

**Lecture 7.**  
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## 0.1 Transfer Matrix

Today we introduce a general technique used in many fields as graph theory: the transfer matrix. If you are able to diagonalize the transfer matrix, you can use trick as eigenvalues and eigenvectors.

Consider the Ising model in a circle, as in Figure 1. We are introducing the bulk

$$S_{N+1} = S_1 \quad (1)$$

$$\beta\mathcal{H} = k \sum_{i=1}^N S_i S_{i+1} + h \sum_{i=1}^N S_i \quad \text{with} \quad k \equiv \beta J, h \equiv H\beta \quad (2)$$

$$Z_N(k, h) = \sum_{S_1=\pm 1} \sum_{S_2=\pm 1} \cdots \sum_{S_N=\pm 1} \left[ e^{kS_1 S_2 + \frac{h}{2}(S_1 + S_2)} \right] \cdots \left[ e^{kS_N S_1 + \frac{h}{2}(S_N + S_1)} \right] \quad (3)$$

Suppose you have a sort of  $\sum_j M_{ij} P_{jk}$ , what we have done is doing something like that. We can rewrite this formally:

$$\rightarrow Z_N = \sum_{S_1=\pm 1} \cdots \sum_{S_N=\pm 1} \langle S_1 | \mathbb{T} | S_2 \rangle \langle S_2 | \mathbb{T} | S_3 \rangle \cdots \langle S_N | \mathbb{T} | S_1 \rangle \quad (4)$$

where  $\mathbb{T}$  is a 2x2 matrix and

$$\langle S | \mathbb{T} | S' \rangle = \exp \left[ kSS' + \frac{h}{2}(S + S') \right] \quad (5)$$

For example:

$$\langle +1 | \mathbb{T} | +1 \rangle = \exp[k + h] \quad (6)$$

$$\langle +1 | \mathbb{T} | -1 \rangle = \exp[-k] \quad (7)$$

The matrix has the form:

$$\mathbb{T} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{k+h} & e^{-k} \\ e^{-k} & e^{k-h} \end{pmatrix} \quad (8)$$

$$|S_i^{(+)}\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (9)$$

$$|S_i^{(-)}\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (10)$$

Therefore the bra is:

$$\langle S_i^{(+)} | = (1^*, 0) \quad (11)$$

$$\langle S_i^{(-)} | = (0, 1^*) \quad (12)$$

Now:

$$\sum_{S_i=\pm 1} |S_i\rangle \langle S_i| = \mathbb{1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (13)$$

Therefore:

$$\rightarrow Z_N = \sum_{S_1=\pm 1} \cdots \sum_{S_N=\pm 1} \langle S_1 | \mathbb{T} | S_2 \rangle \langle S_2 | \mathbb{T} | S_3 \rangle \cdots \langle S_i | \mathbb{T} | S_{i+1} \rangle \cdots \quad (14)$$

$$\rightarrow Z_N(k, h) = \sum_{S_1=\pm 1} \langle S_1 | \mathbb{T}^N | S_1 \rangle = \text{Tr}[\mathbb{T}^N] \quad (15)$$

this is exactly the trace of the matrix. We can find a unitary transformation:

$$\mathbb{T}_D = \mathbb{P}\mathbb{T}\mathbb{P}^{-1} \quad (16)$$

with  $\mathbb{P}\mathbb{P}^{-1} = \mathbb{1}$ .

$$\rightarrow Z = \text{Tr}[\mathbb{P}^{-1}\mathbb{P}\mathbb{T}\mathbb{P}^{-1}\mathbb{P}\mathbb{T} \dots \mathbb{P}^{-1}\mathbb{P}\mathbb{T}\mathbb{P}^{-1}\mathbb{P}] \quad (17)$$

$$\rightarrow = \text{Tr}[\mathbb{P}^{-1}\mathbb{T}_D^N\mathbb{P}] = \text{Tr}[\mathbb{P}\mathbb{P}^{-1}\mathbb{T}_D^N] = \text{Tr}[\mathbb{T}_D^N] \quad (18)$$

Now:

$$Z_N(k, h) = \text{Tr}[\mathbb{T}_D^N] = \lambda_+^N + \lambda_-^N, \quad \lambda_+ \geq \lambda_- \quad (19)$$

We have  $S_i = +1, 0, -1$ , therefore it can assume three different values. This is a *deluted* ising model.

