

# SQUARE PERMUTATIONS ARE TYPICALLY RECTANGULAR

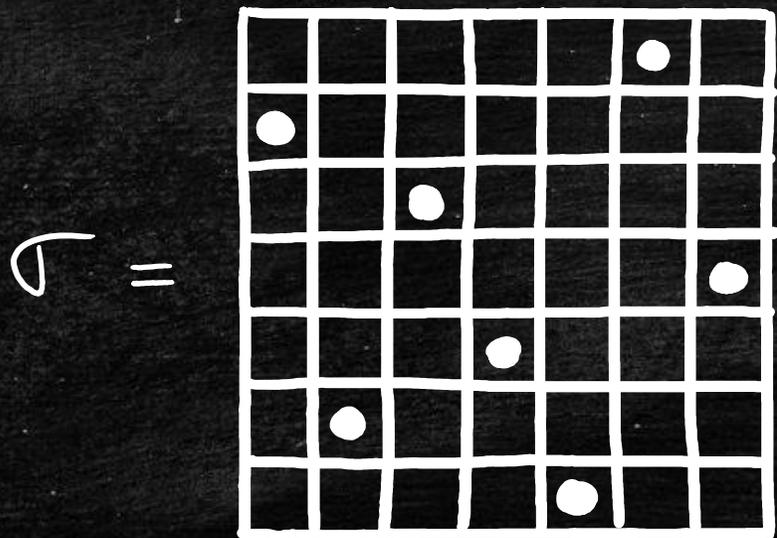
(joint work with E. Slivken)

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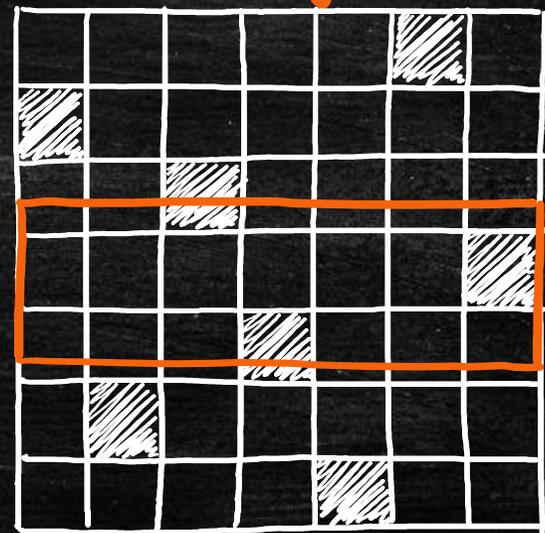
# A GRAPHICAL POINT OF VIEW ON PERMUTATIONS

Consider the permutation  $\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 6 & 2 & 5 & 3 & 1 & 7 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$



$\rightsquigarrow$

$\mu_\sigma =$



Probability measure  
on the unit-square  
with uniform marginals

Def. A PERMUTON is a probability measure on the square  $[0,1]^2$  with uniform marginals.

Remark. We have a natural notion of convergence of such objects: the WEAK CONVERGENCE. This defines a nice compact space.

$\Rightarrow$  limits of permutons are permutons, i.e., potential limits of sequences of permutons also have uniform marginals.

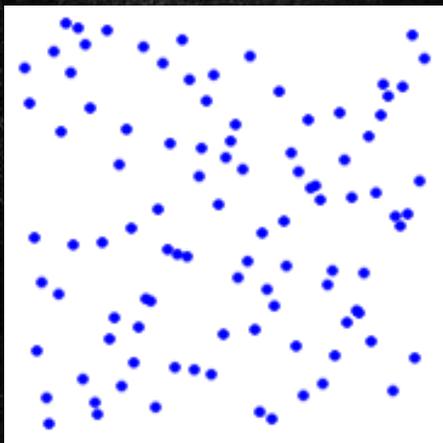
Moreover, every permuton is the limit of a sequence of  $\mu_{\sigma_n}$ !  $\nabla$

## EXAMPLE: UNIFORM RANDOM PERMUTATIONS

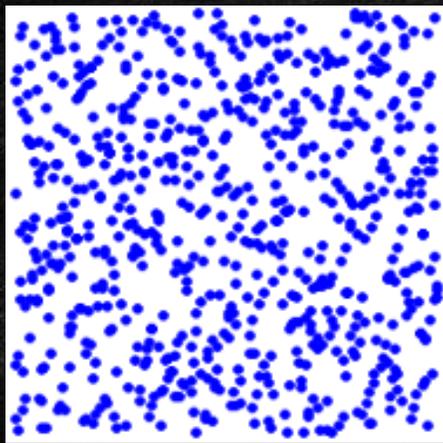
Let  $\sigma^n$  be a uniform permutation of size  $n$ . Then

$$\mu_{\sigma^n} \xrightarrow{d} \text{Leb}([0,1]^2).$$

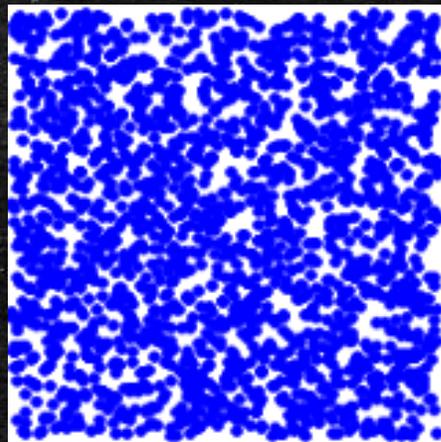
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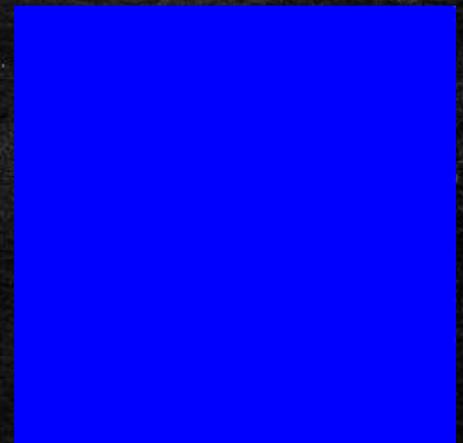
$n=100$



