

1 Basic Idea

1.1 From Self-Similarity to Pattern Recognition

There are many kinds of self-similarity in Nature. Turbulence, for instance, has self-similarity at the critical point of parameters. This self-similarity indicates that, when you zoom-in a picture of turbulence, you should find that the original consists of many smaller turbulence each of which looks quite like the original. By saying “looks like”, we mean they share the same “pattern”. That is, *they are not exactly the same, but same in pattern, which is recognized by our brain.*

Pattern recognition can also be made by Boltzmann machine (BM) ¹, which is a simplified but still efficient model of human brain. In Boltzmann machine, two pictures are recognized as the same pattern if they both locate within the same area of attractor of the corresponding Langevin dynamics.

So, we should connect the operation on the picture of turbulence with the Boltzmann machine that recognizes the patterns. That is, *the pictures before and after the operation should obey the same Boltzmann machine.*

In the next several sections, we expand the theme carefully, declaring what the configuration space and operation should be described in mathematics. And how Boltzmann machine is changed by the operation. This gives birth to renormalization group (RG). After all has been clarified, we can see what self-similarity really means.

2 Renormalization Group

2.1 Configuration Space and Operations

First of all, we declare what the configuration space should be. A picture is numerically described by a 2D array of float type, the size of which determines the precision of the picture. Generally, we should consider the continuous version, from which the discrete or array version can be deduced, no matter what the precision is. So, a configuration should be described by a real scalar field, say $\varphi(x)$, where x in the region A and $\varphi(x) \in \mathbb{R}$ for each $x \in A$.

Then, the operation of zooming in is nothing but marginalizing some component $\varphi(x)$ in the probability density functional (PDF) of φ , $p[\varphi]$, which gives the probability density on a configuration φ .

Apart from the operation of zooming in picture, there are many kinds of operation that may be interested in. This hint us to generalize the discussion to the most generic case. The mathematical tool for this purpose is representation theory ². Let $|\varphi\rangle$ the state of a configuration, and $\{|x\rangle|x \in \mathcal{X}\}$ a complete orthogonal base, which may not be spatial coordinate. The configuration is described by the mode like $\varphi(x) := \langle x|\varphi\rangle$. Now, the $\varphi(x) \in \mathbb{C}$, for instance when $|x\rangle$ represents Fourier mode. With this, the general operation should be nothing but marginalizing some mode in the probability density functional $p[\varphi]$.

2.2 Boltzmann Machine and Action Functional

Boltzmann machine describes the probability density functional of configuration φ by a functional called **action** in physics, or **energy** in machine learning, $S[\varphi] \in \mathbb{R}$, as

$$\frac{e^{-S[\varphi]}}{\prod_{x \in \mathcal{X}} \int_{\mathbb{C}} d[\psi(x)] d[\bar{\psi}(x)] e^{-S[\psi]}}.$$

Notice that for complex variable, we shall use the $\int_{\mathbb{C}} dz d\bar{z}$ type integral. Indeed, let $z = x + iy$, we have $dz \wedge d\bar{z} = (-2i)dx \wedge dy$. Even though writing so, it does not mean that z and \bar{z} are independent variables, since there are only two degree of freedom.

1. An example of deep Boltzmann machine used for pattern abstraction on the MNIST dataset can be found [here](#).

2. For representation theory, see Dirac's *The Principles of Quantum Mechanics*.

If the action functional depends only a subset of all modes, say $\{\varphi(x)|x \in V\}$ with $V \subset \mathcal{X}$, then we should add a subscript V to action functional, and the probability density functional becomes

$$\frac{e^{-S_V[\varphi]}}{\prod_{x \in V} \int_{\mathbb{C}} d[\psi(x)] d[\bar{\psi}(x)] e^{-S_V[\psi]}}.$$

2.3 Continuous Symmetries and Gauge Fixing

We may have translational symmetry. Let relaxation $\varphi \rightarrow \varphi_*$, which φ_* denotes the attractor on the area of which φ sits. Let $\psi(x) := \varphi(x+z)$ for constant z , and relaxation $\psi \rightarrow \psi_*$. If translational symmetry holds, we should expect that $\psi_*(x) = \varphi_*(x+z)$ and that $S[\varphi_*] = S[\psi_*]$. This implies a gauge problem: the extremum of S is not a single value, but a sub-manifold along the symmetry.

