

lec 14 Kesten's general BK inequality, and its application to FPP geodesic length.

(Kesten, Aspects Theorem 6.8) Let

$\{A(k, i) : k, i \geq 1\}$  be a family of inc. events on  $(\Omega, \mathbb{P})$

$\{A'(k, i) : k, i \geq 1\}$  be another family on  $(\Omega, \mathbb{P}')$

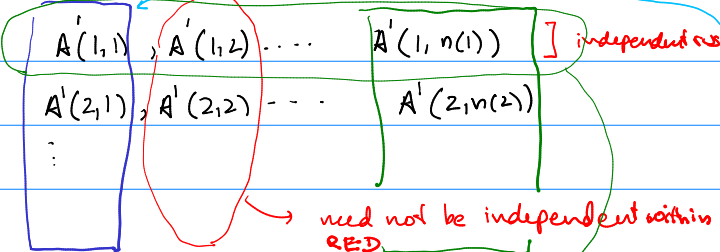
for each fixed  $i$  let

1)  $\{A(k, i) : k \geq 1\}$  have the same distribution

as  $\{A'(k, i) : k \geq 1\}$

2)  $\{A'(k, i) : k \geq 1\}$  are independent families under  $\mathbb{P}'$

Then fix same  $n(k) < \infty$  for each  $k=1, 2, \dots$



Then Blue is indep of green.

$$\mathbb{P} \left( \bigcap_{k=2,1} A_{e_1} \circ A_{e_2} \circ \dots \circ A_{k, n(k)} \right)$$

union is over the column

$$\text{Var}(T(0, x)) \geq C \log |x|,$$

$$\text{Var}(T(0, x)) \leq \frac{C|x|}{\log|x|}$$

$$d=2 \quad \text{Var}(T(0, x)) \leq C|x|^{2/3}$$

"Exponential estimate on percolating paths"

↳ BK inequality.

↳ Discrete Fourier-analysis

Arian is going to tell us about

some Harmonic analysis

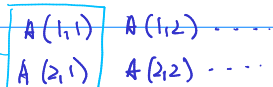
inequalities related to this.

POLL: Have you seen basic

Harmonic analysis on  $[0, 1]$ ,

ie b.  $\{\sin nx, \cos nx\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$

YES OR NO



$k=1$  in original BK

$$\mathbb{P}(A_{e_1} \circ A_{e_2} \circ \dots \circ A_{e_n}) \leq \mathbb{P} \left( \bigcap_{i=1}^n A'(k, i) \right)$$

→ BK generalized

$$\leq \mathbb{P} \left( \bigcup_{k \geq 1} \bigcap_{i=1}^{n(k)} A'(k, i) \right) \quad \text{--- (\#12)}$$

interaction over independent columns

Then using the union bound we usually

write this as

$$\leq \sum_{k \geq 1} \mathbb{P} \left( \bigcap_{i=1}^{n(k)} A'(k, i) \right)$$

$$= \sum_{k \geq 1} \prod_{i=1}^{n(k)} \mathbb{P} (A'(k, i))$$

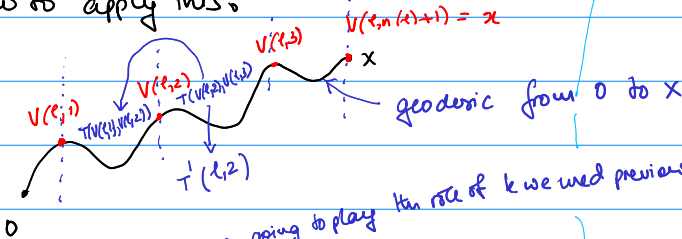
independence

using independence.

--- (#1)

How to apply this.

large but finite box contains all these paths  $\Gamma$



$\epsilon$  is going to play the role of  $k$  we used previously.

