

1. Suppose that the spin magnitude is 1 on the even sites and ϵ on the odd sites. Then the equations for the magnetization are:

Even sites: (magnitude 1 spins)

$$E(\text{even}) = -J_{\text{even}} \sum_j S_j \rightarrow -J_{\text{even}} 2d m_{\text{odd}}$$

$$\Rightarrow m_{\text{even}} = \tanh 2d J_{\text{B}} m_{\text{odd}}$$

$$\text{Odd sites: } E(\text{odd}) = -J_{\text{odd}} \sum_j S_j = -J_{\text{odd}} 2d m_{\text{even}}$$

$$\Rightarrow m_{\text{odd}} = \epsilon \tanh 2d J_{\text{B}} \epsilon m_{\text{even}}$$

For small $m_{\text{odd}}, m_{\text{even}}$, these become

$$\left. \begin{aligned} m_{\text{e}} &\approx 2d J_{\text{B}} m_{\text{o}} \\ m_{\text{o}} &\approx 2d J_{\text{B}} \epsilon^2 m_{\text{e}} \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{Eliminate } m_{\text{o}} \text{ to find } kT_{\text{c}} = 2d J_{\text{B}} \epsilon \\ \text{for both even and odd sites.} \end{array}$$

Determine m_{even} + m_{odd} :

Using $2BcdJ\varepsilon = 1$, then $2BdJ = \frac{B}{\varepsilon Bc} = \frac{T_c}{\varepsilon T}$

Then $m_e = \tanh \frac{T_c}{\varepsilon T} m_0$; $m_0 = \varepsilon \tanh \frac{T_c}{T} m_e$

For small m_0, m_e :

$$m_e \approx \frac{T_c}{\varepsilon T} m_0 - \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{T_c}{\varepsilon T} \right)^3 m_0^3 ; \quad m_0 \approx \frac{T_c}{T} m_e - \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{T_c}{T} \right)^3 m_e^3$$

To lowest order:

$$m_e \approx \frac{T_c}{\varepsilon T} \left(\frac{\varepsilon T_c}{T} m_e - \frac{1}{3} \varepsilon \left(\frac{T_c}{T} \right)^3 m_e^3 \right) - \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{T_c}{\varepsilon T} \right)^3 \left(\frac{\varepsilon T_c}{T} \right)^3 m_e^3$$

$$1 \approx \left(\frac{T_c}{T} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{1}{3} \frac{T_c^4}{T^4} + \frac{1}{3} \frac{T_c^6}{T^6} \right) m_e^3$$

○ Near T_c this gives:

$$\frac{2}{3} m_e^2 \approx \left[\left(\frac{T_c}{T} \right)^2 - 1 \right] \approx \left(\frac{T_c}{T} - 1 \right) \left(\frac{T_c}{T} + 1 \right) \approx 2 \left(\frac{T_c}{T} - 1 \right)$$

$$m_e^2 \approx 3 \left(\frac{T_c}{T} - 1 \right)$$

Similarly:

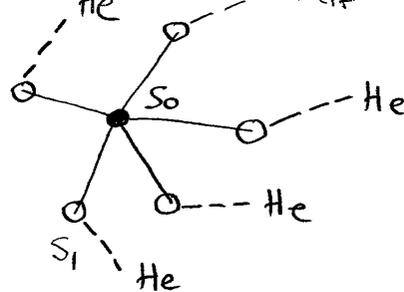
$$\frac{m_0}{\varepsilon} \approx \frac{T_c}{T} \left(\frac{T_c}{\varepsilon T} m_0 - \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{T_c}{\varepsilon T} \right)^3 m_0^3 \right) - \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{T_c}{T} \right)^3 \left(\frac{T_c}{\varepsilon T} \right)^3 m_0^3$$

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$$\Rightarrow m_0^2 \approx 3 \varepsilon^2 \left(\frac{T_c}{T} - 1 \right)$$

1. Schematic of system in the Bethe approximation:

The z spins in the first shell experience an effective field H_e . They also interact with the central spin S_0



For this cluster, the energy is:

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{cluster}} = -J S_0 \sum_{j \in 1} S_j - H_{\text{eff}} \sum_{j \in 1} S_j$$

$$Z_{\text{cluster}} = \sum_{\text{states}} e^{-\beta \mathcal{H}_{\text{cl}}} = \left(\sum_{\text{states with } S_0=+1} + \sum_{\text{states with } S_0=-1} \right) e^{-\beta \mathcal{H}_{\text{cl}}}$$

$$= \sum_{\{S_j\}} e^{+B(H_{\text{eff}}+J) \sum_j S_j} + \sum_{\{S_j\}} e^{+B(H_{\text{eff}}-J) \sum_j S_j}$$

$$= \sum_{\{S_j\}} \left(\prod_j e^{B(H_{\text{eff}}+J) S_j} + \prod_j e^{B(H_{\text{eff}}-J) S_j} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{S_j} \left(e^{B(H_{\text{eff}}+J) S_j} \right)^z + \left(e^{B(H_{\text{eff}}-J) S_j} \right)^z$$

$$= [2 \cosh B(H_{\text{eff}}+J)]^z + [2 \cosh B(H_{\text{eff}}-J)]^z$$

but since each S_j is independent each factor in the product is equal

$$\text{Clearly } \langle S_0 \rangle = \frac{[2 \cosh B(H_{\text{eff}}+J)]^z - [2 \cosh B(H_{\text{eff}}-J)]^z}{Z_{\text{cl}}}$$

For the mean value of the spin in the 1st shell, we can independently sum over the spin states of the other spins in the 1st shell. Therefore,

$$\langle S_i \rangle = \frac{1}{Z_{\text{cl}}} \left\{ \underbrace{[2 \cosh B(H_{\text{eff}}+J)]^{z-1}}_{\text{sum over spins } j \neq i} \underbrace{2 \sinh B(H_{\text{eff}}+J)}_{\text{sum over spin } i} + \underbrace{[2 \cosh B(H_{\text{eff}}-J)]^{z-1} 2 \sinh B(H_{\text{eff}}-J)}_{\text{states with } S_0=-1} \right\}$$

The condition $\langle S_0 \rangle = \langle S_i \rangle$ gives:

$$\sinh A (\cosh A)^{z-1} + \sinh B (\cosh B)^{z-1} = (\cosh A)^z + (\cosh B)^z$$

$$\text{with } A = B(H_{\text{eff}}+J) ; B = B(H_{\text{eff}}-J)$$

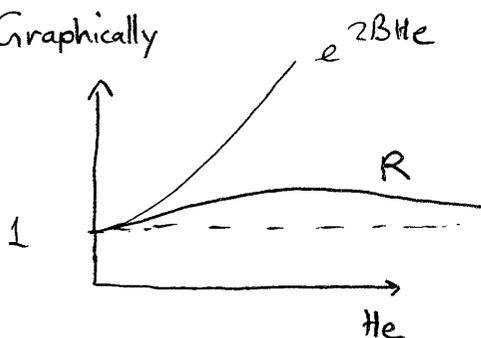
This can be simplified a bit by dividing by $(\cosh B)^{z-1}$ and defining

$R = (\cosh A / \cosh B)^{z-1}$. This gives:

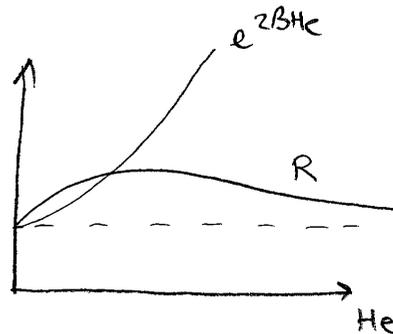
$$R \sinh A + \sinh B = R \cosh A + \cosh B$$

$$R = \frac{\cosh B - \sinh B}{\sinh A - \cosh A} \Rightarrow e^{2BHe} = \left(\frac{\cosh B (He+J)}{\cosh B (He-J)} \right)^{z-1} \quad (1)$$

Graphically



$T > T_c$



$T < T_c$

To find the non-trivial solution, compute $\frac{\partial}{\partial H}$ of (1) at $H=0$

$$\left. \frac{\partial}{\partial H} e^{\frac{z}{z-1} \beta H} \right|_{H=0} = \frac{z\beta}{z-1} \quad ; \quad \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial H} R^{\frac{1}{z-1}} \right|_{H=0} = \beta \frac{\sinh \beta(H+J)}{\cosh \beta(H-J)} - \frac{\beta \cosh \beta(H+J) \sinh \beta(H-J)}{\cosh^2 \beta(H-J)}$$

