

# ***n*-Point Functions for the Rectangular Ising Ferromagnet**

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**Abstract.** A new representation for the *n*-point functions of the Planar Ising ferromagnet is given. Below the critical temperature the boundary conditions are toroidal; the state is a superposition of the extremal invariant ones, with equal weights.

## **1. Introduction**

This paper presents the final results which are needed to write down the *n*-point function of the rectangular Ising ferromagnet in an explicit way. As was explained in the first paper [1], this can be done once all matrix elements of spin operators between any eigenvectors of the transfer matrix have been given. In [1] and [2], matrix elements from the vacua to any excited state were considered. The method for completing the problem is quite obvious, but the fact that a Wick theorem still obtains is not; it is also highly significant for the truncation properties of the *n*-point functions [3]. The results of this series of papers have found application in the rigorous determination of critical indices [4], in heuristic remarks on the equation of state [5] and in the analysis of the density profile between phases [6].

## **2. Generalised Matrix Elements**

Let functions associated with the generalised matrix elements be defined by

$$\begin{aligned}
 & F((e^{i\beta})_m | (e^{i\alpha})_{m+1, n}) \\
 &= M^{n/2} \exp i \left\{ \sum_1^m (\beta_j + \theta(\beta_j)) + \sum_{m+1}^n (\alpha_j + \theta(\alpha_j)) \right\} \\
 & \cdot \langle \Phi_- | G_{\alpha_n} \dots G_{\alpha_{m+1}} G_{-\beta_m}^+ \dots G_{-\beta_1}^+ | \Phi_+ \rangle.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

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By using the linear dependence relationship

$$G_{-\beta}^+ = \sum_{\alpha} \langle \beta | \alpha \rangle (\cos(\theta(\beta) - \theta(\alpha)) G_{-\alpha}^+ + i \sin(\theta(\beta) - \theta(\alpha)) G_{\alpha}) \tag{2.2}$$

with

$$\langle \beta | \alpha \rangle = 2/M(e^{i(\beta - \alpha)} - 1) \tag{2.3}$$

the following recurrence relationship may be derived:

$$\begin{aligned} F_{M((t)_m | (z)_{m+1}, n)} &= \sum_{z_m} \frac{1}{M(z_m/t_m - 1)} \left( 1 - \frac{\Theta(z_m)}{\Theta(t_m)} \right) F_{M((t)_{m-1} | (z)_{m,n})} \\ &+ \sum_{j=m+1}^n (-1)^{j-m-1} \frac{z_j t_m}{z_j t_m - 1} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\Theta(z_m)\Theta(t_j)} \right) F_{M((t)_m | A_j(z)_{m+1}, n)}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.4}$$

The first summation is over distinct  $z_m$  such that  $z_m^M = 1$ . The relevant object in the limit  $M \rightarrow \infty$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} F((t)_m | (z)_{m+1}, n) &= \frac{\mathcal{P}}{2\pi i} \int_{C_1} \frac{dz_m}{z_m} \frac{1}{(z_m/t_m - 1)} \left( 1 - \frac{\Theta(z_m)}{\Theta(t_m)} \right) \\ F((t)_{m-1} | (z)_{m,n}) &+ \sum_{j=m+1}^n (-1)^{j-m+1} \frac{z_j t_m}{z_j t_m - 1} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\Theta(t_m)\Theta(z_j)} \right) F((t)_{m-1} | A_j(z)_{m+1}, n). \end{aligned} \tag{2.5}$$

The solution of (2.5) will be developed separately for  $T > T_C$  and  $T < T_C$  using an inductive ansatz.

By analogy with the introduction of the operator  $Y_+$  in the previous two papers, consider the operator  $Y_-$  defined on a dense substance of  $L^2(S_1)$  by

$$(Y_- f)(t) = \frac{\mathcal{P}}{\pi i} \int_{C_1} \frac{dz}{z} \frac{1}{z/t - 1} \left( 1 - \frac{\Theta(z)}{\Theta(t)} \right) f(z). \tag{2.6}$$

This may be extended to  $\bigotimes_1^n L^2(S_1)$  by

$$(Y_- f)((z)_n) = \frac{\mathcal{P}}{\pi i} \int_{C_1} \frac{dt_1}{t_1} \frac{1}{t_1/z_1 - 1} \left( 1 - \frac{\Theta(t_1)}{\Theta(z_1)} \right) f(t_1, (z)_{2,n}). \tag{2.7}$$

Clearly the norm satisfies  $\|Y_-\| \leq 2$ .

