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# Lattice permutations and Poisson-Dirichlet distribution of cycle lengths

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We study random spatial permutations on Z<sup>3</sup> where each jump  $x \rightarrow \pi(x)$  is penalized by a factor  $\exp(-T ||x-y||^2)$ . The system is known to exhibit a phase transition for low enough T where macroscopic cycles appear. We observe that the lengths of such cycles are distributed according to Poisson-Dirichlet. This can be explained heuristically using a stochastic coagulationfragmentation process for long cycles, which is supported by numerical data.

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