

The Ising model

discrete
Lattice degrees of freedom with 2 values: $s_i = \pm 1$

Spins: coupled pair-wise in the Hamiltonian

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\langle i, j \rangle} J_{ij} s_i s_j - \beta \sum_i s_i$$

↑
external field

Restricted to nearest-neighbours coupling.

Objective: compute the partition function $Z = \sum_{\{s_i\}} e^{-\beta H(\{s_i\})}$

Solution of 1-d Ising model

Set $J = -\epsilon$

$$H = \sum_{i=0}^{N-1} H_{S_i, S_{i+1}}$$

$$H_{S_i, S_{i+1}} = -\epsilon S_i S_{i+1} + \frac{B}{2} (S_i + S_{i+1})$$

Use periodic BCs: $S_N \equiv S_0$

$$Z = \sum_{\{S_i\}} \prod_{i=0}^{N-1} \exp\{-\beta H_{S_i, S_{i+1}}\} = \text{Tr} T^N$$

↑ transfer matrix

$$T_{SS'} \equiv e^{-\beta H_{SS'}} = \begin{pmatrix} e^{\beta(\epsilon+B)} & e^{-\beta\epsilon} \\ e^{-\beta\epsilon} & e^{\beta(\epsilon-B)} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(T^2)_{ab} = \sum_c T_{ac} T_{cb}$$

To compute Z : diagonalizing T , get eigenvalues λ_0, λ_1

$$Z = T^N T^N = \lambda_0^N + \lambda_1^N \quad \text{Choose labelling s.t. } \lambda_0 > |\lambda_1|$$

Then the free energy density $\mathcal{F} = -\frac{T}{N} \ln Z$

becomes $\mathcal{F} = -T \ln \lambda_0$

Simple calculation: $\lambda_0 = \left[\frac{e^{\beta B} + 1}{2} \right]$

See notes for details. In particular:

$$\langle S \rangle = \frac{\sinh \beta B}{\sqrt{1 + \cosh^2 \beta B}} \rightarrow \text{no magnet}^m \text{ at } B=0$$

High-temperature expansion

Let's set $B=0$.

$$Z = \sum_{\{s_i\}} \prod_{\langle ij \rangle} e^{\epsilon \beta s_i s_j}$$

Simple identity:

lattice index
in d dim^{ns}

nearest neighbors

$$e^{\pm A} = \cosh A \pm \sinh A$$

$\tanh \epsilon \beta$

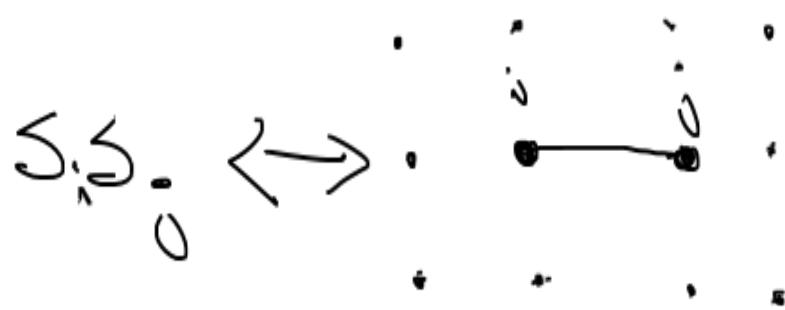
$$= \cosh A [1 \pm \tanh A]$$

$$\text{so } e^{\epsilon \beta s_i s_j} = \cosh \epsilon \beta [1 + s_i s_j \tanh \epsilon \beta]$$

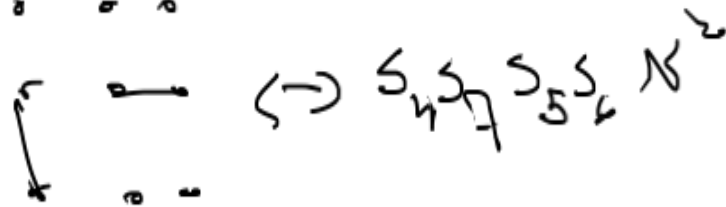
Can expand Z as a polynomial in v :

$$Z = [\cosh \epsilon \beta]^{Nz/2} \sum_{\{s_i\}} \prod_{\langle ij \rangle} [1 + s_i s_j v]$$

