

7. For the $d = 1$ Ising model construct the matrix S which diagonalizes the transfer matrix T . You will find it helpful to write down the matrix elements in terms of the variable ϕ given by $\cot(2\phi) = e^{2K} \sinh(h)$. As an application evaluate explicitly the two point correlation function $G(i, i + j)$.
8. Reformulate the transfer matrix method for the $d = 1$ Ising model in the case of free boundary conditions and calculate the partition function.
Hint: You will need to introduce a new matrix in addition to T .
- (a) Convince yourself that in the case of a vanishing magnetic field the partition function is agreeing with the result already obtained in the lecture with other methods.
- (b) Show that in the thermodynamic limit the free energy per spin coincides with the value already obtained in the lecture for periodic boundary conditions.
9. For the $d = 1$ Ising model calculate the magnetization $M = -\frac{\partial f}{\partial H}$ as well as the isothermal magnetic susceptibility $\chi_T = \frac{\partial M}{\partial H}$ from the solution of the free energy per spin f in the thermodynamic limit. Perform plots of M versus h for various temperatures T as well as of χ_T versus T for various values of the magnetic field.
10. Show that the isothermal magnetic susceptibility χ_T can also be calculated from the two point correlation function $G(i, i + j)$ via $\chi_T = \beta \sum_j G(i, i + j)$. By inserting the explicit result for $G(i, i + j)$ verify that χ_T calculated in this way agrees with the value obtained in exercise 9.
Note: In the thermodynamic limit the sum over j runs from $-\infty$ to $+\infty$.
11. Generalise the transfer matrix formalism to the $d = 2$ Ising model: Suppose that there are N rows parallel to the x axis and M rows parallel to the y axis. We will require $N \rightarrow \infty$, while considering $M = 1$ or $M = 2$ only. Periodic boundary conditions are chosen in both directions. The magnetic field is set to be zero.

$$-\beta H_\Omega = K \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{m=1}^M (S_{m,n} S_{m+1,n} + S_{m,n} S_{m,n+1})$$

For the case $M = 1$ show that the transfer matrix is a 2×2 matrix, and show that its eigenvalues are

$$\lambda_1 = 1 + x^2, \quad \lambda_2 = x^2 - 1$$

where $x = e^K$.

12. Now consider the case $M = 2$. We need to extend the transfer matrix formalism. Consider the vector

$$v_n = (S_{1,n}, S_{2,n}, \dots, S_{m,n})$$

which gives the configuration of a row n . Show that

$$H_\Omega = \sum_{n=1}^N E_1(v_n, v_{n+1}) + E_2(v_n)$$

where E_1 is the energy of interaction between neighbouring rows and E_2 is the energy of a single row. Hence show that

$$Z = \sum_{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n} T_{v_1 v_2} T_{v_2 v_3} \dots T_{v_N v_1}$$

where T is a transfer matrix of dimensions $2^M \times 2^M$ whose form you should give. Calculate T and find its eigenvalues.