

Statistical Mechanics of a One-dimensional Lattice Gas with Exponential-polynomial Interactions

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Abstract. Some properties of the transfer-matrix for a one-dimensional classical lattice-gas with exponential-polynomial pair interactions are studied using Hilbert space techniques.

I. Introduction and Statement of Results

We are concerned here with the statistical mechanics of a classical, one-dimensional lattice-gas, or equivalently of a spin system with exponentially decreasing pair interactions of the type

$$\varphi_1(n) = \lambda^n \sum_{i=0}^p c_i n^i \quad (0 < \lambda < 1) \quad (1.1)$$

as well as potentials which are a finite sum of decreasing exponentials,

$$\varphi_2(n) = \sum_{i=1}^k c_i \lambda_i^n \quad (0 < \lambda < 1) \quad (1.2)$$

potential (1.1) will be termed exponential-polynomial type. Ruelle [1]¹ has established the absence of phase transitions in one-dimensional systems with translationally invariant two-body interactions that satisfy the condition

$$\sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} i |\varphi(0, i)| < \infty \quad (1.3)$$

where \mathbb{N} is the set of all integers > 0 .

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¹ Ruelle's results actually extend to many-body translationally invariant interactions which satisfy the following criterion

$$\sum_{l>0} \sum_{0 < i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_l} i_l |\varphi^{(l+1)}(0, i_1, i_2, \dots, i_l)| < \infty$$

where $\varphi^{(l+1)}$ is the $(l+1)$ body potential.

Furthermore Ruelle [1] has shown that the study of the statistical mechanics of one-dimensional lattice systems that satisfy (1.3) is greatly simplified by introducing the following operator \mathcal{L} on the space $C(K_+)$ of functions continuous on $K_+ = [0, 1]^{\mathbb{N}}$. If $f \in C(K_+)$, $x \in K_+$; i.e., $x = \{x_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$:

$$\mathcal{L}f(x) = f(0, x) + \gamma \exp\left(-\sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} x_i \varphi(i)\right) f(1, x). \tag{1.4}$$

The operator \mathcal{L} defined above is continuous but not compact. In order to introduce a compact operator one proceeds as follows [2]. One first notes that in [1], one utilizes the Banach space character of $C(K_+)$ which contains the functions $\mathcal{L}^n \mathbf{1}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$. However, $\mathcal{L}^n \mathbf{1}$ is an entire function of $\sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} x_i \varphi(i)$. This suggests that we consider changing to a variable $z(x)$ defined by

$$z(x) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_k \lambda^k; \quad x = \{x_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \in K_+. \tag{1.5}$$

Let D be a closed disk with center at the origin and of radius $R > \lambda/(1 - \lambda)$. Let, further,

$$A_\lambda(D) = \{f : f \in C(K_+), f(z) = \varphi(z(x))\}$$

where $\varphi(z)$ is an analytic function in a circle of radius $|z| < R$ such that, if $\varphi(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} C_n z^n$, then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} R^{2n} |C_n|^2 < \infty$. Then the restriction \mathcal{L}_D of the operator \mathcal{L} acting on $A_\lambda(D)$ can be seen to be defined by

$$\mathcal{L}_D \varphi(z) = \varphi(\lambda z) + \gamma \exp(-cz) \varphi(\lambda + \lambda z). \tag{1.6}$$

Proposition 1. $\mathcal{L}_D A_\lambda(D) \subset A_\lambda(D)$.

The proof follows immediately from the above definition.

Definition. Define on $A_\lambda(D)$ a scalar product

$$\langle f | g \rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} R^{2n} \bar{C}_n \gamma_n$$

where $f(z) = \sum C_n z^n$ and $g(z) = \sum \gamma_n z^n$. Then $A_\lambda(D)$ becomes a Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}(D)$. Ferrero [2] has shown that, provided $0 < \lambda < 1/2$, \mathcal{L} in (1.6) is compact. It is not necessary in what follows to restrict $\lambda < 1/2$. We shall require only that $0 < \lambda < 1$. In this article we establish some further properties of \mathcal{L} and elucidate its connection with the transfer matrix. In particular we establish the following theorems.

