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1.3 Percolation in d = 1 on a lattice with periodic boundary conditions.

(i) When $s \le L-2$, an s-cluster must be bounded by two empty sites. For s = L-1, there is only one empty site in the system while for s = L, all sites are occupied. Clearly we cannot have s > L. Thus

$$n(s,p) = \begin{cases} p^s (1-p)^2 & \text{for } s \le L-2 \\ p^{L-1}(1-p) & \text{for } s = L-1 \\ p^L & \text{for } s = L \\ 0 & \text{for } s > L. \end{cases}$$
(1.3.1)

- (ii) A cluster with s = L is percolating and hence not to be characterized as being finite. Therefore, $\sum_{s=1}^{L-1} sn(s, p)$ represents the probability that a site belongs to a finite cluster.
- (iii) In a d = 1 system of size L, the probability of an arbitrarily selected site to belong to the spanning (infinite) cluster

$$P_{\infty}(L,p) = p^{L}.$$
 (1.3.2)

Alternatively, an occupied site either belongs to the spanning cluster or to a finite cluster (s < L), that is,

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\infty}(L,p) &= p - \sum_{s=1}^{L-1} sn(s,p) \\ &= p - (L-1)p^{L-1}(1-p) - \sum_{s=1}^{L-2} sp^s(1-p)^2 \\ &= p - (L-1)p^{L-1}(1-p) - (1-p)^2 \left(p\frac{d}{dp}\right) \left(\sum_{s=1}^{L-2} p^s\right) \\ &= p - (L-1)p^{L-1}(1-p) - (1-p)^2 \left(p\frac{d}{dp}\right) \left(\frac{p-p^{L-1}}{1-p}\right) \\ &= p - (L-1)p^{L-1}(1-p) - (1-p)^2 p \frac{(1-p)(1-(L-1)p^{L-2}) + (p-p^{L-1})}{(1-p)^2} \\ &= p - (L-1)p^{L-1} + (L-1)p^L - (p-p^2)(1-(L-1)p^{L-2}) - p^2 + p^L \\ &= p^L. \end{aligned}$$

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(iv) (a) In d = 1 percolation,

$$\xi = -\frac{1}{\ln p} \Leftrightarrow \ln p = -\frac{1}{\xi} \Leftrightarrow p = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{\xi}\right). \quad (1.3.4)$$

Thus

$$P_{\infty}(L,\xi) = p^{L} = \left[\exp\left(-\frac{1}{\xi}\right)\right]^{L} = \exp\left(-\frac{L}{\xi}\right). \quad (1.3.5)$$

(b) Write the order parameter using the scaling form

$$P_{\infty}(\xi;L) = \exp\left(-\frac{L}{\xi}\right) = \xi^{-\beta/\nu} \mathcal{P}(L/\xi), \qquad (1.3.6)$$

where

$$\beta/\nu = 0 \tag{1.3.7}$$

and a scaling function

$$\mathcal{P}(x) = \exp(-\frac{L}{\xi})$$

$$\propto \begin{cases} \text{constant} & \text{for } L \ll \xi \\ \text{decaying rapidly} & \text{for } L \gg \xi. \end{cases} (1.3.8)$$

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$1.4 \ Cluster number density scaling functions in d=1 \ and the Bethe lattice.$

(i) (a) Rewriting the cluster number density in d = 1 we find

$$n(s,p) = (1-p)^2 p^s$$

= $(p_c - p)^2 \exp(-s/s_{\xi})$ with $s_{\xi} = -\frac{1}{\ln p}$
= $s^{-2}[s(p_c - p)]^2 \exp(-s/s_{\xi})$
 $\approx s^{-2} (s/s_{\xi})^2 \exp(-s/s_{\xi})$ for $p \to p_c^-$
= $s^{-2} \mathcal{G}_{1d}(s/s_{\xi})$ (1.4.1)

with

$$\mathcal{G}_{1d}(s/s_{\xi}) = (s/s_{\xi})^2 \exp(-s/s_{\xi}).$$
 (1.4.2)

and

$$s_{\xi} \to (p_c - p)^{-1} \text{ for } p \to p_c^-.$$
 (1.4.3)

