# Random volumes from matrices

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[arXiv:1503.08812][JHEP 1507 (2015) 088] "Random volumes from matrices" [arXiv:1504.03532] "Putting matters on the triangle-hinge models" M. Fukuma, S. Sugishita and N.U. (in preparation / work in progress)

### Introduction

String theory : strong candidate for unified theory including QG

M theory : one of the aspects of the string theory

←→ supermembrane theory in 11D spacetime

the random walk of a membrane (random volumes)

Random volume theory: 3D QG theory coupled to scalar fields

$$Z = \sum_{\text{topologies}} \int [\mathcal{D}g_{\alpha\beta}] [\mathcal{D}X] e^{-S}$$
$$S = \int d^3\sigma \sqrt{g} \Big( \Lambda + \kappa R + g^{\alpha\beta} \partial_\alpha X^\mu \partial_\beta X_\mu \Big)$$

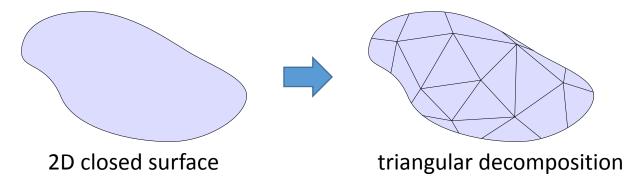
In this talk, we discuss the discretized approach to random volume theory.

# Discretized approach (random surfaces)

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We approximate 2D surfaces as triangular decompositions:



Then  $\log Z$  is defined as the sum of all distinct connected triangular decompositions.

$$\log Z = \sum_{\substack{\text{triangular} \\ \text{decompositions}}} e^{-S}$$

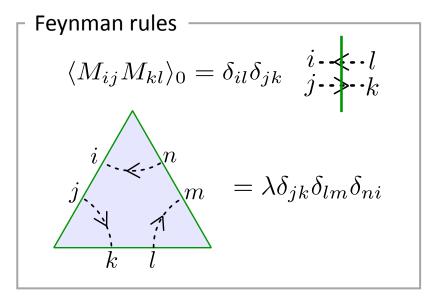
We now consider the model such that

the free energy can be realized as the sum of triangular decompositions.

# Discretized approach (random surfaces)

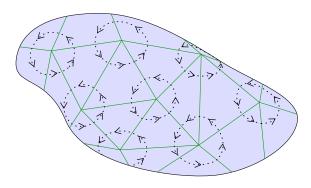
This form of free energy can be obtained by the matrix models.

$$\begin{split} S(M) &= \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{tr} M^2 - \frac{\lambda}{3} \mathrm{tr} M^3 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} M_{ij} M_{ji} - \frac{\lambda}{3} M_{ij} M_{jk} M_{ki} \\ M &= (M_{ij}) \ : \ \text{Hermitian matrix} \end{split}$$



Feynman diagram

 $\log Z =$ 



triangular decompositions



This model dynamically generates triangular decompositions.

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This model can be solved analytically:

diagonalization :

effective action :

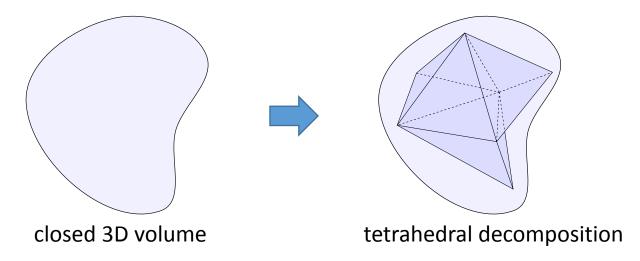
 $S = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{tr} X^2 - \frac{\lambda}{3} \operatorname{tr} X^3$  $= \frac{1}{2} x_i^2 - \frac{\lambda}{3} x_i^3$  $X = \operatorname{diag}(x_1, \dots, x_N)$ 

Large N analysis can be performed by the saddle point method.

## Discretized approach of 3D random volumes

The discretized approach to 3D random volume theory can be obtained in the similar way as that of 2D random surface theory.

We approximate 3D volumes as tetrahedral decompositions:

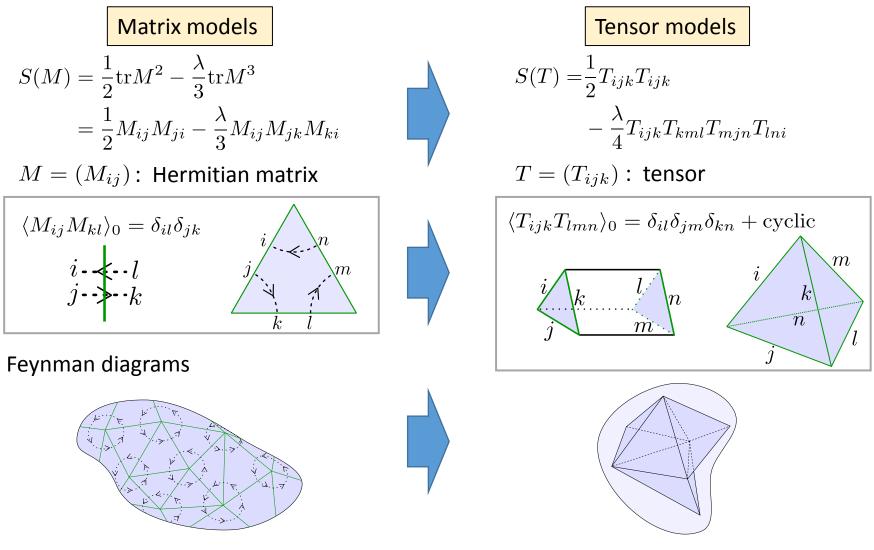


Then  $\log Z$  is defined as the sum of all distinct connected tetrahedral decompositions of 3D manifolds.