Theorem 1. *The operator \mathcal{L}_D^N in (1.6) is a trace-class operator $\forall N \geq 1$, and its largest eigenvalue coincides with the largest eigenvalue of \mathcal{L}^N on $C(K_+)$ (which is unique and positive).*

Corollary 1. *The principal eigenvector of \mathcal{L} is of the form $h(x) = \varphi(z(x))$, where $\varphi(z)$ is an entire function of z .*

Corollary 2. *The largest eigenvalue of \mathcal{L} on $C(K_+)$ depends analytically on γ in the neighborhood of γ real.*

In what follows we drop the suffix D on the operator \mathcal{L}_D .

Theorem 2. $\text{Tr}(\mathcal{L}^N)$ is, up to a multiplicative constant $(1-\lambda^N)$, the partition function Q_N for a one-dimensional lattice-gas containing N -sites interacting through a pair potential

$$\varphi(n) = c\lambda^n \tag{1.7}$$

with periodic boundary conditions.

By this we mean: A given site $i(0 \leq i \leq N)$ interacts with all the sites of \mathbb{Z} to its right. (\mathbb{Z} = the set of integers ≥ 0 .) The occupation x_i for $i \geq N$ is determined by

$$x_{i+N} = x_i \tag{1.8}$$

where

$$x_i = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if site } i \text{ is empty} \\ 1 & \text{if site } i \text{ is occupied.} \end{cases} \tag{1.9}$$

Theorem 3. We form the function

$$\Xi(z) = \exp\left(\sum_{N=1}^{\infty} (z^N/N) Q_N\right) \tag{1.10}$$

where

$$Q_N = (1 - \lambda^N) \text{Tr } \mathcal{L}^N. \tag{1.11}$$

Then $\Xi(z)$, which is analytic in the neighborhood of $z=0$, extends by analytic continuation to a meromorphic function in the entire z -plane.

In Section III, we extend our results to systems with exponential-polynomial interactions of the form (1.1). The operator \mathcal{L} now acts on a Hilbert-space $\mathcal{H}(D)$ of functions of $(p+1)$ complex variables, holomorphic on open polydisc $D_{(p+1)}$.

$$\mathcal{L}f(z) = f(\lambda Az) + \gamma \exp(-\tilde{c} \cdot z) f(\lambda(Az + I)) \tag{1.12}$$

where

$$z = \begin{bmatrix} z_0 \\ z_1 \\ z_2 \\ \vdots \\ z_p \end{bmatrix} \tag{1.13 a}$$

$$(A)_{ij} = \begin{cases} \binom{i}{j} & \text{if } j \leq i \\ = 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \left. \vphantom{\binom{i}{j}} \right\} 0 \leq i, j \leq p, \tag{1.13 b}$$

i.e. A is a $(p+1) \times (p+1)$ triangular matrix.

$$I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{c} \circ z = \sum_{i=0}^p c_i z_i. \tag{1.13 c}$$

Finally we indicate how some obvious generalizations can be made to systems with pair-interactions of the form 1.2.

II. Proof of Theorems 1–3

Lemma 1. *The operator \mathcal{L} defined in (1.6) admits the following representation.*

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{x=0,1} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \lambda^n |\varphi_n^{(x)}\rangle \langle \psi_n^{(x)} | \cdot \rangle_{\mathcal{H}^*} \tag{2.1}$$

where

$$|\varphi_n^{(x)}\rangle = \gamma^x e^{-xcz} z^n \tag{2.2}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \psi_n^{(x)} | f \rangle_{\mathcal{H}^*} &= 1/2\pi i \oint_{\partial_0 D} f(z) (z - \lambda x)^{-(n-1)} dz \\ &= 1/n! f^n(\lambda x) \equiv T_x^n f. \end{aligned} \tag{2.3}$$

