# The Potts model on random lattices revisited 

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Let $\Gamma=(V, E)$ be an arbitrary graph and $Q$ a positive integer. Configurations $=$ maps $\sigma$ from $V$ to $\{1, \ldots, Q\}$

$$
\text { Hamiltonian }=-K \sum_{\{i, j\} \in E} \delta_{\sigma_{i}, \sigma_{j}}
$$



The partition function is

$$
\begin{aligned}
Z_{\Gamma} & =\sum_{\sigma: V \rightarrow\{1, \ldots, Q\}} \exp \left(K \sum_{\{i, j\} \in E} \delta_{\sigma_{i}, \sigma_{j}}\right) \\
& =\sum_{\sigma: V \rightarrow\{1, \ldots, Q\}} \prod_{\{i, j\} \in E}\left(1+v \delta_{\sigma_{i}, \sigma_{j}}\right) \\
& =\sum_{E^{\prime} \subset E} \sum_{\sigma: V \rightarrow\{1, \ldots, Q\}} \prod_{\{i, j\} \in E^{\prime}} v \delta_{\sigma_{i}, \sigma_{j}} \\
& =\sum_{E^{\prime} \subset E} v^{\# \text { bonds }} Q^{\# \text { clusters }}
\end{aligned}
$$

bonds $=$ edges in $E^{\prime}$, clusters $=$ connected components of the subgraph $\left(V, E^{\prime}\right)$


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\longrightarrow \quad v^{4} Q^{3}
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Z=\sum_{\Gamma_{m}} \frac{1}{\text { symmetry factor }} \sum_{\substack{\text { loop } \\ \text { configs }}} n^{\# \text { loops }} \alpha *<\beta^{\#}
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where the summation is restricted to 4-valent planar maps, and

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n=\sqrt{Q} \quad \frac{\alpha}{\beta}=\frac{v}{\sqrt{Q}} \quad \beta=x
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These functions satisfy the following saddle point equations:

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
G_{A}(z+i 0)+G_{A}(z-i 0)=P(z)+n G_{B}(z) & z \in\left[a_{1}, a_{2}\right] \\
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with $P(z)=z / \alpha, Q(z)=(1-z) / \beta$.

Analytically continuing these equations shows that $G_{A}$ and $G_{B}$ live on an infinite cover of the Riemann sphere:


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More precisely, appropriate linear combinations of $G_{A}$ and $G_{B}$ :

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