

# Spin systems

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Goal: Find size of maximal IS of random graph.

Definition:  $I \subseteq V$  is an independent set (IS) of  $G=(V,E)$  if  $\forall u,v \in I, (u,v) \notin E$ .

- Useful to consider a random IS  $\sigma \in \{0,1\}^V$  of  $G$ .

$$\mathbb{P}[\sigma] = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{u,v} I(\sigma_u \sigma_v = 0)$$

$$Z = \# \text{ IS.} = \sum_{\sigma} \prod_{u,v} I(\sigma_u \sigma_v = 0)$$

Definition: Hardcore Model with fugacity  $\lambda > 0$ ,

$$\mathbb{P}[\sigma] = \frac{1}{Z_{\lambda}} \lambda^{\sum_u \sigma_u} \prod_{u,v} I(\sigma_u \sigma_v = 0)$$

- weights independent sets by size.

Spin System:  $\sigma \in \mathcal{X}^V$ , weights

$\psi_u, \psi_{uv}$  such that

$$\mathbb{P}[\sigma] = \frac{1}{Z_{\psi}} \prod_{u \in V} \psi_u(\sigma_u) \prod_{(u,v) \in E} \psi_{uv}(\sigma_u, \sigma_v)$$

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- Ising Model with inverse temperature  $\beta$  and external field  $h$ .  $\sigma \in \{-1, +1\}^V$ ,

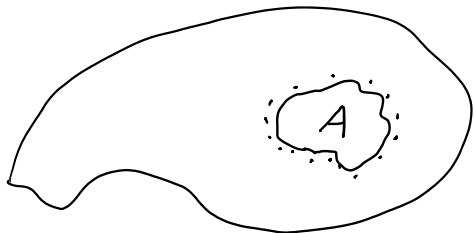
$$P[\sigma] = \frac{1}{Z} \exp\left(\beta \sum_{u,v} \sigma_u \sigma_v + h \sum_u \sigma_u\right)$$

- Random  $k$ -Colouring

$$P[\sigma] = \frac{1}{Z} \prod_{u,v} I(\sigma_u \neq \sigma_v).$$

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## Markov Random Field Property



$$\begin{aligned} P[\sigma_A = x_A \mid \sigma_{A^c} = x_{A^c}] \\ = P[\sigma_A = x_A \mid \sigma_{\partial A} = x_{\partial A}] \end{aligned}$$

Proof: 
$$\frac{P[\sigma_A = x_A \mid \sigma_{A^c} = x_{A^c}]}{P[\sigma_A = x'_A \mid \sigma_{A^c} = x_{A^c}]}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{Z} \prod_u \psi(x_u) \prod_{u,v} \psi_{u,v}(x_u, x_v)}{\frac{1}{Z} \prod_u \psi(x'_u) \prod_{u,v} \psi_{u,v}(x'_u, x'_v)}$$

$$= \prod_{u \in A} \psi(x_u) \prod_{u,v \in A^c} \psi_{u,v}(x_u, x'_v)$$

$$= \frac{\prod_{u \in A} \psi(x_u) \prod_{(u,v) \in E(A \cup \partial A)} \psi_{u,v}(x_u, x_v)}{\prod_{u \in A} \psi(x_u) \prod_{(u,v) \in E(A \cup \partial A)} \psi(x_u, x_v)}$$

So the states outside  $A \cup \partial A$  do not affect the calculation. The distribution is the spin system on  $A \cup \partial A$  with the spins of  $\partial A$  fixed.

- Definition: We call a spin system permissive if given any boundary conditions on  $\partial A$ , there is a configuration of  $A$  with weight  $> 0$ .

## Infinite Graphs

How to define it for an infinite graph?

A measure  $\mu$  on  $\mathcal{X}^A$  is a Gibbs measure for a spin system with weights  $\psi$  if

$$\mu(\sigma_A = x_A \mid \sigma_{A^c} = x_{A^c}) = \mu(\sigma_A = x_A \mid \sigma_{\partial A} = x_{\partial A})$$

The DLR - Dobrushin - Lanford - Ruelle.