Consider first the case  $T > T_C$ : since  $F((z)_{2n})$  is known, when  $m=1$  in (2.5) we have

$$\begin{aligned} F(t | (z)_{2, 2n}) &= \sum_2^{2n} (-1)^j F(A_j(z)_{2, 2n}) \left[ \frac{1}{2} (Y_- f_-)(t, z_j) \right. \\ &\left. + \frac{z_j t}{z_j t - 1} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\Theta(z_j)\Theta(t)} \right) \right], \end{aligned} \tag{2.8}$$

where the pair contraction function  $f_-$  is expressed in terms of the Wiener-Hopf factorisation (see [1], Appendix B) of  $\Theta(z)$  by

$$f_{\pm}(z, t) = \frac{zt}{zt-1} (\Theta_+^{-1}(z)\Theta_-^{-1}(t) \pm \Theta_+^{-1}(t)\Theta_-^{-1}(z)). \tag{2.9}$$

The additional function  $f_+$  will be encountered in the following. Using the properties of the factorisation (see [1], Appendix B) it follows that

$$(Y_-f_-)(t, z_j) = 2f_+(t, z_j) - \frac{2z_jt}{z_jt-1} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\Theta(z_j)\Theta(t)} \right), \tag{2.10}$$

$$(Y_-f_+)(t, z_j) = 2f_-(t, z_j). \tag{2.11}$$

Insertion of (2.10) into (2.8) gives

$$F(t|(z)_{2,2n}) = \sum_2^{2n} (-1)^j f_+(t, z_j) F(\Delta_j(z)_{2,2n}). \tag{2.12}$$

This result suggests the inductive ansatz

$$\begin{aligned} F((t)_m|(z)_{m+1,2n}) &= \sum_1^{m-1} (-1)^{j-m} f_-(t_m, t_j) F(\Delta_j(t)_{m-1}|(z)_{m+1,2n}) \\ &\quad + \sum_{m+1}^{2n} (-1)^{j-m+1} f_+(t_m, z_j) F((t)_{m-1}|\Delta_j(z)_{m+1,2n}). \end{aligned} \tag{2.13}$$

In order to test whether this satisfies (2.5), for  $m \geq 2$ , (2.10) and (2.11) are needed; then (2.13) is readily verified by induction on  $m$ , for any  $n \geq 1$ .

If  $T < T_C$  and  $m=1$  then the expansion (4.18) of Paper I should be used with contraction function and initial condition as follows:

$$f_{\pm}(z, t) = \frac{zt}{zt-1} (\Theta_+^{-1}(z)t^{-1}\Theta_-^{-1}(t) \pm \Theta_+(t)z^{-1}\Theta_-^{-1}(z)), \tag{2.14}$$

$$F(z) = z\Theta_+^{-1}(z)\Theta_+(0)m^*. \tag{2.15}$$

Then from (2.5) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} F(t|(z)_{2,2n+1}) &= -\frac{1}{2}(Y_-F)(t)F((z)_{2,2n+1}) \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=2}^{2n+1} (-1)^j \left\{ F(z_j)\frac{1}{2}(Y_-F)(t, \Delta_{1j}(z)_{2n+1}) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{z_jt}{z_jt-1} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\Theta(z_j)\Theta(t)} \right) F(\Delta_j(z)_{2n+1}) \right\}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.16}$$

The results needed here are that

$$\begin{aligned} (Y_-f_-)(t, z) &= 2f_+(t, z) - \frac{2zt}{zt-1} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{\Theta(z)\Theta(t)} \right) \\ &\quad + 2\Theta_+(0)\Theta^{-1}(t)z\Theta_+(z)^{-1}, \end{aligned} \tag{2.17}$$

$$(Y_-f_+)(t, z) = 2f_-(t, z) - 2\Theta_+(0)\Theta^{-1}(t)z\Theta_+(z)^{-1}, \tag{2.18}$$

and

$$(Y_- F)(z) = 2F(z). \tag{2.19}$$

The terms involving  $F(z_j)$  on the right side of (2.16) and (2.17) cancel in (2.15) by appealing to the properties of Pfaffians, giving the result

$$F(t|z)_{2,2n+1} = \sum_2^{2n+1} (-1)^j F(z_j) F(t|\Delta_{1j}(z)_{2n+1}) - F(t)F((z)_{2,2n+1}), \tag{2.20}$$

where 
$$F(t|\Delta_1(z)_{2n}) = \sum_2^{2n} (-1)^k f_+(t, z_k) F(\Delta_{1k}(z)_{2n}) \tag{2.21}$$

the final Pfaffian being evaluated according to Paper I of the series. An inductive ansatz analogous to (2.13) can now be made, and established for  $T < T_C$ ; it is (2.36) of Theorem 2.