$n=700$



$n=2000$



$\text{Leb}([0,1]^2)$

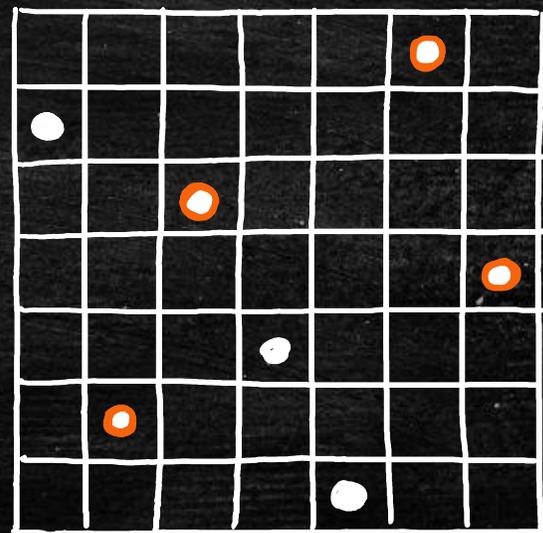
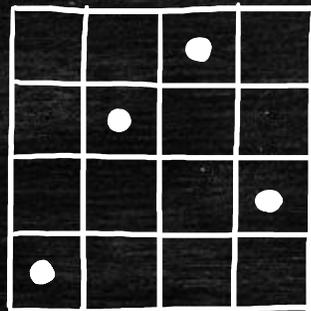
# PERMUTATION PATTERNS

Def: An occurrence of a pattern  $\pi \in \mathcal{S}^k$  in  $\sigma \in \mathcal{S}^n$  is a subsequence  $\sigma_{i_1} \dots \sigma_{i_k}$  that is order-isomorphic to  $\pi$ , i.e.,

$$\sigma_{i_s} < \sigma_{i_t} \iff \pi_s < \pi_t.$$

Example: Occurrences of 1342

6 2 5 3 1 7 4  
 $\downarrow$   $\downarrow$   $\downarrow$   $\downarrow$   
 1 3 4 2



# SQUARE PERMUTATIONS

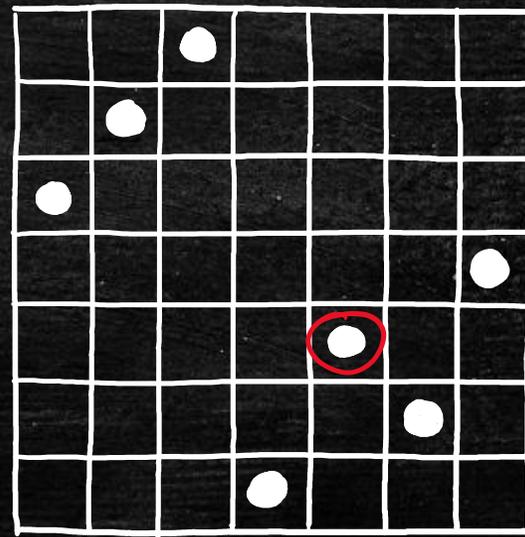
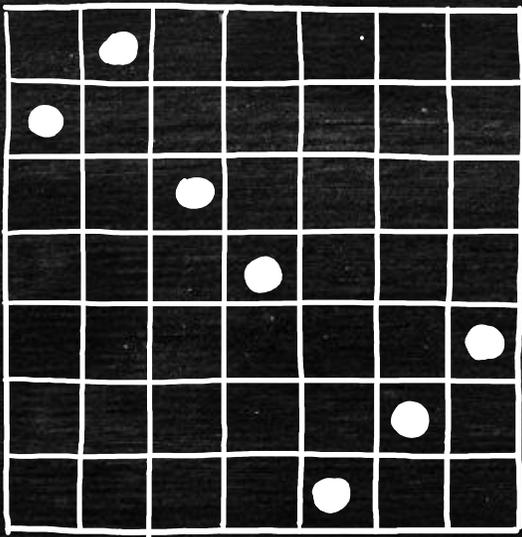
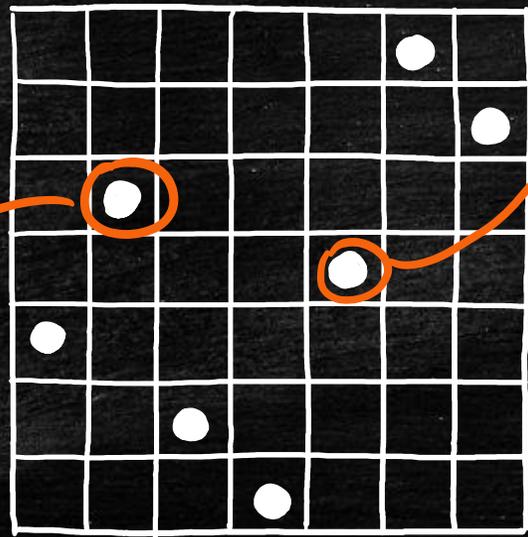
Def: A square permutation is a permutation where every point is a RECORD, i.e., a left-to-right minimum or maximum, or a right-to-left minimum or maximum.

