

Asymptotics of banded plane partitions: from $\exp(n^{1/2})$ to $\exp(n^{2/3})$

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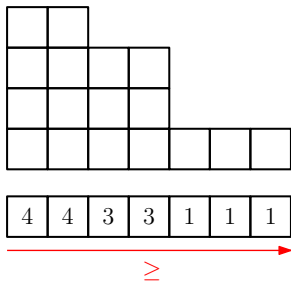
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Partitions

Partition: squares tightly piled up on a corner,

Or: eventually zero decreasing sequence $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots)$, **Size** = $\sum_i \lambda_i$.



Generating function (Euler):

$$P(z) = \sum_{p \text{ partition}} z^{|p|} = \prod_{k \geq 1} \frac{1}{1 - z^k}.$$

Asymptotics of partitions

$p(n) = \#(\text{partitions of size } n)$.

Enumeration: Hardy-Ramanujan (1918):

$$p_n \sim \frac{1}{4 \cdot 3^{1/2} \cdot n} \exp\left(\frac{2^{1/2}\pi}{3^{1/2}} n^{1/2}\right).$$

Exact convergent series given by Rademacher (1937).

Explained in detail in *Analytic Combinatorics*.

Limit shape: Vershik (1996)

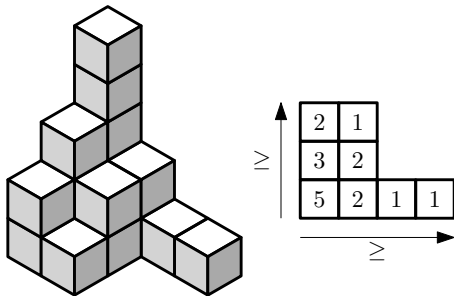
After a rescaling of $n^{1/2}$, the boundary becomes

$$\exp\left(-\frac{x}{6^{1/2}\pi}\right) + \exp\left(-\frac{y}{6^{1/2}\pi}\right) = 1.$$

Typical length: $\Theta(n^{1/2} \log n)$.

Plane partitions

Plane partition: boxes tightly piled up on corner,
 Or: filling of \mathbb{N}^2 , decreasing upwards and rightwards, eventually zero.
Size = sum of fillings.



Generating function (MacMahon):

$$PP(z) = \sum_{p \text{ plane partition}} z^{|p|} = \prod_{k \geq 1} \left(\frac{1}{1 - z^k} \right)^k .$$

Asymptotics of unrestricted plane partitions

$pp(n) = \#(\text{plane partitions of size } n)$.

Asymptotic enumeration: Wright (1931), Mutafchiev and Kamenov (2006)

$$pp_n \sim \frac{\zeta(3)^{7/36} e^{-\zeta'(-1)}}{2^{11/36} \sqrt{3\pi}} n^{-25/36} \exp\left(\frac{3\zeta(3)^{1/3}}{2^{2/3}} n^{2/3}\right).$$

Maximal: Pittel (2005)

Height, width and depth of a uniformly random plane partition of size n :

$$\frac{n^{1/3}}{2^{1/3} \zeta(3)^{1/3}} \left(\frac{2}{3} \log \frac{n}{2\zeta(3)} - d \right),$$

where d (iid for all three quantities) follows the Gumbel distribution $\mathbb{P}[d > x] = e^{-e^{-x}}$.

Typical length: $\Theta(n^{1/3} \log n)$, also from Mutafchiev (2018)

A phase transition?

Partitions = plane partitions of width ≤ 1 , type $\exp(c \cdot n^{1/2})$

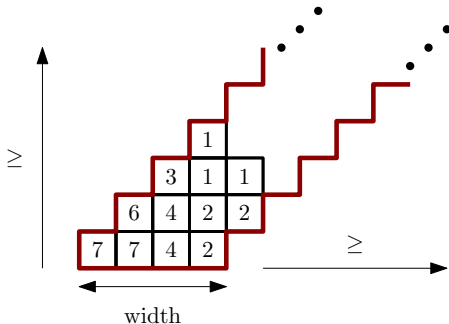
Plane partitions of width $\leq \infty$, type $\exp(c \cdot n^{3/2})$

Question: How the asymptotic changes if width varies with size?

Maybe on nice variants of plane partitions with a natural notion of width

Banded plane partitions

Banded plane partitions: a special case of *skew double shifted plane partition*, defined by Han and Xiong (2017).



