

DISCRETE HARMONIC

AND DISCRETE HOLOMORPHIC

FUNCTIONS [La Pietra '2008]

- DISCRETE HARMONIC FUNCTIONS
 [ON ISORADIAL GRAPHS]
CONVERGENCE AS MESH $\rightarrow 0$

- DISCRETE HOLOMORPHIC
 AND "STRONG - HOLOMORPHIC"
 FUNCTIONS

Start with some "nice" (Hausdorff) convergence $(\Omega^\delta, a^\delta, b^\delta) \rightarrow (\Omega, a, b)$

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Let

$h^\delta(\cdot) := \omega^\delta(\cdot; b^\delta, a^\delta, \Omega^\delta)$



① HARNACK'S ESTIMATE

$$\left| \frac{H(u_k) - H(u)}{\delta} \right| \leq \frac{\text{const}}{\text{dist}(u, \partial\Omega^\delta)} \cdot \underbrace{\max_{\Omega^\delta} |H|}_{\leq 1}$$

$\Rightarrow \{h^\delta\}$ are uniform Lip's inside

\Rightarrow PRECOMPACTNESS IN $C(K)$, $K \subset \Omega$

$\Rightarrow \exists$ subsequential limit

$$h_{\delta_k} \xrightarrow{K} h, \quad h: \Omega \rightarrow [0, 1]$$

② APPROXIMATION PROPERTY

$\forall \varphi: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ - smooth

$$\Delta^\delta(\varphi|_{\Gamma^\delta}) = (\Delta\varphi)|_{\Gamma^\delta} + O(\delta)$$

Then:

$\forall \varphi: \text{supp } \varphi \subset \Omega$

$$\iint_{\Omega} h(u) (\Delta \varphi)(u) dm(u) = \lim_{\delta \downarrow 0} \sum_{\Omega^{\delta}} h(u) (\Delta \varphi)(u) m^{\delta}(u)$$

$$= \lim_{\delta \downarrow 0} \underbrace{\sum_{\Omega^{\delta}} h^{\delta}(u) (\Delta^{\delta} \varphi)(u) m^{\delta}(u)}$$

$$\sum_{\Omega^{\delta}} (\Delta^{\delta} h^{\delta})(u) \varphi(u) m^{\delta}(u) \stackrel{\text{[discrete integration by parts]}}{=} 0$$