$\sigma(i)$  is a LRmin if  $\forall j < i \sigma(j) > \sigma(i)$

RLmin

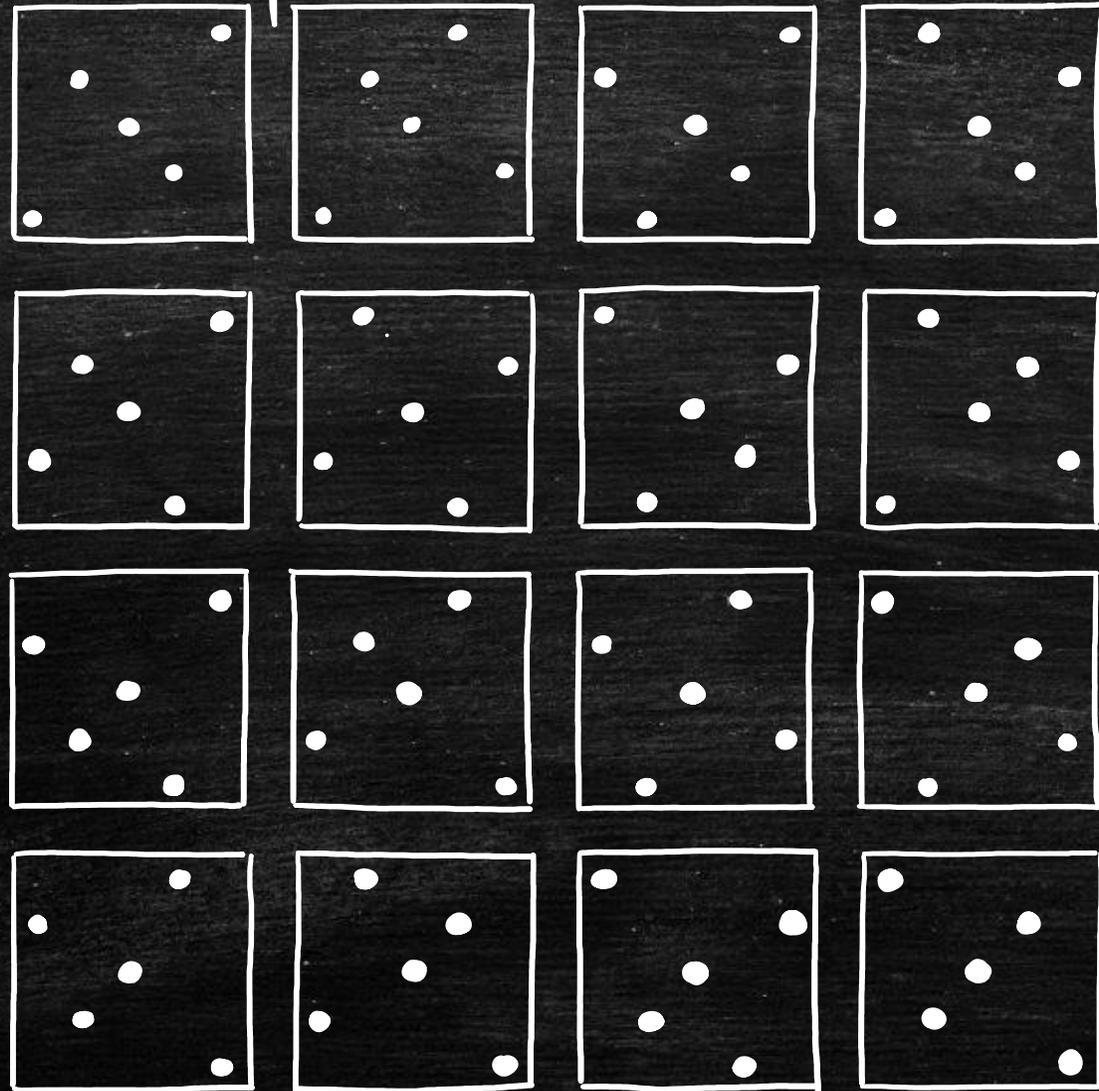
Example:

LRmax



# SQUARE PERMUTATIONS AS A PATTERN-AVOIDING CLASS:

Square permutations are permutations that avoid the following 16 patterns:



Sometimes they are also called:

CONVEX  
PERMUTATIONS

## ENUMERATION:

Mansour & Severini (2007)

Duchi & Poulalhon (2008)

$$\# \text{ square permutations of size } n \stackrel{\uparrow}{=} 2(n+2)4^{n-3} + \underbrace{4(2n-5) \binom{2n-6}{n-3}}_{o(n4^{n-3})}$$
$$\sim 2(n+2)4^{n-3}$$

