

# Causal Set Research Notes

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## 1 Patch Volume

### 1.1 1+1 Dimensions

$$\begin{aligned} dV &= (a \sec \eta)^{d+1} d\eta d\Phi_d \\ &= a^2 \sec^2 \eta d\eta d\theta \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V &= a^2 \int_0^{\eta_0} d\eta \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \sec^2 \eta \\ &= 2\pi a^2 \int_0^{\eta_0} \sec^2 \eta d\eta \\ &= 2\pi a^2 \tan \eta_0 \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} N &= \delta V \\ \therefore N_{1+1} &= 2\pi \delta a^2 \tan \eta_0 \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

### 1.2 3+1 Dimensions

$$dV = a^4 \sec^4 \eta d\eta \sin^2 \phi \sin \chi d\phi d\chi d\theta \tag{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V &= a^4 \int_0^{\eta_0} d\eta \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \int_0^\pi d\chi \int_0^\pi d\phi \sec^4 \eta \sin^2 \phi \sin \chi \\ &= 2\pi a^4 \int_0^{\eta_0} d\eta \int_0^\pi d\chi \int_0^\pi d\phi \sec^4 \eta \sin^2 \phi \sin \chi \\ &= 4\pi a^4 \int_0^{\eta_0} d\eta \int_0^\pi d\phi \sec^4 \eta \sin^2 \phi \\ &= 2\pi^2 a^4 \int_0^{\eta_0} \sec^4 \eta d\eta \\ &= \frac{2}{3} \pi^2 a^4 (2 + \sec^2 \eta_0) \tan \eta_0 \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
N &= \delta V \\
\therefore N_{3+1} &= \frac{2}{3} \pi^2 \delta a^4 (2 + \sec^2 \eta_0) \tan \eta_0
\end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

## 2 Expected Average Degrees

### 2.1 1+1 Dimensions

$$\rho = \frac{\sec^2 \eta}{\tan \eta_0} \tag{7}$$

$$V_p = \ln \sec \eta \tag{8}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle V_p \rangle &= \int_0^{\eta_0} \frac{\sec^2 \eta}{\tan \eta_0} \ln \sec \eta \, d\eta \\
&= \frac{1}{\tan \eta_0} [\eta + \tan \eta (\ln \sec \eta - 1)]_0^{\eta_0} \\
&= \frac{1}{\tan \eta_0} [\eta_0 + \tan \eta_0 (\ln \sec \eta_0 - 1)] \\
&= \frac{\eta_0}{\tan \eta_0} + \ln \sec \eta_0 - 1
\end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

$$V_f = (\eta_0 - \eta) \tan \eta_0 + \ln \left( \frac{\sec \eta}{\sec \eta_0} \right) \tag{10}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle V_f \rangle &= \int_0^{\eta_0} \frac{\sec^2 \eta}{\tan \eta_0} \left[ (\eta_0 - \eta) \tan \eta_0 + \ln \left( \frac{\sec \eta}{\sec \eta_0} \right) \right] d\eta \\
&= \frac{1}{\tan \eta_0} \left[ \eta_0 \tan \eta_0 \int_0^{\eta_0} \sec^2 \eta \, d\eta - \tan \eta_0 \int_0^{\eta_0} \eta \sec^2 \eta \, d\eta \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \int_0^{\eta_0} \sec^2 \eta \ln \sec \eta \, d\eta - \ln \sec \eta_0 \int_0^{\eta_0} \sec^2 \eta \, d\eta \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{\tan \eta_0} [\eta_0 \tan^2 \eta_0 - \eta_0 \tan^2 \eta_0 + \tan \eta_0 \ln \sec \eta_0 \\
&\quad + \eta_0 + \tan \eta_0 (\ln \sec \eta_0 - 1) - \tan \eta_0 \ln \sec \eta_0] \\
&= \frac{\eta_0}{\tan \eta_0} + \ln \sec \eta_0 - 1
\end{aligned} \tag{11}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\therefore \langle V_p \rangle &= \langle V_f \rangle \\
\therefore \langle \bar{k} \rangle &= 2a^2 \delta (\langle V_p \rangle + \langle V_f \rangle) \\
&= 4\delta a^2 \left( \frac{\eta_0}{\tan \eta_0} + \ln \sec \eta_0 - 1 \right)
\end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

## 2.2 3+1 Dimensions

$$V_p(\eta) = \int_0^\eta d\eta' \int_0^{\eta-\eta'} d\phi \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \int_0^\pi d\chi a^4 \sec^4 \eta' \sin^2 \phi \sin \chi \quad (13)$$

$$= 2a^4 \int_0^\eta d\eta' \int_0^{\eta-\eta'} d\phi \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \sec^4 \eta' \sin^2 \phi \quad (14)$$

$$= 4\pi a^4 \int_0^\eta d\eta' \int_0^{\eta-\eta'} d\phi \sec^4 \eta' \sin^2 \phi \quad (15)$$

$$\int_0^{\eta-\eta'} \sin^2 \phi d\phi = \frac{1}{2} [\eta - \eta' + \sin \eta \cos \eta (1 - 2 \cos^2 \eta') - \sin \eta' \cos \eta' (1 - 2 \cos^2 \eta)] \quad (16)$$

$$= 2\pi a^4 \int_0^\eta d\eta' \sec^4 \eta' [\eta - \eta' + (1 - 2 \cos^2 \eta') \sin \eta \cos \eta - \sin \eta' \cos \eta' (1 - 2 \cos^2 \eta)] \quad (17)$$

$$\int_0^\eta \eta \sec^4 \eta' d\eta' = \frac{\eta}{3} \tan \eta (2 + \sec^2 \eta) \quad (18)$$

