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Random Spanning Trees

Lemma 2 Assume $a_N = \sum G_N(z, \rho)^2 \rightarrow \infty$. Then $\forall x_0, y_0$,

$$\liminf_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\mathbb{E}_{x_0, y_0} I_N)^2}{\mathbb{E}_{x_0, y_0} I_N^2} \geq \frac{1}{16}.$$

pf. We've shown last time $\mathbb{E}_{x_0, y_0} I_N^2 \leq 16 a_N^2$, & $\mathbb{E}_{x_0, y_0} I_N \leq a_N$.

$u_N(x, y) = \frac{\mathbb{E}_{x, y} I_N}{a_N} \leq 1$, $u(x, x) = 1$. Fix some r s.t. $P_{x_0, y_0}^r(x_0, y_0) > 0$.

$$a_{r+N} = \sum_{m, n \leq r+N} P_{x_0, y_0}(X_m = Y_n) = \sum_{m, n \leq N} P_{x_0, y_0}^I(X_m = Y_{r+n}) + \sum_{\substack{m \leq r+N \\ n \leq r}} P_{x_0, y_0}^{II}(X_m = Y_n) + \sum_{m \leq r} \sum_{n \leq N} P_{x_0, y_0}^{III}(X_{r+m} = Y_{r+n}).$$

$$I = \mathbb{E}_{x_0, y_0} [a_N u_N(x_0, y_r)] \leq a_N [\mathbb{P}^r(x_0, y_0) u_N(x_0, y_0) + 1 - \mathbb{P}^r(x_0, y_0)].$$

$$II = \sum_{z \in V} \sum_{m \leq r+N} P_{x_0}(X_m = z) P_{y_0}(Y_n = z) = \sum_z G_{r+N}(x_0, z) G_r(x_0, z) \leq \sqrt{a_{r+N} a_r}$$

$$III \leq \sqrt{a_r a_N} \text{ similarly. We get}$$

$$1 \leq \frac{a_N}{a_{r+N}} [\mathbb{P}^r(x_0, y_0) u_N(x_0, y_0) + 1 - \mathbb{P}^r(x_0, y_0)] + \frac{\sqrt{a_r}}{\sqrt{a_{r+N}}} = \frac{\sqrt{a_r a_N}}{\sqrt{a_{r+N}}} \text{ so}$$

we get $u_N(x_0, y_0) = 1 - o_N(1)$.

Cor. $\exists c > 0$ $P_{x_0, y_0}(I(m, n) \text{ s.t. } X_m = Y_n = \infty) \geq c$.

$\lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} P_{x_0, y_0}(I(m, n) \text{ as above } \geq M) = 0$. Take N s.t. $\mathbb{E}_{x_0, y_0} I_N \gg M$, so

$$\lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} P_{x_0, y_0}(I_N \geq M) \geq \frac{1}{16}.$$

So, by Levy's 0-1 law, $P_{x_0, y_0}(I = \infty | X_1, \dots, X_n, Y_1, \dots, Y_n) \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} 1_{(I=\infty)}$.

$P_{x_0, y_0}(I = \infty) \geq 1/16$ so it's 1 a.s.

Lemma 3 Fix $k > 0$ and a path $\{x_j\}_{j=-k}^0$ in G . Let

$\{X_m\}_{m=0}^\infty$ $\{Y_n\}_{n=0}^\infty$ be $\overset{\text{indep.}}{\text{SRW}}$. set $X_j = x_j, j = -k, \dots, 0$.

Assume $\mathbb{E} I_n \rightarrow \infty$, Then $P(\bigcap_{m=-k}^\infty \{X_m\} \cap \{Y_n\}_{n=-k}^\infty) = 0$

pf. Denote $\{L_j^{(m)}\}_{j=0}^{j(m)} = LE(x_{-k}, \dots, x_m)$.

When $X_m = Y_n$, we want to check which configuration of x_m / y_n hits earlier. On the event $X_m = Y_n$

define $j(m, n) = \min\{j \geq 0 : L_j^{(m)} \in \{x_m, x_{m+1}, \dots\}\}$. $i(m, n) = \min\{i \geq 0 : L_i^{(n)} \in \{y_n, y_{n+1}, \dots\}\}$.

If $x_m \neq y_n$ define $i(m,n)=j(m,n)=0$.

Note If $x_m = y_n$ & $i(m,n) \leq j(m,n)$, then $L_{i(m,n)}^{(m)} \in LE(\{x_m\}_{n=-k}^{\infty}) \cap \{y_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}$.

Put $X(m,n) = \mathbb{1}_{(i(m,n) \leq j(m,n))}$. $\mathbb{E}(X(m,n) | x_m = y_n = z) \geq \frac{1}{2}$ since x, y are interchangeable from that point onward.

Write $r_N = \sum_{m,n=0}^N \mathbb{1}_{(x_m = y_n)} X(m,n)$. Then $\mathbb{E} r_N \geq \sum_{m,n=0}^N \frac{1}{2} P(x_m = y_n) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E} I_N$.

And note that $r_N \leq I_N$, so $\frac{1}{\mathbb{E} r_N^2} \geq \frac{1}{\mathbb{E} I_N^2}$ and therefore

$$P(r_N \geq \mathbb{E} r_N) \geq c > 0 \Rightarrow P(|LE(\{x_m\}_{m=-k}^{\infty}) \cap \{y_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}| = \infty) \geq c > 0.$$

Pf. of Thm. Let $\Lambda = \{|LE(\{x_m\}_{m \geq 0}) \cap \{y_n\}_{n=0}^{\infty}| = \infty\}$. By Levy's

0-1 law $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} P_{x_0, y_0}(\Lambda | x_1, \dots, x_k, y_1, \dots, y_k) = \mathbb{1}_{\Lambda}$. But this equals

$$P_{x_0, y_k}(\Lambda | x_1, \dots, x_k) \stackrel{\text{lemma 3}}{\geq} c > 0, \text{ Therefore } P_{x_0, y_0}(\Lambda) = 1.$$