Note that $\{\varphi_n^{(0)}\}_{n \geq 0}$ is a complete orthonormal basis in $\mathcal{H}(D)$. Furthermore $\langle \psi_n^{(x)} | f \rangle_{\mathcal{H}^*}$ is a linear functional in the dual \mathcal{H}^* of $\mathcal{H}(D)$ and hence it follows from Riesz' theorem that there exists a unique $\xi_n \in \mathcal{H}(D)$ such that

$$\langle \psi_n^{(x)} | f \rangle_{\mathcal{H}^*} = \langle \xi_n | f \rangle_{\mathcal{H}(D)} \quad \forall f \in \mathcal{H}(D)$$

and that

$$\|\xi_n^{(x)}\|_{\mathcal{H}(D)} = \|T_x^n\|_{\mathcal{H}^*}. \tag{2.4}$$

Proof of Lemma 1. Let $f(z) \in \mathcal{H}(D)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}f(z) &= \sum \lambda^n |\varphi_n^{(x)}\rangle \langle \psi_n^{(x)} | f \rangle_{\mathcal{H}^*} \\ &= \sum_{n \geq 0} \lambda^n z^n f^n(0)/n! + \gamma \sum_{n \geq 0} e^{-cz} (\lambda z)^n f^n(\lambda)/n! \\ &= f(\lambda z) + \gamma e^{-cz} f(\lambda + \lambda z). \end{aligned} \tag{2.5}$$

Proof of Theorem 1. Recall [3, 4] that an operator A is of trace class if and only if

$$\text{Tr}[A] < \infty \tag{2.6}$$

where $[A] = +\sqrt{A^*A}$.

Now by Riesz' theorem, \mathcal{L} can be written as

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum \lambda^n |\varphi_n^{(x)}\rangle \langle \xi_n^{(x)} | \cdot \rangle_{\mathcal{H}(D)}. \tag{2.7}$$

Denote $\text{Tr}[\mathcal{L}]$ by $\tau(\mathcal{L})$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(\mathcal{L}) &= \text{Tr} \left[\sum \lambda^n |\varphi_n^{(x)}\rangle \langle \xi_n^{(x)} | \cdot \rangle \right] \\ &\leq \sum_{n,x} \lambda^n \tau(|\varphi_n^{(x)}\rangle \langle \xi_n^{(x)} | \cdot \rangle) \\ &= \sum_{n,x} \lambda^n \|\varphi_n^{(x)}\|_{\mathcal{H}(D)} \|\xi_n^{(x)}\|_{\mathcal{H}(D)}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.8}$$

The following estimates are easily verified.

$$\begin{aligned} \|\varphi_n^{(0)}\| &= R^n \\ \|\varphi_n^{(1)}\| &\leq \gamma R^n \exp(c^2 R^2/2) \\ \|\psi_n^{(0)}\| &\leq 1/R^n \\ \|\psi_n^{(1)}\| &\leq R^{-n} (1 - \lambda/R)^{-(n+1)} \end{aligned} \tag{2.9}$$

substituting these estimates in (2.8) one finds that

$$\tau(\mathcal{L}) \leq 1/(1 - \lambda) \{1 + R\gamma \exp(C^2 R^2/2)/(R - \lambda/(1 - \lambda))\}$$

provided $R > \lambda/(1 - \lambda)$. This is precisely the restriction we had imposed on the radius R of the disk at the beginning. Compactness of \mathcal{L} follows at once as a corollary of Theorem 1.

Proposition 2.

$$\text{Tr } \mathcal{L} = 1/(1 - \lambda) \left\{ 1 + \gamma \exp \left(-c \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda^n \right) \right\}. \tag{2.10}$$

Remark. $(1 - \lambda) \text{Tr } \mathcal{L}$ can be interpreted as the partition function for a system with one site (site 1) interacting with all other sites $n \geq 1$ to the right with the pair potential (1.7) and $x_{1+n} = x_n$. For all $n \geq 1$.

