

# NOTES FROM NSF-MSGI INTERNSHIP

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## 1. Introduction

We will explore the connection between statistical mechanics models and quantum Hamiltonians, primarily via examples.

More stuff here later. Basic objects/definitions.

## 2. Ising Models

The Ising models are a family of statistical mechanics models with nearest-neighbor interaction. Given any lattice  $\mathcal{L} \subset \mathbb{Z}^d$  with  $N$  total points, define a *spin* at each site of the lattice via a variable  $s \in \Omega_0 = \{\pm 1\}$ . A *configuration* is a collection  $\{s\} = \{s_\ell\}_{\ell \in \mathcal{L}} \in \Omega_0^N$ . For convenience, we will usually work with cubic lattices of the form  $\mathcal{L} = \{-n, -n+1, \dots, n-1, n\}^d$  or  $\mathcal{L} = \{1 \dots, n\}^d$  and impose periodic boundary conditions. The *action* associated to this model is the function

$$\mathcal{S}(\{s\}, \tau, h) = -\beta_\tau(\tau) \sum_{i \sim j} s_i s_j - \beta(\tau) h \sum_i s_i,$$

where  $\tau$  is the lattice spacing in the “time” direction,  $h$  is the strength of an external magnetic field, and the first sum is over nearest neighbor sites of the lattice. The coefficients  $\beta_\tau$  and  $\beta$  may depend on the time direction lattice spacing and are otherwise chosen to reflect some physical situation (e.g. they may be taken to be proportional to the “inverse temperature”  $\frac{1}{kT}$  where  $k$  is Boltzmann’s constant).

We will be interested in the *partition function*  $Z$  defined as

$$Z(\tau, h) = \sum_{\{s\} \in \Omega_0^N} e^{-\mathcal{S}(\{s\}, \tau, h)}.$$

It turns out that we can use statistical mechanics to show that many other interesting physical quantities can be derived from the partition function [2, Ch. 3]. The *pressure* in  $\mathcal{L}$  of the model is defined to be

$$\psi_{\mathcal{L}}(\tau, h) := \frac{1}{N} \log Z(\tau, h).$$

The *magnetization density* in  $\mathcal{L}$  is by definition

$$m_{\mathcal{L}} := \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\ell \in \mathcal{L}} s_\ell.$$

The expected magnetization density,  $\langle m_{\mathcal{L}} \rangle$ , is related to the pressure and partition function:

$$\langle m_{\mathcal{L}} \rangle(\tau, h) = \frac{\partial \psi_{\mathcal{L}}}{\partial h}(\tau, h) = \frac{\partial}{\partial h} \left( \frac{1}{N} \log Z(\tau, h) \right).$$

**2.1. Infinite Lattice Ising Models.** The Ising model can be generalized to an *infinite volume model* by letting the lattice  $\mathcal{L}$  grow to  $\mathbb{Z}^d$  appropriately. We'll briefly sketch the ideas here - a detailed exposition can be found in [2] in chapters 3 and 6. In general, we say a sequence of lattices  $\{\mathcal{L}_n\}$  converges to  $\mathbb{Z}^d$ , denoted  $\mathcal{L}_n \uparrow \mathbb{Z}^d$ , if

- (1)  $\mathcal{L}_n$  is increasing, i.e.  $\mathcal{L}_n \subset \mathcal{L}_{n+1}$  for all  $n$ ,
- (2)  $\bigcup_n \mathcal{L}_n = \mathbb{Z}^d$ ,
- (3)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|\partial \mathcal{L}_n|}{|\mathcal{L}_n|} = 0$ , where  $\partial \mathcal{L}_n$  is the boundary of the lattice, i.e.

$$\partial \mathcal{L}_n := \{\ell \in \mathcal{L}_n \mid \ell \sim m \text{ for some } m \in \mathbb{Z}^d \setminus \mathcal{L}_n\}.$$

