Two-periodic Aztec diamond and matrix valued orthogonal polynomials

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- 8. Results for the Aztec diamond
- 9. Results for the hexagon

### 1. Aztec diamond

## Aztec diamond



# Tiling of an Aztec diamond



• Tiling with  $2 \times 1$  and  $1 \times 2$  rectangles (dominos)

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• Four types of dominos

## Large random tiling



#### Recent development

• Two-periodic weighting Chhita, Johansson (2016) Beffara, Chhita, Johansson (2018 to appear)



#### Two-periodic weights

#### • A new phase within the liquid region: gas region



## Phase diagram



# 2. Hexagon tilings

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# Lozenge tiling of a hexagon





three types of lozenges

# Arctic circle phenomenon



# Two periodic hexagon (size 6)





 $\alpha = \mathbf{0}$ 

 $\alpha = 0.1$ 

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# Two periodic hexagon (size 30)





 $\alpha = 0.1$ 

 $\alpha = 0.18$ 

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# Two periodic hexagon (size 50)



 $\alpha = 0.1$ 

 $\alpha = 0.15$ 

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# Phase Diagrams







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 $\alpha > 1/9$ 

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# 3. The two periodic model

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#### Oblique hexagon and weights





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• Vertices are on the integer lattice  $\mathbb{Z}^2$ 

## Oblique hexagon and weights





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# Weight



- Weight of a tiling T is the product of the weights of the lozenges in the tiling.
- Probability is proportional to the weight

$$\mathsf{Prob}(T) = \frac{w(T)}{Z_N}$$

where  $Z_N = \sum_T w(T)$  is the normalizing constant (partition function)

# 4. Non-intersecting paths

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#### Non-intersecting paths on a graph

Paths fit on a graph



# Weights on the graph

**Red edges** carry weight  $\alpha$ , Other edges have weight 1



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# Two periodic hexagon (size 30)



• For  $0 < \alpha < 1$  : punishment to cover the red edges.

• Appearance of the staircase region in the middle.

# 5. Determinantal point process : known results

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#### Particle configuration

#### Focus on positions of particles along the paths.



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# Transitions and LGV theorem

Particles at level 
$$m$$
:  $x_j^{(m)}$ ,  $j=0,\ldots,N-1$ .

Proposition

$$\mathsf{Prob}\left((x_{j}^{(m)})_{j=0,m=1}^{N-1,2N-1}\right) = \frac{1}{Z_{n}}\prod_{m=0}^{2N-1}\det\left[T_{m}(x_{j}^{(m)},x_{k}^{(m+1)})\right]_{j,k=0}^{N-1}$$

with 
$$x_j^{(0)} = j$$
,  $x_j^{(2N)} = N + j$  and transition matrices

$$egin{aligned} &\mathcal{T}_m(x,x) = 1 \ &\mathcal{T}_m(x,x+1) = egin{cases} lpha, & ext{if} \ m+x \ ext{is even}, \ &1, & ext{if} \ m+x \ ext{is odd}, \ &\mathcal{T}_m(x,y) = 0 & ext{otherwise}, & x,y \in \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

This follows from Lindström Gessel Viennot lemma.Lindström (1973)Gessel-Viennot (1985)

#### Determinantal point process

Such a product of determinants defines a determinantal point process on  $\mathcal{X} = \{0, \dots, 2N\} \times \mathbb{Z}$ :

Corollary

There is a correlation kernel  $K : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \to \mathbb{R}$  such that for every finite  $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{X}$ 

**Prob** [ $\exists$  particle at each  $(m, x) \in \mathcal{A}$ ]

 $= \det \left[ K((m,x),(m',x')) \right]_{(m,x),(m',x') \in \mathcal{A}}$ 

## Eynard Mehta formula

Notation for m < m'

$$T_{m,m'} = T_{m'-1} \cdot \cdot \cdot T_{m+1} \cdot T_m$$

is transition matrix from level m to level m', and

$$G = [T_{0,2N}(i,j)]_{i,j=0}^{2N-1}$$

is finite section of  $T_{0,2N}$ .

Eynard-Mehta (1998) formula for correlation kernel

$$K((m, x), (m', x')) = -\chi_{m > m'} T_{m', m}(x', x) + \sum_{i,j=0}^{2N-1} T_{0,m}(i, x) [G^{-1}]_{j,i} T_{m', 2N}(x', j)$$

• How to invert the matrix G?

# 6. Determinantal point process: new result for periodic $T_m$

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#### Periodic transition matrices

$$T_{m} \text{ is 2-periodic: } T_{m}(x+2, y+2) = T_{m}(x, y) \text{ for } x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$$
  
Block Toeplitz matrix  $T_{m} = \begin{pmatrix} \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \\ \ddots & B_{0} & B_{1} & \ddots & \ddots \\ \ddots & B_{-1} & B_{0} & B_{1} & \ddots \\ & \ddots & B_{-1} & B_{0} & \ddots & \ddots \\ & & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$   
with block symbol  
$$A_{m}(z) = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} B_{j} z^{j} = B_{0} + B_{1} z = \begin{cases} 1 & \alpha \\ z & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ if } m \text{ is even}, \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \alpha \\ z & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ if } m \text{ is odd}. \end{cases}$$

• Notation  $A(z) = A_1(z)A_0(z)$ 

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#### Theorem (Duits + K for this special case)