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## One approach (tensor models)

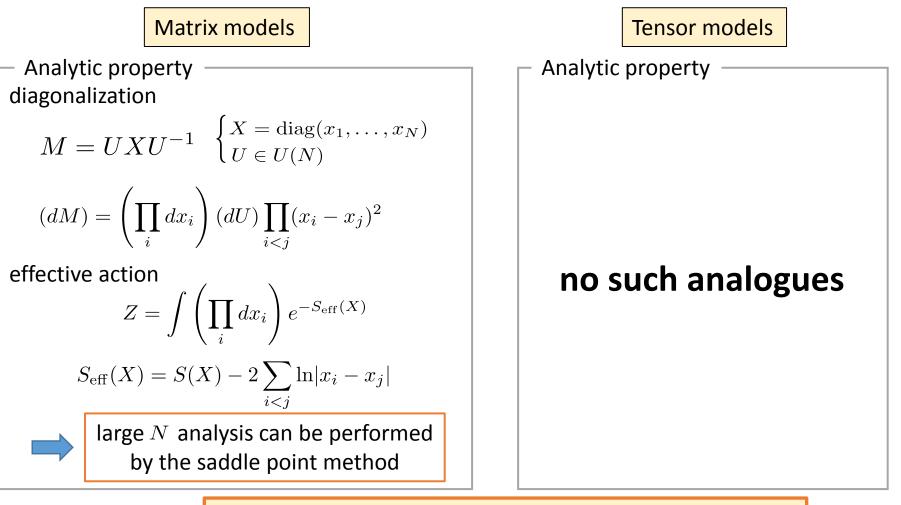
[Ambjorn et al.-Sasakura 1991]



triangular decompositions

tetrahedral decompositions

## One approach (tensor models)



We propose a new class of "matrix models" which generate 3D random volumes.

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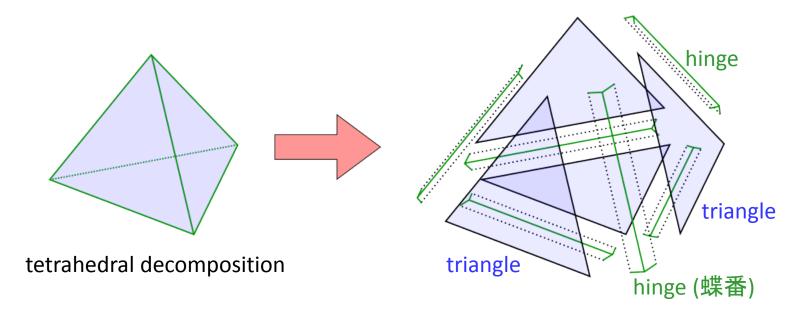
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### Main idea

### Using <u>triangles</u> (instead of tetrahedra) as building blocks.

That is, we decompose a tetrahedral decomposition to a collection of triangles glued together along multiple hinges.

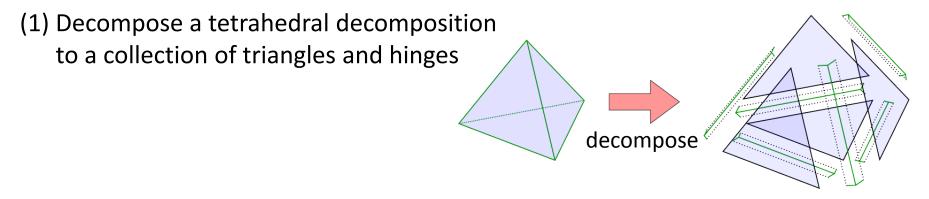
[cf: Chung-Fukuma-Shapere 1993]



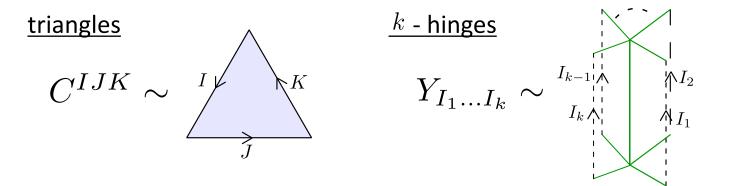
The models (triangle-hinge models)

### Strategy

We construct tetrahedral decompositions in the following steps:



(2) Assign real numbers  $C^{IJK}$  and  $Y_{I_1...I_k}$ :



Here,  $C^{IJK}$  and  $Y_{I_1...I_k}$  have two symmetries:

The properties of  $C^{IJK}$  and  $Y_{I_1...I_k}$ 

(1) rotation: these are cyclically symmetric.

$$\begin{cases} C^{IJK} = C^{JKI} = C^{KIJ} \\ Y_{I_1...I_k} = Y_{I_2...I_kI_1} = \dots \end{cases}$$



$$\begin{cases} C^{LMN}T_{L}^{\ I}T_{M}^{\ J}T_{N}^{\ K} = C^{KJI} \\ T_{I_{1}}^{\ J_{1}}\dots T_{I_{k}}^{\ J_{k}}Y_{J_{1}\dots J_{k}} = Y_{I_{k}\dots I_{1}} \end{cases}$$

$$I_{k-1} \land K = I_{k} \land I_{1} = K \land J$$

$$I_{k-1} \land I_{2} = I_{k} \land I_{3} = \dots$$

$$K \land I_{1} = I \land K$$

$$I_{2} \land I_{1} = I \land K$$

$$I_{2} \land I_{1} = I_{k-1} \land I_{2}$$

$$I_{2} \land I_{k} = I_{k-1} \land I_{2}$$

$$I_{1} \land I_{2} \land I_{1}$$

Here,  $T_I{}^J \sim I \wedge \psi^J$  is the "direction revering tensor", which satisfies  $T^2 = 1$ .