## QUESTION:

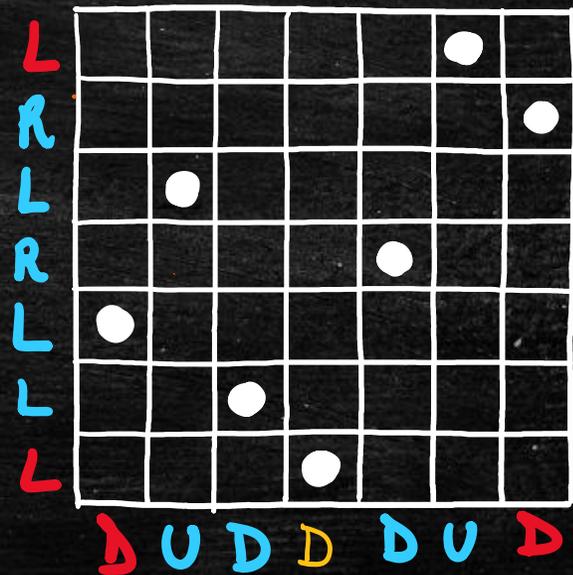
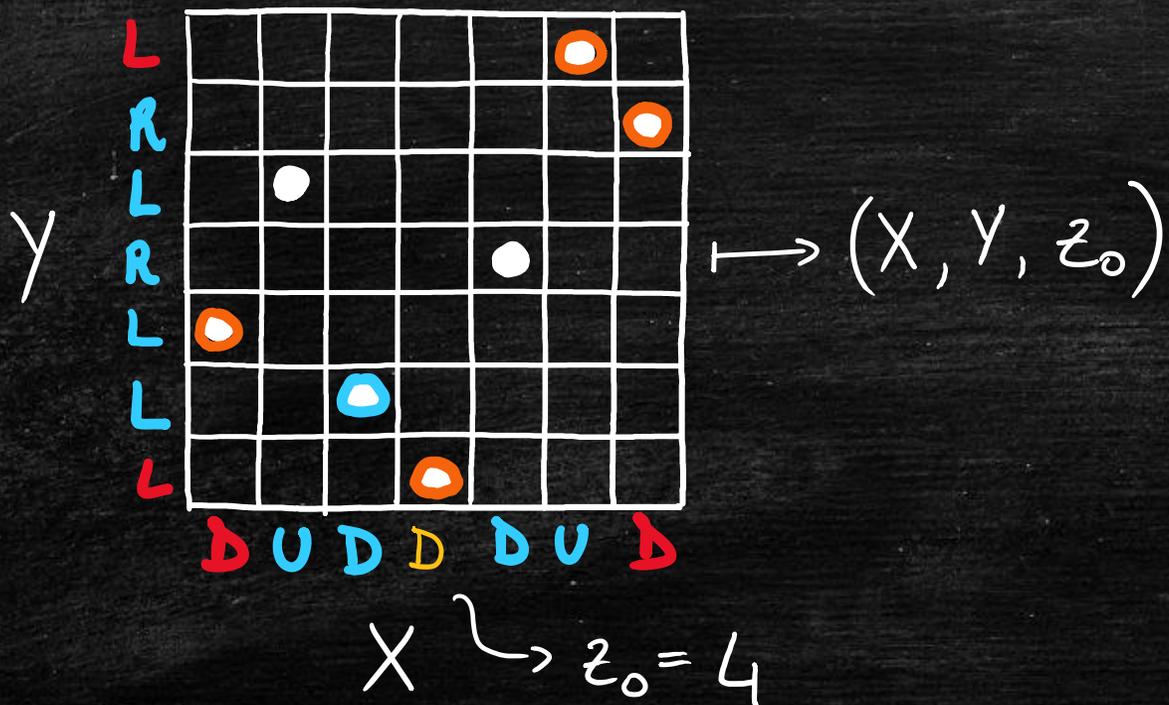
How do we sample a uniform square permutation?

# SAMPLING UNIFORM SQUARE PERMUTATIONS

We consider the following projection map:

$$\varphi : \text{Sq}(n) \longrightarrow \{U, D\}^n \times \{L, R\}^n \times [n]$$

The space of anchored pairs of sequences of labels.



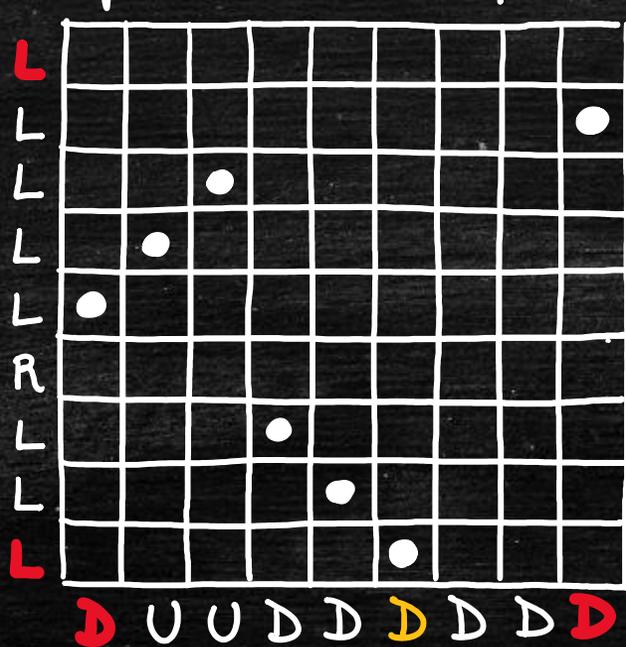
Def: We say that  $(X, Y, z_0)$  is a **good** anchored pair of sequences if

$$X_1 = X_n = X_{z_0} = D \quad \text{and} \quad Y_1 = Y_n = L.$$

Note that # of possible good anchored pairs =  $2^{n-2} (2 \cdot 2^{n-2} + (n-2) 2^{n-3}) = 2(n+2) 4^{n-3}$ .

PROBLEM: We can not reconstruct a square permutation from all good anchored pairs of sequences.

Counterexample:



← FAIL 😞

↳ Why?

TOO MANY

Ls & Ds!

We need some regularity conditions on our sequences that are satisfied by "asymptotically almost all" good anchored pairs.

Notation:

- $ct_D(i) = \#$  of  $D$ s in  $X$  up to (and including) position  $i$
- $pos_D(i) =$  index of the  $i$ -th  $D$  in  $X$ .

### PETROV CONDITIONS:

$$(1) \quad |ct_D(i) - ct_D(j) - \frac{1}{2}(i-j)| < n^4, \quad \text{for } |i-j| < n^6;$$

$$(2) \quad |ct_D(i) - ct_D(j) - \frac{1}{2}(i-j)| < \frac{1}{2}|i-j|^6, \quad \text{for } |i-j| > n^3;$$

$$(3) \quad |pos_D(i) - pos_D(j) - 2(i-j)| < n^4, \quad \text{for } |i-j| < n^6;$$

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Def: We say that a good anchored pair  $(X, Y, z_0)$  is regular if:

- $X$  and  $Y$  satisfy the Petrov conditions,
- $n^q \leq z_0 \leq n - n^q$

We denote by  $\Omega_n$  the space of regular anchored pairs of size  $n$ .

Lemma 1:  $\varphi^{-1}: \Omega_n \rightarrow \text{Sq}(n)$  is well-defined and injective.

Lemma 2: Let  $(X, Y, z_0)$  be chosen independently and uniformly at random from  $\{U, D\}^n \times \{L, R\}^n \times [n]$ , then  $\mathbb{P}((X, Y, z_0) \in \Omega_n) \geq 1 - o(1)$ .

