# **Random volumes from matrices**

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## Introduction

Lattice approach to **Quantum Gravity** 



This approach has achieved a success in 2D gravity.

Matrix models generate random surfaces as the Feynman diagrams.

- solvable
- a formulation of 2D quantum gravity and "(noncritical) string theory"

We expect that there are solvable models generating 3-dimensional random volumes.

This may lead to a formulation of membrane theory.

Natural generalizations of matrix models are tensor models. [Ambjørn-Durhuus-Jonsson (1991), Sasakura (1991), Gross (1992)]

Tensor models generate random tetrahedral decomposition as the Feynman diagrams.

However, the models have not been solved.

(Recently, a special class of models, colored tensor models,

have made a progress. [Gurau(2009-)])

We do not know how to take a continuum limit.

Triangle-hinge models [Fukuma, SS, Umeda, JHEP1507 (2015) 088]

A new class of models generating 3D random volumes as the Feynman diagrams

We call them triangle-hinge models.

Main idea: interpret tetrahedral decmp as collection of triangles and multiple hinges



## Outline

### > Triangle-hinge models

- Algebra
- Free energy
- Restriction to 3D manifolds with tetrahedral decomposition

#### > Introducing matter fields

#### Action:

$$\begin{bmatrix} S[A,B] = \frac{1}{2}A_{ij}B^{ji} - \frac{\lambda}{6}C^{ijklmn}A_{ij}A_{kl}A_{mn} - \sum_{k\geq 2}\frac{\mu_k}{2k}B^{i_1j_1}\cdots B^{i_kj_k}y_{i_1\dots i_k}y_{j_k\dots j_1} \\ \\ \text{triangle} & \text{k-hinge} \end{bmatrix}$$

- dynamical variables are real symmetric matrices,  $A_{ij} = A_{ji}$ ,  $B^{ij} = B^{ji}$
- C<sup>ijklmn</sup> & y<sub>i1...ik</sub> are real constant tensors assigned to triangle & k-hinge, which are characterized by algebra.

$$C^{ijklmn} = g^{ni}g^{jk}g^{lm}$$

$$y_{i_1...i_k} = y_{i_1j_1}^{j_k}y_{i_2j_2}^{j_1}\dots y_{i_kj_k}^{j_{k-1}}$$
"metric"
structure const

We expect that our models can be solvable since variables are matrices not tensors, although they have not been solved yet.

#### Algebra

#### • Our models are characterized by semisimple associative algebra $\mathcal{A}$ :

vector space  $\mathcal{A}$  with multiplication × satisfying associativity:  $a \times (b \times c) = (a \times b) \times c$ ,  $a, b, c \in \mathcal{A}$ 

• The size of matrices is given by the linear dim. of alg.  $\mathcal{A}$  (dim $\mathcal{A} = N$ ).

$$A_{ij}, B^{ij}$$
  $(i, j = 1, ..., N)$ 

• If we take a basis  $\{e_i\}$  of  $\mathcal{A}$   $(i = 1, \dots, N)$ , multiplication is expressed as  $e_i \times e_j = y_{ij}^k e_k$ .

structure const.

• Definition of "metric"  $g_{ij}$ :  $g_{ij} \equiv y_{ik}^{\ \ell} y_{j\ell}^{\ k}$  $g_{ij}$  has inverse  $g^{ij} \iff$  alg.  $\mathcal{A}$  is semisimple

#### The Feynman diagrams

$$S[A,B] = \frac{1}{2}A_{ij}B^{ji} - \frac{\lambda}{6}C^{ijklmn}A_{ij}A_{kl}A_{mn} - \sum_{k\geq 2}\frac{\mu_k}{2k}B^{i_1j_1}\cdots B^{i_kj_k}y_{i_1\dots i_k}y_{j_k\dots j_1}$$

• propagator 
$$\langle A_{ij}B^{kl}\rangle = \delta_i^l \delta_j^k + \delta_i^k \delta_j^l \implies j = k$$
  
(Wick contraction)

interaction terms



 Each Feynman diagram can be interpreted as a diagram consisting of triangles which are glued together along multiple hinges.

#### Free energy

#### The free energy is sum of contribution of connected diagrams $\gamma$

$$\log Z = \sum_{\gamma} \frac{1}{S(\gamma)} \lambda^{s_2(\gamma)} \left(\prod_{k \ge 2} \mu_k^{s_1^k(\gamma)}\right) \mathcal{F}(\gamma)$$

 $S(\gamma)$ : symmetry factor,  $s_2(\gamma)$ : #(triangles),  $s_1^k(\gamma)$ : #(k-hinges),  $\mathcal{F}(\gamma)$ : index function, which is given by contraction of indices

> Index function  $\mathcal{F}(\gamma)$  is factorized into the contributions from vertices in diagram  $\gamma$ :

$$\mathcal{F}(\gamma) = \prod_{v \in \gamma} \zeta(v)$$



#### Index function and index network

Factorization of index function:  $\mathcal{F}(\gamma) = \prod \zeta(v)$ 

The index lines on two different hinges are connected through an intermediate triangle if and only if the hinges share the same vertex v. The connected components of the index network have a 1 to 1 correspondence to the vertices in  $\gamma$ .

Each index network can be regarded as a polygonal decomposition of a closed 2D surface  $\Sigma_{\nu}$ enclosing a vertex v. (Not necessarily 2D-sphere) Due to the properties of associative algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  ,  $\zeta(v)$  is topological invariant of 2D surface. [Fukuma-Hosono-Kawai (1992)]





index network

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#### Matrix ring

Here, we consider matrix ring.



