

# Localization of a polymer in a random environment - Bernoulli & Interlacements

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# Our model

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We are interested in the edges localization, meaning asymptotics for

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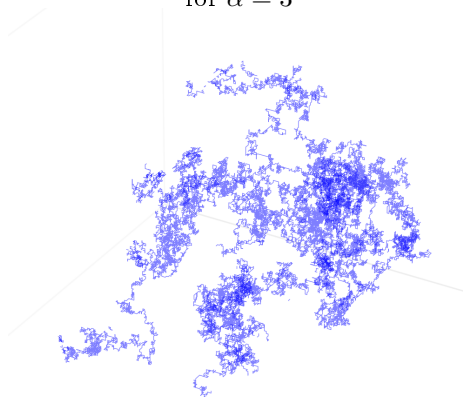
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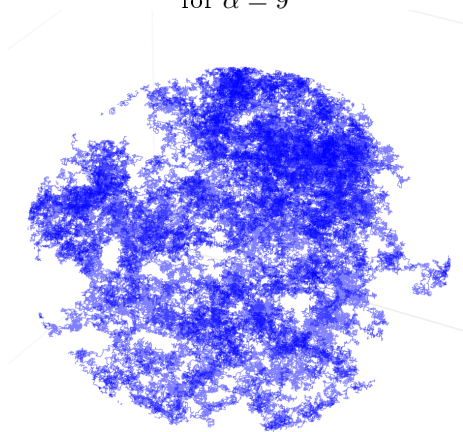
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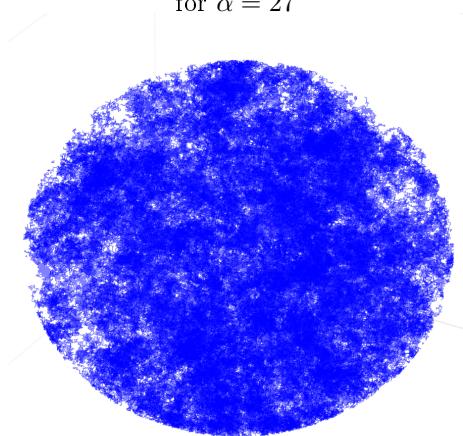
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