The models (triangle-hinge models)

### Strategy

(3) Reconstruct the original tetrahedral decomposition by gluing triangles and hinges along edges with the tensors  $\delta_I^J$  and  $T_I^J$ 

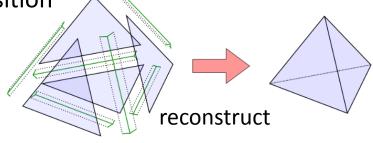
same direction

opposite direction

(4) Assign Boltzmann weight  $w(\gamma)$  to diagram  $\gamma$ 

$$w(\gamma) \equiv \frac{1}{S(\gamma)} \sum_{\text{{indices}}} \left[ \prod_{f: \text{ triangle}} C^{IJK}(f) \prod_{h: \text{ hinge}} Y_{I_1...I_k}(h) \right]$$

The indices are contracted when two edges are identified (  $T_I^{\ J}$  to be inserted when necessary )



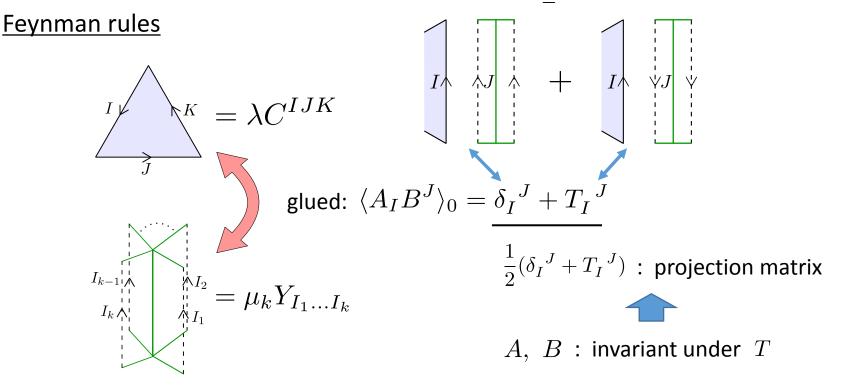
# Model definition (strategy)

dynamical variables

<u>action</u>

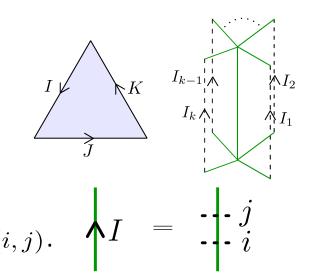
$$A = (A_I), B = (B^I)$$
 with  $A_I = T_I^{\ J} A_J, B^I = B^J T_J^I$ 

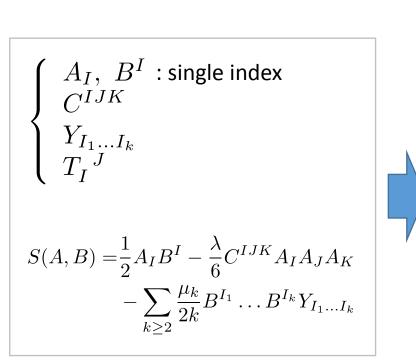
$$S(A,B) = \frac{1}{2}A_I B^I - \frac{\lambda}{6}C^{IJK}A_I A_J A_K - \sum_{k>2} \frac{\mu_k}{2k}B^{I_1} \dots B^{I_k}Y_{I_1\dots I_k}$$





In order to represent the orientations, we set the index I to be double index ; I = (i, j).





$$\begin{cases} A_{ij}, B^{ij} : \text{double index} \\ C^{(ij)(kl)(mn)} \\ Y_{(i_1j_1)\dots(i_kj_k)} \\ T_{ij} = \delta_i^{\ l} \delta_j^{\ k} \end{cases}$$
$$S(A, B) = \frac{1}{2} A_{ij} B^{kl} - \frac{\lambda}{6} C^{(ij)(kl)(mn)} A_{ij} A_{kl} A_{mn} \\ - \sum_{k \ge 2} \frac{\mu_k}{2k} B^{i_1j_1} \dots B^{i_kj_k} Y_{(i_1j_1)\dots(i_kj_k)} \end{cases}$$

# Algebraic construction

The building blocks  $C^{(ij)(kl)(mn)}$  and  $Y_{(i_1j_1)...(i_kj_k)}$  can be obtained from a semisimple associative algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ .

linear space with product "  $\times$  " satisfying associativity :  $(a \times b) \times c = a \times (b \times c)$ 

In the following, we take a basis  $\{e_i\} \left(\mathcal{A} = \bigoplus_i \mathbb{R}e_i\right)$ .