Other than **size** n , it has **width** m .

- $m = 1 \Rightarrow$ partition, type $\exp(c \cdot n^{1/2})$
- $m \geq n \Rightarrow$ column-strict plane partition, type $\exp(c \cdot n^{2/3})$

What is known

$B_{n,m}$ = # banded partitions of size n and width m .

Han and Xiong (2017):

Generating function for width m :

$$B_m(z) = \sum_{n \geq 0} B_{n,m} z^n = \prod_{k \geq 1} \frac{1}{1 - z^k} \prod_{\substack{k \geq 0 \\ 1 \leq h < j \leq m-1}} \frac{1}{1 - z^{2mk+h+j}}.$$

Asymptotic: For fixed constant m ,

$$B_{n,m} \sim D(m) n^{-1} \exp \left(\pi \left(\frac{m^2 + m + 2}{6m} \right)^{1/2} n^{1/2} \right),$$

where $D(m)$ is a constant depending on m :

$$D(m) = \left(\prod_{i=1}^{m-2} \prod_{j=i+1}^{m-i-1} \sin \frac{i+j}{2m} \pi \right)^{-1} \frac{(m^2 + m + 2)^{1/2}}{2^{(m^2-3m+14)/4} 3^{1/2} m^{1/2}}.$$

Our result

Theorem (F., Hwang, Kang (2019+))

Suppose that $m = m(n)$.

- **(Subcritical)** If $m = o(n^{1/3}(\log n)^{-2/3})$, then

$$\log B_{n,m} \sim c_1(nm)^{1/2} + (1 + o(1))c_2m^2.$$

- **(Critical)** For $m = xn^{1/3}$ with $x = \omega(n^{-d})$ for any $d > 0$,

$$\log B_{n,m} \sim c_3(x)n^{2/3} + (1 + o(1))c_4(x)n^{1/3},$$

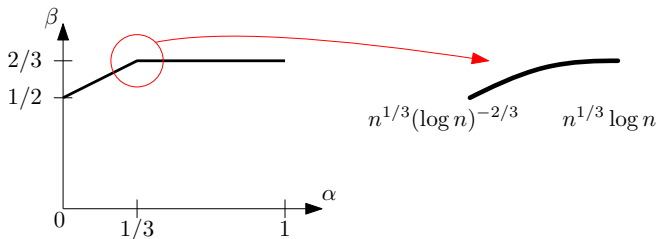
with $c_3(x), c_4(x)$ are continuous with the asymptotics:

- $x \rightarrow 0$: $c_3(x) = c_1x^{1/2} + \Theta(x^2)$, $c_4(x) = \Theta(x^{-1/2})$.
 - $x \rightarrow \infty$: $c_3(x) \rightarrow c_5$, $c_4(x) \rightarrow c_6$.
- **(Supercritical)** If $m = \omega(n^{1/3} \log n)$, then

$$\log B_{n,m} \sim c_5n^{2/3} + (1 + o(1))c_6n^{1/3}.$$

All constants are explicit.

In a graph



$$m = \Theta(n^\alpha) \Rightarrow \log B_{n,m} = \Theta(n^\beta)$$

In the window:

- **Subcritical end:** subdominant term changes behavior
- **Supercritical end:** full saturation

Precise behavior is computed in the window.

Partition as a toy example

Generating function for **partitions**:

$$P(z) = \prod_{k \geq 1} \frac{1}{1 - z^k}.$$

Essential singularities dense on $|z| = 1$, **no singularity analysis!**

Saddle point method: Cauchy integral formula on the circle $|z| = e^{-r}$ with $r > 0$

Change of variable: $p(z) = \log P(z)$, $z = e^{-\tau}$

$$p_n = [z^n]P(z) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{r-i\pi}^{r+i\pi} \exp(n\tau + p(e^{-\tau})) d\tau.$$

Saddle point equation: $n + e^{-r}p'(e^{-r}) = 0 \Rightarrow r \rightarrow 0$

Aim: Behavior of $p(e^{-\tau})$ for $\tau = r + i\theta$ when $r \rightarrow 0$

A simple relation

When $r \rightarrow 0$, the function $p(e^{-\tau})$ gets close to essential singularities.

Tricky!

