

Causet Dynamics with $\frac{Dq}{Dg}$.

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Motivation

Reminder

Points p and q in a (causal) spacetime will obey one of three relations: p is to the future of q , to the past of q , or spacelike related to q .

Theorem (Malament)

The points of a manifold (M, g) together with their causal structure specify the pair (M, g) up to conformal equivalence.

In 4d, this gives topology and 9 of 10 metric components.

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- Causal sets naturally encode geometry with a minimal physical hypothesis.

Causets

Definition (Causal Set)

A causal set, or **causet**, is a point set C together with a locally finite partial order.

“Locally finite” means $|\{z \mid x < z < y\}| < \infty \forall x, y \in C$.

Classical Dynamics???

- Need to implement Einstein's equations somehow
- Eventually lead to quantum dynamics using sum over histories
- Implemented as a stochastic growth model of n -element causet to $n + k$ element causet.

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Generalized Percolation

Given parameters nonnegative $\{t_1, t_2, t_3, \dots\}$

- 1 Choose $0 \leq k \leq n$ with relative probability $t_k \binom{n}{k}$
- 2 Randomly choose “proto-precursor” of k elements with uniform probability.
- 3 Enforce implied relations using transitive closure.

Who We Are

Definition ($\frac{Dq}{Dg}$)

Discrete Quantum Dynamics Group.

- Luca Bombelli (University of Mississippi)
- Julio Tafuya (University of Mississippi)
- Itai Seggev (Knox College)
- Sam Watson (University of Mississippi)

Physics Goals

- 1 Perform a wide variety of analyses on a Causet
 - Myrheim Meyer dimension
 - midpoint dimension
 - ordering fraction
 - number and location of posts
 - height, width (future)
- 2 Compute quantities locally as well as globally.
- 3 Explore some parameter space of generalized percolation.
- 4 Possibly add other dynamics.

Programming Goals

- 1 Easy to add percolation “types” (functions for generating t_n).
- 2 Minimal external dependencies.
- 3 Portable.
- 4 Elegant.
- 5 Reasonably efficient, but not at the cost of the above.

Basic Choices

- Language: C++
- Use GSL for random number generator and $\Gamma(z)$.
- Implement our own “large double” type.
- Representation of causet hidden inside of class
 - \Rightarrow all analysis functions access the causet using class methods
- At present time, represent causet as an adjacency matrix implemented as a `vector< vector<bool> >`.

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class allones_t : public coupling_t {  
public:  
    allones_t() {one=double_to_ldt(1.0);}  
    large_double_t nthconstant(int n) {return one;}  
private:  
    large_double_t one;  
};
```


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- 3 The general percolation method takes as an argument a `coupling_t*`, so the coupling type is determined at run time.

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class causet_t {
public:
    void seed_causet_gen_perc(coupling_t *couplingConsnats);
...
};
```

A New Proof

- Alon, Bollobas, *et al.* proved that for transitive percolation and any $p > 0$, infinitely many posts occur with probability 1.
- As part of our preparation for this project, we came up with a significantly simplified “by-hand” proof.
- Forthcoming paper.

Sample Output

```
The program ./csg_simulation was compiled from an unmodified copy of  
revision 80 and was run with arguments -N 5000 --transitivePercolation  
--probability 0.3 --p ostsAll --myrheimMeyerDimension  
--midpointDimension --orderingFraction
```

The number of posts is 9.

The posts are 877, 3114, 3115, 4209, 4210, 4211, 4354, 4355, and 4356.

	Posts	Volume	MSD	MMD	Ordering Fraction
877	- 3114	2237	1.000645	1.007679	0.995737
3114	- 3115	1	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000
3115	- 4209	1094	1.007927	1.015933	0.991146
4209	- 4210	1	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000
4210	- 4211	1	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000
4211	- 4354	143	1.040642	1.105073	0.942988
4354	- 4355	1	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000
4355	- 4356	1	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000

The midpoint scaling dimension is 1.002894.

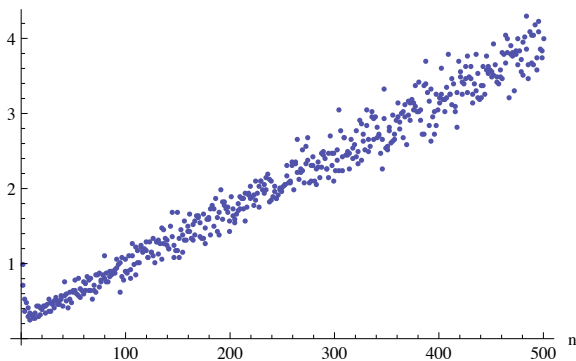
The 2-chain abundance Myrheim-Meyer dimension is 1.003446.

The ordering fraction is 0.998086.

Sample Data

Number of posts versus poset size, $p=0.35$

Average # of posts



What Works

- Transitive percolation (nothing new)
- Proof-of-concept generalized percolation with t_n simulating transitive percolation or $t_n = 1 \forall n$.
- Non-sequential Minkowski “sprinkling”.
- Finding posts
- Dimension estimation, both locally and globally.

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