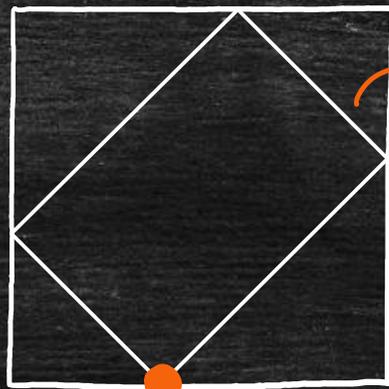
Theorem: With probability  $1 - o(1)$  a uniform square permutation  $\sigma_n$  of size  $n$  belongs to  $\varphi^{-1}(\Omega_n)$ .

Proof: 
$$\mathbb{P}(\sigma_n \in \varphi^{-1}(\Omega_n)) \stackrel{\varphi^{-1} \text{ is injective}}{=} \frac{|\Omega_n|}{|\text{Sq}(n)|} = \frac{\overbrace{2(n+2)4^{n-3}}^{\text{\# good anchored pairs}} \overbrace{(1-o(1))}^{\text{Lemma 2}}}{\underbrace{2(n+2)4^{n-3}}_{\text{"enumerative result"}} (1-o(1))} \rightarrow 1. \quad \square$$

# THEOREM: [SQUARE PERMUTATIONS ARE TYPICALLY RECTANGULAR]

Let  $\sigma_n$  be a uniform random square permutation of size  $n$ , then

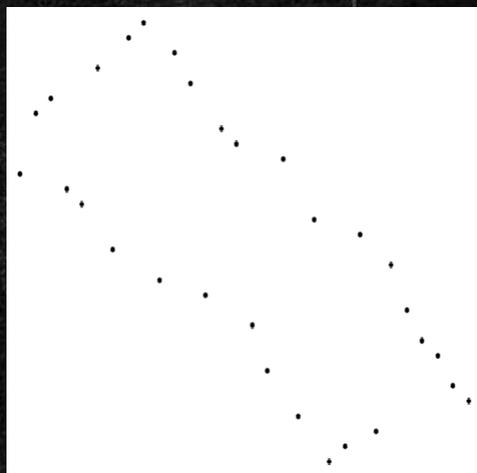
$$\mu_{\sigma_n} \xrightarrow{d} \mu^z =$$



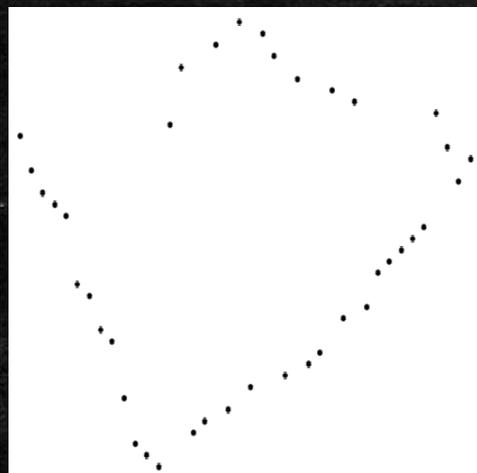
Lebesgue measure on the rectangle with total mass 1.

$$z \sim \text{Unif}([0, \pi])$$

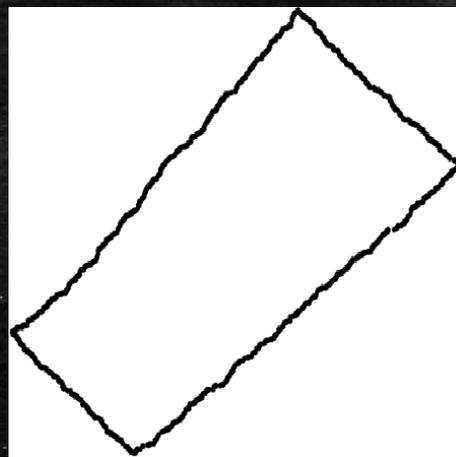
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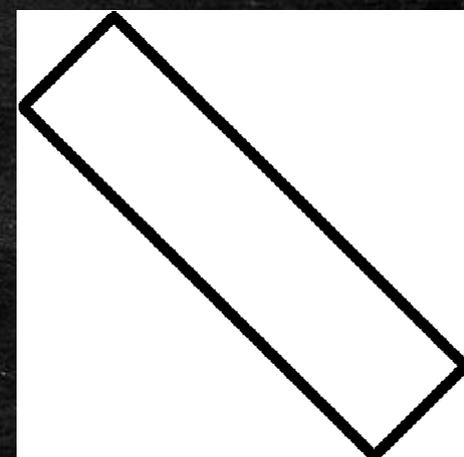
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$n=40$

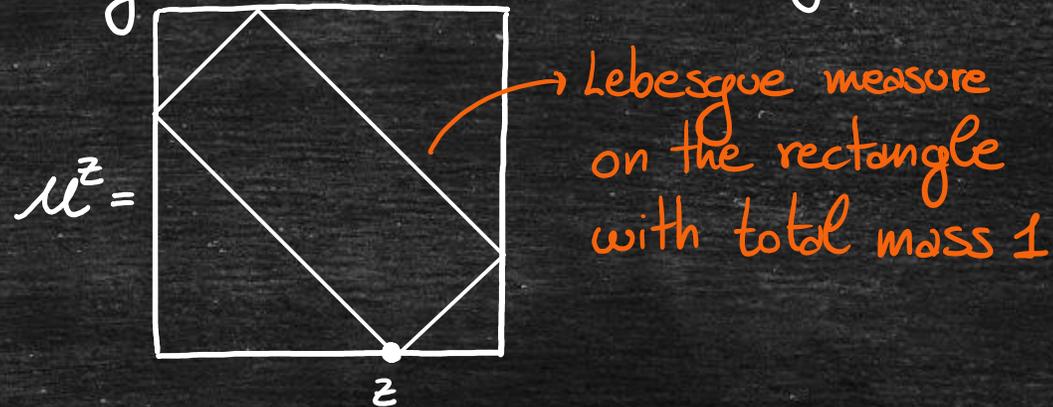


$n=1000$



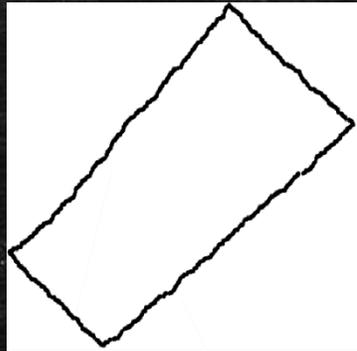
$n=1000000$

Proof: For every  $z \in (0, 1)$  we define the permutation



Then, for every square permutation  $\sigma_n \in \varphi^{-1}(\Omega_n)$ , we consider the

