

# Extremal states decomposition in quantum spin systems

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- ◇ Quantum spins, decomposition in extremal states
- ◇ Results for the complete graph, for the Heisenberg / XY / quantum interchange models
- ◇ The random interchange model and the joint distribution of cycle lengths

# Setting

Spin parameter  $S \in \frac{1}{2}\mathbb{N}$ , domain  $\Lambda \Subset \mathbb{Z}^d$

Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}_\Lambda = \bigotimes_{x \in \Lambda} \mathbb{C}^{2S+1}$ ;  $\dim \mathcal{H} = (2S+1)^{|\Lambda|}$

Hamiltonian  $H_\Lambda = - \sum_{\substack{x,y \in \Lambda \\ \|x-y\|=1}} h_{xy}$ , where

$$h_{xy} = \begin{cases} S_x^1 S_y^1 + S_x^2 S_y^2 + \Delta S_x^3 S_y^3 & \text{for XY, Heisenberg} \\ T_{xy} & \text{for quantum interchange} \end{cases}$$

$T_{xy}|\varphi_x\rangle \otimes |\varphi_y\rangle = |\varphi_y\rangle \otimes |\varphi_x\rangle$  is the transposition operator (For  $S = \frac{1}{2}$ , we have  $T_{xy} = 2\vec{S}_x \cdot \vec{S}_y + \frac{1}{2}$ , [Tóth '93])

Finite-volume Gibbs state:  $\langle \cdot \rangle_{\beta, \Lambda} = \frac{1}{Z(\beta, \Lambda)} \text{Tr} \cdot e^{-\beta H_\Lambda}$

Infinite-volume Gibbs state:  $\langle \cdot \rangle_\beta \lim_{\Lambda \uparrow \mathbb{Z}^d} \langle \cdot \rangle_{\beta, \Lambda}$

# Extremal state decomposition

Let  $\mathcal{G}_\beta$ : set of infinite-volume states (KMS condition) at inverse temperature  $\beta$

The goal is to characterise  $\mathcal{G}_\beta$

General results:  $\mathcal{G}_\beta$  is a Choquet simplex, i.e. a compact convex subset of a normed space where every point is given by a convex combination of extremal points. That is, there exists an index set  $\psi_\beta$  and a probability measure  $\mu_\beta$  on  $\psi_\beta$  s.t.

$$\langle \cdot \rangle_\beta = \int_{\psi_\beta} \langle \cdot \rangle_\psi d\mu(\psi)$$

Infinite-volume states are *clustering*:

$$\lim_{\|x\| \rightarrow \infty} [\langle A\tau_x B \rangle_\psi - \langle A \rangle_\psi \langle \tau_x B \rangle_\psi] = 0$$

(Think of a ferromagnetic state)

## “Spin-density” Laplace transform of $\mu$

Tom Spencer’s suggestion: Look at the “spin-density” Laplace transform of  $\mu$

Let  $A$  an operator on  $\mathbb{C}^{2S+1}$  and  $A_x = A \otimes \mathbb{1}_{\Lambda \setminus \{x\}}$

Define  $\Phi_\beta(h) = \lim_{\Lambda \uparrow \mathbb{Z}^d} \langle e^{\frac{h}{|\Lambda|} \sum_x A_x} \rangle_{\beta, \Lambda}$

We expect that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\Lambda \uparrow \mathbb{Z}^d} \langle e^{\frac{h}{|\Lambda|} \sum_{x \in \Lambda} A_x} \rangle_{\beta, \Lambda} &\stackrel{(?)}{=} \lim_{\Lambda \uparrow \mathbb{Z}^d} \lim_{\Lambda' \uparrow \mathbb{Z}^d} \langle e^{\frac{h}{|\Lambda|} \sum_{x \in \Lambda} A_x} \rangle_{\beta, \Lambda'} \\ &= \lim_{\Lambda \uparrow \mathbb{Z}^d} \int_{\psi_\beta} \langle e^{\frac{h}{|\Lambda|} \sum_x A_x} \rangle_\psi d\mu(\psi) \\ &= \int_{\psi_\beta} e^{h \langle A_0 \rangle_\psi} d\mu(\psi) \end{aligned}$$