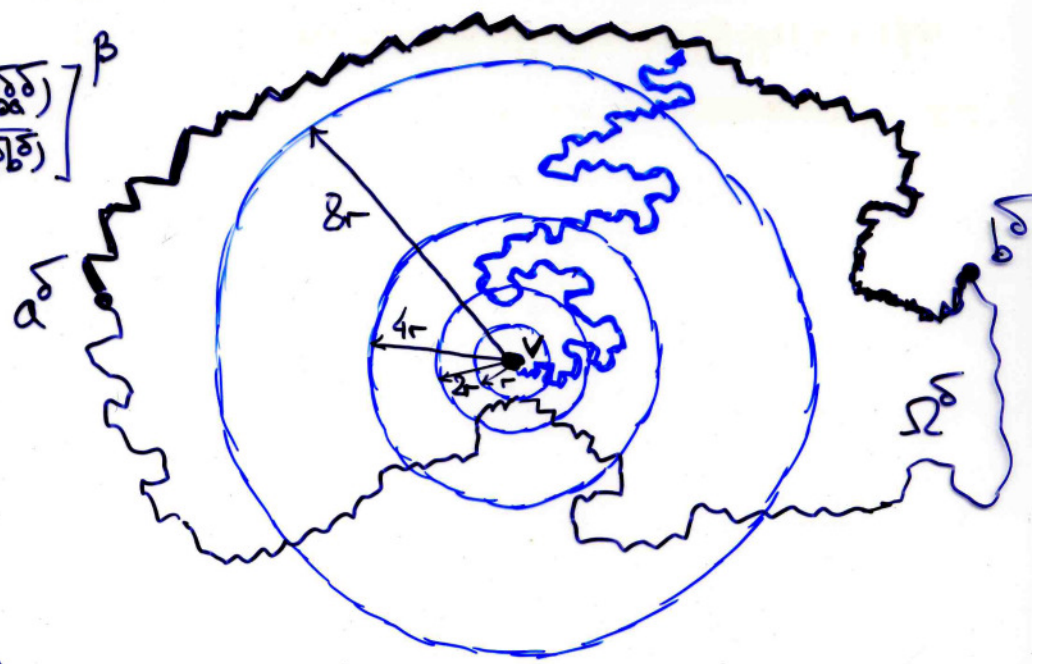
$\Rightarrow h$ IS HARMONIC INSIDE Ω

③ WEAK BEUERLING-TYPE ESTIMATE

$$h^{\delta}(v) \leq \text{const.} \left[\frac{\text{dist}(v, \partial \Omega^{\delta})}{\text{dist}(v, \partial \Omega)} \right]^{\beta}$$

for some $\beta > 0$.

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probability to cross the annulus without touching the boundary $(\partial \Omega^{\delta})$ is bounded away from 1.



APPROXIMATE PROPERTY

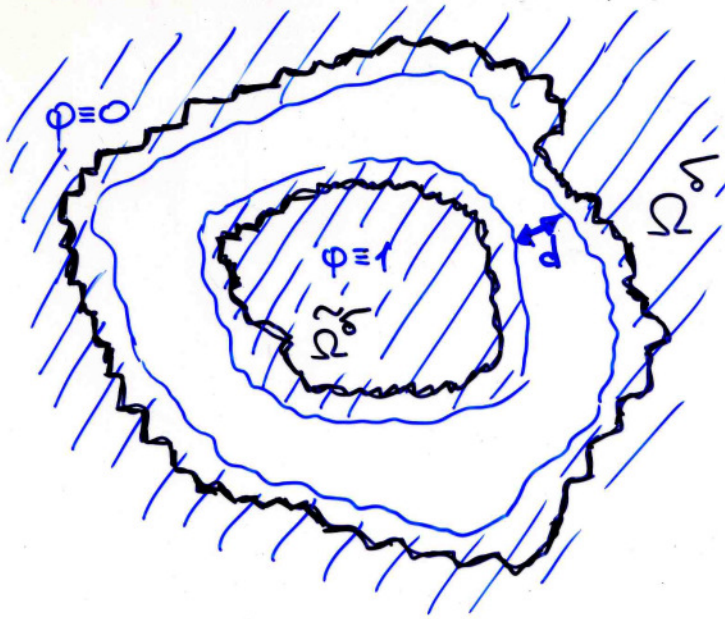
THUS:

$$h(v) \leq \text{const.} \left[\frac{\text{dist}(v, a)}{\text{dist}(v, b)} \right]^{\beta} \xrightarrow{v \rightarrow a} 0$$

HARNACK'S

ESTIMATE:

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Continuous case:

$$0 = \iint_{\Omega} \phi h \Delta h \stackrel{\equiv 0}{=} 0$$

$$= - \iint_{\Omega} \nabla(\phi h) \nabla h =$$

$$= - \iint_{\Omega} \phi \|\nabla h\|^2 - \iint_{\Omega} \nabla \phi \cdot h \nabla \phi$$

$$\Rightarrow \iint_{\Omega} \phi \|\nabla h\|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \iint_{\Omega} \Delta \phi \cdot h^2 \quad \leftarrow \times 1/d^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \|\nabla h\|_{L^2(\Omega)} \leq \frac{\text{const}}{d} \|h\|_{L^2(\Omega)}$$

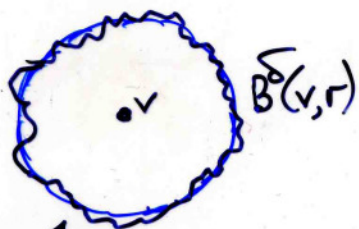
EXERCISE:

Do DISCRETIZATION of this proof

[subtle point:

ϕ and ∇h are defined on different lattices

MEAN VALUE PROPERTY FOR DISCRETE HARMONIC FUNCTION
(GRADIENTS OF DISCRETE HARMONIC)



"nice" approximation of the disc $B(v, r)$

$$|F(v)| \leq \frac{\text{const}}{r^2} \sum_{B(v, r)} |F|$$

[Cauchy's formula together with asymptotics of Cauchy's kernel]

KENYON'S
ON ISORADIAL GRAPH

So, if $(\Omega^\delta, a^\delta, b^\delta) \rightarrow (\Omega, a, b)$
 [say, in Hausdorff sense]

