Group Walk Random Graphs

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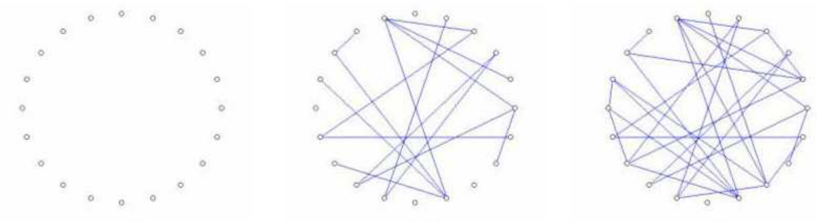
- each pair joined with an edge, independently, with same probability $p = p(n)$.



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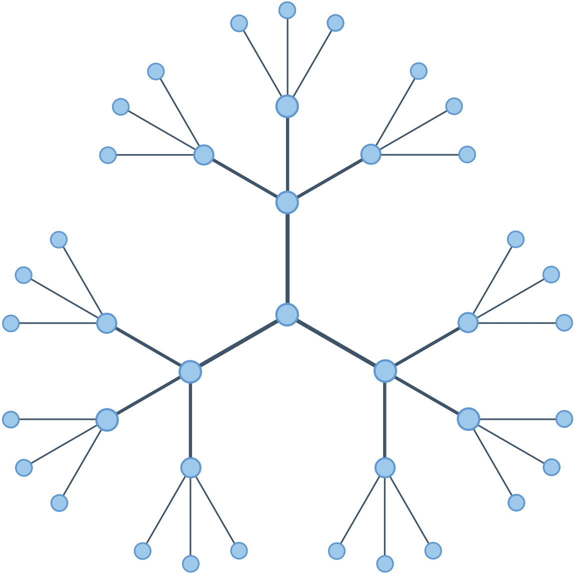

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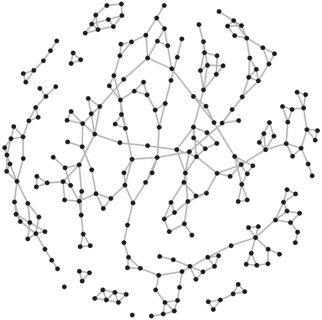

Simulation on the binary tree by A. Janse van Rensburg.

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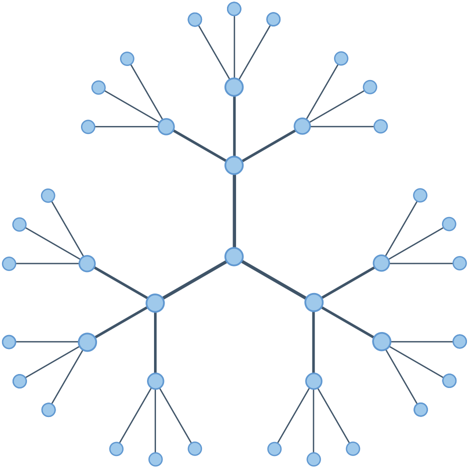

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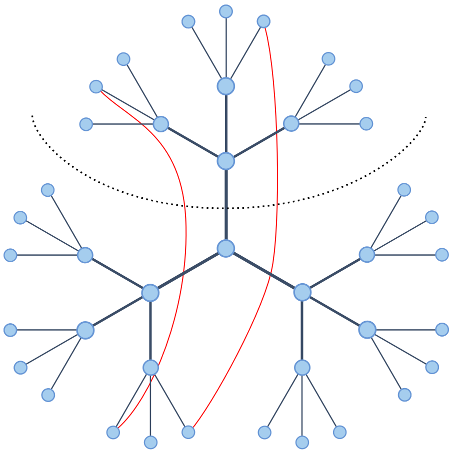

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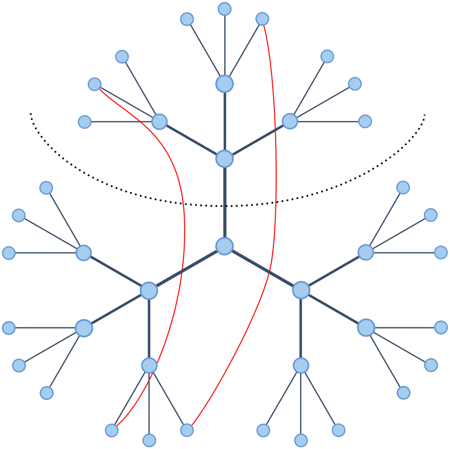

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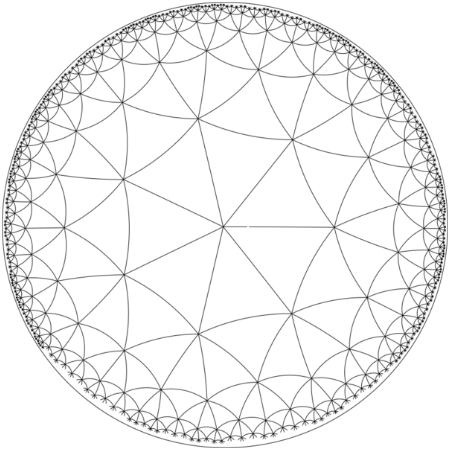

