ON A CONJECTURE BY CHAPUY ABOUT VORONOÏ CELLS IN LARGE MAPS

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ABSTRACT. In a recent paper, Chapuy conjectured that, for any positive integer k, the law for the fractions of total area covered by the k Voronoï cells defined by k points picked uniformly at random in the Brownian map of any fixed genus is the same law as that of a uniform k-division of the unit interval. For $k = 2$, i.e. with two points chosen uniformly at random, it means that the law for the ratio of the area of one of the two Voronoï cells by the total area of the map is uniform between 0 and 1. Here, by a direct computation of the desired law, we show that this latter conjecture for $k = 2$ actually holds in the case of large planar (genus 0) quadrangulations as well as for large general planar maps (i.e. maps whose faces have arbitrary degrees). This corroborates Chapuy's conjecture in its simplest realizations.

1. INTRODUCTION

The asymptotics of the number of maps of some arbitrary given genus has been known for quite a while [2] and involves some universal constants t_g, whose value may be determined recursively. In its simplest form, the t_g-recurrence is a simple quadratic recursion for the t_g's, first established in the physics literature [11, 13, 6] in the context of matrix integrals, then proven rigorously in the mathematical literature [3, 10, 7]. In a recent paper [8], Chapuy addressed the question of reproducing the t_g-recurrence in a purely combinatorial way. By a series of clever arguments involving various bijections, he could from his analysis extract exact values for a number of moments of the law for the area of Voronoï cells defined by uniform points in the Brownian map of some arbitrary fixed genus. In view of these results and other evidence, he was eventually led to formulate the following conjecture: *for any integer $k \geq 2$, the proportions of the total area covered by the k Voronoï cells defined by k points picked uniformly at random in the Brownian map of any fixed genus have the same law as a uniform k-division of the unit interval.* The simplest instance of this conjecture is for the planar case (genus 0) and for $k = 2$. It may be rephrased by saying that, given two points picked uniformly at random in the planar Brownian map and the corresponding two Voronoï cells, *the law for the ratio of the area of one of the cells by the total area of the map is uniform between 0 and 1.*

The aim of this paper is to show that this latter conjecture ($k = 2$ and genus 0) is actually true by computing the desired law for particular realizations of the planar Brownian map, namely large random planar quadrangulations and large random general planar maps (i.e. maps whose faces have arbitrary degrees). We will indeed show that, for planar quadrangulations with a fixed area N (= number of faces) and with two marked vertices picked uniformly at random, the law for ratio $\phi = n/N$ between the area n of the Voronoï cell around, say, the second vertex and the total area N is, for large N and finite ϕ, the uniform law in the interval $[0, 1]$. This property is derived by a *direct computation of the law* itself from explicit discrete or asymptotic enumeration results. The result is then trivially extended to Voronoï cells in general planar maps of large area (measured in this case by the number of edges).

2. VORONOÏ CELLS IN BI-POINTED QUADRANGULATIONS

This paper deals exclusively with planar maps, which are connected graphs embedded on the sphere. Our starting point are *bi-pointed planar quadrangulations*, which are planar maps
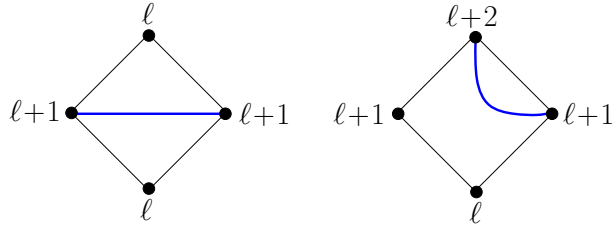
FIGURE 1. The local rules of the Miermont bijection. These rules are the same as those of the Schaeffer bijection.
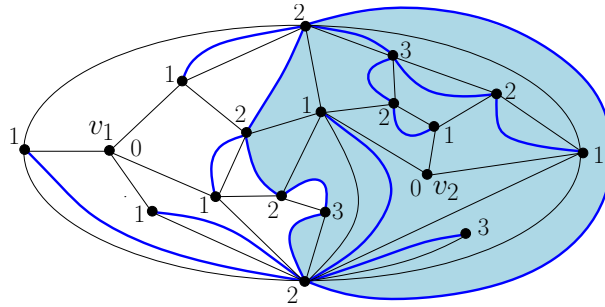

FIGURE 2. A bi-pointed planar quadrangulation and the associated i-l.2.f.m via the Miermont bijection. The two faces of the i-l.2.f.m delimit two domains on the quadrangulation which define our two Voronoï cells. Here, one of the cells has been filled in light-blue.

whose all faces have degree 4, and with two marked distinct vertices, distinguished as v_1 and v_2. For convenience, we will assume here and throughout the paper that *the graph distance $d(v_1, v_2)$ between v_1 and v_2 is even*. As discussed at the end of Section 4, this requirement is not crucial but it will make our discussion slightly simpler. The Voronoï cells associated to v_1 and v_2 regroup, so to say, the set of vertices which are closer to one vertex than to the other. A precise definition of the Voronoï cells in bi-pointed planar quadrangulations may be given upon coding these maps via the well-known Miermont bijection[1] [12]. It goes as follows: we first assign to each vertex v of the quadrangulation its label $\ell(v) = \min(d(v, v_1), d(v, v_2))$ where $d(v, v')$ denotes the graph distance between two vertices v and v' in the quadrangulation. The label $\ell(v)$ is thus the distance from v to the closest marked vertex v_1 or v_2. The labels are non-negative integers which satisfy $\ell(v) - \ell(v') = \pm 1$ if v and v' are adjacent vertices. Indeed, it is clear from their definition that labels between adjacent vertices can differ by at most 1. Moreover, a planar quadrangulation is bipartite so we may color its vertices in black and white in such a way that adjacent vertices carry different colors. Then if we chose v_1 black, v_2 will also be black since $d(v_1, v_2)$ is even. Both $d(v, v_1)$ and $d(v, v_2)$ are then simultaneously even if v is black and so is thus $\ell(v)$. Similarly, $d(v, v_1)$, $d(v, v_2)$ and thus $\ell(v)$ are odd if v is white so that the parity of labels changes between adjacent neighbors. We conclude that labels between adjacent vertices necessarily differ by ± 1.

The cyclic sequence of labels around a face is then necessarily of one of the two types displayed in Figure 1, namely, if ℓ is the smallest label around the face, of the form $\ell \to \ell+1 \to \ell \to \ell+1$ or $\ell \to \ell+1 \to \ell+2 \to \ell+1$. Miermont's coding is similar to that of the well-known Schaeffer bijection [14] and consists in drawing inside each face an edge connecting

the two corners within the face which are followed *clockwise* by a corner with smaller label (here the label of a corner is that of the incident vertex). Removing all the original edges, we obtain a graph embedded on the sphere whose vertices are *de facto* labelled by integers (see Figure 2). It was shown by Miermont [12] that this graph spans all the original vertices of the quadrangulation but v_1 and v_2, is connected and defines a planar map *with exactly* 2 *faces* f_1 and f_2, where v_1 (which is not part of the two-face map) lies strictly inside f_1, and v_2 strictly inside f_2. As for the vertex labels on this two-face map, they are easily shown to satisfy:

$\langle a_1 \rangle$ Labels on adjacent vertices differ by 0 or ± 1.

$\langle a_2 \rangle$ The minimum label for the set of vertices incident to f_1 is 1.

$\langle a_3 \rangle$ The minimum label for the set of vertices incident to f_2 is 1.

In view of this result, we define a planar *iso-labelled two-face map* (i-l.2.f.m) as a planar map with exactly two faces, *distinguished* as f_1 and f_2, and whose vertices carry integer labels satisfying the constraints $\langle a_1 \rangle$-$\langle a_3 \rangle$ above. Miermont's result is that the construction presented above actually provides a *bijection between bi-pointed planar quadrangulations whose two distinct and distinguished marked vertices are at some even graph distance from each other and planar i-l.2.f.m.* Moreover, the Miermont bijection guarantees that (identifying the vertices v of the i-l.2.f.m with their pre-image in the associated quadrangulation):

- The label $\ell(v)$ of a vertex v in an i-l.2.f.m corresponds to the minimum distance $\min(d(v, v_1), d(v, v_2))$ from v to the marked vertices v_1 and v_2 in the associated bi-pointed quadrangulation.
- All the vertices incident to the first face f_1 (respectively the second face f_2) in the i-l.2.f.m are closer to v_1 than to v_2 (respectively closer to v_2 than to v_1) or at the same distance from both vertices in the associated quadrangulation.
- The minimum label s among vertices incident to both f_1 and f_2 and the distance $d(v_1, v_2)$ between the marked vertices in the associated quadrangulation are related by $d(v_1, v_2) = 2s$.

Clearly, all vertices incident to both f_1 and f_2 are at the same distance from both v_1 and v_2. Note however that the reverse is not true and that vertices at equal distance from both v_1 and v_2 might very well lie strictly inside a given face.

Nevertheless, the coding of bi-pointed quadrangulations by i-l.2.f.m provides us with a well defined notion of Voronoï cells. Indeed, since it has exactly two faces, the i-l.2.f.m is made of a simple closed loop separating the two faces, completed by (possibly empty) subtrees attached on both sides of each of the loop vertices (see Figure 2). Drawing the quadrangulation and its associated i-l.2.f.m on the same picture, we *define* the two Voronoï cells of a bi-pointed quadrangulation as the two domains obtained by cutting along the loop of the associated i-l.2.f.m. Clearly, each Voronoï cell contains only vertices closer from one of the marked vertices that from the other (or possibly at the same distance). As just mentioned, vertices at the border between the two cells are necessarily at the same distance from v_1 and v_2. Note also that all the edges of the quadrangulation lie strictly in one cell or the other. This is not the case for all the faces of the quadrangulation whose situation is slightly more subtle. Clearly, these faces are in bijection with the edges of the i-l.2.f.m. The latter come in three species, those lying strictly inside the first face of the i-l.2.f.m, in which case the associated face in the quadrangulation lies strictly inside the first cell, those lying strictly inside the second face of the i-l.2.f.m, in which case the associated face in the quadrangulation lies strictly inside the second cell, and those belonging to the loop separating the two faces of the i-l.2.f.m, in which case the associated face in the quadrangulation is split in two by the cutting and shared by the two cells.

If we now want to measure the area of the Voronoï cells, i.e. the number of faces which they contain, several prescriptions may be taken to properly account for the shared faces. The simplest one is to count them as half-faces, hence contributing a factor $1/2$ to the total area of each of the cells. For generating functions, this prescription amounts to assign a
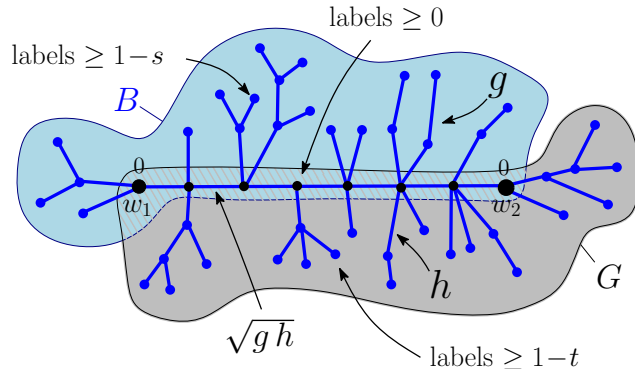
FIGURE 3. A schematic picture of a labelled chain (l.c) contributing to $X_{s,t}(g,h)$ for $s, t > 0$. The labels of the vertices in the blue domain B have to be $\geq 1 - s$ and those in the gray domain G have to be $\geq 1 - t$. The spine vertices, i.e. the vertices of $B \cap G$ are required to have non-negative labels, and the spin endpoints w_1 and w_2 are labelled 0. The edge weights are: g if they have at least one endpoint in $B \setminus (B \cap G)$, h if they have at least one endpoint in $G \setminus (B \cap G)$ and $\sqrt{g\,h}$ if they have their two endpoints in $B \cap G$.

weight g per face strictly within the first Voronoï cell, a weight h per face strictly within the second cell and a weight $\sqrt{g\,h}$ per face shared by the two cells. A different prescription would consist in attributing each shared face to one cell or the other randomly with probability $1/2$ and averaging over all possible such attributions. In terms of generating functions, this would amount to now give a weight $(g + h)/2$ to the faces shared by the two cells. As discussed below, the precise prescription for shared faces turns out to be irrelevant in the limit of large quadrangulations and for large Voronoï cells. In particular, both rules above lead to the same asymptotic law for the dispatching of area between the two cells.

In this paper, we decide to adopt the first prescription and we define accordingly $F(g,h)$ as the generating function of planar bi-pointed quadrangulation with a weight g per face strictly within the first Voronoï cell, a weight h per face strictly within the second cell and a weight $\sqrt{g\,h}$ per face shared by the two cells. Alternatively, $F(g,h)$ is the generating function of i-l.2.f.m with a weight g per edge lying strictly in the first face, a weight h per edge lying strictly in the second face and a weight $\sqrt{g\,h}$ per edge incident to both faces. Our aim will now be to evaluate $F(g,h)$.