For each  $\epsilon$ ,  $\{V(\epsilon, i)\}_{\epsilon, i}$  are sets of vertices.

$$\Pi_{\epsilon}(0, x, t) = \left\{ \Gamma : \Gamma \text{ is a path from } 0 \text{ to } x \right.$$

that goes through  $V(\epsilon, 1), \dots, V(\epsilon, m(\epsilon))$   
and  $\tau(\Gamma) < t \left. \right\}$

$\Pi_r(0, x, t)$  is an event (on which the passage time is small on a collection of paths)

$$\mathbb{P} \left( \bigcup_{r \geq 1} \Pi_r(0, x, t) \neq \emptyset \right)$$

$= \mathbb{P} \left( \exists \text{ a path } \Pi \text{ that passes through one of the collections } \overset{\text{over}}{r} \text{ of vertices } V(r, 1), \dots, V(r, n(r)) \text{ such that } T(\Pi) < t \right)$

$$\leq \sum_{r \geq 1} \mathbb{P} \left( \sum_{j=0}^{n(r)} T'(r, j) < t \right)$$

We know how to analyze independent sums.

where  $\{T'(r, j)\}_{j=1}^{n(r)}$  are independent and

$$T'(r, j) \stackrel{d}{=} T(V(r, j), V(r, j+1))$$

Remark: We know how to analyze independent

SUMS!

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Proof:

self avoiding

$\mathbb{P}(\exists \text{ a path } \Pi \text{ that passes through one of the collections of vertices } V(\ell, 1), \dots, V(\ell, n(\ell)) \text{ such that } T(\Pi) < t)$

POLL: Are you all more or less with me?

YES OR NO

we can write this event as  $\bigcup_{\ell \geq 1} \Pi_{\ell}(0, x_{\ell}, t) \neq \emptyset = \left\{ \exists \text{ a } \Pi \text{, passing through } V(\ell, 1) \dots V(\ell, n(\ell)) \text{ s.t. } T(\Pi) < t \right\}$

$$\bigcup_{\ell \geq 1} \bigcup_{m \geq 1} A(m, \ell, 1) \circ \dots \circ A(m, \ell, n(\ell))$$

There are two indices instead of 1, but

$$T(\Pi) < t \iff \sum_{i=1}^{n(\ell)} t(m, \ell, i)$$

this is still in the BK setting.

index all possible nonnegative rational numbers.

where

$$A(m, \ell, i) = \left\{ T(V(\ell, i), V(\ell, i+1)) < t(m, \ell, i) \right\}$$

rational #.

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n(\ell)} t(m, \ell, i) < t$$

So basically you're picking a dense collection of rational #s, so that you can look for all

the ways in which

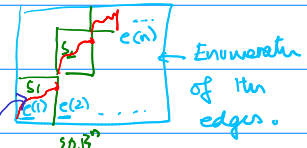
$$\sum_{i=1}^{n(\ell)} T(V(\ell, i), V(\ell, i+1)) < t$$

Fix  $m, t$

$$A(m, t, 1) \circ \dots \circ A(m, t, n(t))$$

$n$ -fold disjoint occurrence.

$$= \{ \omega \mid S_i \subset \{e(1), \dots\}, S_i \cap S_j = \emptyset, C(\omega, S_i) \subset A(m, t, i) \}$$



$$= \{ \exists \text{ a self avoiding path } \Gamma, \text{ such that the segment from } V(t, i) \text{ to } V(t, i+1) \text{ has } t \text{ vertices that } \prec t(m, t, i) \ i=1, \dots, n(t) \}$$

$$C(\omega, S) = \{ \omega' \mid \omega'_i = \omega_i \text{ on } S \}$$

the self-avoiding path  $\Gamma$  specifies the subset of edges  $S_i$

What are these edges  $S_k$  for any configuration  $\omega$ ?

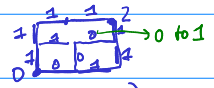
Then BK gives

$$\mathbb{P} \left( \bigcup_{m, t} A(m, t, 1) \circ \dots \circ A(m, t, n(t)) \right)$$

represents the collect of vertices  $V(t, 1), \dots, V(t, n(t))$

$$\{ T(V(t, i), V(t, i+1)) < t(m, t, i) \}$$

$$\leq \sum_c \mathbb{P} \left( \bigcup_m A(m, t, 1) \circ \dots \circ A(m, t, n(t)) \right)$$



$$\leq \sum_c \mathbb{P} \left( \bigcup_m \bigcap_{i=1}^{n(t)} A(m, t, i) \right)$$

independent over  $i$  (over distinct sections of the path)

rational numbers were designed so  $t(m, t, i)$  summed smaller than  $t$

POLL: Are  $A(m, t, i)$

$$= \sum_c \mathbb{P} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n(t)} T(t, i) < t \right)$$



