

- **Chapter 3. Variants of random walk**

(Main Refs. [3], [\*])

§ 1. Lévy flights.

§ 2. Walks with memory.

§ 3. Continuous time R.W.

§ 4. Generating function and RG.

## § 1. Levy flights (walks)

CLT 의 조건 중 philosophy 2 가 깨지는 경우

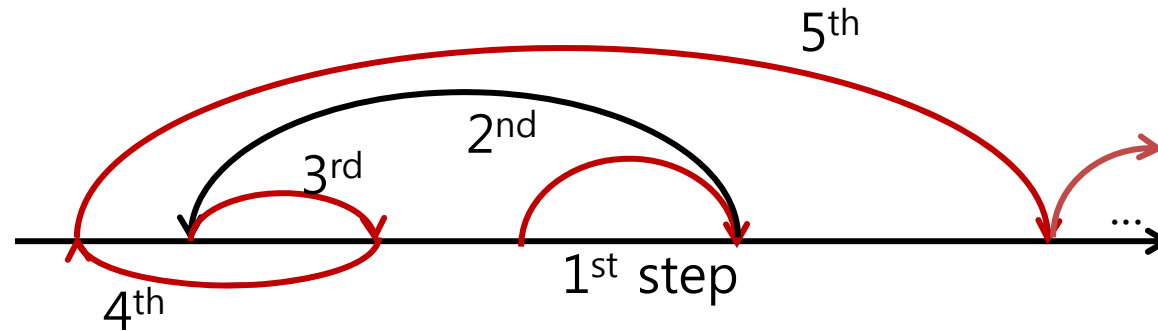
$$* \langle u \rangle = \int p(u)u = m, \quad \langle u \rangle^2 = \int p(u) u^2$$

등이 존재하지 않는 경우 중

$p(u)$ 가 power-law를 만족하는 경우

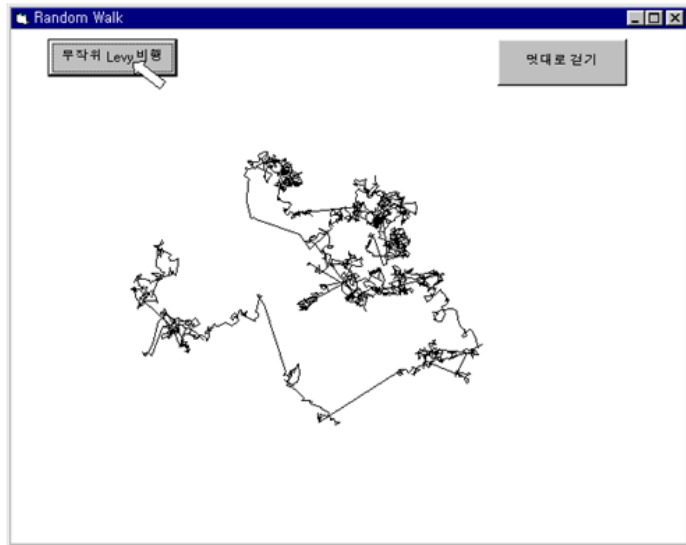
→ Lévy flight(walk) (LF)

1d 에서



$$p(u) = \frac{1}{c} u^{-(1+\eta)} \quad (\eta > 0) \quad (1)$$

- ①  $\eta > 2 \rightarrow m_1, m_2$  exists  
CLT  $\rightarrow$  satisfied (2)
- ②  $1 < \eta < 2, m_2$  or  $\langle u \rangle^2$  diverges.  
CLT  $\rightarrow$  unsatisfied (3)
- ③  $0 < \eta < 1$ , both  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  diverge.  
CLT  $\rightarrow$  unsatisfied (4)



PDF of  $R = u_1 + u_2 + \dots + u_n$

$$u_m(N) = \max(u_1, u_2, \dots, u_m) \quad (5)$$

$$N \int_{u_m(N)}^{\infty} p(u) du = 1 \rightarrow u_m(N) \approx N^{1/\eta} \quad (6)$$

$$\rightarrow p(u \gg u_m(N), N) = 0$$

\* Biased LF for  $0 < \eta < 1$

$$R = N \int_0^{u_m(N)} u p(u) du = \begin{cases} N^{1/\eta} & (\eta < 1) \\ N \ln N & (\eta = 1) \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

\* LF for  $1 < \eta \leq 2$

$$(\Delta R)^2 = (R - \langle R \rangle)^2 = N \int_0^{u_m} (u - m_1)^2 p(u) du = \begin{cases} N^{2/\eta} & : 1 < \eta < 2 \\ N \ln N & : \eta = 2 \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

$(\langle R \rangle = Nm_1), (d_L : \text{fractal time of LF})$

$$\underline{d_L = \eta}$$

\* LF scaling

$$p(N, R) = \begin{cases} N^{-\frac{1}{\eta}} f\left(\frac{R}{N^{\frac{1}{\eta}}}\right) & (0 < \eta < 1) \\ N^{-\frac{1}{\eta}} f\left(\frac{R - \langle R \rangle}{N^{\frac{1}{\eta}}}\right) & (1 < \eta < 2) \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

\* LF on 2d, 3d space  $\rightarrow$  Eqs. **(7)**, **(8)**, **(9)**, OK.

