# Multi-time distribution of periodic TASEP 

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# Introduction 



Height function $H(s, t)$ : Associate $\bullet \circ$ with $\vee$ and associate $\circ \bullet$ with $\wedge$


- TASEP is an example of a model in the KPZ universality class
- height fluctuations, spatial correlations, time correlations 1:2:3
- Height function $H(s, t)$ for $s \in \mathbb{R}, t \in \mathbb{R}_{+}$

$$
h_{T}(\gamma, \tau):=\frac{H\left(c_{1} T^{2 / 3} \gamma, T \tau\right)-\left(c_{2} T+c_{3} T^{2 / 3}\right)}{c_{4} T^{1 / 3}}
$$

- What is the limiting two-dimensional process?

$$
(\gamma, \tau) \mapsto h(\gamma, \tau)=\lim _{T \rightarrow \infty} h_{T}(\gamma, \tau)
$$

- Tracy-Widom distributions (from random matrix theory: fluctuations of the largest eigenvalue) and their variations
- Depends on the initial condition
- GUE Tracy-Widom for step initial condition
- GOE Tracy-Widom for initial condition
- Proved for "integrable/solvable" models in the KPZ class
- TASEP (totally asymmetric simple exclusion process), ASEP, certain directed polymers, the KPZ equation, ...
- Fix $\tau$ and consider $\gamma \mapsto h(\gamma, \tau)$
- Airy 2 process for step initial condition (random matrix interpretation: the largest eigenvalue process of Hermitian matrix Brownian motion)
- Airy ${ }_{1}$ process for flat initial condition (no random matrix here)
- Proved for TASEP and some zero temperature directed polymers
- But not for ASEP, positive temperature directed polymers, and KPZ equation yet.
- Prähofer, Spohn, Johansson, Sasamoto, Borodin, Ferrari (mid 2000), Matetski, Quastel, Remenik (2016), ...
- Slow decorrelation [Ferrari 2008]
- Two-time distribution (not rigorous) [Dotsenko 2013]
- Two-time distribution (Brownian directed last passage percolation) [Johansson 2016]
- Short time ( $\tau_{2} / \tau_{1} \rightarrow 1$ ) and long time ( $\tau_{2} / \tau_{1} \rightarrow 0$ ) asymptotics of time covariance $\operatorname{Cov}\left(h\left(0, \tau_{1}\right), h\left(0, \tau_{2}\right)\right)$ [Ferrari, Spohn 2016]
- Tail of two-time distribution: $p_{\tau_{2} / \tau_{1}}\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right)$ for large positive $x_{1}$ and arbitrary $x_{2}$ in the short time and long time limits [de Nardis, Le Doussal 2016]

This talk: Multi-time distribution for periodic TASEP

## Periodic TASEP

- L period
- $N$ number of particles per period
- $\rho=\frac{N}{L}$ particle density ( $\rho$ fixed, $L, N$ large)
- $t$ not too large: infinite TASEP (KPZ dynamics)
- $t$ too large: finite TASEP (equilibrium dynamics)
- crossover: relaxation time scale $t=O\left(L^{3 / 2}\right)$
- Gwa and Spohn 1992
- Derrida and Lebowitz 1998
- Priezzhev, Povlotsky, Golinelli, Mallick
- Prolhac 2013-2016


## Results

Periodic step initial condition

1. Multi-time, multi-position joint distribution in the limit $t=O\left(L^{3 / 2}\right)$
2. A discussion on the one-point distribution
** One-point distribution for three (periodic step, flat, stationary) initial conditions: Prolhac \& Baik-Liu, independently, 2016

- $t, L, N \rightarrow \infty$ with $t=O\left(L^{3 / 2}\right)$ and $\rho=N / L$ fixed
- There are shocks traveling with speed $1-2 \rho$. In this talk, assume $\rho=1 / 2$




