

Proof of a 43-Year-Old Prediction by Wilson on Anomalous Scaling for a Hierarchical Composite Field

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Conclusion of the talk:

Progress on these difficult questions is possible if one focuses on **natural hierarchical models**, e.g., the p-adic model of A.A.-Chandra-Guadagni arXiv 2013.

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Example 1: work of Dyson on long-range 1d Ising.

Example 2: work of Bramson-Zeitouni for extrema of massless free field (embedded HM is branching random walk).

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In A.A.-Chandra-Guadagni arXiv 2013 we proved an integrated
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invalidating the claim by Gawedzki-Kupiainen when $m = 2$.

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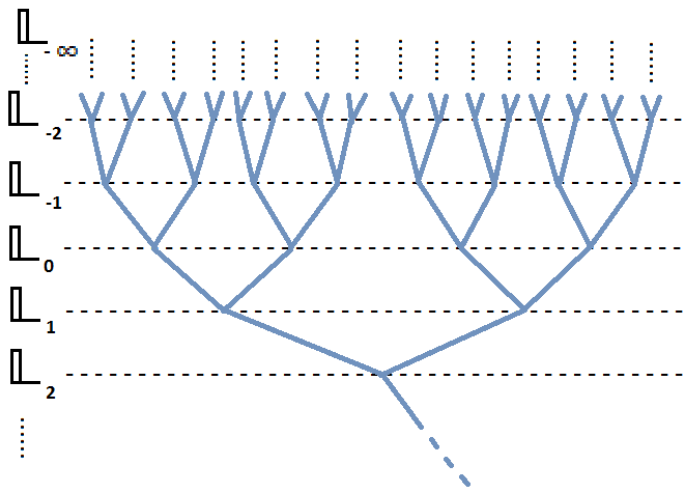
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Then $\mathbb{T} = \cup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathbb{L}_k$ naturally has the structure of a **doubly** infinite tree organized in layers or generations \mathbb{L}_k :



Picture for $d = 1$, $p = 2$

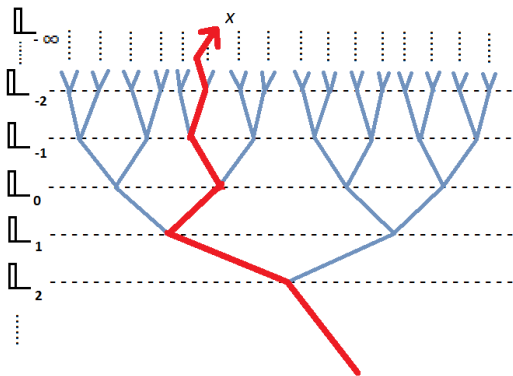
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More precisely, this is the set of upward paths in the tree.



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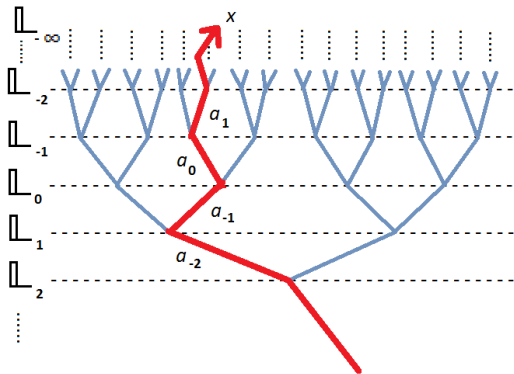
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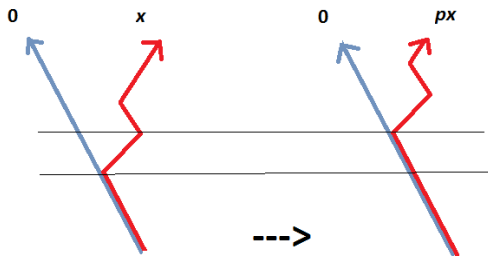