Miraculously we have

$$p(e^{-\tau}) = \frac{\pi^2}{6\tau} + \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{\tau}{2\pi} - \frac{\tau}{24} + p(e^{-4\pi^2\tau^{-1}}).$$

Related to the modularity of the Dedekind eta function.

But can be seen by [Mellin transform](#).

Mellin transform

For analytic function h , its **Mellin transform** is given by

$$h^*(s) = \mathcal{M}[h](s) = \int_0^{+\infty} h(\tau)\tau^{s-1}d\tau.$$

If $h(\tau) = O(\tau^u)$ for $\tau \rightarrow 0$, and $h(\tau) = O(\tau^v)$ for $\tau \rightarrow \infty$, then $\mathcal{M}[h](s)$ is defined on the **fundamental strip** $-u < \operatorname{Re}(s) < -v$.

Transforming asymptotic behavior to singularities!

The inverse is given by

$$h(\tau) = \mathcal{M}^{-1}[h^*](\tau) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{c-i\infty}^{c+i\infty} h^*(s)\tau^{-s}ds.$$

Here, $-u < c < -v$, that is, we integrate in the fundamental strip.

Why is Mellin transform nice?

$$h^*(s) = \mathcal{M}[h](s) = \int_0^{+\infty} h(\tau)\tau^{s-1}d\tau.$$

- Reading asymptotic behavior off singularities
- Linearity
- Rescaling rule: for $h_k(\tau) = h(k\tau)$, we have

$$\mathcal{M}[h_k](s) = k^{-s}\mathcal{M}[h](s).$$

Nice for so-called **harmonic sums**, *i.e.* sums of the form

$$g(\tau) = \sum_{k \geq 1} \alpha_k h(k\tau).$$

Its Mellin transform is simply

$$\mathcal{M}[g](s) = \sum_{k \geq 1} \alpha_k k^{-s} \mathcal{M}[h](s).$$

$\alpha_k = 1 \Rightarrow$ Riemann zeta function

Partitions as a harmonic sum

Let $h(\tau) = \log(1 - e^{-\tau})$, then

$$p(e^{-\tau}) = - \sum_{k \geq 1} \log(1 - e^{-k\tau}) = - \sum_{k \geq 1} h(k\tau).$$

A harmonic sum!

The Mellin transform of h is (Hint: expand by $e^{-\tau}$)

$$\mathcal{M}[h](s) = -\Gamma(s)\zeta(s+1).$$

The Mellin transform of $p(e^{-\tau})$ is thus

$$K(s) = - \sum_{k \geq 1} k^{-s} \mathcal{M}[h](s) = \zeta(s)\Gamma(s)\zeta(s+1),$$

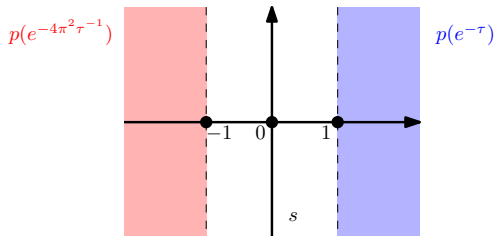
with the fundamental strip $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$. $\tau \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow h(\tau) = \Theta(\tau^{-1})$

On the two sides

- Mellin transform of $p(e^{-\tau})$: $K(s) = \zeta(s)\Gamma(s)\zeta(s+1)$.
- Mellin transform of $p(e^{-4\pi^2\tau^{-1}})$: (reflection identities of $\zeta(s)$ and $\Gamma(s)$)

$$\begin{aligned} K_*(s) &= (4\pi^2)^{-s}\zeta(-s)\Gamma(-s)\zeta(-s+1) \\ &= \zeta(s)\Gamma(s)\zeta(s+1) = K(s), \end{aligned}$$

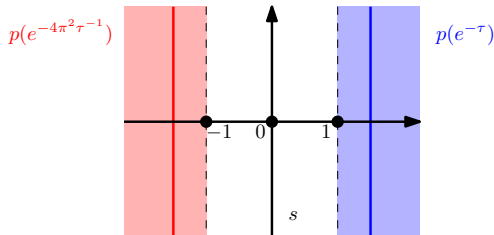
Same Mellin transform, different fundamental strip.