3. GENERATING FUNCTION FOR ISO-LABELLED TWO-FACE MAPS

3.1. **Connection with the generating function for labelled chains.** In order to compute $F(g,h)$, let us start by introducing what we call *labelled chains* (l.c), which are planar labelled one-face maps, i.e. trees whose vertices carry integer labels satisfying $\langle a_1 \rangle$ and with two distinct (and distinguished) marked vertices w_1 and w_2. Such maps are made of a *spine* which is the unique shortest path in the map joining the two vertices, naturally oriented from w_1 to w_2, and of a number of labelled subtrees attached to the spine vertices. All internal (i.e. other than w_1 and w_2) spine vertices have two (possibly empty) attached labelled subtrees, one on the left and one on the right. As for w_1 and w_2, they have a single (possibly empty) such attached labelled subtree. For s and t two positive integers, we denote by $X_{s,t} \equiv X_{s,t}(g,h)$ the generating function of planar l.c satisfying (see Figure 3):

$\langle b_1 \rangle$ w_1 and w_2 have label 0. The minimal label for the set of spine vertices is 0. The edges of the spine receive a weight $\sqrt{g\,h}$.

$\langle b_2 \rangle$ The minimal label for the set of vertices belonging to the subtree attached to w_1 or to any of the subtrees attached to the left of an internal spine vertex is *larger than or equal to* $1 - s$. The edges of these subtrees receive a weight g.

$\langle b_3 \rangle$ The minimal label for the set of vertices belonging to the subtree attached to w_2 or to any of the subtrees attached to the right of an internal spine vertex is *larger than or equal to* $1 - t$. The edges of these subtrees receive a weight h.

For convenience, we incorporate in $X_{s,t}$ a first additional term 1 (which may be viewed as the contribution of some "empty" l.c). For $s, t > 0$, we also set $X_{s,0} = X_{0,t} = X_{0,0} = 1$.

We now return to the generating function $F(g,h)$ of planar i-l.2.f.m. Let us show that $F(g,h)$ is related to $X_{s,t}$ by the relation:

$$(1) \qquad F(g,h) = \sum_{s \geq 1} \Delta_s \Delta_t \log(X_{s,t}(g,h)) \Big|_{t=s} = \sum_{s \geq 1} \log\left(\frac{X_{s,s}(g,h) X_{s-1,s-1}(g,h)}{X_{s-1,s}(g,h) X_{s,s-1}(g,h)} \right)$$

(here Δ_s denotes the finite difference operator $\Delta_s f(s) \equiv f(s) - f(s-1)$).

As already mentioned, a planar i-l.2.f.m is made of a simple closed loop separating the two faces and with (possibly empty) labelled subtrees attached on both sides of the loop vertices. The loop may be oriented so as to have the face f_1 on its left. Calling s the minimum label for vertices along the loop, with $s \geq 1$, we may shift all labels by $-s$ and use shifted labels instead of the original ones. With these shifted labels, the planar i-l.2.f.m enumerated by $F(g,h)$ may alternatively be characterized as follows: there exists positive integers s and t such that:

$\langle c_1 \rangle$ The minimal label for the set of loop vertices is 0. The edges of the loop receive a weight $\sqrt{g\,h}$.

$\langle c_2 \rangle$ The minimal label for the set of vertices belonging to the subtrees attached to the left of loop vertices (including the loop vertices themselves) is *equal to* $1 - s$. The edges of these subtrees receive a weight g.

$\langle c_3 \rangle$ The minimal label for the set of vertices belonging to the subtrees attached to the right of loop vertices (including the loop vertices themselves) is *equal to* $1 - t$. The edges of these subtrees receive a weight h.

$\langle c_4 \rangle$ $s = t$.

The distinction between s and t might seem somewhat artificial in view of $\langle c_4 \rangle$ but it was introduced so that $\langle c_2 \rangle$ and $\langle c_3 \rangle$ actually mimic the (slightly weaker) constraints $\langle b_2 \rangle$ and $\langle b_3 \rangle$. Returning now to a l.c enumerated by $X_{s,t}(g,h)$, it may, upon cutting the chain at all the internal spine vertices with label 0, be viewed as a (possibly empty) *sequence* of an arbitrary number $n \geq 0$ of more restricted l.c whose internal spine vertices all have strictly positive labels, enumerated say, by $Z_{s,t} = Z_{s,t}(g,h)$ (with the same edge weights as for $X_{s,t}$). This leads to the simple relation $X_{x,t} = 1/(1 - Z_{s,t})$. Similarly, a *cyclic sequence* of an arbitrary number $n \geq 1$ of these more restricted l.c is enumerated by $\log(1/(1 - Z_{s,t})) = \log(X_{s,t})$. For such a cyclic sequence, the concatenation of the spines now forms an oriented loop and $\log(X_{s,t})$ therefore enumerates planar labelled two-face maps with the same characterizations as $\langle c_1 \rangle$-$\langle c_3 \rangle$ above except that the minimum labels on both sides of the loop are now larger than or equal to $1 - s$ or $1 - t$, instead of being exactly equal to $1 - s$ and $1 - t$. The discrepancy is easily corrected by applying finite difference operators[2], namely by taking instead of $\log(X_{s,t})$ the function $\Delta_s \Delta_t \log(X_{s,t})$. The last requirement $\langle c_4 \rangle$ is then trivially enforced by setting $t = s$ in this latter generating function and the summation over the arbitrary value of $s \geq 1$ leads directly to the announced expression (1).

The reader will easily check that, as customary in map enumeration problems, the generating function $F(g,h)$ incorporates a symmetry factor $1/k$ for those i-l.2.f.m which display

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[2]Indeed, removing from the set of maps with a minimum label $\geq 1 - s$ in f_1 those maps with a minimum label $\geq 1 - (s-1) = 2 - s$ amounts to keeping those maps with minimum label in f_1 exactly equal to $1 - s$.

a k-fold symmetry[3]. In this paper, we will eventually discuss results for maps with a large number of edges for which k-fold symmetric configurations are negligible.

3.2. **Recursion relations and known expressions.** Our problem of estimating $F(g, h)$ therefore translates into that of evaluating $X_{s,t}(g, h)$. To this end, we shall need to introduce yet another family of maps, which are planar one-face labelled maps (i.e trees whose vertices carry integer labels satisfying $\langle a_1 \rangle$) which are rooted (i.e. have a marked oriented edge), whose root vertex (origin of the root edge) has label 0 and whose minimal label is *larger than or equal to* $1 - s$, with $s \geq 1$. We shall denote by $R_s(g)$ ($s \geq 1$) their generating function with a weight g per edge and again, a first term 1 added for convenience. This new generating function satisfies the following relation, easily derived by looking at the two subtrees obtained by removing the root edge:

$$R_s(g) = 1 + g R_s(g) \left(R_{s-1}(g) + R_s(g) + R_{s+1}(g) \right)$$

for $s \geq 1$, with the convention $R_0(g) = 0$. This "recursion relation" determines $R_s(g)$ for all $s \geq 1$, order by order in g. Its solution was obtained in [4] and reads:

$$(2) \qquad R_s(g) = \frac{1 + 4x + x^2}{1 + x + x^2} \frac{(1 - x^s)(1 - x^{s+3})}{(1 - x^{s+1})(1 - x^{s+2})} \quad \text{for } g = x \frac{1 + x + x^2}{(1 + 4x + x^2)^2} \, .$$

Here x is a real in the range $0 \leq x \leq 1$, so that g is a real in the range $0 \leq g \leq 1/12$. Note that the above generating function has a singularity for $g \to 1/12$ even though the above expression has a well-defined limit for $x \to 1$.

Knowing $R_s(g)$, we may easily write down a similar recursion relation for $X_{s,t}(g, h)$, obtained by removing the first edge of the spine: the end point of this edge either has label 0 and the remainder of the spine is again a l.c enumerated by $X_{s,t}(g, h)$ or it has label 1 and the remainder of the chain may now be decomposed, by removing the first spine edge leading back to label 0, into two l.c enumerated by $X_{s+1,t+1}(g, h)$ and $X_{s,t}(g, h)$ respectively. Extra factors $\sqrt{g\,h}$, $R_s(g)$, $R_t(h)$, $R_{s+1}(g)$ and $R_{t+1}(h)$ are needed to account for the removed edges and their attached subtrees (those which are not part of the sub-chains), so that we eventually end up with the relation (see [5] for a detailed derivation of this relation when $h = g$):

$$(3) \quad X_{s,t}(g, h) = 1 + \sqrt{g\,h}\, R_s(g) R_t(h) X_{s,t}(g, h) \left(1 + \sqrt{g\,h}\, R_{s+1}(g) R_{t+1}(h) X_{s+1,t+1}(g, h) \right)$$

valid for non-negative s and t. This relation again determines $X_s(g, h)$ for all $s, t \geq 1$ order by order[4] in g and h.

Finding an explicit expression for $X_{s,t}(g, h)$ for arbitrary g and h is a challenging issue which we have not been able to solve. As it will appear, this lack of explicit formula is not an unsurmountable obstacle in our quest. Indeed, only the *singularity* of $F(g, h)$ for g and h tending to their common critical value $1/12$ will eventually matter to enumerate large maps. Clearly, the absence of explicit expression or $X_{s,t}(g, h)$ will however make our further discussion much more involved.

Still, we way, as a guideline, rely on the following important result. For $g = h$, an explicit expression for $X_{s,t}(g, h)$ was obtained in [5], namely, for $s, t \geq 0$:

$$X_{s,t}(g, g) = \frac{(1 - x^3)(1 - x^{s+1})(1 - x^{t+1})(1 - x^{s+t+3})}{(1 - x)(1 - x^{s+3})(1 - x^{t+3})(1 - x^{s+t+1})} \quad \text{where } g = x \frac{1 + x + x^2}{(1 + 4x + x^2)^2} \, .$$

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[3]Maps with two faces may display a k-fold symmetry by rotating them around two "poles" placed at the centers of the two faces.

[4]By this, we mean that $X_{s,t}(\rho g, \rho h)$ is determined order by order in ρ.

3.3. **Local and scaling limits for the generating functions.** Chapuy's conjecture is for quadrangulations with a *fixed number* N of faces, in the limit of large N. Via the Miermont bijection, this corresponds to i-l.2.f.m with a large fixed number N of edges. Proving the conjecture therefore requires an estimate of the coefficient $[g^{N-\frac{p}{2}}h^{\frac{p}{2}}]F[g,h]$ (recall that, due to the weight $\sqrt{g\,h}$ per edge of the loop in i-l.2.f.m, $F(g,h)$ has half integer powers in g and h), corresponding to a second Voronoï cell of area $n = p/2$, in the limit of large N and for $\phi = n/N$ of order 1. Such estimate in entirely encoded in the singularity of the generating function $F(g,h)$ when the edge weights g and h tend simultaneously to their common singular value $1/12$. This leads us to set

$$(4) \qquad g = \frac{1}{12}\left(1 - \frac{a^4}{36}\epsilon^4\right) , \qquad h = \frac{1}{12}\left(1 - \frac{b^4}{36}\epsilon^4\right)$$

(with a factor $1/36$ and a fourth power in ϵ for future convenience) and to look at the small ϵ expansion of $F(g,h)$.

Before we discuss the case of $F(g,h)$ itself, let us return for a while to the quantities $R_s(g)$ and $X_s(g,g)$ for which we have explicit expressions. The small ϵ expansion for $R_s(g)$ may be obtained from (2) upon first inverting the relation between g and x so as to get the expansion:

$$x = 1 - a\,\epsilon + \frac{a^2\epsilon^2}{2} - \frac{5\,a^3\epsilon^3}{24} + \frac{a^4\epsilon^4}{12} - \frac{13\,a^5\epsilon^5}{384} + \frac{a^6\epsilon^6}{72} - \frac{157\,a^7\epsilon^7}{27648} + \frac{a^8\epsilon^8}{432} + O(\epsilon^9) .$$

Inserting this expansion in (2), we easily get, for any *finite* s:

$$R_s(g) = 2 - \frac{4}{(s+1)(s+2)} - \frac{s(s+3)\left(3s^2+9s-2\right)a^4\epsilon^4}{180(s+1)(s+2)}$$
$$+ \frac{s(s+3)\left(5s^4+30s^3+59s^2+42s+4\right)a^6\epsilon^6}{7560(s+1)(s+2)} + O(\epsilon^8) .$$

The most singular term of $R_s(g)$ corresponds to the term of order $\epsilon^6 = (216/a^6)(1-12g)^{3/2}$ (the constant term and the term proportional to $\epsilon^4 = (36/a^4)(1-12g)$ being regular) and we immediately deduce the large N estimate:

$$[g^N]R_s(g) \underset{N\to\infty}{\sim} \frac{3}{4}\frac{12^N}{\sqrt{\pi}N^{5/2}}\frac{s(s+3)\left(5s^4+30s^3+59s^2+42s+4\right)}{35(s+1)(s+2)} .$$

The above ϵ expansion corresponds to what is called the *local limit* where s is kept finite when g tends to $1/12$ in $R_s(g)$ (or equivalently when $N \to \infty$ in $[g^N]R_s(g)$). Another important limit corresponds to the so-called *scaling limit* where we let s tend to infinity when $\epsilon \to 0$ by setting

$$s = \frac{S}{\epsilon}$$

with S of order 1. Inserting this value in the local limit expansion above, we now get at leading order the expansion

$$R_{\lfloor S/\epsilon\rfloor}(g) = 2 - \frac{4}{S^2}\epsilon^2 - \frac{a^4\,S^2}{60}\epsilon^2 + \frac{a^6\,S^4}{1512}\epsilon^2 + \cdots$$

where all the terms but the first term 2 now contribute to the *the same order* ϵ^2. This is also the case for *all the higher order terms* of the local limit expansion (which we did not display) and a proper re-summation, incorporating all these higher order terms, is thus required. Again, it is easily deduced directly from the exact expression (2) and reads:

$$(5) \qquad R_{\lfloor S/\epsilon\rfloor}(g) = 2 + r(S,a)\,\epsilon^2 + O(\epsilon^3) , \qquad r(S,a) = -\frac{a^2\left(1+10e^{-aS}+e^{-2aS}\right)}{3\left(1-e^{-aS}\right)^2} .$$

At this stage, it is interesting to note that the successive terms of the local limit expansion, at leading order in ϵ for $s = S/\epsilon$, correspond precisely to the small S expansion of the scaling function $r(S, a)$, namely:

$$r(S, a) = -\frac{4}{S^2} - \frac{a^4 \, S^2}{60} + \frac{a^6 S^4}{1512} + O(S^6) \ .$$

In other words, we read from the small S expansion of the scaling function the leading large s behavior of the successive coefficients of the local limit expansion of the associated generating function.