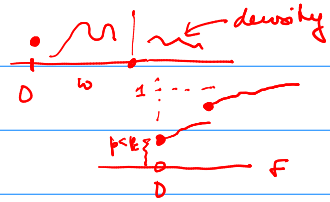
$(\mathbb{1}_{A(m, t, t)} \text{ an increasing fn of } \omega)$

Back to Kesten's Lemma (Using the BK inequality)

If  $F(0) < p_c$  then  $\exists C, a > 0$  st

$$P(\exists \text{ a self-avoiding } \Gamma_n \text{ st } |\Gamma| > n, T(\Gamma) < an) \leq e^{-Cn}$$

↑ small constant.



$C$  large, corresponds to  $\epsilon'$  length  
 $a$  is small corresponds to passage time.

Q: Do you know how to prove

$$P\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T(0, nx)}{n} < a\right) = 0$$

Using this theorem,

or  $\mu(x) \geq a$  so for any  $x \neq 0$

YES OR NO

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(\exists \Gamma \dots |\Gamma| > n, \frac{T(\Gamma)}{n} < a) \leq e^{-Cn} \rightarrow 0$$

$$\sum_n P(A_n) < \infty \implies P(A_n \text{ i.o.}) = 0$$

Pf: Fix any  $\Gamma$  of length  $n$ . Then label

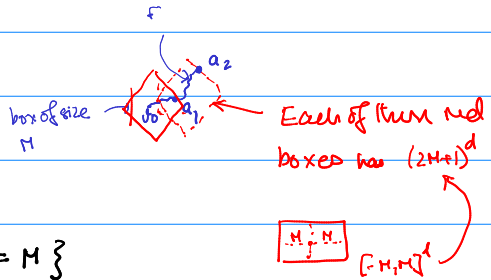
its points  $\Gamma = (v_0, \dots, v_n)$ . Define

Fix some  $M$ .

Let  $\overbrace{t(0)}^{\text{time}} = 0$        $\overbrace{a_0}^{\text{vertex}} = v_0$

Let  $t(1) = \inf \{t > 0 \mid |v_t - a_0| = M\}$

$a_1 = v_{t(1)}$



(Skeleton of points along  $\Gamma$ . Help us control the "entropy". Peierls, 2D Ising model)

(Inductively define  $t(k) =$  time at which you leave the box around

$$t(k) = \inf \{ t > 0 : |v_t - a_{k-1}| = M \}$$

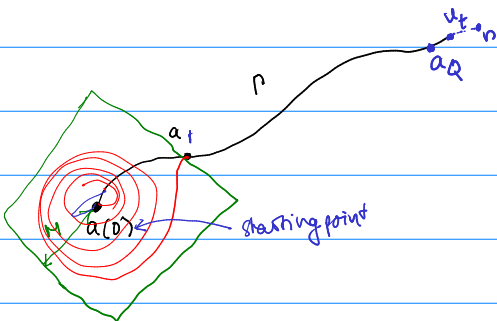
$$a_k = v_{t(k)}$$

$a_{k-1}$ ,

$a_k =$  the vertex at which you leave the box. }

Let  $Q$  be st  $|a_Q - v_t| < M \quad \forall t \in Q$

(final time)



In each  $L^1$  ball of size  $M$  around  $a(k)$

there are  $(2M+1)^d$  lattice points.

