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Perhaps you have seen some recent shape theorems for exactly solvable models: the arctic circle theorem for random domino tilings; the "octic" circle theorem for so-called fortress tilings; the Salvador Dali wristwatch limit shapes for quantum random walks. In some sense, these are all the same result. Asymptotic probabilities and regions of non-exponential decay in these models are governed by the normal cone to the generating function and its amoeba. This is joint work with Yuliy Baryshnikov. (Received August 06, 2008)