

# Spontaneous Magnetization in the Integrable Chiral Potts Model

## Cracking the Determinant

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- ▶ Finally I will discuss many of the other open problems that remain in the chiral Potts model.

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$$A_{s,s'} = \prod_{i \in W} \prod_{j \in V'} (c_i - c'_j), \quad B_{s,s'} = \prod_{i \in V} \prod_{j \in W'} (c_i - c'_j),$$

$$C_s = \prod_{i \in W} \prod_{j \in V} (c_j - c_i), \quad D_{s'} = \prod_{i \in V'} \prod_{j \in W'} (c'_j - c'_i).$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{mn} = \sum_s \sum_{s'} y_1^{s_1} y_2^{s_2} \dots y_m^{s_m} \left( \frac{A_{s,s'} B_{s,s'}}{C_s D_{s'}} \right) y'_1{}^{s'_1} y'_2{}^{s'_2} \dots y'_n{}^{s'_n}, \quad \boxed{\kappa_s = \kappa_{s'}}.$$



## Definitions(continue)

Now define  $a_i, \dots, a_m, b_1, \dots, b_m$  and  $a'_i, \dots, a'_n, b'_1, \dots, b'_n$  by

$$a_i = \prod_{j=1}^n (c_i - c'_j), \quad a'_i = \prod_{j=1}^m (c'_i - c_j),$$
$$b_i = \prod_{j=1, j \neq i}^m (c_i - c_j), \quad b'_i = \prod_{j=1, j \neq i}^n (c'_i - c'_j),$$

[▶ Goto pf-d1](#) [▶ Goto pf-ndd](#) [▶ Goto pf-ccd](#) and let  $\mathcal{B}$  be an  $m$  by  $n$  matrix, and  $\mathcal{B}'$  an  $n$  by  $m$  matrix, with elements

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$$A_{s,s'} = \prod_{j=1, j \neq r}^n (c_1 - c'_j), \quad D_{s'} = \prod_{j=1, j \neq r}^n (c'_r - c'_j).$$

It follows that

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If  $m \in V$ , then the numerator is proportional to  $B_{s,s'} \sim c^{m-\kappa(s)}$  so that  $B_{s,s'}/C_s \sim c^{m-1}/c^{m-1}$ . The degree of the numerator is therefore at most  $n-1$ .

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There are poles at  $c_m = c_i$  (for  $1 \leq i < m$ ) coming from the  $b_i, b_m$  factors in  $\mathcal{B}_{ij}, \mathcal{B}_{mj}$ , respectively, so there are simple poles in each of the rows  $i$  and  $m$ . This threatens to create a double pole in the determinant  $\mathcal{D}_{mn}$ . However, if  $c_m = c_i$ , the rows  $i$  and  $m$  of the matrix  $(c_m - c_i)\mathcal{B}$  are equal and opposite. By replacing row  $i$  by the sum of the two rows (corresponding to pre-multiplying  $\mathcal{B}$  by an elementary matrix), we can eliminate the poles in row  $i$ . Hence there is only a single pole at  $c_m = c_i$ . The determinant is therefore a polynomial in  $c_m$ , divided by  $b_m$ .

## Degree for $\mathcal{D}_{mn}$ continued

- ▶ To determine the degree of this polynomial, consider the behaviour of  $\mathcal{D}_{mn}$  when  $c_m = c \rightarrow \infty$ .

$$\mathcal{B}_{ij} \sim c^{-1} \text{ if } i < m, \quad \mathcal{B}_{ij} \sim c^{n-m} \text{ if } i = m,$$

$$\mathcal{B}'_{ij} \sim c \text{ if } j < m, \quad \mathcal{B}'_{i,j} \sim 1 \text{ if } j = m.$$

and hence the orders of the elements of the matrix product are given by

$$Y B Y' B' \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & c^{-1} \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & c^{-1} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & c^{-1} \\ c^{n-m+1} & c^{n-m+1} & \dots & c^{n-m+1} & c^{n-m} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since  $n \geq m$ , it follows that  $\mathcal{D}_{mn}$  grows at most as  $\mathcal{D}_{mn} \sim c^{n-m}$ . The numerator polynomial is therefore of degree at most  $n - 1$ .

