

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

$\beta > \beta_c$. Moreover, there exist extremal Gibbs states μ_+ and μ_- satisfying

$$(6) \quad E_{\mu_+}(f) \geq E_{\mu}(f) \geq E_{\mu_-}(f) \quad \text{if } f \text{ is increasing,}$$

for any Gibbs state μ , where we define the order in Ω by the component-wise inequality; $\omega \geq \eta$ iff $\omega(x) \geq \eta(x)$ for any $x \in Z^d$.

It is proved that both μ_+ and μ_- have (GMP), and henceforth the unique Gibbs state has (GMP) whenever $\beta < \beta_c$ ([3], [4]). It seems to be natural to expect that every extremal Gibbs state has (GMP) (see [4]), but unfortunately there is no answer to this question. Here, we give a new class of Gibbs states for Ising model (2) with attractive interaction, which has (GMP).

Theorem 1. *For every $\alpha \in [0, 1]$, let $\mu_\alpha \equiv \alpha\mu_+ + (1-\alpha)\mu_-$. Then, μ_α has (GMP).*

In the simplest case, i.e. $d=2$, and $J_{x,y} = -\delta_{|x-y|,1}$, it is known that every Gibbs state for (2) equals μ_α for some $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ ([1], [5]), which implies

Theorem 2. *For $d=2$, $J_{x,y} = -\delta_{|x-y|,1}$, every Gibbs state for (2) has (GMP).*

2. Proof of Theorem 1. We start with the following:

Lemma. *Let μ_1, μ_2 be distinct translation-invariant, mixing probability measures on (Ω, \mathcal{F}) , i.e.*

(7) *for any finite $V_1, V_2 \subset Z^d$,*

$$(8) \quad \lim_{|r| \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{A \in \mathcal{F}_{V_1}} \sup_{B \in \mathcal{F}_{V_2+r}} |\mu_i(A \cap B) - \mu_i(A)\mu_i(B)| = 0 \quad (i=1, 2),$$

$$\mu_i(A) = \mu_i(\tau_r A) \quad \text{for any } A \in \mathcal{F}, r \in Z^d \quad (i=1, 2),$$

where $\tau_r: \Omega \rightarrow \Omega$ is defined by $(\tau_r \omega)(x) = \omega(x+r)$, $x \in Z^d$.

Let R be a finite subset of Z^d , such that there exists an event $A^* \in \mathcal{F}_R$ with $\mu_1(A^*) \neq \mu_2(A^*)$. If $S \subset Z^d$ satisfies that

$$(9) \quad \#\{r \in Z^d; R+r \subset S\} = \infty,$$

then \mathcal{F}_S separates μ_1 and μ_2 , i.e. there exists an event $D \in \mathcal{F}_S$ such that $\mu_1(D) = 1 = \mu_2(\Omega \setminus D)$.

Proof. We enumerate the set $\{r \in Z^d; R+r \subset S\}$ by $\{r_1, r_2, \dots\}$ and define a sequence of random variables X_1, X_2, \dots by

$$X_k(\omega) = I_{[\tau_{-r_k} A^*]}(\omega).$$

Obviously, X_k is \mathcal{F}_{R+r_k} -measurable. Therefore substituting R both for V_1 and V_2 in (7), for any $\varepsilon > 0$ we can find $r_0 \geq 0$ sufficiently large so that

$$|E_{\mu_i}(X_k X_j) - \mu_i(A^*)^2| < \varepsilon \quad \text{if } |r_k - r_j| \geq r_0 \quad (i=1, 2).$$

This implies the $L^2(\mu_i)$ -convergence of $n^{-1} \sum_{1 \leq k \leq n} X_k$, $i=1, 2$. In fact, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & E_{\mu_i} |n^{-1} \sum_{1 \leq k \leq n} X_k - \mu_i(A^*)|^2 \\ &= n^{-2} \sum_{1 \leq k, j \leq n} \{E_{\mu_i}(X_k X_j - \mu_i(A^*)^2)\} \\ &= n^{-2} \sum_{1 \leq k \leq n} \{\sum_{1 \leq j \leq n, |r_k - r_j| < r_0} + \sum_{1 \leq j \leq n, |r_k - r_j| \geq r_0}\} \\ &\leq n^{-1}(2r_0 + 1)^d + \varepsilon \quad (i=1, 2). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, taking a subsequence n_1, n_2, \dots , we obtain that

$$n_p^{-1} \sum_{1 \leq k \leq n_p} X_k(\omega) \rightarrow \mu_i(A^*) \quad \text{as } p \rightarrow \infty \quad \mu_i\text{-a.s. } (i=1, 2).$$