Pictorial represⁿ:



\circ_1 \circ_2 \circ_3
 \circ_4 \circ_5 \circ_6
 \circ_7 \circ_8 \circ_9

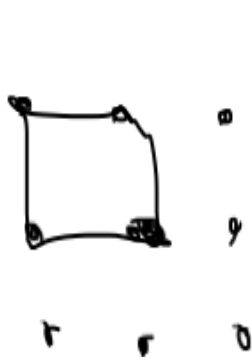


$$\Leftrightarrow S_4 S_7 S_5 S_6 N^2$$

$$\sum_{\{S_i\}} = \sum_{S_i = \pm 1} \sum_{S_{i+1} = \pm 1} \sum_{S_{i+2} = \pm 1}$$



$$\Leftrightarrow S_1 S_4 S_3 S_2 N^3$$



$$\Leftrightarrow S_1 S_4 S_3 S_2 S_5 S_6 S_7 S_8 N^4$$

Thus:

$$Z = \left[\cosh(\beta \varepsilon) \right]^{\frac{Nz}{2}} 2^N \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} g(l) N^l$$

$\vdots Nz/2 \rightarrow \infty$

Selling things up:

of closed loops of length l

- a closed path of l links: an arrowed path, from one point back to the same pt.



A closed path is called connected if it is made of a single body of links.

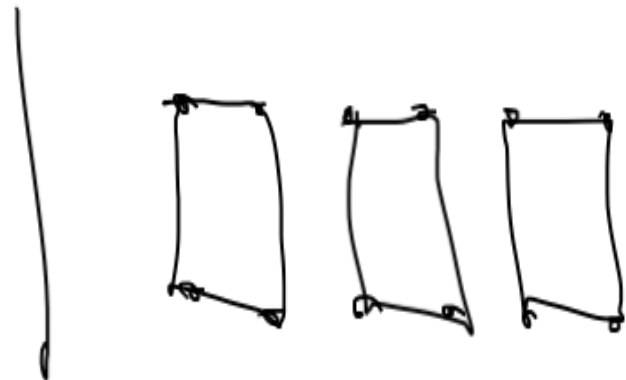
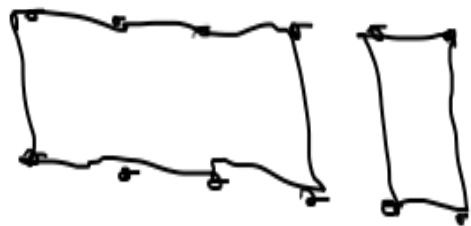
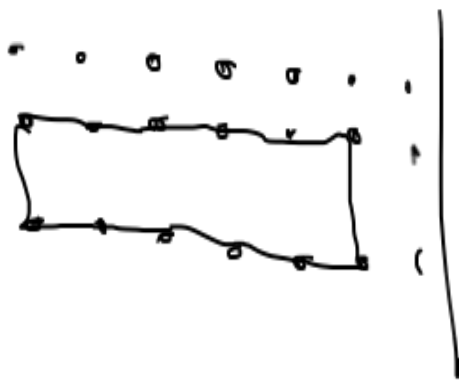
Let's call $h(l)$ the # of closed, connected paths of length l .