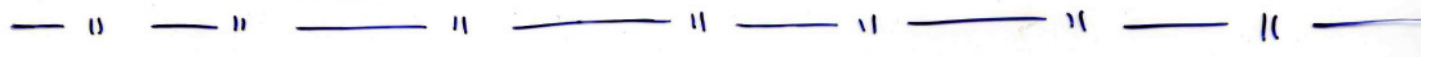
then $\omega^\delta(c, b, a^\delta, \Omega^\delta) \rightarrow \omega(c, b, a, \Omega)$

[or, equivalently,

$$|\omega^\delta(c, b, a^\delta, \Omega^\delta) - \omega(c, b, a, \Omega)| \rightarrow 0,$$

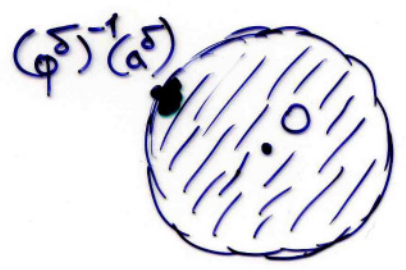
since the continuous harmonic measure is stable under $\Omega^\delta \rightarrow \Omega$]

WE NEED SOME UNIFORM ESTIMATE HERE!



CARATHEODORY

CONVERGENCE:



$D = \{z : |z| < 1\}$
 Normalization:
 $\phi^\delta(0) = u$
 $(\phi^\delta)'(0) > 0$



[fjords beyond thin straits are OK]

- Set of all domains Ω :

$$B(u, r) \subset \Omega \subset B(u, R) \quad [0 < r < R \text{ are fixed}]$$

is compact in the Carathéodory topology

[so, the set of all (Ω, a, b) is compact too]

- $\omega(u, ba, \Omega)$ is continuous in the Carathéodory topology (Ω, a, b)

- Still,

$$(\Omega^\delta, a^\delta, b^\delta) \xrightarrow{\text{Cara}} (\Omega, a, b)$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega^\delta(u, b^\delta a^\delta, \Omega^\delta) \rightarrow \omega(u, ba, \Omega)$$

THUS, WE ARRIVE AT

UNIFORM ESTIMATE

$$|\omega^\delta(u, b^\delta a^\delta, \Omega^\delta) - \omega(u, ba, \Omega)| \leq \varepsilon(\delta) \xrightarrow{\delta \rightarrow 0} 0$$

