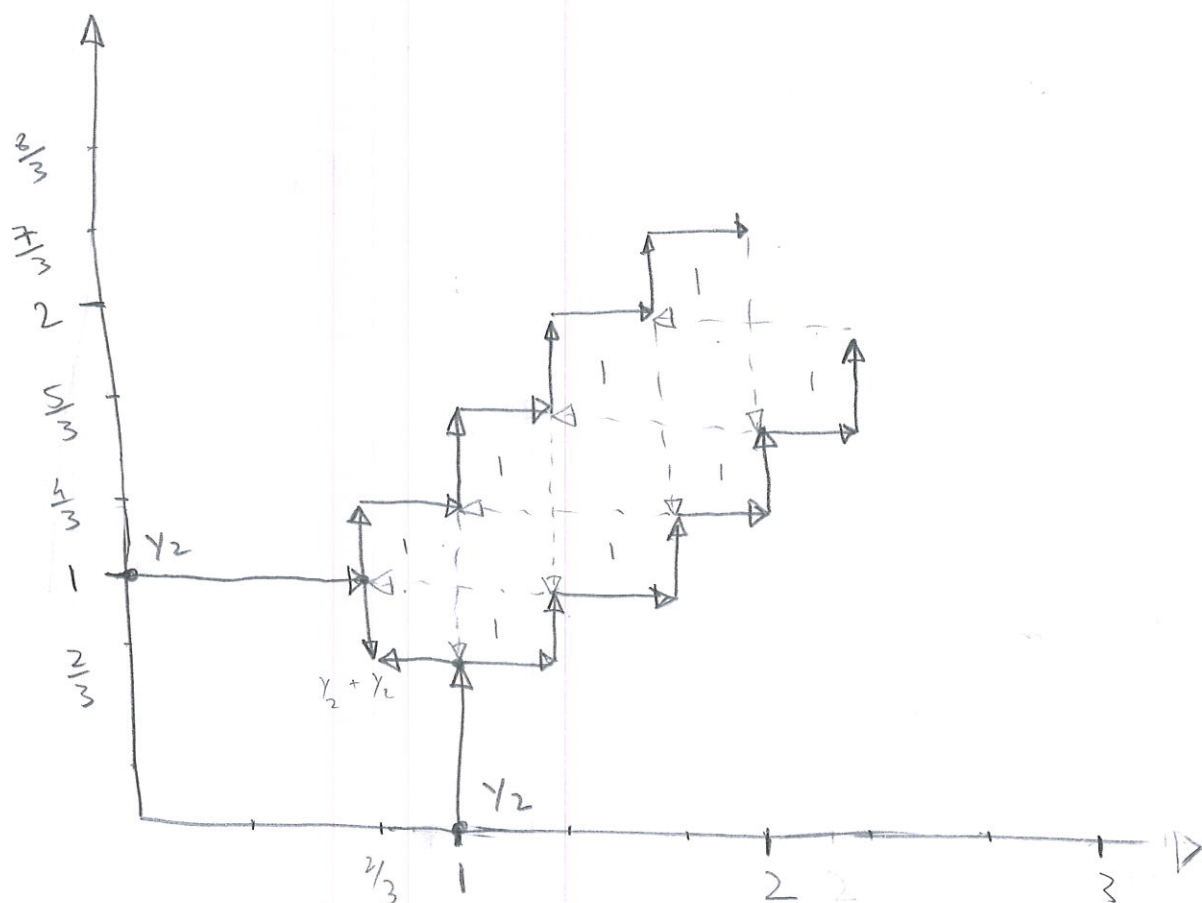
∴ T/P6: is a valid L & V s.t.  $h+V = 1[B, \alpha]$   
 $- P_B[1, 0]$   
 $- P_A[0, 1]$

yields a CF protocol with  $P_A^{\text{adv}} \leq \alpha$  &  $P_B^{\text{adv}} \leq \beta$ .

## § 5.1 Guiding Principles

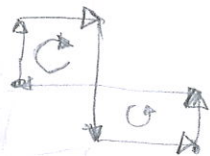
Goal: Analyse a T1PG with  $\frac{1}{6}$  bias.

Goal: Analyse a TTPG with 16 nodes.  
Observe: (the same game as before with a new convention)



∴ Prob cons<sup>n</sup> ⇒ each arrow  $\leftrightarrow$  # ; Prob carried from base to head.

: The prob. must go around in loops e.g.



: Label each loop with prob. that go around the loop.

