

E5966: Ising model on bipartite lattice, domain walls

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The problem:

- (a) Consider the Ising spin model on a bipartite lattice, i.e. it has two sublattices A,B such that each site on lattice A has its nearest neighbors on sublattice B, and vice versa. The Hamiltonian is

$$\mathcal{H} = -J \sum_{\mathbf{n}, \boldsymbol{\delta}} \sigma(\mathbf{n}) \sigma(\mathbf{n} + \boldsymbol{\delta}) - h \sum_{\mathbf{n}} \sigma(\mathbf{n}) \quad (1)$$

where \mathbf{n} are the lattice sites, $\boldsymbol{\delta}$ labels the nearest neighbors, h is proportional to a magnetic field and $\sigma(\mathbf{n}) = \pm 1$. For $h = 0$ show that the free energy satisfies $F(J, T) = F(-J, T)$, hence the critical temperatures satisfy $T_c^F = T_c^{AF}$ for the ferromagnetic ($J > 0$) and anti-ferromagnetic ($J < 0$) transitions. Define the order parameters at $T < T_c$ and the magnetic susceptibilities to h at $T > T_c$ and find their relationship, if any.

- (b) Consider the one dimensional Ising model with the Hamiltonian $\mathcal{H} = - \sum_{n, n'} J(n-n') \sigma(n) \sigma(n')$ with $\sigma(n) = \pm 1$ at each site n and $J(n) = b/n^\gamma$ is a long range interaction and $b > 0$. Find the energy of a domain wall (i.e. $n < 0$ spins are $-$ and $n \geq 0$ are $+$) and show that the argument for the absence of spontaneous magnetization at finite temperatures fails when $\gamma < 2$.

The solution:

- (a) Ferromag \rightarrow AF :

$$Z = \sum_{\sigma_n = \pm 1} e^{\beta J \sum_n \sigma_n \sigma_{n+1}} \xrightarrow{\sigma_n \rightarrow -\sigma_n} \sum_{\sigma_n = \pm 1} e^{-\beta J \sum_n \sigma_n \sigma_{n+1}} \quad (2)$$

so that bi-partite lattice give:

$$F(J) = F(-J) \quad (3)$$

- (b)

$$\mathcal{H} = - \sum_{n, n'} \frac{b}{|n - n'|} \sigma(n) \sigma(n') \quad (4)$$

where $\sigma(n) = \pm 1$

$$E_{wall} = \underbrace{\downarrow \downarrow \downarrow \dots}_{\frac{N}{2}} \mid \underbrace{\uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \dots}_{\frac{N}{2}}$$

where $\frac{N}{2}$ spins is up and $\frac{N}{2}$ is down

$$E_{wall} = 2b \sum_{n=-\infty}^{-1} \sum_{n'=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{|n-n'|^\gamma} \simeq 2b \int_{-\infty}^0 dn \int_0^{\infty} dn' \frac{1}{|n-n'|^\gamma} \quad (5)$$

The convergence at $n \rightarrow \infty$ needed, hence, $\sum_n \rightarrow \int dn$ is valid so we got:

$$E_{wall} = 2b \int_{-\infty}^0 dn \frac{-1}{\gamma-1} \frac{1}{(n'-n)^{\gamma-1}} \Big|_{n'=0}^{\infty} \quad (6)$$

(i) If $\gamma > 1$:

$$E_{wall} = \frac{2b}{\gamma-1} \int_{-\infty}^0 dn \frac{1}{-n}^{\gamma-1} = \frac{2b}{\gamma-1} \int_0^{\infty} dn \frac{1}{n^{\gamma-1}} = \frac{2b}{(\gamma-1)(\gamma-2)} \frac{-1}{n^{\gamma-2}} \Big|_{n'=0}^{\infty} \quad (7)$$

(ii) If $\gamma < 2$:

Where wall entropy $\sim \ln(N)$ now :

$$F_{wall} \sim N^{2-\gamma} - K_B \ln(N) > 0 \quad (8)$$

no walls are created when there are long-range intraction!