Our models have continuous symmetry (XY:  $U(1)$ ; Heisenberg:  $SU(2)$ ; interchange:  $SU(2S+1)$ ), given by the group  $G$

We expect that the set of extremal states is given by a *single* state  $\langle \cdot \rangle_0$  and its orbit by  $G$

Then  $\psi_\beta \equiv G$  and  $\langle A \rangle_\psi = \langle U_\psi^{-1} A U_\psi \rangle_0$ . Then

$$\Phi_\beta(h) = \int_{\psi_\beta} e^{h \langle U_\psi^{-1} A U_\psi \rangle_0} d\mu(\psi)$$

where  $\mu$  is the Haar measure on  $G$

Given an explicit  $\psi_\beta$ , this is usually easy to calculate

Notice that  $\Phi_\beta(h)$  does not depend much on the dimension  $d$  of  $\mathbb{Z}^d$

$\beta$  small: If  $\int \langle A \rangle_\psi d\mu(\psi) = 0$ , then  $\Phi_\beta(h) = 1$  for all  $h$ , as can be proved by cluster expansion, see e.g. **[Poghosyan et.al.]**

# Model 1 — Heisenberg ferromagnet

On the complete graph,  $\Lambda = \{1, \dots, n\}$ :  $H_\Lambda = -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{x,y=1}^n \vec{S}_x \cdot \vec{S}_y$

**Theorem [Björnberg, Fröhlich, U '19]**

There exists  $m^*(\beta) \geq 0$  such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\langle \exp \frac{h}{n} \sum_{x=1}^n S_x^{(3)} \right\rangle_{\beta, n} = \frac{\sinh(hm^*(\beta))}{hm^*(\beta)}$$

Further,  $m^*(\beta) > 0$  iff  $\beta > \beta_c = \frac{3/2}{S^2+S}$

Remark: For  $S = \frac{1}{2}$ , this goes back to [Tóth '91; Penrose '92]

The proof: Since  $H_\Lambda \simeq \frac{1}{n} (\sum_x \vec{S}_x)^2$ , we can use the theory of additions of spins and asymptotic analysis

# Symmetry breaking

Symmetry breaking:  $G = \psi_\beta = \mathbb{S}^2$ . For  $\vec{a} \in \mathbb{S}^2$ :

$$\langle \cdot \rangle_{\vec{a}} = \lim_{\eta \rightarrow 0+} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle \cdot \rangle_{H_\Lambda - \eta \sum_x \vec{a} \cdot \vec{S}_x}$$

Let  $m^*(\beta) = \langle S_1^{(3)} \rangle_{\vec{e}_3}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_\beta(h) &= \int_{\mathbb{S}^2} e^{h \langle \vec{a} \cdot \vec{S}_1 \rangle_{\vec{e}_3}} d\vec{a} \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{S}^2} e^{h a_3 m^*(\beta)} d\vec{a} \\ &= \frac{\sinh(h m^*(\beta))}{h m^*(\beta)} \end{aligned}$$



## Model 2 — Quantum XY

### Theorem [Björnberg, Fröhlich, U '19]

For the same  $m^*(\beta) \geq 0$  as before, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\langle \exp \frac{h}{n} \sum_{x=1}^n S_x^{(1)} \right\rangle_{\beta, n} = \sum_{k \geq 0} \frac{1}{(k!)^2} \left( \frac{1}{2} m^*(\beta) \right)^{2k}$$

As before,  $m^*(\beta) > 0$  iff  $\beta > \beta_c = \frac{3/2}{S^2+S}$

We can also check that

$$\Phi_\beta(h) = \int_{\mathbb{S}^1} e^{h \langle \vec{a} \cdot \vec{S}_1 \rangle_{\vec{e}_1}} d\vec{a} = \sum_{k \geq 0} \frac{1}{(k!)^2} \left( \frac{1}{2} m^*(\beta) \right)^{2k}$$

## Model 3 — Quantum interchange

On the complete graph  $\Lambda = \{1, \dots, n\}$ :  $H_\Lambda = -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{x,y=1}^n T_{xy}$  with  $T_{xy}$  the transposition operator

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Further,  $m^*(\beta) > 0$  iff  $\beta > \beta_c = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } S = \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{4S}{2S-1} \log(2S) & \text{if } S \geq 1 \end{cases}$