The matrix elements

$$F_M^x((e^{i\beta})_m | (e^{i\alpha})_{m+1,n}) = M^{n/2} \exp i \left\{ \sum_1^m (\beta_j + \theta(\beta_j)) + \sum_{m+1}^n (\alpha_j + \theta(\alpha_j)) \right\} \langle \Phi_- | G_{\alpha_n} \dots G_{\alpha_{m+1}} \sigma_1^x G_{-\beta_m}^+ \dots G_{-\beta_1}^+ | \Phi_+ \rangle \tag{2.22}$$

are calculated in the appropriate limit as  $M \rightarrow \infty$  by precisely the same procedure as in Paper II.

For  $T > T_C$  we have the equation

$$\begin{aligned} & F^x((t)_m | (z)_{m+1,2n+1}) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m (-1)^{m-j-1} \Theta(z_j)^{-1} F(\Delta_j(t)_m | (z)_{m+1,2n+1}) \\ & \quad + \frac{\mathcal{P}}{2\pi i c_1} \int \frac{dt}{t} \Theta(t) F((t)_m, t | (z)_{m+1,2n+1}) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m (-1)^{m+j-1} \left\{ \Theta(t_j)^{-1} + \frac{\mathcal{P}}{2\pi i c_1} \int \frac{dt}{t} \Theta(t) f_-(t, t_j) \right\} \\ & \quad \cdot F(\Delta_j(t)_m | (z)_{m+1,2n+1}) \\ & \quad + \sum_{j=m+1}^n (-1)^{m+j} \frac{\mathcal{P}}{2\pi i c_1} \int \frac{dt}{t} \Theta(t) f_+(t, z_j) \\ & \quad \cdot F((t)_m | \Delta_j(z)_{m+1,2n+1}). \end{aligned} \tag{2.23}$$

But we have the results

$$\frac{\mathcal{P}}{2\pi i c_1} \int \frac{dt}{t} \Theta(t) f_+(t, z) = \Theta_-(\infty) \Theta^{-1}(z), \tag{2.24}$$

$$\frac{\mathcal{P}}{2\pi i c_1} \int \frac{dt}{t} \Theta(t) f_-(t, z) = \Theta_-(\infty) \Theta^{-1}(z) - \Theta^{-1}(z), \tag{2.25}$$

from which the results given in the Theorem 1 below follow. The analogous results for  $T < T_C$  are obtained by conducting the expansion of the Pfaffian in line 1 of (2.23) according to (2.36). Using the results

$$\frac{\mathcal{P}}{2\pi i} \oint_{c_1} \frac{dt}{t} \Theta(t) f_+(t, z) = -z \Theta_+^{-1}(z) \Theta_+(0) \tag{2.26}$$

and

$$\frac{\mathcal{P}}{2\pi i} \oint_{c_1} \frac{dt}{t} \Theta(t) f_-(t, z) = -\frac{1}{\Theta(z)} + z \Theta_+^{-1}(z) \Theta_+(0) \tag{2.27}$$

together with the normalisation

$$\frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{c_1} \frac{dt}{t} \Theta(t) F(t) = m^* \tag{2.28}$$

then gives the appropriate part of Theorem 2. The results are as follows:

**Theorem 1.** *If  $\mathcal{S}(\Theta) = 0 (T > T_C)$  then for  $0 \leq m \leq 2n + 1$*

$$F((z)_m | (z)_{m+1, 2n+1}) = 0 \tag{2.29}$$

whereas

$$F((z)_m | (z)_{m+1, 2n}) = \sum_1^{2n} (-1)^j f(z_1, z_j) F(\Delta_{1j}(z)_m | (z)_{m+1, 2n}) \tag{2.30}$$

with

$$f(z_i, z_j) = f_+(z_i, z_j) [\text{resp. } f_-(z_i, z_j)] \tag{2.31}$$

for  $1 \leq i \leq m, m + 1 \leq j \leq 2n$  (resp.  $1 \leq i \leq m$  and  $1 \leq j \leq m$  or  $m + 1 \leq i \leq 2n, m + 1 \leq j \leq 2n$ ).