It turns out that the pressure  $\psi_{\mathcal{L}}$  defined above is convex as a function of  $h$  and that there is a well-defined limit

$$\psi(\tau, h) := \lim_{\mathcal{L} \uparrow \mathbb{Z}^d} \psi_{\mathcal{L}}(\tau, h).$$

Because  $\psi$  is a convex function of  $h$ , the *average magnetization density* given by

$$m(\tau, h) = \lim_{\mathcal{L} \uparrow \mathbb{Z}^d} \langle m_{\mathcal{L}} \rangle(\tau, h),$$

exists for all but a countable set of  $h \in \mathbb{R}$ . The points at which the average magnetization density fails to exist (always because the left and right derivatives do not equal each other) are called *first-order phase transitions*.

**2.2. 1+0 Ising.** In the 1+0 Ising model, we take a 1-dimensional statistical mechanics system and relate it to a 0-dimensional (point) quantum Hamiltonian. See [1] and [6]. The definitions above simplify to the following. The lattice is now a set of  $N$  points  $x_0, \dots, x_{N-1}$  on a circle so that  $s_0 = s_N$ . The action is given by

$$\mathcal{S}(\{s\}, \tau, h) = -\beta_{\tau}(\tau) \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} s_i s_{i+1} - \beta(\tau) h \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} s_i.$$

It will be helpful to rewrite this expression to be symmetric and expressed in terms of sums and differences of the  $s_i$ . Up to a constant factor of  $-\beta_{\tau} N$ , we find

$$\mathcal{S}(\{s\}, \tau) = \frac{1}{2} \beta_{\tau}(\tau) \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} (s_i - s_{i+1})^2 - \frac{1}{2} \beta(\tau) h \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} (s_i + s_{i+1}).$$

Note that we needed periodicity in order to rewrite the second term in this way. Further, we now have  $\mathcal{S} = 0$  when all of the spins are identical and  $h = 0$ .

Now the partition function becomes

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= \sum_{\{s\} \in \Omega_0^N} e^{\frac{1}{2}\beta_\tau(\tau) \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} (s_i - s_{i+1})^2 - \frac{1}{2}\beta(\tau)h \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} (s_i + s_{i+1})} \\ &= \sum_{s_0 \in \{\pm 1\}} \dots \sum_{s_{N-1} \in \{\pm 1\}} e^{\frac{1}{2}\beta_\tau(s_0 - s_1)^2} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\beta h(s_0 + s_1)} \dots e^{\frac{1}{2}\beta_\tau(s_{N-1} - s_0)^2} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\beta h(s_{N-1} + s_0)}. \end{aligned}$$

However, each factor in the product depends only on what the values of  $s_i - s_{i+1}$  and  $s_i + s_{i+1}$  are. We can construct the *transfer matrix*,  $T$ , to record this data, indexed by the possible spins at each site. So we have

$$T_{-1,-1} = e^{-\beta h}, \quad T_{-1,1} = T_{1,-1} = e^{-2\beta_\tau}, \quad \text{and } T_{1,1} = e^{\beta h}.$$

Thus

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-\beta h} & e^{-2\beta_\tau} \\ e^{-2\beta_\tau} & e^{\beta h} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Now we can write  $Z = \text{Tr } T^N$ .

Our goal is to choose functions  $\beta_\tau(\tau)$  and  $\beta(\tau)$  so that the transfer matrix operator  $T$  has the form  $T = e^{-\tau H} \approx I - \tau H$  for some quantum Hamiltonian  $H$  (independent of  $\tau$ ) acting on a 2-dimensional vector space. This is the  $\tau$ -*continuum Hamiltonian* for the model. Here the idea is that statistical mechanics properties of the lattice action system (e.g. magnetization per site, average magnetization, two-point correlations, correlation length) will map to properties of the operator  $H$  related to its eigenvalues and eigenvectors.