The proof is easy for  $S = \frac{1}{2}$  (Heisenberg model) but not for  $S \geq 1$ . It uses representation theory for the symmetric group, results from [Alon, Kozma '13] and [Berestycki, Kozma '15], and also symmetric polynomials

# Symmetry breaking of quantum interchange model

We expect that extremal states are given by

$$\langle \cdot \rangle_Q = \lim_{\eta \rightarrow 0+} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle \cdot \rangle_{H_\Lambda - \eta \sum_x Q_x},$$

where  $Q$  is a rank-1 projector in  $\mathbb{S}^{2S+1}$

The group is then  $\mathbb{CP}^{2S}$  (i.e. complex vectors of  $2S + 1$  components, of norm 1, where  $\vec{a} \sim \vec{b}$  if  $\vec{a} = e^{i\alpha} \vec{b}$  for some  $\alpha$ )

We have  $\int_{\mathbb{CP}^{2S}} e^{\langle A_1 \rangle_{\vec{a}}} d\vec{a} = \int_{\mathcal{U}(2S+1)} e^{\langle U^{-1} A_1 U \rangle_0} dU$

Using the **Harish-Chandra-Itzykson-Zuber formula**, and further calculations, we get that  $\Phi_\beta(h)$  is indeed given by the formula of the theorem

# Tóth's representation of spin $\frac{1}{2}$ Heisenberg ferromagnet

Arbitrary finite graph  $(\Lambda, \mathcal{E})$ . On each edge  $e \in \mathcal{E}$  is associated the interval  $[0, \beta]$

Independent Poisson point processes on each interval. Notation:  $\rho(d\omega)$

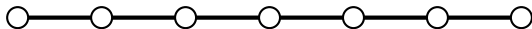
$\mathcal{L}(\omega)$ : set of loops

Partition function:

$$Z = \int 2^{|\mathcal{L}(\omega)|} \rho(d\omega)$$

Probability measure:

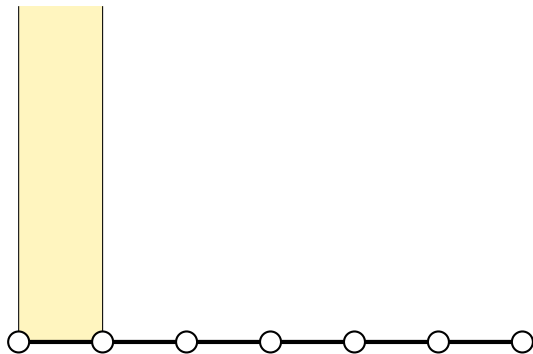
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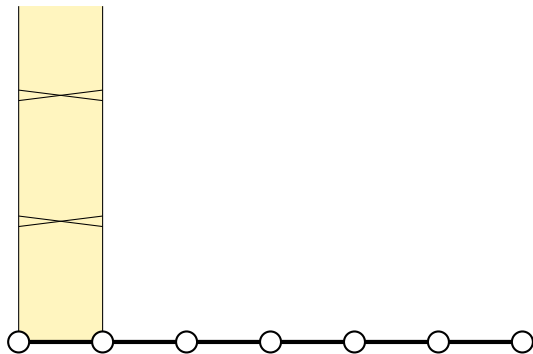
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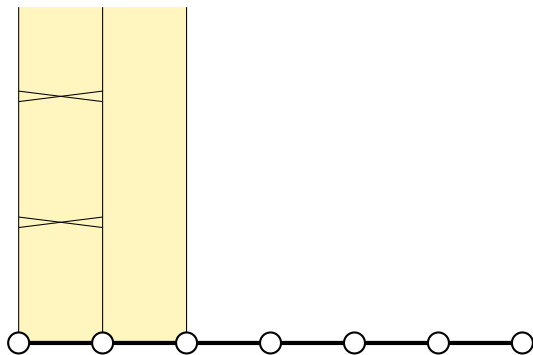
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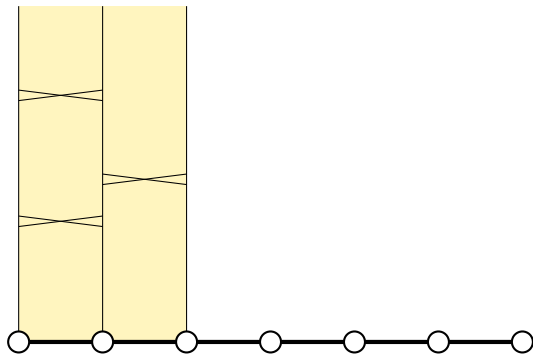
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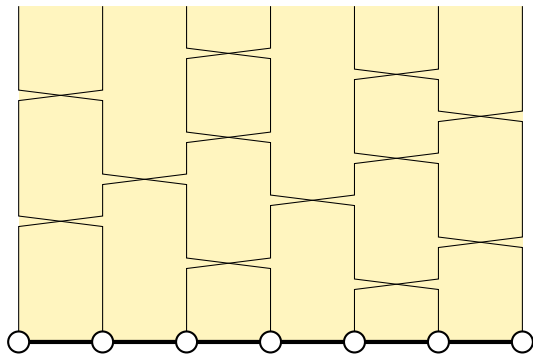
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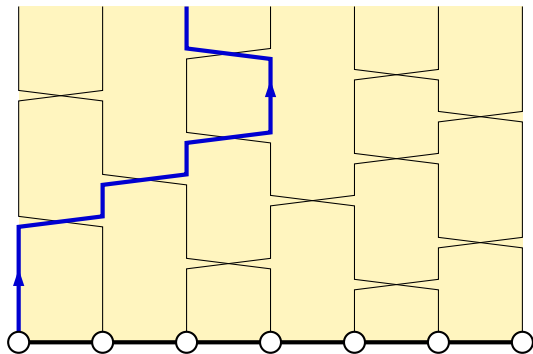
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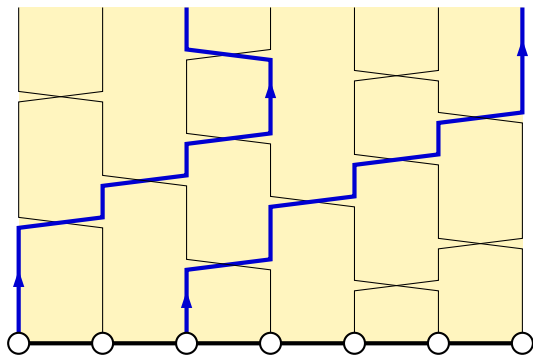
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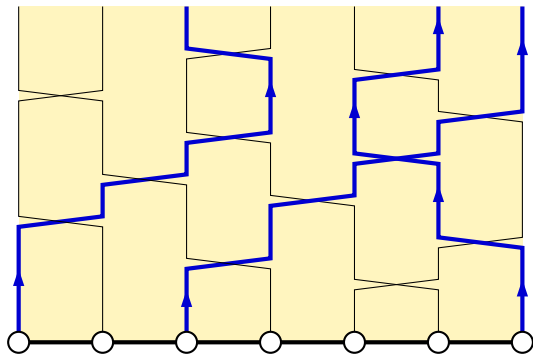
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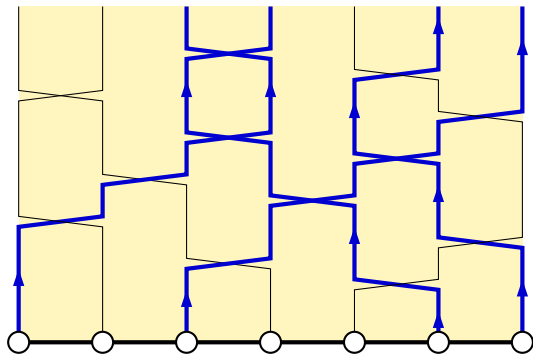