The same holds for any other continuous symmetry, such as rotational symmetry.

To deal with this gauge problem, consider a Boltzmann machine that is to learn a rectangle. It will relax a perturbed rectangle to the “standard” one, the learned pattern. This learning task encounters the translational symmetry: a rectangle is still the same rectangle after being translationally moved. The method to solve this problem is gauge fixing. For instance, the dataset is a collection of hand-drawn rectangle images, and φ represents the gray level in range $[0, 1]$. We are to move all images in dataset to be centered at the original. This can be done by shifting $x \rightarrow x - m$ where $m := \text{mean}(\{x | \varphi(x) > 0\})$. Because of central limit theorem, this m is stable for random perturbation. After this shifting, all images are properly centered, and the gauge is fixed.

This can be seen as a re-definition of coordinates. Indeed, in the case of rotational symmetry, we re-define the Cartesian coordinates to polar coordinates. As in the case of translational symmetry, this re-definition of coordinates fixes the gauge caused by rotational symmetry.

2.4 From Operation to Renormalization Group

Next, we perform the operation that marginalizes some modes. Let $V' \subset V$. Marginalizing the modes in $V \setminus V'$ results in

$$\prod_{x \in V \setminus V'} \int_{\mathbb{C}} d[\varphi(x)] d[\bar{\varphi}(x)] \frac{e^{-S_V[\varphi]}}{\prod_{x \in V} \int_{\mathbb{C}} d[\psi(x)] d[\bar{\psi}(x)] e^{-S_V[\psi]}}.$$

On the other hand, this probability density functional of configuration should also be described by a Boltzmann machine, which has action functional $S_{V'}$.

$$\prod_{x \in V \setminus V'} \int_{\mathbb{C}} d[\varphi(x)] d[\bar{\varphi}(x)] \frac{e^{-S_V[\varphi]}}{\prod_{x \in V} \int_{\mathbb{C}} d[\psi(x)] d[\bar{\psi}(x)] e^{-S_V[\psi]}} = \frac{e^{-S_{V'}[\varphi]}}{\prod_{x \in V'} \int_{\mathbb{C}} d[\psi(x)] d[\bar{\psi}(x)] e^{-S_{V'}[\psi]}}.$$

This equation has the solution

$$e^{-S_{V'}[\varphi]} = C \prod_{x \in V \setminus V'} \int_{\mathbb{C}} d[\varphi(x)] d[\bar{\varphi}(x)] e^{-S_V[\varphi]},$$

where C is independent of φ . This is the **renormalization group**.

Indeed, by applying $\prod_{x \in V'} \int_{\mathbb{C}^2} d[\varphi(x)] d[\bar{\varphi}(x)]$ on both sides, we find up to a constant,

$$\prod_{x \in V'} \int_{\mathbb{C}} d[\varphi(x)] d[\bar{\varphi}(x)] e^{-S_{V'}[\varphi]} = \prod_{x \in V} \int_{\mathbb{C}} d[\varphi(x)] d[\bar{\varphi}(x)] e^{-S_V[\varphi]},$$

which is the starting point of deriving non-perturbative renormalization group equation given by Aoki, equation (77). If $V' \approx V$, the integration in the solution can be simplified by linear approximation, which turns to be the renormalization group equation.

2.5 Self-Similarity in Renormalization Group

By the previous discussion, the same in pattern means the same in Boltzmann machine. This implies the equality of action functional, before and after the operation. That is, $S_V = S_{V'}$.

3 Renormalization Group Equation

3.1 Deriving Renormalization Group Equation

Consider a continuous family of V , $\{V(t)|t \in [0, 1]\}$, such that $V(0) = V$ and $V(1) = V'$, and that $V(t) \subset V(t')$ as long as $t > t'$. This family describes a “continuous compression” from V to V' , which in turn gives birth to a functional autonomous differential equation of $S_{V(t)}$, called renormalization group equation (RGE).