For example, we could choose  $\beta_\tau(\tau) = -\frac{1}{2} \log \tau$  and  $\beta(\tau) = \tau$ . Then we have

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} e^{-\tau h} & \tau \\ \tau & e^{\tau h} \end{bmatrix} \approx I_2 - \tau \begin{bmatrix} h & -1 \\ -1 & -h \end{bmatrix}.$$

From this it follows that

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} h & -1 \\ -1 & -h \end{bmatrix} = -\sigma_1 + h\sigma_3,$$

where  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2$ , and  $\sigma_3$  are the Pauli matrices.

More generally, we can ask what constraints  $\beta$  and  $\beta_\tau$  must satisfy to be able to do this. Analyzing each of the four matrix entries shows that for small  $\tau$  we need

$$e^{-\beta h} \approx 1 - \tau H_{0,0}, \quad e^{-2\beta_\tau} \approx -\tau H_{1,0} = -\tau H_{0,1}, \quad \text{and } e^{\beta h} \approx 1 - \tau H_{1,1}.$$

Since  $H_{1,0}$  and  $H_{0,1}$  are constant with respect to  $\tau$  we need  $-2\beta_\tau \approx \log(\lambda\tau)$  for small  $\tau$  and some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ . Similarly, if  $\beta$  is small when  $\tau$  is small we have  $e^{-\beta h} \approx 1 - \beta h \approx 1 - \tau H_{0,0}$  and  $e^{\beta h} \approx 1 + \beta h \approx 1 - \tau H_{1,1}$ . So to first order we have  $\beta \approx \tau$  and we see  $H_{0,0} = -H_{1,1} = \mu h$  for some  $\mu \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ .

Putting all of this together, we see that the general  $\tau$ -continuum Hamiltonian for this model will have the form

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} \mu h & -\lambda \\ -\lambda & -\mu h \end{bmatrix} = -\lambda\sigma_1 + \mu h\sigma_3.$$

Now we could also attempt to find a second order approximation of  $T$  so that  $T \approx I - \tau H + \frac{1}{2}\tau^2 H^2$  for an operator  $H$  not depending on  $\tau$ . However, following the approach above will show us that there is no easy solution in this case. To get a higher order approximation (or the actual matrix logarithm solving  $T = e^{-\tau H}$  for  $H$ ), we may need to allow  $H$  to depend on  $\tau$ .

In the second order case, we need

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-\beta h} &\approx 1 - \tau H_{0,0} + \frac{\tau^2}{2}(H_{0,0}^2 + H_{0,1}^2), \\ e^{-2\beta\tau} &\approx -\tau H_{0,1} + \frac{\tau^2}{2}(H_{0,0}H_{0,1} + H_{0,1}H_{1,1}), \\ e^{\beta h} &\approx 1 - \tau H_{1,1} + \frac{\tau^2}{2}(H_{0,1}^2 + H_{0,0}^2) \end{aligned}$$

for small  $\tau$ , where we have used the fact that  $H$  should be real and symmetric and so  $H_{0,1} = H_{1,0}$ . From the first and third equations, we see that  $H_{0,0}$  and  $H_{1,1}$  must depend on  $h$ . But the second equation has no dependence on  $h$ , so the dependence of  $H_{0,1}$  on  $h$  must be inversely related to the  $H_{0,0}$  and  $H_{1,1}$  dependence. On the other hand adding the first and third equations yields

$$\cosh(\beta h) \approx 1 - \frac{\tau}{2}(H_{0,0} + H_{1,1}) + \frac{\tau^2}{4}(H_{0,0}^2 + 2H_{0,1}^2 + H_{1,1}^2),$$

which naturally suggests taking  $\beta = \mu\tau$ ,  $H_{0,0} = -H_{1,1} = \mu h$ , and  $H_{0,1} = H_{1,0} = 0$ . But this is a contradiction.