Define a handy f : $D(l) = \frac{1}{2l} h(l)$

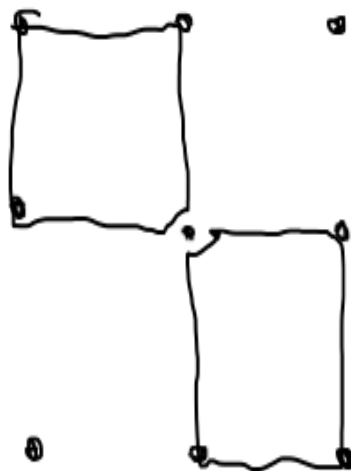
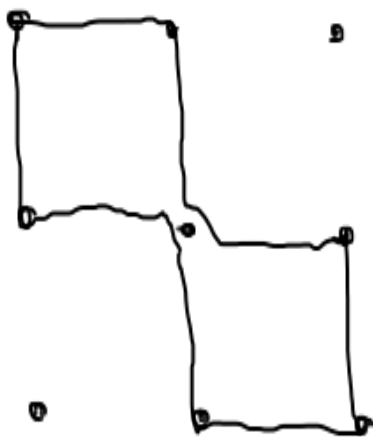
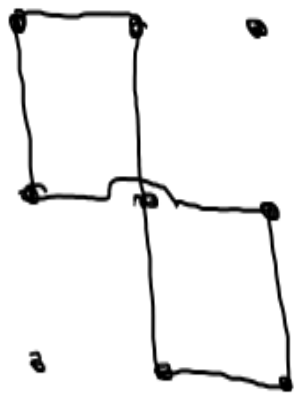
1st guess: total # of loops of length l should be

$$g(l) \stackrel{?}{=} \sum_{n=1}^l \frac{1}{n!} \sum_{l_1 + \dots + l_n = l} D(l_1) \dots D(l_n)$$

Contributions to $g(12)$:



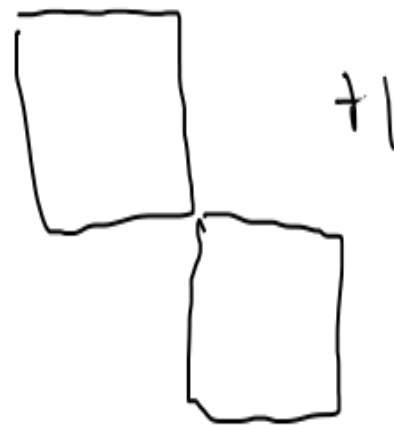
Problem! Overcounting!



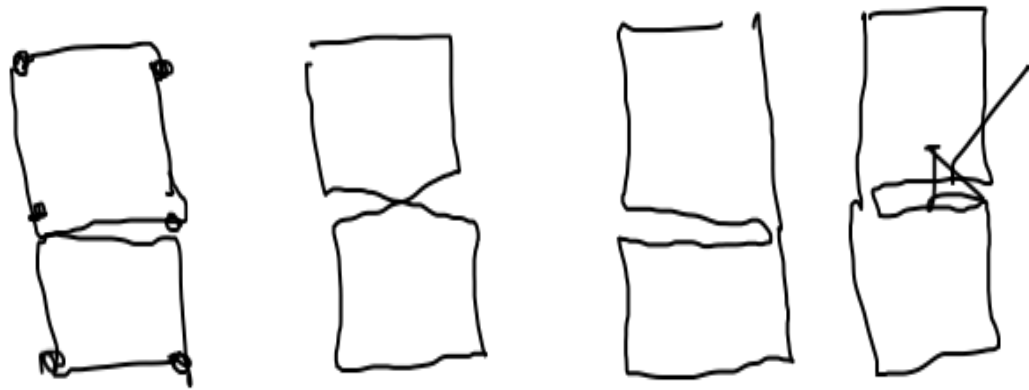
To solve this: add a handy complication:

when particle turns left, factor $e^{i\pi/4}$
" " " " right, " $e^{-i\pi/4}$

Phase factor of path = π of phase factors along path



Other pattern into problem:



! can't go twice over
a link

Factors: $+1, +1, -1, -1$

To sum over paths: let a matrix do the work.

Define M with elements M_{ij} nonzero if sites i & j are linked by a single segment.

So if we put $M_{ij} = 1$ if i & j are nearest-neighbors,

then $[M^l]_{ij} = \#$ of paths of length l
joining i & j . [with overcounting]

Complication from overcounting:

actually need to implement phases.