Now, we are to derive the explicit form of this equation. Given t , the first step is separating $\varphi(x)$ as $\{\varphi(x)|x \in V(t)\}$ and $\{\varphi(x)|x \in dV(t)\}$, where $dV(t) := V(t) \setminus V(t+dt)$. To make it apparent, we use ϕ for the later. So, the action functional $S_{V(t)}[\varphi]$ is turned to be $S_{V(t)}[\varphi, \phi]$, wherein the φ with $x \in V(t)$ may be coupled with the ϕ . When $\phi = 0$, φ is decoupled with ϕ in $S_{V(t)}$. Our aim is to derive the difference between $S_{V(t)}[\varphi, 0]$ and $S_{V(t+dt)}[\varphi]$, where the φ in both action functional run over the same $V(t+dt)$. With this declaration, the renormalization group becomes

$$\exp(-S_{V(t+dt)}[\varphi]) = C \prod_{x \in dV(t)} \int_{\mathbb{C}} d[\phi(x)] d[\bar{\phi}(x)] \exp(-S_{V(t)}[\varphi, \phi]).$$

By multiplying $\exp(S_{V(t)}[\varphi, 0])$ on both sides, we get

$$\exp(-S_{V(t+dt)}[\varphi] + S_{V(t)}[\varphi, 0]) = C \prod_{x \in dV(t)} \int_{\mathbb{C}} d[\phi(x)] d[\bar{\phi}(x)] \exp(-S_{V(t)}[\varphi, \phi] + S_{V(t)}[\varphi, 0]).$$

Now, we are to expand the term in the integrand, $S_{V(t)}[\varphi, \phi]$, by ϕ . Recall that the $S_{V(t+dt)}[\varphi, \phi]$ is short for $S_{V(t+dt)}[\varphi, \bar{\phi}, \phi, \bar{\phi}]$. A formal expansion at the first order shall be³

$$\int_{dV(t)} dx \frac{\delta S_{V(t)}}{\delta \phi(x)} [\varphi, 0] \phi(x) + \int_{dV(t)} dx \frac{\delta S_{V(t)}}{\delta \bar{\phi}(x)} [\varphi, 0] \bar{\phi}(x).$$

From $S_{V(t)} \in \mathbb{R}$, we get $\overline{\delta S_{V(t)} / \delta \phi(x)} = \delta S_{V(t)} / \delta \bar{\phi}(x)$. At the second order, it is⁴

$$\int_{dV(t)} dx dy \bar{\phi}(x) \frac{\delta^2 S_{V(t)}}{\delta \phi(x) \delta \phi(y)} \phi(y).$$

Since $S_{V(t)} \in \mathbb{R}$, $\delta^2 S_{V(t)} / \delta \bar{\phi}(x) \delta \phi(y)$ is Hermitian, that is

$$\overline{\frac{\delta^2 S_{V(t)}}{\delta \bar{\phi}(x) \delta \phi(y)}} = \frac{\delta^2 S_{V(t)}}{\delta \bar{\phi}(y) \delta \phi(x)}.$$

So, up to the second order, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & -S_{V(t+dt)}[\varphi, \phi] + S_{V(t)}[\varphi, 0] \\ &= - \int_{dV(t)} dx \frac{\delta S_{V(t)}}{\delta \phi(x)} [\varphi, 0] \phi(x) - \int_{dV(t)} dx \frac{\delta S_{V(t)}}{\delta \bar{\phi}(x)} [\varphi, 0] \bar{\phi}(x) \\ & \quad - \int_{dV(t)} dx \int_{dV(t)} dx' \bar{\phi}(x) \frac{\delta^2 S_{V(t)}}{\delta \phi(x) \delta \phi(x')} [\varphi, 0] \phi(x') \\ & \quad - \dots \end{aligned}$$

3. To declare the first order expansion, consider the example that $S[\phi] = \int dx f(x) \phi(x)$, where $f, \phi \in \mathbb{R}$. To make it complex, we convert it to Fourier space. Namely, $S[\phi] = \int dp f(p) \bar{\phi}(p)$. But since $S[\phi] \in \mathbb{R}$, we instead consider $S[\phi] \equiv (1/2)(S[\phi] + \bar{S}[\phi]) = (1/2) \int dp [f(p) \bar{\phi}(p) + \bar{f}(p) \phi(p)]$. Formally, regarding ϕ and $\bar{\phi}$ as different variables, which is what “formally” means, we have $f(p) = 2\delta S / \delta \bar{\phi}(p)$ and $\bar{f}(p) = 2\delta S / \delta \phi(p)$. So, we have $S[\phi] = \int dp [(\delta S / \delta \phi(p)) \phi(p) + (\delta S / \delta \bar{\phi}(p)) \bar{\phi}(p)]$. The key is the “symmetization” step $S[\phi] \equiv (1/2)(S[\phi] + \bar{S}[\phi])$.