- Discontinuity $O\left(L t^{-1}\right)$
- When $t=O\left(L^{3 / 2}\right)$, the discontinuity is same order as the height flcutations
- $t, L, N \rightarrow \infty$ with $t=O\left(L^{3 / 2}\right)$ and $\rho=N / L$ fixed
- Joint height distribution $\mathbb{P}\left(\cap_{j=1}^{m}\left\{H\left(s_{j}, t_{j}\right) \leq h_{j}\right\}\right)$
- Position $s_{j}=\gamma_{j} L$ with $\gamma_{i} \in[0,1]$
- Time $t_{j}=2 \tau_{j} L^{3 / 2}$ satisfying $0<\tau_{1}<\cdots<\tau_{m}$
- Height $h_{j}=\frac{1}{2} t_{j}-x_{j} L^{1 / 2}$ with $x_{j} \in \mathbb{R}$


## Theorem

$$
\mathbb{P}\left(\cap_{j=1}^{m}\left\{H\left(s_{j}, t_{j}\right) \leq h_{j}\right\}\right) \rightarrow \mathbf{F}\left(x_{1}, \cdots, x_{m} ;\left(\gamma_{1}, \tau_{1}\right), \cdots,\left(\gamma_{m}, \tau_{m}\right)\right)
$$

- $\mathbf{F}\left(x_{1}, \cdots, x_{m}\right)=\frac{1}{(2 \pi i)^{m}} \oint \cdots \oint \mathbf{C}(\mathbf{z}) \mathbf{D}(\mathbf{z}) \prod_{i=1}^{m} \frac{\mathrm{~d} z_{i}}{z_{i}}$
- Nested circles $\left|z_{m}\right|<\cdots<\left|z_{1}\right|<1$
- $\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{z})$ has simple poles at $z_{i}=z_{i+1}$

$$
\mathbf{C}(\mathbf{z})=\left[\prod_{i=1}^{m-1} \frac{z_{i}}{z_{i+1}-z_{i}}\right]\left[\prod_{i=1}^{m} \frac{\mathbf{A}_{i}\left(z_{i}\right)}{\mathbf{A}_{i-1}\left(z_{i}\right)}\right] \mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{z})
$$

where $\mathbf{A}_{i}(z)=e^{-\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}}\left(x_{i} \mathrm{~L}_{3 / 2}(z)+\tau_{i} \mathrm{~L}_{5 / 2}(z)\right)} . \mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{z})$ is analytic, $\mathbf{Q}(0) \neq 0$, and it does not depend on $x_{i}, \tau_{i}, \gamma_{i}$.

- $\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{z})$ has an isolated singularity at $z_{i}=0$
- $\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{z})=\operatorname{det}(\mathbf{1}-\mathbf{K})$ where $\mathbf{K}=\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{1}} \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{2}}$
- Give $|z|<1$, consider the zeros of the equation $e^{-w^{2} / 2}=z$
- Denote the set of zeros by $L_{z} \cup R_{z}$.

- $(m=3) \mathbf{K}_{1}: \ell^{2}\left(R_{z_{1}}\right) \oplus \ell^{2}\left(L_{z_{2}}\right) \oplus \ell^{2}\left(R_{z_{3}}\right) \rightarrow \ell^{2}\left(L_{z_{1}}\right) \oplus \ell^{2}\left(R_{z_{2}}\right) \oplus \ell^{2}\left(L_{z_{3}}\right)$
- Using $\xi_{i} \in L_{z_{i}}$ and $\eta_{i} \in R_{z_{i}}$, the matrix kernel is of form (for $m=5$ )

$$
\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{1}}=\left[\begin{array}{lllll}
\mathbf{K}_{1}\left(\xi_{1}, \eta_{1}\right) & \mathbf{K}_{1}\left(\xi_{1}, \xi_{2}\right) & & & \\
\mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{1}}\left(\eta_{2}, \eta_{1}\right) & \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{1}}\left(\eta_{2}, \xi_{2}\right) & & & \\
& & \mathbf{K}_{1}\left(\xi_{3}, \eta_{3}\right) & \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{1}}\left(\xi_{3}, \xi_{4}\right) & \\
& & \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{1}}\left(\eta_{4}, \eta_{3}\right) & \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{1}}\left(\eta_{4}, \xi_{4}\right) & \\
& & & & \mathbf{K}_{\mathbf{1}}\left(\xi_{5}, \eta_{5}\right)
\end{array}\right]
$$