Suppose hexagon of size 2N. Then

 $\begin{pmatrix} K(2m, 2x; 2m', 2y) & K(2m, 2x+1; 2m', 2y) \\ K(2m, 2x; 2m', 2y+1) & K(2m, 2x+1, 2m', 2y+1) \end{pmatrix}$ =  $-\frac{\chi_{m > m'}}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} A^{m-m'}(z) z^{y-x} \frac{dz}{z}$ +  $\frac{1}{(2\pi i)^2} \oint_{\gamma} \oint_{\gamma} A^{2N-m'}(w) R_N(w, z) A^m(z) \frac{w^y}{z^{x+1} w^{2N}} dz dw$ 

where  $R_N(w, z)$  is a reproducing kernel for matrix valued polynomials with respect to weight matrix

$$W_N(z) = \frac{A^{2N}(z)}{z^{2N}} = \frac{1}{z^{2N}} \begin{pmatrix} 1+z & 1+\alpha\\ (1+\alpha)z & 1+\alpha^2z \end{pmatrix}^{2N}$$

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# 7. Matrix Valued Orthogonal Polynomials (MVOP)

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### **MVOP**

- Matrix valued polynomial  $P_j(z) = \sum_{i=0}^j C_i z^i$
- Orthogonality

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} P_j(z) W_N(z) P_k^t(z) \, dz = H_j \delta_{j,k}$$

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#### Definition

Reproducing kernel for matrix polynomials

$$R_N(w,z) = \sum_{j=0}^{N-1} P_j^t(w) H_j^{-1} P_j(z)$$

• If Q has degree  $\leq N - 1$ , then

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} Q(w) W_N(w) R_N(w, z) dw = Q(z)$$

#### Riemann-Hilbert problem

- There is a Christoffel-Darboux formula for *R<sub>N</sub>* and a Riemann Hilbert problem for MVOP
- $Y:\mathbb{C}\setminus\gamma\rightarrow\mathbb{C}^{4\times4}$  satisfies
  - Y is analytic,

• 
$$Y_{+} = Y_{-} \begin{pmatrix} I_{2} & W_{N} \\ 0_{2} & I_{2} \end{pmatrix}$$
 on  $\gamma$ ,  
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#### **Christoffel Darboux formula**

$$R_N(w,z) = \frac{1}{z-w} \begin{pmatrix} 0_2 & l_2 \end{pmatrix} Y^{-1}(w) Y(z) \begin{pmatrix} l_2 \\ 0_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Delvaux (2010)  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{O}}}$ 

Lozenge tiling of hexagon

• 
$$A(z) = \begin{pmatrix} 1+z & 1+\alpha \\ (1+\alpha)z & 1+\alpha^2z \end{pmatrix}$$
 has eigenvalues

$$1 + \frac{1+\alpha^2}{2}z \pm \frac{1-\alpha^2}{2}\sqrt{z(z+\frac{4}{(1-\alpha)^2})^2}$$

that "live" on  $y^2 = z(z + \frac{4}{(1-\alpha)^2}) \rightarrow$  genus zero

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Two periodic Aztec diamond

• Similar analysis leads to  $\begin{pmatrix} 2\alpha z & \alpha(z+1)\\ \alpha^{-1}z(z+1) & 2\alpha^{-1}z \end{pmatrix}$  with eigenvalues

$$(\alpha + \alpha^{-1})z \pm \sqrt{z(z + \alpha^2)(z + \alpha^{-2})}$$

## 8. Results for Aztec diamond

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## Explicit formulas

• MVOP of degree *N* is explicit for *N* even

$$P_N(z) = (z-1)^N z^{N/2} A^{-N}(z)$$

• Explicit formula for correlation kernel (double contour part only)

$$\frac{1}{(2\pi i)^2} \oint_{\gamma_{0,1}} \frac{dz}{z} \oint_{\gamma_1} \frac{dw}{z - w} A^{N-m'}(w) F(w) A^{-N+m}(z) \\ \times \frac{z^{N/2}(z-1)^N}{w^{N/2}(w-1)^N} \frac{w^{(m'+n')/2}}{z^{(m+n)/2}}$$

with 
$$F(w) = \frac{1}{2}I_2$$
  
+ $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{w(w+\alpha^2)(w+\alpha^{-2})}} \begin{pmatrix} (\alpha-\alpha^{-1})w & \alpha(w+1) \\ \alpha^{-1}w(w+1) & -(\alpha-\alpha^{-1})w \end{pmatrix}$ 

#### Steepest descent

• Classical steepest descent for integrals on the Riemann surface explains the phases and transitions between phases



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## 9. Results for hexagon

## Scalar orthogonality

MVOP for two periodic hexagon are expressed in terms of scalar OP of degree 2N

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma_1} P_{2N}(\zeta) \left( \frac{(\zeta - \alpha)^2}{\zeta(\zeta - 1)^2} \right)^{2N} \zeta^k d\zeta = 0,$$
  
$$k = 0, 1, \dots, 2N - 1.$$

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$$k = 0, 1, \dots, 2N - 1.$$

- Non-hermitian orthogonality with respect to varying weight
- We can see the phase transition at α = 1/9 in the behavior of the zeros of P<sub>2N</sub> as N → ∞.

## Zeros



• Curve closes for  $\alpha = 1/9$ .

• Analysis uses logarithmic potential theory, *S*-curves in external field, and the Riemann-Hilbert problem

# Thank you for your attention