Let $m_{ij}^{\alpha\beta}$ with $\alpha, \beta = 0, 1, 2, 3$

be (for fixed i, j nearest neighbors) a 4×4 matrix

$\alpha\beta$ labels entry direction

label the east dir $\overset{m}{\rightarrow}$

use $\overset{j}{\sim} - \overset{i}{\sim}$ as label

Conventions: $0 = \text{east}$

$1 = \text{N}$

$2 = \text{West}$

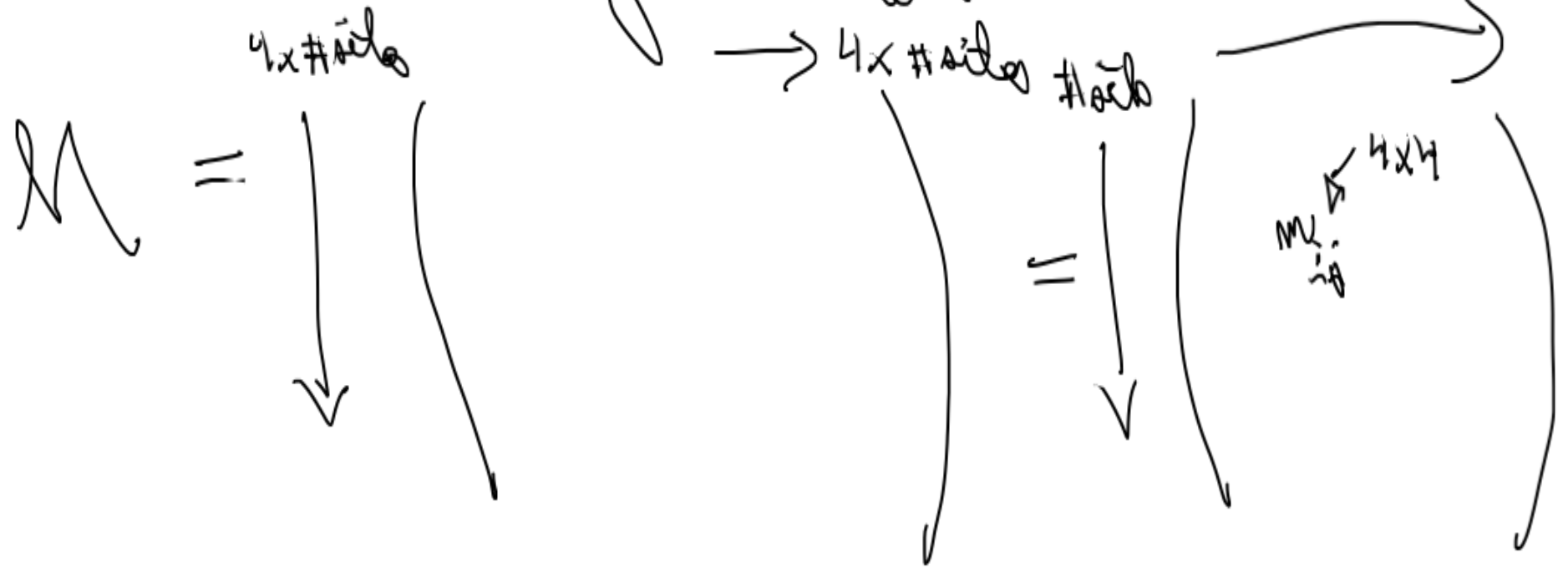
$3 = \text{South}$

Ex: $m_{\sim(+1,0)}$



$$m_{(1,0)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{i\pi/4} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{-i\pi/4} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

We now have a big matrix:



Now: $(M^l)_{ii}^{xx} = \# \text{ paths starting at } i, \text{ leaving in } \text{dir } x, \text{ \& coming back after } l \text{ steps.}$

No trace here $D(b) \equiv \frac{-1}{2b} \text{Tr } M^b$

$$\& Z = [\cosh \beta \epsilon]^{\frac{Nz}{2}} 2^N \left[1 + \sum_{b=1}^{\infty} \nu^b \sum_{\substack{n=1 \\ l_1 + \dots + l_n = b}}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \sum D(l_1) \dots D(l_n) \right]$$

$$= [\]^{\frac{Nz}{2}} 2^N \left[1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \left(\sum_{b=1}^{\infty} D(b) \nu^b \right)^n \right]$$

$$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\exp \sum_{b=1}^{\infty} D(b) \nu^b}$$

Rest: eigenvalues of M (really: m), ...