Mellin transform: $K(s) = \zeta(s)\Gamma(s)\zeta(s+1)$

And the big miracle

Inverse Mellin transform: integrate along a vertical line, with factor τ^{-s}



$$\text{Mellin transform: } K(s) = \zeta(s)\Gamma(s)\zeta(s+1)$$

From one to the other: passing through singularities 1, 0, -1

$$p(e^{-\tau}) = \frac{\pi^2}{6\tau} + \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{\tau}{2\pi} - \frac{\tau}{24} + p(e^{-4\pi^2\tau^{-1}}).$$

Why is it nice?

$$p(e^{-\tau}) = \frac{\pi^2}{6\tau} + \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{\tau}{2\pi} - \frac{\tau}{24} + p(e^{-4\pi^2\tau^{-1}}).$$

For $\tau \rightarrow 0$, $p(e^{-4\pi^2\tau^{-1}}) \sim e^{-4\pi^2\tau^{-1}}$. So behavior is known!

$$p_n = [z^n]P(z) \approx \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{r-i\infty}^{r+i\infty} \exp\left(n\tau + \frac{\pi^2}{6\tau} + \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{\tau}{2\pi} - \frac{\tau}{24}\right) d\tau.$$

Saddle point equation (approx): $n - (\pi^2/6)r^{-2} = 0 \Rightarrow r = 6^{-1/2}\pi n^{-1/2}$.

The rest is classical. Note that considering only τ near r suffices.

The case of banded plane partitions

Generating function of banded plane partitions of width m :

$$B_m(z) = \prod_{k \geq 1} \prod_{j=1}^{2m-1} \left(\frac{1}{1 - z^{2mk+j}} \right)^{w(j)},$$

with $w(j) = \lfloor \frac{m-1-|m-j|}{2} \rfloor$.

Let $b_m(z) = \log B_m(z)$. We have

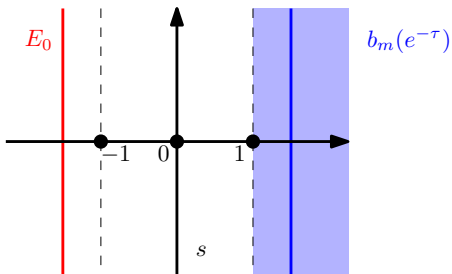
$$B_m(z) = \sum_{k \geq 1} \sum_{j=1}^{2m-1} w(j) \log \left(\frac{1}{1 - z^{2mk+j}} \right).$$

For Mellin transform, not Riemann zeta, but Hurwitz zeta:

$$\zeta(s, \beta) = \sum_{k \geq 0} (k + \beta)^{-s}.$$

A small miracle

$$b_m(e^{-\tau}) = \text{contributions from } \{1, 0, -1\} + E_0$$



The integral E_0 involves Hurwitz zeta $\zeta(s, \beta)$, which still has a **more complicated** “reflection property”.

With some computation, we can express E_0 , thus also $b_m(e^{-\tau})$, in an exact form involving $p(e^{-\tau})$.

An equality for $b_m(e^{-\tau})$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & b_m(e^{-\tau}) \\
 = & -\frac{m^2 - 3m + 4}{4} \log(2\pi) + \sum_{1 \leq j \leq 2m-1} \left\lfloor \frac{m-1-|m-j|}{2} \right\rfloor \log \Gamma\left(\frac{j}{2m}\right) \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} p(e^{-\frac{4\pi^2}{m\tau}}) - \frac{1}{2} p(e^{-\frac{2\pi^2}{\tau}}) + \frac{m+2}{4} p(e^{-\frac{4\pi^2}{\tau}}) \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} \log \tau + \left(\frac{m^3 - 7m^2 + 2}{96} \right) \tau + \frac{\pi^2(m^2 + m + 2)}{24m\tau} \\
 & - \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{1 \leq \ell < m} \frac{\cos \frac{(2\ell-1)\pi}{m}}{1 - \cos \frac{(2\ell-1)\pi}{m}} \sum_{k \geq 0} \frac{e^{-(k + \frac{2\ell-1}{2m}) \frac{4\pi^2}{\tau}}}{(k + \frac{2\ell-1}{2m}) \left(1 - e^{-(k + \frac{2\ell-1}{2m}) \frac{4\pi^2}{\tau}}\right)}.
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A small miracle to have an exact expression!