Using the Algebraic notation,

$$h = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3} \right] - \frac{3}{2} \left[ 1, \frac{2}{3} \right] + 1 \left[ \frac{4}{3}, \frac{2}{3} \right] \\ - \frac{1}{2} [0, 1] + \frac{3}{2} \left[ \frac{2}{3}, 1 \right] - 2 \left[ \frac{4}{3}, 1 \right] + 1 \left[ \frac{5}{3}, 1 \right] \\ + \sum_{k=4}^{\infty} \left( -1 \left[ \frac{k-2}{3}, \frac{k}{3} \right] + 2 \left[ \frac{k-1}{3}, \frac{k}{3} \right] \right. \\ \left. - 2 \left[ \frac{k+1}{3}, \frac{k}{3} \right] + 1 \left[ \frac{k+2}{3}, \frac{k}{3} \right] \right)$$

Def<sup>n</sup>: The last term represents a  $\sum$  ladder rungs.

Remark: More generally, a pattern around the diagonal will be called a ladder.

Also, if (def<sup>n</sup>)  $v(x, y) = h(y, x)$ , by construction

$$h + v = 1 \left[ \frac{2}{3}, \frac{2}{3} \right] - \frac{1}{2} [1, 0] - \frac{1}{2} [0, 1]$$

Let's check: Is  $h$  valid (by symmetry  $v$  will also be valid)

(a) ✓ NB:  $\forall y, \sum_x h(x, y) = 0$ .

(b) ? :  $\sum_x \frac{1}{\lambda + x} h(x, y) \geq 0 \quad \forall \lambda > 0 \text{ \& } y \geq 0$

Let's start with  $y = \frac{k}{3} \geq \frac{4}{3}$ .

$$\sum_x \frac{1}{\lambda+x} h\left(x, \frac{k}{3}\right) = \frac{1}{\lambda + \frac{k-2}{3}} - \frac{2}{\lambda + \frac{k-1}{3}} + \frac{2}{\lambda + \frac{k+1}{3}} - \frac{1}{\lambda + \frac{k+2}{3}}$$

[NB:  $\frac{1}{\lambda+x_1} - \frac{1}{\lambda+x_2} = \frac{x_2-x_1}{(\lambda+x_1)(\lambda+x_2)}$ ]

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{\left(\lambda + \frac{k-2}{3}\right)\left(\lambda + \frac{k-1}{3}\right)} - \frac{\frac{2}{3}}{\left(\lambda + \frac{k-1}{3}\right)\left(\lambda + \frac{k+1}{3}\right)}$$

$$+ \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{\left(\lambda + \frac{k+1}{3}\right)\left(\lambda + \frac{k+2}{3}\right)}$$

(using the same technique)

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{\left(\lambda + \frac{k-2}{3}\right)\left(\lambda + \frac{k-1}{3}\right)\left(\lambda + \frac{k+1}{3}\right)} - \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{\left(\lambda + \frac{k-1}{3}\right)\left(\lambda + \frac{k+1}{3}\right)\left(\lambda + \frac{k+2}{3}\right)}$$

(one last time)

$$= \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)$$

$$\frac{\left(\lambda + \frac{k-2}{3}\right)\left(\lambda + \frac{k-1}{3}\right)\left(\lambda + \frac{k+1}{3}\right)\left(\lambda + \frac{k+2}{3}\right)}{\left(\lambda + \frac{k-2}{3}\right)\left(\lambda + \frac{k-1}{3}\right)\left(\lambda + \frac{k-1}{3}\right)\left(\lambda + \frac{k+2}{3}\right)} \geq 0$$

Interpret<sup>n</sup>:  
 1<sup>st</sup> line : standard sum over points with num = prob.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> line : sum over arrows, numerator  $\leftrightarrow$  prob  $\times$  dist  
 3<sup>rd</sup> line : sum over pairs of arrows with zero net momentum

for  $y=1$ ,

$$-\frac{1}{2} [0] + \frac{3}{2} \left[ \frac{2}{3} \right] - 2 \left[ \frac{4}{3} \right] + 1 \left[ \frac{5}{3} \right]$$

$$= \underbrace{\left( -\frac{1}{2} [0] + 1 \left[ \frac{1}{3} \right] - \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{2}{3} \right] \right)}_{\text{point merge.}} + \underbrace{\left( -1 \left[ \frac{1}{3} \right] + 2 \left[ \frac{2}{3} \right] - 2 \left[ \frac{4}{3} \right] + 1 \left[ \frac{5}{3} \right] \right)}_{\text{ladder like terms with } y=1 \Leftrightarrow (k=3),}$$

point merge.

