## The Potts model on random lattices revisited

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Definition Relation to loop model Phase diagram

Let  $\Gamma = (V, E)$  be an arbitrary graph and Q a positive integer.

Configurations = maps  $\sigma$  from V to  $\{1, \ldots, Q\}$ 

$$\mathsf{Hamiltonian} = - \mathcal{K} \sum_{\{i,j\} \in \mathcal{E}} \delta_{\sigma_i,\sigma_j}$$



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The partition function is

$$Z_{\Gamma} = \sum_{\sigma: V \to \{1, ..., Q\}} \exp(K \sum_{\{i, j\} \in E} \delta_{\sigma_i, \sigma_j})$$
  
= 
$$\sum_{\sigma: V \to \{1, ..., Q\}} \prod_{\{i, j\} \in E} (1 + v \delta_{\sigma_i, \sigma_j})$$
  
= 
$$\sum_{E' \subset E} \sum_{\sigma: V \to \{1, ..., Q\}} \prod_{\{i, j\} \in E'} v \delta_{\sigma_i, \sigma_j}$$
  
= 
$$\sum_{E' \subset E} v^{\# \text{ bonds}} Q^{\# \text{ clusters}}$$

bonds=edges in E', clusters=connected components of the subgraph (V, E')



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The equivalence to the loop model allows to state that

$$Z = \sum_{\Gamma_m} \frac{1}{\text{symmetry factor}} \sum_{\substack{\text{loop}\\\text{configs}}} n^{\# \text{ loops}} \alpha^{\#} \beta^{\#} \beta^{\#}$$

where the summation is restricted to 4-valent planar maps, and

$$n = \sqrt{Q}$$
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Diagonalize the Hermitean matrices A and  $B \rightarrow \{a_i\}, \{1 - b_i\}$ 

$$I_{N} = \int \prod_{i=1}^{N} da_{i} db_{i} \frac{\prod_{1 \le i < j \le N} (a_{j} - a_{i})^{2} (b_{j} - b_{i})^{2}}{\prod_{i,j=1}^{N} (a_{i} - b_{j})^{n}} e^{N \sum_{i=1}^{N} (-\frac{1}{2\alpha} a_{i}^{2} - \frac{1}{2\beta} (1 - b_{i})^{2})}$$

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For sufficiently small  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , the range of integration of the  $a_i$  and  $b_j$  can be restricted to intervals around 0 and 1 respectively, without changing the perturbative expansion, and such that the denominator never vanishes. The integral is then well-defined analytically.

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with  $P(z) &= z/\alpha, \ Q(z) &= (1-z)/\beta. \end{aligned}$ 

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Here,  $n = q + q^{-1}$ ,  $|n| \neq 2$ .

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