ON ARBITRARY

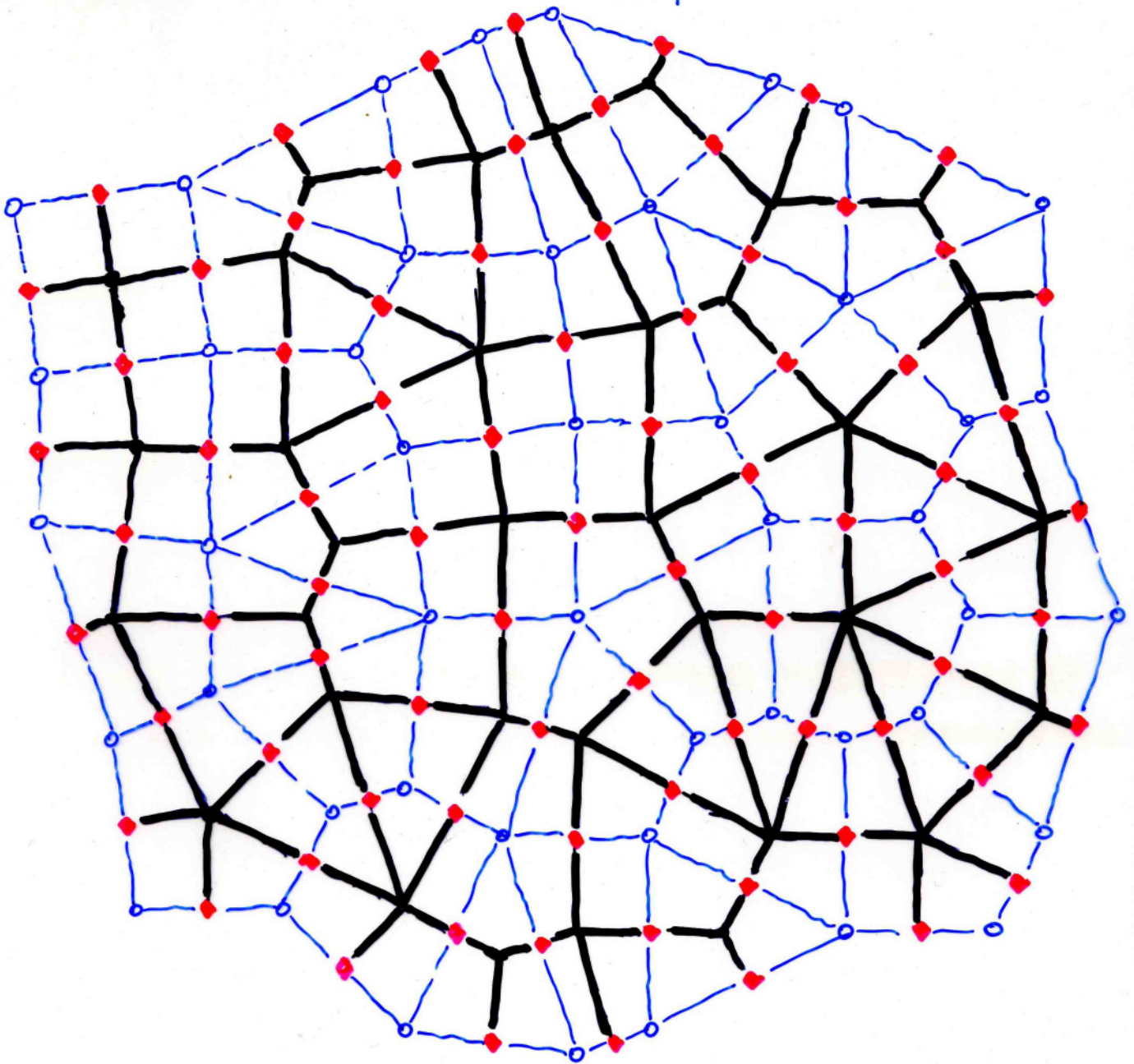
ISORADIAL GRAPHS

[δ = common radius of circles]

ISORADIAL GRAPH:

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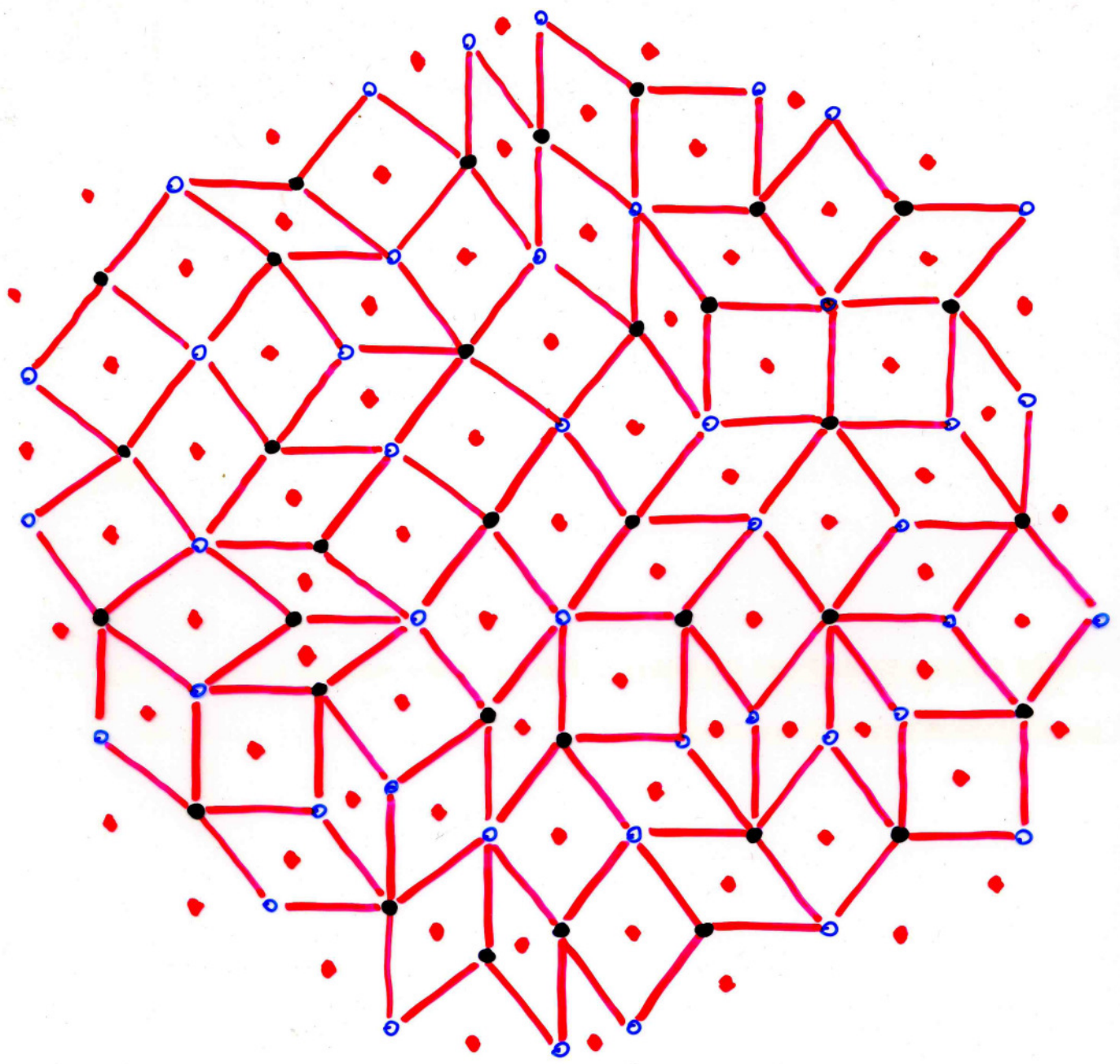
[dual vertices = centers of circles]