- Set $\mathbf{F}_{i}(w)=\exp \left(-\frac{1}{3} \tau_{i} w^{3}+\frac{1}{2} \gamma_{i} w^{2}+x_{i} w\right)$
- The $2 \times 2$ blocks are $(\operatorname{Re}(\xi)<0$ and $\operatorname{Re}(\eta)>0)$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& {\left[\begin{array}{cc}
\mathbf{K}_{1}(\xi, \eta) & \mathbf{K}_{1}\left(\xi, \xi^{\prime}\right) \\
\mathbf{K}_{1}\left(\eta^{\prime}, \eta\right) & \mathbf{K}_{1}\left(\eta^{\prime}, \xi^{\prime}\right)
\end{array}\right]} \\
& =\left[\begin{array}{cc}
\frac{\mathbf{F}_{i}(\xi)}{\mathbf{F}_{i-1}(\xi)} & 0 \\
0 & \frac{\mathbf{F}_{i}\left(\eta^{\prime}\right)}{\mathbf{F}_{i+1}\left(\eta^{\prime}\right)}
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{cc}
f(\xi) & 0 \\
0 & g\left(\eta^{\prime}\right)
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{cc}
\frac{1}{\xi-\eta} & \frac{1}{\xi-\xi^{\prime}} \\
\frac{1}{\eta^{\prime}-\eta} & \frac{1}{\eta^{\prime}-\xi^{\prime}}
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{cc}
h(\xi) & 0 \\
0 & j\left(\eta^{\prime}\right)
\end{array}\right]
\end{aligned}
$$

where $f, g, h, j$ depend also on $z, z^{\prime}$ but do not depend on $x_{i}, \tau_{i}, \gamma_{i}$

Formal computation shows:

- $\tau \rightarrow 0: \mathbf{F}\left(\tau^{1 / 3} x+\frac{\gamma^{2}}{4 \tau^{2 / 3}} ;(\gamma, \tau)\right) \rightarrow \begin{cases}\mathbf{F}_{\text {GUE }}(x) & \gamma \neq 1 / 2 \\ \mathbf{F}_{\text {GUE }}(x)^{2} & \gamma=1 / 2\end{cases}$
- $\tau \rightarrow \infty: \mathbf{F}\left(\frac{\sqrt{2} \tau^{1 / 6}}{\pi^{1 / 4}}(x+\tau) ;(\gamma, \tau)\right) \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{x} e^{-y^{2} / 2} \mathrm{~d} y$



For $m$-point multi-time distribution, if the $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ limit of

$$
\mathbf{F}\left(\epsilon^{1 / 3} \tau_{1}^{1 / 3} x_{1}, \cdots, \epsilon^{1 / 3} \tau_{m}^{2 / 3} x_{m} ;\left(\epsilon^{2 / 3} \tau_{1}^{2 / 3} \gamma_{1}, \epsilon \tau_{1}\right), \cdots,\left(\epsilon^{2 / 3} \tau_{m}^{2 / 3} \gamma_{m}, \epsilon \tau_{m}\right)\right)
$$

exists, we expect that it is the limiting multi-time distribution of the usual infinite TASEP, and hence presumably of the KPZ universality class.

Very brief discussion on the proof (finite time formula)

- The limit is obtained from an exact finite-time formula, which has a parallel structure
- We compute the multi-time distribution of particle locations $x_{k}(t)$
- TASEP in the configuration space $\mathcal{X}_{L, N}=\left\{x_{N}<\cdots<x_{1}<x_{N}+L\right\}$
- Step 1. Find the transition probability $\mathbb{P}_{Y}(X ; t)$ explicitly using coordinate Bethe ansatz method
- Step 2. Compute the multi-point distribution explicitly by summing the transition probability
- Step 3. Simplify the formula for the periodic step initial condition
- Schütz (1997): Computed transition probability for TASEP using coordinate Bethe ansatz
- Rákos and Schütz (2005): Using Schütz's formula, reproduced Johansson's result (the Fredholm determinant formula for the 1-point distribution for step initial condition)
- Borodin, Ferrari, Prähofer and Sasamoto (2007-2008): Using Schütz's formula, obtained Fredholm determinant formula for equal-time processes (and space-like points). They also extended the method to a few other models.
- Tracy and Widom (2008-2009): ASEP, 1-point distribution