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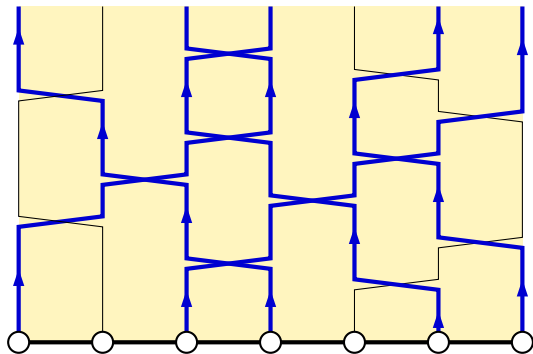
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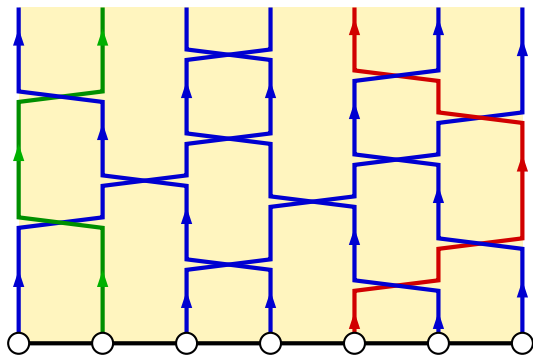
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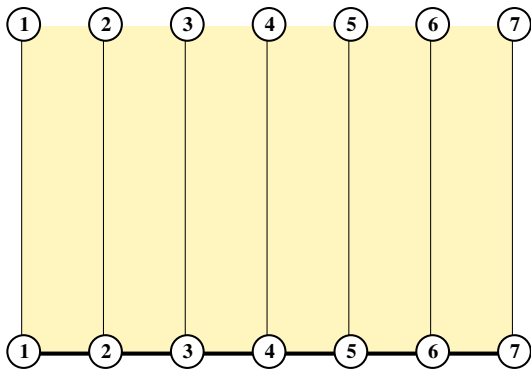
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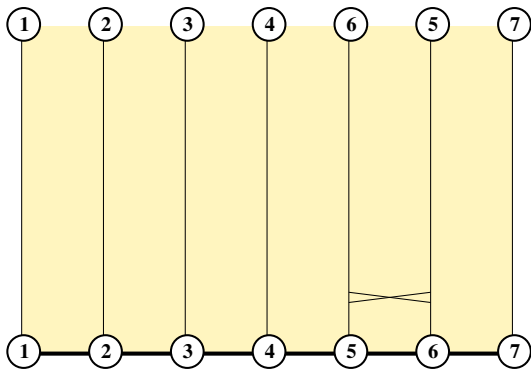
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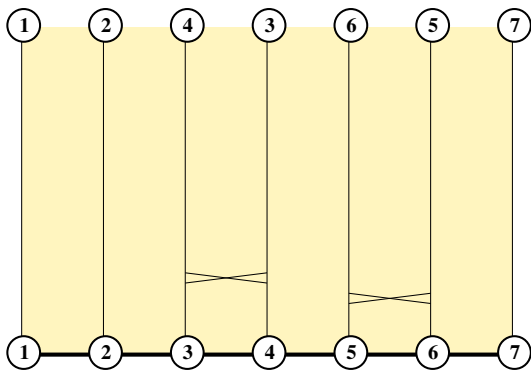
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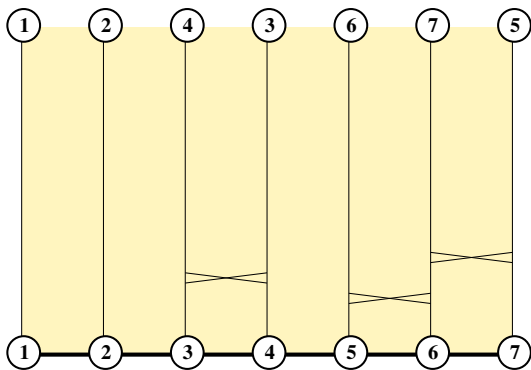
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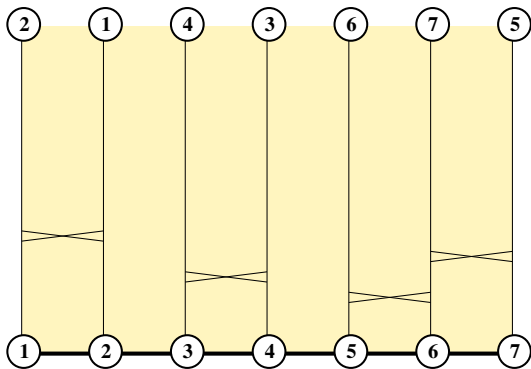
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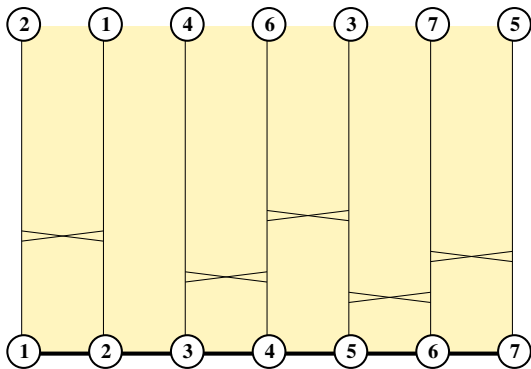
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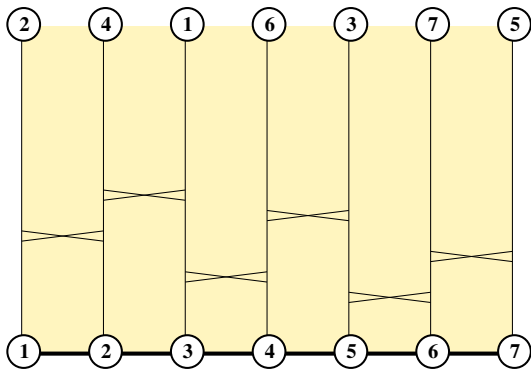
