

REINFORCED RANDOM WALK  
&  
A HYPERBOLIC SPIN MODEL ON THE REGULAR TREE  
(Infinite-Order Transition and an Intermediate Phase)

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# THE MODELS

## 1) The VRJP (= vertex-reinforced jump process)

**Definition:** The VRJP is a continuous-time jump process  $(X_t)_{t \geq 0}$  on a locally finite graph  $G = (V, E)$ . Started at some vertex  $X_0 = i_0$ , at time  $t$  it jumps from  $X_t = x$  to a neighbour  $y \sim x$  at rate

$$\beta[1 + L_t^y] \quad \text{with} \quad L_t^y := \int_0^t 1_{X_s=x} ds,$$

for a fixed *inverse temperature*  $\beta > 0$ .

## 2) The $\mathbb{H}^{2|2}$ -model (= spin system w/ values in the hyperbolic superplane $\mathbb{H}^{2|2}$ )

up to subtleties  
on the super-  
manifold  $\mathbb{H}^{2|2}$

**“Definition”:** Consider a finite graph  $G = (V, E)$ . Fix an *inverse temperature*  $\beta > 0$  and a *magnetic field*  $h > 0$ . For a functional  $F \in C^\infty((\mathbb{H}^{2|2})^V)$  over *spin configurations*  $\mathbf{u} = (\mathbf{u}_i)_{i \in V} \in (\mathbb{H}^{2|2})^V$  the  $\mathbb{H}^{2|2}$ -model defines its expectation as

$$\langle F(\mathbf{u}) \rangle_{\beta, h} := \int_{(\mathbb{H}^{2|2})^V} d\mathbf{u} F(\mathbf{u}) e^{\sum_{ij \in E} \beta(\mathbf{u}_i \cdot \mathbf{u}_j + 1) + \sum_{i \in V} h(\mathbf{u}_i \cdot \mathbf{u}^{(0)} + 1)},$$

with Haar measure  $d\mathbf{u} = \prod_{i \in V} d\mathbf{u}_i$  and  $\mathbf{u}^{(0)} \in \mathbb{H}^{2|2}$  the direction of the magnetic field.

## WHY IS THIS INTERESTING?

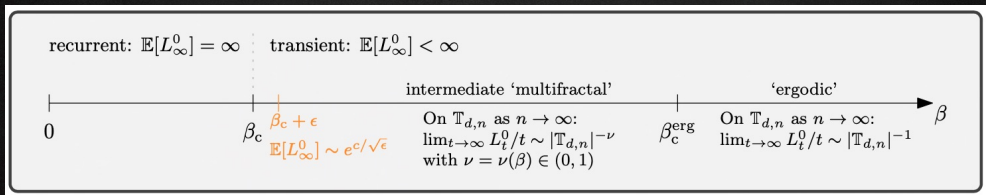
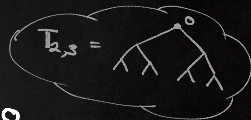
- VRJP: recurrence/transience transition in  $\beta$ .

↕ connection via  
Dynkin isomorphism

- $\mathbb{H}^{2|2}$ -model: spontaneous symmetry-breaking transition in  $\beta$ .
- Zirnbauer introduced  $\mathbb{H}^{2|2}$ -model as toy model for the Anderson transition (1991).

# RESULTS FOR VRJP ON REGULAR TREES

- $T_{d,n}$ : rooted  $(d+1)$ -regular tree up to generation  $n$ .
- $T_d := T_{d,\infty}$
- Consider VRJP on  $T_d$  ( $/T_{d,n}$ ) started at the root  $o$ .
- $L_t^o$ : time spent at  $o$  up to  $t$ ;  $L_\infty^o$ : total time at  $o$ .
- "THEOREMS" (Poudevigne-W., 2023, to be published)



critical point was known  
[Bardoulet-Singh, 2012]