Here

$$f_{\pm}(z, t) = \frac{zt}{zt - 1} (\Theta_+^{-1}(z) \Theta_{\pm}^{-1}(t) \pm \Theta_+^{-1}(t) \Theta_{\pm}^{-1}(z)). \tag{2.32}$$

on the other hand

$$F^x((z)_m | (z)_{m+1, 2n}) = 0 \tag{2.33}$$

whereas

$$F^x((z)_m | z_{m+1, 2n+1}) = \sum_{j=1}^{2n+1} \Theta_-(\infty) (-1)^j \Theta_+^{-1}(z_j) \cdot F(\Delta_j(z)_m | (z)_{m+1, 2n+1}), \tag{2.34}$$

where the generalised Pfaffian is given by (2.30) and (2.31).

**Theorem 2.** *If  $\mathcal{S}(\Theta) = -1 (T < T_C)$  then for  $0 \leq m \leq 2n$*

$$F((z)_m | (z)_{m+1, 2n}) = 0 \tag{2.35}$$

whereas

$$F((z)_m|(z)_{m+1,2n+1}) = \sum_{j=1}^{2n+1} (-1)^j F(z_j) F(\Delta_j(z)_m|(z)_{m+1,2n+1}) \quad (2.36)$$

the second matrix element factor on the right hand side being given by (2.22) and (2.23) of the previous theorem, with

$$f_{\pm}(z, t) = \frac{zt}{zt-1} \Theta_{+}^{-1}(z) t^{-1} \Theta_{-}^{-1}(t) \pm \Theta_{+}^{-1}(t) z^{-1} \Theta_{-}^{-1}(z), \quad (2.37)$$

$$F(z) = \Theta_{+}(0) m^* z \Theta_{+}^{-1}(z). \quad (2.38)$$

On the other hand

$$F^x((z)_m|(z)_{m+1,2n+1}) = 0 \quad (2.39)$$

whereas

$$F^x((z)_m|(z)_{m+1,2n}) = F((z)_m|(z)_{m+1,2n}) \quad (2.40)$$

the right hand side being given by (2.22) and (2.23), with the pair contraction function  $f_{\pm}$  given by

$$f_{\pm}(z, t) = \frac{zt}{zt-1} (\Theta_{+}(z)^{-1} t^{-1} \Theta_{-}(t)^{-1} \pm \Theta_{+}(t)^{-1} z^{-1} \Theta_{-}(z)^{-1}). \quad (2.41)$$

*Remarks.* 1. The matrix elements are written in terms of Pfaffians which are generalised further to include *symmetric* contractions. It should be noted that there is still antisymmetry under permutations of the  $\{t\}$  or the  $\{z\}$  separately, as there should be. It is quite surprising that a Wick theorem result holds in this case also.

2. The case  $T < T_C$ ,  $m=n=2$  was used in the theory of the interface between phases for the rectangular Ising ferromagnet [6].

### 3. Representation of the $n$ -Point Function

The following formula was developed in Paper I [1] of this series. The notation  $(\mathbf{r})_n = (\mathbf{r}_1, \dots, \mathbf{r}_n)$  will be used for the location of the  $n$  particles, with  $\mathbf{r}_j \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ . The relative coordinates are  $x_k = (\mathbf{r}_{k+1} - \mathbf{r}_k) \cdot \mathbf{i}$  and  $y_k = (\mathbf{r}_{k+1} - \mathbf{r}_k) \cdot \mathbf{j}$  where  $\mathbf{i}$  and  $\mathbf{j}$  are unit vectors for the lattice  $\mathbb{Z}^2$  and  $\mathbf{i}$  is the transfer direction. The points are ordered so that  $x_k \geq 0$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, n-1$ . The  $n$ -point function is

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \sigma(\mathbf{r})_n \rangle &= \lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j_1 \dots j_{n+1}} \exp - \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} (\gamma(j_k) x_k - i \omega(j_k) y_k) \\ &\cdot \langle \Phi_{+} | \sigma_1^x | \Phi_{j_1} \rangle \prod_1^{n-2} \langle \Phi_{j_l} | \sigma_1^x | \Phi_{j_{l+1}} \rangle \\ &\cdot \langle \Phi_{j_{n-1}} | \sigma_1^x | \Phi_{+} \rangle. \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

