

# Boundary conditions of the $O(n)$ model on a dynamical lattice

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# Introduction: the $O(n)$ lattice model

## Definition of the $O(n)$ model

- We consider a lattice  $\Gamma$ , to each point  $r \in \Gamma$  we associate an  $O(n)$  spin  $S_a(r)$  with  $a = 1 \cdots n$  and normalized such that  $\text{tr } S_a(r)S_b(r') = \delta_{ab}\delta_{rr'}$ .
- The 'geometric' partition function reads

$$Z_{\Gamma}(T) = \text{tr} \prod_{\langle rr' \rangle} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{T} \sum_{a=1}^n S_a(r)S_a(r') \right).$$

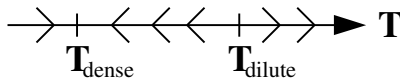
# Introduction: the $O(n)$ lattice model

Reformulation as a loop gas model

- The  $O(n)$  model can be reformulated as a sum over configurations of self-avoiding, mutually avoiding loops of weight  $n$ ,

$$Z_{\Gamma}(T) = \sum_{\text{loops}} T^{-\text{length}} n^{\# \text{ loops}}.$$

- This formulation makes sense for arbitrary  $n$ . It exhibits a critical behavior when  $|n| \leq 2$ .
- The phase diagram has two critical points:



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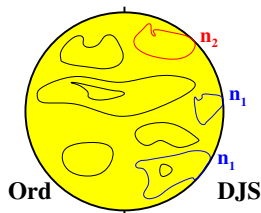
## Boundary conditions

### *Ordinary boundary conditions:*

Loops avoid to touch the boundary.

### *JS boundary conditions:*

Loops with weight  $k$  on the boundary.

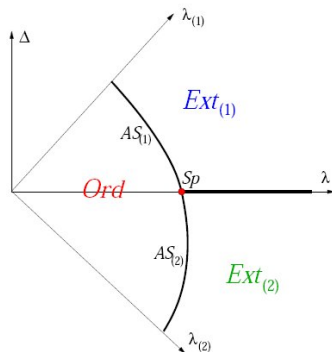


### *Dilute JS boundary conditions:*

Split the spins component in two orthogonal sets  $\vec{S} = \vec{S}_1 + \vec{S}_2$ .  
Leads to two kinds of loops, with weight  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  ( $n = n_1 + n_2$ ),  
and coupling constants  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$ .

# Flat lattice results from DJS

DJS BC in the dilute phase



- **Ord**: Loops avoids the boundary.
- **AS**<sub>(1)</sub>: Loops of weight  $n^{(1)}$  critically enhanced.
- **AS**<sub>(2)</sub>: Loops of weight  $n^{(2)}$  critically enhanced.
- **Sp**: Both loops touch the boundary.

Perturbation : Boundary thermal operator  $\Phi_{1,3}$

Boundary anisotropic operator  $\Phi_{3,3}$

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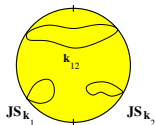
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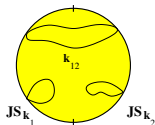
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- Phase diagram of DJS boundary conditions  $(\Delta, \lambda)$ .
- Conformal weight of Ord/Sp and Ord/AS bcc operators.
- Conformal weight of operators generating the flows.
- Bulk thermal flow of conformal b.c.  $(r, s) \rightarrow (s - 1, r)$ .

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# The $O(n)$ model on a dynamical lattice

## Introduction of the matrix model I

- The partition function on the dynamical lattice is obtained as a sum over random lattices

$$Z_{\text{dyn}}(\kappa, T) = \sum_{\Gamma} \kappa^{-A(\Gamma)} Z_{\Gamma}(T)$$

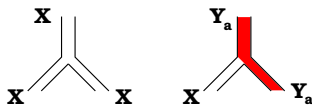
- It can be generated as an expansion of the  $O(n)$  matrix model

$$Z = \int dX \prod_{a=1}^n dY_a e^{\beta \text{tr} \left( -\frac{1}{2} X^2 + \frac{1}{3} X^3 - \frac{T}{2} \sum_{a=1}^n Y_a^2 + \sum_{a=1}^n X Y_a^2 \right)}.$$

where  $X$  and  $Y_a$  are  $N \times N$  hermitian matrices.