Similarly, from the exact expression of $X_{s,t}(g, g)$, we have the local limit expansion

$$X_{s,t}(g, g) = 3 - \frac{6\left(3 + 4(s+t) + s^2 + st + t^2\right)}{(s+3)(t+3)(s+t+1)} - \frac{s(s+1)t(t+1)(s+t+3)(s+t+4)a^4 \, \epsilon^4}{40(s+3)(t+3)(s+t+1)}$$
$$+ \frac{s(s+1)t(t+1)(s+t+3)(s+t+4)\left(5(s^2 + st + t^2) + 20(s+t) + 29\right)a^6 \, \epsilon^6}{5040(s+3)(t+3)(s+t+1)} + O(\epsilon^8)$$

and thus

$$(6) \quad \begin{aligned} \Delta_s \Delta_t \log(X_{s,t}(g, g))\Big|_{t=s} &= \log\left(\frac{s^2(2s+3)}{(s+1)^2(2s-1)}\right) - \frac{(2s+1)a^4 \, \epsilon^4}{60} \\ &\quad + \frac{(2s+1)\left(10s^2 + 10s + 1\right)a^6 \, \epsilon^6}{1890} + O(\epsilon^8) \ . \end{aligned}$$

Alternatively, we also have the corresponding scaling limit counterparts

$$(7) \quad \begin{aligned} X_{\lfloor S/\epsilon \rfloor, \lfloor T/\epsilon \rfloor}(g, g) &= 3 + x(S, T, a) \, \epsilon + O(\epsilon^2) \ , \\ x(S, T, a) &= -3 \, a - \frac{6a\left(e^{-aS} + e^{-aT} - 3e^{-a(S+T)} + e^{-2a(S+T)}\right)}{\left(1 - e^{-aS}\right)\left(1 - e^{-aT}\right)\left(1 - e^{-a(S+T)}\right)} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(8) \quad \begin{aligned} \Delta_s \Delta_t \log\left(X_{\lfloor S/\epsilon \rfloor, \lfloor T/\epsilon \rfloor}(g, g)\right)\Big|_{T=S} &= \epsilon^2 \partial_S \partial_T \log\left(3 + x(S, T, a)\, \epsilon\right)\Big|_{T=S} + O(\epsilon^4) \\ &= \epsilon^3 \frac{1}{3} \, \partial_S \partial_T x(S, T, a)\Big|_{T=S} + O(\epsilon^4) \\ &= \epsilon^3 \frac{2 \, a^3 \, e^{-2aS}\left(1 + e^{-2aS}\right)}{\left(1 - e^{-2aS}\right)^3} + O(\epsilon^4) \\ &= \epsilon^3 \left(\frac{1}{2 \, S^3} - \frac{a^4 S}{30} + \frac{2a^6 S^3}{189} + O(S^5)\right) + O(\epsilon^4) \ . \end{aligned}$$

Again, we directly read on the small S expansion above the large s leading behaviors of the coefficients in the local limit expansion (6). In particular, we have the large s behavior:

$$\log\left(\frac{s^2(2s+3)}{(s+1)^2(2s-1)}\right) = \frac{1}{2 \, s^3} + O\left(\frac{1}{s^4}\right) \ .$$

3.4. **Getting singularities from scaling functions.** We will now discuss how the connection between the local limit and the scaling limit allows us to estimate the dominant singularity of generating functions of the type of (1) *from the knowledge of scaling functions only*. As a starter, let us suppose that we wish to estimate the leading singularity of the quantity

$$(9) \quad F(g, g) = \sum_{s \geq 1} \Delta_s \Delta_t \log(X_{s,t}(g, g))\Big|_{t=s}$$

from the knowledge of $x(S, T, a)$ only. The existence of the scaling limit allows us to write, for any fixed S_0 :

$$\sum_{s \geq \lfloor S_0/\epsilon \rfloor} \Delta_s \Delta_t \log(X_{s,t}(g,g)) \Big|_{t=s} = \epsilon^2 \int_{S_0}^{\infty} dS \frac{1}{3} \partial_S \partial_T x(S, T, a) \Big|_{T=S} + O(\epsilon^3) \ .$$

To estimate the missing part in the sum (9), corresponding to values of s between 1 and $\lfloor S_0/\epsilon \rfloor - 1$, we recall that the local limit expansion (6) and its scaling limit counterpart (8) are intimately related in the sense the we directly read on the small S expansion (8) the large s leading behaviors of the coefficients in the local limit expansion (6). More precisely, for $k > 0$, the coefficient of ϵ^k in (6) is a rational function of s which behaves at large s like $A_{k-3} s^{k-3}$ where A_{k-3} is the coefficient of S^{k-3} in the small S expansion (8) . Here it is important to note that the allowed values of $k > 0$ are even integers starting from $k = 4$ (with in particular no $k = 2$ term[5]). Subtracting the $k = 0$ term in (6) and (8), taking the difference and summing over s, the above remark implies that

$$\sum_{s=1}^{\lfloor S_0/\epsilon \rfloor - 1} \left(\left(\Delta_s \Delta_t \log(X_{s,t}(g,g)) \Big|_{t=s} - \log \left(\frac{s^2 (2s+3)}{(s+1)^2 (2s-1)} \right) \right) \right.$$

$$\left. - \epsilon^3 \left(\frac{1}{3} \partial_S \partial_T x(s\, \epsilon, t\, \epsilon, a) \Big|_{t=s} - \frac{1}{2 (s\, \epsilon)^3} \right) \right) = \sum_{s=1}^{\lfloor S_0/\epsilon \rfloor - 1} \sum_{k \geq 4} H_{k-3}(s) \epsilon^k$$

where $H_{k-3}(s)$ is a rational function of s which now behaves like $B_{k-3} s^{k-4}$ at large s since the terms of order s^{k-3} cancel out in the difference. Now, for $k \geq 4$, $\sum_{s=1}^{S_0/\epsilon} H_{k-3}(s)$ behaves for small ϵ like $B_{k-3} S_0^{k-3} \epsilon^{3-k}/(k-3)$ and the sum above over all terms $k \geq 4$ behaves like $\epsilon^3 \sum_{k \geq 4} B_{k-3} S_0^{k-3}/(k-3)$, hence *is of order* ϵ^3.

Since the function $(1/3) \partial_S \partial_T x(S, T, a)|_{T=S} - 1/(2 S^3)$ is regular at $S = 0$, we may use the approximation

$$\sum_{s=1}^{\lfloor S_0/\epsilon \rfloor - 1} \epsilon^3 \left(\frac{1}{3} \partial_S \partial_T x(s\, \epsilon, t\, \epsilon, a) \Big|_{t=s} - \frac{1}{2 (s\, \epsilon)^3} \right) = \epsilon^2 \int_{\epsilon}^{S_0} dS \left(\frac{1}{3} \partial_S \partial_T x(S, T, a) \Big|_{T=S} - \frac{1}{2 S^3} \right) + O(\epsilon^3)$$

so that we end up with the estimate

$$F(g,g) = \epsilon^2 \int_{\epsilon}^{\infty} dS \frac{1}{3} \partial_S \partial_T x(S, T, a) \Big|_{T=S}$$

(10)

$$+ \sum_{s=1}^{\lfloor S_0/\epsilon \rfloor - 1} \log \left(\frac{s^2 (2s+3)}{(s+1)^2 (2s-1)} \right) - \epsilon^2 \int_{\epsilon}^{S_0} dS \frac{1}{2 S^3} + O(\epsilon^3) \ .$$

The first term is easily computed to be

$$\epsilon^2 \int_{\epsilon}^{\infty} dS \frac{1}{3} \partial_S \partial_T x(S, T, a) \Big|_{T=S} = \epsilon^2 \int_{\epsilon}^{\infty} dS \frac{2 a^3 e^{-2aS} \left(1 + e^{-2aS} \right)}{\left(1 - e^{-2aS} \right)^3}$$

$$= \epsilon^2 \frac{a^2 e^{-2a\epsilon}}{\left(1 - e^{-2a\epsilon} \right)^2} = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{a^2 \epsilon^2}{12} + O(\epsilon^4)$$

and gives us the leading singularity of $F(g,g)$, namely $-a^2 \epsilon^2/12 = -(1/2)\sqrt{1 - 12g}$. As for the last two terms, their value at small ϵ is easily evaluated to be

$$-\frac{1}{4} + \log \left(\frac{4}{3} \right) + O(\epsilon^4) \ .$$

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[5]If present, this term would give the leading singularity. In its absence, the leading singularity is given by the ϵ^6 term.

These terms do not contribute to the leading singularity of $F(g, g)$ and serve only to correct the constant term in the expansion, leading eventually to the result:

$$(11) \qquad F(g,g) = \log\left(\frac{4}{3}\right) - \frac{a^2 \epsilon^2}{12} + O(\epsilon^3) \ .$$

Of course, this result may be verified from the exact expression

$$F(g,g) = \sum_{s \geq 1} \log\left(\frac{X_{s,s}(g,g) X_{s-1,s-1}(g,g)}{X_{s-1,s}(g,g) X_{s,s-1}(g,g)}\right) = \log\left(\frac{\left(1-x^2\right)^2}{(1-x)\left(1-x^3\right)}\right)$$

$$= \log\left(\frac{4}{3}\right) - \frac{a^2 \epsilon^2}{12} + O(\epsilon^3)$$

for $x = 1 - a\epsilon + O(\epsilon^2)$. The reader might thus find our previous calculation both cumbersome and useless but the lesson of this calculation is not the precise result itself but the fact that the leading singularity of a sum like (9) is, via (10), fully predicable from the knowledge of the scaling function $x(S, T, a)$ only. Note indeed that the singularity is *entirely contained in the first term of* (10) and that the last two terms, whose precise form requires the additional knowledge of the first coefficient of the local limit of $\Delta_s \Delta_t \log(X_{s,t}(g,g))|_{t=s}$ do not contribute to the singularity but serve only to correct the constant term in the expansion which is not properly captured by the integral of the scaling function. This additional knowledge is therefore not needed strico sensu if we are only interested in the singularity of (9).

To end this section, we note that we immediately deduce from the leading singularity $-(1/2)\sqrt{1 - 12g}$ of $F(g, g)$ the large N asymptotics

$$(12) \qquad [g^N] F(g,g) \underset{N \to \infty}{\sim} \frac{1}{4} \frac{12^N}{\sqrt{\pi} N^{3/2}}$$

for the number of i-l.2.f.m with N edges, or equivalently, of planar quadrangulations with N faces and with two marked (distinct and distinguished) vertices at even distance from each other.

4. SCALING FUNCTIONS WITH TWO WEIGHTS g AND h

4.1. **An expression for the singularity of $F(g, h)$.** The above technique gives us a way to access to the singularity of the function $F(g, h)$ via the following small ϵ estimate, which straightforwardly generalizes (10):

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\begin{aligned}
(13) \quad F(g,h) = \epsilon^2 \int_\epsilon^\infty dS \, \frac{1}{3} \partial_S \partial_T x(S, T, a, b)\Big|_{T=S} \\
+ \sum_{s=1}^{\lfloor S_0/\epsilon \rfloor - 1} \log\left(\frac{s^2(2s+3)}{(s+1)^2(2s-1)}\right) - \epsilon^2 \int_\epsilon^{S_0} dS \, \frac{1}{2S^3} + O(\epsilon^3) \ .
\end{aligned}
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Here $x(S, T, a, b)$ is the scaling function associated to $X_{s,t}(g, h)$ via

$$(14) \qquad X_{\lfloor S/\epsilon \rfloor, \lfloor T/\epsilon \rfloor}(g, h) = 3 + x(S, T, a, b)\,\epsilon + O(\epsilon^2)$$

when g and h tend to $1/12$ as in (4). As before, the last two terms of (13) do not contribute to the singulary but give rise only to a constant at this order in the expansion. The reader may wonder why these terms are *exactly the same* as those of (10), as well as why the leading term 3 in (14) is the same as that of (7) although h is no longer equal to g. This comes from the simple remark that these terms all come from the behavior of $X_{s,t}(g, h)$ *exactly at $\epsilon = 0$* which is the same as that of $X_{s,t}(g, g)$ since, for $\epsilon = 0$, both g and h have the same value $1/12$. In other words, we have

$$(15) \qquad X_{s,t}(g, h) = 3 - \frac{6\left(3 + 4(s+t) + s^2 + st + t^2\right)}{(s+3)(t+3)(s+t+1)} + O(\epsilon^4)$$

and consequently, for small S and T of the same order (i.e. T/S finite), we must have an expansion of the form (14) with

$$(16) \qquad x(S, T, a, b) = -\frac{6\left(S^2 + ST + T^2\right)}{ST\left(S + T\right)} + O(S^3)$$

in order to reproduce the large s and t behavior of the local limit just above. We thus have

$$\frac{1}{3}\partial_S\partial_T x(S, T, a, b)\Big|_{T=S} = \frac{1}{2\,S^3} + O(S)$$

while

$$\Delta_s\Delta_t \log(X_{s,t}(g, h))\Big|_{t=s} = \log\left(\frac{s^2(2s + 3)}{(s + 1)^2(2s - 1)}\right) + O(\epsilon^4)\ ,$$

hence the last two terms in (13).