Thus we identify

$$\tau = 2,$$
 (1.4.4a)

$$\sigma = 1, \qquad (1.4.4b)$$

$$l = 1,$$
 (1.4.4c)
 $h = 1$ (1.4.4d)

$$b = 1.$$
 (1.4.4d)

- (b) From the graph of the scaling function \mathcal{G}_{1d} , see Figure 1.4.1, we see that for small arguments $s \ll s_{\xi}$, the function increases quadratically in the argument s/s_{ξ} while it decays exponentially fast for $s \gg s_{\xi}$. Indeed, such cluster sizes are exponentially rare as the characteristic cluster size s_{ξ} is the typical size of the largest cluster.
- (c) The scaling function $\mathcal{G}_{1d}(x) = x^2 \exp(-x)$ and

$$\mathcal{G}_{1d}^{(1)}(x) = 2x \exp(-x) - x^2 \exp(-x) = (2x - x^2) \exp(-x)$$
$$\mathcal{G}_{1d}^{(2)}(x) = (2 - 2x - 2x + x^2) \exp(-x) = (2 - 4x + x^2) \exp(-x)$$

Hence
$$\mathcal{G}_{1d}(0) = \mathcal{G}_{1d}^{(1)}(0) = 0, \mathcal{G}_{1d}^{(2)}(0) = 2$$
. Thus the Taylor

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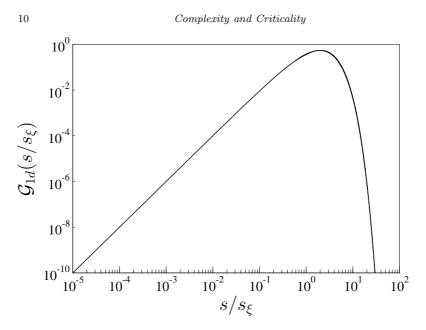


Fig. 1.4.1 The scaling function \mathcal{G}_{1d} in d = 1 increases like $(s/s_{\xi})^2$ for small arguments and decays (exponentially) fast for large arguments.

expansion of \mathcal{G}_{1d} around zero,

$$\mathcal{G}_{1d}(s/s_{\xi}) = \mathcal{G}_{1d}(0) + \mathcal{G}_{1d}^{(1)}(0)s/s_{\xi} + \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{G}_{1d}^{(2)}(0)(s/s_{\xi})^{2} + \cdots$$
$$= (s/s_{\xi})^{2} + \cdots$$
(1.4.5)

which is consistent with Figure 1.4.1.

(ii) (a) On a Bethe lattice with z = 3 where $p_c = 1/2$ we have

$$n(s,p) \propto s^{-5/2} \exp(-s/s_{\xi}) \qquad s \gg 1$$
$$s_{\xi} = -\frac{1}{\ln(4p - 4p^2)} \to \frac{1}{4} (p - p_c)^{-2} \quad \text{for } p \to p_c$$

Thus we identify the scaling function

$$\mathcal{G}_{\text{Bethe}}(s/s_{\xi}) = \exp(-s/s_{\xi}). \tag{1.4.6}$$

with

$$\tau = 5/2$$
 (1.4.7a)

$$\sigma = 1/2$$
 (1.4.7b)

$$b = 1/4.$$
 (1.4.7c)

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It would be possible to determine a by applying a normalisation constraint. For example when $p < p_c$ the cluster number density must satisfy

$$\sum_{s=1}^{\infty} sn(s,p) = a \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} s^{1-\tau} \mathcal{G}_{\text{Bethe}}(s/s_{\xi}) = p.$$
(1.4.8)

This constraint will determine a.