The product is expressed as  $e_i \times e_j = y_{ij}^{\ \ k} e_k$  ( $y_{ij}^{\ \ k}$ : structure constants)  $y_{ij}^{\ \ k}$  have two important properties.

$$(1) \operatorname{associativity}_{(e_i \times e_j) \times e_k} = e_i \times (e_j \times e_k)$$

$$y_{ij}^{\ k} y_{mk}^{\ l} = y_{im}^{\ l} y_{jk}^{\ m} \qquad \Longrightarrow \qquad y_{i_1 \dots i_k} \equiv y_{i_1 j_1}^{\ j_k} y_{i_2 j_2}^{\ j_1} \dots y_{i_k j_k}^{\ j_{k-1}}$$

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These have the symmetries

 $\begin{array}{l} \mbox{rotation}: & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} C^{(ij)(kl)(mn)} = C^{(kl)(mn)(ij)} = C^{(mn)(ij)(kl)} \\ Y_{(i_1j_1)\dots(i_kj_k)} = Y_{(i_2j_2)\dots(i_kj_k)(i_1j_1)} = \dots \end{array} \right. \\ \\ \mbox{flip}: & \left\{ \begin{array}{l} C^{(ij)(kl)(mn)} = C^{(nm)(lk)(ji)} \\ Y_{(i_1j_1)\dots(i_kj_k)} = Y_{(j_ki_k)\dots(j_1i_1)} \end{array} \right. \end{array} \right. \end{array} \right. \end{array}$ 

# Model definition (summary)

This model is characterized by an associative algebra  ${\mathcal A}$  .

dynamical variables

 $A = (A_{ij}), B = (B^{ij})$  : real symmetric matrices

<u>action</u>

$$S(A,B) = \frac{1}{2}A_{ij}B^{ij} - \frac{\lambda}{6}g^{jk}g^{lm}g^{ni}A_{ij}A_{kl}A_{mn} - \sum_{k\geq 2}\frac{\mu_k}{2k}y_{i_1\dots i_k}y_{j_k\dots j_1}B^{i_1j_1}\dots B^{i_kj_k}$$
  
Here,  $y_{i_1\dots i_k} \equiv y_{i_1j_1}^{j_k}y_{i_2j_2}^{j_1}\dots y_{i_kj_k}^{j_{k-1}}$  and  $g^{-1} = (g^{ij})$  is the inverse of  $g = (g_{ij})$ .

#### algebraic properties

(1) associativity

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$$\begin{bmatrix} y_{ij}^{k} y_{mk}^{l} = y_{im}^{l} y_{jk}^{m} \\ \downarrow & \downarrow \\ \end{bmatrix} \iff \begin{bmatrix} i \\ k \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} i \\ k \\ j \\ k \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i \\ k \end{bmatrix} \\ k \\ \downarrow & \downarrow \\ k \end{bmatrix}$$
(2) metric  

$$\begin{bmatrix} g_{ij} \equiv y_{ik}^{l} y_{jl}^{k} \\ \downarrow & \downarrow \\ k \end{bmatrix} \iff \begin{bmatrix} i \\ -j \end{bmatrix} = i - \begin{bmatrix} j \\ k \\ k \end{bmatrix}$$

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## Index function and index networks

<u>action</u>

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The free energy of this model has the following form:

$$\log Z = \sum_{\gamma} \frac{1}{S(\gamma)} \lambda^{s_2(\gamma)} \left( \prod_{k \ge 2} \mu_k^{s_1^k(\gamma)} \right) \mathcal{F}(\gamma) \begin{cases} \gamma & : \text{ connected diagram} \\ S(\gamma) & : \text{ symmetry factor} \\ s_2(\gamma) & : \text{ # of triangles} \\ s_1^k(\gamma) & : \text{ # of } k \text{ -hinges} \end{cases}$$
$$\mathcal{F}(\gamma) : \text{ a function of } g^{ij} \text{ and } y_{i_1 \dots i_k} \text{ (thus a function of } y_{ij}^k \text{ )}$$
$$\text{``index function of diagram } \gamma \text{ ''}$$

We claim :

 $\mathcal{F}(\gamma)$  is given as the product of 2D topological invariants, which are defined around the vertices of the diagram  $\gamma$  .

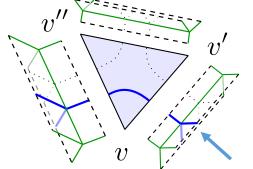
This fact can be shown in two steps:

(1)  $\mathcal{F}(\gamma)$  is given as the product of the contributions from vertices :

$$\mathcal{F}(\gamma) = \prod_{v: \text{ vertex of } \gamma} \zeta(v)$$

The index lines on two different hinges are connected (through an intermediate triangle) if and only if the hinges share the same vertex of  $\gamma\,$ .

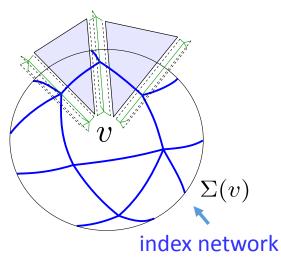




The connected components of the index lines (index network) have a one-to-one correspondence to the vertices of  $~\gamma$  .

$$\mathcal{F}(\gamma) = \prod_{v: \text{ vertex of } \gamma} \zeta(v)$$

Each connected component of the index networks can be regarded as a <u>closed 2D surface</u> enclosing a vertex.  $\Sigma(v)$  (not necessarily a sphere) index lines



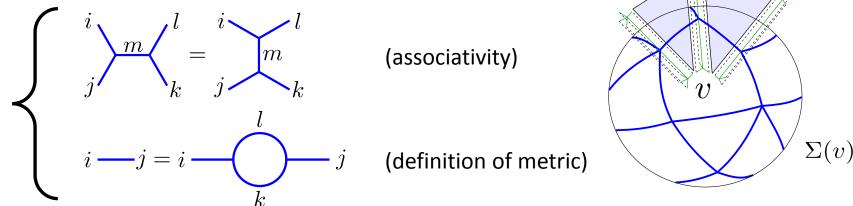
#### General forms of the free energy

This fact can be shown in two steps:

(2) Each contribution  $\zeta(v)$  is a 2D topological invariant of the 2D closed surface enclosing the vertex v:

 $\zeta(v) = \mathcal{I}_{g(v)}$  (g(v): genus of the 2D surface)

The contribution  $\zeta(v)$  for the index network around v is invariant under the following deformations:



These deformations generate 2D topology-preserving local moves. [Fukuma-Hosono-Kawai 1994]

 $\zeta(v)$  is the 2D topological invariant of  $\Sigma(v)\,$  associated with  $\,{\cal A}\,$  .