4.2. **An expression for the scaling function $x(S, T, a, b)$.** Writing the recursion relation (3) for $s = S/\epsilon$ and $t = T/\epsilon$ and using the small ϵ expansions (5) and (14), we get at leading order in ϵ (i.e. at order ϵ^2) the following partial differential equation[6]

$$2\left(x(S, T, a, b)\right)^2 + 6\left(\partial_S x(S, T, a, b) + \partial_T x(S, T, a, b)\right) + 27\left(r(S, a) + r(T, b)\right) = 0$$

which, together with the small S and T behavior (16), fully determines $x(S, T, a, b)$. To simplify our formulas, we shall introduce new variables

$$\sigma \equiv e^{-aS}\ , \qquad \tau \equiv e^{-bT}\ ,$$

together with the associated functions

$$\mathfrak{X}(\sigma, \tau, a, b) \equiv x(S, T, a, b)\ , \qquad \mathfrak{R}(\sigma, a) \equiv r(S, a)\ .$$

With these variables, the above partial differential equation becomes:

$$2\left(\mathfrak{X}(\sigma, \tau, a, b)\right)^2 - 6\left(a\,\sigma\,\partial_\sigma\mathfrak{X}(\sigma, \tau, a, b) + b\,\tau\,\partial_\tau\mathfrak{X}(\sigma, \tau, a, b)\right) + 27\left(\mathfrak{R}(\sigma, a) + \mathfrak{R}(\tau, b)\right) = 0$$

$$(17) \qquad \text{with}\ \ \mathfrak{R}(\sigma, a) = -\frac{a^2\left(1 + 10\sigma + \sigma^2\right)}{3(1 - \sigma)^2}\ \ \text{and}\ \ \mathfrak{R}(\tau, b) = -\frac{b^2\left(1 + 10\tau + \tau^2\right)}{3(1 - \tau)^2}\ .$$

For $b = a$, i.e. $h = g$, we already know from (7) the solution

$$\mathfrak{X}(\sigma, \tau, a, a) = -3a - \frac{6a\left(\sigma + \tau - 3\sigma\tau + \sigma^2\tau^2\right)}{(1 - \sigma)(1 - \tau)(1 - \sigma\tau)}$$

and it is a simple exercise to check that it satisfies the above partial differential equation in this particular case. This suggests to look for a solution of (17) in the form:

$$\mathfrak{X}(\sigma, \tau, a, b) = -3\sqrt{\frac{a^2 + b^2}{2}} - \frac{\mathfrak{N}(\sigma, \tau, a, b)}{(1 - \sigma)(1 - \tau)\mathfrak{D}(\sigma, \tau, a, b)}$$

where $\mathfrak{N}(\sigma, \tau, a, b)$ and $\mathfrak{D}(\sigma, \tau, a, b)$ are polynomials in the variables σ and τ. The first constant term is singularized for pure convenience (as it could be incorporated in $\mathfrak{N}$). Its value is chosen by assuming that the function $\mathfrak{X}(\sigma, \tau, a, b)$ is regular for small σ and τ (an assumption which will be indeed verified a posteriori) in which case, from (17), we expect:

$$(\mathfrak{X}(0, 0, a, b))^2 = -\frac{27}{2}\left(\mathfrak{R}(0, a) + \mathfrak{R}(0, b)\right) = 9\,\frac{a^2 + b^2}{2}$$

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[6]Here, choosing $(g + h)/2$ instead of $\sqrt{g\,h}$ for the weight of spine edges in the l.c would not change the differential equation. It can indeed be verified that only the leading value $1/12$ of this weight matters.

(the $-$ sign is then chosen so as to reproduce the known value $-3a$ for $b = a$). To test our Ansatz, we tried for $\mathfrak{N}(\sigma, \tau, a, b)$ a polynomial of maximum degree 3 in σ and in τ and for $\mathfrak{D}(\sigma, \tau, a, b)$ a polynomial of maximum degree 2, namely

$$\mathfrak{N}(\sigma, \tau, a, b) = \sum_{i=0}^{3} \sum_{j=0}^{3} n_{i,j}\, \sigma^i \tau^j \ ,$$

$$\mathfrak{D}(\sigma, \tau, a, b) = \sum_{i=0}^{2} \sum_{j=0}^{2} d_{i,j}\, \sigma^i \tau^j \ ,$$

with $d_{0,0} = 1$ (so as to fix the, otherwise arbitrary, normalization of all coefficients, assuming that $d_{0,0}$ does not vanish). With this particular choice, solving (17) translates, after reducing to the same denominator, into canceling all coefficients of a polynomial of degree 6 in σ as well as in τ, hence into solving a system of $7 \times 7 = 49$ equations for the $4 \times 4 + 3 \times 3 - 1 = 24$ variables $(n_{i,j})_{0 \le i,j \le 3}$ and $(d_{i,j})_{\substack{0 \le i,j \le 2 \\ (i,j) \ne (0,0)}}$. Remarkably enough, this system, although clearly over-determined, *admits a unique solution* displayed explicitly in Appendix A. Moreover, we can check from the explicit form of $\mathfrak{N}(\sigma, \tau, a, b)$ and $\mathfrak{D}(\sigma, \tau, a, b)$ the small S and T expansions (with T/S finite):

$$\mathfrak{N}(e^{-aS}, e^{-bT}, a, b) = 6\, a\, b\, (S^2 + S\, T + T^2)\, \mathfrak{C}(a, b) + O(S^3) \ ,$$

$$\mathfrak{D}(e^{-aS}, e^{-bT}, a, b) = (S + T)\, \mathfrak{C}(a, b) + O(S^2) \ ,$$

with $\mathfrak{C}(a, b) = \dfrac{216\, a^2 b^2 \left(a^2 + b^2\right) \left(a^2 + a\, b + b^2\right)}{(a - b)^2 (a + b)\, (2a^2 + b^2)\, (a^2 + 2b^2)} - \dfrac{36\,\sqrt{2}\, a^2 b^2 \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \left(4\, a^2 + a\, b + 4\, b^2\right)}{(a - b)^2\, (2a^2 + b^2)\, (a^2 + 2b^2)}$

and (by further pushing the expansion for $\mathfrak{X}$ up to order S^2) that

$$\mathfrak{X}(e^{-aS}, e^{-bT}, a, b) = -\frac{6 \left(S^2 + S\, T + T^2\right)}{S\, T\, (S + T)} + O(S^3)$$

which is the desired initial condition (16). We thus have at our disposal *an explicit expression* for the scaling function $\mathfrak{X}(\sigma, \tau, a, b)$, or equivalently $x(S, T, a, b)$ for arbitrary a and b.

4.3. **The integration step.** Having an explicit expression for $x(S, T, a, b)$, the next step is to compute the first integral in (13). We have, since setting $T = S$ amounts to setting $\tau = \sigma^{b/a}$:

$$\int_{\epsilon}^{\infty} dS\, \frac{1}{3} \partial_S \partial_T x(S, T, a, b)\Big|_{T=S} = \int_{0}^{e^{-a\epsilon}} d\sigma\, \frac{1}{3}\, b\, \sigma^{b/a} \partial_\sigma \partial_\tau \mathfrak{X}(\sigma, \tau, a, b)\Big|_{\tau = \sigma^{b/a}} \ .$$

To compute this latter integral, it is sufficient to find a primitive of its integrand, namely a function $\mathfrak{K}(\sigma, a, b)$ such that:

$$(18) \qquad \partial_\sigma \mathfrak{K}(\sigma, a, b) = \frac{1}{3}\, b\, \sigma^{b/a} \partial_\sigma \partial_\tau \mathfrak{X}(\sigma, \tau, a, b)\Big|_{\tau = \sigma^{b/a}} \ .$$

For $b = a$, we have from the explicit expression of $\mathfrak{X}(\sigma, \tau, a, a)$:

$$\frac{1}{3}\, a\, \sigma \partial_\sigma \partial_\tau \mathfrak{X}(\sigma, \tau, a, a)\Big|_{\tau = \sigma} = \frac{2a^2 \sigma \left(1 + \sigma^2\right)}{(1 - \sigma^2)^3} = \partial_\sigma \left(\frac{a^2 \sigma^2}{(1 - \sigma^2)^2}\right)$$

$$= \partial_\sigma \left(\frac{a\, b\, \sigma\, \tau}{(1 - \sigma\, \tau)^2}\bigg|_{\tau = \sigma^{b/a}}\right)\bigg|_{b=a} \ .$$

In the last expression, we recognize the square of the last factor $(1 - \sigma\, \tau)$ appearing in the denominator in $\mathfrak{X}(\sigma, \tau, a, a)$. This factor is replaced by $\mathfrak{D}(\sigma, \tau, a, b)$ when $b \ne a$ and this suggest to look for an expression of the form:

$$\mathfrak{K}(\sigma, a, b) = \frac{a\, b\, \sigma\, \tau\, \mathfrak{H}(\sigma, \tau, a, b)}{\left(\mathfrak{D}(\sigma, \tau, a, b)\right)^2}\bigg|_{\tau = \sigma^{b/a}}$$

with the same function $\mathfrak{D}(\sigma, \tau, a, b)$ as before and where $\mathfrak{H}(\sigma, \tau, a, b)$ is now a polynomial of the form

$$\mathfrak{H}(\sigma, \tau, a, b) = \sum_{i=0}^{2} \sum_{j=0}^{2} h_{i,j}\, \sigma^i \tau^j$$

(here again the degree 2 in each variable σ and τ is a pure guess). With this Ansatz, eq. (18) translates, after some elementary manipulations, into

$$\frac{1}{3} \partial_\sigma \partial_\tau \mathfrak{X}(\sigma, \tau, a, b) = \{(a+b) + a\,\sigma\,\partial_\sigma + b\,\tau\,\partial_\tau\} \frac{\mathfrak{H}(\sigma, \tau, a, b)}{(\mathfrak{D}(\sigma, \tau, a, b))^2}$$

which needs being satisfied only for $\tau = \sigma^{b/a}$. We may however decide to look for a function $\mathfrak{H}(\sigma, \tau, a, b)$ which satisfies the above requirement for arbitrary independent values of σ and τ. After reducing to the same denominator, we again have to cancel the coefficients of a polynomial of degree 6 in σ as well as in τ. This gives rise to a system of $7 \times 7 = 49$ equations for the $3 \times 3 = 9$ variables $(h_{i,j})_{0 \le i,j \le 2}$. Remarkably enough, this over-determined system again admits a unique solution displayed explicitly in Appendix B.

This solution has non-zero finite values for $\mathfrak{H}(0,0,a,b)$ and $\mathfrak{D}(0,0,a,b)$ and therefore we deduce $\mathfrak{K}(0,a,b) = 0$ so that we find

$$\int_0^{e^{-a\epsilon}} d\sigma\, \frac{1}{3}\, b\,\sigma^{b/a} \partial_\sigma \partial_\tau \mathfrak{X}(\sigma, \tau, a, b) \Big|_{\tau = \sigma^{b/a}} = \mathfrak{K}(e^{-a\epsilon}, a, b)$$

$$= \frac{a\,b\,e^{-a\epsilon}\,e^{-b\epsilon}\,\mathfrak{H}(e^{-a\epsilon}, e^{-b\epsilon}, a, b)}{\left(\mathfrak{D}(e^{-a\epsilon}, e^{-b\epsilon}, a, b)\right)^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4\,\epsilon^2} - \frac{\left(a^2 - a\,b + b^2\right)\left(a^2 + a\,b + b^2\right)}{18\,(a^2 + b^2)} + O(\epsilon^2)\,.$$

Eq. (13) gives us the desired singularity

$$F(g,h) = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{\left(a^2 - a\,b + b^2\right)\left(a^2 + a\,b + b^2\right)}{18\,(a^2 + b^2)} \epsilon^2 - \frac{1}{4} + \log\left(\frac{4}{3}\right) + O(\epsilon^3)$$

$$(19) \qquad = \log\left(\frac{4}{3}\right) - \frac{\left(a^2 - a\,b + b^2\right)\left(a^2 + a\,b + b^2\right)}{18\,(a^2 + b^2)} \epsilon^2 + O(\epsilon^3)$$

$$= \log\left(\frac{4}{3}\right) - \frac{1}{18} \frac{(a^6 - b^6)}{(a^4 - b^4)} \epsilon^2 + O(\epsilon^3)\,.$$

Note that for $b = a$ ($h = g$), we recover the result (11) for the singularity of $F(g,g)$, as it should.