**2.3. 1+1 Ising Model.** We may analyze the 1+1 Ising model similarly to the 1+0 model. We are going to relate a statistical mechanics system on a 2-dimensional lattice (with one temporal and one spatial dimension) to a quantum mechanical Hamiltonian on a 1-dimensional system of interacting spins. See [1] and [6].

As in the 1+0 Ising model, we will work with a lattice with periodic boundary conditions. Suppose  $\mathcal{L}$  is a  $N_x \times N_\tau$  lattice of points in  $\mathbb{Z}^2$  with  $\vec{\tau}$  a unit vector in the time direction and  $\vec{x}$  a unit vector in the spatial direction. Then the action for the model is

$$\mathcal{S} = - \sum_{\ell} \beta_{\tau} s_{\ell} s_{\ell+\vec{\tau}} + \beta s_{\ell} s_{\ell+\vec{x}},$$

where the sum is over all lattice points  $\ell \in \mathcal{L}$ .

We want to write  $\mathcal{S} = \sum_{j=1}^{N_\tau} L(j, j+1)$  for some  $L(j, j+1)$  that describes the interaction between the spatial rows  $j$  and  $j+1$ . To do this, we first rewrite

$$\mathcal{S} = \sum_{\ell} \frac{\beta_{\tau}}{2} (s_{\ell} - s_{\ell+\vec{\tau}})^2 - \frac{1}{2} \beta (s_{\ell} s_{\ell+\vec{x}} + s_{\ell+\vec{\tau}} s_{\ell+\vec{\tau}+\vec{x}}),$$

using the periodic boundary conditions. Note that the new  $\mathcal{S}$  differs from the previous one by a normalization constant so that the first term is 0 when all of the

spins are aligned, rather than being  $-N\beta_\tau$ . We can now define

$$L(j, j+1) := \sum_{\ell=1}^{N_x} \frac{\beta_\tau}{2} (s_\ell - \tilde{s}_\ell)^2 - \frac{\beta}{2} (s_\ell s_{\ell+1} + \tilde{s}_\ell \tilde{s}_{\ell+1}),$$

where the sum is over the  $N_x$  indices in the spatial row,  $\{s\}$  is the configuration of row  $j$  and  $\{\tilde{s}\}$  is the configuration of row  $j+1$ .

Then the partition function is

$$Z = \sum_{\{s\}} e^{-L(1,2)} e^{-L(2,3)} \dots e^{-L(N_\tau,1)}.$$

As in the previous section, we express  $Z$  as the trace of the  $N_\tau^{\text{th}}$  power of a transfer matrix  $\hat{T}$  describing the transition between rows. Since there are  $2^{N_x}$  configurations for each row,  $\hat{T}$  will be a  $2^{N_x} \times 2^{N_x}$  matrix. The elements of  $\hat{T}$  can be organized by the number of spin flips between configurations, since these determine the value of the first term of  $L(j, j+1)$ . We want to find  $\beta, \beta_\tau$  so that for  $\tau$  near 0,  $\hat{T} \approx 1 - \tau \hat{H}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{T}|_{0 \text{ flips}} &= e^{\beta \sum_{\ell=1}^{N_x} s_\ell s_{\ell+1}}, \\ \hat{T}|_{1 \text{ flip}} &= e^{-2\beta_\tau} e^{\frac{\beta}{2} \sum_{\ell=1}^{N_x} (s_\ell s_{\ell+1} + \tilde{s}_\ell \tilde{s}_{\ell+1})}, \\ &\vdots \\ \hat{T}|_{k \text{ flips}} &= e^{-2k\beta_\tau} e^{\frac{\beta}{2} \sum_{\ell=1}^{N_x} (s_\ell s_{\ell+1} + \tilde{s}_\ell \tilde{s}_{\ell+1})} \end{aligned}$$