 $\zeta(v) = \mathcal{I}_{g(v)}[\mathcal{A}]$  (g(v): genus of  $\Sigma(v)$ )

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Matrix ring

### Matrix ring

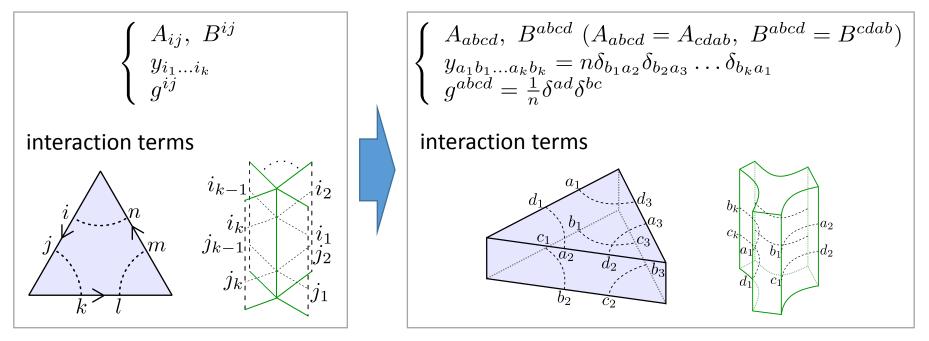
In this section, we discuss a simple (and important) example of associative algebra  ${\mathcal A}$  .

Set 
$$\mathcal{A}$$
 to be a matrix ring:  $\mathcal{A} = M_n(\mathbb{R}) = \bigoplus_{a,b} \mathbb{R}e_{ab}$   $(e_{ab} \times e_{cd} = \delta_{bc}e_{ad})$ 

the set of  $n \times n$  real matrices

the usual matrix product

Then the variables in the model can be illustrated as the thickened diagrams.



Matrix ring

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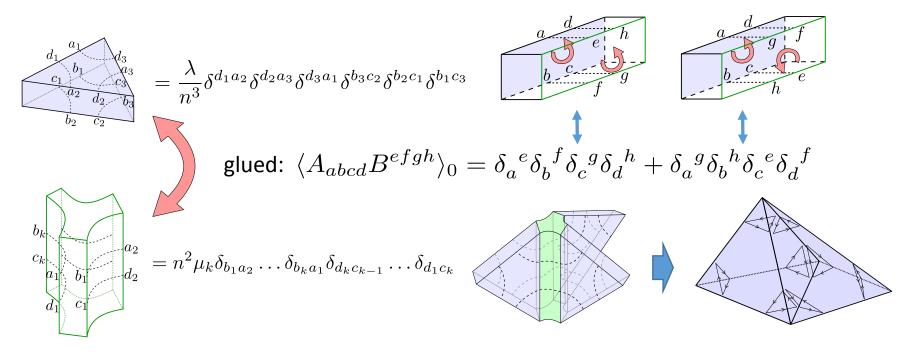
## Model definition (matrix ring)

dynamical variables

$$A = (A_{abcd}), \ B = (B^{abcd}) \ (A_{abcd} = A_{cdab}, \ B^{abcd} = B^{cdab})$$

$$S(A,B) = \frac{1}{2}A_{abcd}B^{abcd} - \frac{\lambda}{6n^3}A_{bacd}A_{dcef}A_{feab} - \sum_{k\geq 2}\frac{n^2\mu_k}{2k}B^{a_1a_2b_2b_1}B^{a_2a_3b_3b_2}\dots B^{a_ka_1b_1b_k}$$

#### Feynman rules

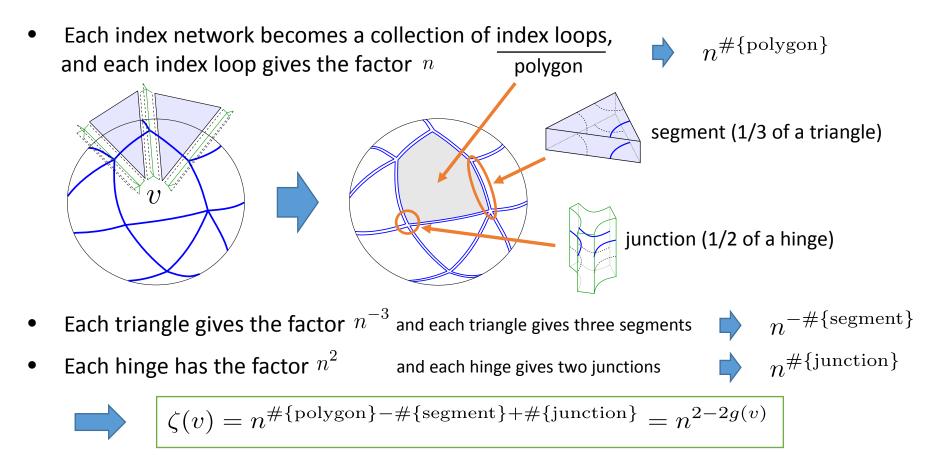


Matrix ring

### In this case, we can calculate $\zeta(v) = \mathcal{I}_{g(v)}$ exactly.

$$S(A,B) = \frac{1}{2}A_{abcd}B^{abcd} - \frac{\lambda}{6n^3}A_{bacd}A_{dcef}A_{feab} - \sum_{k\geq 2}\frac{n^2\mu_k}{2k}B^{a_1a_2b_2b_1}B^{a_2a_3b_3b_2}\dots B^{a_ka_1b_1b_k}$$