Let us suppose there are  $(n + 2)$  possible values:

$$\langle S_i^{(3)} | = (0, 0, 1^*, 0, \dots) \quad (20)$$

$$|S_i^{(3)}\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (21)$$

$$\sum_{S_i} |S_i\rangle \langle S_i| = \mathbb{1}, \quad \mathbb{1} \in (n + 2) \times (n + 2) \quad (22)$$

$$\mathbb{S}_i = \sum_{S_i} |S_i\rangle S_i \langle S_i| \quad (23)$$

Now  $\{\lambda_+, \lambda_-, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n\}$ , with  $\lambda_+ > \lambda_- \geq \lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n$ .

$$Z_N(\{k\}, h) = \lambda_+^N + \lambda_-^N + \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^N \quad (24)$$

$$\mathbb{T} = \mathbb{P}\mathbb{T}_D\mathbb{P}^{-1} = \sum_i |t_i\rangle \lambda_i \langle t_i| \quad (25)$$

Now we are interested in the limit of the bulk free energy:

$$F_N() = -k_B T \log Z_N() \quad (26)$$

In general, looking at the thermodynamic limit:

$$f_b(\{k\}, h) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} F_N = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} (-k_B T) \log \left[ \lambda_+^N + \lambda_-^N + \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i^N \right] \quad (27)$$

$$\rightarrow = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-k_B T}{N} \log \left[ \lambda_+^N \left( 1 + \frac{\lambda_-^N}{\lambda_+^N} + \sum_i \left( \frac{\lambda_i}{\lambda_+} \right)^N \right) \right] = -k_B T \log \lambda_+ \quad (28)$$

So we have obtained

$$f_b = -k_B T \log \lambda_+ \quad (29)$$

This is simply because  $\lambda_+$  is the largest.

**Theorem 0.1.1** (Perron-Frobenius). *Let  $A$  be a  $m \times m$  matrix. If  $A$  is finite ( $m < \infty$ ) and  $A_{ij} > 0, \forall i, j$ , ( $A_{ij} = A_{ij}(\vec{x})$ ) therefore  $\lambda_+$  has the following properties:*

1.  $\lambda_+ \in \mathbb{R}^+$
2.  $\lambda_+ \neq$  from  $\{\lambda_i\}_{i=1, \dots, m-1}$
3.  $\lambda_+$  is a analytic function of its arguments

Try to change  $A_{ij} > 0$  or the hypothesis that  $A$  is *finite* and see what is obtained.

## 0.2 Correlation function

Now we calculate the two points correlation function. We want the fluctuation respect to the average:

$$\Gamma_R = \langle S_1 S_R \rangle - \langle S_1 \rangle \langle S_R \rangle \quad (30)$$

we expect from physics that

$$\Gamma_R \underset{R \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} \exp[-R/\xi] \quad (31)$$

$$\xi^{-1} = \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \left[ -\frac{1}{R} \log [\langle S_1 S_R \rangle - \langle S_1 \rangle \langle S_R \rangle] \right] \quad (32)$$

$$\langle S_1 S_R \rangle_N = \frac{1}{Z_N} \sum_{\{S\}} S_1 S_R \exp[-\beta \mathcal{H}] \quad (33)$$

$$= \frac{1}{Z_N} \sum_{\{S\}} S_1 \langle S_1 | \mathbb{T} | S_2 \rangle \dots \langle S_{R-1} | \mathbb{T} | S_R \rangle S_R \langle S_R | \mathbb{T} | S_{R+1} \rangle \dots \langle S_N | \mathbb{T} | S_1 \rangle \quad (34)$$

$$= \frac{1}{Z_N} \sum_{S_1, S_R} S_1 \langle S_1 | \mathbb{T}^{R-1} | S_R \rangle S_R \langle S_R | \mathbb{T}^{N-R+1} | S_1 \rangle \quad (35)$$

$$\mathbb{T}^{R-1} = \sum_{i=1}^{n+2} |t_i\rangle \lambda_i^{R-1} \langle t_i| \quad (36)$$

$$\mathbb{T}^{N-R+1} = \sum_{i=1}^{n+2} |t_i\rangle \lambda_i^{N-R+1} \langle t_i| \quad (37)$$

$$\langle S_1 | \mathbb{T}^{R-1} | S_R \rangle = \sum_{i=1}^{n+2} \langle S_1 | t_i \rangle \lambda_i^{R-1} \langle t_i | S_R \rangle \quad (38)$$

$$\sum_{\{S\}} S_1 S_R e^{-\beta \mathcal{H}} = \sum_{S_1 S_R} S_1 \sum_{i=1}^{n+2} \langle S_1 | t_i \rangle \lambda_i^{R-1} \langle t_i | S_R \rangle S_R \sum_{j=1}^{n+2} \langle S_R | t_j \rangle \lambda_j^{N-R+1} \langle t_j | S_1 \rangle \quad (39)$$

Define:

$$\mathbb{S}_1 = \sum_{S_1} |S_1\rangle S_1 \langle S_1| \quad (40)$$

$$\mathbb{S}_R = \sum_{S_R} |S_R\rangle S_R \langle S_R| \quad (41)$$

$$\rightarrow = \sum_{ij} \langle t_j | \mathbb{S}_1 | t_i \rangle \lambda_i^{R-1} \langle t_i | \mathbb{S}_R | t_j \rangle \lambda_j^{N-R+1} \quad (42)$$