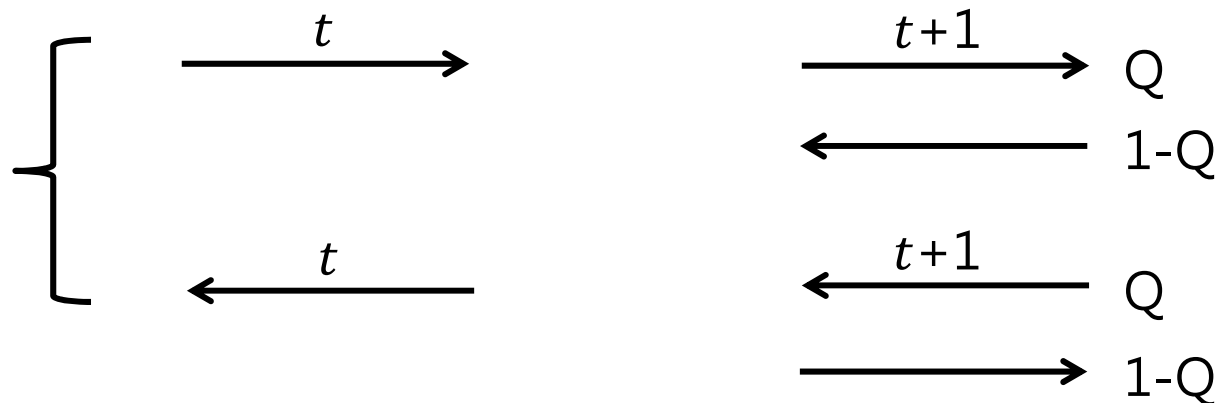
(Exercise) Prove **(9)** by simulation [(cf) (1-12)].

## § 2. Walks with memory

- Break the philosophy 3 of CLT
- Memory or interaction effect

### ① Persistent RW

Consider 1d RW for simplicity



Walker has the tendency to move in the same direction as it moved at previous time  $\rightarrow$  Markovian process of the second order

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} L(N; n) : \text{the prob. that a walker arrives at } n \text{ after } N \text{ steps with} \\ \text{the last step takes the left direction.} \\ R(N; n) : \text{the prob. that a walker arrives at } n \text{ after } N \text{ steps with} \\ \text{the last step takes the right direction.} \end{array} \right.$

### Recursion relation

$$\begin{aligned} L(N + 1; n) &= QL(N; n + 1) + (1 - Q)R(N; n + 1) \\ R(N + 1; n) &= QR(N; n + 1) + (1 - Q)L(N; n + 1) \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

$$P(n, N) \approx \sqrt{\frac{1 - Q}{2\pi NQ}} \exp \left[ -n^2 \frac{1 - Q}{2NQ} \right] \quad (11)$$

$$\text{Persistent length : } \ell_p = \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} \ell Q^{\ell} (1 - Q) = \frac{Q}{1 - Q} = N_p \quad (12)$$

Rescaling the number of step (time scale)

$$N' = \frac{N}{\ell_p} = \frac{N}{N_p}$$

$$P(n, N) \approx \sqrt{\frac{1}{2\pi N'}} \exp\left[-\frac{n^2}{2N'}\right] \quad (13)$$

→ Simple RWs

(Exercise) Prove Eq. **(11)**

(Exercise) From the persistent random walks, Show

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{Telegraph} \\ \text{Equation} \end{array} \right] \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{\partial R(x, t)}{\partial t} + v \frac{\partial R(x, t)}{\partial x} &= \gamma (L(x, t) - R(x, t)) \\ \frac{\partial L(x, t)}{\partial t} + v \frac{\partial L(x, t)}{\partial x} &= \gamma (R(x, t) - L(x, t)) \end{aligned}$$

