

Negative-weight percolation

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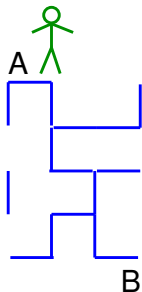


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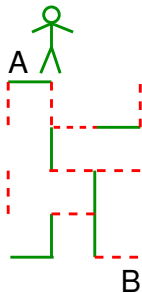
- Percolation problem
- Algorithms
- Results: two-dimensional, higher dimensions
- Summary

Motivation

- Agent travels:
“I want to get from A \rightarrow B”
 \leftrightarrow standard (connectivity) percolation



- Agent travels:
pays for travel resources (positive)
can earn resources (negative payment)
“I want to make a profit going from A \rightarrow B”
 \leftrightarrow negative-weight percolation



Model

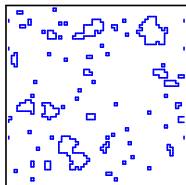
- $L \times L$ lattice, fully periodic boundary conditions
- Undirected edges, weight (cost) distribution:

$$P(\omega) = \rho (2\pi)^{-1/2} \exp(-\omega^2/2) + (1-\rho) \delta(\omega - 1)$$

- Allows for loops \mathcal{L} with **negative weight** $\omega_{\mathcal{L}}$
- Agent on lattice edges: pay/receive resources

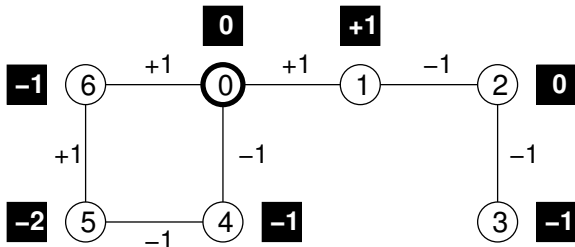
- Configuration \mathcal{C} of loops, with

$$E \equiv \sum_{\mathcal{L} \in \mathcal{C}} \omega_{\mathcal{L}} \stackrel{!}{=} \min$$



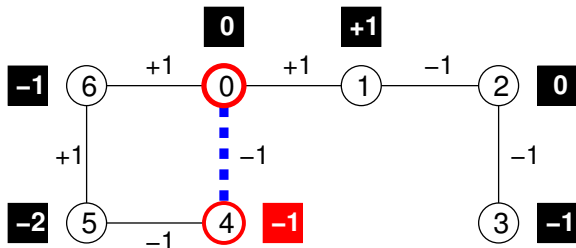
- Obtain \mathcal{C} through mapping to minimum weight perfect matching problem [O. Melchert & AKH, New J. Phys. 2008]

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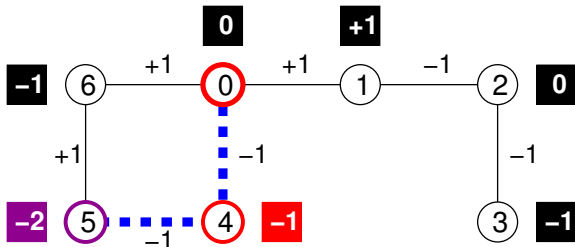
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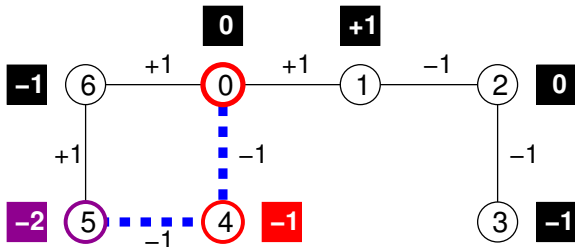
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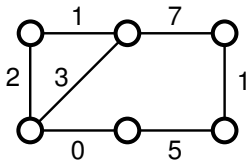
- $d(i) = \min_{j \in N(i)} (d(j) + \omega(i, j))$ **not fulfilled**
- Standard minimum-weight path algorithms, e.g. Dijkstra, Bellman-Ford, Floyd-Warshall, **don't work**

Algorithm – Outline

Brief description of the basic steps:

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- Graph $G = (V, E)$:

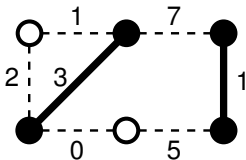


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- Matching $M \subset E$:

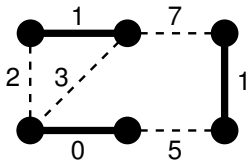


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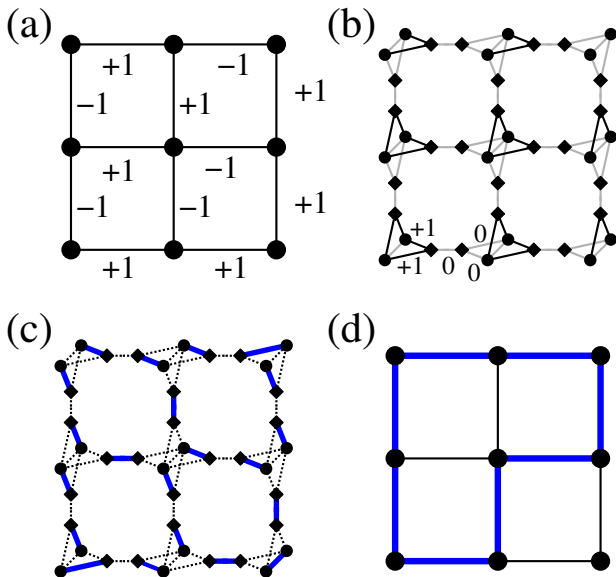
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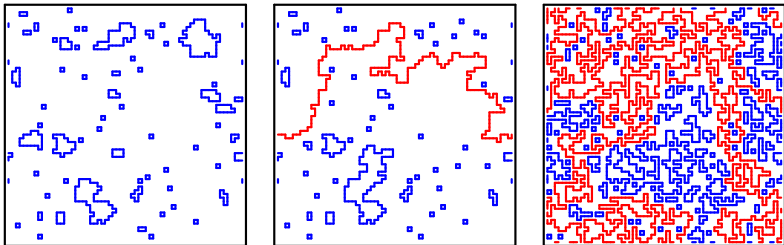
- MWPM, $\omega_M = 2$



Algorithm – Mapping procedure



Loop percolation

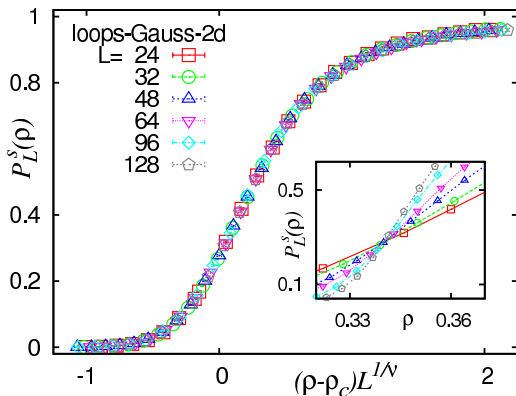


($L = 64$ at $\rho = 0.335, 0.340, 0.750$)

- Observe system spanning loops above critical ρ
- Disorder induced, geometric transition
- Characterize loops using observables from percolation theory (finite-size scaling (FSS) analysis)

[D. Stauffer, A. Aharony, *Introduction to Percolation Theory*]

Percolation probability



Percolation probability exhibits FSS:

$$P_L^s \sim f[(\rho - \rho_c)L^{1/\nu}]$$

$$\rho_c = 0.340(1)$$

$$\nu = 1.49(7)$$

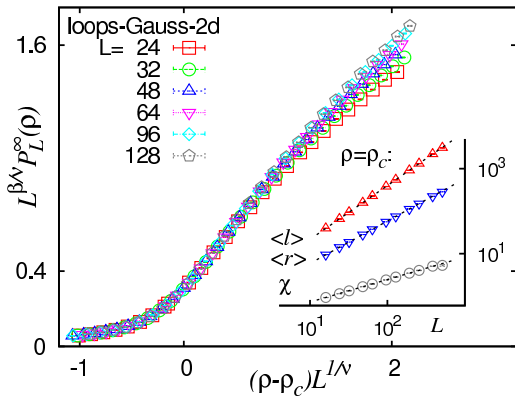
(rand. perc.: $\nu = 1.33$)

$$S = 0.91$$

- S = “quality” of the scaling assumption
- Similar scaling for mean number of spanning loops
- Compatible results for spanning negative-weight [paths](#).