More interestingly, we may now obtain from (19) some asymptotic estimate for the number $[g^{N-\frac{p}{2}} h^{\frac{p}{2}}] F(g,h)$ of planar quadrangulations with N faces, with two marked (distinct and distinguished) vertices at even distance from each other and with Voronoï cells of respective areas $N - (p/2)$ and $(p/2)$ (recall that, due to the existence of faces shared by the two cells, the area of a cell may be any half-integer between 0 and N). Writing

$$-\frac{1}{18} \frac{(a^6 - b^6)}{(a^4 - b^4)} \epsilon^2 = -\frac{1}{18} \frac{(a^4\,\epsilon^4)^{3/2} - (b^4\,\epsilon^4)^{3/2}}{(a^4\,\epsilon^4) - (b^4\,\epsilon^4)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{36} \frac{(1 - 12h)^{3/2} - (1 - 12g)^{3/2}}{h - g}$$

$$(20) \qquad = \frac{1}{6} \frac{\sqrt{h}(1 - 12h)^{3/2} - \sqrt{g}(1 - 12g)^{3/2}}{\sqrt{h} - \sqrt{g}} + O(\epsilon^6)$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} + \sum_{N \ge 1} \frac{2N+1}{2N-3} \frac{3^N}{N} \binom{2(N-1)}{N-1} \sum_{p=0}^{2N} \frac{g^{N-\frac{p}{2}} h^{\frac{p}{2}}}{2N+1} + O(\epsilon^6)\,,$$

where we have on purpose chosen in the third line an expression whose expansion involves half integer powers in g and h, we deduce *heuristically* that, *for large N, $[g^{N-\frac{p}{2}}h^{\frac{p}{2}}]F(g,h)$ behaves like*

$$[g^{N-\frac{p}{2}}h^{\frac{p}{2}}]\frac{1}{6}\frac{\sqrt{h}(1-12h)^{3/2}-\sqrt{g}(1-12g)^{3/2}}{\sqrt{h}-\sqrt{g}} \underset{N\to\infty}{\sim} \frac{1}{4}\frac{12^N}{\sqrt{\pi}N^{3/2}}\times\frac{1}{2N+1}$$

independently of p. After normalizing by (12), the probability that the second Voronoï cell has some fixed half-integer area $n = p/2$ ($0 \le p \le 2N$) is asymptotically equal to $1/(2N+1)$ independently of the value of n. As a consequence, *the law for $\phi = n/N$ is uniform in the interval $[0,1]$.*

Clearly, the above estimate is too precise and has no reason to be true *stricto sensu* for finite values of p. Indeed, in the expansion (19), both g and h tend simultaneously to 0, so that the above estimate for $[g^{N-\frac{p}{2}}h^{\frac{p}{2}}]F[g,h]$ should be considered as valid only when both N and $n = p/2$ become large in a limit where the ratio $\phi = n/N$ may be considered as a finite continuous variable. In other word, some *average* over values of p with $n = p/2$ in the range $N\phi \le n < N(\phi+d\phi)$ is implicitly required. With this averaging procedure, any other generating function with the same singularity as (19) would then lead to the same uniform law for ϕ. For instance, using the second line of (20) and writing

$$\frac{1}{36}\frac{(1-12h)^{3/2}-(1-12g)^{3/2}}{h-g}=-\frac{1}{2}+\sum_{N\ge 1}\frac{3^N}{N}\binom{2(N-1)}{N-1}\sum_{n=0}^{N}\frac{g^{N-n}h^n}{N+1} \ ,$$

we could as well have estimated from our singularity a value of $[g^{N-\frac{p}{2}}h^{\frac{p}{2}}]F(g,h)$ asymptotically equal to:

$$[g^{N-\frac{p}{2}}h^{\frac{p}{2}}]\frac{1}{36}\frac{(1-12h)^{3/2}-(1-12g)^{3/2}}{h-g} \underset{N\to\infty}{\sim} \frac{1}{4}\frac{12^N}{\sqrt{\pi}N^{3/2}}\times\frac{1}{N+1}\delta_{p,\text{even}}$$

with $\delta_{p,\text{even}} = 1$ if p is even and 0 otherwise. Of course, averaging over both parities, this latter estimate leads to the same uniform law for the continuous variable $\phi = n/N$.

Beyond the above heuristic argument, we may compute the law for ϕ in a rigorous way by considering the large N behavior of the fixed N expectation value

$$E_N[e^{\mu\left(\frac{n}{N}\right)}]\equiv\frac{\displaystyle\sum_{p=0}^{2N}e^{\mu\left(\frac{p}{2N}\right)}[g^{N-\frac{p}{2}}h^{\frac{p}{2}}]F[g,h]}{\displaystyle\sum_{p=0}^{2N}[g^{N-\frac{p}{2}}h^{\frac{p}{2}}]F[g,h]}=\frac{[g^N]F(g,g\,e^{\frac{\mu}{N}})}{[g^N]F(g,g)} \ .$$

The coefficient $[g^N]F(g,g\,e^{\frac{\mu}{N}})$ may then be obtained by a contour integral around $g = 0$, namely

$$\frac{1}{2\mathrm{i}\pi}\oint\frac{dg}{g^{N+1}}F(g,g\,e^{\frac{\mu}{N}})$$

and, at large N, we may use (4) and (19) with

$$\epsilon^4=\frac{1}{N}$$

to rewrite this integral as an integral over a. More precisely, at leading order in N, setting $h = g\,e^{\frac{\mu}{N}} = g\,(1+\mu\epsilon^4)$ amounts to take:

$$b^4=a^4-36\mu \ .$$

Using $dg = -(1/12)a^3/(9N)$, $g^{N+1} \sim (1/12)^{N+1}e^{-a^4/36}$ (and ignoring the constant term $\log(4/3)$ which does not contribute to the g^N coefficient for $N \ge 1$), the contour integral

above becomes at leading order:

$$\frac{1}{2\mathrm{i}\pi}\frac{12^N}{N^{3/2}}\int_{\mathcal{C}}da\,\frac{-a^3}{9}\left\{-\frac{1}{18}\frac{a^6-(a^4-36\mu)^{3/2}}{36\mu}\,e^{a^4/36}+O\!\left(\frac{1}{N^{1/4}}\right)\right\}$$

where the integration path follows some appropriate contour $\mathcal{C}$ in the complex plane. The precise form of this contour and the details of the computation of this integral are given in Appendix C. We find the value

$$\frac{1}{2\mathrm{i}\pi}\int_{\mathcal{C}}da\,\frac{-a^3}{9}\left\{-\frac{1}{18}\frac{a^6-(a^4-36\mu)^{3/2}}{36\mu}\,e^{a^4/36}\right\}=\frac{1}{4\sqrt{\pi}}\times\frac{e^\mu-1}{\mu}\ ,$$

which matches the asymptotic result obtained by the identification (20) since[7]

$$\frac{1}{4}\frac{12^N}{\sqrt{\pi}N^{3/2}}\times\sum_{p=0}^{2N}\frac{1}{2\,N+1}e^{\mu\left(\frac{p}{2N}\right)}\underset{N\to\infty}{\sim}\frac{1}{4}\frac{12^N}{\sqrt{\pi}N^{3/2}}\times\frac{e^\mu-1}{\mu}\ .$$

After normalization by $[g^N]F(g,g)$ via (12), we end up with the result

$$E_N[e^{\mu\left(\frac{n}{N}\right)}]\underset{N\to\infty}{\sim}\frac{e^\mu-1}{\mu}\ .$$

Writing

$$\frac{e^\mu-1}{\mu}\ =\int_0^1 d\phi\,e^{\mu\,\phi}\,\mathcal{P}(\phi)\ ,$$

where $\mathcal{P}(\phi)$ is the law for the proportion of area $\phi=n/N$ in, say the second Voronoï cell, we obtain that

$$\mathcal{P}(\phi)=1\quad\forall\phi\in[0,1]\ ,$$

i.e. the law is uniform on the unit segment. This proves the desired result and corroborates Chapuy's conjecture.

To end our discussion on quadrangulations, let us mention a way to extend our analysis to the case where the distance $d(v_1,v_2)$ is equal to some odd integer. Assuming that this integer is at least 3, we can still use the Miermont bijection at the price of introducing a "delay" 1 for one of two vertices, namely labelling now the vertices by, for instance, $\ell(v)=\min(d(v,v_1),d(v,v_2)+1)$ and repeating the construction of Figure 1. This leads to a second Voronoï cell slightly smaller (on average) than the first one but this effect can easily be corrected by averaging the law for n and that for $N-n$. At large N, it is easily verified that the generating function generalizing $F(g,h)$ to this (symmetrized) "odd" case (i.e. summing over all values $d(v_1,v_2)=2s+1$, $s\geq1$) has a similar expansion as (19), except for the constant term $\log(4/3)$ which is replaced by the different value $\log(9/8)$. What matters however is that this new generating function has the same singularity as before when g and h tend to $1/12$ so that we still get the uniform law $\mathcal{P}(\phi)$ for the ratio $\phi=n/N$ at large N. Clearly, summing over both parities of $d(v_1,v_2)$ would then also lead to the uniform law for ϕ.

5. Voronoï cells for general maps

5.1. **Coding of general bi-pointed maps by i-l.2.f.m.** Another direct application of our calculation concerns the statistics of Voronoï cells in *bi-pointed general planar maps*. i.e. maps with faces of arbitrary degree and with two distinct (and distinguished) vertices v_1 and v_2, now at *arbitrary distance* $\delta(v_1,v_2)\geq1$. As customary, the "area" of general maps is measured

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[7]We have as well:

$$\frac{1}{4}\frac{12^N}{\sqrt{\pi}N^{3/2}}\times\sum_{p=0}^{2N}\frac{1}{N+1}e^{\mu\left(\frac{p}{2N}\right)}\delta_{p,\mathrm{even}}=\frac{1}{4}\frac{12^N}{\sqrt{\pi}N^{3/2}}\times\sum_{n=0}^{N}\frac{1}{N+1}e^{\mu\left(\frac{n}{N}\right)}\underset{N\to\infty}{\sim}\frac{1}{4}\frac{12^N}{\sqrt{\pi}N^{3/2}}\times\frac{e^\mu-1}{\mu}\ .$$
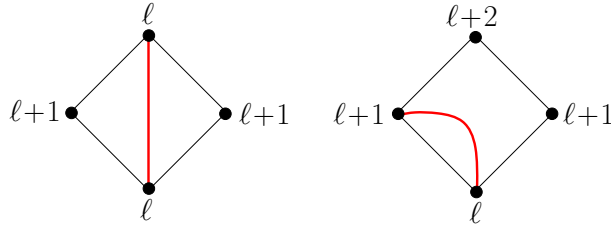
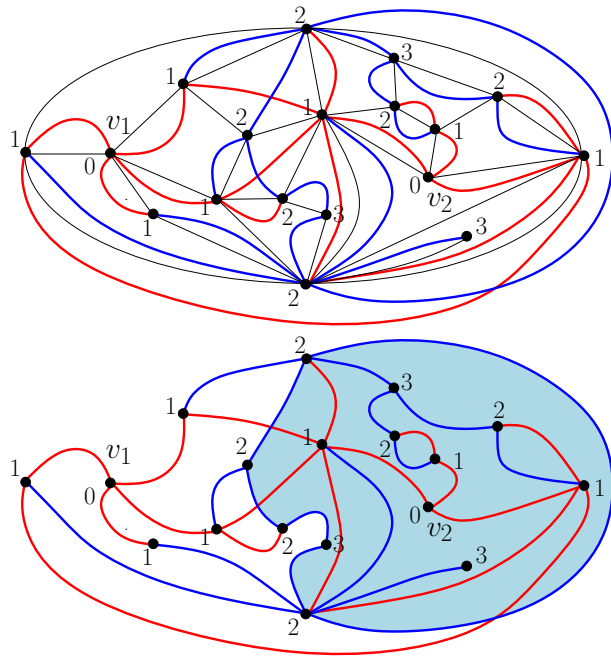FIGURE 4. The local rules of the Ambjørn-Budd bijection.

FIGURE 5. Lower part: a general bi-pointed planar map (in red) and the associated i-l.2.f.m (in blue). Upper part: Both maps result from the same bi-pointed quadrangulation using, on one hand the Miermont bijection via the rules of Figure 1 and on the other hand the Ambjørn-Budd bijection via the rules of Figure 4. Note that the label of a vertex v of the general map corresponds to $\min(\delta(v, v_1), \delta(v, v_2))$ where δ is the graph distance in this map.

by their number N of *edges* to ensure the existence of a finite number of maps for a fixed N. General maps are known to be bijectively related to quadrangulations and it is therefore not surprising that bi-pointed general planar maps may also be coded by i-l.2.f.m. Such a coding is displayed in Figure 5 and its implementation was first discussed in [1]. The simplest way to understand it is to start from a bi-pointed quadrangulation like that of Figure 2 (with its two marked vertices v_1 and v_2 and the induced labelling $\ell(v) = \min(d(v, v_1), d(v, v_2))$ and to draw within each face a new edge according to the rules of Figure 4 which may be viewed as complementary to the rules of Figure 1. The resulting map formed by these new edges is now a general planar map (with faces of arbitrary degree) which is still bi-pointed since v_1 and v_2 are now retained in this map, with vertices labelled by $\ell(v) = \min(\delta(v, v_1), \delta(v, v_2))$

where $\delta(v, v')$ is the graph distance between v and v' *in the resulting map*[8]. This result was shown by Ambjørn and Budd in [1] who also proved that this new construction provides a bijection between bi-pointed planar maps with N edges and their two marked vertices at *arbitrary graph distance* and bi-pointed planar quadrangulations with N faces and their two marked vertices at *even graph distance*[9]. Note that, in the bi-pointed general map, the labelling may be erased without loss of information since it may we retrieved directly from graph distances. Combined with the Miermont bijection, the Ambjørn-Budd bijection gives the desired coding of bi-pointed general planar maps by i-l.2.f.m, whose two faces f_1 and f_2 moreover surround the vertices v_1 and v_2 respectively. In this coding, all the vertices of the general maps except v_1 and v_2 are recovered in the i-l.2.f.m, with the same label but the i-l.2.f.m has a number of additional vertices, one lying in each face of the general map and carrying a label equal to 1 plus the maximal label in this face. As discussed in [9], if the distance $\delta(v_1, v_2)$ is even, equal to $2s$ ($s \geq 1$), the i-l.2.f.m (which has by definition minimal label 1 in its two faces) has a minimum label equal to s for the vertices along the loop separating the two faces, and *none of the loop edges has labels* $s \!-\! s$. If the distance $\delta(v_1, v_2)$ is odd, equal to $2s - 1$ ($s \geq 1$), the i-l.2.f.m has again a minimum label equal to s for the vertices along the loop separating the two faces, but now has *at least one loop edge with labels* $s \!-\! s$.

