

# Renormalization and disorder : a simple toy model

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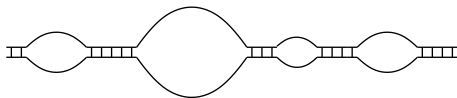
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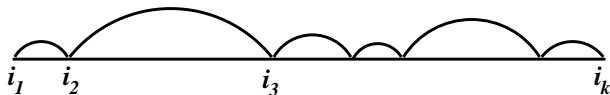
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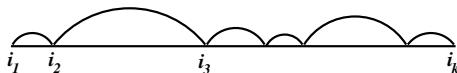


- ▶ the contact energy at position  $i$  is  $\epsilon_i$
- ▶ these contact energies are i.i.d. (quenched disorder)
- ▶ the weight of a loop of length  $n$  is

$$\omega(n) \sim \frac{s^n}{n^c} \quad (s = 1)$$

$$Z_L = \sum_{k \geq 2} \sum_{1 < i_2 < \dots < i_{k-1} < L} \omega(i_2 - i_1) \cdots \omega(i_k - i_{k-1}) \exp \left[ -\frac{\epsilon_{i_1} + \epsilon_{i_2} + \cdots + \epsilon_{i_k}}{T} \right]$$

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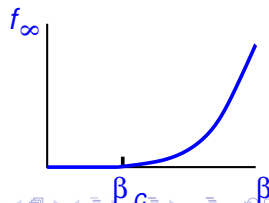
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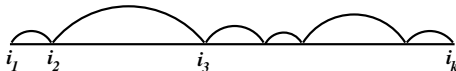
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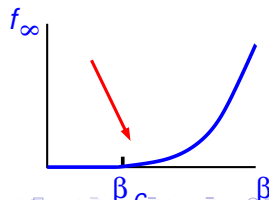
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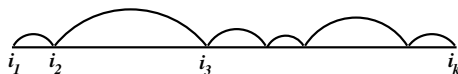
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## Phase transition in the pure case $\epsilon_j = \epsilon$

Fisher 1984



$T_c$  is known

$$\exp \left[ \frac{\epsilon}{T_c} \right] = \sum_{n \geq 1} \omega(n)$$

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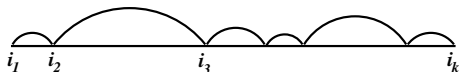
- ▶ For  $1 < c < 2$  the transition is second order

$$f_\infty \sim (T_c - T)^{\frac{1}{c-1}}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Specific heat exponent

$$\alpha_{\text{pure}} = \frac{2c - 3}{c - 1}$$

## Solution of the pure case $\epsilon_j = \epsilon$



$$Z_L = \omega(L)e^{-2\beta\epsilon} + e^{-\beta\epsilon} \sum_{\ell=1}^{L-1} \omega(\ell) Z_{L-\ell}$$

Generating functions

$$\Omega(\lambda) = \sum_{\ell} \omega(\ell) \lambda^{\ell} \quad ; \quad \sum_L Z_L \lambda^L = \frac{\Omega(\lambda) e^{-2\beta\epsilon}}{1 - \Omega(\lambda) e^{-\beta\epsilon}}$$

$$\omega(n) \sim \frac{1}{n^c} \Rightarrow \Omega(\lambda) = \begin{cases} C_1 + C_2(1-\lambda)^{c-1} + \dots & \text{for } 1 < c < 2 \\ C_1 + C_2(1-\lambda) + C_3(1-\lambda)^{c-1} + \dots & \text{for } c > 2 \end{cases}$$

## Some results in the disordered case

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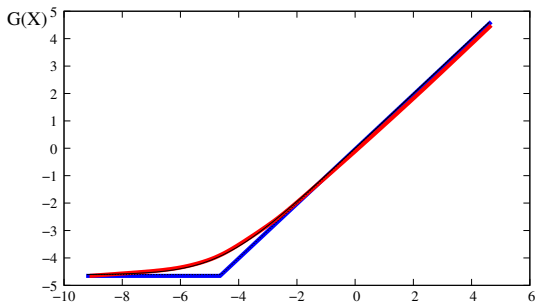
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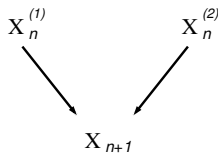
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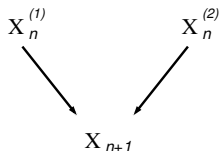
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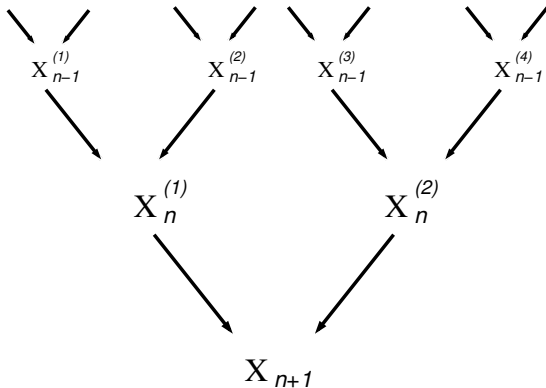
System size  $L = 2^n$  ; Free energy  $\log Z_L \equiv X_n$

