

Define an abstract notation for the sum over all hidden configurations,

$$\sum_{\{\mathbf{h}\}} f[\mathbf{h}] = \left(\sum_{h_{1,1}=0}^1 \sum_{h_{1,2}=0}^1 \cdots \sum_{h_{j,\alpha}=0}^1 \cdots \right) f[\mathbf{h}] = \left(\prod_{\alpha} \prod_j \sum_{h_{j,\alpha}=0}^1 \right) f[\mathbf{h}].$$

More abstractly,

$$\sum_{\{\mathbf{h}\}} = \prod_{\alpha} \prod_j \sum_{h_{j,\alpha}=0}^1.$$

Our aim is to evaluate

$$A = \sum_{\{\mathbf{h}\}} e^{\sum_j \sum_{\alpha} W_{i-j,\alpha} h_{j,\alpha}}$$

Move sums inside exponential to products outside exponential,

$$A = \sum_{\{\mathbf{h}\}} \prod_{\alpha} \prod_j e^{W_{i-j,\alpha} h_{j,\alpha}}.$$

To simplify notation, introduce $z_{j,\alpha} = W_{i-j,\alpha} h_{j,\alpha}$, which has implicit dependence on i . Then

$$A = \sum_{\{\mathbf{h}\}} \prod_{\alpha} \prod_j e^{z_{j,\alpha}}.$$

Note the general identity,

$$\left(\prod_x f_x \right) \left(\prod_x g_x \right) = (f_1 \cdots f_N) (g_1 \cdots g_N) = \prod_x f_x g_x.$$

We use this to write

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \left[\prod_{\alpha} \prod_j \sum_{h_{j,\alpha}=0}^1 \right] \left[\prod_{\alpha} \prod_j e^{z_{j,\alpha}} \right] \\ &= \prod_{\alpha} \prod_j \sum_{h_{j,\alpha}=0}^1 e^{z_{j,\alpha}}. \end{aligned}$$

Using the definition of $z_{j,\alpha}$, we can explicitly evaluate the inner sum,

$$A = \prod_{\alpha} \prod_j (1 + e^{W_{i-j,\alpha}}).$$