5.2. **Definition of Voronoï cells for general maps.** As before, we may define the two Voronoï cells in bi-pointed general planar maps as the domains obtained by cutting them along the loop of the associated i-l.2.f.m. Let us now see why this definition again matches what we expect from a Voronoï cell, namely that vertices in one cell are closer to one of the marked vertices than to the other. Let us show that any vertex v of the general map strictly inside, say the second face f_2 (that containing v_2) is closer to v_2 than to v_1 (or possibly at the same distance). Since this is obviously true for v_2, we may assume $v \neq v_2$ in which case $\ell(v) > 0$. Recall that, for any v, $\ell(v) = \min(\delta(v, v_1), \delta(v, v_2))$ so that the vertex v necessarily has a neighbor with label $\ell(v) - 1$ within the general map, which itself, if $\ell(v) > 1$, has a neighbor of label $\ell(v) - 2$, and so on. A sequence of edges connecting these neighboring vertices with strictly decreasing labels provides a shortest path from v to a vertex with label 0, i.e. to either v_1 or v_2. Let us show this path may always be chosen so as to stay inside f_2, so that it necessarily ends at v_2 and thus $\ell(v) = \delta(v, v_2) \leq \delta(v, v_1)$. To prove this, we first note that, since by construction the map edges (in red in the figures) and the i-l.2.f.m edges (in blue) cross only along red edges of type $m \!-\! m$ which cannot belong to a path with strictly decreasing labels, if such a path (which starts with an edge in f_2) crosses the loop a first time so as to enter f_1, it has to first hit the loop separating the two faces at some loop vertex w with, say label ℓ. We may then rely on the following "rebound" property, explained in Figure 6: looking at the environment of w in the sector going clockwise from the map edge $(\ell + 1) \rightarrow \ell$ of the strictly decreasing path leading to w (this edge lies in f_2 by definition) and the loop edge of the i-l.2.f.m leading to w (with the loop oriented as before with f_1 on its left), we see that there always exist a map edge $\ell \rightarrow \ell - 1$ leaving w and lying inside this sector and therefore in f_2 (see the legend of Figure 6 for a more detailed explanation). We may then decide to take this edge as the next edge in our path with decreasing labels which de facto, may always be chosen to as to stay[10] in f_2.

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[8]Note that, although related, the distance $\delta(v, v')$ between two vertices v and v' in the resulting map and that, $d(v, v')$, in the original quadrangulation are not identical in general.

[9]In their paper, Ambjørn and Budd considered quadrangulations with general labellings satisfying $\ell(v) - \ell(v') = \pm 1$ if v and v' are adjacent. The present bijection is a specialization of their bijection when the labelling has exactly two local minima (the marked vertices) and the label is 0 for both minima. This implies that the two minima are at even distance from each other in the quadrangulation.

[10]Note that some of the vertices along the path may lie on the loop but the path must eventually enter strictly inside f_2 since loop labels are larger than 1.
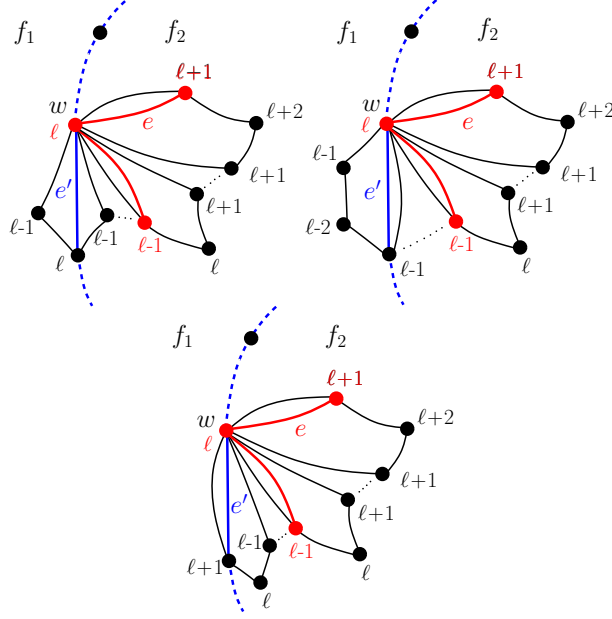
FIGURE 6. Explanation of the "rebound" property: for any edge e of type
$\ell + 1 \to \ell$ of the general map (here in red) lying in f_2 and hitting a loop
vertex w of the associated i-l.2.f.m (here in blue), there exists, in the sector
around w going clockwise from e to the loop edge e' of the i-l.2.f.m leading
to w and having f_1 on its left, an edge of the general map leaving w within
f_2 and with endpoint of label $\ell - 1$. To see that, we first note that, in the
associated quadrangulation (in black), the first edge leaving w clockwise in
the sector has label $\ell + 1$ from the rules of Figure 4. Similarly the last edge
in the quadrangulation leaving w clockwise in the sector has label $\ell - 1$
from the rules of Figure 1. This holds for the three possible values of the
label at the origin of e', namely ℓ (upper left), $\ell - 1$ (upper right) and
$\ell + 1$ (bottom). Then there must be around w in this sector two clockwise
consecutive edges of the quadrangulation with respective labels $\ell + 1$ and
$\ell - 1$ at their endpoint other than w. From the rules of Figure 4, the incident
face in the quadrangulation gives rise to an edge of the general map lying
in the sector, hence in f_2, and leaving w toward a vertex with label $\ell - 1$.
This "rebound" property is easily generalized to the case where the hitting
edge e is of type $\ell \to \ell$. In that case, we only need that the second half of e
lies in f_2 to ensure the existence of a subsequent edge $\ell \to \ell - 1$ in f_2.

Let us now discuss vertices of the general map which belong to both Voronoï cells, i.e. are
loop vertices in the i-l.2.f.m. Such vertices may be strictly closer to v_1, strictly closer to v_2
or at equal distance from both. More precisely, if a loop vertex v with label ℓ is incident to
a general map edge in f_2, then we can find a path with decreasing labels staying inside f_2
and thus $\delta(v, v_2) \leq \delta(v, v_1)$. Indeed, if the incident edge is of type $\ell - (\ell - 1)$, it gives the
first step of the desired path, if it is of type $\ell - (\ell + 1)$, looking at this edge backwards and
using the rebound property, the loop vertex is also incident to an edge of type $\ell - (\ell - 1)$ in
f_2 which may serve as the first step of the desired path. If the incident edge is of type $\ell - \ell$,
a straightforward extension of the rebound property shows that the loop vertex is again
incident to an edge of type $\ell - (\ell - 1)$ in f_2 which provides the first step of the desired path.

Similarly, if a loop vertex v incident to a general map edge in f_1, then $\delta(v, v_1) \leq \delta(v, v_2)$
and, as a consequence, if a loop vertex v in incident to a general map edge in both f_1 and f_2,

then $\delta(v, v_1) = \delta(v, v_2)$. From the above properties, we immediately deduce that all the map edges inside f_1 (respectively f_2) have their two endpoints closer to v_1 than to v_2 (respectively closer to v_2 than to v_1) or possibly at the same distance. As for map edges shared by the two cells, they necessarily connect two vertices w_1 and w_2 (lying in f_1 and f_2 respectively) with the same label and with w_1 closer to v_1 than to v_2 (or at the same distance) and w_2 closer to v_2 than to v_1 (or at the same distance). This fully justifies our definition of Voronoï cells.

5.3. **Generating functions and uniform law.** In the context of general maps, a proper measure of the "area" of Voronoï cells is now provided by the number of edges of the general map lying within each cell. Again, a number of these edges are actually shared by the two cells, hence contribute $1/2$ to the area of each cell. In terms of generating functions, edges inside the first cell receive accordingly the weight g, those in the second cell the weight h and those shared by the two cells the weight $\sqrt{g\,h}$ and we call $F^{\mathrm{even}}(g, h)$ and $F^{\mathrm{odd}}(g, h)$ the corresponding generating functions for bi-pointed maps conditioned to have their marked vertices at even and odd distance respectively.

When transposed to the associated i-l.2.f.m, this amounts as before to assigning the weight g to those edges of the i-l.2.f.m strictly in f_1, h to those strictly in f_2, and $\sqrt{g\,h}$ to those on the loop separating f_1 and f_2. Indeed, from the rules of figures 1 and 4, edges of the i-l.2.f.m are in one-to-one correspondence with edges of the general map. Edges of the i-l.2.f.m strictly in f_1 (respectively f_2) correspond to edges of the general map in the first (respectively second) Voronoï cell. As for edges on the loop separating f_1 and f_2, they come in three species: edges of type $m - m$ correspond to map edges of type $(m-1) - (m-1)$ shared by the two cells and receive the weight $\sqrt{g\,h}$ accordingly; edges of type $m - (m+1)$ (when oriented with f_1 on their left) correspond to edges of the general map of type $m - (m-1)$ in the first cell and edges of type $(m+1) - m$ correspond to edges of the general map of type $m - (m-1)$ in the second cell. We are thus lead to assign the weight g to loop edges of the second species and h to loop edges of the third species but, since there is clearly the same number of edges of the two types in a closed loop, we way equivalently assign the weight $\sqrt{g\,h}$ to all of them.

Again, writing $\delta(v_1, v_2) = 2s$ for general maps enumerated by $F^{\mathrm{even}}(g, h)$ and $\delta(v_1, v_2) = 2s - 1$ for general maps enumerated by $F^{\mathrm{odd}}(g, h)$, with $s \geq 1$, we may decide to shift all labels by $-s$ in the associated i-l.2.f.m. With these shifted labels, the planar i-l.2.f.m enumerated by $F^{\mathrm{even}}(g, h)$ may alternatively be characterized by the same rules $\langle c_2 \rangle$-$\langle c_4 \rangle$ as before but with $\langle c_1 \rangle$ replaced by the slightly more restrictive rule:.

$\langle c_1 \rangle$-even: The minimal label for the set of loop vertices is 0 and none of the loop edges has labels $0 - 0$. The edges of the loop receive a weight $\sqrt{g\,h}$.

Similarly, for planar i-l.2.f.m enumerated by $F^{\mathrm{odd}}(g, h)$, $\langle c_1 \rangle$ is replaced by the rule:

$\langle c_1 \rangle$-odd: The minimal label for the set of loop vertices is 0 and at least one loop edge has labels $0 - 0$. The edges of the loop receive a weight $\sqrt{g\,h}$.

The conditions $\langle c_1 \rangle$-even and $\langle c_1 \rangle$-odd are clearly complementary among i-l.2.f.m satisfying the condition $\langle c_1 \rangle$. We immediately deduce that

$$F^{\mathrm{even}}(g, h) + F^{\mathrm{odd}}(g, h) = F(g, h)$$

so that we may interpret $F(g, h)$ as the generating function for bi-pointed general planar maps with two marked vertices at *arbitrary distance* from each other, with a weight g per edge in the first Voronoï cell, h per edge in the second cell, and $\sqrt{g\,h}$ per edge shared by both cells. As a direct consequence, among bi-pointed general planar maps of fixed area N, with their two marked vertices at arbitrary distance, the law for the ratio $\phi = n/N$ of the area n of one of the two Voronoï cells by the total area N is again, for large N, uniform between 0 and 1.

If we wish to control the parity of $\delta(v_1, v_2)$, we have to take into account the new constraints on loop edges. We invite the reader to look at [9] for a detailed discussion on how

to incorporate these constraints. For $\delta(v_1, v_2)$ even, the generating function $F^{\text{even}}(g, h)$ may be written as

$$F^{\text{even}}(g, h) = \sum_{s \geq 1} \Delta_s \Delta_t \log(N_{s,t}(g, h))\Big|_{t=s} = \sum_{s \geq 1} \log\left(\frac{N_{s,s}(g, h)N_{s-1,s-1}(g, h)}{N_{s-1,s}(g, h)N_{s,s-1}(g, h)}\right)$$

where

(21) $$N_{s,t}(g, h) = \frac{X_{s,t}(g, h)}{1 + \sqrt{g\,h}\,R_s(g)\,R_t(h)\,X_{s,t}(g, h)}$$

enumerates l.c with none of their spine edges having labels $0 - 0$.

For $\delta(v_1, v_2)$ odd, the generating function $F^{\text{odd}}(g, h)$ reads (see again [9])

$$F^{\text{odd}}(g, h) = \sum_{s \geq 1} \Delta_s \Delta_t \log\left(\frac{X_{s,t}(g, h)}{N_{s,t}(g, h)}\right)\Big|_{t=s} = F(g, h) - F^{\text{even}}(g, h)$$

as it should.