### Existence (for permissive systems)

Let  $D_i \subset V$  be an increasing subsequence of sets  $D_i \uparrow V$ . Choose  $T_i$  a B.C. on  $\partial D_i$ .

$$\lim \mu(\sigma_A \mid \sigma_{\partial D_i} = T_i)$$

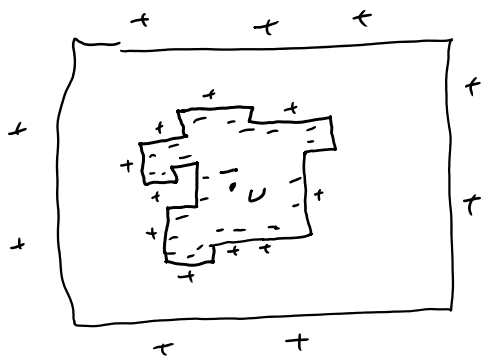
may not exist but subsequential limits exist.

- To get full set of measures take random  $T_i$ ,

### Non-Uniqueness

Ising Model at low temperature,  $\beta$  large,  $h=0$ .

#### Pearls argument



If  $v = -$ ,  $\exists$  a dual contour  $C$  with  $-$  on inside,  $+$  on exterior.

- Let  $\hat{x}_n = \begin{cases} -x_u & u \in \text{Int}(C) \\ v & \end{cases}$

and O.K.

$$\frac{M_+(\hat{\sigma}_u)}{M(x_u)} = e^{\beta |C|}$$

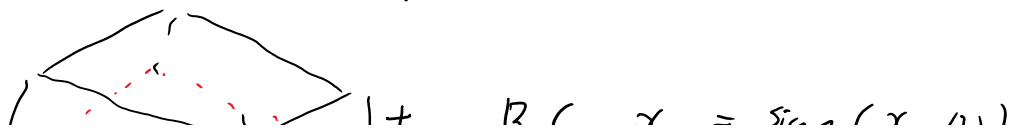
$$\begin{aligned} M_+(C \text{ a contour}) &\leq \sum_x M_+(x) I(C) \\ &= \sum_x e^{-\beta |C|} M_+(\hat{\sigma}_x) I(x=C) \\ &\leq e^{-\beta |C|} \end{aligned}$$

There are  $\leq 2L \cdot 4 \cdot 3^{L-1}$  contours of length containing  $v$  so

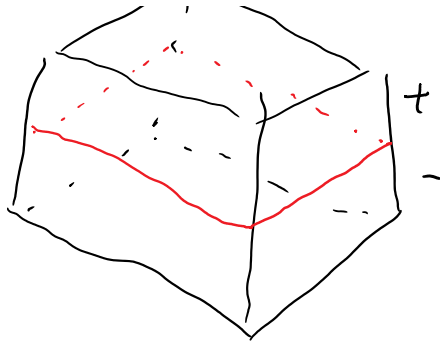
$$\begin{aligned} M_+(\sigma_v = -1) &\leq \sum_C e^{-\beta |C|} \\ &\leq \sum_L 2L e^{-\beta L} \cdot 4 \cdot 3^{L-1} \\ &= 12 e^{-\beta} / (3e^{-\beta} - 1)^2 \\ &\leq 1/3 \text{ if } \beta \text{ large.} \end{aligned}$$

But  $M_-(\sigma_v = -1) = 1 - M_+(\sigma_v = -1) \geq 2/3$

- For  $d=2$  all Gibbs measures are mixtures of  $M_+$  and  $M_-$  for  $\beta > \beta_c > 0$ .
- For  $d \geq 3$  more complicated states, e.g. Dobrushin states



states



$$\text{B.C. } x_u = \text{Sign}(x_u(1))$$

• Unique Gibbs measures:

If interactions are weak enough then measure is unique.