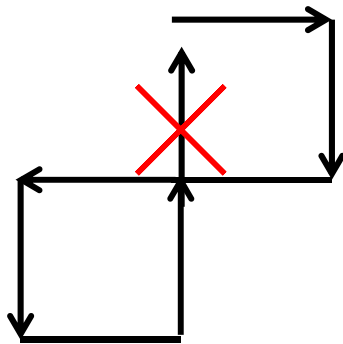
By taking a continuous limit of space time



## ② Self-avoiding walks (SAWs)

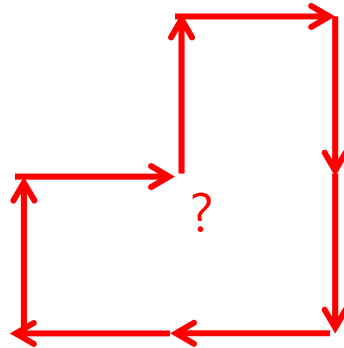
- ⌊ Polymer in good solvent
  - ⌊ Isolated (diluted) polymer
- Break the philosophy 3

- Non-Markovian walks
  - (Excluded volume effects)
  - (Repulsive interactions between monomers)
- Walker cannot visit the already-visited sites, bonds, points, etc.



## SAWs on lattices

1<sup>st</sup> theoretical version : Growing SAWs → Dead end problem



→ True self-avoiding walks?

2nd theoretical version : Ensemble of  $N$ -step walks (  $N$ -SAWs)

Consider 2<sup>nd</sup> version first

$$J_N \sim N^{\gamma-1} \mu^N : \# \text{ of possible N-SAWs} \quad (1-9)$$

\*  $\mu$  : Effective coordination number

$\mu \leq z - 1$  (  $z$  : coordination number of the lattice)

$$R_E^2 \equiv \langle R^2 \rangle \sim N^{2\nu} \text{ ( end-to-end distance )}. \quad (1-7)$$

$$R_g^2 \equiv \frac{1}{N} \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^N (\vec{u}_i - \vec{R})^2 \right\rangle \quad \left( \vec{R} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \vec{u}_i \right)$$

$\sim N^{2\nu}$  (radius of gyration)

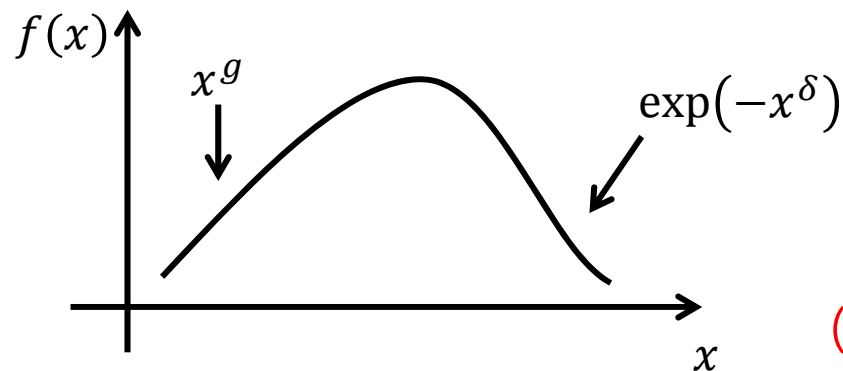
$$(d_{SAW} = \frac{1}{\nu})$$

## Essential properties of SAWs

$$\textcircled{1} \quad P(R, N) = \frac{J_N^{SAW}(R)}{J_N^{SAW}} \approx \frac{1}{R_E^d} f\left(\frac{R}{R_E}\right) \quad (14)$$

(scaling property)

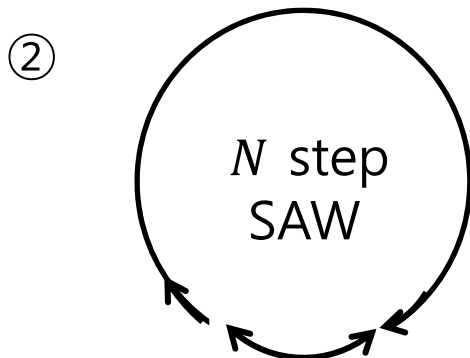
$$1/R_E^d \sim \text{Normalization } [\int d^d R P(R, N) = 1]$$



$$f(x) \approx x^g \exp(-x^\delta) \quad (15)$$

$$\delta \approx (1 - \nu)^{-1} \quad (16)$$

(By the mapping to  $n = 0$   $n$ -vector model)



$$J_N^{SAW}(R = a) \approx \mu^N \left(\frac{a}{R_E}\right)^d \quad (17)$$

(From uniform distribution of end points in the volume of  $R_E^d$ )

$$P(a, N) = \frac{1}{R_E^d} \left( \frac{a}{R_E} \right)^g \approx \frac{1}{R_E^d} N^{-\nu g} \quad (18)$$

$$P(a, N) = \frac{\mathcal{J}_N^{SAW}(a)}{\mathcal{J}_N^{SAW}} \approx \frac{1}{R_E^d} N^{1-\gamma} \quad (19)$$

$$g = \frac{\gamma-1}{\nu} \text{ (des Cloiseaux relation)} \quad (20)$$

From Eqs **(16)**, **(20)**  $\rightarrow (\gamma, \nu) \rightarrow (\gamma, \nu, \delta, g)$

