## The hitchhiker's guide to the (critical) planar Ising model. TA3.

Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}$  be a bounded (not necessarily simply connected) domain,  $a \in \Omega$  and  $|\eta| = 1$ . Recall that  $f^{[\eta]}(a, \cdot) : \Omega \setminus \{a\} \to \mathbb{C}$  is defined as the unique[!] holomorphic function such that

$$f^{[\eta]}(a,z) = \frac{\overline{\eta}}{z-a} + O(1)$$
 as  $z \to a$ ,  $f^{[\eta]}(a,\zeta) \in (\tau(\zeta))^{-1/2}\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\zeta \in \partial\Omega$ ,

where  $\tau(\zeta)$  denotes the tangent vector to  $\Omega$  (oriented so that  $\Omega$  remains to the left of  $\tau(\zeta)$ ).

**Problem 1.** (a) Prove that there exists (unique) functions f(a,z) and  $f^*(a,z)$  such that

$$f^{[\eta]}(a,z) = \frac{1}{2} [\overline{\eta} f(a,z) + \eta f^{\star}(a,z)]$$
 for all  $z, \eta$ .

(b) Denote  $f^{[\eta,\mu]}(w,z) := \text{Re}[\overline{\mu}f(w,z)]$ , where  $w \neq z$  and  $|\eta| = |\mu| = 1$ . Prove that  $f^{[\mu,\eta]}(z,w) = -f^{[\eta,\mu]}(w,z)$ .

Hint: Consider  $\oint_{\partial\Omega} f^{[\eta]}(w,\zeta) f^{[\mu]}(z,\zeta) d\zeta$ .

(c) Deduce that f(z,w) = -f(w,z) and  $f^*(z,w) = -\overline{f^*(w,z)}$ . In particular, f(z,w) is holomorphic in both variables whilst f(w,z) is holomorphic in z and anti-holomorphic in w. Argue that the definition

$$\langle \varepsilon_w \rangle_{\Omega}^+ := \frac{i}{2} f^{\star}(w, w)$$

makes sense and that  $\langle \varepsilon_w \rangle_{\Omega}^+ \in \mathbb{R}$ .

(d) Prove the conformal covariance rules: if  $\varphi:\Omega\to\Omega'$  is a conformal map, then

$$f_{\Omega}(w,z) = f_{\Omega'}(\varphi(w),\varphi(z)) \cdot (\varphi'(w))^{1/2} (\varphi'(z))^{1/2},$$

$$f_{\Omega}^{\star}(w,z) = f_{\Omega'}^{\star}(\varphi(w),\varphi(z)) \cdot (\overline{\varphi'(w)})^{1/2} (\varphi'(z))^{1/2}.$$

In particular, one has  $\langle \varepsilon_w \rangle_{\Omega}^+ = \langle \varepsilon_{\varphi(w)} \rangle_{\Omega'}^+ \cdot |\varphi'(w)|$ .

Recall that the holomorphic spinor  $g_{[v,u]}(z)$  (defined on the double cover of  $\Omega$  ramified over  $u, v \in \Omega, u \neq v$ ) is uniquely characterized by the following conditions:

$$g_{[v,u]}(z) = \frac{e^{-i\frac{\pi}{4}}}{\sqrt{z-v}} \cdot [1 + O(z-v)] \quad \text{as} \quad z \to v;$$
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$$g_{[v,u]}(z) = \frac{e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}}}{\sqrt{z-u}} \cdot [c + O(z-u)] \quad \text{as} \quad z \to u, \quad \text{with an unknown} \quad c \in \mathbb{R}, \tag{2}$$

and the boundary conditions  $g_{[v,u]}(\zeta) \in (\tau(\zeta))^{-1/2}\mathbb{R}$  for  $\zeta \in \partial\Omega$ . Further, recall that  $\mathcal{A}(v,u)$  is defined as the next coefficient in the expansion of  $g_{[v,u]}(z)$  as  $z \to v$ :

$$g_{[v,u]}(z) = \frac{e^{-i\frac{\pi}{4}}}{\sqrt{z-v}} \cdot [1 + 2\mathcal{A}(v,u)(z-v) + O((z-v)^2)],$$

and that

$$\langle \sigma_u \sigma_v \rangle_{\Omega}^+ := \exp \left[ \int \operatorname{Re} \left[ \mathcal{A}(v, u) dv + \mathcal{A}(u, v) du \right] \right],$$

where the multiplicative normalization is chosen so that  $\langle \sigma_u \sigma_v \rangle_{\Omega}^+ \sim |u-v|^{-1/4}$  as  $u \to v$ .

**Problem 2.** The goal is to prove the fusion rule  $\sigma\sigma \rightsquigarrow 1 + \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon + \ldots$ , more precisely:

$$\langle \sigma_v \sigma_u \rangle_{\Omega}^+ = |v - u|^{-1/4} \cdot \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{2} \langle \varepsilon_v \rangle_{\Omega}^+ \cdot |v - u| + o(|v - u|) \right] \quad \text{as} \quad v \to u$$
 (3)

(not using explicit expressions available in simply connected  $\Omega$ ), where the correlation functions  $\langle \sigma_u \sigma_v \rangle_{\Omega}^+$  and  $\langle \varepsilon \rangle_{\Omega}^+$  are defined above.

Denote  $\eta := e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}} \cdot (\overline{v} - \overline{u})^{1/2}/|v - u|^{1/2}$ . First, take for granted that  $\langle \varepsilon_v \rangle_{\Omega}^+ \to \langle \varepsilon_u \rangle_{\Omega}^+$  and

$$g_{[v,u]}(z) = |v-u|^{1/2} \cdot \left[ f^{[\eta]}(v,z) \cdot \left( \frac{z-v}{z-u} \right)^{1/2} + o(1) \right] \text{ as } v \to u,$$
 (4)

uniformly on compact subsets  $z \in \Omega \setminus \{u\}$ .

Remark: The right-hand side of (4) is chosen so that the difference does not blow up at z = v and approximately satisfies (2) and the boundary conditions, so it should be small.

(a) Deduce from (4) that

$$2\mathcal{A}_{[v,u]} + \frac{1}{2(v-u)} = \langle \varepsilon_v \rangle_{\Omega}^+ \cdot \frac{|v-u|}{v-u} + o(1) \quad \text{as} \quad v \to u.$$

*Hint:* Consider  $\oint g_{[v,u]}(z) \cdot (z-u)^{1/2} (z-v)^{-3/2} dz$ 

- (b) Deduce (3) from (4) and the asymptotics  $\langle \sigma_u \sigma_v \rangle_{\Omega}^+ \sim |v u|^{-1/4}$  as  $v \to u$ .
- (c) Prove that  $\langle \varepsilon_v \rangle_{\Omega}^+ \to \langle \varepsilon_u \rangle_{\Omega}^+$  as  $v \to u$ .

Hint: Argue that each subsequential limit of  $f^{[\eta]}(v,\cdot)$  must coincide with  $f^{[\eta]}(u,\cdot)$ .

(d)\* Prove (4).

More information on correlations of  $\psi, \mu, \sigma, \varepsilon$  and fusion rules: [Section 4, arXiv:1605.09035]