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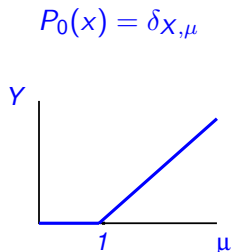


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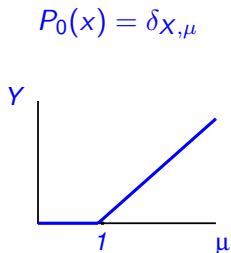


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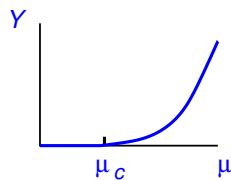
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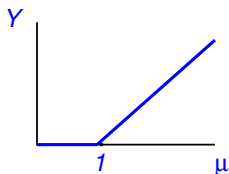


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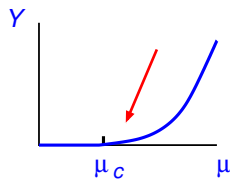
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Exact renormalization (special case  $X_n$  are integers)

$$P_0(x) \text{ is given} \quad ; \quad P_n \rightarrow P_{n+1}$$

Define the generating function  $H_n(z) = \sum_X P_n(X) z^X$

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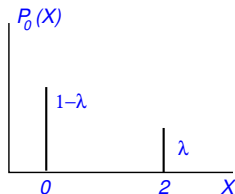
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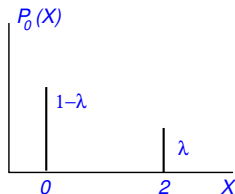
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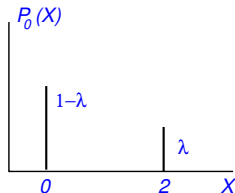
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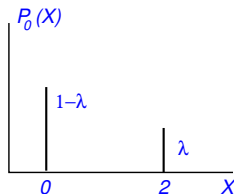
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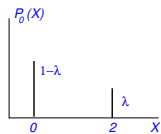
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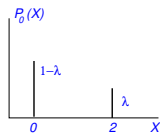
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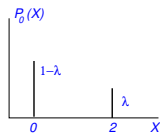
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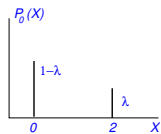
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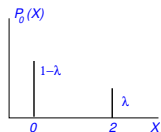
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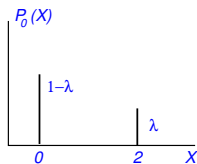
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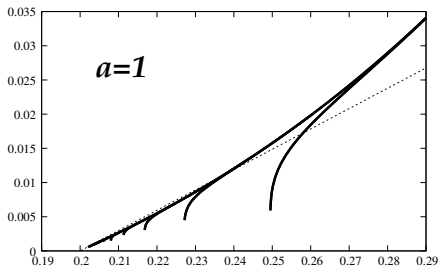
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# An essential singularity ?

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\langle X_n \rangle}{2^n} \simeq \exp \left[ -\frac{A}{\sqrt{\lambda - \lambda_c}} \right] \Leftrightarrow \left( \log \frac{\langle X_n \rangle}{2^n} \right)^{-2} \propto (\lambda - \lambda_c)$$



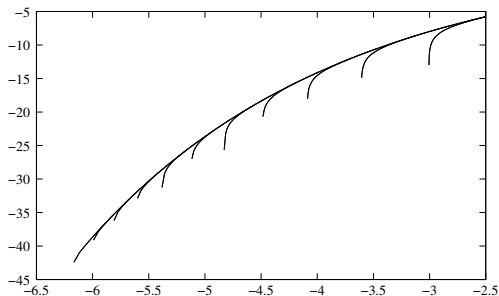
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$$\left( \log \frac{\langle X_n \rangle}{2^n} \right)^{-2} \text{ versus } \lambda$$

## A power law singularity ?

$$\frac{\langle X_n \rangle}{2^n} \propto (\lambda - \lambda_c)^\chi \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \log \frac{\langle X_n \rangle}{2^n} \sim \chi \log(\lambda - \lambda_c)$$