$$= 2 \tanh \beta J \quad (\text{at } H=0)$$

$$\Rightarrow z-1 = \coth \beta J_c \quad \text{with solution } \frac{kT_c}{J} \approx 2.885 \quad (\text{Compared to } \frac{kT_c}{J} = 4 \text{ in Curie Weiss theory, and } \frac{kT_c}{J} \approx 2.27, \text{ exact})$$

for $z=4$

3. For an N -site complete graph, when there are k spins \downarrow and $N-k$ spins \uparrow , the energy gap with respect to the ground state is $\Delta E = 2JK(N-k)$

$$\text{For } H=0, \quad Z_N = e^{-\beta E_0} \sum_{k=0}^N \binom{N}{k} e^{-2BJk(N-k)}$$

Use Stirling's approximation for the binomial, write $j = NJ$ and

$x = k/N$. Then,

$$Z_N \sim e^{-\beta E_0} \int_0^1 N dx e^{N(-x \ln x - (1-x) \ln(1-x) - 2Bjx(1-x))} = f(x)$$

Evaluate integral by the Laplace method

$$f(x) = -x \ln x - (1-x) \ln(1-x) - 2B_j x(1-x)$$

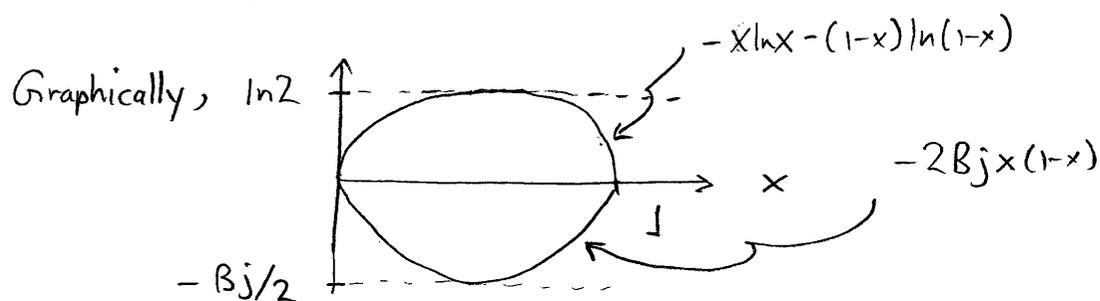
$$f'(x) = \ln\left(\frac{1-x}{x}\right) - 2B_j(1-2x)$$

$$f''(x) = -\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{1-x} + 4B_j$$

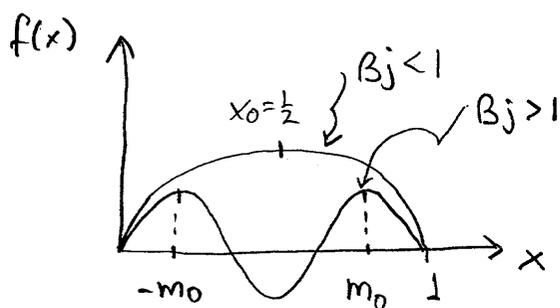
By inspection $f'(x) = 0$ has a solution at $x = 1/2$. Then $f''(1/2) = 4(B_j - 1)$.
Hence for $B_j < 1$, $x = 1/2$ maximizes $f(x)$ and states near $x = 1/2$ dominate in the integral \Rightarrow paramagnetic phase.

For $B_j > 1/2$, $x = 1/2$ minimizes $f(x)$ and other solutions to $f'(x)$ must exist. To find them, note that $1-2x = m$, the magnetization per spin. So $x = (1-m)/2$, $(1-x) = (1+m)/2$ and $f'(x) = 0$ becomes:

$$-2B_j m = \ln\left(\frac{1-m}{1+m}\right), \text{ or } \boxed{m = \tanh B_j m} \text{ the mean field solution!}$$



For $B_j < 1$, the positive contribution of $-x \ln x - (1-x) \ln(1-x)$ is larger than $-2B_j x(1-x)$ for all $0 \leq x \leq 1$ and vice versa. Therefore



$$Z \sim \int e^{Nf(x)} dx \quad e^{-\beta E_0}$$

$$\sim e^{-\beta E_0 + Nf(x_0)} \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{f''(x_0)}} \times g$$

where $x_0 = 1/2$ in the paramagnetic phase and $g = 1$; and x_0 determined by the condition $m = \tanh B_j m$ and $g = 2$ (two peaks) in the ferromagnetic phase.