(Ref. [6]: Chapter 1)

## Flory approximation

Free energy of polymers

$$F = E - TS$$

①  $E$  : Repulsive interaction between monomer → Mean-field energy

$\left(\rho = \frac{N}{R^d} : \text{monomer density}\right)$

Effective range of repulsive interaction :  $\ell$

$\epsilon$  : the energy for a pair of monomers

$$E_{re} = \epsilon N \rho \ell^d = \ell^d \epsilon \frac{N^2}{R^d} = C_{re} \frac{N^2}{R^d} \quad (21)$$

② Entropy term ( $S$ )

$$\begin{aligned} S_N(R) &\approx \ln \mathcal{J}_N(R) \\ &\approx \ln p(N, R) \mathcal{J}_N \quad \left( \because p(N, R) = \frac{\mathcal{J}_N(R)}{\mathcal{J}_N} \right) \\ &\approx \ln \exp \left( - \left( \frac{R^2}{N} \right) \right) \mathcal{J}_N \quad \text{[Pure RW]} \\ &\approx \ln \mathcal{J}_N - C \frac{R^2}{N} \end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

$$-TS = E_{el} = \text{const.} + C \frac{R^2}{N} \tag{23}$$

(Elastic energy of polymer)

$$\begin{aligned}
F &= E - TS \\
&= C_{re} \frac{N^2}{R^d} + C_{el} \frac{R^2}{N} + const
\end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

$$\frac{\partial F}{\partial R} = 0 \rightarrow \nu_F = \frac{3}{d+2} \quad (R_E \sim N^\nu) \tag{25}$$

$$\frac{1}{d_{SAW}} = \nu_F = \begin{cases} 1 & (d=1) \\ 3/4 & (d=2) \\ 3/5 & (d=3) \\ 1/2 & (d=4) \end{cases} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_{ex} = 1 \\ \nu_{ex} = 3/4 \\ \nu_{ex} = 0.58 \\ \nu_{ex} = 1/2 \end{pmatrix} \tag{26}$$

\*  $\nu_F$  is an amazing result considering the crude approximation of  $E_{el}$  &  $E_{re}$ .

\*  $E_{re}$  is overestimated due to the repulsion.

\*  $E_{el} \sim -TS \rightarrow S_{rw} > S_{SAWs}$



\* Two overestimates of  $E_{el}$  &  $E_{re}$  interfere constructively  
→  $\nu_F$  is a relatively exact result.

\*  $d \geq 4$  :  $\nu_F = \nu_{SAW} = \frac{1}{2}$  ( $d_w = d_{SAW} = 2$ )

$$E_{re}^{SAW} \leq E_{re}^{max} = C_{re} \frac{N^2}{R_{RW}^d} \approx C_{re} N^{2-\frac{d}{2}} \quad (27)$$

$E_{re}^{max}$  is negligible if  $d > 4$   
(Excluded volume effect is negligible)

( $d_u = 4$  : upper critical dimension)

( $d_l = 1$  : lower critical dimension)

→ reminiscence of  $n$ -vector (Ising) model

## Mapping to $n = 0$ $n$ -vector model

\*  $n$ -vector model : classical model of ferromagnetism.

$$\mathcal{H} = -J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \vec{S}_i \cdot \vec{S}_j \left( -h \sum_i \vec{S}_i \right) \quad (28)$$

$$|\vec{S}_i|^2 = 1, \vec{S}_i = (S_i^1, S_i^2, \dots, S_i^n) = \{S_i^\alpha\}$$

$n \rightarrow 0$  에서

$$\langle S^\alpha(0) S^\alpha(R) \rangle \Big|_{n \rightarrow 0} = \sum_N J_N^{SAW}(R) K^N \left( K = \frac{J}{k_B T} \right) \quad (29)$$

$$G(K, R) = \sum_N J_N^{SAW}(R) K^N \rightarrow \text{generating function of walk models} \\ (K : \text{fugacity})$$

(Exercise) Prove (29)