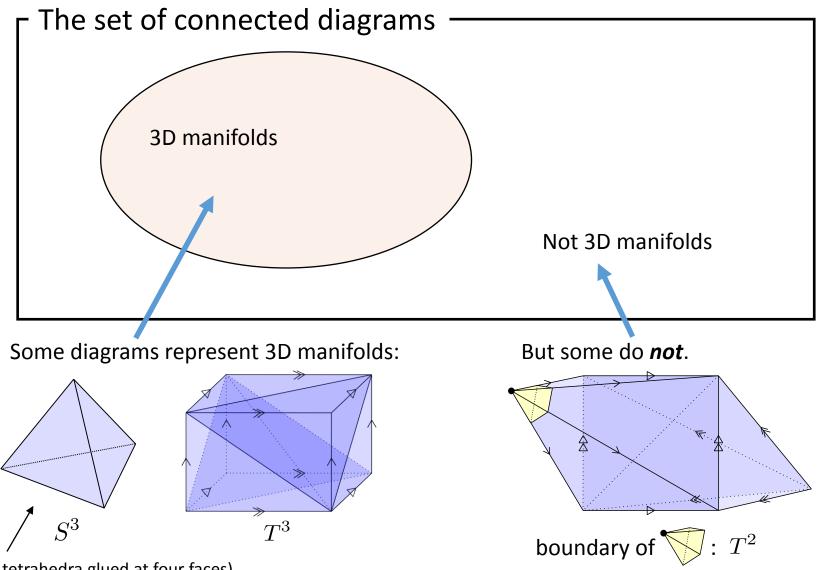
The n dependence appears in three ways (from index loops, triangles and hinges).



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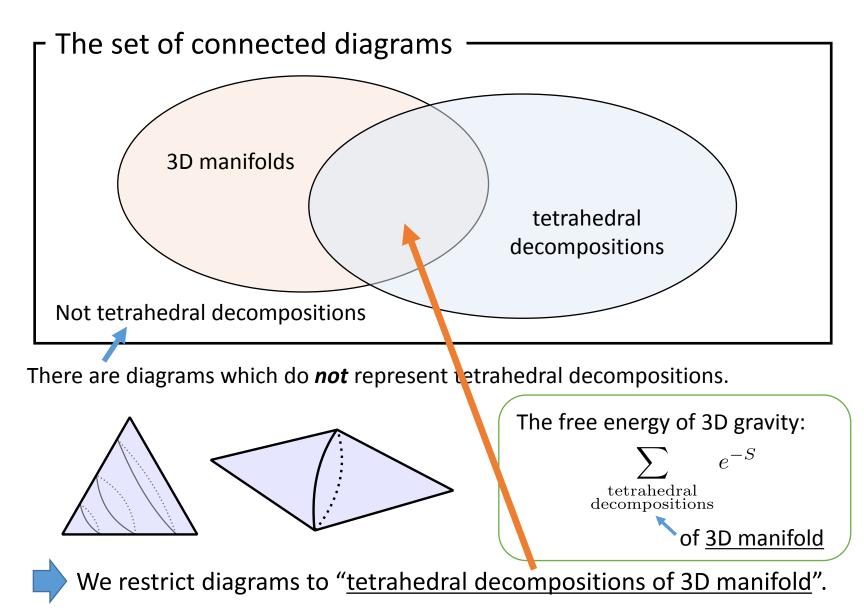
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## Feynman diagrams



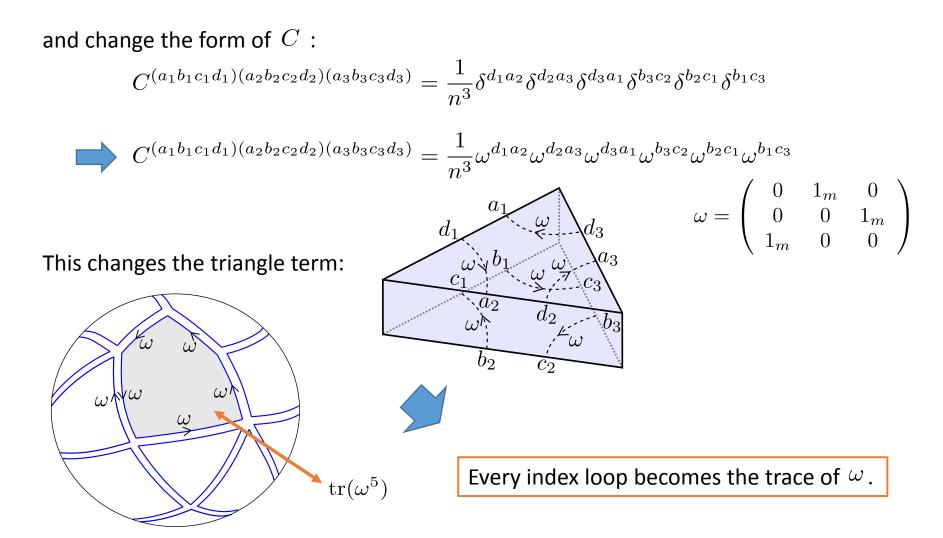
(Two tetrahedra glued at four faces)

## Feynman diagrams



### How to restrict diagrams

Again we set  $\mathcal{A}$  to be a matrix ring:  $\mathcal{A} = M_{3m}(\mathbb{R})$  (n = 3m)