Percolation strength

- Probability $P_L^\infty \equiv \langle \ell \rangle / L^d$ that edge belongs to percolating loop, finite-size susceptibility $\chi \equiv L^{-d}(\langle \ell^2 \rangle - \langle \ell \rangle^2)$



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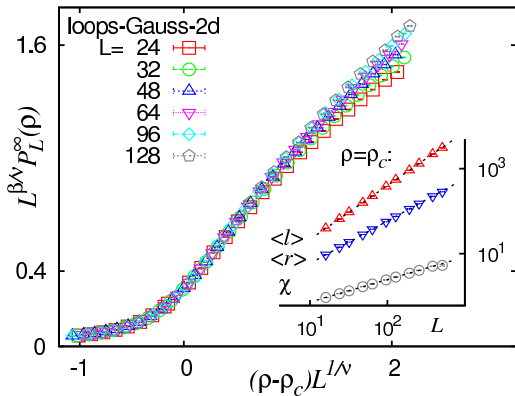
$$P_L^\infty \sim L^{-\beta/\nu} f[(\rho - \rho_c) L^{1/\nu}]$$

$$\beta = 1.07(6)$$

$$S = 1.16$$

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At ρ_c ($L_{max} = 512$):
 loop length $\langle \ell \rangle \sim L^{d_f}$,
 roughness $\langle r \rangle \sim L^{d_r}$,
 suscept. $\chi \sim L^{\gamma/\nu}$

$$d_f = 1.266(2)$$

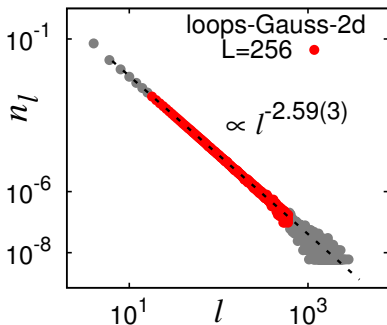
$$d_r = 1.001(4)$$

$$\gamma = 0.77(7)$$

- Scaling relations $d_f = d - \beta/\nu$ and $\gamma + 2\beta = d\nu$ are fulfilled

Fisher exponent

Distribution n_ℓ of the loop lengths ℓ at ρ_c for $L = 256$



Expected FSS:

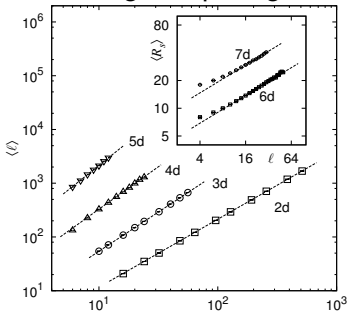
$$n_\ell \sim \ell^{-\tau}$$

$$\tau = 2.59(3)$$

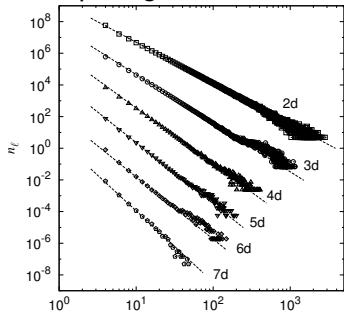
- Excluding spanning loops
- Consistent with scaling relation $\tau = 1 + d/d_f$

High dimensions

Average loop length



Loop length distribution



d	ρ_c	L ν	β	γ	d_f	I τ
2	0.340(1)	1.49(7)	1.07(6)	0.77(7)	1.266(2)	2.59(3)
3	0.1273(3)	1.00(2)	1.54(5)	-0.09(3)	1.459(3)	3.07(1)
4	0.0640(2)	0.80(3)	1.91(11)	-0.66(5)	1.60(1)	3.55(2)
5	0.0385(2)	0.66(2)	2.10(12)	-1.06(7)	1.75(3)	3.86(3)
6	0.0265(2)	0.50(1)	1.92(6)	-0.99(3)	2.00(1)	4.00(2)
7	0.0198(1)	0.41(1)	—	—	2.08(8)	4.50(1)

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→ upper critical dimension = 6

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- Thank you for your attention!

New book (do better simulations):
AKH, *Practical Guide to Computer Simulations*,
World Scientific 2009