Susceptibility

$$\chi \equiv \sum_R \langle s^\alpha(0) s^\alpha(R) \rangle \Big|_{n \rightarrow 0} = \sum_R \sum_N J_N^{SAW}(R) K^N$$

(Fluctuation-Dissipation theorem)

$$= \sum_N J_N^{SAW} K^N = \sum_N (K\mu)^N N^{\gamma-1} \quad (30)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} K_c \approx \frac{1}{\mu} \text{ (Convergence radius)} \\ \text{or } T_c = J\mu/k_B \end{array} \right. \quad (31)$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{T-T_c}{T} \equiv \bar{t} \text{ (Reduced temp.)} \\ \bar{t} \rightarrow 0 \text{ (Critical regime)} \end{array} \right.$$

$$K - K_c \approx -K_c \bar{t} \rightarrow K = K_c \exp(-\bar{t})$$

$$\chi \equiv \sum_N \exp(-N\bar{t}) N^{\gamma-1} \approx \int_0^\infty \exp(-N\bar{t}) N^{\gamma-1} dN$$

$$\chi \approx \bar{t}^{-\gamma} \quad (32)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
C(R) &= \langle S^\alpha(0)S^\alpha(R) \rangle \Big|_{n \rightarrow 0} = \sum_N J_N^{SAW}(R) K_c^N \exp(-N\bar{t}) \\
&= K_c^N \int_0^\infty dN J_N^{SAW}(R) \exp(-N\bar{t})
\end{aligned} \tag{33}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Laplace transform of } J_N^{SAW}(R) \rightarrow C(R) \\ (N \leftrightarrow \bar{t}) \rightarrow \text{conjugate variables} \end{array} \right.$$

(Exercise) Prove that  $\delta = (1 - \nu)^{-1}$  **(16)** from

$$C(R) \approx \frac{\exp\left(-\frac{R}{\xi}\right)}{R^{d-2+\eta}}$$

and

$$\xi \sim \bar{t}^{-\nu}$$

by using **(33)** and  $P(R, N) \approx \frac{J_N^{SAW}(R)}{J_N^{SAW}}$

$$\langle S^\alpha(0)S^\alpha(a) \rangle \Big|_{n \rightarrow 0} = \sum_N K_c^N J_N(a) \exp(-N\bar{t})$$

$$\varepsilon_s = -\frac{1}{2} zJ \langle S(0)S(a) \rangle \quad (\varepsilon_s: \text{Exchange energy per spin})$$

$$\approx \int dN J_N(a) \exp(-N\bar{t})$$

$$\approx \bar{t}^{(1-\alpha)} \quad \left( \frac{\partial \varepsilon_s}{\partial \bar{t}} = C_{heat} = \bar{t}^{-\alpha} \right)$$

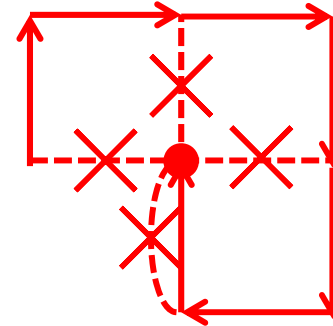
$$J_N(a) \approx N^{\alpha-2} \approx N^{-\nu d} \approx \frac{1}{R_E^d} \rightarrow \text{Eq. (17)} \quad (\because \text{hyper scaling } \alpha = 2 - \nu d)$$

Consider now growing version of walk models : 1st version

\* Survival probability of SAWs at  $N$ -step.

$$\approx S(N) = \frac{\mathcal{J}_N^{SAW}}{\mathcal{J}_N^{RW}} \approx N^{\gamma-1} \left(\frac{\mu}{z}\right)^N$$

\* Dead end  $\rightarrow$  no more growth

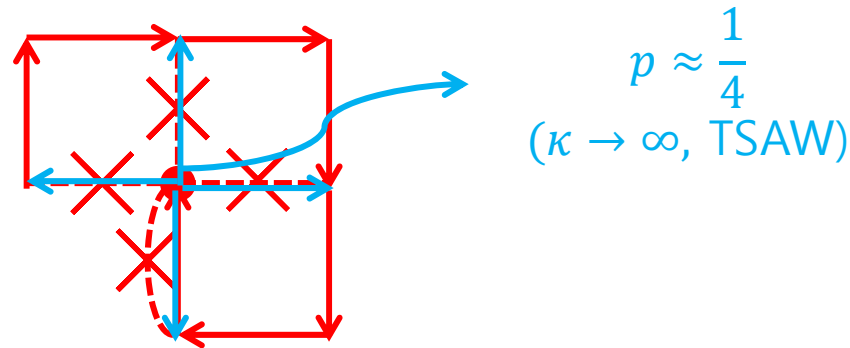


To circumvent the dead end. → True self-avoiding walks (TSAWs)

$$p(\vec{R}, \vec{R} + \vec{\delta}) = \frac{e^{-\kappa n(\vec{R} + \vec{\delta})}}{\sum_{\vec{\delta}} e^{-\kappa n(\vec{R} + \vec{\delta})}} \quad (34)$$