We may estimate the singularity $F^{\text{even}}(g, h)$ from the scaling function associated with $N_{s,t}(g, h)$ and from its value at $g = h = 1/12$. It is easily checked from its expression (21) that

$$N_{\lfloor S/\epsilon \rfloor, \lfloor T/\epsilon \rfloor}(g, h) = \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{4}x(S, T, a, b)\,\epsilon + O(\epsilon^2)$$

and, by the same arguments as for quadrangulations,

$$F^{\text{even}}(g, h) = \epsilon^2 \int_\epsilon^\infty dS\,\frac{1}{6}\partial_S \partial_T x(S, T, a, b)\Big|_{T=S}$$
$$+ \sum_{s=1}^{\lfloor S_0/\epsilon \rfloor - 1} \log\left(\frac{(2s+1)^3(2s+3)}{(2s+2)^3\,2s}\right) - \epsilon^2 \int_\epsilon^{S_0} dS\,\frac{1}{4S^3} + O(\epsilon^3)\,.$$

This yields the expansion:

$$F^{\text{even}}(g, h) = \log\left(\frac{32}{3\pi^2}\right) - \frac{1}{36}\frac{(a^6 - b^6)}{(a^4 - b^4)}\,\epsilon^2 + O(\epsilon^3)\,.$$

with, as expected, the same singularity as $F(g, h)$ up to a factor $1/2$ since the number of bi-pointed general maps with $\delta(v_1, v_2)$ even is (asymptotically) half the number of bi-pointed quadrangulations with $d(v_1, v_2)$ even. Again, for the restricted ensemble of bi-pointed planar map whose marked vertices are at even distance from each other, the law for the ratio $\phi = n/N$ of the area n of one of the two Voronoï cells by the total area N is, for large N, uniform between 0 and 1. The same is obviously true if we condition the distance to be odd since

$$F^{\text{odd}}(g, h) = \log\left(\frac{\pi^2}{8}\right) - \frac{1}{36}\frac{(a^6 - b^6)}{(a^4 - b^4)}\,\epsilon^2 + O(\epsilon^3)\,.$$

6. Conclusion

In this paper, we computed the law for the ratio $\phi = n/N$ of the area n (= number of faces) of one of the two Voronoï cells by the total area N for random planar quadrangulations with a large area N and two randomly chosen marked distinct vertices at even distance from each other. We found that this law is uniform between 0 and 1, which corroborates Chapuy's conjecture. We then extended this result to the law for the ratio $\phi = n/N$ of the area n (= number of edges) of one of the two Voronoï cells by the total area N for random general planar maps with a large area N and two randomly chosen marked distinct vertices at arbitrary distance from each other. We again found that this law is uniform between 0 and 1.

Our calculation is based on an estimation of the singularity of the appropriate generating function keeping a control on the area of the Voronoï cells, itself based on an estimation of

the singularity of some particular generating function $X_{s,t}(g,h)$ for labelled chains. Clearly, a challenging problem would be to find an exact expression for $X_{s,t}(g,h)$ as it would certainly greatly simplify our derivation.

Chapuy's conjecture extends to an arbitrary number of Voronoï cells in a map of arbitrary fixed genus. It seems possible to test it by our method for some slightly more involved cases than the one discussed here, say with three Voronoï cells in the planar case or for two Voronoï cells in maps with genus 1. An important step toward this calculation would be to estimate the singularity of yet another generating function, $Y_{s,t,u}(g,h,k)$ enumerating labelled trees with three non-aligned marked vertices and a number of label constraints[11] involving subtrees divided into three subsets with edge weights g, h, and k respectively. Indeed, applying the Miermont bijection to maps with more points or for higher genus creates labelled maps whose "skeleton" (i.e. the frontier between faces) is no longer a single loop but has branching points enumerated by $Y_{s,t,u}(g,h,k)$. This study will definitely require more efforts.

Finally, in view of the simplicity of the conjectured law, one may want to find a general argument which makes no use of any precise enumeration result but relies only on bijective constructions and/or symmetry considerations.

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[11]See [5] for a precise list of label constraints. There $Y_{s,t,u}(g,h,k)$ is defined when $g = h = k$ but the label constraints are independent of the weights.

APPENDIX A. EXPRESSION FOR THE SCALING FUNCTION $x(S, T, a, b)$

The scaling function $x(S, T, a, b)$, determined by the partial differential equation

$$2\big(x(S,T,a,b)\big)^2 + 6\big(\partial_S x(S,T,a,b) + \partial_T x(S,T,a,b)\big) + 27\big(r(S,a) + r(T,b)\big) = 0$$

(with $r(S, a)$ as in (5)) and by the small S and T behavior (16) is given by

$$x(S,T,a,b) = -3\sqrt{\frac{a^2 + b^2}{2}} - \frac{\mathfrak{N}(e^{-a\,S}, e^{-b\,T}, a, b)}{(1 - e^{-a\,S})(1 - e^{-b\,T})\mathfrak{D}(e^{-a\,S}, e^{-b\,T}, a, b)}\ ,$$

where the polynomials

$$\mathfrak{N}(\sigma, \tau, a, b) = \sum_{i=0}^{3}\sum_{j=0}^{3} n_{i,j}\,\sigma^i\tau^j \quad \text{and} \quad \mathfrak{D}(\sigma, \tau, a, b) = \sum_{i=0}^{2}\sum_{j=0}^{2} d_{i,j}\,\sigma^i\tau^j$$

have the following coefficients $n_{i,j} \equiv n_{i,j}(a, b)$ and $d_{i,j} \equiv d_{i,j}(a, b)$: writing for convenience these coefficients in the form

$$n_{i,j} = n_{i,j}^{(0)} + \sqrt{\frac{a^2 + b^2}{2}}\,n_{i,j}^{(1)}\ , \qquad d_{i,j} = d_{i,j}^{(0)} + \sqrt{\frac{a^2 + b^2}{2}}\,d_{i,j}^{(1)}\ ,$$

we have

$$n_{0,0}^{(0)} = n_{0,3}^{(0)} = n_{3,0}^{(0)} = n_{3,3}^{(0)} = 0$$

$$n_{0,1}^{(0)} = -\frac{18b^3}{2a^2 + b^2} \qquad n_{0,2}^{(0)} = \frac{18b^3\left(5a^2 + 7b^2\right)}{(a - b)(a + b)\left(2a^2 + b^2\right)}$$

$$n_{1,0}^{(0)} = -\frac{18a^3}{a^2 + 2b^2} \qquad n_{2,0}^{(0)} = -\frac{18a^3\left(7a^2 + 5b^2\right)}{(a - b)(a + b)\left(a^2 + 2b^2\right)}$$

$$n_{1,1}^{(0)} = \frac{54\left(2a^7 + 17a^5b^2 + 17a^4b^3 + 17a^3b^4 + 17a^2b^5 + 2b^7\right)}{(a - b)^2\left(2a^2 + b^2\right)\left(a^2 + 2b^2\right)}$$

$$n_{1,2}^{(0)} = -\frac{54\left(2a^7 + 8a^6b + 27a^5b^2 + 47a^4b^3 + 47a^3b^4 + 51a^2b^5 + 20ab^6 + 14b^7\right)}{(a - b)(a + b)\left(2a^2 + b^2\right)\left(a^2 + 2b^2\right)}$$

$$n_{1,3}^{(0)} = \frac{18a^2\left(2a^5 + 12a^4b + 17a^3b^2 + 36a^2b^3 + 17ab^4 + 24b^5\right)}{(a - b)(a + b)\left(2a^2 + b^2\right)\left(a^2 + 2b^2\right)}$$

$$n_{2,1}^{(0)} = \frac{54\left(14a^7 + 20a^6b + 51a^5b^2 + 47a^4b^3 + 47a^3b^4 + 27a^2b^5 + 8ab^6 + 2b^7\right)}{(a - b)(a + b)\left(2a^2 + b^2\right)\left(a^2 + 2b^2\right)}$$

$$n_{2,2}^{(0)} = -\frac{54\left(14a^7 + 12a^6b + 41a^5b^2 + 41a^4b^3 + 41a^3b^4 + 41a^2b^5 + 12ab^6 + 14b^7\right)}{(a - b)^2\left(2a^2 + b^2\right)\left(a^2 + 2b^2\right)}$$

$$n_{2,3}^{(0)} = \frac{18a^2\left(14a^5 + 32a^4b + 51a^3b^2 + 58a^2b^3 + 37ab^4 + 24b^5\right)}{(a - b)^2\left(2a^2 + b^2\right)\left(a^2 + 2b^2\right)}$$

$$n_{3,1}^{(0)} = -\frac{18b^2\left(24a^5 + 17a^4b + 36a^3b^2 + 17a^2b^3 + 12ab^4 + 2b^5\right)}{(a - b)(a + b)\left(2a^2 + b^2\right)\left(a^2 + 2b^2\right)}$$

$$n_{3,2}^{(0)} = \frac{18b^2\left(24a^5 + 37a^4b + 58a^3b^2 + 51a^2b^3 + 32ab^4 + 14b^5\right)}{(a - b)^2\left(2a^2 + b^2\right)\left(a^2 + 2b^2\right)}$$

and

$$n_{0,0}^{(1)} = n_{0,3}^{(1)} = n_{3,0}^{(1)} = n_{3,3}^{(1)} = 0$$

$$n_{0,1}^{(1)} = \frac{36b^2}{2a^2 + b^2} \qquad n_{0,2}^{(1)} = -\frac{36b^2 \left(a^2 + 5b^2\right)}{(a - b)(a + b)\left(2a^2 + b^2\right)}$$

$$n_{1,0}^{(1)} = \frac{36a^2}{a^2 + 2b^2} \qquad n_{2,0}^{(1)} = \frac{36a^2 \left(5a^2 + b^2\right)}{(a - b)(a + b)\left(a^2 + 2b^2\right)}$$

$$n_{1,1}^{(1)} = -\frac{216 \left(a^6 - a^5b + 8a^4b^2 + 2a^3b^3 + 8a^2b^4 - ab^5 + b^6\right)}{(a - b)^2 \left(2a^2 + b^2\right)\left(a^2 + 2b^2\right)}$$

$$n_{1,2}^{(1)} = \frac{216 \left(a^2 + ab + b^2\right) \left(a^4 + a^3b + 9a^2b^2 + 2ab^3 + 5b^4\right)}{(a - b)(a + b)\left(2a^2 + b^2\right)\left(a^2 + 2b^2\right)}$$

$$n_{1,3}^{(1)} = -\frac{36a^2 \left(2a^4 + 6a^3b + 17a^2b^2 + 12ab^3 + 17b^4\right)}{(a - b)(a + b)\left(2a^2 + b^2\right)\left(a^2 + 2b^2\right)}$$

$$n_{2,1}^{(1)} = -\frac{216 \left(a^2 + ab + b^2\right) \left(5a^4 + 2a^3b + 9a^2b^2 + ab^3 + b^4\right)}{(a - b)(a + b)\left(2a^2 + b^2\right)\left(a^2 + 2b^2\right)}$$

$$n_{2,2}^{(1)} = \frac{216 \left(5a^6 + 4a^5b + 13a^4b^2 + 10a^3b^3 + 13a^2b^4 + 4ab^5 + 5b^6\right)}{(a - b)^2 \left(2a^2 + b^2\right)\left(a^2 + 2b^2\right)}$$

$$n_{2,3}^{(1)} = -\frac{36a^2 \left(10a^4 + 22a^3b + 33a^2b^2 + 26ab^3 + 17b^4\right)}{(a - b)^2 \left(2a^2 + b^2\right)\left(a^2 + 2b^2\right)}$$

$$n_{3,1}^{(1)} = \frac{36b^2 \left(17a^4 + 12a^3b + 17a^2b^2 + 6ab^3 + 2b^4\right)}{(a - b)(a + b)\left(2a^2 + b^2\right)\left(a^2 + 2b^2\right)}$$

$$n_{3,2}^{(1)} = -\frac{36b^2 \left(17a^4 + 26a^3b + 33a^2b^2 + 22ab^3 + 10b^4\right)}{(a - b)^2 \left(2a^2 + b^2\right)\left(a^2 + 2b^2\right)} \ ,$$

while

$$d_{0,0}^{(0)} = 1$$

$$d_{0,1}^{(0)} = -\frac{4 \left(a^2 + 2b^2\right)}{2a^2 + b^2}$$

$$d_{0,2}^{(0)} = \frac{2a^4 + 17a^2b^2 + 17b^4}{(a - b)(a + b)\left(2a^2 + b^2\right)}$$

$$d_{1,0}^{(0)} = -\frac{4 \left(2a^2 + b^2\right)}{a^2 + 2b^2}$$

$$d_{1,1}^{(0)} = \frac{8 \left(4a^2 + ab + 4b^2\right) \left(a^4 + 7a^2b^2 + b^4\right)}{(a - b)^2 \left(2a^2 + b^2\right)\left(a^2 + 2b^2\right)}$$

$$d_{1,2}^{(0)} = -\frac{4 \left(4a^5 + 14a^4b + 22a^3b^2 + 32a^2b^3 + 19ab^4 + 17b^5\right)}{(a - b)\left(2a^2 + b^2\right)\left(a^2 + 2b^2\right)}$$

$$d_{2,0}^{(0)} = -\frac{17a^4 + 17a^2b^2 + 2b^4}{(a - b)(a + b)\left(a^2 + 2b^2\right)}$$

$$d_{2,1}^{(0)} = \frac{4 \left(17a^5 + 19a^4b + 32a^3b^2 + 22a^2b^3 + 14ab^4 + 4b^5\right)}{(a - b)\left(2a^2 + b^2\right)\left(a^2 + 2b^2\right)}$$

$$d_{2,2}^{(0)} = -\frac{34a^6 + 76a^5b + 137a^4b^2 + 154a^3b^3 + 137a^2b^4 + 76ab^5 + 34b^6}{(a - b)^2 \left(2a^2 + b^2\right)\left(a^2 + 2b^2\right)}$$

and

$$d_{0,0}^{(1)} = 0$$

$$d_{0,1}^{(1)} = \frac{12b}{2a^2 + b^2}$$

$$d_{0,2}^{(1)} = -\frac{12b\left(a^2 + 2b^2\right)}{(a-b)(a+b)\left(2a^2 + b^2\right)}$$

$$d_{1,0}^{(1)} = \frac{12a}{a^2 + 2b^2}$$

$$d_{1,1}^{(1)} = -\frac{48\left(a^2 + ab + b^2\right)\left(a^4 + 7a^2b^2 + b^4\right)}{(a-b)^2(a+b)\left(2a^2 + b^2\right)\left(a^2 + 2b^2\right)}$$

$$d_{1,2}^{(1)} = \frac{12\left(2a^4 + 6a^3b + 11a^2b^2 + 9ab^3 + 8b^4\right)}{(a-b)\left(2a^2 + b^2\right)\left(a^2 + 2b^2\right)}$$

$$d_{2,0}^{(1)} = \frac{12a\left(2a^2 + b^2\right)}{(a-b)(a+b)\left(a^2 + 2b^2\right)}$$

$$d_{2,1}^{(1)} = -\frac{12\left(8a^4 + 9a^3b + 11a^2b^2 + 6ab^3 + 2b^4\right)}{(a-b)\left(2a^2 + b^2\right)\left(a^2 + 2b^2\right)}$$

$$d_{2,2}^{(1)} = \frac{12(a+b)\left(a^2 + ab + b^2\right)\left(4a^2 + ab + 4b^2\right)}{(a-b)^2\left(2a^2 + b^2\right)\left(a^2 + 2b^2\right)} \ .$$

It is easily verified that, for $b \to a$, $x(S, T, a, b)$ tends to $x(S, T, a)$ given by (7), as expected.

