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# Overlaps and Pathwise Localization in the Anderson Polymer Model

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# Polymer Models.

## Basic Pinning Model

- A probability measure  $P$  on a space of paths,  
 $\omega : [0, \infty) \rightarrow Z^d$ .
- A functional  $H_T$  on paths of length  $T$ , e.g.  
 $H_T(\omega) = \int_0^T \delta_0(\omega(s)) ds$ .
- A new probability measure  
 $d\mu_T^\beta(\omega) = Z_\beta^{-1}(T) \exp\{\beta H_T(\omega)\} dP(\omega)$ ,  $\beta > 0$ , on paths  
 $\omega : [0, \infty) \rightarrow Z^d$ .
- $Z_\beta(T) = E[\exp\{\beta H_T(\omega)\}]$  is called the partition function.

## Other examples of polymer models.

### Polymer in discrete time and random environment.

- Let  $\{S_{i,j} : i \in \mathbf{N}, j \in \mathbf{Z}\}$  be *iid* random variables (Gaussian or Bernoulli, e.g.).
- Let  $\omega : \mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}$  be simple symmetric random walk with respect to  $P$ .
- Let  $H_n(\omega) = \sum_{i=0}^n S_{i,\omega(i)}$ .
- Set  $d\mu_n^\beta(\omega) = Z_\beta^{-1}(n) \exp\{\beta H_n(\omega)\} dP(\omega)$ .
- $Z_\beta(n) = E[\exp\{\beta H_n(\omega)\}]$ .
- This model was also studied by many authors  
Imbrie-Spencer, Bolthausen, Carmona-Hu,  
Comets-Shiga-Yoshida, Rovira-Tindel,....

## Anderson polymer model.

### Polymer in continuous time and random environment.

- Let  $\{B_x(t) : t \in [0, \infty), x \in \mathbf{Z}^d\}$  be *iid* Brownian motions.
- Let  $\omega : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}^d$  be continuous time rate  $\kappa$  simple symmetric random walk with respect to  $P^\kappa$ .
- Let  $H_T(\omega) = \int_0^T dB_{\omega(s)}(s)$ .
- Set  $d\mu_{\kappa,\beta,T}(\omega) = Z_{\kappa,\beta}^{-1}(T) \exp\{\beta H_T(\omega)\} dP^\kappa(\omega)$ .
- $Z_{\kappa,\beta}(T) = E^\kappa[\exp\{\beta H_T(\omega)\}]$
- This model was studied by many authors Comets, Carmona-Hu, Vargas,.....

# Free Energy.

## Free Energy

- The partition function can reveal phase transitions (as  $\beta$  changes) in the polymer model.
- This is exhibited by the free energy  
$$F(\beta) \equiv \lim \frac{1}{T} \ln Z_\beta(T).$$
- The existence of this limit is typically established by sub-additivity, such as a sub-additive ergodic theorem, for alternative approach through concentration of measure see Rovira-Tindel.

# Free Energy.

## Free energy for pinning model.

- For all  $\beta > 0$ ,  $F(\beta)$  is the eigenvalue of  $\Delta + \beta\delta_0$  if  $d = 1$  or  $2$ .
- If  $d \geq 3$ , there is a  $\beta_c > 0$  such that  $F(\beta) = 0$  for  $\beta \leq \beta_c$  and  $F(\beta)$  is the eigenvalue of  $\Delta + \beta\delta_0$  if  $\beta > \beta_c$ .
- The change in behavior of  $F$  at  $\beta = \beta_c$  signals a phase transition from an extended state to a confined (globular) state for the polymer model.



## Parabolic Anderson Model

- Let  $\Delta$  be the discrete Laplacian on  $\mathbf{Z}^d$ :  

$$\Delta f(x) = \frac{1}{2d} \sum_{y:|y-x|=1} (f(y) - f(x)).$$
- Original Anderson problem: determine spectrum of  $\Delta + \sigma \sum_{x \in \mathbf{Z}^d} \xi_x \delta_x$ , where  $\sigma > 0$ ,  $\xi_x, x \in \mathbf{Z}^d$  are *iid*.
- Parabolic Anderson Model (PAM), solution of the equation:  