: hopping probability to one of the nearest neighbor  $\vec{\delta} (\in \{\vec{a}_i\}: i = 1, \dots, 2d)$

$n(\vec{R} + \vec{\delta})$  : the number that the walk has visited the site  $\vec{R} + \vec{\delta}$ .



$$v_{TSAW} = \frac{2}{d+2} \left( d_{TSAW} = \frac{d+2}{2} \right) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{3} & : d = 1 \\ 2 & : d \geq 2 \quad (d_u = 2) \end{cases} \quad (35)$$

(Exercise) Study the following walk models and investigating the critical properties by simulation.

- ① growing self-avoiding walks  
(kinetic growth walks)
- ② Indefinitely growing SAWs
- ③ Trail (  $\Theta$ - collapse)
- ④ Hamiltonian walk
- ⑤ Directed (Anisotropic) walk

### Final remarks

- \* Ballistic motion  $\nu_B = 1$   
 $(\nu_B \geq \nu_{any})$
- \* Super diffusion  $(\nu > \frac{1}{2})$
- \* Sub diffusion  $(\nu < \frac{1}{2})$



### § 3. Continuous time R.W.

Break the philosophy ①: RW can take variable time interval between hops (steps) or RW can sit on a site for a considerable time before leaving.

→ continuous time RWs.

$q(t)dt$  : the probability that RW leaves site at the time between  $t$  and  $t + dt$  after arriving the site.

$a(\tau)$  : The probability that RW does not take the step up to  $\tau$ .

$$a(\tau) = \prod_{i=1}^m (1 - q(t_i)dt_i) \quad \left(dt_i = \frac{\tau}{m}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 a(\tau) &= \prod_{i=1}^m (1 - q(t_i)) dt_i = \exp \left[ \sum_{i=1}^m \ln(1 - q(t_i)) dt_i \right] \\
 &\stackrel{dt_i \rightarrow 0}{=} \exp \left( - \sum_{i=1}^m q(t_i) dt_i \right) \\
 a(\tau) &= \exp \left( - \int_0^\tau q(t) dt \right) \tag{36}
 \end{aligned}$$

\*  $a(\infty) \rightarrow 0$ , if  $\int_0^\infty q(t) dt \rightarrow \infty$

RW leaves the site any-way.

\*  $a(\infty) \rightarrow \text{finite}$ , if  $\int_0^\infty q(t) dt = \text{finite}$

RW has a finite probability to stay the site eternally.

Then, the prob. that RW leaves the site at the interval  $(t_1, t + dt_1)$

$$\rightarrow a(t_1)q(t_1)dt_1 \quad (37)$$

Thus, the prob. that RW leaves the site

$$\begin{aligned} &\rightarrow \int_0^\infty a(t_1)q(t_1)dt_1 = \int_0^\infty \exp\left[-\int_0^{t_1} q(t)dt\right] q(t_1)dt_1 \\ &= -\exp\left[-\int_0^{t_1} q(t)dt\right]\Big|_0^\infty \\ &= a(0) - a(\infty) \\ &= 1 - a(\infty) \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

Furthermore, the prob. that RW takes a step at the time interval  $(t_1, t_1 + dt_1)$  to a site with the relative position  $(\vec{r}, \vec{r} + d\vec{r})$  is