For $X$ and $Y$ in $\left\{x_{N}<\cdots<x_{1}<x_{N}+L\right\}$,

$$
\mathbb{P}_{Y}(X ; t)=\oint \operatorname{det}\left[\frac{1}{L} \sum_{w} \frac{w^{i-j+1}(w+1)^{-x_{i}+y_{j}-i+j} e^{t w}}{w+\rho}\right]_{N \times N} \frac{\mathrm{~d} z}{2 \pi \mathrm{i} z}
$$

Sum over the roots of $w^{N}(w+1)^{L-N}=z^{L}$




Compare with Schütz formula:

$$
\mathbb{P}_{Y}^{\text {TASEP }}(X ; t)=\operatorname{det}\left[\oint w^{i-j+1}(w+1)^{-x_{i}+y_{j}-i+j} e^{t w}\right]_{N \times N}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{P}_{Y}\left(\cap_{i=1}^{m}\left\{x_{k_{i}}\left(t_{i}\right) \geq a_{i}\right\}\right) \\
& =\sum \cdots \sum \mathbb{P}_{Y}\left(X^{(1)} ; t_{1}\right) \mathbb{P}_{X^{(1)}}\left(X^{(2)} ; t_{2}-t_{1}\right) \cdots \mathbb{P}_{X^{(m-1)}}\left(X^{(m)} ; t_{m}-t_{m-1}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

The $i$ th sum is over all $x_{N}^{(i)}<\cdots<x_{1}^{(i)}<x_{N}^{(i)}+L$ satisfying $x_{k_{i}}^{(i)} \geq a_{i}$. The result is

$$
\frac{1}{(2 \pi \mathrm{i})^{m}} \oint \cdots \oint \mathcal{C}(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{k}) \mathcal{D}_{Y}(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{k}, \mathbf{t}, \mathbf{a}) \prod_{i=1}^{m} \frac{\mathrm{~d} z_{i}}{z_{i}}
$$

where

$$
\mathcal{D}_{Y}(\mathbf{z})=\operatorname{det}\left[\sum_{w_{1}, \cdots, w_{m}} \frac{w_{1}^{-i}\left(w_{1}+1\right)^{y_{i}+i-1} w_{m}^{-j}}{\prod_{\ell=2}^{m}\left(w_{\ell}-w_{\ell-1}\right)} \prod_{\ell=1}^{m} \frac{w_{\ell}\left(w_{\ell}+1\right)}{L\left(w_{\ell}+\rho\right)} g_{\ell}\left(w_{\ell}\right)\right]_{N \times N}
$$

with

$$
g_{\ell}(w)=\frac{w^{k_{\ell}}(w+1)^{-a_{\ell}-k_{\ell}-1} e^{t_{\ell} w}}{w^{k_{\ell-1}}(w+1)^{-a_{\ell-1}-k_{\ell-1}-1} e^{t_{\ell-1} w}}
$$

Set $y_{i}=-i+1$. Then

$$
\mathcal{D}_{Y}(\mathbf{z})=\operatorname{det}\left[\sum_{w_{1}, \cdots, w_{m}} \frac{w_{1}^{-i} w_{m}^{-j}}{\prod_{\ell=2}^{m}\left(w_{\ell}-w_{\ell-1}\right)} \prod_{\ell=1}^{m} g_{\ell}\left(w_{\ell}\right)\right]_{N \times N}
$$

This simplifies to a Fredholm determinant. Here we need to take $\left|z_{i}\right|<r_{0}:=\rho^{\rho}(1-\rho)^{1-\rho}$ for all $i$.

