

# Lecture 3 Random Field Ising Model (RFIM)

Consider  $H_N(\vec{s}, \vec{h}) = -\frac{N}{2} \left( \frac{\sum_i s_i}{N} \right)^2 - \sum_i h_i s_i$ ,

$$s_i = \{-1, +1\}$$

where

$$h_i \sim N(0, \Delta)$$

random fields

As before, we're interested in the  $N \rightarrow \infty$  limit.  $\Phi(\beta, \Delta)$ , as explained below

Focus on  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \log Z_N(\vec{h})$ , where

$$\vec{h} = (h_1, \dots, h_N) \text{ and } Z_N(\vec{h}) = \sum_{\{\vec{s}\}} e^{-\beta H_N(\vec{s}, \vec{h})}$$

$\frac{1}{N} \log Z_N$  is a random variable which converges to its mean in the  $N \rightarrow \infty$  limit. Then

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \uparrow & \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \log Z_N(\beta, \vec{h}) \equiv & \uparrow \\ \text{"self-averaging"} & & \text{make } T\text{-dependence explicit} \end{array}$$

$$\equiv \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} E_{\vec{h}} [\log Z_N(\beta, \vec{h})] \equiv$$

$$\equiv \Phi(\beta, \Delta).$$

We will compute  $\phi(\beta, \Delta)$  with the replica method:

consider  $z^n = e^{n \log z} = 1 + n \log z + o(n)$ , or  
 $n \ll 1$

$$\log z = \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{z^n - 1}{n}$$

'replica trick'

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } E[\log z] &= E\left[\lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{z^n - 1}{n}\right] = \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{E[z^n] - 1}{n} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \\ &\Rightarrow n \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow n \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow \\ &\Rightarrow n \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned}$$

$E[z^n]$  is easier to compute than  $E[\log z]$ , for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Replicated partition function:

$$z^n = \sum_{\{\vec{s}^{(1)}\}} \dots \sum_{\{\vec{s}^{(n)}\}} e^{\beta \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \left[ \frac{N}{2} \left( \frac{\sum_i s_i^{(\alpha)}}{N} \right)^2 + \sum_i h_i s_i^{(\alpha)} \right]}$$

Next,

$$E_h[z^n] = E_h \left[ \sum_{\{\vec{s}^{(\alpha)}\}_{\alpha=1}^n} e^{\beta \frac{N}{2} \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \left( \frac{\sum_i s_i^{(\alpha)}}{N} \right)^2 + \beta \sum_{\alpha} \sum_i h_i s_i^{(\alpha)}} \right] \equiv$$

$$\equiv N^n E_h \left[ \sum_{\{\vec{s}^{(d)}\}_{d=1}^n} \left( \int dm_1 \dots dm_n \times \right. \right. \\ \times \delta\left(\sum_i s_i^{(1)} - Nm_1\right) \dots \delta\left(\sum_i s_i^{(n)} - Nm_n\right) \times \\ \left. \left. \times e^{\beta \frac{N}{2} m_1^2} \dots e^{\beta \frac{N}{2} m_n^2} \right) e^{\beta \sum_d \sum_i h_i s_i^{(d)}} \right] \diamond$$

Recall that  $\delta(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\lambda e^{i\lambda x}$

$$\diamond \left( \frac{N}{2\pi i} \right)^n E_h \left[ \sum_{\{\vec{s}^{(d)}\}_{d=1}^n} e^{\beta \sum_d \sum_i h_i s_i^{(d)}} \times \right. \\ \times \left( \prod_{d=1}^n \int dm_d d\lambda_d e^{i\lambda_d \left( \sum_i s_i^{(d)} - Nm_d \right)} e^{\beta \frac{N}{2} m_d^2} \right) = \\ \left. i\lambda_d = \hat{m}_d \Rightarrow d\lambda_d = \frac{d\hat{m}_d}{i} \right]$$

$$= \left( \frac{N}{2\pi i} \right)^n E_h \left[ \sum_{\{\vec{s}^{(d)}\}_{d=1}^n} e^{\beta \sum_d \sum_i h_i s_i^{(d)}} \left( \prod_{d=1}^n \int dm_d d\hat{m}_d \times \right. \right. \\ \times \left. \left. e^{\hat{m}_d \left( \sum_i s_i^{(d)} - Nm_d \right)} e^{\beta \frac{N}{2} m_d^2} \right) \right] \sim$$

$$\sim \left( \prod_{d=1}^n \int dm_d d\hat{m}_d \right) e^{\beta \frac{N}{2} \sum_d m_d^2 - N \sum_d \hat{m}_d m_d} \times$$

$$\times E_h \left[ \sum_{\{\vec{s}^{(d)}\}_{d=1}^n} \underbrace{e^{\sum_d \hat{m}_d \left( \sum_i s_i^{(d)} \right) + \beta \sum_d \sum_i h_i s_i^{(d)}}}_{\prod_d \prod_i e^{\hat{m}_d s_i^{(d)} + \beta h_i s_i^{(d)}}} \right] \odot$$

$$\textcircled{=}\int \dots \int \left( \prod_{\alpha} dm_{\alpha} d\hat{m}_{\alpha} \right) e^{\beta \frac{N}{2} \sum_{\alpha} m_{\alpha}^2 - N \sum_{\alpha} \hat{m}_{\alpha} m_{\alpha}} \times e^{N \log(E_h[\prod_{\alpha} 2 \cosh(\beta h + \hat{m}_{\alpha})])}$$