$$p(\vec{r}, t) = q(t_1)p(\vec{r})dt d^d r. \quad (39)$$

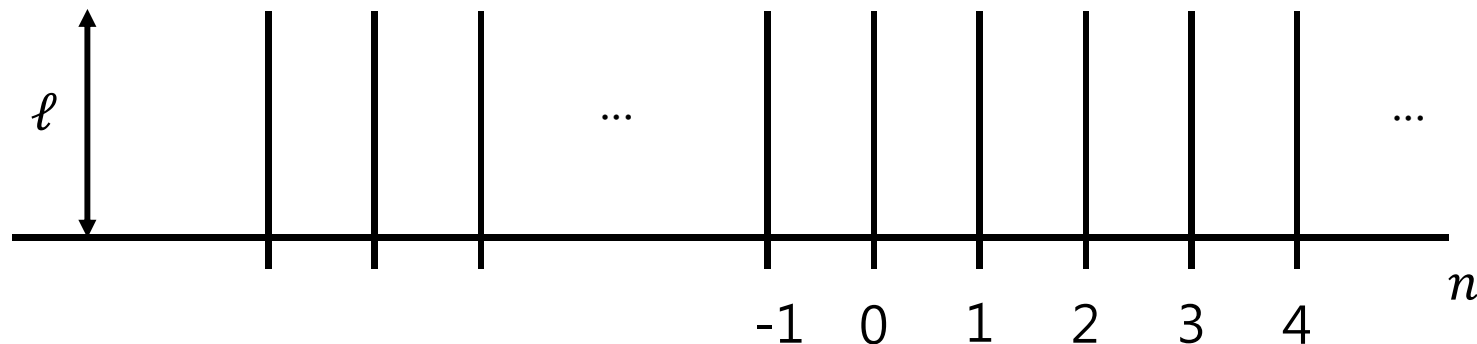
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } P(r, t) &\propto \exp\left(-\frac{Br^2}{2m_2 t}\right) \quad (m_1 = 0) \\ &\propto \exp\left(-\frac{r^2}{2m_2 \bar{t}}\right) \\ &\quad \left(\bar{t} = \frac{t}{B}, B = \int_0^\infty a(t)dt, (\text{time-rescaling})\right) \end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

(Exercise) Prove (40) by using Laplace and Fourier transforms.

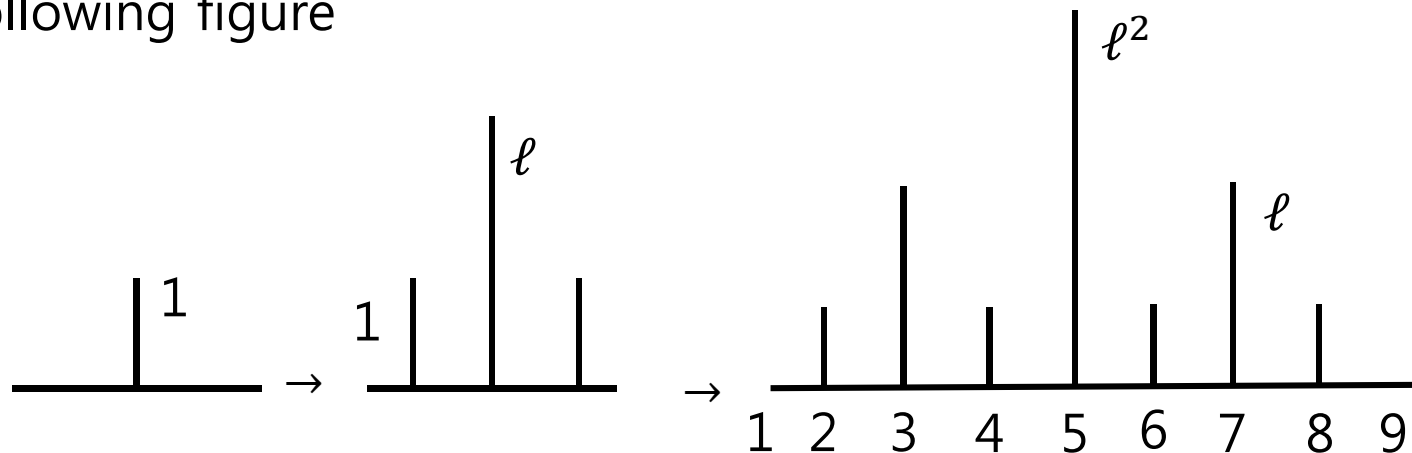
Anomalous effects comes when  $p(\vec{r}, t)$  is not separable as in Eq. (39)

(Exercise)

i ) Find  $P(n, t)$  on a regular comb with the sidebranches of length  $\ell$  that are spaced at unit intervals on a backbone of linear chain.



ii) Find  $P(n, t)$  on the bifurcating hierarchical comb like the following figure



## § 4. Generating function and Renormalization group

$$G(K) = \sum_{N=1}^{\infty} J_N K^N \quad \left( J_N = \sum_R J_N(R) \right) \quad (41)$$

( $K$  : fugacity ( $J_N \sim \mu^N N^{\gamma-1}$ ) )

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} G(K) \text{ converges if } \mu K < 1 \\ K_c = \frac{1}{\mu} \end{array} \right. \quad \left( K\mu = \frac{K}{K_c} \right)$$

$$K\mu = 1 - \frac{K_c - K}{K_c} = 1 - \bar{K} \quad \left( \bar{K} \equiv \frac{K_c - K}{K_c} \right)$$