$\Gamma_{\text{proof}}$

$$-\frac{1}{2} \cdot 0 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$\therefore$  sum of 2 valid terms,  
it is valid.

ladder like terms with  
 $y=1 \Leftrightarrow (k=3)$ ,  
 $\Downarrow$   
valid.

for  $y = \frac{2}{3}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{2}{3} \right] - \frac{3}{2} [1] + 1 \left[ \frac{4}{3} \right] = 0$

which is a point split & thus valid.

(proof:  $\frac{3}{2} / 1 \stackrel{?}{=} \gamma_2 / \frac{2}{3} + 1 / \frac{4}{3}$ )

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{2} \stackrel{\text{yup}}{=} 2 \cdot \frac{3}{4}$$

Remark: Other than the infinite point issue, we've established the  $\gamma_k$  protocol (in the TIPG framework)

Trouble: The infinite points carry infinite prob.  $\rightarrow$  the catalyst state would have to carry infinite probability.

Intuition part: Read page 46 before § 5.1.1  
(can proceed without it as well)

## § 5.1.1 Obtaining non-negative numerators.

Motivation: For analysing the validity of functions  $p(x)$  we would need expressions of the form

$$\sum_i \left( \frac{-1}{\lambda + x_i} \right) p(x_i) = \frac{f(-\lambda)}{\prod_i (\lambda + x_i)}$$

where  $f(-\lambda)$  is a polynomial whose coefficients depend on the values of  $p(x_i)$ .

Remark:  $f(-\lambda)$  as opposed to  $f(\lambda)$ ? Will be clarified soon.

NB:  $p(x)$  is valid  $\Leftrightarrow f(-\lambda) \geq 0 \quad \forall \lambda > 0$ .

Remark: combining terms of  $p(x)$  in general to obtain  $f(-\lambda)$  can be involved.

: constructing polynomials is relatively easy.  
(e.g. specify it as a product of its roots).

Approach: use  $f(-\lambda)$  to compute  $p(x)$  once  $\{x_i\}$  chosen earlier.

(result!): we'll show  $p(x_i) = \frac{-f(x_i)}{\prod_{j \neq i} (x_j - x_i)}$

which also conserves prob, granted

$f(-\lambda)$  has degs.  $\leq n-2 \rightarrow \# \text{ points}$ .

Lemma 29. Let  $n \geq 2$  &  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R}$  be distinct.  
Then  $\sum_{i=1}^n \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ i \neq j}}^n \frac{1}{(x_j - x_i)} = 0$

Proof: We use induction.

For  $n=2$ ,

$$\frac{1}{x_2 - x_1} + \frac{1}{x_1 - x_2} \left( = \frac{x_1 - x_2 + x_2 - x_1}{(x_2 - x_1)(x_1 - x_2)} \right) = 0$$



For  $n > 2$ ,

NB:  $\forall i$  s.t.  $1 < i < n$

$$\frac{1}{(x_1 - x_i)(x_n - x_i)} = \frac{1}{(x_n - x_1)} \left( \frac{1}{(x_1 - x_i)} - \frac{1}{(x_n - x_i)} \right)$$

$\left[ \frac{x_n - x_i - x_1 + x_i}{(x_1 - x_i)(x_n - x_i)} \right]$

which we use to write

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \prod_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^n \frac{1}{(x_j - x_i)} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{(x_2 - x_i)(x_3 - x_i) \dots (x_{n-1} - x_i)(x_i - x_n)} \cdot \left[ \frac{1}{(x_1 - x_i)} - \frac{1}{(x_n - x_i)} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{(x_1 - x_n)} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \prod_{i \neq j}^{n-1} \frac{1}{(x_j - x_i)} - \sum_{i=2}^n \prod_{i \neq j} \frac{1}{(x_j - x_i)} \right]$$

I can iteratively apply this into and eventually have two terms of the form  $\frac{1}{x_j - x_i} - \frac{1}{x_j - x_i} = 0$ .

viz. by induction, both terms inside the parenthesis are zero.

Lemma 30. Let  $n > 2$  &  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R}$  be distinct.  
For  $f(x)$ , a polynomial of degree  $k \leq n-2$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{f(x_i)}{\prod_{j \neq i} (x_j - x_i)} = 0.$$

[Proof: Again, we'll use induction (on  $k$ , the degree of  $f(x)$ ).