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(t, x) = 1 + \kappa \Delta u(t, x) + \beta u(t, x) \partial B_x(t), \quad x \in \mathbf{Z}^d, t \geq 0.$$
- In integrated form equation is:  $u(t, x) = 1 + \kappa \int_0^t \Delta u(s, x) ds + \beta \int_0^t u(s, x) \partial B_x(s), \quad x \in \mathbf{Z}^d, t \geq 0.$
- Feynman-Kac gives representation  

$$u(t, x) = E_x^\kappa [\exp\{\beta \int_0^t dB_{\omega(t-s)}(s)\}].$$

# Free Energy and Lyapunov Exponent

## Free Energy and Lyapunov Exponent

- $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \ln u(t, 0) = \Psi(\kappa, \beta)$ ,  $P^\kappa$  a.s.. (subadditivity argument C-M-S, 2002)
- Scaling:  $\Psi(\kappa, \beta) = \kappa \Psi(1, \kappa^{-1/2} \beta)$ .
- Asymptotics:  $\Psi(\kappa, 1) \sim \frac{\alpha^2}{4 \ln \frac{1}{\kappa}}$ ,  $\kappa \searrow 0$ . (large deviations)
- $\Psi(\kappa, \beta) = \frac{\beta^2}{2} \iff \frac{\beta^2}{\kappa} \leq \Upsilon_c$  for some  $\Upsilon_c \in [0, \infty)$
- $Z_\beta^\kappa(T) \stackrel{\mathcal{L}}{=} u(T, 0)$ ,
- $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \ln Z_\beta^\kappa(T) = \Psi(\kappa, \beta)$ ,  $P^\kappa$  a.s..
- This means the free energy for the parabolic Anderson polymer model is the Lyapunov exponent for the PAM.

## Overlaps in Statistical Mechanics Models.

### Overlaps in Ising Model

- Configuration space  $\Sigma = \{-1, 1\}^N$  and Gibbs measure  $\mu(\sigma) = Z_N^{-1} \exp\{\sum_{i \neq j} J_{i,j} \sigma_i \sigma_j + h \sum_i \sigma_i\}$ ,  $J_{i,j} \geq 0$ .
- The mean magnetization,  $m_N = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \sigma_i$ , is the overlap between  $\sigma$  and the configuration  $\hat{\sigma}$  which is given by  $\hat{\sigma}_i = 1$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N$ .
- That is  $m_N = R(\sigma, \hat{\sigma}) \equiv \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1, \dots, N} \sigma_i \hat{\sigma}_i$ .

## Overlaps in Statistical Mechanics Models.

### Overlaps in Sherrington Kirkpatrick

- $H_N(\sigma) = \sum_{i,j=1,\dots,N,i \neq j} J_{i,j} \sigma_i \sigma_j$  now  $J_{i,j}$  are iid  $\mathcal{N}(0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}})$ .
- Gibbs measure  $\mu(\sigma) = Z^{-1} \exp\{\beta H_N(\sigma)\}$
- Overlap between two independent selections,  $\sigma^1, \sigma^2$  according to distribution  $\mu$  is given by
 
$$R(\sigma_1, \sigma_2) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1,\dots,N} \sigma_i^1 \sigma_i^2.$$
- This is comparing the model to itself.

## Overlaps in the Anderson Polymer Model.

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- The path overlap is defined as

$$J_{\kappa,\beta,T} \equiv \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \mu_{\kappa,\beta,T}^{\otimes 2}(\omega_1(t) = \omega_2(t)) dt$$

- The endpoint overlap is defined as

$$I_{\kappa,\beta,T} = \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \mu_{\kappa,\beta,t}^{\otimes 2}(\omega_1(t) = \omega_2(t)) dt.$$

- Recall  $H_T(\omega) = \int_0^T dB_{\omega(s)}(s)$  and

$$d\mu_{\kappa,\beta,T}(\omega) = Z_{\kappa,\beta}^{-1}(T) \exp\{\beta H_T(\omega)\} dP^{\kappa}(\omega).$$

# Overlaps and Localization.

## Overlaps and Disorder

- Carmona-Hu showed  $\int_0^\infty \mu_{\kappa,\beta,t}^{\otimes 2}(\omega_1(t)=\omega_2(t))dt = \infty \iff \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} Z_{\kappa,\beta,T} \exp\{-T\beta^2/2\} = 0, \text{ a.s.}$
- The former is called weak-localization and the latter is called "strong disorder."
- Note  $\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} Z_{\kappa,\beta,T} \exp\{-T\beta^2/2\} = 0, \text{ a.s.} \iff \Psi(\kappa, \beta) = \frac{\beta^2}{\kappa}$
- Strong localization is the existence of a (random) point  $x$  such that  $\limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} \sup_x \mu_{\kappa,\beta,T}(\omega(T)=x) > 0$ .
- Carmona-Hu, proved in any dimension, strong disorder implies strong localization.

