

14. A Remark on the Global Markov Property for the d -Dimensional Ising Model

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1. Introduction. Let Z^d be the d -dimensional cubic lattice and $\Omega \equiv \{-1, +1\}^{Z^d}$ be the configuration space, equipped with the product of discrete topology. \mathcal{F} stands for the Borel σ -field of Ω . The sub σ -fields $\{\mathcal{F}_V; V \subset Z^d\}$ are defined by

$$\mathcal{F}_V \equiv \sigma\{\omega(x); x \in V\}.$$

A probability measure μ on (Ω, \mathcal{F}) is said to have *local Markov property* (LMP), if for every finite $V \subset Z^d$,

$$(1) \quad \mu(\cdot | \mathcal{F}_V^c)(\omega) = \mu(\cdot | \mathcal{F}_{\partial V})(\omega) \quad \text{on } \mathcal{F}_V \text{ } \mu\text{-a.s. } \omega,$$

where $\partial V \equiv \{x \in V^c; |x - y| \equiv \max\{|x^i - y^i|; 1 \leq i \leq d\} = 1 \text{ for some } y \in V\}$.

If (1) holds for any $V \subset Z^d$, then μ is said to have *global Markov property* (GMP). It is known that (LMP) does not necessarily imply (GMP) (see for example, [4], [6], [7]). Therefore the question is when (LMP) implies (GMP). In this note, we discuss this question for the d -dimensional Ising model. The Hamiltonian of this model is given for each finite $V \subset Z^d$, with magnetic field h , and the boundary condition $\omega \in \Omega$, by

$$(2) \quad E_V(\eta | \omega) = \sum_{x, y \in V} J_{x, y} \eta(x) \eta(y) + \sum_{x \in V} \sum_{y \in \partial V} J_{x, y} \eta(x) \omega(y) + h \sum_{x \in V} \eta(x),$$

where $J_{x, y} = J_{0, |x-y|} = 0$ unless $|x - y| = 1$. For $\beta > 0$, the corresponding finite Gibbs state for (2) is given by

$$(3) \quad P_{\beta, V}(\{\eta(x), x \in V\} | \omega) = (\text{normalization}) \cdot \exp\{-\beta E_V(\eta | \omega)\}.$$

and

$$(4) \quad P_{\beta, V}(\{\eta(x) = \omega(x), x \in V^c\} | \omega) = 1.$$

A Gibbs state for the Ising model (2) is a probability measure μ on (Ω, \mathcal{F}) satisfying

$$(5) \quad \mu(\cdot | \mathcal{F}_V^c)(\omega) = P_{\beta, V}(\cdot | \omega) \text{ } \mu\text{-a.s. } \omega, \quad \text{for every finite } V \subset Z^d.$$

By definition, any Gibbs state for Ising model (2) has (LMP), but not every Gibbs state for (2) has (GMP) (a counterexample is given in [4]). If $J = \{J_{x, y}\}$ satisfies Dobrushin's uniqueness condition, then the unique Gibbs state has (GMP) ([2], [3]).

In this note, we assume that the Ising model (2) has attractive interaction; $J_{x, y} \leq 0$ for every pair $x, y \in Z^d$. In this case, it is known that there exists a critical β_c , $0 < \beta_c \leq \infty$ (the last equality holds iff $d=1$), such that Gibbs state is unique for $\beta < \beta_c$, and non-unique for