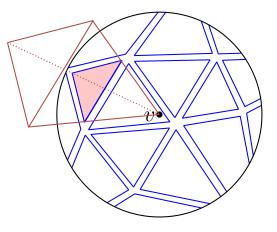


#### Restricting to manifolds

$$\omega = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1_m & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1_m \\ 1_m & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
 is the shift matrix.

$$r(\omega^{l}) = \begin{cases} 3m \ (l = 0 \mod 3) \\ 0 \ (l \neq 0 \mod 3) \end{cases}$$

f we take the limit 
$$\begin{cases} n \to \infty \ (n = 3m) \\ \frac{n}{\lambda}, \ n^2 \mu_k : \text{ fixed} \end{cases}$$



The dominant contributions : the diagrams with l=3~ for every index loop (\*)~

(to be proved in the next slide)

#### Each index loop represents a corner of a tetrahedron.



#### Restricting to manifolds

### Proof of (\*)

We recall  $l = 3\overline{l}$  and define the following numbers.

 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} s_2(\gamma) : \text{ \# of triangles} \\ s_1^k(\gamma) : \text{ \# of } k \text{ - hinges} \\ s_0(\gamma) : \text{ \# of vertices} \end{array} \right. \left\{ \begin{array}{l} t_2^l(v) : \text{ \# of } l \text{ - gons} \\ t_1(v) : \text{ \# of segments} \\ t_0^k(v) : \text{ \# of segments} \end{array} \right.$ 

These satisfy 
$$\sum_{v} t_1(v) = 3s_2, \ \sum_{v} t_0^k(v) = 2s_1^k, \ \sum_{l \ge 3} lt_2^l(v) = 2t_1(v)$$

The Boltzmann weight is expressed as

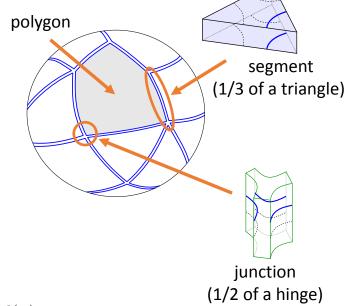
$$w(\gamma) = \frac{1}{S(\gamma)} \lambda^{s_2} \prod_{k \ge 2} \mu_k^{s_1^k} \prod_v n^{2-2g(v)}$$
$$= \frac{1}{S(\gamma)} \prod_v \left[ \left( \prod_{k \ge 2} (\lambda^2 \mu_k)^{\frac{1}{2} t_0^k(v)} \right) \left(\frac{n}{\lambda}\right)^{2-2g(v)} \left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right)^{\frac{1}{3} d(v)} \right]$$

Here, 
$$d(v) = 2t_1(v) - 3\sum_{l \ge 3} t_2^l(v) = \sum_{l \ge 3} (l-3)t_2^l(v) \ge 0$$

If we take the limit  $\begin{cases} n \to \infty \ (n = 3m) \\ \frac{n}{\lambda}, \ n^2 \mu_k : \text{ fixed} \end{cases}$ 

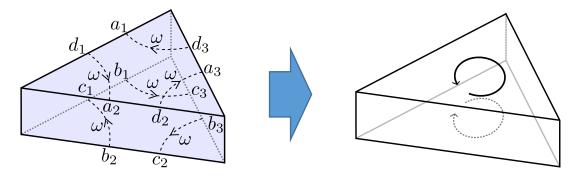
 $\implies$  The dominant contributions : the diagrams with d(v) = 0

 $\implies$  the diagrams with l = 3 for every index loop

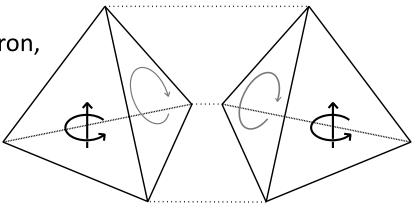


Triangle-hinge models generates 3D oriented tetrahedral decompositions.

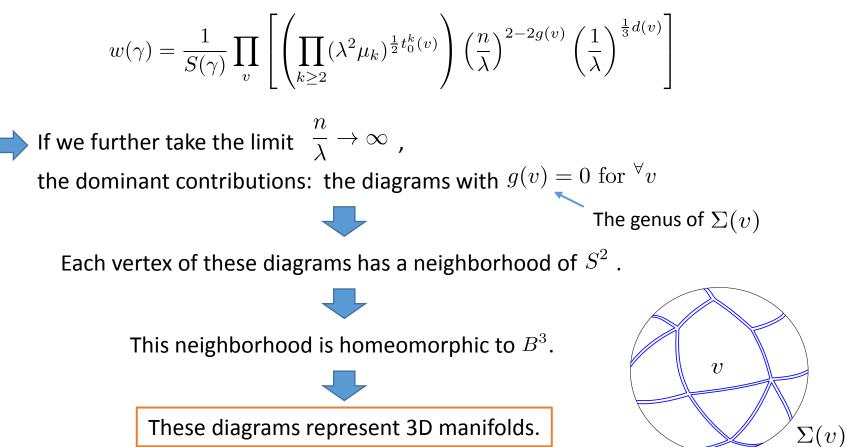
Two triangles (upper and lower side of a thickened triangle) always have opposite orientations.



If we define local orientation to each tetrahedron, two tetrahedra glued at their faces always have the same orientation.



The Boltzmann weight of the diagram  $\gamma$  is expressed as



We can single out tetrahedral decompositions of orientable 3D manifolds by taking the large n limit of the parameters.

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# Assigning matter degrees of freedom

We have discussed 3D "pure gravity".