$\log \frac{\langle X_n \rangle}{2^n}$  versus  $\log(\lambda - \lambda_c)$

Initial distribution  $P_0(X) = (1 - \lambda)\delta_X + \lambda Q(X)$

Particular case:  $Q(X) \sim \frac{C}{X^\gamma 2^X}$

- ▶ If  $Q(X)$  decays fast enough ( $\gamma > 4$ ) then  $\lambda_c > 0$  and

$$\lim_n \frac{\langle X_n \rangle}{2^n} = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{(\lambda - \lambda_c)^{\frac{1}{2} + o(1)}}\right)$$

- ▶ If  $2 < \gamma < 4$  then  $\lambda_c > 0$

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- ▶ If  $\gamma \leq 2$  then  $\lambda_c = 0$  (because  $H'(2) = \infty$ )

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$$\frac{\partial R(x, \tau)}{\partial \tau} = \frac{\partial R(x, \tau)}{\partial x} + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^x R(x_1, \tau) R(x - x_1, \tau) dx_1$$



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$$P_n(0) = 1 - \sum_{X \geq 1} P_n(X)$$

then one can show that for  $\epsilon$  small

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Still a difficult problem

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( $k \rightarrow 0$  is the critical case)

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### Physical solutions

$$R = \sum_{i=1}^n A_i(\tau) e^{-B_i(\tau)x}$$

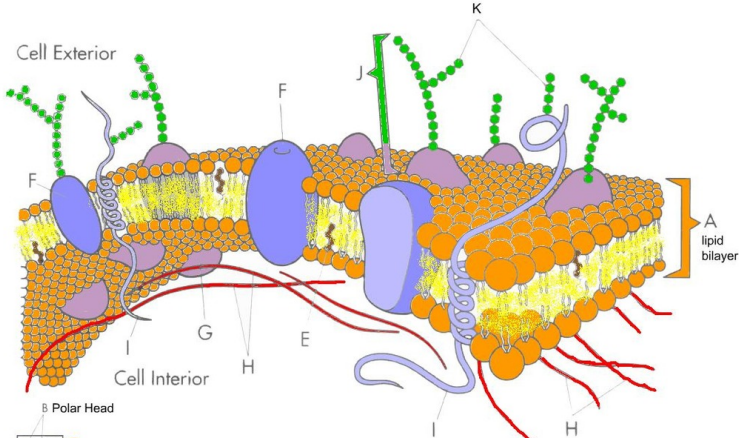
with

$$\frac{dB_i}{d\tau} = -\frac{A_i}{2} \quad ; \quad \frac{dA_i}{d\tau} = -B_i A_i - \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{A_i A_j}{B_i - B_j}$$

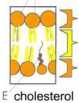
### Unphysical solutions

$$R = \frac{4}{\tau^2} e^{-\frac{3x}{\tau}} \left[ 3 \cos \left( \frac{\sqrt{3}x}{\tau} \right) + \sqrt{3} \sin \left( \frac{\sqrt{3}x}{\tau} \right) \right]$$

# The critical manifold



B Polar Head



- Lipid Bilayer .....A
- Phospholipids.....B
- Hydrophilic Polar Head .....C
- Hydrophobic Nonpolar Tail .....D

The Cell Membrane

- Cholesterol Molecule ..E
- Integral Protein .....F
- Peripheral Protein ....G
- Cytoskeleton Filaments.....H
- Alpha Helix Protein ...I
- Glycoprotein .....J
- Carbohydrate .....K

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- ▶ Other scaling solution for  $2 < \gamma < 4$  :  $G(0) = \frac{\gamma(\gamma-2)}{2}$   
Taking the the Laplace transform  $H(p) = \int_0^\infty G(z) e^{-pz} dz$

$$H(p) - pH'(p) + pH(p) + \frac{1}{2}H(p)^2 - G(0) = 0$$

This is a non-linear equation!



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Introducing a function  $y(p)$  such that

$$H(p) = -1 - p - ip \frac{y'(ip/2)}{y(ip/2)}$$

then  $y$  is solution of

$$p^2 y'' + py' + \left(p^2 - \frac{(\gamma - 1)^2}{4}\right) y = 0$$

So  $y(p)$  is a Bessel function !

$$G(x) \sim x^{-\gamma} \quad \text{for } x \rightarrow \infty$$

## Open questions

- ▶  $X_n$  real, half integer

$$X_{n+1} = \max[X_n^{(1)} + X_n^{(2)} - 1, 0]$$

- ▶ Analysis of

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- ▶ Convolution 2  $\rightarrow$  Convolution 3 :

$$2 < \gamma < 4 \quad \text{becomes} \quad 1.5 < \gamma < 2.6$$

- ▶ Going back to the hierarchical model

$$X_n^{(j)} = G\left(X_n^{(2j-1)} + X_n^{(2j)}\right)$$

- ▶ Going back to the Poland Scheraga model

- ▶ Other tree models with B. K. T. transition