• multiplication:  $e_{ab} \times e_{cd} = \delta_{bc} e_{ad}$ 

Note that index of algebra is expressed as double indices i = (a, b).

✓ index line becomes double lines:

$$i - j \rightarrow \frac{a}{b} = \frac{d}{c}$$
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Similarly, in the case of 
$$\mathcal{A} = \underbrace{M_n(\mathbb{R}) \oplus \cdots \oplus M_n(\mathbb{R})}_{K}$$
,  
 $\zeta(v) = K n^{2-2g(v)}$ .

In this case, the free energy is given by

$$\log Z = \sum \frac{1}{S} \lambda^{s_2} \left(\prod_{k \ge 2} \mu_k^{s_1^k}\right) \prod_{v: \text{ vertex}} K n^{2-2g(v)}$$

In 3D manifolds, each neighborhood around vertex is 3D ball. Thus, all g(v) should be zero.

Diagrams whose all g(v) = 0 dominate in the large *n* limit.

#### Restriction to tetrahedral decomposition 1

There are objects which are not tetrahedral decompositions. It is not suitable to assign 3D volume.

All index networks of the objects which represent tetrahedral decompositions are always triangular decompositions.

Restriction to tetrahedral decomposition can be done by slightly modifying the triangle tensor *C*<sup>*ijklmn*</sup> such that all index polygons are triangles.



#### Restriction to tetrahedral decomposition 2

- Set the size of matrix ring as n = 3m.  $M_{3m}(\mathbb{R})$
- Change the form of tensor  $C^{ijklmn}$ . •  $C^{a_1b_1c_1d_1a_2b_2c_2d_2a_3b_3c_3d_3} = \frac{1}{n^3}\,\delta^{d_1a_2}\delta^{b_2c_1}\delta^{d_2a_3}\delta^{b_3c_2}\delta^{d_3a_1}\delta^{b_1c_3}$  $\rightarrow \frac{1}{n^3} \omega^{d_1 a_2} \omega^{b_2 c_1} \omega^{d_2 a_3} \omega^{b_3 c_2} \omega^{d_3 a_1} \omega^{b_1 c_3},$ where  $\omega$  is a permutation matrix:  $\omega = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1_m & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1_m \\ 1_m & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ This means that each index line in a triangle has  $\omega$ . b5 Each index polygon with  $\ell$  segments gets a factor tr  $\omega^{\ell}$ .  ${
  m tr}\omega^\ell$

 $\triangleright$  Only 3k-gons can appear in index networks.

#### Restriction to tetrahedral decomposition 3

Furthermore, we can take a limit where only triangles remain.

Each weight can be rewritten as

$$\frac{1}{S}\lambda^{s_2}\left(\prod_{k\geq 2}\mu_k^{s_1^k}\right)\prod_{v:\,vertex}Kn^{2-2g(v)}$$

$$=\frac{1}{S}\prod_{v:\,vertex}\left[K\left[\prod_{k\geq 2}(\lambda^2\mu_k)^{\frac{1}{2}t_0^k(v)}\right]\left(\frac{n}{\lambda}\right)^{2-2g(v)}\left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}d(v)}\right]$$
where  $d(v) = \sum_{\ell}(\ell-3)t_2^{\ell}(v)$  and  $t_2^{\ell}(v) = \#(\ell\text{-gons in index network}).$ 

$$d(v) = \sum_{\ell}(\ell-3)t_2^{\ell}(v) \geq 0 \quad \text{in the limit } \lambda \to \infty, \text{ the leading contri.}$$

 $\stackrel{\ell}{\forall} d(v) = 0 \quad \implies \text{ all index networks represent triangular decompositions.}$ 

#### Restriction to manifolds with tetrahedral decomposition

The leading contributions represent 3D manifolds with tetrahedral decomposition

$$\sum_{\gamma'} \frac{1}{S} (\mu K n^2)^{s_0} (\lambda^2 \mu)^{s_3} \quad [\mu_k = \mu \ (k \ge 2)]$$

 $s_0 = #$ (vertices in  $\gamma'$ ),  $s_3 = #$ (tetrahedra in  $\gamma'$ )

The models correspond to pure gravity with CC.

Introducing matter to triangle-hinge models [Fukuma, SS, Umeda (arXiv:1504.03532)]

We can introduce **matter degrees of freedom**.

#### **General prescriptions**

• Take algebra as 
$$\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}_{ ext{grav}} \otimes \mathcal{A}_{ ext{mat}}$$

• Assume a factorized form  $C = C_{\text{grav}} \otimes C_{\text{mat}}$ 

Then, index functions factorize as  $\mathcal{F}(\gamma) = \mathcal{F}_{grav}(\gamma) \mathcal{F}_{mat}(\gamma)$ 

The "gravity" part restricts diagrams to 3D manifolds as explained above. The "matter" part gives various matter d.o.f. Matter fields in triangle-hinge models

• We can assign q colors to tetrahedra.

In the case of q = 2,



the model realizes the Ising model on random volumes.

• We can formally take the set of colors to be  $\mathbb{R}^D$ :  $\{1, \ldots, q\} \to \mathbb{R}^D$ 

This gives 3dim gravity coupled to *D* scalars.

membrane in  $\mathbb{R}^D$ 

We do not know whether the models actually

describe membrane.

We need to take continuum limits. (future work)

## **Summary**

- We proposed a new class of models (triangle-hinge models) which generate 3D random volumes.
- ✓ The fundamental building blocks are triangles and multiple hinges.
- The dynamical variables are symmetric matrices.
   Thus, there is a possibility that we can solve models analytically by using the techniques of matrix models.
- We can introduce matter dof. to models.
- ✓ We expect that models can describe membrane theory.