In order to assign matter degres of freedom, we set  $\mathcal{A}$  to be a tensor product of algebras :  $\begin{cases} \mathcal{A} = \mathcal{A}_{grav} \otimes \mathcal{A}_{matt} \\ C = C_{grav} C_{matt} \end{cases}$  (factorized)

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{grav}} = M_{3m}(\mathbb{R})$$

$$C_{\text{grav}}^{(a_1b_1c_1d_1)(a_2b_2c_2d_2)(a_3b_3c_3d_3)} = \frac{1}{n^3}\omega^{d_1a_2}\omega^{d_2a_3}\omega^{d_3a_1}\omega^{b_3c_2}\omega^{b_2c_1}\omega^{b_1c_3}$$



The index function  $\mathcal{F}(\gamma)=\mathcal{F}(\gamma;\mathcal{A})$  also factorizes :  $\mathcal{F}(\gamma; \mathcal{A}) = \mathcal{F}(\gamma; \mathcal{A}_{\text{grav}}) \mathcal{F}(\gamma; \mathcal{A}_{\text{matt}})$ 

 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{A}_{\rm grav} & {\rm restricts \ the \ diagrams \ to \ tetrahedral \ decompositions \ of \ 3D \ manifold \\ \mathcal{A}_{\rm matt} & {\rm can \ represent \ matter \ degrees \ of \ freedom } \end{array} \right.$ 

In the following, we only discuss  ${\cal A}_{
m matt}$  (and omit the index of  ${\cal A}_{
m grav}$  )

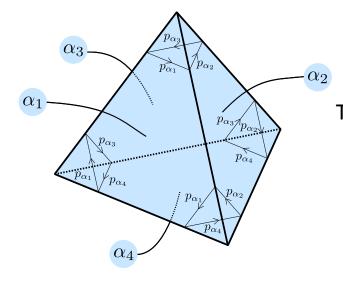
Set  $\mathcal{A}_{\text{matt}}$  also to be a matrix ring :  $\mathcal{A}_{\text{matt}} = M_q(\mathbb{R}) = \bigoplus_{1 \le \alpha, \beta \le q} \mathbb{R} e_{\alpha\beta}$ 

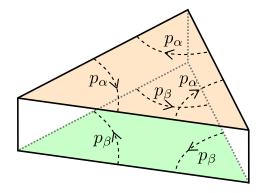
and choose C to have the form :

$$\lambda C^{(\alpha_1\beta_1\gamma_1\delta_1)(\alpha_2\beta_2\gamma_2\delta_2)(\alpha_3\beta_3\gamma_3\delta_3)} = \sum_{\alpha,\beta=1}^q \lambda_{\alpha\beta} p_{\alpha}^{\delta_1\alpha_2} p_{\alpha}^{\delta_2\alpha_3} p_{\alpha}^{\delta_3\alpha_1} p_{\beta}^{\beta_3\gamma_2} p_{\beta}^{\beta_2\gamma_1} p_{\beta}^{\beta_1\gamma_3}$$

 $(p_{\alpha})^{\beta\gamma}=\delta_{\alpha}{}^{\beta}\delta_{\alpha}{}^{\gamma}~:~{\rm projection}~{\rm matrix}$ 

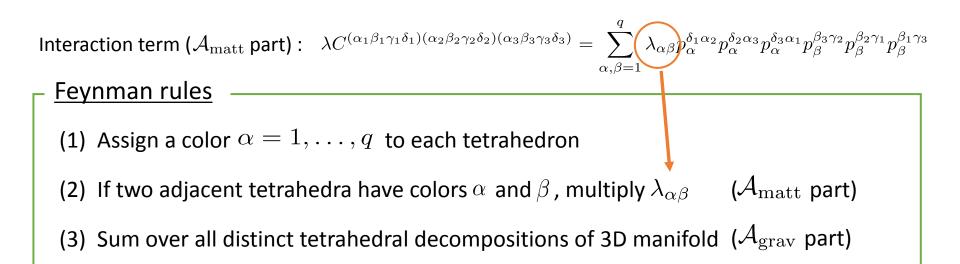
This changes the triangle term:





The four index loops in each tetrahedron gives the factor  $tr(p_{\alpha_1}p_{\alpha_2}p_{\alpha_3})tr(p_{\alpha_2}p_{\alpha_1}p_{\alpha_4})tr(p_{\alpha_1}p_{\alpha_3}p_{\alpha_4})tr(p_{\alpha_3}p_{\alpha_2}p_{\alpha_4})$   $=\begin{cases} 1 \ (\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \alpha_3 = \alpha_4) \\ 0 \ (\text{otherwise}) \end{cases}$ 

Each tetrahedron has a single color.



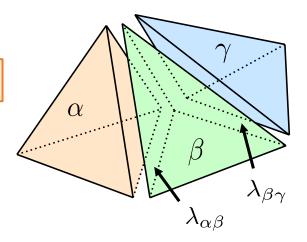
This is the q-state spin system on 3D random volumes.

<u>Example</u> : q = 2  $\implies$  The Ising model coupled to 3D QG

– Comment

In the similar way, we can put local spin systems on simplices of arbitrary dimensions.

(tetrahedra, triangles, edges and vertices)



## Summary

- We proposed a new class of matrix models which generate 3D random volumes.
- The models are characterized by semisimple associative algebras  ${\cal A}\,$  .
- Although most of the Feynman diagrams do not represent manifolds, we can reduce the possible diagrams to those representing <u>tetrahedral decompositions of 3D manifolds</u>.
- We can assign matter degrees of freedom on simplices of any dimensions.

### Future directions

- Further developing the analytic treatment
- Inventing a machinery to restrict the diagrams to a particular topology
- Assigning matter degrees of freedom corresponding to the target space coordinates  $X^{\mu}$  and investigating the critical behaviors