# Limit Theorem.

## Theorem

- $\tilde{I}_{\kappa,\beta,\infty} = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \mu_{\kappa,\beta,t}^{\otimes 2}(\omega_1(t) = \omega_2(t)) dt$ , *a.s.*
- $\tilde{I}_{\kappa,\beta,\infty} = 1 - \frac{2}{\beta^2} \Psi(\kappa, \beta)$ .
- $\tilde{J}_{\kappa,\beta,\infty} = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} E[\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \mu_{\kappa,\beta,T}^{\otimes 2}(\omega_1(t) = \omega_2(t)) dt]$
- $\tilde{J}_{\kappa,\beta,\infty} = 1 - \frac{1}{\beta} \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial \beta}(\kappa, \beta)$  *except for at most countably any values of  $\frac{\beta^2}{\kappa}$*

# Corollary

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$$\tilde{I}_{\kappa, \beta, \infty} > 0 \iff \beta^2 / \kappa > \Upsilon_c.$$

- *Similarly, for all  $\kappa > 0$ ,*

$$\Upsilon_c = \inf\{\beta^2 / \kappa : \tilde{J}_{\kappa, \beta, \infty} > 0\}.$$



## Favorite Endpoint-Favorite Path

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- $x^*(t) = \operatorname{argmax}\{E_\kappa[\exp\{\beta H_t(\omega)\}\delta_x(\omega(t))]\} : x \in \mathbf{Z}^d\}$   
(favorite endpoint)
- For fixed  $t$ ,  $x^*(t)$  maximizes  $\mu_{\kappa,\beta,t}(\omega(t) = x)$
- $y_T^*(t) = \operatorname{argmax}\{E_\kappa[\exp\{\beta H_T(\omega)\}\delta_x(\omega(t))]\} : x \in \mathbf{Z}^d\}$   
(favorite path)
- For all  $t \in [0, T]$ ,  $y_T^*(t)$  maximizes  $\mu_{\kappa,\beta,T}(\omega(t) = x)$

## Favorite Endpoint Asymptotic Theorem

### Theorem

- for  $\frac{\beta^2}{\kappa} > \Upsilon_c$ ,  $LI = \liminf_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \mu_{\kappa, \beta, t}(\omega(t) = x^*(t)) dt \geq C > 0$ . (*strong disorder localizes endpoint*)
- for  $\frac{\beta^2}{\kappa} \leq \Upsilon_c$ ,  $LI = 0$ . (*weak disorder doesn't localize endpoint*)
- $LS = \limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \mu_{\kappa, \beta, t}(\omega(t) = x^*(t)) dt$  then as  $\frac{\beta^2}{\kappa} \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$(1 - \epsilon) \frac{\alpha^2}{4 \ln \beta^2 / \kappa} \leq 1 - LS \leq 1 - LI \leq (2 + \epsilon) \frac{\alpha^2}{4 \ln \beta^2 / \kappa}$$

# Favorite Path Asymptotic Theorem

## Theorem

for all  $\beta^2/\kappa$  large enough, we have a.s.,

$$\frac{\alpha^2}{8 \ln(\beta^2/\kappa)} \leq \liminf_{T \rightarrow \infty} E_{\mu_{\kappa, \beta, T}} \left( \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T 1_{\{\omega(t) \neq y_T^*(t)\}} dt \right)$$

$$\limsup_{T \rightarrow \infty} E_{\mu_{\kappa, \beta, T}} \left( \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T 1_{\{\omega(t) \neq y_T^*(t)\}} dt \right) \leq \frac{3\alpha^2}{4 \ln(\beta^2/\kappa)}$$

## Endpoint Overlap

### Idea of proof for Endpoint

- Itô's formula gives

$$d \ln Z_{\kappa, \beta, t} =$$

$$\beta \mu_{\kappa, \beta, t}(dB_{\omega(t)}(t)) + \frac{\beta^2}{2} \left( 1 - \mu_{\kappa, \beta, t}^{\otimes 2}(\omega_1(t) = \omega_2(t)) \right) dt$$

- $\frac{1}{t} \ln Z_{\kappa, \beta, t} = \frac{1}{t} M_t + \frac{\beta^2}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t \mu_{\kappa, \beta, s}^{\otimes 2}(\omega_1(s) = \omega_2(s)) ds \right)$
- $d \langle M \rangle_t = \beta^2 \mu_{\kappa, \beta, t}(\omega_1(t) = \omega_2(t)) dt$
- $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} M_t = 0$