Proof. Choose an orthonormal basis $\{x_n\}$ in $\mathcal{H}(D)$. Then

$$\text{Tr } \mathcal{L} = \sum \langle x_n | \mathcal{L} | x_n \rangle \tag{2.11a}$$

$$= \sum_{m,x} \lambda^m \langle \psi_m^{(x)} | \varphi_n^{(x)} \rangle_{\mathcal{H}^*} \tag{2.11b}$$

$$= \sum_{m,x} \gamma^x \lambda^m \oint_{\partial^0 D} e^{-xcz} \cdot z^m (z - \lambda x)^{-(m+1)} dz / 2\pi i \tag{2.11c}$$

$$= \sum_x \gamma^x / (1 - \lambda) \oint_{\partial^0 D} e^{-xcz} (z - \lambda x / (1 - \lambda))^{-1} dz / 2\pi i \tag{2.11d}$$

$$= 1/(1 - \lambda) \left\{ 1 + \gamma \exp \left(-c \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda^n \right) \right\}. \tag{2.11e}$$

(2.11d) follows from the fact that $\sum (\lambda z / (z - \lambda))^m$ is uniformly convergent for $|z| > \lambda / (1 - \lambda)$ ($0 < \lambda < 1$).

Proof of Theorem 2.

$$\text{Tr } \mathcal{L}^N = \sum_{\{x_i\}} \text{Tr}(\mathcal{L}_{x_1} \mathcal{L}_{x_2} \cdots \mathcal{L}_{x_N}) \quad (2.12a)$$

$$= \sum_{\{x_i\}} \sum_{\{n_i\}} \prod_i (\lambda^{n_i}) \langle \psi_{n_N}^{(x_N)} | \varphi_{n_1}^{(x_1)} \rangle_{\mathcal{H}^*} \langle \psi_{n_1}^{(x_1)} | \varphi_{n_2}^{(x_2)} \rangle_{\mathcal{H}^*} \\ \times \cdots \langle \psi_{n_{N-1}}^{(x_{N-1})} | \varphi_{n_N}^{(x_N)} \rangle_{\mathcal{H}^*} \quad (2.12b)$$

$$= \sum_{\{x_i\}} \left(\gamma^k \right)^{\sum x_k} \sum_{\{n_i\}} \prod_i (\lambda^{n_i}) \oint_{\partial_0 D} \prod_{k=1}^N (dz_k) \\ \cdot (2\pi i)^{-N} \exp \left(-c \sum_{k=1}^N x_{k+1} z_k \right) \prod_{k=1}^N (z_k)^{n_{k+1}} \left/ \prod_{k=1}^N (z_k - \lambda x_k)^{n_{k+1}} \right. . \quad (2.12c)$$

In above \mathcal{L}_0 is that part of \mathcal{L} that corresponds to $x=0$ in (2.1) and \mathcal{L}_1 is the part with $x=1$.

$$x_{k+N} = x_k \quad \text{and} \quad n_{k+N} = n_k . \quad (2.13)$$

In (2.12c) $\partial_0 D$ is the distinguished boundary of D^N ; i.e.

$$\partial_0 D = \partial_0 D_1 \times \partial_0 D_2 \times \cdots \times \partial_0 D_N .$$

The N -fold summation is uniformly convergent if $\lambda|z_k| < |z_{k+1} - \lambda|$ ($k=1, \dots, N$) and in particular if the radii R_k of $\partial_0 D_k$ are all equal and such that $R_k = R_0 > \lambda/(1-\lambda)$; ($\forall k$). Thus

$$\text{Tr } \mathcal{L}^N = \sum_{\{x_i\}} \gamma^k \oint_{\partial_0 D} \prod_k dz_k (2\pi i)^N \\ \cdot \exp \left(-c \sum_k x_{k+1} z_k \right) \left/ \prod_{k=1}^N (z_{k+1} - \lambda x_{k+1} - \lambda z_k) \right. . \quad (2.14)$$

Define a new variable

$$z_{k+1} - z_k = w_{k+1} \quad \text{with} \quad w_{k+N} = w_k \quad (k=1, \dots, N) . \quad (2.15)$$

In matrix notation (2.15) reads

$$AZ = W \quad (2.16)$$

where

$$A = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} \text{N Columns} \\ \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} \left[\begin{array}{cccccc} 1 & 0 & \dots & \dots & -\lambda & \\ -\lambda & 1 & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots & -\lambda & 1 \end{array} \right] \\ \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} \text{N-Rows} \\ \end{matrix} & Z(\text{or } W) = \begin{matrix} \left[\begin{array}{c} z_1(w_1) \\ z_2(w_2) \\ \dots \\ \dots \\ z_N(w_N) \end{array} \right] \end{matrix} . \end{matrix} \quad (2.17)$$