permutation  $\mu_{\sigma_n} =$



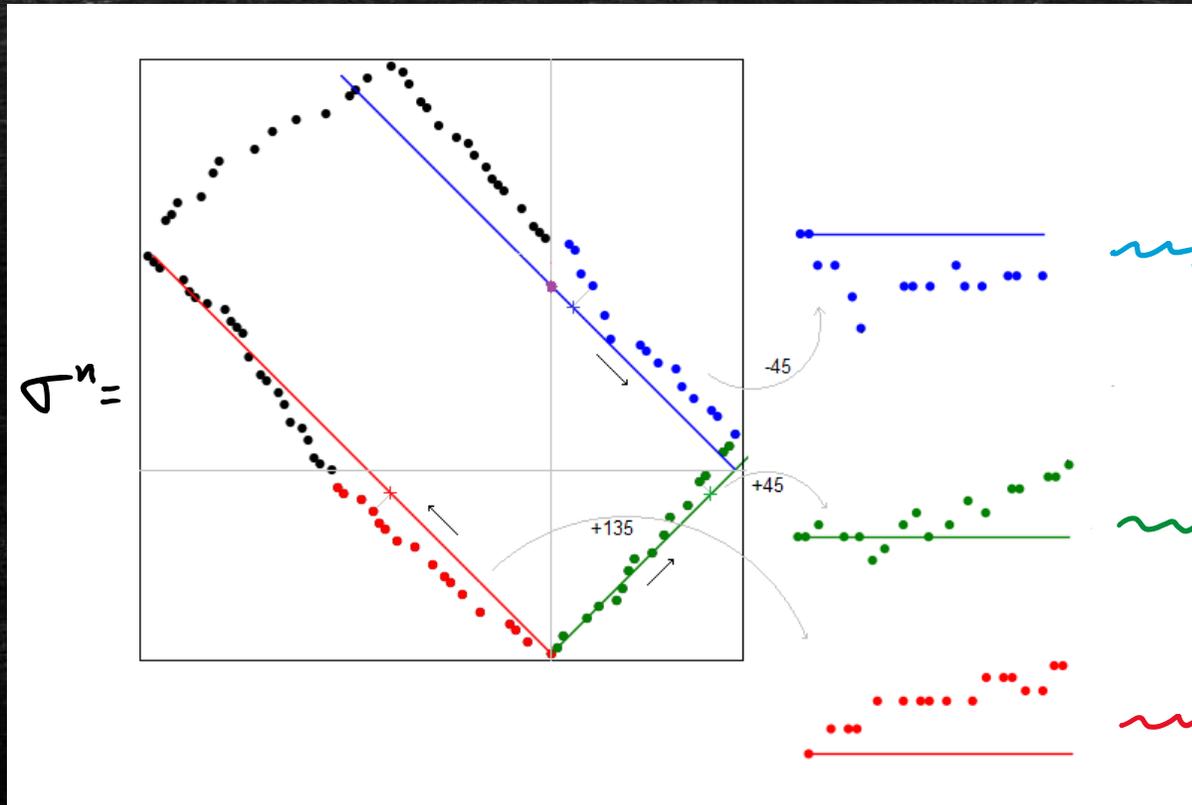
We show that

$$\sup_{\sigma_n \in \varphi^{-1}(\Omega_n)} d_{\square}(\mu_{\sigma_n}, \mu^{z_n}) < C n^{-.4}, \text{ where } z_n = \sigma_n^{-1}(1)/n.$$

$\sigma_n \in \varphi^{-1}(\Omega_n) \hookrightarrow$  metric for the permutation topology.

# FLUCTUATIONS

QUESTION: What happens if instead of a factor,  $n$  we rescale distances by a factor  $\sqrt{n}$ ?



$$\rightsquigarrow (F^{\sigma^n}(t))_{t \in [0,1]}$$

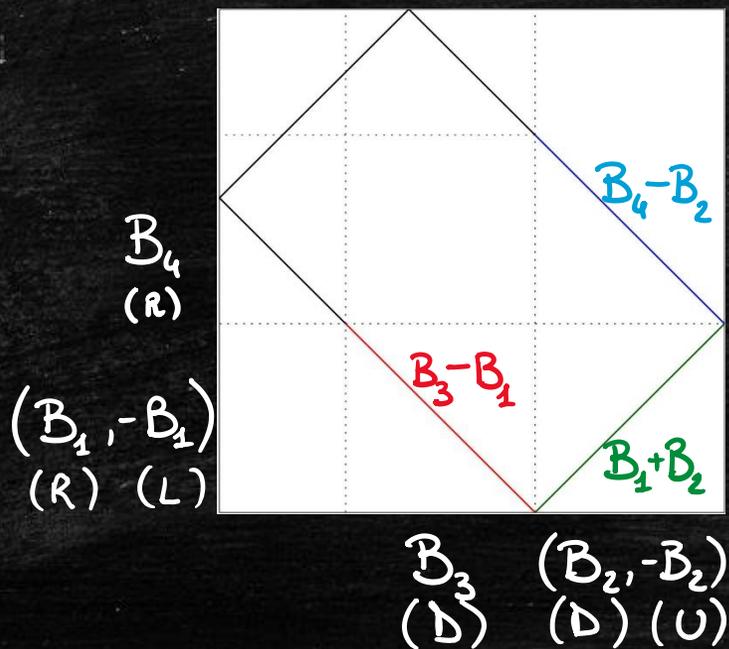
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THEOREM: Let  $\sigma^n$  be a uniform random square permutation of size  $n$ , and  $B_1(t), B_2(t), B_3(t), B_4(t)$  be four independent standard Brownian motions on the interval  $[0,1]$ . Conditioning on  $z_0 = t_n$ , with  $\frac{n}{2} + Cn^\epsilon < t_n \leq n - n^\epsilon$ , we have the following convergence in distribution