## Proof continued 4

### 3. The case $c_m = c'_n$

- **The sum  $\mathcal{R}_{mn}$ :** Consider the case when  $c_m = c'_n$ . ▶ Goto ABCD  
If  $m \in W$  and  $n \in V'$ , then from  $A_{s,s'} = 0$ . Similarly, If  $m \in V$  and  $n \in W'$ , then from  $B_{s,s'} = 0$ . So the summand is zero unless either  $m \in V, n \in V'$ , or  $m \in W, n \in W'$ .  
In the first instance,  $s_m = s'_n = 0$  ( $m \in V$  or  $n \in V'$ .) The  $AB/CD$  factor is the same as if we replace  $m, n$  by  $m - 1, n - 1$ , respectively, except for a factor

$$\prod_{i \in W} \frac{c_i - c'_n}{c_m - c_i} \prod_{j \in W'} \frac{c_m - c'_j}{c'_j - c'_n}.$$

Since  $c_m = c'_n$ , the factors in the product cancel, except for a sign. There as many elements in  $W$  as in  $W'$ , so the sign products also cancel, leaving unity. Thus this contribution is exactly that obtained by replacing  $m, n$  by  $m - 1, n - 1$ .

## Proof continued 5

- ▶ **The sum  $\mathcal{R}_{mn}$  continued:** In the second instance,  $s_m = s'_n = 1$  (or  $m \in W$  or  $n \in W'$ ). This time  $AB/CD$  has an extra factor

$$\prod_{j \in V'} \frac{c_m - c'_j}{c'_n - c'_j} \prod_{i \in V} \frac{c_i - c'_n}{c_i - c_m} = 1,$$

so this contribution to the sum is again that obtained by replacing  $m, n$  by  $m - 1, n - 1$ , except that now there is an extra factor  $y_m y'_n$ . Adding the two contributions, we see that

$$\mathcal{R}_{mn} = (1 + y_m y'_n) \mathcal{R}_{m-1, n-1}.$$

▶ Goto pf-rec

## Proof continued 6

- ▶ The determinant  $\mathcal{D}_{mn}$ : Now look at the determinant when  $c_m = c'_n$ . ▶ Goto ab Since  $a_m$  and  $a'_n$  both contain the factor  $c_m - c'_n$ , the  $m$ th row of  $\mathcal{B}$  vanishes except for the element  $m, n$ , which is

$$\mathcal{B}_{m,n} = \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} (c_m - c'_j) \bigg/ \prod_{j=1}^{m-1} (c_m - c_j) .$$

Similarly, the  $n$ th row of  $\mathcal{B}'$  vanishes except for

$$\mathcal{B}'_{n,m} = \prod_{j=1}^{m-1} (c'_n - c_j) \bigg/ \prod_{j=1}^{n-1} (c'_n - c'_j) .$$

Since  $c_m = c'_n$ , we see that  $\mathcal{B}_{m,n}\mathcal{B}'_{n,m} = 1$ . It follows that the matrix is block-triangular

$$\begin{array}{|l} \frac{a_j}{b_i} = \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{n-1} (c_i - c'_j)}{\prod_{j=1, j \neq i}^{m-1} (c_i - c_j)} \\ \text{same for } a'_i/b'_i \end{array} I_{m+n} + YBY' \mathcal{B}' = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{1} + \mathbf{yby}'\mathbf{b}' & \cdots \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 + y_m y'_n \end{pmatrix} ,$$

where  $\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{y}', \mathbf{b}'$  are the matrices for  $\mathcal{D}_{m-1, n-1}$ . Hence

$$\mathcal{D}_{m,n} = (1 + y_m y'_n) \mathcal{D}_{m-1, n-1}$$

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### 4. Proof by recurrence

The proof now proceeds by recurrence. Suppose  $\mathcal{D}(m-1, n-1) = \mathcal{R}(m-1, n-1)$  for all  $c_i, c'_j$ . Then from the previous equations [▶ Goto pf-ccr1](#) it is true that  $\mathcal{D}_{m,n} = \mathcal{R}_{m,n}$  when  $c_m = c'_n$ . By symmetry it is also true for  $c_m = c'_j$  for  $j = 1, \dots, n$ . Thus  $\mathcal{D}_{m,n} - \mathcal{R}_{m,n}$  is zero for all these  $n$  values. But from point 2 above, this difference (times  $b_m$ ) is a polynomial in  $c_m$  of degree  $n-1$ . The polynomial must therefore vanish identically, so  $\mathcal{R}_{m,n} = \mathcal{D}_{m,n}$  for *arbitrary* values of  $c_m$ . Since it is true for  $m=1$ , it follows that

$$\mathcal{R}_{m,n} = \mathcal{D}_{m,n}$$

for *all*  $m, n$ .