4. A formal expansion should be

$$\int_{dV(t)} dx dy \bar{\phi}(x) \frac{\delta^2 S_{V(t)}}{\delta \phi(x) \delta \phi(y)} \phi(y) + \frac{1}{2} \int_{dV(t)} dx dy \phi(x) \frac{\delta^2 S_{V(t)}}{\delta \phi(x) \delta \phi(y)} \phi(y) + \frac{1}{2} \int_{dV(t)} dx dy \bar{\phi}(x) \frac{\delta^2 S_{V(t)}}{\delta \phi(x) \delta \phi(y)} \bar{\phi}(y).$$

But, we suppose that both $\delta^2 S_{V(t)} / \delta \phi(x) \delta \phi(y)$ and $\delta^2 S_{V(t)} / \delta \bar{\phi}(x) \delta \bar{\phi}(y)$ vanish. To declare this, we consider the example that $S[\phi] = (1/2) \int dx dy f(x, y) \phi(x) \phi(y)$, where $f, \phi \in \mathbb{R}$. To make it complex, we convert it to Fourier space. Namely, $S[\phi] = (1/2) \int dp dp' f(p, p') \bar{\phi}(p) \phi(p')$, where $f(p, p') := \int dx dy f(x, y) \exp(ipx - ip'y)$. So, there is only the $\bar{\phi}\phi$ -term. Formally, regarding ϕ and $\bar{\phi}$ as different variables, which is what “formally” means, we have $f(p, p') = 2\delta^2 S / \delta \bar{\phi}(p) \delta \phi(p')$. So, we have, at the second order, $S[\phi] = \int dp dp' (\delta^2 S / \delta \bar{\phi}(p) \delta \phi(p')) \bar{\phi}(p) \phi(p')$.

So, up to the second order, the integral is a multi-dimensional complex Gaussian, which has result as

$$\exp\left(\int_{dV(t)} dx dy \frac{\delta S_{V(t)}}{\delta \phi(x)}[\varphi, 0] \left(\frac{\delta^2 S_{V(t)}}{\delta \bar{\phi} \delta \phi}[\varphi, 0]\right)^{-1}(x, y) \frac{\delta S_{V(t)}}{\delta \phi(y)}[\varphi, 0] - \int_{dV(t)} dx \ln\left(\frac{\delta^2 S_{V(t)}}{\delta \bar{\phi}(x) \delta \phi(x)}[\varphi, 0]\right) + \text{Const}\right),$$

where the inverse operator is defined by

$$\int_{dV(t)} dx' \frac{\delta^2 S_{V(t)}}{\delta \bar{\phi}(x) \delta \phi(x')}[\varphi, 0] \left(\frac{\delta^2 S_{V(t)}}{\delta \bar{\phi} \delta \phi}[\varphi, 0]\right)^{-1}(x', y) = \delta(x - y).$$

The other terms can be seen as a perturbative expansion based on this Gaussian term, and thus all are proportional to higher order of $|dV(t)|$, being omissible. So, letting

$$dS_{V(t)}[\varphi] := S_{V(t+dt)}[\varphi] - S_{V(t)}[\varphi, 0],$$

we arrive at a differential equation, up to a φ -independent term,

$$\begin{aligned} dS_{V(t)}[\varphi] = & \int_{dV(t)} dx \ln\left(\frac{\delta^2 S_{V(t)}}{\delta \bar{\phi}(x) \delta \phi(x)}[\varphi, 0]\right) \\ & - \int_{dV(t)} dx dy \frac{\delta S_{V(t)}}{\delta \phi(x)}[\varphi, 0] \left(\frac{\delta^2 S_{V(t)}}{\delta \bar{\phi} \delta \phi}[\varphi, 0]\right)^{-1}(x, y) \frac{\delta S_{V(t)}}{\delta \bar{\phi}(y)}[\varphi, 0]. \end{aligned}$$

It is called (non-perturbative) **renormalization group equation**. This equation is also called the Wegner-Houghton equation. Wegner and Houghton first gave this formula in 1972⁵.