- Propagators and vertices:

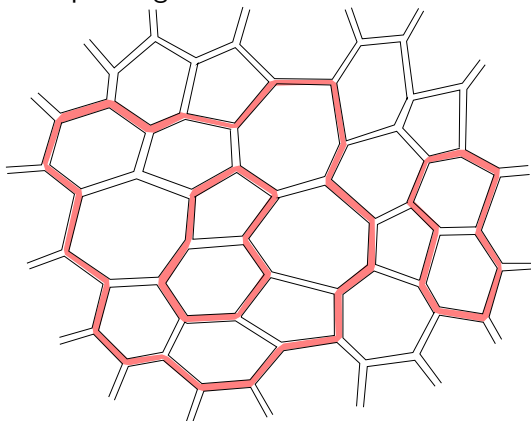
$$X \equiv \text{---} \mathbf{1} \quad Y_a \equiv \text{---} \mathbf{T}$$



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## Introduction of the matrix model II

- A loop configuration:



- Planar limit (disc corr):  $(\beta, N) \rightarrow \infty, \beta/N = \kappa^2$ .

# The $O(n)$ model on a dynamical lattice

## The disc partition function

- The partition function on the disc is

$$Z_{\text{dyn}}(\kappa, x, T) = \sum_{\Gamma: \text{disc}} \frac{1}{L(\Gamma)} \kappa^{-A(\Gamma)} x^{-L(\Gamma)} Z_{\Gamma}(T),$$

- It is generated by correlators of the matrix model

$$\text{Ord} : W(x) = -\frac{1}{\beta} \left\langle \text{tr} \frac{1}{x - X} \right\rangle$$

$$\text{JS} : \tilde{W}(y) = -\frac{1}{\beta} \left\langle \text{tr} \frac{1}{y - Y_k^2} \right\rangle, \quad Y_k^2 = \sum_{a=1}^k Y_a^2$$

$$\text{DJS} : H(y|\lambda_1, \lambda_2) = -\frac{1}{\beta} \left\langle \text{tr} \frac{1}{y - X - \lambda_1 Y_{n_1}^2 - \lambda_2 Y_{n_2}^2} \right\rangle$$

$$\frac{1}{y^{-1}}$$

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The disc partition function with two boundaries

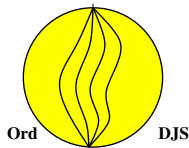
We consider a disc with mixed Ord-DJS boundary conditions,

$$D_L^{(i)}(x, y) = \frac{1}{\beta} \left\langle \text{tr} \left( \frac{1}{x - X} \mathbb{S}_L^{(i)} \frac{1}{y - X - \lambda_1 Y_{n_1}^2 - \lambda_2 Y_{n_2}^2} \mathbb{S}_L^{(i)\dagger} \right) \right\rangle$$

between both boundaries  $L$  open lines are inserted by the operators

$$\mathbb{S}_L^{(1)} = \sum_{\{a_1, \dots, a_L\} \subset \{1, \dots, n_1\}} Y_{a_1} \cdots Y_{a_L}$$

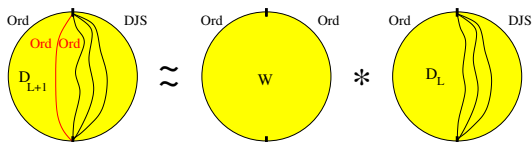
$$\mathbb{S}_L^{(2)} = \sum_{\{a_1, \dots, a_L\} \subset \{n_1+1, \dots, n\}} Y_{a_1} \cdots Y_{a_L}$$



# Loop equations

Getting rid of loops

- The loop equations are obtained using the invariance of the matrix measure.
- They describe the removing of loops.
- Correlators satisfy a recursion relation  $D_{L+1} = W * D_L$



- All the physics is contained in the 0th order equation which couples  $D_0$  and  $D_1^{(i)}$ .
- This equation will be studied in the continuum limit.