The nicest solution to this is to choose  $\beta = \lambda\tau$  and  $\tau = e^{-2\beta_\tau}$  for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$ . Then to first order approximation in  $\tau$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{T}|_{0 \text{ flips}} &\approx 1 - \mu\lambda\tau, \\ \hat{T}|_{1 \text{ flip}} &\approx \tau(1 + \kappa\lambda\tau) \approx \tau, \\ &\vdots \\ \hat{T}|_{k \text{ flips}} &\approx \tau^k(1 + \kappa\lambda\tau) \approx 0, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mu = \sum_{\ell=1}^{N_x} s_\ell s_{\ell+1}$  and  $\kappa = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\ell=1}^{N_x} (s_\ell s_{\ell+1} + \tilde{s}_\ell \tilde{s}_{\ell+1})$  are independent of  $\tau$ .

We can now express  $\hat{T}$  as  $I - \tau \hat{H}$  where the Hamiltonian  $\hat{H}$  is given in terms of the Pauli operators at each site  $\ell$ ,  $\hat{\sigma}_1(\ell)$  and  $\hat{\sigma}_3(\ell)$ :

$$\hat{H} = -\lambda \sum_{\ell=1}^{N_x} \hat{\sigma}_3(\ell) \hat{\sigma}_3(\ell+1) - \sum_{\ell=1}^{N_x} \hat{\sigma}_1(\ell). \quad (1)$$

**2.3.1. Jordan-Wigner Transform and Solution in terms of Fermionic operators.** A Hamiltonian of the form of Eq. (1) can be rewritten in terms of Fermion operators  $\{a_j, a_j^\dagger\}_{j=1}^n$  that satisfy the *canonical commutation relations* (CCRs)

$$\{a_j, a_k^\dagger\} = \delta_{k,j} I; \quad \{a_j, a_k\} = 0,$$

where  $\{A, B\} = AB + BA$  is the anticommutator of two operators [6],[7],[8].

We can summarize this transformation as follows:

- (1) Use duality to swap the roles of  $\hat{\sigma}_1$  and  $\hat{\sigma}_3$  in Eq. (1).
- (2) Use raising and lowering operators to rewrite  $H$  in terms of fermion operators. (Jordan-Wigner transform)
- (3) Convert the resulting operators and quadratic Hamiltonian to momentum space.
- (4) Diagonalize the momentum Fermionic Hamiltonian.
- (5) Determine the eigenvalues of the resulting Hamiltonian.

### 3. O(N) Model

These models are extensively treated in [1],[4],[6]. As in the Ising model, we have a lattice  $\mathcal{L} \subset \mathbb{Z}^d$  of  $M$  points, usually cubic. The spins at each site  $i$  of the lattice are now  $\vec{x}_i \in \Omega_0 = S^{N-1} = \{\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^N \mid \|\vec{x}\| = 1\}$ . The action is

$$\mathcal{S} = \sum_{i,j} -J_{i,j} \vec{x}_i \cdot \vec{x}_j,$$

where the sum is over nearest-neighbor pairs in  $\mathcal{L}$ . Frequently we will take the interaction constants  $J_{i,j}$  to depend only on which coordinate of the lattice the points differ in. As in the earlier examples, it may be helpful to renormalize the action so that when all the  $\vec{x}_i$  are equal we get  $\mathcal{S} = 0$ . This results in a renormalized action

$$\mathcal{S} = \sum_{i,j} \frac{1}{2} J_{i,j} (\vec{x}_i - \vec{x}_j)^2.$$

As before, we are interested in thinking of our  $d$ -dimensional lattice as having 1 time dimension and  $d - 1$  spatial dimensions and finding a  $\tau$ -continuum quantum mechanical Hamiltonian  $H$  that corresponds to the action as the lattice spacing  $\tau$  goes to 0. Since the spin configuration space is now continuous, the partition function will now be an integral rather than a summation:

$$Z = \int_{(S^N)^M} d\vec{x}_1 \dots d\vec{x}_M e^{-\beta \sum_{i,j} \frac{1}{2} J_{i,j} (\vec{x}_i - \vec{x}_j)^2}.$$