(b) From the graph of the scaling function $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Bethe}}$, see Figure 1.4.2, we see that for small arguments $s \ll s_{\xi}$, the function is approximately constant while it decays exponentially fast for $s \gg s_{\xi}$. Indeed, such cluster sizes are exponentially rare as the characteristic cluster size s_{ξ} is the typical size of the largest cluster.

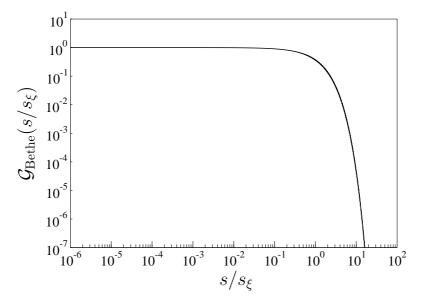


Fig. 1.4.2 The scaling function $\mathcal{G}_{\text{Bethe}}$ for the Bethe lattice is approximately constant for small arguments and decays exponentially fast for large arguments.

(c) Clearly

$$\mathcal{G}_{\text{Bethe}}(x) = 1 - x + \dots \approx 1, \qquad (1.4.9)$$

consistent with Figure 1.4.2.

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1.5 Moments of the cluster number density.

(i) We approximate the sum by an integral:

$$M_{k}(p) = \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} s^{k} n(s, p)$$

$$= \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} a s^{k-\tau} \mathcal{G}(s/s_{\xi})$$

$$\approx \int_{1}^{\infty} a s^{k-\tau} \mathcal{G}(s/s_{\xi}) ds$$

$$= \int_{1/s_{\xi}}^{\infty} a (s_{\xi} u)^{k-\tau} \mathcal{G}(u) s_{\xi} du \qquad \text{with } u = s/s_{\xi}$$

$$= s_{\xi}^{k+1-\tau} a \int_{1/s_{\xi}}^{\infty} u^{k-\tau} \mathcal{G}(u) du$$

$$= |p - p_{c}|^{-(k+1-\tau)/\sigma} a b^{k+1-\tau} \int_{0}^{\infty} u^{k-\tau} \mathcal{G}(u) du \quad \text{for } p \to p_{c}$$

$$= \Gamma_{k} |p - p_{c}|^{-\gamma_{k}} \qquad (1.5.1)$$

where

$$\gamma_k = \frac{k+1-\tau}{\sigma} \tag{1.5.2a}$$

$$\Gamma_k = ab^{k+1-\tau} \int_0^\infty u^{k-\tau} \mathcal{G}(u) \, du. \tag{1.5.2b}$$

The critical amplitude Γ_k is just a number independent of p. Note that we recover the scaling relation

$$\gamma = \frac{3-\tau}{\sigma} \tag{1.5.3}$$

by letting k = 2.

(ii) The moment ratio

$$g_{k} = \frac{M_{k}M_{1}^{k-2}}{M_{2}^{k-1}}$$

$$= \frac{\Gamma_{k}\Gamma_{1}^{k-2}}{\Gamma_{2}^{k-1}}$$

$$= \frac{\int_{0}^{\infty} u^{k-\tau}\mathcal{G}(u) \, du \left[\int_{0}^{\infty} u^{1-\tau}\mathcal{G}(u) \, du\right]^{k-2}}{\left[\int_{0}^{\infty} u^{2-\tau}\mathcal{G}(u) \, du\right]^{k-1}}$$
(1.5.4)

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(iii) In d = 1 percolation, $\tau = 2, \sigma = 1, a = 1, b = 1$ and the scaling function $\mathcal{G}_{1d}(u) = u^2 \exp(-u)$ so

$$\Gamma_k = \int_0^\infty u^k \exp(-u) \, du$$
$$= k!$$

1.6 Universality of the ratio of amplitudes for the average cluster size. By definition

$$\chi(p) = \frac{\sum_{s=1}^{\infty} s^2 n(s, p)}{\sum_{s=1}^{\infty} s n(s, p)}$$
(1.6.1)

where the denominator $\sum_{s=1}^{\infty} sn(s, p) = p_c$ at $p = p_c$. Since we are ultimately interested in the limit $p \to p_c$, we simply substitute the denominator with p_c .