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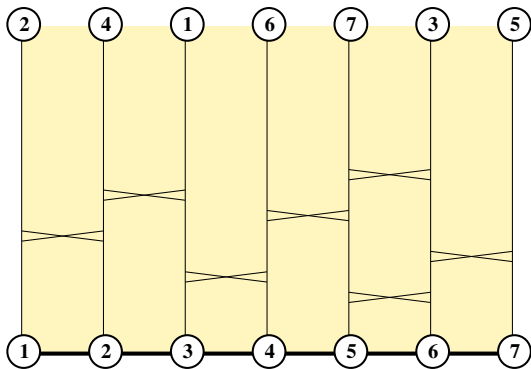
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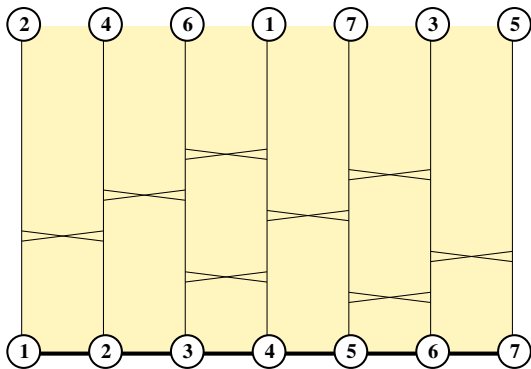
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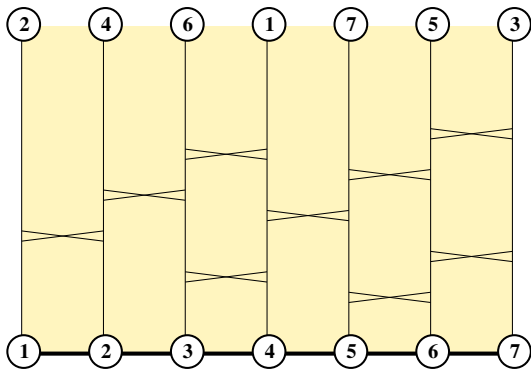
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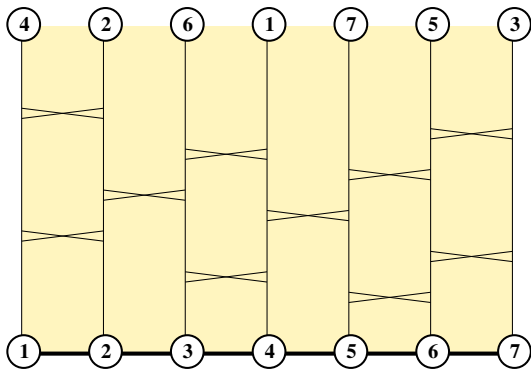
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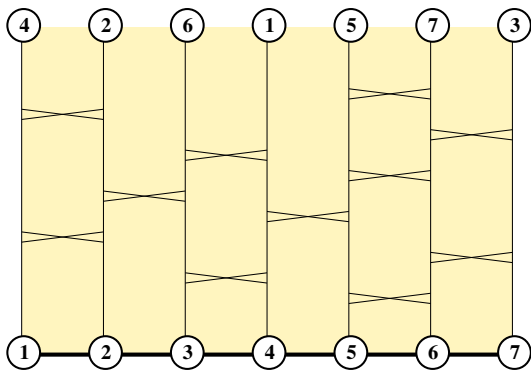
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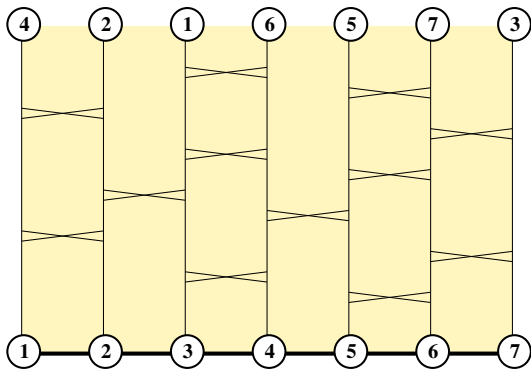
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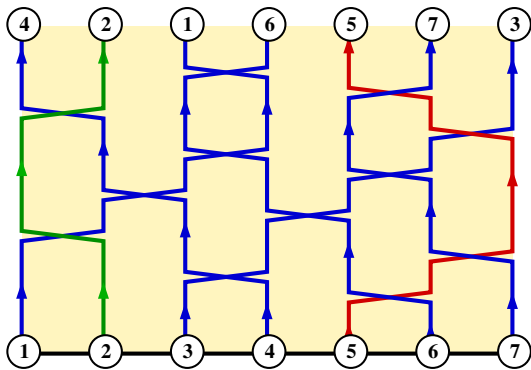
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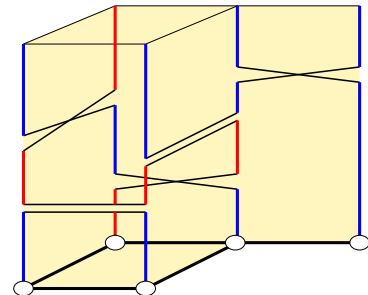
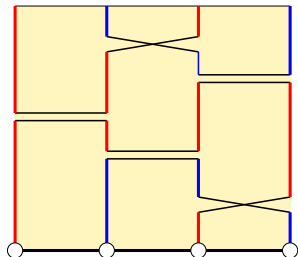
# Extension of the representation

