

Periodic random tilings and non-Hermitian orthogonality

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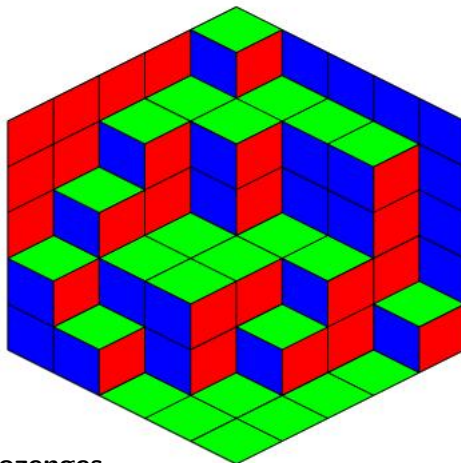
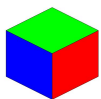
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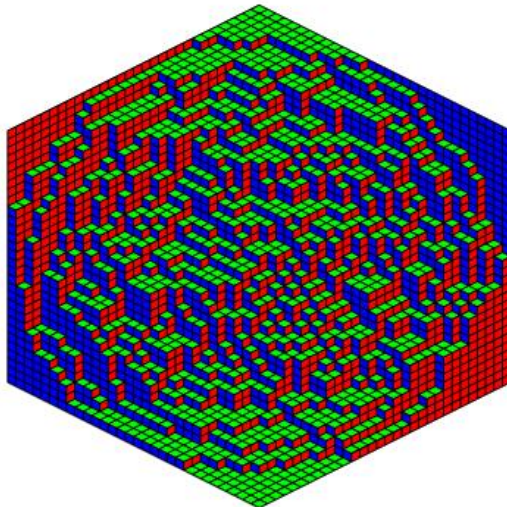
1. Tiling problems: Hexagon and Aztec diamond

1 Lozenge tiling of a hexagon

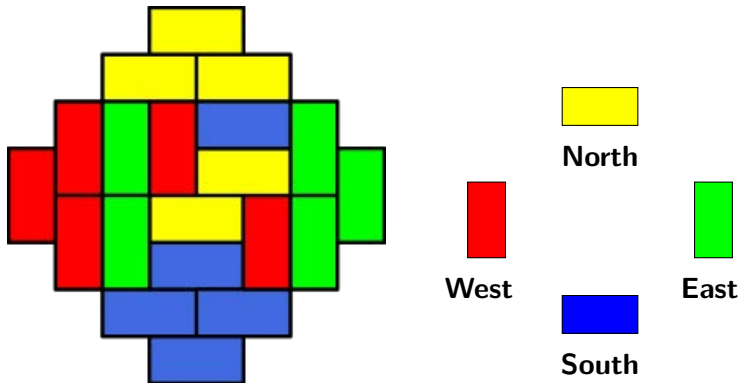


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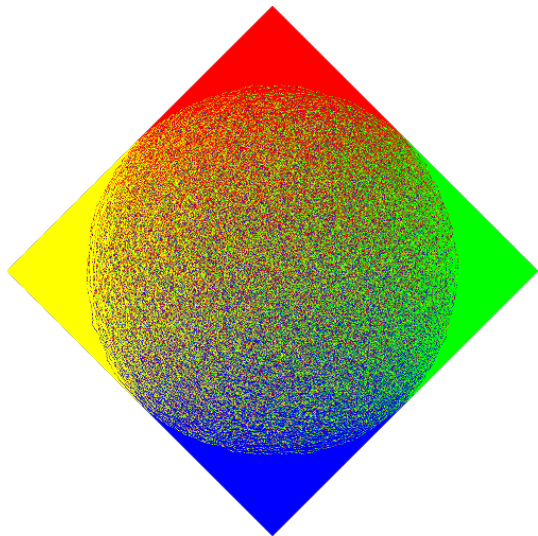


1 Domino tiling of Aztec diamond



- ▶ **Tiling with 2×1 and 1×2 rectangles (dominos)**
- ▶ **Four types of dominos**