APPENDIX B. EXPRESSION FOR THE PRIMITIVE $\mathfrak{K}(\sigma, a, b)$

Taking $\mathfrak{K}(\sigma, a, b)$ in the form

$$\mathfrak{K}(\sigma, a, b) = \left.\frac{a\, b\, \sigma\, \tau\, \mathfrak{H}(\sigma, \tau, a, b)}{\left(\mathfrak{D}(\sigma, \tau, a, b)\right)^2}\right|_{\tau = \sigma^{b/a}}$$

with the same function $\mathfrak{D}(\sigma, \tau, a, b)$ as in Appendix A and where $\mathfrak{H}(\sigma, \tau, a, b)$ is a polynomial of the form

$$\mathfrak{H}(\sigma, \tau, a, b) = \sum_{i=0}^{2}\sum_{j=0}^{2} h_{i,j}\,\sigma^i\tau^j \ ,$$
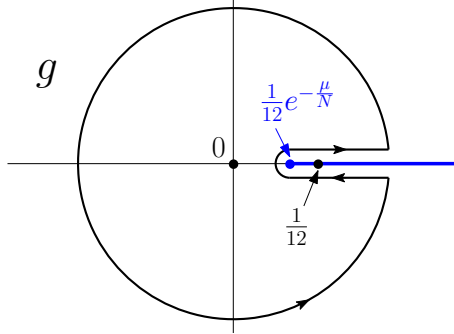
the desired condition (18) is fulfilled if

$$\frac{1}{3}\partial_\sigma\partial_\tau\mathfrak{X}(\sigma, \tau, a, b) = \{(a+b) + a\,\sigma\,\partial_\sigma + b\,\tau\,\partial_\tau\}\,\frac{\mathfrak{H}(\sigma, \tau, a, b)}{\left(\mathfrak{D}(\sigma, \tau, a, b)\right)^2} \ .$$

This fixes the coefficients $h_{i,j} \equiv h_{i,j}(a, b)$, namely:

$$h_{i,j} = h_{i,j}^{(0)} + \sqrt{\frac{a^2 + b^2}{2}}\, h_{i,j}^{(1)}$$

FIGURE 7. Deformation of the contour for the integral over g.

with

$$h_{0,1}^{(0)} = h_{1,0}^{(0)} = h_{1,1}^{(0)} = h_{1,2}^{(0)} = h_{2,1}^{(0)} = 0$$

$$h_{0,0}^{(0)} = -\frac{72a^2b^2\left(4a^2 + ab + 4b^2\right)}{(a-b)^2\left(2a^2+b^2\right)\left(a^2+2b^2\right)}$$

$$h_{0,2}^{(0)} = \frac{72a^2b^2\left(8a^7 + 46a^6b + 114a^5b^2 + 237a^4b^3 + 261a^3b^4 + 333a^2b^5 + 157ab^6 + 140b^7\right)}{(a-b)^3(a+b)^2\left(2a^2+b^2\right)^2\left(a^2+2b^2\right)}$$

$$h_{2,0}^{(0)} = -\frac{72a^2b^2\left(140a^7 + 157a^6b + 333a^5b^2 + 261a^4b^3 + 237a^3b^4 + 114a^2b^5 + 46ab^6 + 8b^7\right)}{(a-b)^3(a+b)^2\left(2a^2+b^2\right)\left(a^2+2b^2\right)^2}$$

$$h_{2,2}^{(0)} = \frac{72a^2b^2\left(4a^2 + ab + 4b^2\right)\left(70a^6 + 148a^5b + 281a^4b^2 + 298a^3b^3 + 281a^2b^4 + 148ab^5 + 70b^6\right)}{(a-b)^4\left(2a^2+b^2\right)^2\left(a^2+2b^2\right)^2}$$

and

$$h_{0,1}^{(1)} = h_{1,0}^{(1)} = h_{1,1}^{(1)} = h_{1,2}^{(1)} = h_{2,1}^{(1)} = 0$$

$$h_{0,0}^{(1)} = \frac{432a^2b^2\left(a^2 + ab + b^2\right)}{(a-b)^2(a+b)\left(2a^2+b^2\right)\left(a^2+2b^2\right)}$$

$$h_{0,2}^{(1)} = -\frac{432a^2b^2\left(2a^6 + 10a^5b + 29a^4b^2 + 43a^3b^3 + 62a^2b^4 + 37ab^5 + 33b^6\right)}{(a-b)^3(a+b)^2\left(2a^2+b^2\right)^2\left(a^2+2b^2\right)}$$

$$h_{2,0}^{(1)} = \frac{432a^2b^2\left(33a^6 + 37a^5b + 62a^4b^2 + 43a^3b^3 + 29a^2b^4 + 10ab^5 + 2b^6\right)}{(a-b)^3(a+b)^2\left(2a^2+b^2\right)\left(a^2+2b^2\right)^2}$$

$$h_{2,2}^{(1)} = -\frac{1296a^2b^2\left(a^2 + ab + b^2\right)\left(22a^6 + 52a^5b + 89a^4b^2 + 106a^3b^3 + 89a^2b^4 + 52ab^5 + 22b^6\right)}{(a-b)^4(a+b)\left(2a^2+b^2\right)^2\left(a^2+2b^2\right)^2}\,.$$

APPENDIX C. CONTOUR INTEGRAL OVER a

Given $\mu \geq 0$, the integral over g

$$\frac{1}{2i\pi}\oint \frac{dg}{g^{N+1}}F(g, g\,e^{\frac{\mu}{N}})$$

is on a contour around 0. Here $F(g, g\,e^{\frac{\mu}{N}})$ has a singularity for real $g > (1/12)e^{-\frac{\mu}{N}}$ and the contour may be deformed as in Figure 7. For large N, the dominant contribution comes from the vicinity of the cut and is captured by setting

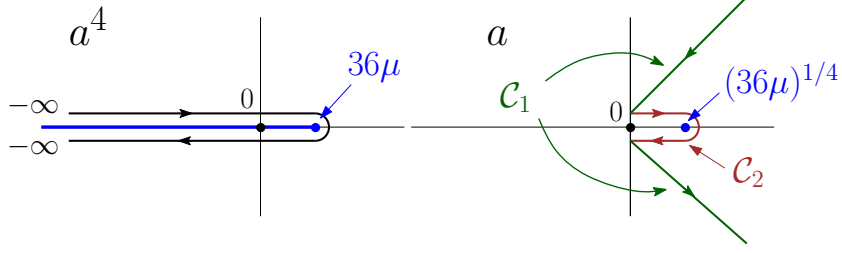$$g = \frac{1}{12}\left(1 - \frac{a^4}{36}\frac{1}{N}\right)$$

FIGURE 8. The contour in the variable a^4 resulting from the large N limit of the integral over g along the contour of Figure 7. The resulting contour $\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{C}_1 \cap \mathcal{C}_2$ in the variable a.

where the variable a^4 varies along the cut from $-\infty$ to 36μ back to $-\infty$. In other words, the contour $\mathcal{C}$ for the variable a is that of Figure 8, made of two parts: a contour $\mathcal{C}_1$ made of two half straight lines at $\pm 45°$ starting from the origin, and a contour $\mathcal{C}_2$ consisting of a back and forth excursion from 0 to $(36\mu)^{1/4}$ back to 0. In the variable a, the integral reads

$$\frac{1}{2\mathrm{i}\pi} \int_{\mathcal{C}} da\, \frac{-a^3}{9} \left\{ -\frac{1}{18} \frac{a^6 - (a^4 - 36\mu)^{3/2}}{36\mu}\, e^{a^4/36} \right\}$$

Concerning the contour $\mathcal{C}_2$, the term a^6 has no cut hence contributes 0 to the integral. As for the $(a^4 - 36\mu)^{3/2}$ term, setting $a = \sqrt{6}(\mu - t^2)^{1/4}$ with real t from $\sqrt{\mu}$ to 0 back to $\sqrt{\mu}$, we have

$$\frac{1}{2\mathrm{i}\pi} \int_{\mathcal{C}_2} da\, \frac{-a^3}{9} \left\{ \frac{1}{18} \frac{(a^4 - 36\mu)^{3/2}}{36\mu}\, e^{a^4/36} \right\} = \frac{1}{2\mathrm{i}\pi} \left\{ \int_{\sqrt{\mu}}^0 dt\, 2t\, \frac{(-t^2)^{3/2}}{3\mu}\, e^{\mu - t^2} \right.$$
$$\left. + \int_0^{\sqrt{\mu}} dt\, 2t\, \frac{(-t^2)^{3/2}}{3\mu}\, e^{\mu - t^2} \right\}$$

where $(-t^2)^{3/2} = -\mathrm{i}\, t^3$ for the first integral and $(-t^2)^{3/2} = \mathrm{i}\, t^3$ for the second, so that the final contribution of the contour $\mathcal{C}_2$ is

$$\frac{2}{3\pi} \frac{e^{\mu}}{\mu} \int_0^{\sqrt{\mu}} dt\, t^4\, e^{-t^2}\ .$$

Let us now come to the integral over the contour $\mathcal{C}_1$. The term a^6 now contributes to the integral: setting $a = \sqrt{6}\, e^{\pm \mathrm{i}\frac{\pi}{4}} \sqrt{t}$ with real t from $+\infty$ to 0 (respectively 0 to $+\infty$), we get a contribution

$$\frac{1}{2\mathrm{i}\pi} \int_{\mathcal{C}_1} da\, \frac{-a^3}{9} \left\{ -\frac{1}{18} \frac{a^6}{36\mu}\, e^{a^4/36} \right\} = \frac{1}{2\mathrm{i}\pi} \left\{ \mathrm{i} \int_{+\infty}^0 dt\, 2t\, \frac{t^3}{3\mu}\, e^{-t^2} \right.$$
$$\left. - \mathrm{i} \int_0^{+\infty} dt\, 2t\, \frac{t^3}{3\mu}\, e^{-t^2} \right\}$$
$$= -\frac{2}{3\pi} \frac{1}{\mu} \int_0^{\infty} dt\, t^4\, e^{-t^2}\ .$$

Finally the $(a^4 - 36\mu)^{3/2}$ contribution is obtained by setting $a = \sqrt{6}\, e^{\pm \mathrm{i}\frac{\pi}{4}} (t^2 - \mu)^{1/4}$ with real t from $+\infty$ to $\sqrt{\mu}$ (respectively $\sqrt{\mu}$ to $+\infty$). We get

$$\frac{1}{2\mathrm{i}\pi} \int_{\mathcal{C}_1} da\, \frac{-a^3}{9} \left\{ \frac{1}{18} \frac{(a^4 - 36\mu)^{3/2}}{36\mu}\, e^{a^4/36} \right\} = \frac{1}{2\mathrm{i}\pi} \left\{ \int_{+\infty}^{\sqrt{\mu}} dt\, 2t\, \frac{(-t^2)^{3/2}}{3\mu}\, e^{\mu - t^2} \right.$$
$$\left. + \int_{\sqrt{\mu}}^{+\infty} dt\, 2t\, \frac{(-t^2)^{3/2}}{3\mu}\, e^{\mu - t^2} \right\}$$

where again $(-t^2)^{3/2} = -\mathrm{i}\,t^3$ for the first integral and $(-t^2)^{3/2} = \mathrm{i}\,t^3$ for the second, so that the final contribution reads

$$\frac{2}{3\pi}\frac{e^\mu}{\mu}\int_{\sqrt{\mu}}^\infty dt\, t^4\, e^{-t^2}\ .$$

Adding up all the contributions, we end up with the result:

$$\frac{2}{3\pi}\frac{e^\mu}{\mu}\int_0^{\sqrt{\mu}} dt\, t^4\, e^{-t^2} - \frac{2}{3\pi}\frac{1}{\mu}\int_0^\infty dt\, t^4\, e^{-t^2} + \frac{2}{3\pi}\frac{e^\mu}{\mu}\int_{\sqrt{\mu}}^\infty dt\, t^4\, e^{-t^2} = \frac{e^\mu-1}{\mu}\frac{2}{3\pi}\int_0^\infty dt\, t^4\, e^{-t^2}$$

$$= \frac{e^\mu-1}{\mu}\times\frac{1}{4\sqrt{\pi}}\ .$$

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