

Polymer Chains.

"Monomers" attached randomly.

$$\mathbb{Z}^d = \mathbb{Z} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}. \quad d=3.$$

Random walk path.

Polymer of length n (in \mathbb{Z}^d) starting at 0 is a sequence of pts. $\bar{x} = [x_0, \dots, x_n]$. $x_0 = 0$. $x_i \in \mathbb{Z}^d$. $|x_j - x_{j-1}| = 1$.

How many paths are there of length n ? $(2d)^n$.

What does a "typical" path look like?

Give unif prob for each path of length n , $\frac{1}{(2d)^n}$.

How far from origin? Expected distance from origin.
 $\approx \sqrt{n}$.

Flory: Self-avoiding walks.

Def. A SAW of length n (in \mathbb{Z}^d) starting at 0 is a sequence of pts. $[x_0=0, x_1, \dots, x_n]$ st. $x_j \in \mathbb{Z}^d$. $|x_j - x_{j-1}| = 1$. $\forall j \geq 1$. And $x_j \neq x_k$ if $j < k$.

How many SAWs are there? of length n .

What does a "typical" look like?

How do I generate SAW on the computer?

$d=1$. 2. typical walk is a straight line.
generating easy.

$d=2$. $C_n = \# \text{ SAWs starting at } 0$. $C_n \leq (2d)^n$. \checkmark
 $C_n \leq (2n)(2d-1)^{n-1}$.
 $C_n \geq d^n$, only moves in positive direction.

$$C_n \geq 2^d d^n.$$

Conjecture: \exists number β such that $C_n = \beta^n$.

e.g. $d=2$. $2 \leq \beta \leq 3$.

Thm. There exists a number ρ_d such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log C_n}{n} = \log \rho_d$.

Def. A function $f: \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called subadditive if for $\forall n, m$.
 $f(n+m) \leq f(n) + f(m)$.

Subadditivity Lemma. If f subadditive, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{n}$ exists and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{n} = \inf_n \frac{f(n)}{n}$.

pf: Let $N \in \mathbb{N}^+$. If n is any integer, $n = kN + r$ for $k \in \mathbb{N}^+$, $0 \leq r < N$.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{n} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(kN+r)}{kN+r} \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{kf(N) + f(r)}{kN+r} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{kf(N) + f(r)}{kN+r} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k}{kN+r} \cdot f(N) + \frac{f(r)}{kN+r}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(r) &\leq \max_{1 \leq j \leq N-1} f(j) = M_N. \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{n} \leq \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k}{kN+r} f(N) + \frac{M_N}{kN+r} \\ &= \liminf_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k}{kN+r} f(N) \\ &= \frac{f(N)}{N} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{n} \leq \frac{f(N)}{N} \text{ for } \forall N \in \mathbb{N}^+$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(n)}{n} = \inf_N \frac{f(N)}{N} = \inf_n \frac{f(n)}{n}.$$

Observation: $C_{n+m} \leq C_n C_m \Rightarrow \log C_{n+m} \leq \log C_n + \log C_m$.

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log C_n}{n} = \inf_n \frac{\log C_n}{n} = \log \beta. \text{ (define)}$$

$$\text{We know } C_n \geq 2^d \cdot d^n \Rightarrow \log C_n \geq \log 2^d + n \log d.$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\log C_n}{n} \geq \log d.$$

$$C_n \leq (2d-1)^{2d} \Rightarrow \frac{\log C_n}{n} \leq \log(2d-1).$$

Exercise: Prove for $d=2$ $d < \beta < 2d-1$.

$$\exists g(n) \text{ not SAW of length } n. \Rightarrow C_n \leq 2d(2d-1)^{n-1} \text{ gen.}$$

$$\beta = \inf_n \frac{\log C_n}{n}. \quad 2 \leq \beta < 3. \quad \forall n. \quad C_n^{\frac{1}{n}} > 2. \quad n=4. \quad C_4 \leq 4 \times 3^3 = 108.$$

$$\exists n. \quad C_n^{\frac{1}{n}} < 3.$$

~~2 < \beta < 3~~

Def $d=2$. β is called the conjective constant.

4. $4 \times 4 = 16$ 4×3^3 $\log \frac{1}{2} = n^d \cdot g(n)$
 5. $4 \times 4 + 4 \times 4 = 32$ 4×3^4
 6. $12 \times 4 + 4 \times 2 + 4 \times 4 \times 2 = 100$ 4×3^5 $\log g(n) = \frac{n^d}{2} \rightarrow c$
 $48 + 48 + 64 = 160$
 7. $4 \times 3 \times 4 \times 2 + 12 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 = 240$ 4×3^6
 $g(n) = \text{expens}$
 $= c^n$

Really: show algo \Rightarrow Choose each SAW of length n w/ prob $\frac{1}{C_n}$.

typical: Choose uniformly among C_n SAW of length n .

What is expected value of distance from origin?

Def. The exponent $2-\alpha$ is defined by expected distance $\sim n^{2-\alpha}$.

e.g. $2-\alpha = 1$.

Flory conjecture: $2-\alpha = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{2+\alpha} & d=1,2,3,4 \\ 1/2 & d=4,5,6,\dots \end{cases}$

$d=2, d=3$ nothing. $d=5$ then. $d=4$ close to then.

$d=2$ believe true $2-\alpha = 3/4$.

$d=3$. $\nu = .588$, numerical.

In the ball of radius n , how many pts does RW meet?

RWs $\rightarrow 2$ dim set.

for $d \geq 2 \times 2 = 4$. Rws don't tend to intersect.

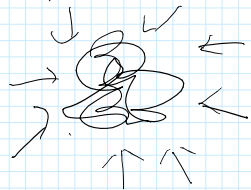
4 is the cut.

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R.W. in dim 2. enter boundary / coast line. $\frac{4}{3}$ dim. of the RW.

Precise Statement:

Brownian motion. Frontier \rightarrow boundary of the unbounded comp
of the complement. (Everything can be seen from infinity).



$$\text{Fractal dim} = \frac{4}{3}.$$

(Complex analysis + probability)