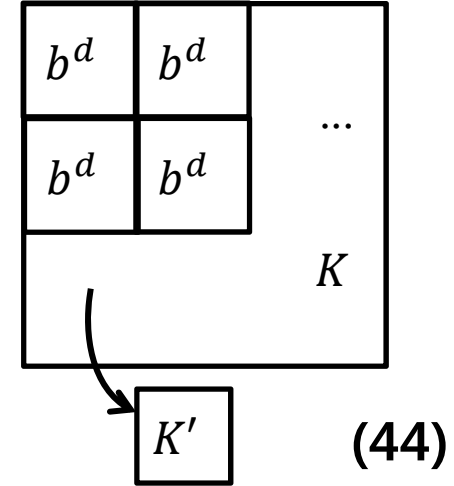
$$\begin{aligned}
G(K) &= \int_0^\infty K^N \mu^N N^{\gamma-1} dN \\
&\approx \int_0^\infty \exp(-\bar{K}N) N^{\gamma-1} dN
\end{aligned} \tag{42}$$

$$G(K) \approx \bar{K}^{-\gamma} \tag{43}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
R_E(N) &= \langle R^2 \rangle_2^{\frac{1}{2}} \sim N^\nu \\
\langle R_E \rangle_K &= \frac{\sum_N R_E(N) N^{\gamma-1} (\mu K)^N}{G(K)} \approx \bar{K}^{-\nu}
\end{aligned}$$

Real space renormalization group of  $G(K)$  (RSRG)

Consider  $b^d$ -size cell,



$$\rightarrow G_b(K) = \sum_{N=1}^b \mathcal{J}_N K^N = K'$$

RS Renor.

$$K^* = G_b(K^*) \tag{45}$$

$K^* \rightarrow$  fixed point

$$\underline{K^* \equiv K_c} \tag{46}$$

$$\begin{aligned} K' &= G_b(K^*) + \left. \frac{dG_b}{dK} \right|_{K^*} (K - K^*) \\ &= K^* + \left. \frac{dG_b}{dK} \right|_{K^*} (K - K^*) \end{aligned} \tag{47}$$

$$\langle R_E \rangle_K \approx (K^* - K')^{-\nu} = b^{-1} (K^* - K)^{-\nu} \tag{48}$$

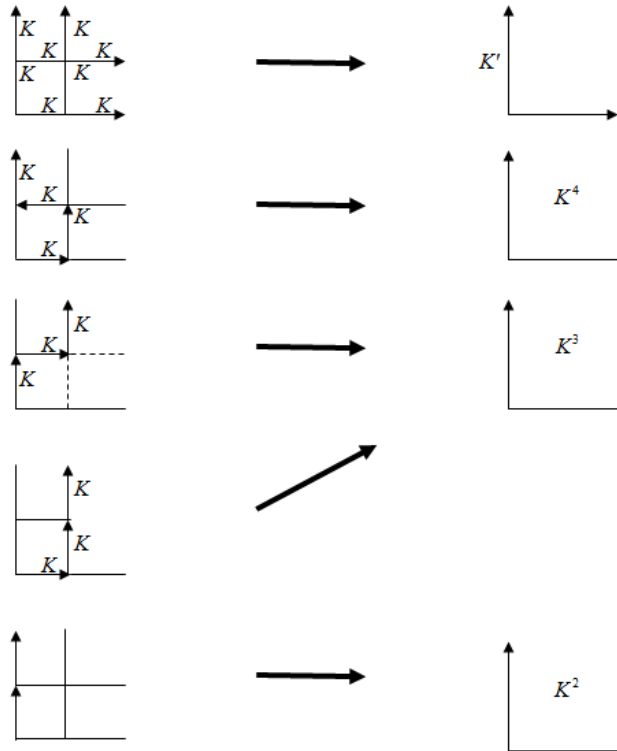
$$\nu = \frac{\ln b}{\ln \lambda} \quad \left( \lambda = \left. \frac{dG_b}{dK} \right|_{K^*} \right)$$

(49)



## Small cell RG of SAWs (Example)

$$\rightarrow b = 2$$



(corner law)  $\longrightarrow K' = K^2 + 2K^3 + K^4$

$$K^* = 0, 0.379$$

$$K^* = 0.379 \rightarrow \nu \approx 0.72 \left( \nu_{\text{ex}} = \frac{3}{4} \right)$$

Crude approximation  
 {  
 Large cell Monte Carlo RG  
 → Needed