For  $k=0$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n \prod_{j \neq i} \frac{1}{(x_j - x_i)} \stackrel{\text{lemma 29}}{=} 0.$

For  $k > 0$ , one can always write

$$f(x) = c \prod_{j=1}^k (x_j - x) + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{deg} < k}}{g(x)}$$

$\therefore c$  can be chosen to match the coefficient of  $x^k$  & everything else is absorbed in  $g(x)$ .

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{f(x_i)}{\prod_{j \neq i} (x_j - x_i)} = c \sum_{i=k+1}^n \prod_{\substack{j=k+1 \\ j \neq i}}^n \frac{1}{(x_j - x_i)} + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{g(x_i)}{\prod_{j \neq i} (x_j - x_i)}$$

where the first term is zero & the second by induction is also zero.

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Lemma 31. Let  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in [0, \infty)$  distinct & let

$f(-\lambda)$  be a polynomial with deg.  $k \leq n-2$  s.t.  $f(-\lambda) > 0 \quad \forall \lambda > 0$ . Then

$$p = \sum_i \left( \frac{-f(x_i)}{\prod_{j \neq i} (x_j - x_i)} \right) [x_i]$$

is a valid  $f'$ .

[Proof: Apply the previous lemma with an appended point  $x_{n+1} = -\lambda$  to get

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{-1}{\lambda + x_i} \right) \left( \frac{f(x_i)}{\prod_{j \neq i} (x_j - x_i)} \right) + \frac{f(-\lambda)}{\prod_i (\lambda + x_i)} = 0.$$

NB: This immediately proves the condition for validity

$$\sum \left( \frac{-1}{\lambda + x_i} \right) p(x_i) \geq 0$$

$$\text{if } p = - \frac{f(x_i)}{\prod (x_j - x_i)}$$

except prop. conservation.

: The aforesaid holds for  $f$  with  $\deg. k \leq (n+1)-2$ .

$$\sum p(x_i) = \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + x_i} \right) \left( \frac{-f(x_i)}{\prod_{j \neq i} (x_j - x_i)} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{\lambda \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-\lambda f(-\lambda)}{\prod_i (\lambda + x_i)}$$

which converges to 0 if  $f$  has  $\deg k \leq n-2$

## § 5.1.2 Truncating The Ladder

Recall: A single rung of the ladder has the form

$$a \left[ \frac{k-2}{3}, \frac{k}{3} \right] + b \left[ \frac{k-1}{3}, \frac{k}{3} \right] + c \left[ \frac{k+1}{3}, \frac{k}{3} \right] + d \left[ \frac{k+2}{3}, \frac{k}{3} \right]$$



Recall:  $p(x_i) = - \frac{f(x_i)}{\prod_{j \neq i} (x_j - x_i)}$  makes  $P$  valid.

We therefore must set

$$a = \frac{-f\left(\frac{k-2}{3}\right)}{\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)} = - \frac{9 f\left(\frac{k-2}{3}\right)}{4}$$

& similarly  $b = \frac{9 f\left(\frac{k-1}{3}\right)}{2}$ ,  $c = - \frac{9 f\left(\frac{k+1}{3}\right)}{2}$

&  $d = \frac{9 f\left(\frac{k+2}{3}\right)}{4}$ . (I didn't verify  $c$  &  $d$  myself).

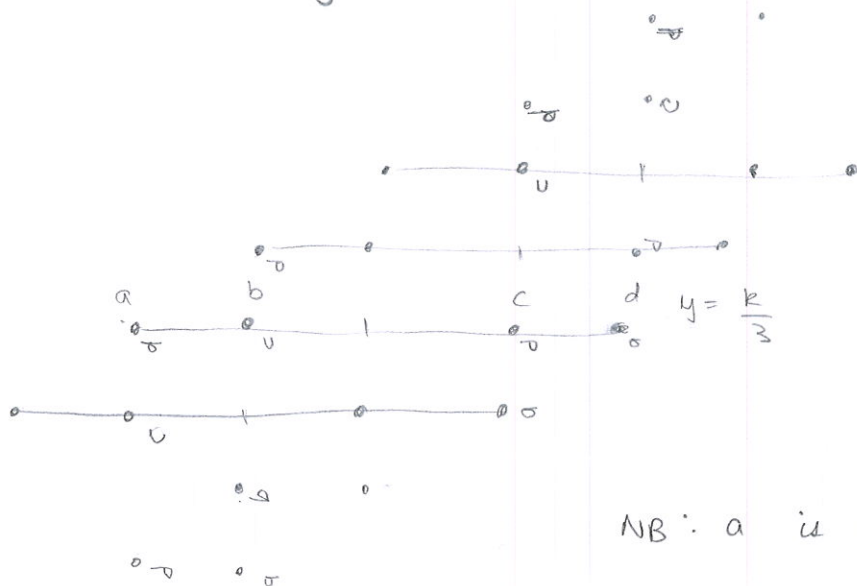
Remark: The ladder we used for the  $Y_0$  protocol can be obtained by setting  $f(-\lambda) = \frac{4}{9}$ .