1 Large random tiling: Arctic circle



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1 Some History

Number of domino tilings of Aztec diamond is $2^{N(N+1)/2}$

Elkies, Kuperberg, Larsen, Propp (1992)

Arctic circle phenomenon **Jockush, Propp, Shor (1995)**

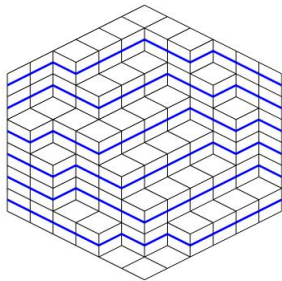
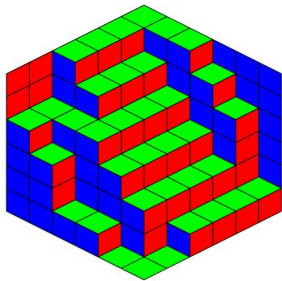
Fluctuations around Arctic circle and connection to random matrix theory (Tracy-Widom distribution) **Johansson (2002)**

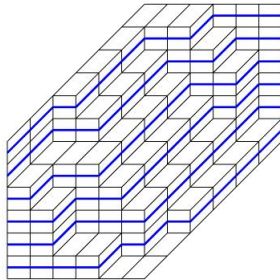
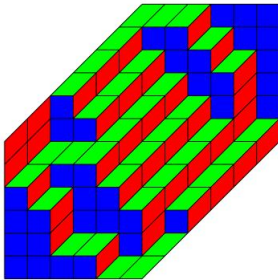
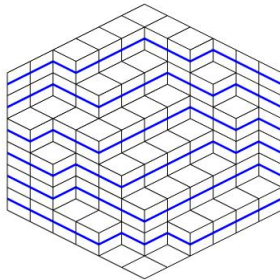
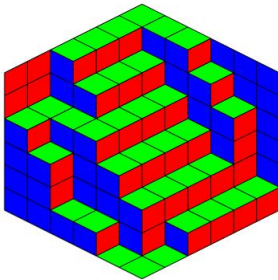
Arctic circle for hexagon tilings

Baik, Kriecherbauer, McLaughlin, Miller (2007) Petrov (2014)

- ▶ Johansson uses **Krawtchouk polynomials**
- ▶ Baik et al. use **Hahn polynomials**

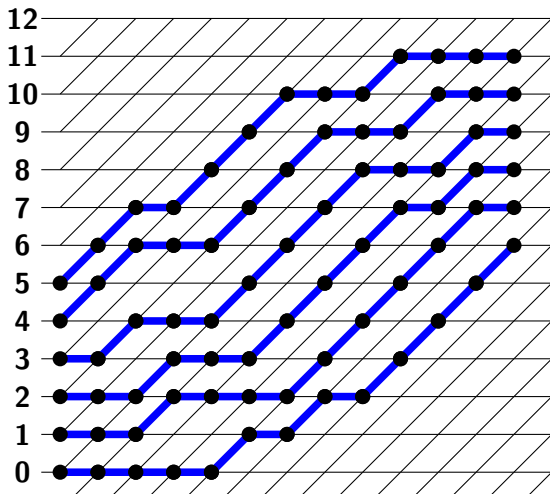
2. Non-intersecting paths





2 Non-intersecting paths on a graph

Paths fit on a **graph** and give rise to **multi level particle system**



2 Determinantal point process

The multi-level particle system is **determinantal** on discrete state space $\mathcal{X} = \{0, 1, \dots, L\} \times \mathbb{Z}$

- ▶ There is **correlation kernel** $K : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with property that for finite $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathcal{X}$

$$\det [K(\vec{x}, \vec{y})]_{\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \mathcal{A}} = \text{Prob} \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{There is a particle} \\ \text{at each } \vec{x} = (m, x) \in \mathcal{A} \end{array} \right]$$

- ▶ **Eynard Mehta (1998)** give **sum formula** for the kernel in terms of transition matrices

$$T_{m', m}(x, y) = \begin{cases} \# \text{paths on the lattice} \\ \text{from } (m', x) \text{ to } (m, y) \end{cases}$$

- ▶ The formula also works in a **weighted setting**.