Analysis term by term

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Relatively easy to handle

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Negligible when $n \rightarrow \infty$, where $\tau \rightarrow 0$

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 \end{aligned}$$

Depending on m , since it changes the saddle point r , thus behavior of $m\tau$

Subcritical phase

In this phase, $m = o(n^{1/3}(\log n)^{-2/3})$, making $mr \rightarrow 0$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & b_m(e^{-\tau}) \\
 &= -\frac{m^2 - 3m + 4}{4} \log(2\pi) + \sum_{1 \leq j \leq 2m-1} \left\lfloor \frac{m-1-|m-j|}{2} \right\rfloor \log \Gamma\left(\frac{j}{2m}\right) \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

Saddle point $r \approx \sqrt{\frac{\pi^2(m^2+m+2)}{24mn}}$, with value $\approx \frac{\pi^2(m^2+m+2)n}{6m} \approx \frac{\pi^2}{6} mn$

We can also get lower order terms.

Supercritical phase

In this phase, $m = \omega(n^{1/3} \log n)$, making $mr \rightarrow \infty$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & b_m(e^{-\tau}) \\
 = & -\frac{m^2 - 3m + 4}{4} \log(2\pi) + \sum_{1 \leq j \leq 2m-1} \left\lfloor \frac{m-1-|m-j|}{2} \right\rfloor \log \Gamma\left(\frac{j}{2m}\right) \\
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 \end{aligned}$$

Problematic term: double sum for $mr \rightarrow \infty$

Dealing with the double sum

Idea: $\frac{\cos x}{1-\cos x} = 2x^{-2} + 5/6 + O(x^2)$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{1 \leq \ell < m} \frac{\cos \frac{(2\ell-1)\pi}{m}}{1 - \cos \frac{(2\ell-1)\pi}{m}} \sum_{k \geq 0} \frac{e^{-(k + \frac{2\ell-1}{2m}) \frac{4\pi^2}{\tau}}}{\left(k + \frac{2\ell-1}{2m}\right) \left(1 - e^{-(k + \frac{2\ell-1}{2m}) \frac{4\pi^2}{\tau}}\right)} \\ & \approx \frac{1}{2m} \sum_{1 \leq \ell < m} \left(\frac{2m^2}{(2\ell-1)^2 \pi^2} + \frac{5}{6} + O(\ell^2 m^{-2}) \right) \cdot \frac{e^{-\frac{2\pi^2(2\ell-1)}{m\tau}}}{\frac{2\ell-1}{2m} \left(1 - e^{-\frac{2\pi^2(2\ell-1)}{m\tau}}\right)} \\ & = m^2 \varphi_1(m\tau) + \varphi_2(m\tau) + O(m^{-2} \varphi_3(m\tau)) \end{aligned}$$

All φ_i can be expressed as an integral involving $\Gamma(s)$, $\zeta(s)$, thus can be estimated at $mr \rightarrow \infty$

Supercritical phase (cont'd)

We plug in the estimates of **red terms**

$$\begin{aligned}
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 = & -\frac{m^2 - 3m + 4}{4} \log(2\pi) + \sum_{1 \leq j \leq 2m-1} \left[\frac{m-1-|m-j|}{2} \right] \log \Gamma\left(\frac{j}{2m}\right) \\
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 & + \frac{\zeta(3)}{2\tau^2} + \frac{7\zeta(3)m^2}{8\pi^2} - \left(\frac{m^3 - 7m}{96} \right) \tau - \frac{\pi^2(m^2 + 2)}{24m\tau} - \frac{11}{24} \log \frac{m\tau}{\pi} + \frac{1}{24} \log 2 \\
 & + o(1).
 \end{aligned}$$

A lot of terms cancels out!

Supercritical phase (cont'd)

After some computation...

$$b_m(e^{-\tau}) = \frac{\tau}{48} + \frac{\pi^2}{24\tau} + \frac{\zeta(3)}{2\tau^2} + \frac{1}{24} \log \tau + \frac{1}{2} \zeta'(-1) - \frac{1}{4} \log 2 + o(1).$$

A lot of terms cancels out, and no dependency on m !

This indicates a saturation.

Saddle point $r \approx \zeta(3)^{1/3} n^{-1/3}$, with value $\frac{3}{2} \zeta(3)^{1/3} n^{2/3}$

Final result agrees with that of **column strict plane partitions**, which are in bijection.

Critical phase

Key: the double sum, expressed in $\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \varphi_3$.

More complicated computations, but doable saddle point analysis

The transition is smooth.

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Thank you!