We say  $\mu$  stochastically dominates  $\mu'$   
 $\mu \succcurlyeq \mu'$  if for all  $A$  increasing

$$\mu(A) \geq \mu'(A).$$

There exists a coupling  $\sigma \sim \mu, \sigma' \sim \mu'$   
such that  $\sigma \geq \sigma'$ .

• Ising model has a monotonicity property,

- if  $\tau \leq \tau'$  are B.C. on  $\partial A$ ,

then  $\mu_\tau \leq \mu_{\tau'}$ .

Proof: True for  $A = \{v\}$ .

$$\mathbb{P}[\sigma_v = 1 \mid \sigma_{\partial v} = \tau] = \frac{e^{\beta \sum_{u \in \partial v} \tau_u}}{e^{\beta \sum \tau_u} + e^{-\beta \sum \tau_u}}$$

increasing in  $\sum_{u \in \partial v} \tau_u$

Glauber dynamics: Markov chain  $X_t$  on  $\{\pm 1\}^V$

Each step

- Pick  $v \in A$  uniformly at random.
- Update  $X_{t+1}(v)$  with  $a$  with probability  
 $- \mu[\sigma_v = a \mid \sigma_{\partial v} = X_t(\partial v)]$

Then  $X_t$  is reversible w.r.t.  $\mu$ .

Let  $X_0(A) = \gamma_0(A)$ ,  $X_t(\partial A) = \tau$ ,  $\gamma_t(\partial A) = \tau'$

So  $X_t$  is Glauber dynamics on  $A$  with B.C.  $\tau$   
 $\gamma_t$  " " " " " " " "  $\tau'$

Couple so that  $X_t \leq \gamma_t$ .

Since  $X_t \xrightarrow{d} \sigma^\tau$ ,  $\gamma_t \xrightarrow{d} \sigma^{\tau'}$ ,  
 $\sigma^\tau \leq \sigma^{\tau'}$ .

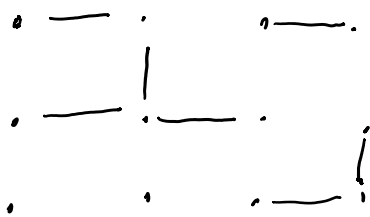
For any Gibbs measure  $\mu$ ,

$$\mu_- \leq \mu \leq \mu_+$$

Enough to prove  $\mu_- = \mu_+$

• Ex: Ising Model with  $\beta$  small.

- FK model:  $q$ -state  
 $\{ \} \in \{0, 1\}^V$



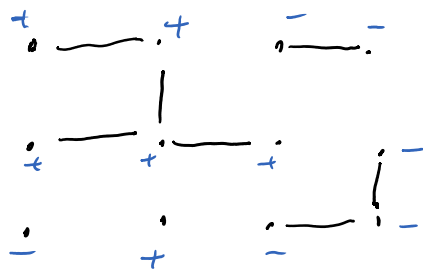
$$P[\{ \}] = \frac{1}{2} \cdot P^{\sum \tau_u} (1-p)^{|E| - \sum \tau_u} \cdot q^{C(\{ \})}$$

where  $C(\{ \}) = \#$  connected components of  $\{ \}$ .

Claim:  $\{ \} \leq$  Percolation ( $p$ ). For  $q \geq 1$ .

Edwards - Sokal Coupling:

Choose a uniform spin for each component to form  $\sigma$ .



$$P[\{ \}, \sigma] = \frac{1}{2} P^{\sum \tau_u} (1-p)^{|E| - \sum \tau_u} \cdot \frac{2^{C(\{ \})}}{2^{C(\sigma)}}$$