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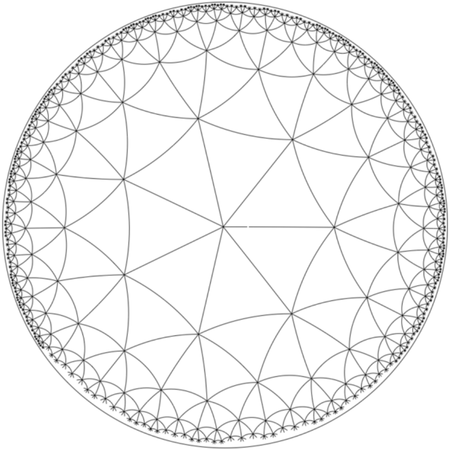

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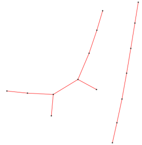
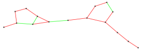
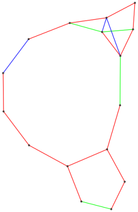
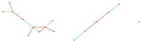
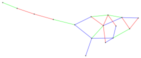
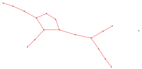
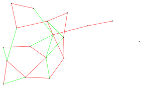
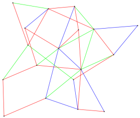
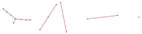
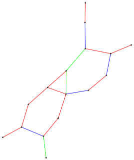
Cycled Binary Tree			
2Grid			
3Grid			
Lamplighter			

Simulations by C. Midgley.

Problems

Problem 1: The (expected) number of connected components (or isolated vertices) is asymptotically proportional to $|B_n|$.

Problem 2: The expected diameter of the largest component is asymptotically $c \log |B_n|$.

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The classical Douglas formula

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calculates the (Dirichlet) energy of a harmonic function h on $\mathbb{D}$ from its boundary values $\hat{h}$ on the circle $\partial\mathbb{D}$.

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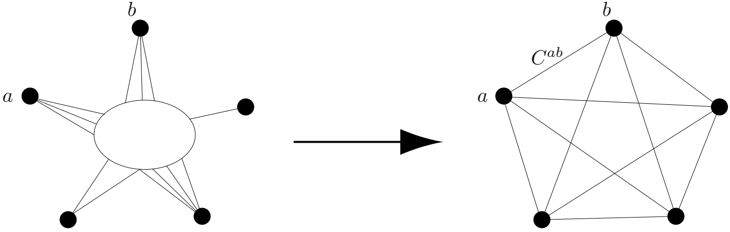

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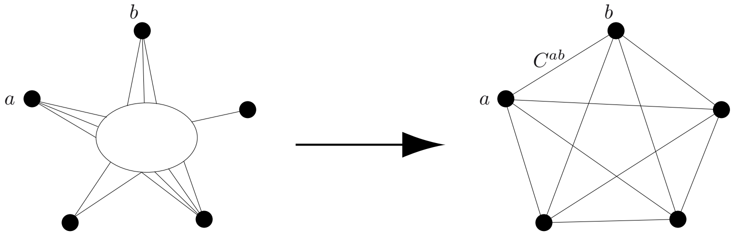

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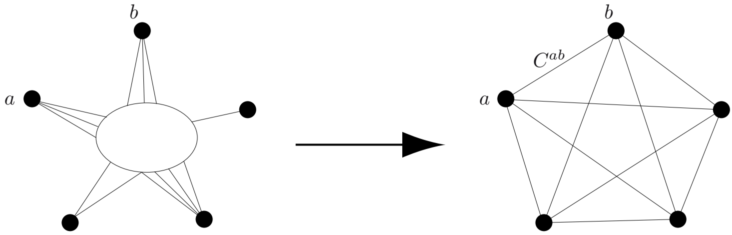

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[*Doob '62*] generalises this to Green spaces (or Riemannian manifolds).

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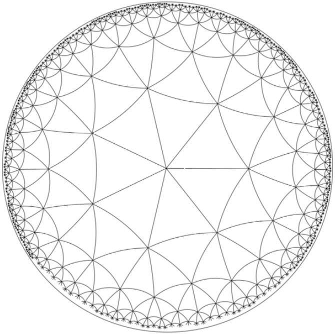

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Remark:

$$\frac{1}{\Theta(z,y)} = G(o,o) \Pr_z(o < y \mid y),$$

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Problem: Let $(z_i)_{i\in\mathbb{N}}$ and $(w_i)_{i\in\mathbb{N}}$ be independent simple random walks from o. Then $\lim_{n,m\to\infty}\Theta(z_n,w_m)$ exists almost surely.

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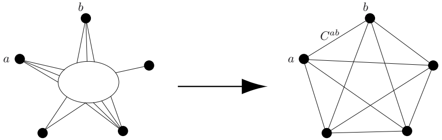

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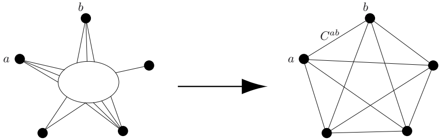

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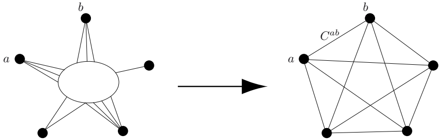

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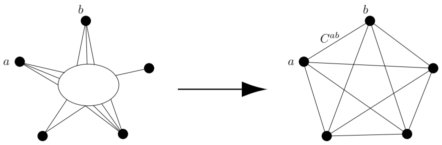

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$$C_n(X,Y) = \mathbb{E}(\Theta^n(x_n,y_n)1_{XY}).$$

Therefore, $C(X,Y) = \lim_n \mathbb{E}(\Theta^n(x_n,y_n)1_{XY})$.

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