Approach: We want to set different heights; we can use till a quadratic  $f^{\wedge} f(x, y)$  s.t.  
 $f(-\lambda, y) \geq 0 \quad \forall \quad \lambda \geq 0$  &  $y$  in the ladder.  
 (non-zero!)

: We must also enforce

$$h(y, x) = v(x, y) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad h+v \text{ cancel the ladder;}$$

$$\text{viz.} \quad h(x, y) = -h(y, x).$$



$$a_{y=\frac{k}{3}} = -d_{y=\frac{k-2}{3}}$$

$$b_{y=\frac{k}{3}} = -c_{y=\frac{k-1}{3}}$$

NB:  $a$  is close to the  $x=0$  (or  $y=0$  when flipped)

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} -\frac{9f(\frac{k-2}{3}, \frac{k}{3})}{4} = -\frac{9f(\frac{k}{3}, \frac{k-2}{3})}{4} \\ \frac{9f(\frac{k-1}{3}, \frac{k}{3})}{2} = \frac{9f(\frac{k}{3}, \frac{k-1}{3})}{2} \end{cases}$$

We now choose  $f$  to stop at a certain height  $y = \frac{\Gamma}{3}$  by setting

$$f(x, y) = c \left( \frac{\Gamma+1}{3} - x \right) \left( \frac{\Gamma+2}{3} - x \right) \left( \frac{\Gamma+1}{3} - y \right) \left( \frac{\Gamma+2}{3} - y \right)$$

where  $c$  &  $\Gamma$  are determined soon.

NB: We could've stopped the ladder for some height but that would make  $h$  asymmetric.

$$\therefore f\left(\frac{\Gamma+2}{3}, \frac{\Gamma}{3}\right) = f\left(\frac{\Gamma+1}{3}, \frac{\Gamma}{3}\right) = f\left(\frac{\Gamma+1}{3}, \frac{\Gamma-1}{3}\right) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  we can stop & still retain  $h(x, y) = -h(y, x)$ .



NB: The ladder part would then become

$$h_{\text{lead}} = \sum_{k=3}^{\Gamma} \left( -\frac{9}{4} f\left(\frac{k-2}{3}, \frac{k}{3}\right) \left[ \frac{k-2}{3}, \frac{k}{3} \right] + \right.$$

$$\left. \frac{9f\left(\frac{k-1}{3}, \frac{k}{3}\right)}{2} \left[ \frac{k-1}{3}, \frac{k}{3} \right] - \frac{9}{2} f\left(\frac{k+1}{3}, \frac{k}{3}\right) \left[ \frac{k+1}{3}, \frac{k}{3} \right] \right.$$

$$\left. + \frac{9f\left(\frac{k+2}{3}, \frac{k}{3}\right)}{4} \left[ \frac{k+2}{3}, \frac{k}{3} \right] \right)$$

NB 2: head is valid  $\therefore f(-\lambda, y) \geq 0 \quad \forall \lambda > 0 \text{ \& } y \leq \Gamma/3$ .  
 $\Gamma$  is quadratic in  $\lambda$ .

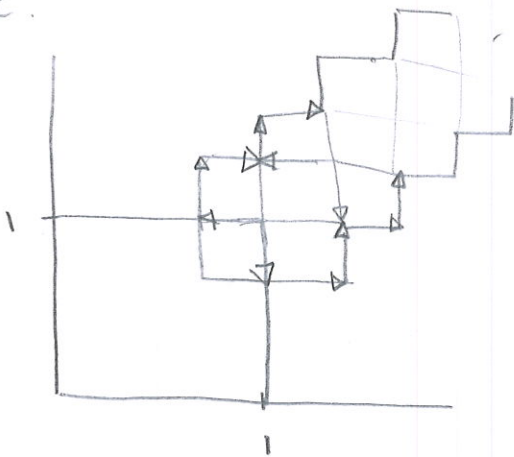
NB 3: For large  $\Gamma$ , close to the bottom of the ladder,  
 $f \approx C \Gamma^4 / 3^4$ . We choose  $C \approx 36 / \Gamma^4$  so  
 that we approximately recover the  $f = 4/9$  ladder.