## Path Overlap

### Idea of proof for Path

- Malliavin derivative:  $D_{t,x}H_T(\omega) = \frac{\partial H_T}{\partial dB_X(t)}(\omega) = \delta_x(\omega(t))$ .
- Chain rule:

$$\begin{aligned} D_{t,x}Z_{\kappa,\beta,T} &= \beta E_{\kappa}[\delta_x(\omega(t)) \exp\{\beta H_T(\omega)\}] \\ D_{t,x} \ln Z_{\kappa,\beta,T} &= \beta \mu_{\kappa,\beta,T}(\delta_x(\omega(t))). \end{aligned}$$

- Gaussian IBP  $E[H_T(\omega)F] = E[\sum_x \int_0^T \delta_x(\omega(t)) D_{t,x}F dt]$
- $\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} E[\ln Z_{\kappa,\beta,T}] = \beta E \left[ \int_0^T \left( 1 - \mu_{\kappa,\beta,T}^{\otimes 2}(\omega_1(t) = \omega_2(t)) \right) dt \right]$
- $\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \ln Z_{\kappa,\beta,T} = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} E[\ln Z_{\kappa,\beta,T}]$ .

## Favorite Point

## Idea of proof for favorite point/path



$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \mu_{\kappa, \beta, t}^{\otimes 2}(\omega_1(t) \neq \omega_2(t)) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \mu_{\kappa, \beta, t}(\omega(t) = x) \mu_{\kappa, \beta, t}(\omega(t) \neq x) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \left( 1 - \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \mu_{\kappa, \beta, t}(\omega(t) = x)^2 \right) dt. \end{aligned}$$

- then split off the term for  $x = x^*(t)$  from the sum and do a little rearrangement
- similar strategy works for favorite path

## Jump Distribution

### Jump Distribution

- $N(T, \omega)$  is the number of jumps of  $\omega$  in  $[0, T]$
- For  $r \geq 0$ , the limit

$$\Gamma(\beta, r) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} T^{-1} \ln E_{\kappa} [\exp\{\beta H_T(\omega)\} | N(T, \omega) = [rT]]$$

exists a.s. and in  $L^p$ ,  $p \in [1, \infty)$ .

- Define  $I_{\kappa}(r) = r \ln(r/\kappa) - r + \kappa$  (Poisson large deviation rate function)

## Jump Distribution

### Jump Distribution

[Large deviations] Define  $I_{\kappa,\beta}$  to be the convex function

$$I_{\kappa,\beta}(r) = -\Gamma(\beta, r) + I_{\kappa}(r) + \Psi_{\kappa,\beta}.$$

Then

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty, n/T \rightarrow r} T^{-1} \ln \mu_{\kappa,\beta,T}(N(T, \omega) = n) = -I_{\kappa,\beta}(r), \text{ a.s..}$$

The usual large deviations hold for  $N(T, \omega)$  with respect to  $\mu_{\kappa,\beta,T}$  with rate function  $I_{\kappa,\beta}$ .



$\alpha$  $\alpha$ 

- $\Gamma_{[0,n],n} \equiv \left\{ \gamma \in \mathcal{D}_n : \gamma : [0, n] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^d, N(\gamma, n) = n \right\}.$

- $$A_n = \sup_{\gamma \in \Gamma_{[0,n],n}} H_n(\gamma), \text{ (super-additive)}$$

- $$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} A_n = \alpha > 0, \text{ a.s.}$$

## Gaussian Integration by Parts

### IBP

$$\begin{aligned}
 E [\mu_{\kappa,\beta,T}(H_T(\omega))] &= E \left[ \mu_{\kappa,\beta,T} \left( \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \int_0^T dB_x(t) \delta_x(\omega(t)) \right) \right] \\
 &= \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}^d} E E_{\kappa} \left[ \frac{e^{\beta H_T(X)}}{Z_{\kappa,\beta,T}} \int_0^T dB_x(t) \delta_x(\omega(t)) \right] \\
 &= \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \int_0^T E_{\kappa} \left[ E \left[ \frac{e^{\beta H_T(X)}}{Z_{\kappa,\beta,T}} dB_x(t) \right] \delta_x(\omega(t)) \right] \\
 &= \sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \int_0^T E_{\kappa} \left[ E \left[ D_{t,x} \frac{e^{\beta H_T(X)}}{Z_{\kappa,\beta,T}} \right] \delta_x(\omega(t)) \right] dt
 \end{aligned}$$