Since self avoiding.  $Q \geq \frac{n}{(2M+1)^d} = O(n)$  many skeleton points.  
constant

$$\vec{a} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_Q)$$

New sum over all points in the skeleton.  $\rightarrow$  collection of fixed vertices  $v(r_1, d) \dots v(r_Q, Q)$

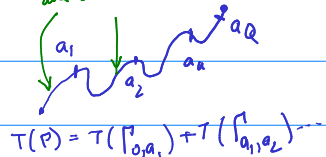
$$\mathbb{P} \left( \bigcup_{\substack{Q \geq \frac{n}{2M+1} \\ \vec{a}}} \bigcup_{\vec{a}} \mathbb{P} \text{ passes through } \vec{a}_1, \dots, a_Q = \mathbb{P} \left( \exists P, |P| = n, \text{ st } T(P) < \alpha n \right)$$

$$\mathbb{P}(U_i) \leq \sum_i \mathbb{P}(A_i)$$

where  $\vec{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_Q)$

$\rightarrow$  such that  $|a_{i+1} - a_i| = M$

are an disjoint sets of edges



$$T(P) = T(P_{a_0, a_1}) + T(P_{a_1, a_2}) + \dots$$

Using the BK inequality and the union bound

The times over the disjoint sections of the path have been

$$\leq \sum_{\substack{Q \geq \frac{n}{2M+1} \\ \vec{a}}} \sum_{i=0}^{Q-1} \mathbb{P} \left( \sum_{i=0}^{Q-1} T(a_i, a_{i+1}) < \alpha n \right)$$

replaced by independent variables  $\{T(a_i, a_{i+1})\}_{i=1}^Q$

this is the sum over  $\ell$  in the BK inequality.

$$\sum_{\vec{a}} \mathbb{P} \left( \sum_{i=0}^{Q-1} T(a_i, a_{i+1}) < \alpha n \right)$$

$$\left\{ \sum_{i=0}^{Q-1} T(a_i, a_{i+1}) < \alpha n \right\}$$

$$= \sum_{\vec{a}} \mathbb{P} \left( e^{-\lambda \sum_{i=0}^{Q-1} T(a_i, a_{i+1})} < e^{-\lambda \alpha n} \right)$$

$$= \left\{ e^{-\lambda \sum_{i=0}^{Q-1} T(a_i, a_{i+1})} < e^{-\lambda \alpha n} \right\}$$

$$\leq \sum_{\vec{a}} \mathbb{E} \left[ e^{-\lambda \sum_{i=0}^{Q-1} T(a_i, a_{i+1})} \right] e^{-\lambda \alpha n}$$

$$\mathbb{P}(X \leq a) = \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{1}{2} x < a \right] \quad x > 0$$

$$= \sum_{\vec{a}} \mathbb{E} \left[ \prod_{i=0}^{Q-1} e^{-\lambda T(a_i, a_{i+1})} \right] e^{-\lambda \alpha n}$$

(#1)

$$\leq \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{a}{x} \frac{1}{2} x < a \right]$$

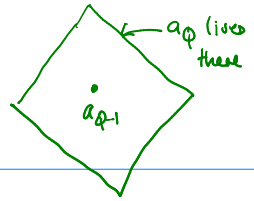
independence  $\rightarrow \prod_{i=0}^{Q-1} \mathbb{E} \left[ e^{-\lambda T(a_i, a_{i+1})} \right]$

(peeling)

$$\leq \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{a}{x} \right]$$

remove restriction





Now you "peel the layers". It's not explained so well in the text book.

$$\sum_{a_1} \sum_{a_2} \sum_{a_3} \dots \sum_{a_q} e^{\lambda C_n} \prod_{i=0}^{q-2} \mathbb{E} \left[ e^{-T(a_i, a_{i+1})} \right] \mathbb{E} \left[ e^{-T(a_{q-1}, a_q)} \right]$$

Fix  $a_1, \dots, a_{q-1}$  and sum over  $a_q$

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ e^{-T(0, a_q - a_{q-1})} \right]$$

Thus

does not depend on  $a_1, \dots, a_{q-1}, a_q$

finished peeling one layer of the onion.

$$\sum_{a_1} \sum_{a_2} \dots \sum_{a_{q-1}} e^{\lambda C_n} \prod_{i=0}^{q-2} \mathbb{E} \left[ e^{-T(a_i, a_{i+1})} \right] \mathbb{E} \left[ e^{-\lambda T(0, a)} \right]$$

$|a|=H$  ← Sum over  $a_q$ .

