

(A) 3^o $p(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi \cdot 1}} \exp\left[-\frac{(x-2)^2}{2}\right]$

$\langle x \rangle = 2$

$\langle x^2 \rangle - \langle x \rangle^2 = 1 \Rightarrow \langle x^2 \rangle = 5$

$\langle (x - \langle x \rangle)^3 \rangle = 0$ by symmetry

$\Rightarrow \langle x^3 - 3x^2 \langle x \rangle + 3 \langle x \rangle x^2 - \langle x \rangle^3 \rangle = 0$

$\Rightarrow \langle x^3 \rangle = 3 \langle x^2 \rangle \langle x \rangle - 3 \langle x \rangle^3$
 $= 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 2 - 3 \cdot 2^3 = 6$

$\langle x^3 \rangle = 14$

Besides, it was seen in the tutorial that for a gaussian of mean m and standard deviation σ : $\langle e^{kx} \rangle = e^{km + k^2 \sigma^2 / 2}$

$\Rightarrow \langle e^x \rangle = e^{2 + 1/2}$

$\langle e^x \rangle = e^{5/2}$

(B) Transfer matrix formalism

1) For the present model, $Z_N(\beta, \mathcal{J}, h)$ and more precisely: $Z_N(\beta \mathcal{J}, \beta h)$

2) This is given by the number of configurations at the microscopic level: 3^N

3) From the periodicity of the boundary conditions, we have

$\sum_{i=1}^N s_i = \sum_{i=1}^N s_{i+1}$

$\Rightarrow H = -\mathcal{J} \sum_{i=1}^N s_i s_{i+1} - \frac{h}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N (s_i + s_{i+1})$

$Z = \sum_{s_1, \dots, s_N} \prod_{i=1}^N T(s_i, s_{i+1})$

$T(s, s') = e^{\frac{\beta \mathcal{J}}{k} s s' + \frac{\beta h}{2} (s + s')}$

$T = \begin{pmatrix} e^{k+H} & H/2 & -k \\ e^{H/2} & 1 & -H/2 \\ -k & -H/2 & k-H \end{pmatrix}$
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 $s'=1 \quad \quad \quad s'=0 \quad \quad \quad s'=-1$

$Z = \text{Tr}[T^N]$

4) Let us denote t_+ the largest eigenvalue of T , that is not degenerate, by virtue of Perron Frobenius theorem:

$f = -kT \log t_+$

5) Here, $H = -\mathcal{J} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta_{s_i, s_{i+1}}$ where the δ yields 1 if $s_i = s_{i+1}$, and 0 otherwise

$T = \begin{pmatrix} e^k & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & e^k & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & e^k \end{pmatrix}$

with eigenvalues $e^k + 2$, and $e^k - 1$ (doubly degenerate).

$\Rightarrow f = -kT \log(2 + e^k)$