Inverting (2.16) we get

$$z_i = 1/(1-\lambda^N) \sum_{k=1}^N w_{k+i} \lambda^{N-k} , \quad (2.18)$$

$$\prod_i (dz_i) = 1/(1-\lambda^N) \prod_i dw_i . \quad (2.19)$$

Inserting (18) and (19) into (2.14), one gets

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tr} \mathcal{L}^N &= 1/(1-\lambda^N) \sum_{\{x_i\}} \oint_{\partial_0 D'} \prod_k d w_k \left(\gamma^{\sum x_k} \right) \\ &\cdot \exp \left(-c/(1-\lambda^N) \sum_k x_{k+1} \sum_i w_{k+1} \lambda^{N-i} \right) (2\pi i)^{-N} \left/ \prod_{k=1}^N (w_k - \lambda x_k) \right. . \end{aligned}$$

Clearly, if $|z_k| > \frac{\lambda}{(1-\lambda)} (\forall k)$, on applying Cauchy's theorem we pick up the contribution from the poles at $w_k = \lambda x_k \forall k$, and we obtain the following.

$$\text{Tr} \mathcal{L}^N = 1/(1-\lambda^N) \sum_{\{x_i\}} \left(\prod_k \lambda^{x_k} \right) \exp \left(-c\lambda/(1-\lambda^N) \sum_{k=1}^N x_{k+1} \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda^{N-i} x_{k+i} \right) \quad (2.21 \text{ a})$$

$$= 1/(1-\lambda^N) \sum_{\{x_i\}} \left(\prod_k \gamma^{x_k} \right) \exp \left(-c \sum_{k=1}^N x_{k+1} \sum_{l=1}^N x_{k+l} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \lambda^{(Nl+N-i+1)} \right). \quad (2.21 \text{ b})$$

Let $k+i \pmod N = s$, ($0 \leq k, i \leq N$) and $N+1-i=t$. Imposing the condition $x_{i+N} = x_i$ ($0 \leq i \leq N$) we can write (2.21 b) as

$$\text{Tr} \mathcal{L}^N = 1/(1-\lambda^N) \sum_{\{x_i\}} \exp \left(-c \sum_{s=1}^N x_s \sum_{t=1}^{\infty} x_{s+t} \lambda^t \right) \left(\gamma^{\sum x_k} \right). \quad (2.22)$$

Thus $\text{Tr} \mathcal{L}^N$ is $(1-\lambda^N)$ times the partition function for a lattice gas of N sites subject to the boundary conditions imposed earlier.

Proof of Theorem 3. From (1.10) and (1.11) it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \Xi(z) &= \exp \left(\sum_{N=1}^{\infty} (z^N/N) (1-\lambda^N) \text{Tr} \mathcal{L}^N \right) \\ &= \exp \left(\sum_{N=1}^{\infty} (z^N/N) (1-\lambda^N) \sum_{\{k\}} \lambda_k^N \right) \end{aligned} \quad (2.23)$$

where $\{\lambda_k\}$ are the eigenvalues of \mathcal{L} repeated according to their multiplicity. For convenience we assume that the set $\{\lambda_k\}$ is ordered, i.e.; $\lambda_0 \geq \lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_k \geq \dots$. From the compactness of \mathcal{L} it follows that $\lambda_k \rightarrow 0$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$. Performing the sum over N , we obtain, provided that $|z| < 1/|\lambda_0|$, the following

$$\Xi(z) = \exp \left(\sum_{\{k\}} \{ \ln(1-\lambda_k \lambda z) - \ln(1-\lambda_k z) \} \right) \quad (2.24 \text{ a})$$

$$= \prod_{\{k\}} (1-\lambda \lambda_k z) / \prod_{\{k\}} (1-\lambda_k z) \quad (2.24 \text{ b})$$

$$= f(\lambda z) / f(z). \quad (2.24 \text{ c})$$

The infinite products in (2.24 b) are convergent on any compact domain of the complex plane and thus define in (2.24 c) a ratio of two entire functions of z . Thus $\Xi(z)$ which is analytic in a small neighborhood of z , extends by analytic continuation into a meromorphic function in the entire complex plane.