This proves that the determinant is equal to the sum. Next, I will talk about the calculation of the determinant  $\mathcal{D}_{PQ}$ .



## The expression for $\mathcal{D}_{PQ}$

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where  $Y$  and  $Y'$  are diagonal matrices,

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The constants  $f_i$  and  $f'_j$  are chosen as

$$f_i^2 = \frac{\epsilon a_i}{b_i}, \quad f'_i{}^2 = -\frac{\epsilon a'_i}{b'_i}, \quad \epsilon = \pm 1$$

so that  $B$  is orthogonal in the sense that

$$B^T B = I_{m'} \text{ if } m \geq m', \quad BB^T = I_m \text{ if } m \leq m'.$$

If  $F, F'$  are the diagonal matrices with elements  $F_{i,i} = f_i$ ,  $F'_{i,i} = f'_i$ , then  $\mathcal{B} = \epsilon F B F'^{-1}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}' = -\epsilon F' B F^{-1}$  and  $\epsilon^2 = 1$ .

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## Definition of $\Delta$

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### Cauchy-like matrices

If  $A$  is the  $m$  by  $m$  matrix with entries

$$A_{ij} = \frac{1}{c_i - c_j'},$$

then it is a **Cauchy** matrix and its determinant is  $\Delta_{m,m}(c, c')$ .

The matrix with elements

$$(B)_{ij} = \frac{-2 k' f_i f_j'}{\lambda_i^2 - \lambda_j'^2}$$

is said to be **Cauchy-like**, and has determinant

$$\det B = \Delta_{m,m}(\lambda^2, \lambda'^2) \prod_{i=1}^m (-2k' f_i f_i').$$

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Thus

$$1 + y_i y'_j = \frac{2(\lambda_i + \lambda'_j)}{(1 - k' + \lambda_i)(1 + k' + \lambda'_j)}.$$

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$$U_{ij} = \frac{f_i f'_j (1 + y_i y'_j)}{c_i - c'_j} = \frac{-4k' f_i f'_j}{(1 - k' + \lambda_i)(1 + k' + \lambda'_j)(\lambda_i - \lambda'_j)}$$

so  $U$  is a **Cauchy-like** matrix, similar to  $B$ . Analogously, its determinant is

$$\det U = \Delta_{m,m}(\lambda, \lambda') \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{-4k' f_i f'_i}{(1 - k' + \lambda_i)(1 + k' + \lambda'_i)}.$$



## Order Parameter for $m = m'$

The  $f_i, f'_i$  cancel out of the ratio, leaving

$$\mathcal{D}_{PQ} = \frac{\Delta_{m,m}(\lambda, \lambda')}{\Delta_{m,m}(\lambda^2, \lambda'^2)} \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{2}{(1 - k' + \lambda_i)(1 + k' + \lambda'_i)}.$$

We have

$$\left[ \frac{\Delta_{m,m'}(\lambda, \lambda')}{\Delta_{m,m'}(\lambda^2, \lambda'^2)} \right]^2 = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^m \prod_{j=1}^{m'} (\lambda_i + \lambda'_j)^2}{\prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq m} (\lambda_i + \lambda_j)^2 \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq m'} (\lambda'_i + \lambda'_j)^2} = \frac{\prod_{j=1}^{m'} 2\lambda'_j \mathcal{R}(\lambda'_j)}{2^{(m-m')^2} \prod_{i=1}^m \mathcal{R}(\lambda_i) / 2\lambda_i}$$

where

$$\mathcal{R}(\lambda) = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^m (\lambda + \lambda_i) / 2}{\prod_{j=1}^{m'} (\lambda + \lambda'_j) / 2}.$$

## Order Parameter for $m = m'$ continued

Using

$$\mathcal{Z}_P = \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{4\lambda_i}{(1 + \lambda_i)^2 - k'^2}, \quad \mathcal{Z}_Q = \prod_{i=1}^{m'} \frac{4\lambda'_i}{(1 + \lambda'_i)^2 - k'^2}$$

and

$$[\mathcal{M}_r]^2 = \frac{D_{PQ}^2}{\mathcal{Z}_P \mathcal{Z}_Q},$$

we find

$$\left(\mathcal{M}_r^{(2)}\right)^2 = \frac{\mathcal{R}(1 + k') \prod_{j=1}^{m'} \mathcal{R}(\lambda'_j)}{\mathcal{R}(1 - k') \prod_{i=1}^m \mathcal{R}(\lambda_i)}.$$