G (black) is the original (spin) lattice

G^* (white) is the dual lattice

$$\Lambda = G \cup G^*$$



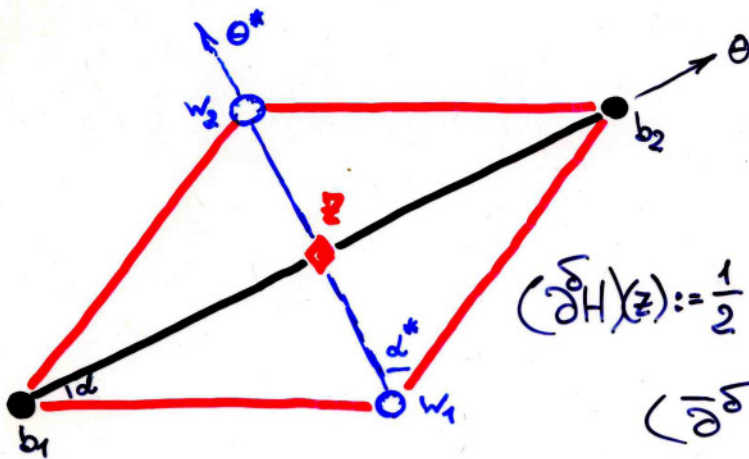
\diamond = set of \blacklozenge = "diamond" lattice

ISORADIAL GRAPHS

Diff. operators, weights:

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①



$\partial^{\delta}, \bar{\partial}^{\delta} : \mathcal{F}(\Delta) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$

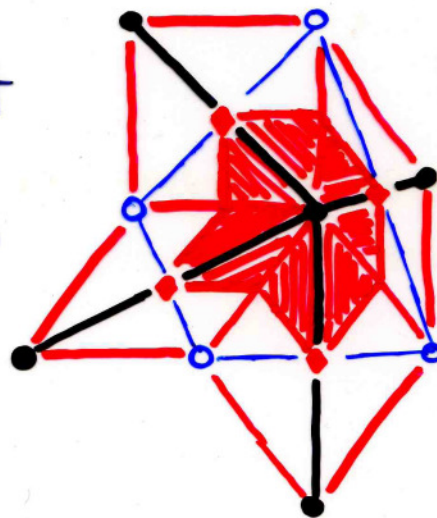
$(\partial^{\delta} H)(z) := \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{H(b_2) - H(b_1)}{b_2 - b_1} + \frac{H(w_2) - H(w_1)}{w_2 - w_1} \right]$