3.2 Self-Similarity May Relate to Limit Circle

How is self-similarity characterized by this renormalization group equation? An educated guess is that self-similarity is a limit circle of this autonomous differential equation. It starts at a point and travels along a circle. Finally it goes back to the starting point: the self-similarity. And then, it starts the same trip again.

4 Construction of Action Functional

4.1 Vanilla Boltzmann Machine with Locality

We are to consider the explicit form of the action functional for, for instance, picture. In this case, the x is 2-dimensional spatial coordinates. For vanilla Boltzmann machine, the action functional would be

$$S[\varphi] = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} dx b(x) \varphi(x) + \frac{1}{2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} dx dx' \varphi(x) W(x, x') \varphi(x')$$

for some bias b and kernel W . In the case of field theory, the kernel would be $W(x, x') = -\delta(x, x') \times [(1/2)(\partial^2/\partial x^2) + V(x)]$ for some “mass function” V . This form of kernel is local which means $W(x, y) \propto \delta(x, y)$. Under the locality assumption, we have the most general form of kernel: $W(x, x') = \delta(x - x') w(x)$, where

$$w(x) = a_0(x) + a_1(x) \partial^2 + \dots + a_n(x) \partial^{2n} + \dots.$$

In this case, action functional is reduced to

$$S[\varphi] = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} dx \left[b(x) \varphi(x) + \frac{1}{2} a_0(x) \varphi^2(x) + \frac{1}{2} a_1(x) (\partial \varphi(x))^2 + \dots \right]$$

The higher derivatives are involved, the larger range of “connections” between the “neurons”.⁶ Indeed, a function can be recovered in a larger range if we have higher derivatives on the origin.

The parameter space of $S[\varphi]$ is $\{b, a_0, a_1, \dots\}$.

⁵. *Renormalization Group Equation for Critical Phenomena* (DOI: 10.1103/PhysRevA.8.401).

⁶. Here the words “connection” and “neuron” come from the analogy of Boltzmann machine with human brain. The $W(x, y)$ is analogy to the weight between the neurons at x and y .

4.2 RGE of Vanilla BM with Locality Has Fixed Points at Everywhere

In this section, we deduce the renormalization group equation to the case of vanilla Boltzmann machine proposed previously. The φ , b , and a_n are all real. To eliminate the partial derivatives, we convert to the Fourier space.

In Fourier space, $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} dx b(x) \varphi(x) = (1/2) \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} dp [\bar{b}(p) \varphi(p) + b(p) \bar{\varphi}(p)]$. And

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} dx [a_0(x) \varphi^2(x) + a_1(x) \partial \varphi(x) \partial \varphi(x) + \dots] \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} dp dp' \bar{\varphi}(p) [a_0(p-p') + a_1(p-p') (p \cdot p') + a_2(p-p') (p \cdot p')^2 + \dots] \varphi(p') \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} dp dp' \bar{\varphi}(p) A(p, p') \varphi(p'), \end{aligned}$$

where $A(p, p') := \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} a_n(p-p') (p \cdot p')^n$. Since $a_n(x) \in \mathbb{R}$, we have $\bar{a}_n(p) = a_n(-p)$, and thus $A(p, p')^* = A(p', p)$. So, A is Hermitian.

To deduce the renormalization group equation, we restrict the Fourier mode with $V(t) := \{p \in \mathbb{R}^n | |p| \leq \exp(t)\}$. Thus,

$$S_{V(t)}[\varphi] = \frac{1}{2} \int_{V(t)} dp \bar{b}(p) \varphi(p) + \frac{1}{2} \int_{V(t)} dp b(p) \bar{\varphi}(p) + \frac{1}{2} \int_{V(t)} dp dp' \bar{\varphi}(p) A(p, p') \varphi(p').$$