## Order Parameter for $m' = m + 1$

Now consider the case when  $P > Q$  and  $m' = m + 1$ , so the matrices  $B$ ,  $U$  are not square. We have

$$y_i = \frac{-2k'}{(1 + \lambda_i)^2 - k'^2}, \quad y'_j = \frac{(1 - \lambda'_j)^2 - k'^2}{2k'}.$$

Hence

$$1 + y_i y'_j = \frac{(\lambda_i + \lambda'_j)(2 + \lambda_i - \lambda'_j)}{(1 + \lambda_i)^2 - k'^2}.$$

We see that the factor  $\lambda_i + \lambda'_j$  again cancels, leaving

$$U = U^{(1)} + U^{(2)},$$

where  $U^{(1)}$ ,  $U^{(2)}$  are matrices with elements

$$U_{ij}^{(1)} = \frac{-4k' f_i f'_j}{(\lambda_i - \lambda'_j)[(1 + \lambda_i)^2 - k'^2]}, \quad U_{ij}^{(2)} = \frac{-2k' f_i f'_j}{[(1 + \lambda_i)^2 - k'^2]},$$

respectively. Thus  $U^{(2)} = \xi \eta^T$  where  $\xi, \eta$  are vectors and  $(\eta)_j = f'_j$ .

Consider the vector  $B\eta$ : it has entries  $(B\eta)_i = f_i \mathcal{F}'(c_i)$  where

$$\mathcal{F}'(c) = \sum_{j=1}^{m'} \frac{f_j'^2}{c - c_j'} = \sum_{j=1}^{m'} \frac{\mathcal{P}_P(c_j')}{b_j'(c - c_j')} \quad \boxed{b_j' = \prod_{i \neq j, i=1}^{m'} (c_j' - c_i')}$$

$$= \mathcal{F}'(c) = \gamma' + \mathcal{P}_P(c)/\mathcal{P}_Q(c),$$


where  $\gamma'$  is independent of  $c$ . Taking the limit  $c \rightarrow \infty$ , we obtain  $\gamma' = 0$ . It follows that  $\mathcal{F}'(c)$  vanishes when  $c = c_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, m$ ), so  $B\eta = 0$ . Consequently, the  $U^{(2)}$  term is zero, leaving

$$\mathcal{D}_{PQ} = \det[U^{(1)}B^T].$$

We define an  $m'$  by  $m'$  matrix

$$\hat{B} = \begin{pmatrix} B \\ \eta^T \end{pmatrix}, \quad \boxed{c\mathcal{F}'(c) = \sum_{j=1}^{m'} \frac{cf_j'^2}{c - c_j'} = \frac{c\mathcal{P}_P(c)}{\mathcal{P}_Q(c)}}$$

$$\eta^T \eta = \sum_{j=1}^{m'} f_j'^2 = 1,$$

it follows that  $\hat{B}\hat{B}^T = I_{m'}$ , i.e.  $\hat{B}$  is a square orthogonal matrix. 

We also extend  $U^{(1)}$  by adding the row  $\eta^T$  to form the square matrix

$$\mathcal{U} = \begin{pmatrix} U^{(1)} \\ \eta^T \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \mathcal{U}\hat{B}^T = \begin{pmatrix} U^{(1)}B^T & U^{(1)}\eta \\ \eta^TB^T & \eta^T\eta \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} U^{(1)}B^T & U^{(1)}\eta \\ \mathbf{0} & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

We see that  $\mathcal{U}\hat{B}^T$  is an upper-right block triangular matrix and  $\det \mathcal{U}\hat{B}^T = \det U^{(1)}B^T$ . Using the orthogonality of  $\hat{B}$ ,

$$\mathcal{D}_{PQ} = \det \mathcal{U} / \det \hat{B}.$$

The square matrices  $\hat{B}$  and  $\mathcal{U}$  are Cauchy-like, provided we take  $f_{m+1} = -\lambda_{m+1}^2/2k'$  and then let  $\lambda_{m+1} \rightarrow \infty$ , so that  $\hat{B}_{m',j} = -2k'f_{m+1}f'_j/(\lambda_{m+1}^2 - \lambda_j^2) \rightarrow f'_j$ , we obtain

$$\det \hat{B} = \Delta_{m,m'}(\lambda^2, \lambda'^2) \prod_{i=1}^m (2k'f_i) \prod_{j=1}^{m'} f'_j.$$