$(\bar{\partial}^{\delta} H)(z)$ similarly

②

$m_{\diamond}^{\delta}(z) = \delta^2 \sin 2\alpha = \delta^2 \sin 2\alpha^* = \text{area of rhombus}$

$m_{\Delta}^{\delta}(u) = \text{area of } \Delta$



$= \frac{\delta^2}{4} \sum \sin 2\alpha$

③

$\partial^{\delta}, \bar{\partial}^{\delta} : \mathcal{F}(\diamond) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(\Delta)$

$\begin{aligned} &= -(\bar{\partial}^{\delta})^* \\ &= -(\partial^{\delta})^* \end{aligned}$

④

$\Delta^{\delta} : \mathcal{F}(\Delta) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(\Delta)$
[in fact, $\mathcal{F}(\Gamma) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(\Gamma)$]

$\Delta^{\delta} = 4 \partial^{\delta} \bar{\partial}^{\delta} = 4 \bar{\partial}^{\delta} \partial^{\delta} = \frac{1}{2 m_r^{\delta}(u)} \sum \tan \alpha_j \cdot (H(u_j) - H(u))$

Remark:

$\partial^{\delta} \bar{\partial}^{\delta} \neq \bar{\partial}^{\delta} \partial^{\delta} : \mathcal{F}(\Delta) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}(\Delta)$

relative probabilities for RW on the isoradial graph

NO NATURAL DEFINITION OF HARMONIC FUNCTIONS ON \diamond
[square lattice is simpler]

SIMILARLY,

WE PROVE THE UNIFORM ESTIMATE

$$|P^\delta(v, a^\delta, \Omega^\delta) - P(v, a, \Omega)| \leq \varepsilon(\delta) \xrightarrow{\delta \downarrow} 0$$

↑
DISCRETE
POISSON
KERNEL

↑
CONTINUOUS
POISSON
KERNEL

(BOUNDARY VALUES: 0 on $\partial\Omega^\delta - a^\delta$
 > 0 at a^δ)

NORMALIZATION:

$$P^\delta(u, a^\delta, \Omega^\delta) = 1$$

FOR SOME FIXED $u \in \Omega^\delta$)

IT GIVES UNIVERSALITY OF LERW
ON ISORADIAL GRAPHS

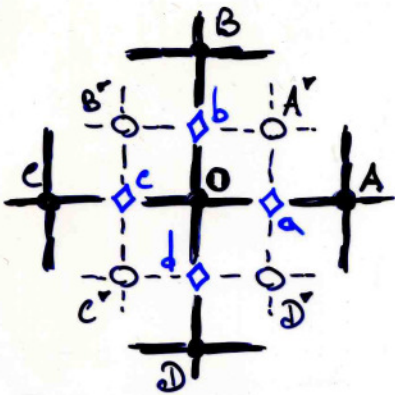
[see "core argument"

in Lawler - Schramm - Werner]

ALSO, UST and HE are OK.

DISCRETE HOLOMORPHIC
FUNCTIONS

(square lattice
for simplicity)



- ① \tilde{H} is defined on $\tilde{\Omega}$
- $$F := \partial^{\bar{\partial}} H = \frac{1}{2} (\partial_x - i \partial_y)^{\bar{\partial}} H$$
- $$F(a) = \frac{1}{2\delta} (H(A) - H(O)) \in \mathbb{R}$$
- $$F(c) = \frac{1}{2\delta} (H(O) - H(C)) \in \mathbb{R}$$
- $$F(b) = -\frac{i}{2\delta} (H(B) - H(O)) \in i\mathbb{R}$$
- $$F(d) = -\frac{i}{2\delta} (H(O) - H(D)) \in i\mathbb{R}$$

Exercise :

CHECK \tilde{H} is harmonic at 0
(i.e. $(\Delta^{\bar{\partial}} H)(0) = 0$)