$$\left( F^{\sigma^n}(t), F^{\sigma^n}(t), F^{\sigma^n}(t) \right)_{t \in [0,1]} \xrightarrow{d} \left( B_1(t) + B_2(t), B_3(t) - B_1(t), B_4(t) - B_2(t) \right)_{t \in [0,1]}$$

Proof:



DIFFICULTIES:

- Families of points have random cardinalities
- The interpolating processes are random in both coordinates

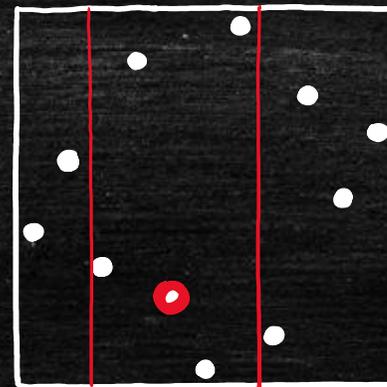
# A LOCAL POINT OF VIEW

We can look at square permutations from a local point of view, that is, we look at the neighbourhoods of a random element of a uniformly random square permutations. We study, for all  $h \in \mathbb{N}$ , the consecutive pattern induced by the  $h$  elements on the right and on the left of the chosen element, i.e.

$$r_h(\sigma^n, i_n)$$

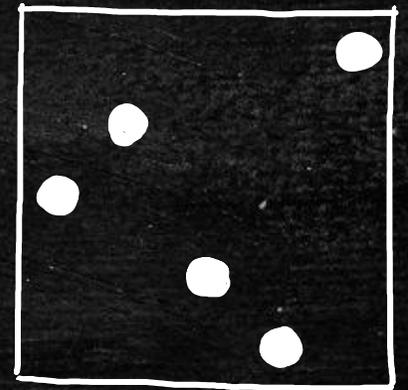
uniform square permutation

uniform index from 1 to  $n$



$$(\sigma^n, 5)$$

$r_2$



$$r_2(\sigma^n, 5)$$

The presence of two sources of randomness, one for the choice of the permutation and one for the choice of the root, leads to two NON-EQUIVALENT possible analysis:

$$\textcircled{1} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}(r_n(\sigma^n, i_n) = (\pi, h+1)) \quad \forall \pi \in \mathcal{S}^{2h+1}, h \geq 1 \quad \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{ANNEALED} \\ \text{B-S CONVERGENCE} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\textcircled{2} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \mathbb{P}(r_n(\sigma^n, i_n) = (\pi, h+1) \mid \sigma^n) \right)_{\pi \in \mathcal{S}^{2h+1}, h \geq 1} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{QUENCHED} \\ \text{B-S CONVERGENCE} \end{array} \right]$$

THEOREM: Let  $\sigma^n$  be a uniform square permutation, then  $\sigma^n$  quenched B-S converges. *for the topology defined in a previous work!*

Remark: We have an explicit construction of the limiting object.

# CONNECTION WITH PERMUTATION PATTERNS

Notation:

$$\widetilde{\text{occ}}(\pi, \sigma) = \frac{\# \text{ occurrences of } \pi \text{ in } \sigma}{\binom{|\sigma|}{|\pi|}}$$

$$\widetilde{\text{c-occ}}(\pi, \sigma) = \frac{\# \text{ consecutive occurrences of } \pi \text{ in } \sigma}{|\sigma|}$$

Corollary: Let  $\sigma^n$  be a uniform square permutations, then

$$\left(\widetilde{\text{occ}}(\pi, \sigma)\right)_{\pi \in \mathcal{S}} \xrightarrow{d} (\Delta_\pi)_{\pi \in \mathcal{S}} \quad \& \quad \left(\widetilde{\text{c-occ}}(\pi, \sigma)\right)_{\pi \in \mathcal{S}} \xrightarrow{d} (\Delta_\pi)_{\pi \in \mathcal{S}}$$

where  $\forall \pi \in \mathcal{S}$ ,  $\Delta_\pi$  (resp.  $\Delta_\pi$ ) can be described in terms of the permutation (resp. local) limiting object.

# WHAT ABOUT "ADDING" INTERNAL POINTS?

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(WORK IN PROGRESS WITH DUCHI & SLIVKEN)

Notation:  $ASq(n, k)$  = Permutations of size  $n+k$  with  $k$  internal points

Theorem: Let  $k = o(n^{1-\delta})$  for some  $\delta > 0$ , then

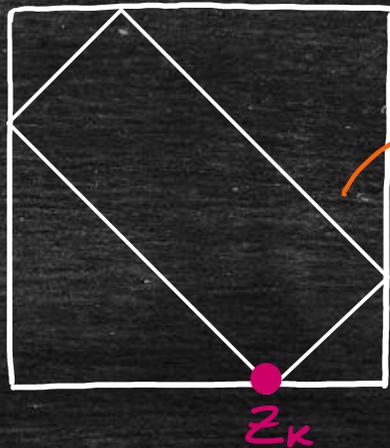
$$|ASq(n, k)| \underset{n \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} \frac{k! 2^{k+1} n^{2k+1} 4^{n-3}}{(2k+1)!}.$$

Q: What happens to the PERMUTON LIMIT?