## Slightly longer discussion

Inserting the Schütz-like formual

$$
P_{Y}(X ; t)=\oint \operatorname{det}\left[\frac{1}{L} \sum_{w} \frac{w^{i-j+1}(w+1)^{-x_{i}+y_{j}-i+j} e^{t w}}{w+\rho}\right]_{N \times N} \frac{\mathrm{~d} z}{2 \pi \mathrm{i} z}
$$

from Step 1 into

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{P}_{Y}\left(\cap_{i=1}^{m}\left\{x_{k_{i}}\left(t_{i}\right) \geq a_{i}\right\}\right) \\
& =\sum \cdots \sum \mathbb{P}_{Y}\left(X^{(1)} ; t_{1}\right) \mathbb{P}_{X^{(1)}}\left(X^{(2)} ; t_{2}-t_{1}\right) \cdots \mathbb{P}_{X^{(m-1)}}\left(X^{(m)} ; t_{m}-t_{m-1}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

(sums over all $x_{N}^{(i)}<\cdots<x_{1}^{(i)}<x_{N}^{(i)}+L$ satisfying $x_{k_{i}}^{(i)} \geq a_{i}$ ), we need to evaluate

$$
\sum_{\left\{x_{N}<\cdots<x_{1}<x_{N}+L\right\} \cap\left\{x_{k} \geq a\right\}} \operatorname{det}\left[w_{i}^{j}\left(w_{i}+1\right)^{-x_{j}-j}\right] \operatorname{det}\left[\left(w_{i}^{\prime}\right)^{-j}\left(w_{i}^{\prime}+1\right)^{x_{j}+j}\right]
$$

where $w_{i}^{N}\left(w_{i}+1\right)^{L-N}=z^{L}$, and $\left(w_{i}^{\prime}\right)^{N}\left(w_{i}^{\prime}+1\right)^{L-N}=\left(z^{\prime}\right)^{L}$

Key lemma:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{\left\{x_{N}<\cdots<x_{1}<x_{N}+L\right\} \cap\left\{x_{k} \geq a\right\}} \operatorname{det}\left[w_{i}^{j}\left(w_{i}+1\right)^{-x_{j}-j}\right] \operatorname{det}\left[\left(w_{i}^{\prime}\right)^{-j}\left(w_{i}^{\prime}+1\right)^{x_{j}+j}\right] \\
& =\left(\frac{z^{\prime}}{z}\right)^{(k-1) L}\left(1-\left(\frac{z}{z^{\prime}}\right)^{L}\right)^{N-1}\left[\prod_{j=1}^{N}\left(\frac{w_{j}^{\prime}}{w_{j}}\right)^{N-k+1} \frac{\left(w_{j}^{\prime}+1\right)^{a-1-N+k}}{\left(w_{j}+1\right)^{a-2-N+k}}\right] \operatorname{det}\left[\frac{1}{w_{i^{\prime}}^{\prime}-w_{i}}\right]
\end{aligned}
$$

when $w_{i}^{N}\left(w_{i}+1\right)^{L-N}=z^{L}$, and $\left(w_{i}^{\prime}\right)^{N}\left(w_{i}^{\prime}+1\right)^{L-N}=\left(z^{\prime}\right)^{L}$

For the step initial condition, the Step 2 formula becomes

$$
\mathcal{D}_{Y}(\mathbf{z})=\operatorname{det}\left[\sum_{w_{1}, \cdots, w_{m}} \frac{w_{1}^{-i} w_{m}^{-j}}{\prod_{\ell=2}^{m}\left(w_{\ell}-w_{\ell-1}\right)} \prod_{\ell=1}^{m} g_{\ell}\left(w_{\ell}\right)\right]_{N \times N}
$$

where the sum is over all roots $w_{i}^{N}\left(w_{i}+1\right)^{L-N}=z_{i}^{L}$.


- Take $\left|z_{i}\right|<r_{0}$
- Expand the det of the sum as sums of dets
- Sums are over $N$-tuples of roots $w_{i}^{(j)}$, $j=1, \cdots, N$.
- For $w_{i}^{(j)}$ on the right circle, use hole-particle duality.
- The result is the series expansion of a Fredholm determinant.

Thank you for attention