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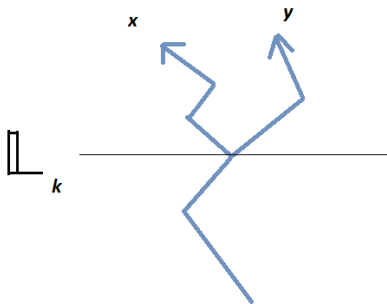
Likewise $p^{-1}x$ is downward shift and so on for defining $p^k x$,
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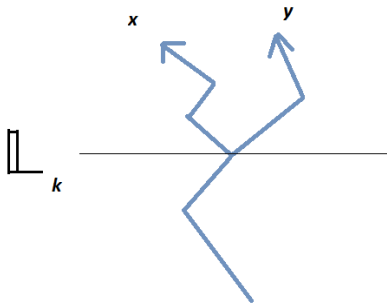
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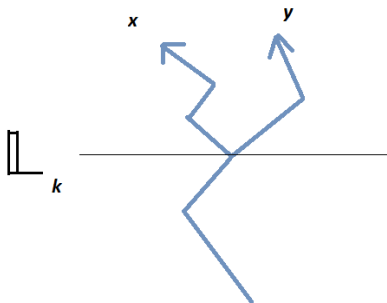
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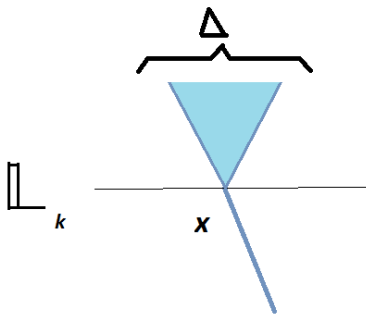


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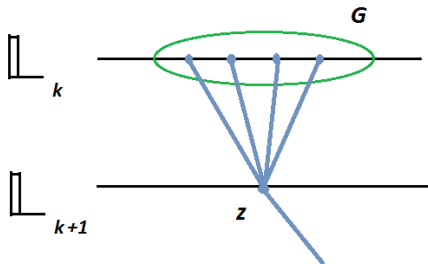
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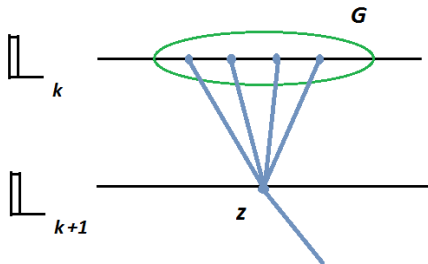
Construction: take product of uniform probability measures on $(\{0, 1, \dots, p-1\}^d)^{\mathbb{N}}$ for $\overline{B}(0, 1)$ and similarly for other balls of radius 1, then collate.

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Extended RG is rigorous nonperturbative version of **local RG**:

Wilson-Kogut PR 1974, Drummond-Shore PRD 1979,

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used in generalizations of Zamolodchikov's c -“Theorem”,
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Just a matter of choosing it on $W^s \rightarrow \mu(g)$ **critical mass.**

Thus

$$\forall q \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad \lim_{r \rightarrow -\infty} \vec{V}^{(r,q)}[0] = v_*$$

Tangent spaces at fixed point: E^s and E^u .

$E^u = \mathbb{C}e_u$, with e_u eigenvector of $D_{v_*}RG$ for eigenvalue $\alpha_u = L^{3-2[\phi]} \times Z_2 =: L^{3-[\phi^2]}$.

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$$Y_2 \alpha_u^r \int : \phi^2 :_{C_0}(x) j(L^{-r}x) d^3x$$

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What next?

- 1) Prove pointwise OPE
- 2) Proved smeared OPE, i.e., show $N[\phi^2]$ deterministic local function of ϕ
- 3) Prove OS positivity: UV cut-off by convolution with compactly supported mollifier + exclusion corridor. Show theory is the same as without corridor \rightarrow extended RG for boundaries, domain walls, etc.
- 4) Heteroclinic RG trajectory
- 5) Investigate conformal invariance
- 6) Transpose all this to the Euclidean setting: **all** hinges on developing Euclidean extended RG.