The index  $j$  of each state  $|\Phi_j\rangle$  is given by a set of wavenumbers  $(\omega)_{m_j}$  with  $m_j \geq 0$  ( $m_j = 0$  corresponds to  $|\Phi_{+}\rangle$ ) with  $\omega \in [0, 2\pi]$ . The summations become integrations in the thermodynamic limit, as can be seen by considering Section 5 of

[1], giving the result

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \sigma(\mathbf{r}_n) \rangle = & \sum_{m_1, \dots, m_{n-1}=0}^{\infty} \int_0^{2\pi} \dots \int_0^{2\pi} d(\omega_1)_{m_1} \dots d(\omega_{n-1})_{m_{n-1}} \prod_1^{n-1} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{m_j} m_j!} \\ & \cdot F_x((e^{i\omega_1})_{m_1}) \prod_1^{n-2} F_x((e^{i\omega_j})_{m_j} | (e^{i\omega_{j+1}})_{m_{j+1}}) F_x((e^{i\omega_{n-1}})_{m_{n-1}}) \\ & \cdot \exp \sum_{l=1}^{n-1} \sum_{k=1}^{m_l} (-\gamma(\omega_{kl})x_l + iy_l \omega_{kl} \operatorname{sgn} l), \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

where the notation

$$(\omega_j)_n = (\omega_{1j}, \dots, \omega_{nj}) \tag{3.3}$$

will be used.

Just as for the 2-point function, there is an illuminating graphical representation of these results. For an  $n$ -point function consider vertex sets  $\mathcal{R}_j$ ,  $j=1, \dots, n-1$ . The  $k^{\text{th}}$ -vertex within  $\mathcal{R}_j$  is labelled  $\omega_{kj}$ ,  $k=1, \dots, m_j$  with  $|\mathcal{R}_j| = m_j$ .  $\mathcal{R}_j$  is the set of wavenumbers describing  $|\Phi_j\rangle$ . For pictorial purposes it is convenient to arrange each  $\mathcal{R}_j$  horizontally and then order the  $\mathcal{R}_j$  vertically.

The union of the  $\mathcal{R}_j$  will now be taken as the vertex set  $V$  for a graph  $\mathcal{G} = \{V, E\}$ ; the contractions  $f_{\pm}$  which occur in Theorems 1 and 2 of the previous section will be assigned as edge weights on  $\mathcal{G}$ . Evidently there will be  $f_-$  edges within rows  $\mathcal{R}_j$  but  $f_+$  edges between  $\mathcal{R}_j$  and  $\mathcal{R}_{j+1}$  for  $j=1, \dots, n-1$ . First we rationalise the contraction functions so that the edge weights become real. By analogy with [2] we introduce the functions

$$e_{\pm}^>(\omega_1, \omega_2) = (\sinh \gamma(\omega_1) \pm \sinh \gamma(\omega_2)) / 2 \sin((\omega_1 + \omega_2) / 2), \tag{3.4}$$

$$e_{\pm}^<(\omega_1, \omega_2) = (p(\omega_1)q(\omega_2) \pm p(\omega_2)q(\omega_1)) / 2 \sin((\omega_1 + \omega_2) / 2). \tag{3.5a}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} p(\omega) &= (-2 \cos \omega + A + 1/A)^{1/2} \\ q(\omega) &= (-2 \cos \omega + B + 1/B)^{1/2} \end{aligned} \tag{3.5b}$$

for the rectangular Ising model. The integration weight for each vertex is now

$$d\mu(\omega) = d\omega / 2\pi \sinh \gamma(\omega) \tag{3.6}$$

and the factors of  $i$  arising from the replacement of  $f$  by  $e$  can readily be shown to cancel.

Reference to Theorems 1 and 2 shows that the graphs in the two cases will be different. The case  $T < T_C$  is the simpler: our considerations here will apply only to periodic boundary conditions, for which  $\langle \sigma(\mathbf{r})_n \rangle = 0$  whenever  $n$  is odd (This is obviously not so with + boundary conditions: take  $n=1$ ). Allowed graphs  $\mathcal{G}$  are unions of disjoint closed cycles  $\mathcal{C}_i$ . Each  $\mathcal{C}_i$  has an even number of edges, weighted by  $e_{-}^<(\cdot, \cdot)$  if both vertex labels come from the same  $\mathcal{R}_j$ . Within the vertical ordering  $e_{+}^<(\cdot, \cdot)$  can only connect elements of  $\mathcal{R}_j$  and  $\mathcal{R}_k$  if  $j=k \pm 1$ . Closure of any  $\mathcal{C}_i$  requires that the number of  $e_{+}$  weighted edges be even. The final problem here concerns the sign factors in the expansions over permutations. This is given by

**Lemma 1.** Any closed cycle has a permutation factor of  $(-1)$ .

*Proof.* This is analogous to that in [2]. The only difference is that a product of  $2n - 1$  permutations has to be handled because a cycle is permitted to intersect all  $\mathcal{R}_j, j = 1, \dots, 2n - 1$ .