**3.1. O(2) model on a 1-dimensional lattice.** First we consider the  $O(2)$  model on a 1-dimensional lattice of  $N$  points with periodic boundary conditions and a magnetic field of strength  $h$ . When our configuration space is  $S^1$ , we can parameterize the spins  $\vec{x}_i = (\cos(\theta_i), \sin(\theta_i))$  for  $\theta \in [0, 2\pi)$ . Under this parameterization, the action becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S} &= -\beta_\tau \sum_{j=1}^N \cos(\theta_j) \cos(\theta_{j+1}) + \sin(\theta_j) \sin(\theta_{j+1}) - \beta h \sum_{j=1}^N \cos(\theta_j) \\ &= -\beta_\tau \sum_{j=1}^N \cos(\theta_j - \theta_{j+1}) - \frac{\beta h}{2} \sum_{j=1}^N (\cos(\theta_j) + \cos(\theta_{j+1})). \end{aligned}$$

The corresponding partition function is then

$$Z = \int_{[0,2\pi]^N} \left( \prod_{j=1}^N d\theta_j \right) e^{\beta\tau \sum_{j=1}^N \cos(\theta_j - \theta_{j+1})} e^{\frac{\beta h}{2} \sum_{j=1}^N \cos(\theta_j) + \cos(\theta_{j+1})}.$$

We now wish find an analogue of the transfer matrix from the analysis of the Ising model. To do this, we need the concept of integral operators. Given any  $L^2$  function  $f(x, y)$  on a domain  $E \times E$ , we can define the operator  $L_f : L^2(E) \rightarrow L^2(E)$  by

$$(L_f g)(x) = \int_E f(x, y) g(y) dy$$

for any  $g \in L^2(E)$ .

Define  $f(\theta, \phi) : [0, 2\pi] \times [0, 2\pi]$  by

$$f(\theta, \phi) = e^{\beta\tau \cos(\theta - \phi)} e^{\frac{\beta h}{2} (\cos(\theta) + \cos(\phi))}.$$

Then the integral operator  $\hat{T} = L_f$  plays the same role as the transfer matrix above. Since  $f$  is in  $L^2([0, 2\pi]^2)$ ,  $\hat{T}$  is trace-class and we have

$$Z = \int_{[0,2\pi]^N} \left( \prod_{j=1}^N d\theta_j \right) f(\theta_1, \theta_2) \dots f(\theta_N, \theta_1) = \text{Tr } \hat{T}^N.$$

Again, our new goal is to write  $\hat{T} = I - \tau \hat{H}$  when  $\tau$  is small for some Hamiltonian on the one site Hilbert space  $L^2([0, 2\pi])$ . Recall that the set  $B = \{\psi_m := \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{im\theta} \mid m \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  forms an orthonormal basis for  $L^2([0, 2\pi])$ . We will approximate the action of  $\hat{T}$  on elements  $\psi_m$  of this basis in order to find our approximate Hamiltonian  $\hat{H}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (\hat{T}\psi_m)(\theta) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{\beta\tau \cos(\theta - \phi)} e^{\frac{\beta h}{2} (\cos(\theta) + \cos(\phi))} e^{im\phi} d\phi \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{\frac{1}{2}\beta h \cos(\theta)} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{\beta\tau \cos(\theta - \phi)} e^{\frac{1}{2}\beta h \cos(\phi)} e^{im\phi} d\phi. \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

We can use a Fourier transform to rewrite the  $\cos(\theta - \phi)$  portion of the exponential in Eq. (2).