ⓐ → "This is the power of independence"

$$= e^{\lambda C_n} \left( \mathbb{E} \left[ e^{-\lambda T(0, a)} \right] \right)^{|a|=H}$$

for large  $\lambda$

$$e^{-\lambda T(0, a)} \approx \mathbb{1}_{\{T(0, a) = 0\}} + \mathbb{1}_{\{T(0, a) > 0\}} e^{-\lambda T(0, a)} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } \lambda \rightarrow \infty$$

OK, let's think about connection to 0, percolation comes in.

$$\sum_{|a|=H} \mathbb{E} \left[ \mathbb{1}_{\{T(0, a) = 0\}} \right] = \sum_{|a|=H} \mathbb{P}(T(0, a) = 0)$$

— (#2)

$\leq \mathbb{E} \left[ \text{size of } \textit{open, connected clusters} \textit{ that passes through the origin} \right]$



"all points  $a \in \{|x|=H\}$  that are connected to the origin by a path of 0s"

$\mathbb{P}(\text{an edge being open}) = f(\lambda) \leq p_c$   
critical prob.

$$W := \{v \in \mathbb{Z}^2 : 0 \rightarrow v \text{ by a } \wedge \text{ path of } O_s\}$$

= "percolation cluster passing through the origin"

$$\mathbb{E}[W] < \infty \quad \text{if} \quad f(0) < p_c \rightarrow \mathbb{P}(\text{edge is open at } 0) < p_c$$

↳ Duminil-Copin and Tassion (2015)

↳ Grimmett, Theorem 5.75. (Textbook on percolation)

Return to (#2) and notice that it is

$$\mathbb{E}[W \cap \{x : |x|_1 = M\}]$$

$$\mathbb{E}[W] = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{E}[W \cap \{x : |x|_1 = k\}] < \infty$$

So you can choose  $M$  st

$$\mathbb{E}[W \cap \{x : |x|_1 = M\}] \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

$M^{\text{th}}$  term in the sum is small.

$\leq 1/2$  (#3a)

$$\mathbb{E}[e^{-\lambda T(0,a)}]_{|a|=M} = \sum_{|a|=M} \mathbb{E}\left[\mathbb{1}_{\{T(0,a)=0\}}\right]$$

$$+ \sum_{|a|=M} \mathbb{E}\left[e^{-\lambda T(0,a)} \mathbb{1}_{\{T(0,a)>0\}}\right]$$

(#3b)

I can also choose this to be small for large enough

$\lambda$ .

$$e^{-\lambda T(0,a)} \mathbb{1}_{\{T(0,a)>0\}} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } \lambda \rightarrow \infty$$

Thus returning to (#1)

$$= e^{\lambda C_0} \left( \sum_{|a|=M} \mathbb{E}[e^{-\lambda T(0,a)}] \right)^Q$$

(#3)

Once  $M$  is chosen, choose  $\lambda$  so large so that

combining #3a and #3b

$$\sum_{|A|=n} \mathbb{E} \left[ e^{-\lambda T(0,A)} \right] \leq \frac{3}{4} \quad (\text{Why can you do this?})$$

we first fix  $n$   
 $\lambda$  has been fixed large

$Q \geq \frac{n}{(2n+1)^d}$  ← proved this previously

Then, (#3)  $\leq e^{\lambda C n} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^Q$

$(e^{\lambda C}) > 1$  by choosing  $C$  small

Thus  $\leq (e^{\lambda C})^{Q(2n+1)^d} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^Q$  — (#4)

$e^{\lambda C n} \left( \sum_{|A|=n} \mathbb{E} \left[ e^{-\lambda T(0,A)} \right] \right)^Q$  — (#3)

In fact choose  $C$  so small st  $e^{\lambda C (2n+1)^d}$  is very small. Then

$(#4) \leq \left(\frac{7}{8}\right)^{Q \rightarrow Q \geq \frac{n}{(2n+1)^d}} \leq e^{-C'n} = \left(\frac{7}{8}\right)^{\frac{1}{(2n+1)^d}}$

$\left( e^{\lambda C (2n+1)^d} \frac{3}{4} \right) \leq \frac{7}{8}$   
 ↓  
 not much larger than 1

This is the exponential bound we wanted to prove.  
 → Original probability we started with.

POLL: Were you all more or less with me?  
 A B  
 YES NO