2 Kernel for hexagon of size $N \times M \times (L - M)$

Theorem (Duits K (2021) – very special case)

Correlation kernel has **double contour integral formula**

$$-\frac{\chi_{m' > m}}{2\pi i} \oint_{\gamma} (z+1)^{m'-m} z^{y-x} \frac{dz}{z} \\ + \frac{1}{(2\pi i)^2} \oint_{\gamma} \oint_{\gamma} (w+1)^{L-m'} R_N(w, z) (z+1)^m \frac{w^y}{z^x w^{M+N}} \frac{dz dw}{z}$$

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- ▶ Similar formula applies to the **Aztec diamond**, but with Jacobi polynomials

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3. Weighted tilings

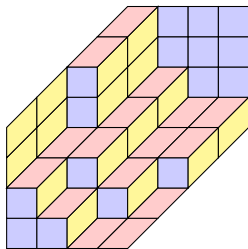
3 Weighted tilings

A **weighting** on tiles produces a weight on tilings \mathcal{T}

$$W(\mathcal{T}) = \prod_{T \in \mathcal{T}} w(T)$$

Probability of a tiling is

$$\text{Prob}(\mathcal{T}) = \frac{W(\mathcal{T})}{Z}, \quad Z = \sum_{\mathcal{T}'} W(\mathcal{T}')$$



3 Constant weights per column (example)

Weights depend on column

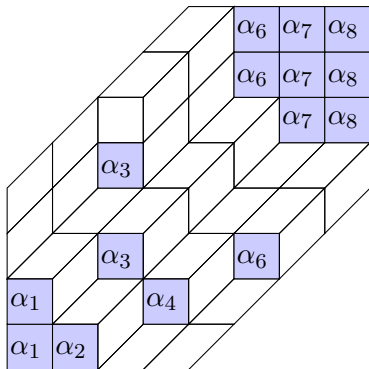
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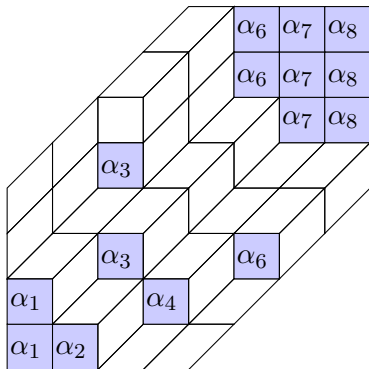
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It is **Toeplitz matrix** with symbol $\varphi_m(z) = z + \alpha_m$

3 Correlation kernel (double contour part only)

Theorem

Correlation kernel at the m th level

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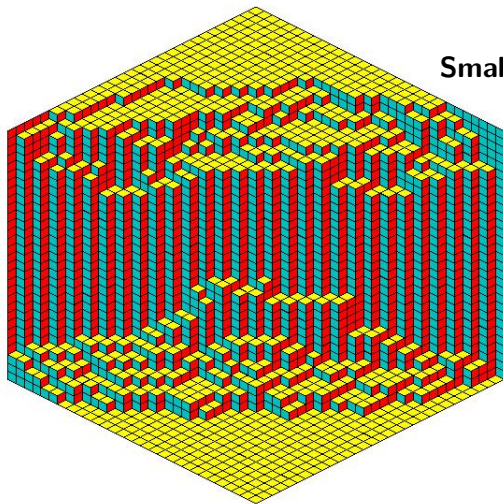
3 Two periodic parameters

Suppose $\alpha_m = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } m \text{ is even} \\ \alpha & \text{if } m \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$

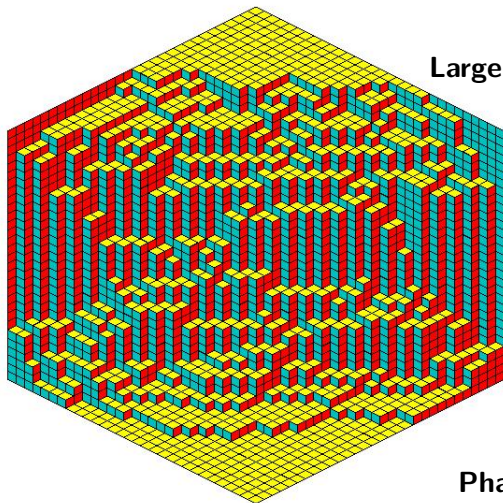
- ▶ Orthogonality weight is (for $N = M = L - M$)

$$\frac{(z+1)^N (z+\alpha)^N}{z^{2N}}$$

- ▶ This model has a **phase transition** in large N limit
Charlier, Duits, K, Lenells (2020)



Small parameter $0 < \alpha < 1/9$



Larger parameter $1/9 < \alpha < 1$

Phase transition at $\alpha = 1/9$

- ▶ Asymptotic analysis of the OP with **Riemann-Hilbert problem** and **steepest descent analysis** of double integral

4. Weightings that are periodic in vertical direction

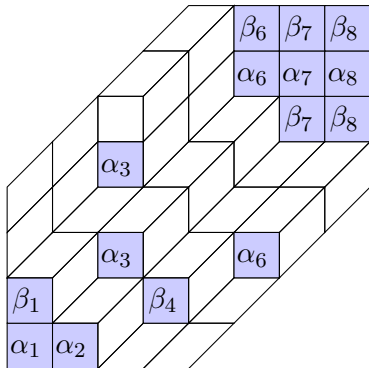
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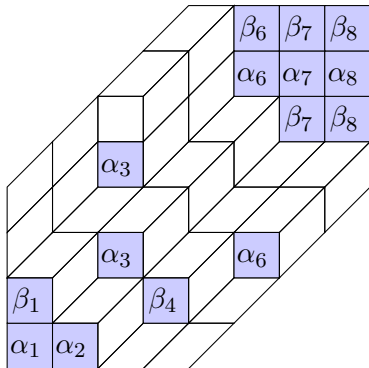
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Block symbol

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Correlation kernel at the m th level (for $2N \times 2M \times L - 2M$ hexagon) are entries of

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4 Comment

- ▶ The theorem extends to transition matrices with **block Toeplitz** structure of any periodicity.

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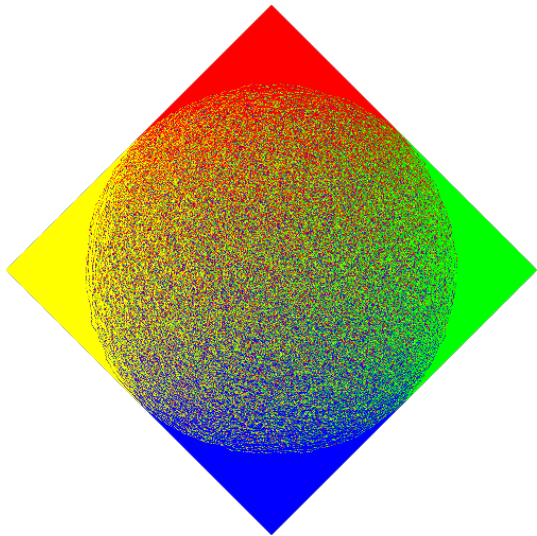
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Questions on existence and uniqueness, recurrence relations, generating functions, differential equations, ...

- ▶ **Examples and Applications:** do MVOP appear in "real life" problems?

6. Two periodic Aztec diamond

6 Random tiling with uniform measure



Deterministic
pattern near
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Solid region
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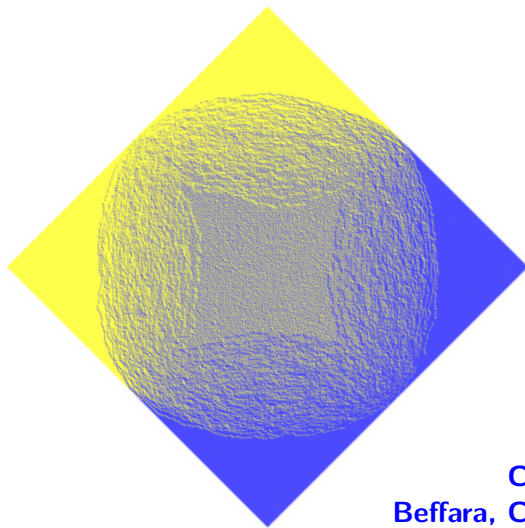
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6 Aztec diamond; two-periodic weighting



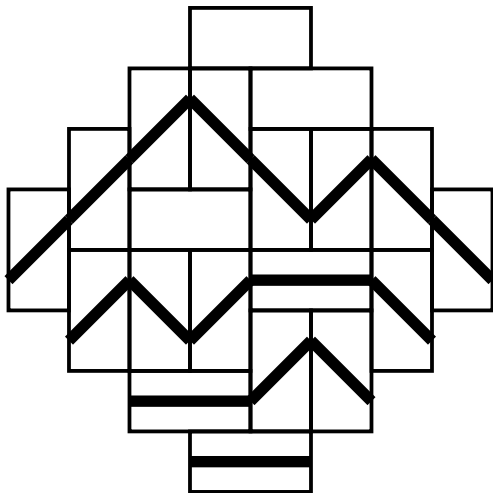
A new phase within the
liquid region:

gas region
(smooth region)

Chhita, Johansson (2016)

Beffara, Chhita, Johansson (2018)

6 Paths in the Aztec diamond



Line segments on
West, East and South
dominos



North



West

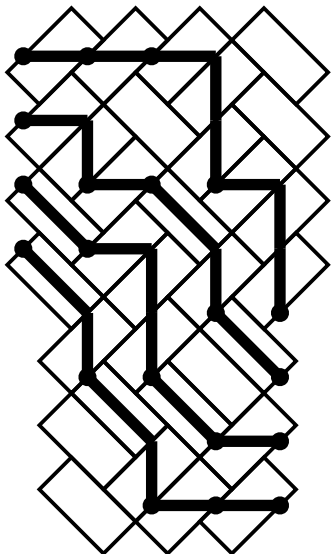


East



South

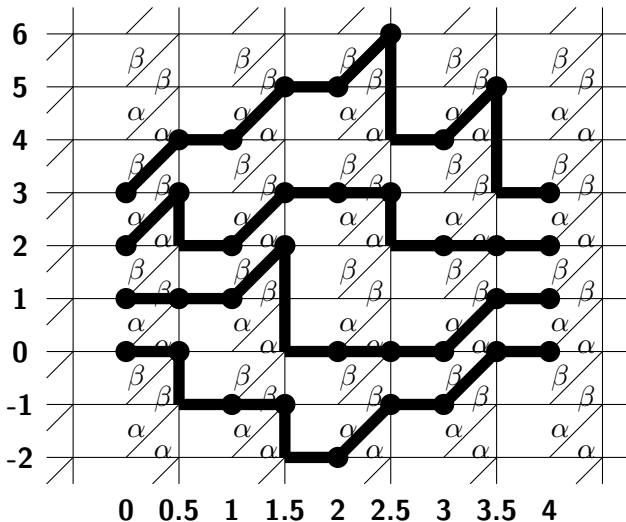
6 Transformations and extension; particle system



- ▶ Rotate the Aztec diamond
- ▶ Extend the tiling to a **double Aztec diamond**
- ▶ Put particles on the paths
- ▶ Particles are a **determinantal point process**

6 Non-intersecting paths on a weighted graph

- ▶ Apply **affine transformation**
- ▶ **Two periodic weighting**
- ▶ Bernoulli step with weight α or $\beta = \alpha^{-1}$
- ▶ Steps down plus horizontal step have weight 1



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Weight matrix is W^N for Aztec diamond of size $2N$, where

$$\begin{aligned} W(z) &= \frac{1}{z(z-1)^2} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \alpha \\ \beta z & \beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} z & 1 \\ z & z \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \alpha \\ \beta z & \beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} z & 1 \\ z & z \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{(z-1)^2} \begin{pmatrix} (z+1)^2 + 4\alpha^2 z & 2\alpha(\alpha+\beta)(z+1) \\ 2\beta(\alpha+\beta)z(z+1) & (z+1)^2 + 4\beta^2 z \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

6 MVOP

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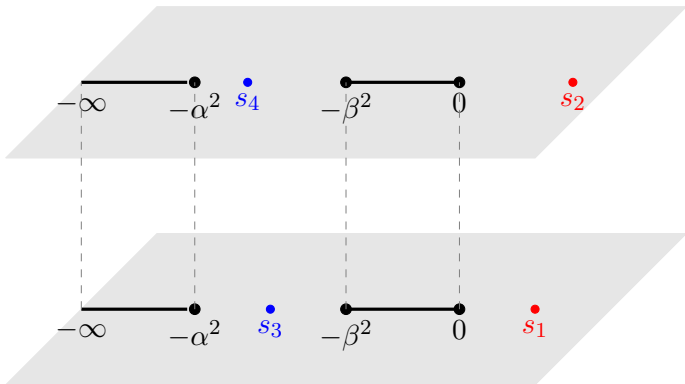
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- ▶ What remains is **saddle point analysis** of the double contour integral.
- ▶ There are **four saddle points** (depending on position in the Aztec diamond) that "live" on two-sheeted spectral curve

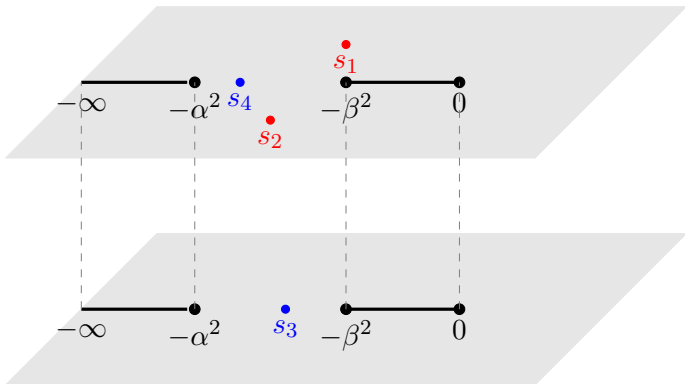
$$y^2 = z(z + \alpha^2)(z + \beta^2)$$

6 Solid phase



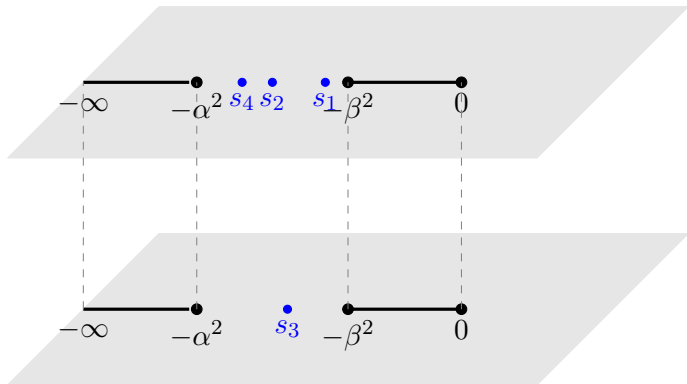
- ▶ At least **two saddles** are in $[-\alpha^2, -\beta^2]$
- ▶ Other saddles s_1 and s_2 are in $[0, \infty)$ \implies **solid phase**

6 Liquid phase



► Saddles s_1 and s_2 are not real \implies liquid phase

6 Gas phase



► All saddles are in $[-\alpha^2, -\beta^2]$ \implies **Gas phase**

6 Phase diagram Thank you for your attention