# The continuum limit

## Basic facts

- Taking the continuum limit leads to:

Statistical model at the critical point on a flat lattice.  $\longrightarrow$  CFT, operators  $\Phi_{r,s}$ , conformal dimension  $\delta_{r,s}$

Statistical model at the critical point on a dynamical lattice.  $\longrightarrow$  CFT  $\otimes$  Liouville  $\otimes$  ghost, dressed operators  $e^{2\alpha_{r,s}\phi}\Phi_{r,s}$ , gravitational dimension  $\Delta_{r,s}$

- The KPZ formulas relate the central charges and the dimensions  $\delta_{r,s}$  and  $\Delta_{r,s}$ .
- The Liouville action has a boundary term (FZZT brane).

# The continuum limit

## Continuum limit in matrix models

- We adjust the parameter to their critical value where the mean length and area of loops diverge.

$$\epsilon^2 \mu = \kappa - \kappa^*, \quad \epsilon^{1/g} \xi = x - x^*, \quad \epsilon^{\theta/g} t_B = \lambda - \lambda_c, \quad \dots$$

- Critical correlators correspond to boundary 2pts functions of

$$d_L^{(i)}(\xi, \zeta) \rightarrow (\text{Ord} | S_L^{(i)} | AS_{(1)}), \quad \Delta > 0$$

$$d_L^{(i)}(\xi, \zeta) \rightarrow (\text{Ord} | S_L^{(i)} | AS_{(2)}), \quad \Delta < 0$$

$$d_L^{(i)}(\xi, \zeta) \rightarrow (\text{Ord} | S_L^{(i)} | Sp), \quad \Delta = 0, \lambda = \lambda^*$$

- Loop equations are shift equations on boundary parameters  $\xi(\tau)$ ,  $\mu_B(\sigma)$ , e.g. on the  $AS_{(1)}$  branch (for any  $\xi, \mu_B, t, t_B$ ):

$$d_0^{(2)}(\tau, \sigma) d_1^{(1)}(\tau \pm i\pi, \sigma) + w(\tau) + n_1 w(\tau \pm i\pi) = \mu_B - t_B \xi$$

# The continuum limit

## Brief summary of the method

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- And moreover :
  - 1 The phase diagram is be obtained from criticality conditions.
  - 2 The dimension of the perturbations give the operators that generate the flows.
  - 3 The evolution of b.c. under thermal flows can be tracked down.

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- Dilute phase, Ord/DJS bcc operators :
  - 1 Loop equation for QFT coupled to 2D gravity  $(t, t_B)$ .
  - 2 Solution on the critical curves AS (Liouville boundary 2pts functions).
  - 3 Solution at  $\mu = \mu_B = 0$ , perturbed Liouville gravity

$$\delta\mathcal{S} = t \int_{\text{bulk}} \mathcal{O}_{1,3} + \xi \int_{\text{Ord.}} \mathcal{O}_{1,1}^B + t_B \int_{\text{DJS}} \mathcal{O}_{1,3}^B$$



# Perspectives and open problems

Work in progress...

## 1 Open problems:

- Calculation of the DJS disc partition function  $H(y)$ .
- Dimension of the DJS boundary.
- Explicit expression for the AS curve.

## 2 Perspectives:

- Bulk anisotropy

$$S[X, Y_a] = \text{tr} \left( -\frac{1}{2} X^2 + \frac{1}{3} X^3 - \frac{T_1}{2} \sum_{a=1}^{n^{(1)}} Y_a^2 - \frac{T_2}{2} \sum_{a=n^{(1)}+1}^n Y_a^2 + \sum_{a=1}^n X Y_a^2 \right)$$

- ADE models with boundaries.
- SLE, Liouville gravity and Matrix Models...