When  $T > T_C$ , open chains occur.  $\mathcal{R}_1$  and  $\mathcal{R}_{2n-1}$  have each one chain end arising from the first and last matrix elements respectively in (3.2). There is one in each  $\mathcal{R}_j \cup \mathcal{R}_{j+1}$  for  $j = 1, \dots, 2n - 2$  arising from the intermediate matrix elements. Each chain end has an edge emanating from it; the degree of all remaining vertices is two. Thus any allowed graph is a disjoint union of  $n$  chains and any number of closed cycles. These are weighted in accordance with the rules for  $T > T_C$ , mutatis mutandis.

The permutation sign of a given chain is given by the following lemma :

**Lemma 2.** An open chain which has ends in  $\mathcal{R}_j$  and  $\mathcal{R}_k$  has an even (resp. odd) number of edges if  $(j - k)$  is even (resp. odd). The permutation sign is  $(-1)^{(j-k)}$ .

*Proof.* This is an elementary extension of that in [2].

The final information required to specify the graphical representation is the vertex weight function for a vertex label  $\omega_{jk}$  in row  $\mathcal{R}_k$ . This weight, denoted  $v_k(\omega_{jk})$  is given by

$$v_k(\omega_{jk}) = \exp(-|x_k| \gamma(\omega_{jk}) + i y_k \omega_{jk} \text{Sgn } k). \tag{3.7}$$

The appearance of  $\text{Sgn } k$  in (3.7) is a consequence of the choice of wavenumbers in (2.1) and (2.22). All spins are translated in the direction perpendicular to transfer to the standard position 1 in accordance with the procedures of [1].

The sums over appropriate weighted graphs for  $T > T_C$  and  $T < T_C$  are denoted  $\varrho^\pm((x_{n-1}, (y)_{n-1}))$ . The vacuum scalar products required as boundary conditions for the Pfaffian expansion of Theorems 1 and 2 are given in [2]. One obtains :

$$T > T_C :$$

$$\langle \sigma(\mathbf{r})_{2n} \rangle = (\hat{m}(K_1, K_2) / \cosh K_1^*)^{2n} \varrho^+((x)_{2n-1}, (y)_{2n-1}),$$

where

$$\hat{m}(K_1, K_2) = (1 - (\sinh 2K_1 \sinh 2K_2)^2)^{1/8}$$

and

$$e^{-2K_1^*} = \tanh K_1.$$

$$T < T_C :$$

$$\langle \sigma(\mathbf{r})_{2n} \rangle = (m^*(K_1, K_2))^{2n} \varrho^-((x)_{2n-1}, (y)_{2n-1}),$$

where  $m^*(K_1, K_2)$  is the spontaneous magnetisation, given first by Onsager [7] :

$$m^*(K_1, K_2) = (1 - (\sinh 2K_1, \sinh K_2)^{-2})^{1/8}.$$

*Remarks.* 1. A conjecture has been given on the scaling limit of the truncated  $n$ -point functions [5] which suggests that the equation of state of the ising

ferromagnet has an asymptotic form

$$m(h, t) \sim t^{1/8} f(ht^{-15/8}) \quad (2.42)$$

where  $t = (T - T_C)/T_C$  and  $h$  is the applied field. But the precise meaning of the symbol  $\sim$  is yet to be given, as well as the properties and form of  $f$ .

2. Duneau et al. [3] have stressed the relationship between spanning tree decay properties of truncated  $n$ -point functions and analyticity. It appears difficult to establish such results rigorously. Study 4-point functions indicates that the occurrence of the contraction  $f_+(\cdot, \cdot)$  is involved in an *essential* way in the truncation.

3. The results for  $T < T_C$  have been obtained with toroidal boundary conditions. Messenger and Miracle-Sole [8] have shown that below the critical temperature there are just two extremal invariant states  $\omega_{\pm}$ ; the state considered here is just  $(\omega_+ + \omega_-)/2$ . The results for  $\omega_+$ , and hence for *any* invariant equilibrium state will be given in another paper, using some of the methods of the last-named article in [7].

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