Let  $\rho$  be independent Poisson point processes on  $\times_{e \in \mathcal{E}} [0, \beta]$ , where:

- **crosses** appear with intensity  $u$
- **double bars** appear with intensity  $1 - u$

$\mathcal{L}(\omega)$ : set of loops of the realisation  $\omega$

Relevant probability measure:  $\frac{1}{Z} \theta^{|\mathcal{L}(\omega)|} \rho(d\omega)$  with  $\theta > 0$



# Relations between quantum spins and random loops

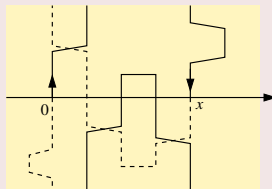
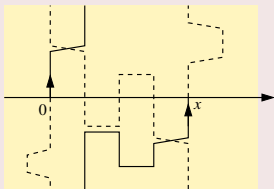
$$\text{Hamiltonian } H^{(u)} = - \sum_{\|x-y\|=1} \left( S_x^1 S_y^1 + (2u-1) S_x^2 S_y^2 + S_x^3 S_y^3 \right)$$

**Theorem** [Tóth '93; Aizenman, Nachtergaele '94; U '13]

$$\text{Tr } e^{-\beta H^{(u)}} = \int 2^{|\mathcal{L}(\omega)|} \rho(d\omega)$$

$$\langle S_0^1 S_x^1 \rangle_\beta = \langle S_0^3 S_x^3 \rangle_\beta = \frac{1}{4} \mathbb{P}_{L,\beta,u,2}(0 \leftrightarrow x)$$

$$\langle S_0^2 S_x^2 \rangle_\beta = \frac{1}{4} [\mathbb{P}(0 \leftrightarrow x, \text{ same direction}) - \mathbb{P}(0 \leftrightarrow x, \text{ opposite dir.})]$$