Indeed,

$$E_h[\dots] = E_h \left[ \prod_i \prod_{\alpha} \sum_{\substack{S_i^{(\alpha)} = \pm 1}} e^{\hat{m}_{\alpha} S_i^{(\alpha)} + \beta h_i S_i^{(\alpha)}} \right] = \prod_i \prod_{\alpha} \underbrace{\sum_{S_i^{(\alpha)} = \pm 1} e^{\hat{m}_{\alpha} S_i^{(\alpha)} + \beta h_i S_i^{(\alpha)}}}_{2 \cosh(\beta h_i + \hat{m}_{\alpha})}$$

$$= E_h \left[ \prod_i \left( \prod_{\alpha} 2 \cosh(\beta h_i + \hat{m}_{\alpha}) \right) \right] = \left\{ E_h \left[ \prod_{\alpha} 2 \cosh(\beta h + \hat{m}_{\alpha}) \right] \right\}^N$$

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single h!

$$\text{So, } E_h[Z^n] \sim \int dm_1 d\hat{m}_1 \dots dm_n d\hat{m}_n \times$$

$$\times e^{N \left\{ \frac{\beta}{2} \sum_{\alpha} m_{\alpha}^2 - \sum_{\alpha} m_{\alpha} \hat{m}_{\alpha} + \log(E_h[\prod_{\alpha} 2 \cosh(\beta h + \hat{m}_{\alpha})]) \right\}}$$

assume  $\begin{cases} m_{\alpha} = m \\ \hat{m}_{\alpha} = \hat{m} \end{cases} \quad \forall \alpha$

[replica symmetry ansatz]  
(RS)

$$\text{Then } E_h[Z^n] \sim \int dm d\hat{m} e^{N \left\{ \frac{\beta}{2} n m^2 - n m \hat{m} + \log(E_h[2^n \cosh^n(\beta h + \hat{m})]) \right\}}$$

use saddle-point

Finally,

$$\Phi(\beta, \Delta) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{E_{\vec{h}}[Z^n(\beta, \vec{h})] - 1}{n} \quad (\equiv)$$

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replica trick

$$\stackrel{(\equiv)}{\uparrow} \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{E_{\vec{h}}[Z^n] - 1}{N}$$

Swap  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty}$  &  $\lim_{n \rightarrow 0}$  (not rigorous)

$$\frac{1}{N} \log(E_{\vec{h}}[Z^n]) \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} \max_{m, \hat{m}} \left\{ \frac{\beta}{2} n m^2 - n m \hat{m} + \log(E_n[Z^n \cosh^n(\beta h + \hat{m})]) \right\}$$

as  $n \rightarrow 0$ ,  $E_{\vec{h}}[Z^n] \rightarrow 1$  and  
from above

$$\log(E_{\vec{h}}[Z^n]) \rightarrow E_{\vec{h}}[Z^n] - 1$$

Taylor  
expansion  
of  $\log(x)$

$$\text{So, } \Phi(\beta, \Delta) = \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n} \max_{m, \hat{m}} \left\{ \frac{\beta}{2} n m^2 - n m \hat{m} + \log(E_n[Z^n \cosh^n(\beta h + \hat{m})]) \right\}$$

Next, note that  $E[X^n] = E[e^{n \log X}] \approx_{n \ll 1}$

$$\approx E[1 + n \log X] = 1 + n E[\log X] \approx$$

$$\approx e^{n E[\log X]}, \text{ or}$$

$$\log E[X^n] \approx n E[\log X].$$

$E$  can be taken in & out of the log.

$$\text{Then } \Phi(\beta, \Delta) = \max_{m, \hat{m}} \left\{ \frac{\beta}{2} m^2 - m \hat{m} + E_h [\log(2 \cosh(\beta(h + \hat{m})))] \right\}$$

Saddle points:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial m} \{ \dots \} = \beta m - \hat{m} = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{m} = \underline{\underline{\beta m}}$$

$$\text{Then } \Phi_{RS}(m, \beta, \Delta) \equiv -\frac{\beta}{2} m^2 + E_h [\log(2 \cosh[\beta(h + m)])].$$

$$\text{So, } \Phi(\beta, \Delta) = \max_m \Phi_{RS}(m, \beta, \Delta) = \Phi_{RS}(m^*, \beta, \Delta),$$

where

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial m} \Phi_{RS} = -\beta m + E_h \left[ \frac{2 \sinh[\beta(h + m)]}{2 \cosh[\beta(h + m)]} \right] \beta = 0, \text{ or}$$

$$m = E_h [\tanh[\beta(h + m)]] = \\ = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dh \frac{e^{-h^2/2\Delta}}{\sqrt{2\pi\Delta}} \tanh[\beta(h + m)].$$

self-consistent eq'n for  $m$ ,  
need to solve it to find  $m^*$   
and thus  $\Phi(\beta, \Delta)$ .

Recall that the average energy per spin is given by

$$\langle e \rangle = - \frac{\partial \Phi(\beta, \Delta)}{\partial \beta} = \frac{(m^*)^2}{2} - E_h[(h+m^*) \tanh[\beta(h+m^*)]]$$

as  $T \rightarrow 0$  ( $\beta \rightarrow \infty$ ),

$\tanh[\beta(h+m^*)] \rightarrow \text{sgn}(h+m^*)$ , so that

$$\langle e \rangle \xrightarrow{T \rightarrow 0} \frac{(m^*)^2}{2} - E_h[(h+m^*) \text{sgn}(h+m^*)]$$

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min E  
of the system