Putting

$$D \equiv \{\omega \in \Omega; \lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} \{n_p^{-1} \sum_{1 \leq k \leq n_p} X_k(\omega)\} = \mu_1(A^*)\},$$

we obtain the desired result. Q.E.D.

Proof of Theorem 1. The statement of Theorem 1 is trivial if Gibbs state is unique. Therefore we can assume that $\mu_+ \neq \mu_-$, i.e. $d \geq 2$, and $\beta > \beta_c$.

1) If ∂V is a finite set, then either V or V^c is a finite set. Since μ_α has (LMP), (1) holds if V is a finite set. So assume that V^c is a finite set. Let W be any finite subset of V , and $U \equiv V^c \setminus \partial V = (V \cup \partial V)^c$. Fix $\eta \in \Omega$ arbitrarily and let $A \in \mathcal{F}_U$, $B \in \mathcal{F}_{\partial V}$ be atoms such that

$$A = \{\omega \in \Omega; \omega(x) = \eta(x), x \in U\}, \quad B = \{\omega \in \Omega; \omega(x) = \eta(x), x \in \partial V\}.$$

Then by definitions (3) and (5), we have for any $C \in \mathcal{F}_W$,

$$\mu_\alpha(A \cap B \cap C) = \int_{B \cap C} P_{\beta, U}(A | \omega) \mu_\alpha(d\omega) = P_{\beta, U}(A | \eta) \mu_\alpha(B \cap C),$$

which implies that

$$\mu_\alpha(C | A \cap B) = \mu_\alpha(A \cap B \cap C) / \mu_\alpha(A \cap B) = \mu_\alpha(C | B).$$

Since the last term of the above equality equals $\mu_\alpha(C | \mathcal{F}_{\partial V})(\eta)$, and since $W \subset V$, $C \in \mathcal{F}_W$, and $\eta \in \Omega$ are arbitrary, we obtain (1).

2) If ∂V is an infinite set, then we apply the lemma. Since μ_+ and μ_- are known to be translation-invariant and mixing, and since $\mu_+(\omega(0)=1) \neq \mu_-(\omega(0)=1)$, i.e. any infinite set S satisfies (9), we can find an event $D \in \mathcal{F}_{\partial V}$ such that $\mu_+(D) = 1 = \mu_-(\Omega \setminus D)$. Let f be an \mathcal{F}_V -measurable bounded function, and g be an \mathcal{F}_{V^c} -measurable bounded function. By definition, we have

$$E_{\mu_\alpha}(fg) = \alpha E_{\mu_+}(fg) + (1 - \alpha) E_{\mu_-}(fg) = \alpha E_{\mu_+}(f^+g) + (1 - \alpha) E_{\mu_-}(f^-g),$$

where $f^+(\omega) = E_{\mu_+}(f | \mathcal{F}_{\partial V})(\omega)$, $f^-(\omega) = E_{\mu_-}(f | \mathcal{F}_{\partial V})(\omega)$, since μ_+ and μ_- have (GMP). Noting that

$$E_{\mu_+}(f^+g) = E_{\mu_+}\{(f^+I_D)g\} = \alpha^{-1} E_{\mu_\alpha}\{(f^+I_D)g\}$$

and

$$E_{\mu_-}(f^-g) = (1 - \alpha)^{-1} E_{\mu_\alpha}\{(f^-I_{\Omega \setminus D})g\},$$

we obtain

$$E_{\mu_\alpha}(fg) = E_{\mu_\alpha}\{(f^+I_D + f^-I_{\Omega \setminus D}) \cdot g\},$$

which proves (1). Q.E.D.

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