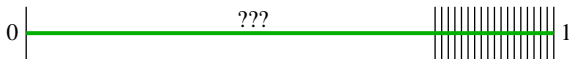


## Joint distribution of the lengths of the loops

Given realisation  $\omega$ , let  $\ell_1(\omega), \ell_2(\omega), \dots, \ell_{K(\omega)}(\omega)$  be the lengths of the loops in decreasing order. This is a **random partition** of the interval  $[0, 1]$ :

$$\left( \frac{\ell_1(\omega)}{|\Lambda|}, \frac{\ell_2(\omega)}{|\Lambda|}, \dots, \frac{\ell_{K(\omega)}(\omega)}{|\Lambda|} \right)$$

Small loops have lengths of order 1, so the random partition looks like:



Proved:  $\mathbb{E}\left(\frac{\ell_0}{|\Lambda|}\right) > c$  for  $\Lambda$  a box in  $\mathbb{Z}^d$ ,  $d \geq 3$ .

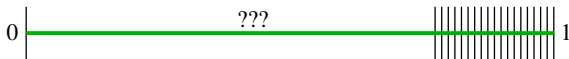


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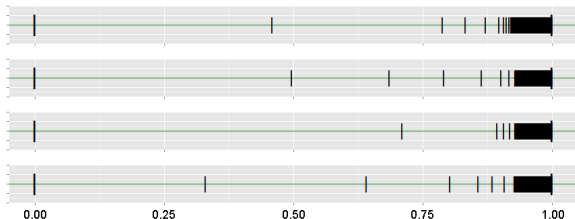
Given realisation  $\omega$ , let  $\ell_1(\omega), \ell_2(\omega), \dots, \ell_{K(\omega)}(\omega)$  be the lengths of the loops in decreasing order. This is a **random partition** of the interval  $[0, 1]$ :

$$\left( \frac{\ell_1(\omega)}{|\Lambda|}, \frac{\ell_2(\omega)}{|\Lambda|}, \dots, \frac{\ell_{K(\omega)}(\omega)}{|\Lambda|} \right)$$

Small loops have lengths of order 1, so the random partition looks like:

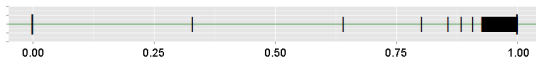


Proved:  $\mathbb{E}\left(\frac{\ell_0}{|\Lambda|}\right) > c$  for  $\Lambda$  a box in  $\mathbb{Z}^d$ ,  $d \geq 3$ . Numerical results [Barp<sup>2</sup>, Briol, U '15]:



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Here: random interchange model ( $u = 1, \theta = 1$ )

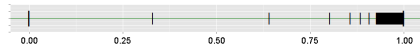


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Proof for annealed spatial permutations [**Betz, U '11**]

Numerical results :

- [**Grosskinsky, Lovisolo, U '12**] for lattice permutations
- [**Nahum, Chalker et.al. '13**] for  $O(N)$  loop models (they also calculate moments of joint distribution using “supersymmetry”)
- [**Barp<sup>2</sup>, Briol, U '15**] for random loops

# Rigorous results for the random interchange model on the complete graph

Let  $q(t) = \frac{1}{\theta} (e^{-St} + e^{-(S-1)t} + \dots + e^{St}) = \frac{\sinh(\frac{\theta}{2}t)}{\theta \sinh(\frac{1}{2}t)}$  where  $2S + 1 = \theta$

**Theorem [Björnberg, Fröhlich, U '19]**

Let  $\theta = 2, 3, 4, \dots$ . For all  $h \in \mathbb{C}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}_{n, \beta, \theta} \left[ \prod_{i \geq 1} q\left(\frac{h}{n} \ell_i\right) \right] &= \left[ \frac{\sinh(\frac{1}{2} h m^*(\beta))}{\frac{1}{2} h m^*(\beta)} \right]^{2S} \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\text{PD}(\theta)} \left[ \prod_{i \geq 1} q(h m^*(\beta) X_i) \right] \end{aligned}$$

In the case  $\theta = 1$ , stronger results have been proved [Schramm '05]

Interesting question: How good is this characterisation of the random partition? (Partial results in [Björnberg, Mailler, Mörters, U '19])

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