NB 4: Details of merging the bottom of the ladder with  
 the remaining structure has been skipped  
 for now.

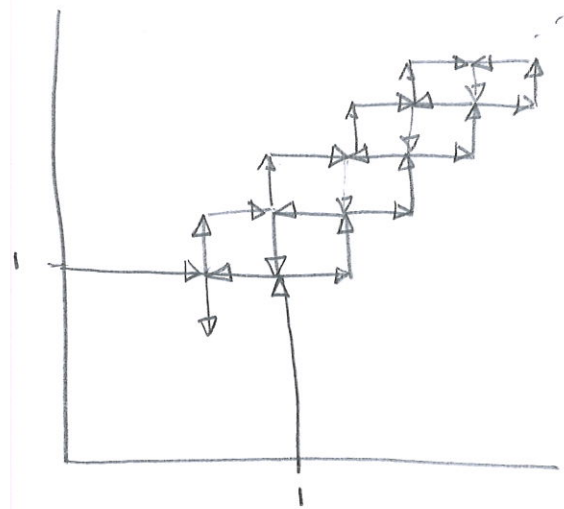
No crucial new ideas are used for this.  
 (citing Morchon)

### § 5.1.3 Building Better Ladders

Observe:



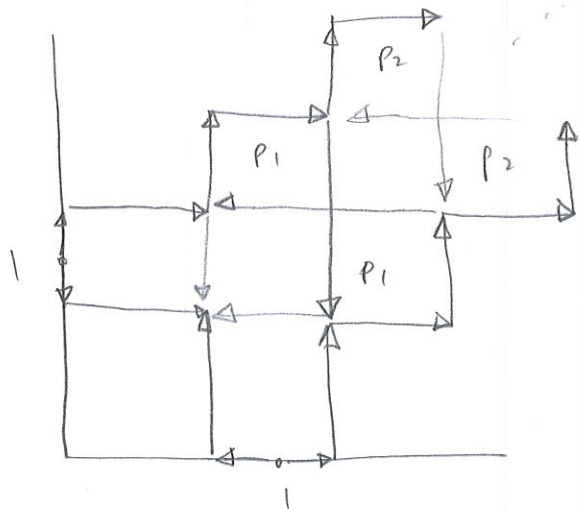
symmetric



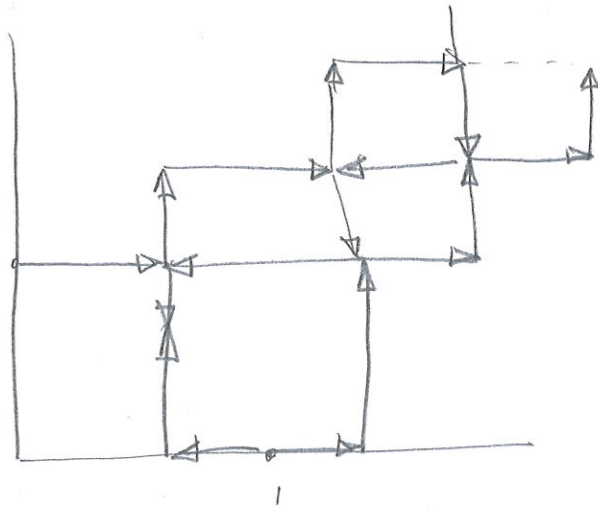
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Figure 7 (a): without an initial split

NB:  $\therefore$  the space of TIPs is a cone, an asymmetric TIP  
 can always be made symmetric by taking in addition  
 the reflection of it.



Symmetric



Asymmetric

Fig 7 (b): with initial split.

General Remarks: Symmetric TIPGs  $\Rightarrow$  checking validity of  $h$  (say) is sufficient.  
 "however"  
 $\downarrow$   
 usually more complicated.

: In this, we consider only symmetric TIPGs.  
 (asymmetric only for comparison).

Remarks: Numerical Optimization (allowing variable step size)

show (a) No-split ladders (type fig. 7(a))

$$P_A^* = P_B^* \approx 0.64$$

(b) Initial split ladders

$$P_A^* = P_B^* \approx 0.57$$

: Initial point split ladders seem to be better  
 however  
 they're also more complicated (their analytic form).

Claim: Fig 7, can't achieve arbitrarily small bias, can be  
 (type of ladders) proven analytically.