We thus find

$$p_c \chi(p) = \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} s^2 n(s, p)$$

=
$$\sum_{s=1}^{\infty} a s^{2-\tau} \mathcal{G}_{\pm}(s/s_{\xi})$$

$$\approx \int_1^{\infty} a s^{2-\tau} \mathcal{G}_{\pm}(s/s_{\xi}) ds \qquad (1.6.2)$$

Substituting $u = s/s_{\xi}$, that is $s = s_{\xi}u$ and $ds = s_{\xi}du$. With the new lower integration limit $1/s_{\xi}$ we have

$$p_c \chi(p) = \int_{1/s_{\xi}}^{\infty} a \left(s_{\xi} u\right)^{2-\tau} \mathcal{G}_{\pm}(u) s_{\xi} du$$
$$= s_{\xi}^{3-\tau} a \int_{1/s_{\xi}}^{\infty} u^{2-\tau} \mathcal{G}_{\pm}(u) du$$
$$= |p - p_c|^{-(3-\tau)/\sigma} a b^{3-\tau} \int_0^{\infty} u^{2-\tau} \mathcal{G}_{\pm}(u) du \quad \text{for } p \to p_c$$

where we, in the last step, have substituted $s_{\xi} = b|p - p_c|^{-1/\sigma}$ for $p \to p_c$ and changed the lower limit to zero as s_{ξ} diverges at $p = p_c$.

(i) Assume $p < p_c$. Then, in the limit $p \to p_c^-$,

$$\chi(p) = (p_c - p)^{-(3-\tau)/\sigma} \frac{ab^{3-\tau}}{p_c} \int_0^\infty u^{2-\tau} \mathcal{G}_-(u) \, du \quad (1.6.3)$$

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with

$$\gamma^{-} = \frac{3 - \tau}{\sigma} \tag{1.6.4a}$$

$$\Gamma^{-} = \frac{ab^{3-\tau}}{p_c} \int_0^\infty u^{2-\tau} \mathcal{G}_{-}(u) \, du.$$
 (1.6.4b)

(ii) Assume $p > p_c$. Then, in the limit $p \to p_c^+$,

$$\chi(p) = (p - p_c)^{-(3-\tau)/\sigma} \frac{ab^{3-\tau}}{p_c} \int_0^\infty u^{2-\tau} \mathcal{G}_+(u) \, du \quad (1.6.5)$$

with

$$\gamma^+ = \frac{3-\tau}{\sigma} \tag{1.6.6a}$$

$$\Gamma^{+} = \frac{ab^{3-\tau}}{p_c} \int_0^\infty u^{2-\tau} \mathcal{G}_+(u) \, du.$$
 (1.6.6b)

(iii) (a) By inspection $\gamma^- = \gamma^+ = (3 - \tau)/\sigma$. (b) The ratio of critical amplitudes

$$\frac{\Gamma^{+}}{\Gamma^{-}} = \frac{\int_{0}^{\infty} u^{2-\tau} \mathcal{G}_{-}(u) \, du}{\int_{0}^{\infty} u^{2-\tau} \mathcal{G}_{+}(u) \, du} \tag{1.6.7}$$

is independent of the proportionality constants a and band p_c and only depends on the universal critical exponent τ and the universal scaling functions \mathcal{G}_{\pm} . Thus the ration Γ^+/Γ^- is itself universal.

(c) The ratio of the critical amplitudes Γ^+/Γ^- is related to the distance between the numerical results for the average cluster size for $p < p_c$ and $p > p_c$ respectively. Numerical simulations confirm that Γ^+/Γ^- is universal and one finds $\Gamma^+/\Gamma^- \approx 200$ using the numerical results displayed.