Theorem: Fix  $k > 0$ . Let  $\sigma_n$  be a uniform permutation in  $Asq(n, k)$ ,

then

$$\mu_{\sigma_n} \xrightarrow{d} \mu^{z_k} =$$



Lebesgue measure on the rectangle with total mass 1

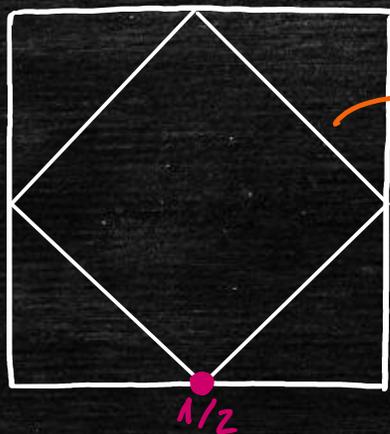
where

$$\mathbb{P}(z_k < s) = (2k+1) \binom{2k}{k} \int_0^s (t(1-t))^k dt \quad \forall s \in (0, 1).$$

Moreover, if  $k \rightarrow +\infty$  and  $k = o(n^{\frac{1}{2}-\delta})$  for some  $\delta > 0$

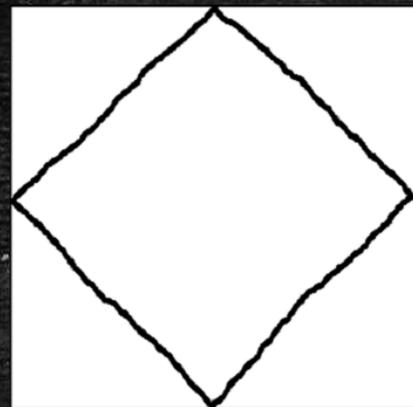
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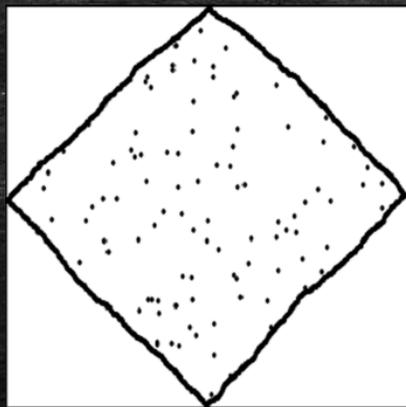


Lebesgue measure on the square with total mass 1

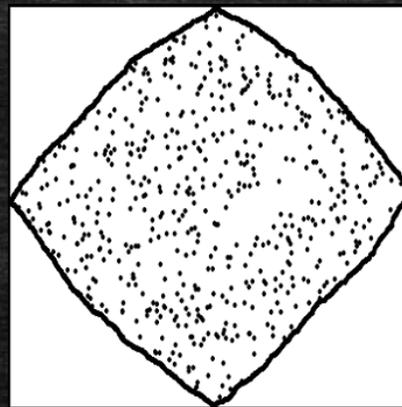
# NEXT STEP ?!



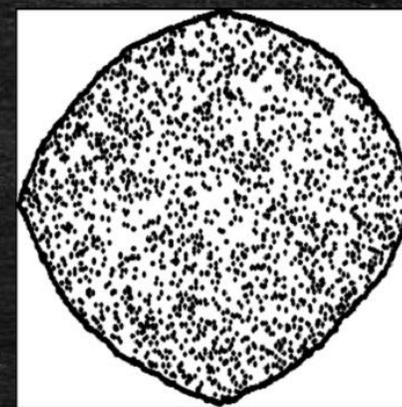
$n = 2000$



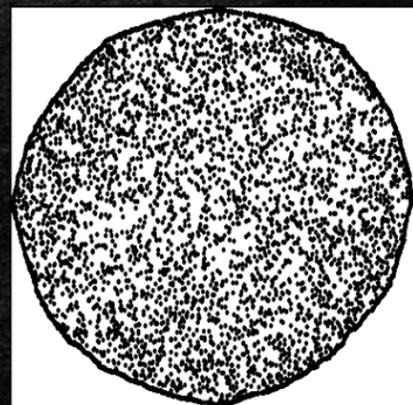
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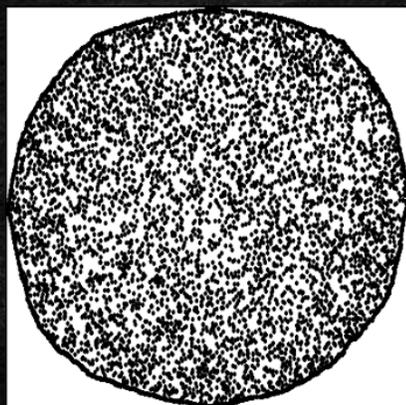
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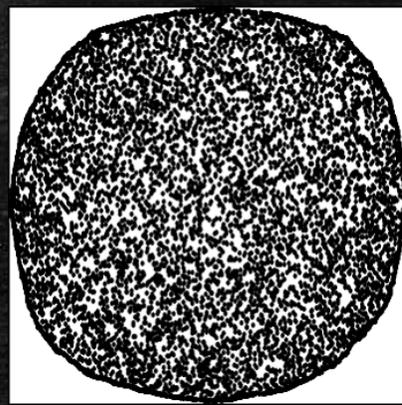
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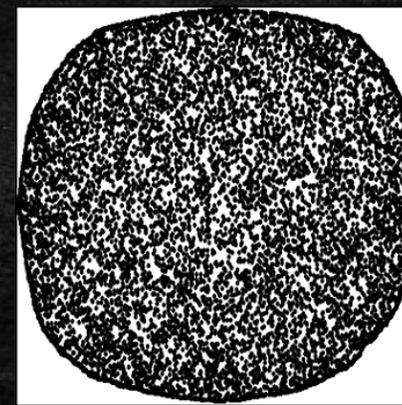
$k = 4000$



$k = 6000$



$k = 8000$



$k = 10'000$

THANK YOU!