Then, set $t=0$. As before, in the first step, we shall split $\varphi(p)$ by $\{\varphi(p) | p \in V(0)\}$ and $\{\varphi(p) | p \in dV\}$ and denote the later by $\phi(p)$. And then expand $S_{V(dt)}$ by φ and ϕ , as

$$\begin{aligned} S_{V(dt)}[\varphi, \phi] &= S_{V(0)}[\varphi, 0] \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \int_{dV} dp \bar{b}(p) \phi(p) + \frac{1}{2} \int_{dV} dp b(p) \bar{\phi}(p) \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \int_{V(0)} dp \int_{dV} dp' \bar{\varphi}(p) A(p, p') \phi(p') \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \int_{dV} dp \int_{V(0)} dp' \bar{\phi}(p) A(p, p') \varphi(p') \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \int_{dV} dp \int_{dV} dp' \bar{\phi}(p) A(p, p') \phi(p'). \end{aligned}$$

Formally, we have

$$\frac{\delta S_{V(t)}}{\delta \bar{\phi}(p)}[\varphi, 0] = \frac{1}{2} b(p) + \frac{1}{2} \int_{V(0)} dp' A(p, p') \varphi(p'),$$

and

$$\frac{\delta^2 S_{V(t)}}{\delta \bar{\phi}(p) \delta \phi(p')}[\varphi, 0] = \frac{1}{2} A(p, p').$$

The inverse operator of A , A^{-1} , has the property $AA^{-1} = 1$, that is $\int_{dV(t)} dp' A(p, p') A^{-1}(p', p'') = \delta(p - p'')$.

Let us plug these into the renormalization group equation, the second term comes to be

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{dV} dp dp' \frac{\delta S_{V(t)}}{\delta \bar{\phi}(p)}[\varphi, 0] \left(\frac{\delta^2 S_{V(t)}}{\delta \bar{\phi} \delta \phi}[\varphi, 0] \right)^{-1}(p, p') \frac{\delta S_{V(t)}}{\delta \bar{\phi}(p')}[\varphi, 0] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{dV} dp dp' \left[\bar{b}(p) + \int_{V(0)} dq A(q, p) \bar{\varphi}(q) \right] A^{-1}(p, p') \left[b(p') + \int_{V(0)} dq' A(p', q') \varphi(q') \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{dV} dp dp' \bar{b}(p) A^{-1}(p, p') b(p') \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \int_{V(0)} dq' \int_{dV} dp dp' \bar{b}(p) A^{-1}(p, p') A(p', q') \varphi(q') \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \int_{V(0)} dq \int_{dV} dp dp' \bar{\varphi}(q) A(q, p) A^{-1}(p, p') b(p') \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \int_{V(0)} dq \int_{V(0)} dq' \int_{dV} dp dp' \bar{\varphi}(q) A(q, p) A^{-1}(p, p') A(p', q') \varphi(q'). \end{aligned}$$

All the terms except for the first vanish. For example,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \int_{V(0)} dq' \int_{dV} dp dp' \bar{b}(p) A^{-1}(p, p') A(p', q') \varphi(q') \\ \{A^{-1}A = 1\} &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{V(0)} dq' \int_{dV} dp \bar{b}(p) \delta(p - q') \varphi(q') \\ \{p \neq q'\} &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \int_{V(0)} dq \int_{V(0)} dq' \int_{dV} dp dp' \bar{\varphi}(q) A(q, p) A^{-1}(p, p') A(p', q') \varphi(q') \\ \{AA^{-1} = 1\} &= \frac{1}{2} \int_{V(0)} dq \int_{V(0)} dq' \int_{dV} dp' \bar{\varphi}(q) \delta(q - p') A(p', q') \varphi(q') \\ \{q \neq p'\} &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

While, for the first term in the renormalization group equation,

$$\int_{dV} dp \ln \left(\frac{\delta^2 S_{V(t)}}{\delta \bar{\phi}(p) \delta \phi(p)} [\varphi, 0] \right) = \int_{dV} dp \ln(A(p, p)) = dV \ln(A(0, 0)).$$

Now, all terms in the renormalization group equation are independent of φ , so is the $dS_{V(0)}[\varphi]$. This means, marginalizing the modes in dV effects the action $S_V[\varphi]$ by adding a φ -independent “constant”, which is equivalent to simply removing the modes from $S_V[\varphi]$.

In other words, the renormalization group equation of vanilla Boltzmann machine with locality has fixed points at everywhere in the parameter space $\{b, a_0, a_1, \dots\}$.