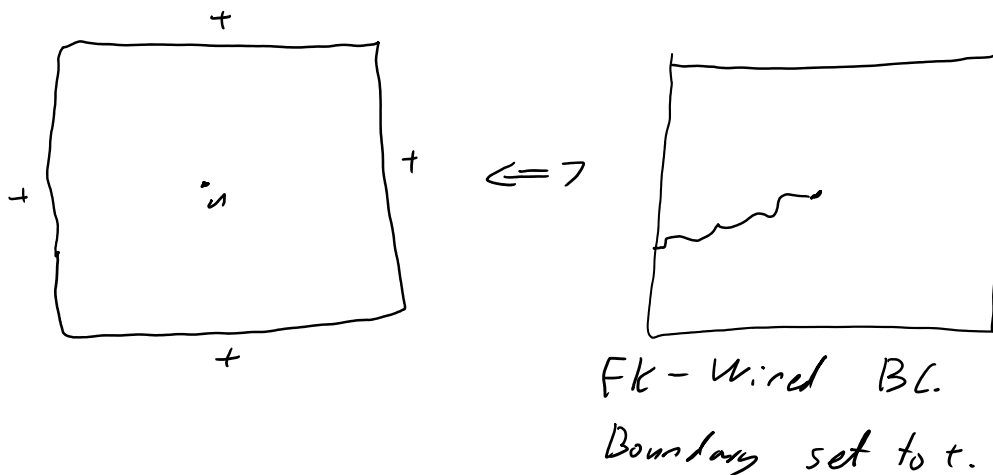
$$P[\sigma] = \frac{1}{2^V} \sum \left( \frac{p}{2} \right)^{\sum \tau_u}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{P}[\sigma] &= \frac{1}{Z'} \sum_{\{\cdot\} \text{ compatible with } \sigma} \left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right)^{\sum \cdot} \\
&= \frac{1}{Z'} \left(1 + \frac{p}{1-p}\right)^{\sum_{u,v} I(\sigma_u = \sigma_v)} \\
&= \frac{1}{Z'} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \log(1-p) \sum_{u,v} 2 I(\sigma_u = \sigma_v)\right) \\
&= \frac{1}{Z''} \exp\left(-\log(1-p) \sum_{u,v} \sigma_u \sigma_v\right) \\
&= \frac{1}{Z''} \exp(\beta \sum \sigma_u \sigma_v)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\beta = -\frac{1}{2} \log(1-p) \Leftrightarrow p = 1 - e^{-\beta}$$

Box  $D$  with + B.C.



$$\mathbb{P}[\sigma_u = + \mid \sigma_{\partial D} = +] = \mathbb{P}[u \leftrightarrow \partial D \mid \text{wired}] + \frac{1}{2}(1 - \mathbb{P}[\dots])$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} P(u \leftrightarrow \partial D | \text{Wire})$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} P_p(u \leftrightarrow \partial D) \text{ in percolation}$$

$\rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$  as  $D \rightarrow \infty$  if  $\beta$  small.

So  $\mu_+(\sigma_u = +) = \mu_-(\sigma_u = +) = \frac{1}{2}$ .

and so for the coupling  $\sigma_+ \geq \sigma_-$

$$P[\sigma_+(u) \neq \sigma_-(u)] = \mu_+(\sigma(u) = +) - \mu_-(\sigma(u) = +) = 0$$

So  $\sigma_+ \equiv \sigma_- \Rightarrow \mu_+ \equiv \mu_-$ .

Alternative Proof: General spin system,

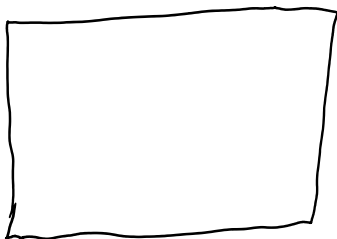
maximum degree  $d$ , if

$$\max_{v, x_{\partial v}, x'_{\partial v}} d_{TV}(\mu(x_v | x_{\partial v}), \mu(x_v | x'_{\partial v})) \leq \frac{1-\epsilon}{d}$$

then unique Gibbs measure.

Proof: Couple  $X_t, Y_t$  as Glauber

dynamics with B.C.  $T$  and  $T'$ .



- mixes in time  $O(n \log n)$

- time for disagreement to propagate  $\sim O(n^2)$

propagate  $\sim \alpha n^2$

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