if and only if

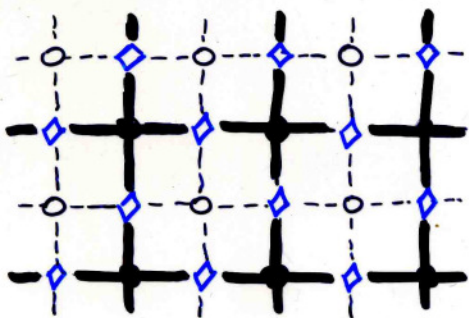
$$F(b) - F(d) = i (F(a) - F(c))$$

- ② \tilde{H} is defined on $\tilde{\Omega}$
- $$F(a) = -\frac{i}{2\delta} (\tilde{H}(A') - \tilde{H}(D')) \in i\mathbb{R}$$
- $$F(c) = -\frac{i}{2\delta} (\tilde{H}(B') - \tilde{H}(C')) \in i\mathbb{R}$$
- $$F(b) = \frac{1}{2\delta} (\tilde{H}(A') - \tilde{H}(B')) \in \mathbb{R}$$
- $$F(d) = \frac{1}{2\delta} (\tilde{H}(D') - \tilde{H}(C')) \in \mathbb{R}$$

DISCRETE
CAUCHY-
RIEMAN
EQUATION

\Rightarrow DISCRETE C-R AT 0 IS ALWAYS TRUE

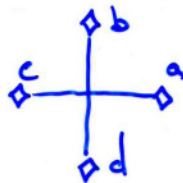
Definition:



Function $F: \diamond \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

is DISCRETE HOLOMORPHIC

if it satisfies



$$F(b) - F(d) = i(F(e) - F(c))$$

everywhere.

REMARKS:

- F is hol. \Rightarrow both

$$\Re F := \begin{cases} \Re F & \text{on } \text{---}\diamond\text{---} \\ \Im F & \text{on } \text{---}\circ\text{---} \end{cases}$$

$$\Im F := \begin{cases} \Im F & \text{on } \text{---}\diamond\text{---} \\ \Re F & \text{on } \text{---}\circ\text{---} \end{cases}$$

are discrete holomorphic

- Similar (but more complicated) ON ISO-GRAPH

- F, G are discrete hol. $\nRightarrow FG$ is discrete hol.

EXERCISE:

check that F is discrete holomorphic
if and only if

DISCRETE INTEGRAL

$$\int_{\Gamma} F(z) d^{\circ}z$$

IS WELL-DEFINED

[i.e. doesn't depend on the path of integration]

[SEPARATELY ON Γ AND Γ^*]

original lattice •

dual lattice ○

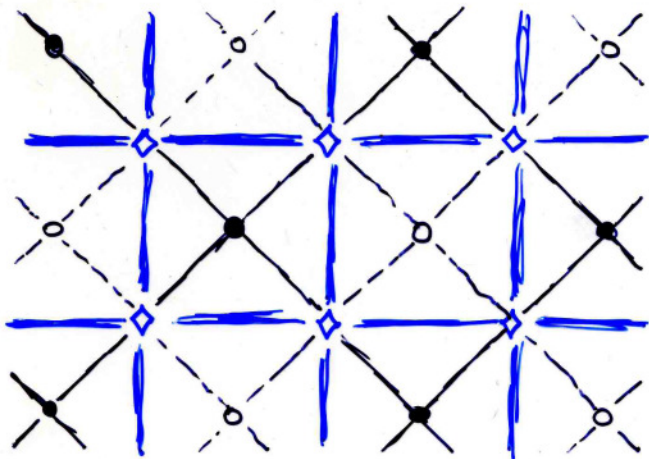
Cauchy-Riemann on Γ^*

Cauchy-Riemann on Γ

"STRONG - HOLOMORPHIC"

FUNCTIONS

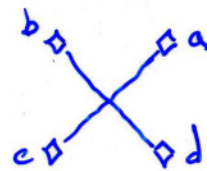
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DISCRETE

CAUCHY-RIEMANN

EQUATION



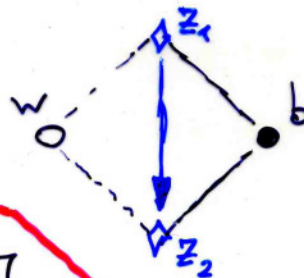
$$F(b) - F(d) = i(F(a) - F(c))$$

Remark: 1 complex equation per \bullet or \circ

DEFINITION:

We call F S-HOLOMORPHIC

If $\forall z_1 \sim z_2$:



$+i\frac{\pi}{4}$
|| e
on the
picture

$$\text{Pr} [F(z_1) ; \frac{1}{\sqrt{i(w-b)}}]$$

$$= \text{Pr} [F(z_2) ; \frac{1}{\sqrt{i(w-b)}}]$$

Remark:

1 real equation per $\diamond - \diamond$:

