

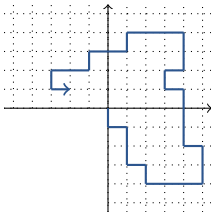
# Simple Walks in the Three Quarter Plane

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# Introduction

## Simple Walks

We consider the **simple walks** (*i.e.* walks with a set of steps  $\mathcal{S} = \{W, N, E, S\}$ ) in the lattice plane. We constrain the walks to **avoid the negative quadrant**.

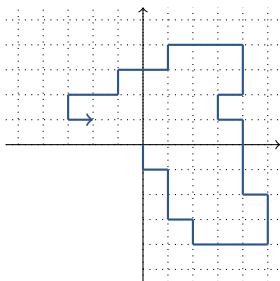


Figure: Simple walk in the three quarter plane.

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Mireille Bousquet-Mélou (Square lattice walks avoiding a quadrant, [1]) has already studied this problem.

The objective here is to:

- Develop analytic approach in the three quarter plane;
- Generalize to sets of steps which have infinite group.

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# Method

## Usual way to compute $c(i, j; n)$

A usual way to compute  $c(i, j; n)$  is the following:

- 1 Consider the **generating function** of  $c(i, j; n)$ :

$$C(x, y) = \sum_{\substack{i \geq 0 \text{ or } j \geq 0 \\ n \geq 0}} c(i, j; n) x^i y^j t^n;$$

- 2 Find a **functional equation** that  $C(x, y)$  satisfies.
- 3 Solve the **functional equation**. Here, we use an analytic approach by transforming the functional equation into a **boundary value problem**.



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# Functional Equation

## Cut the domain into three parts

We decompose the domain of possible ends of the walks into three parts:

$$C(x, y) = L(x, y) + D(x, y) + S(x, y).$$

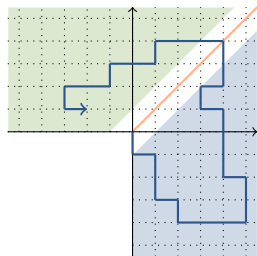


Figure: Three possible endpoints of the walks.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} L(x, y) = \sum_{\substack{i \geq 0 \\ j \leq i-1 \\ n \geq 0}} c(i, j; n) x^i y^j t^n, \\ D(x, y) = \sum_{\substack{i \geq 0 \\ n \geq 0}} c(i, i; n) x^i y^i t^n, \\ S(x, y) = \sum_{\substack{i \leq 0 \\ j \geq i+1 \\ n \geq 0}} c(i, j; n) x^i y^j t^n. \end{array} \right.$$

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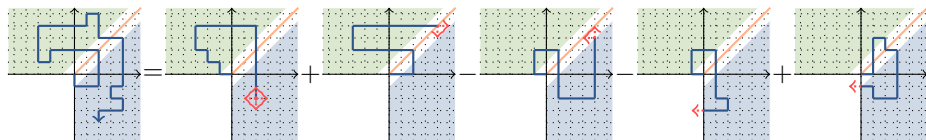


Figure: Different ways to end in the lower part starting on the diagonal.

$$\begin{aligned}
 L(x, y) &= t(x + x^{-1} + y + y^{-1})L(x, y) + t(x + y^{-1})D(x, y) \\
 &\quad - t(x^{-1} + y)LD(x, y) - tx^{-1}L(0, y) + tx^{-1} \sum_{n \geq 0} c(0, -1; n)y^{-1}t^n.
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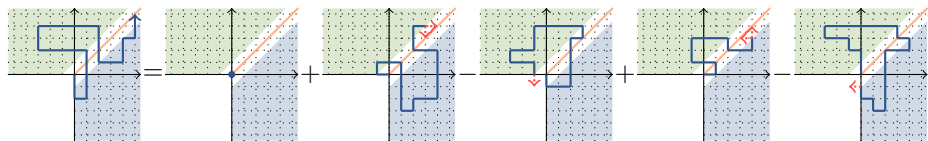


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$$D(x, y) = x^{i_0} y^{i_0} + 2t(x^{-1} + y)LD(x, y) - 2tx^{-1} \sum_{n \geq 0} c(0, -1; n) y^{-1} t^n.$$

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Functional equation - Simple walks in the quarter plane

$$Q(x, y)K(x, y)xy = x^{i_0+1}y^{j_0+1} - txQ(x, 0) - tyQ(0, y),$$

with

$$Q(x, y) = \sum_{i, j, n \geq 0} q(i, j; n)x^i y^j t^n.$$

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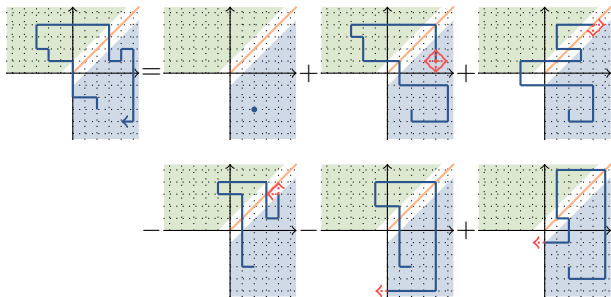


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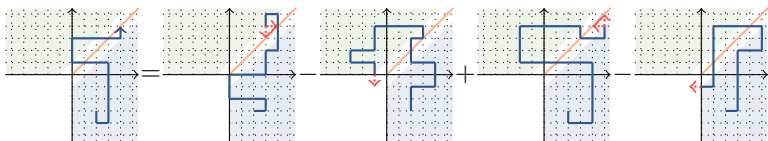


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$$\begin{aligned}
 D(x, y) = & t(x + y^{-1})UD(x, y) - ty^{-1} \sum_{n \geq 0} c(-1, 0; n)x^{-1}t^n \\
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Figure: Simple walk and Gessel's walk.

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with

$$\begin{cases} \tilde{L}(x, y) &= \sum_{\substack{i \geq 1 \\ j \geq 0 \\ n \geq 0}} c(j, j - i; n) x^i y^j t^n, \\ \tilde{D}(y) &= \sum_{\substack{i \geq 0 \\ n \geq 0}} c(i, i; n) y^i t^n, \\ \tilde{K}(x, y) &= 1 - t(x^{-1} + xy + x + x^{-1}y^{-1}). \end{cases}$$

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## Branches of the Kernel $i = 0, 1$

$$\tilde{X}_i(y) = \frac{-\hat{b}(y) \pm \sqrt{\hat{d}(y)}}{2\hat{a}(y)};$$

$$\tilde{Y}_i(x) = \frac{-b(x) \pm \sqrt{d(x)}}{2a(x)}.$$

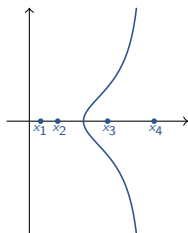


Figure:  $\tilde{X}([y_1, y_2])$ .

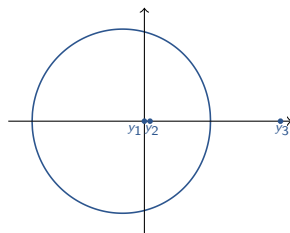


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## Link with the walks in the plane

In the 70's Malyshev in Russia then Fayolle and Iasnogorodski in France first used an analytic method via BVP to solve a functional equation satisfies by generating functions of walks.

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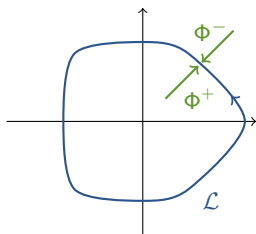
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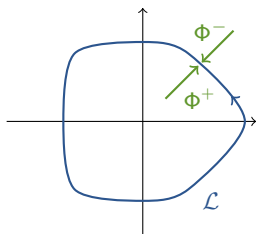
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We know some techniques and methods to find a function  $\Phi$  which satisfies a BVP.

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It does not look like the BVP we have introduced !



# Boundary Value Problem - Riemann-Hilbert on a segment

## Riemann-Hilbert BVP

$$\tilde{D}(v^+(u)) = \frac{R(v^-(u))}{R(v^+(u))} \tilde{D}(v^-(u)) + \frac{v^+(u) - v^-(u)}{R(v^+(u))}.$$

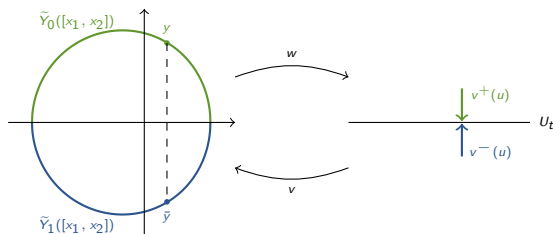


Figure: Conformal gluing function.

# Result - Contour integral expression of $\tilde{D}(y)$

## Theorem [Raschel, T., 2017]

For  $y$  inside the curve  $\tilde{Y}([x_1, x_2])$ ,

$$\tilde{D}(y) = \frac{\Psi(w(y))}{2i\pi} \times \int_{\tilde{Y}([x_1, x_2])} \frac{tw'(t)dt}{R(t)\Psi^+(w(t))(w(t) - w(y))},$$

with: for  $z$  inside  $\tilde{Y}([x_1, x_2])$  and  $s \in \tilde{Y}([x_1, x_2])$ ,

$$\begin{cases} \Psi(z) &= e^{\Gamma(z)}, \\ \Psi^+(s) &= e^{\Gamma^+(s)}, \\ \Gamma(z) &= \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\tilde{Y}([x_1, x_2])} \frac{\log(tR(\bar{t})/R(t))dt}{t-z}. \end{cases}$$

$\Gamma^+$  can be computed with the Sokhotski-Plemelj formulae.

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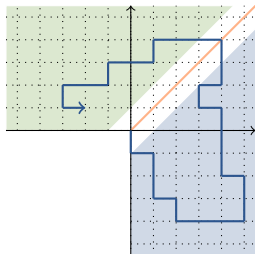
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Symmetry of the cut and the walk

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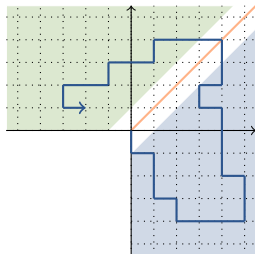
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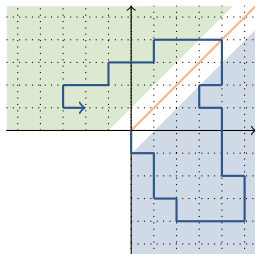
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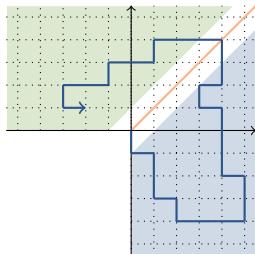
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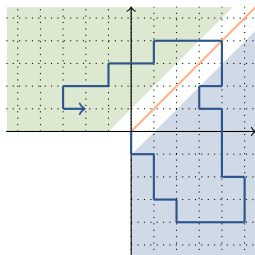
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
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# The Sokhotski-Plemelj Formulae.

## Theorem

Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a simple smooth line or curve in the complex plane, and  $\varphi$  be a Hölder function on  $\mathcal{L}$ . The function

$$\Phi(z) = \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\mathcal{L}} \frac{\varphi(t)dt}{t-z}, \quad z \notin \mathcal{L},$$

is continuous on  $\mathcal{L}$  from the left and from the right, with the exception of the ends. Moreover the corresponding limiting values, denoted respectively by  $\phi^+$  and  $\phi^-$ , are Hölder functions on  $\mathcal{L}$ , and they satisfy the so-called Sokhotski-Plemelj formulae, for  $t \in \mathcal{L}$ ,

$$\begin{cases} \phi^+(t) &= \frac{1}{2}\varphi(t) + \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\mathcal{L}} \frac{\varphi(s)ds}{s-t}, \\ \phi^-(t) &= -\frac{1}{2}\varphi(t) + \frac{1}{2i\pi} \int_{\mathcal{L}} \frac{\varphi(s)ds}{s-t}, \end{cases}$$

where the integrals are understood in the sense of Cauchy-principal value.

# Cauchy's formulae

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Let  $C(x, y)$  be holomorphic in  $\mathcal{D}(0, 1)$ .

Then for any  $i_0 \geq 1$  or  $j_0 \geq 1$ :

$$c(i_0, j_0) = \frac{1}{(2i\pi)^2} \int \int \frac{C(x, y)}{x^{i_0} y^{j_0}} dx dy,$$

where the domain of integration is  $\{x \in \mathbb{C} : |x| = \varepsilon\} \times \{y \in \mathbb{C} : |y| = \varepsilon\}$ , for any  $\varepsilon \in [0, 1)$ .