$$e^{-\beta\tau + \beta\tau \cos(\theta - \phi)} = \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{i\ell(\theta - \phi)} I_\ell(\beta\tau), \quad (3)$$

where  $I_\ell(\beta)$  is the Bessel function of imaginary argument. In particular, we will let  $\beta_\tau = \tau^{-1}$  so that  $\beta_\tau$  is large when  $\tau$  goes to 0. Then we can approximate  $I_\ell(\beta_\tau)$  by the Gaussian  $e^{-\ell^2/2\beta_\tau}$  and Eq. (3) becomes

$$e^{\beta_\tau \cos(\theta - \phi)} \approx e^{\beta_\tau} \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{i\ell(\theta - \phi)} e^{-\ell^2/2\beta_\tau} \quad (4)$$

$$= e^{1/\tau} \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{i\ell(\theta - \phi)} e^{-\tau\ell^2/2}. \quad (5)$$

After substituting Eq. (5) into Eq. (2), we can use absolute convergence of the sum to rewrite the expression further.

$$\begin{aligned} (\hat{T}\psi_m)(\theta) &\approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{\frac{1}{2}\beta h \cos(\theta)} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{1/\tau} \left( \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{i\ell(\theta-\phi)} e^{-\tau\ell^2/2} \right) e^{\frac{1}{2}\beta h \cos(\phi)} e^{im\phi} d\phi \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{\frac{1}{2}\beta h \cos(\theta)+1/\tau} \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{i\ell\theta-\tau\ell^2/2} \left( \int_0^{2\pi} e^{\frac{1}{2}\beta h \cos(\phi)} e^{i(m-\ell)\phi} \right) d\phi. \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

At this point, we want  $\beta\beta_\tau$  to remain finite as  $\tau$  goes to 0, so  $\beta = \lambda\tau$  for some constant  $\lambda$ . Thus  $\frac{1}{2}\beta h \cos(\phi)$  goes to 0 as  $\tau$  goes to 0 and we can expand the corresponding exponential in Eq. (6). We then use orthogonality to evaluate the resulting integral.

$$\begin{aligned} (\hat{T}\psi_m)(\theta) &\approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{\frac{\lambda\tau h}{2} \cos(\theta)+1/\tau} \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{i\ell\theta-\tau\ell^2/2} \left( \int_0^{2\pi} \left( 1 - \left( \frac{\lambda\tau h}{2} \cos(\phi) \right)^2 \right) e^{i(m-\ell)\phi} \right) d\phi, \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{\frac{\lambda\tau h}{2} \cos(\theta)+1/\tau} \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{i\ell\theta-\tau\ell^2/2} \left( 2\pi\delta_{\ell,m} - \frac{\lambda^2\tau^2 h^2}{4} \int_0^{2\pi} \cos^2(\phi) e^{i(m-\ell)\phi} \right) d\phi, \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{\frac{\lambda\tau h}{2} \cos(\theta)+1/\tau} \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{i\ell\theta-\tau\ell^2/2} \left( 2\pi\delta_{\ell,m} - \frac{\lambda^2\tau^2 h^2}{4} \int_0^{2\pi} \left( \frac{e^{i\theta} + e^{-i\theta}}{2} \right)^2 e^{i(m-\ell)\phi} \right) d\phi, \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{\frac{\lambda\tau h}{2} \cos(\theta)+1/\tau} \sum_{\ell \in \mathbb{Z}} 2\pi e^{i\ell\theta-\tau\ell^2/2} \left( \delta_{\ell,m} - \frac{\lambda^2\tau^2 h^2}{16} (\delta_{m+2,\ell} + 2\delta_{m,\ell} + \delta_{m-2,\ell}) \right), \\ &= \sqrt{2\pi} e^{\frac{\lambda\tau h}{2} \cos(\theta)+1/\tau} \left( e^{im\theta} e^{-\tau m^2/2} - \frac{\lambda^2\tau^2 h^2}{16} (e^{i(m+2)\theta} e^{-\tau(m+2)^2/2} + \right. \\ &\quad \left. 2e^{im\theta} e^{-\tau m^2/2} + e^{i(m-2)\theta} e^{-\tau(m-2)^2/2}) \right). \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

## 4. Spherical Model

## 5. Lattice Gauge Theories

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