$$\int_0^\eta \eta' \sec^4 \eta' d\eta' = \frac{1}{3} [-\ln \sec^2 \eta - \frac{1}{2} \sec^2 \eta + \frac{1}{2} + 2\eta \tan \eta + \eta \sec^2 \eta \tan \eta] \quad (19)$$

$$\int_0^\eta (1 - 2 \cos^2 \eta') \sec^4 \eta' \sin \eta \cos \eta d\eta' = -\frac{4}{3} \sin^2 \eta + \frac{1}{3} \tan^2 \eta \quad (20)$$

$$\int_0^\eta \sin \eta' \cos \eta' \sec^4 \eta' (1 - 2 \cos^2 \eta) d\eta' = \frac{1}{2} (2 \cos^2 \eta + \sec^2 \eta - 3) \quad (21)$$

$$= \frac{2\pi a^4}{3} [\ln \sec^2 \eta - \sec^2 \eta + 4 - 4 \sin^2 \eta + \tan^2 \eta - 3 \cos^2 \eta] \quad (22)$$

$$= \frac{2\pi a^4}{3} [\ln \sec^2 \eta - \sec^2 \eta + \tan^2 \eta + \cos^2 \eta] \quad (23)$$

$$\rho = \frac{3 \sec^4 \eta}{(2 + \sec^2 \eta_0) \tan \eta_0} \quad (24)$$

$$\langle \bar{k}_o \rangle = \delta \int_0^{\eta_0} \rho(\eta) V_p(\eta) d\eta \quad (25)$$

$$= \frac{2\pi\delta a^4}{(2 + \sec^2 \eta_0) \tan \eta_0} \int_0^{\eta_0} [\sec^4 \eta \ln \sec^2 \eta - \sec^6 \eta + \tan^2 \eta \sec^4 \eta + \sec^2 \eta] d\eta \quad (26)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\eta_0} \sec^4 \eta \ln \sec^2 \eta d\eta &= \frac{4}{3} \eta_0 - \frac{10}{9} \tan \eta_0 + \frac{4}{3} \tan \eta_0 \ln \sec \eta_0 \\ &\quad - \frac{2}{9} \sec^2 \eta_0 \tan \eta_0 + \frac{2}{3} \sec^2 \eta_0 \tan \eta_0 \ln \sec \eta_0 \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

$$\int_0^{\eta_0} \sec^6 \eta d\eta = \frac{8}{15} \tan \eta_0 + \frac{4}{15} \tan \eta_0 \sec^2 \eta_0 + \frac{1}{5} \tan \eta_0 \sec^4 \eta_0 \quad (28)$$

$$\int_0^{\eta_0} \tan^2 \eta \sec^4 \eta d\eta = -\frac{2}{15} \tan \eta_0 - \frac{1}{15} \tan \eta_0 \sec^2 \eta_0 + \frac{1}{5} \tan \eta_0 \sec^4 \eta_0 \quad (29)$$

$$\int_0^{\eta_0} \sec^2 \eta d\eta = \tan \eta_0 \quad (30)$$

$$= \frac{2\pi\delta a^4}{2 + \sec^2 \eta_0} \left[ \frac{4}{3} \frac{\eta_0}{\tan \eta_0} - \frac{7}{9} + \frac{4}{3} \ln \sec \eta_0 - \frac{5}{9} \sec^2 \eta_0 + \frac{2}{3} \sec^2 \eta_0 \ln \sec \eta_0 \right] \quad (31)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \bar{k} \rangle &= 2 \langle \bar{k}_o \rangle \\ &= \frac{4}{9} \frac{\pi \delta a^4}{2 + \sec^2 \eta_0} \left[ 12 \left( \frac{\eta_0}{\tan \eta_0} + \ln \sec \eta_0 \right) + (6 \ln \sec \eta_0 - 5) \sec^2 \eta_0 - 7 \right] \end{aligned} \quad (32)$$

### 3 Expected Isolated Nodes

#### 3.1 1+1 Dimensions

Poisson point process:

$$P(x) = \frac{(\delta V)^x}{x!} e^{-\delta V} \quad (33)$$

The probability a node is isolated at conformal time  $\eta$  is given by this expression, where  $x = 0$  is the expected number of nodes in the sum of the light cone volumes  $V = V_p(\eta) + V_f(\eta)$ . Manipulating this expression yields

$$\begin{aligned} P(0) &= e^{-2\delta a^2[(\eta_0 - \eta) \tan \eta_0 + \ln \sec^2 \eta - \ln \sec \eta_0]} \\ &= e^{-2\delta a^2[\eta_0 \tan \eta_0 - \ln \sec \eta_0]} e^{-2\delta a^2[\ln \sec^2 \eta - \eta \tan \eta_0]} \\ &= \xi e^{-2\delta a^2[\ln \sec^2 \eta - \eta \tan \eta_0]} \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

Then, the expected number of isolated nodes is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle N(0) \rangle &= N \int_0^{\eta_0} \rho(\eta) P(0) \, d\eta \\
&= \frac{N\xi}{\tan \eta_0} \int_0^{\eta_0} \sec^2 \eta e^{-2\delta a^2 [\ln \sec^2 \eta - \eta \tan \eta_0]} \, d\eta \\
&\quad e^{-2\delta a^2 \ln \sec^2 \eta} = (\cos \eta)^{4\delta a^2} \\
&= \frac{N\xi}{\tan \eta_0} \int_0^{\eta_0} (\cos \eta)^{4\delta a^2 - 2} e^{(2\delta a^2 \tan \eta_0) \eta} \, d\eta
\end{aligned} \tag{35}$$