Similarly, all the elements  $\mathcal{U}_{ij}$  of  $\mathcal{U}$  are Cauchy like if now we take  $f_{m+1} = -\lambda_{m+1}^3/4k'$  before letting  $\lambda_{m+1} \rightarrow \infty$ , so that

$$\mathcal{U}_{m+1,j} = -4k' f_{m+1} f'_j / ((\lambda_{m+1} - \lambda_j)[(\lambda_{m+1} + 1)^2 - k'^2]) \rightarrow f'_j$$

Again using the general formula, we find that

$$\det \mathcal{U} = \Delta_{m,m'}(\lambda, \lambda') \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{4k' f_i}{(1 + \lambda_i)^2 - k'^2} \prod_{j=1}^{m'} f'_j.$$

Hence

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We now obtain

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## Wiener-Hopf factorization

Let  $c, \lambda$  be two variables related as are  $c_i, \lambda_i$ . Noting that  $\lambda_i^2 - \lambda^2 = 2k'(c - c_i)$ , it follows from the definition of  $\mathcal{R}$  that

$$\mathcal{R}(\lambda)\mathcal{R}(-\lambda) = (k'/2)^{m-m'} \mathcal{P}_P(c)/\mathcal{P}_Q(c),$$

where

$$\mathcal{P}_P(c) = \prod_{j=1}^m (c - c_j) = (c + 1)^m P_P(w),$$

in which

$$\begin{aligned} P_P(t^N) &= t^{-P} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \omega^{-nP} \left( \frac{1 - t^N}{1 - \omega^n t} \right)^L \\ &= t^{-P} \left[ \frac{1 - t^N}{1 - t} + \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} \omega^{-nP} \left( \frac{1 - t^N}{1 - \omega^n t} \right)^L \right] \end{aligned}$$

Using these equations, this can be written as

$$\mathcal{R}(\lambda)\mathcal{R}(-\lambda) = [k'(c + 1)/2]^{m-m'} t^{Q-P} \mathcal{W}(\lambda),$$

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where

$$\mathcal{W}(\lambda) = \mathcal{W}_P(\lambda)/\mathcal{W}_Q(\lambda),$$

$$\mathcal{W}_P(\lambda) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} \omega^{n(P+L)} \left( \frac{1-t}{\omega^n - t} \right)^L.$$

These  $t$ ,  $w$ ,  $c$  are related to  $\lambda$ . In particular,

$$t^N = w = \frac{c-1}{c+1} = \frac{(1-k')^2 - \lambda^2}{(1+k')^2 - \lambda^2} = \left[ \frac{1-k'+\lambda}{1+k'+\lambda} \right] \left[ \frac{1-k'-\lambda}{1+k'-\lambda} \right].$$

The function  $\mathcal{R}(\lambda)$  is analytic in the RHS and is proportional to  $(\lambda/2)^{m-m'}$  when  $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$ . It follows from

$$\frac{k'}{2}(c+1) = \frac{(1+k')^2 - \lambda^2}{4} = \left[ \frac{1+k'+\lambda}{2} \right] \left[ \frac{1+k'-\lambda}{2} \right],$$

that

$$\mathcal{R}(\lambda) = \left( \frac{1+\lambda+k'}{2} \right)^{m-m'} \left( \frac{1-k'+\lambda}{1+k'+\lambda} \right)^{(Q-P)/N} \mathcal{W}_+(\lambda).$$



where Wiener-Hopf factorization is performed on  $\mathcal{W}(\lambda)$ :

$$\mathcal{W}(\lambda) = \mathcal{W}_+(\lambda)\mathcal{W}_-(\lambda),$$

and for  $\Re(\lambda) \geq 0$ ,

$$\log \mathcal{W}_+(\lambda) = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-i\infty-\epsilon}^{i\infty-\epsilon} \frac{\log \mathcal{W}(\lambda')}{\lambda' - \lambda} d\lambda'$$

the integration being up a vertical line just to the left of the imaginary axis. Baxter has also shown that in the limit  $L \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\mathcal{W}_+(\lambda) \rightarrow 1$  for  $\Re(\lambda) \geq 0$ . It follows that

$$\frac{\prod_{j=1}^{m'} \mathcal{R}(\lambda'_j)}{\prod_{i=1}^m \mathcal{R}(\lambda_i)} = \mathcal{R}(1+k')^{m'-m} \left[ \frac{\mathcal{R}(1+k')}{\mathcal{R}(1-k')} \right]^{(Q-P)/N},$$

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Do we need to know all the eigenvectors  $|\mathcal{Y}_j^Q\rangle$ ?