So far we have used the lattice-gas language. To translate it into the spin language we only need to redefine \mathcal{L} as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} &= \mathcal{L}_+ + \mathcal{L}_- \\ \mathcal{L}_+ f(z) &= \exp(cz) f(-\lambda + \lambda z) \\ \mathcal{L}_- f(z) &= \exp(-cz) f(\lambda + \lambda z). \end{aligned} \tag{2.25}$$

Then all the results in this section are valid and in particular

$$\text{Tr } \mathcal{L}^N = 1/(1 - \lambda^N) \sum_{\{\sigma_i = \pm 1\}} \exp\left(-c \sum_{i=0}^N \sigma_i \sum_{l=1}^{\infty} \sigma_{i+l} \lambda^l\right). \tag{2.26}$$

III. Exponential-Polynomial Interactions

We briefly indicate how the above analysis can be carried over to accomodate potentials of the form (1.1);

$$\varphi(n) = \lambda^n \sum_{i=0}^p c_i n^i. \tag{1.1}$$

Ferrero [2] has shown that the operator \mathcal{L} defined in (1.12) is again compact.

Proposition 3. *The operator \mathcal{L} defined in (1.12), acting on a Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}(D)$ of functions of $(p + 1)$ variables, holomorphic on an open polydisk D , admits the following representation*

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{\{n_i; i=0, \dots, p\}} \prod_i (\lambda^{n_i}) \sum_{x=0,1} |\varphi_{\{n_i\}}^{(x)}\rangle \langle \psi_{\{n_i\}}^{(x)} | \dots \rangle_{\mathcal{H}^*} \tag{3.1}$$

where

$$|\varphi_{\{n_i\}}^{(x)}\rangle = \exp(-x\tilde{c}_0 z) \prod_{i=0}^p (Az)_i^{n_i} \tag{3.2a}$$

and

$$\langle \psi_{\{n_i\}}^{(x)} | f(z) \rangle_{\mathcal{H}^*} = \oint_{\partial_0 D} \prod_{i=0}^p (dz_i) (2\pi i)^{-(p+1)} f(\{z_i\}) \Big/ \prod_{i=0}^p (z_i - \lambda x)^{(n_i+1)}. \tag{3.2b}$$

(See Section 1 for notations.) We have dropped the factor γ in (3.2a) as this can easily be incorporated in the end if one wishes.

Proof. The representation (3.1) is an obvious generalization of Lemma 1 to $p + 1$ complex variables.

$\text{Tr } \mathcal{L}$ and $\text{Tr } \mathcal{L}^N$ can be calculated in a manner analogous to the calculations in Section 2. However there are some important differences in the convergence arguments. This is best illustrated by calculating $\text{Tr } \mathcal{L}$. From (3.1) and (3.2), it follows that

$$\text{Tr } \mathcal{L} = \sum_{\{n_i\}} \sum_{\{x\}} \prod_{i=0}^p (\lambda^{n_i}) \langle \psi_{\{n_i\}}^{(x)} | \varphi_{\{n_i\}}^{(x)} \rangle_{\mathcal{H}^*} \tag{3.3a}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{\{n_i\}} \sum_{\{x\}} \prod_{i=0}^p (\lambda^{n_i}) \oint_{\partial_0 D^{(x)}} \prod_{\alpha} (dz_{\alpha}) (2\pi i)^{-(p+1)} \prod_i (\sum_j A_{ij} z_j)^{n_i} \\ &\cdot \exp\left(-x \sum_0^p c_i z_i\right) \Big/ \prod_i (z_i - \lambda x)^{(n_i+1)}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.3b}$$

Now the series

$$\sum_{n_i=0}^{\infty} \left(\lambda \sum_j A_{ij} z_j \right)^{n_i} / (z_i - \lambda x)^{n_i} \quad (i=0, 1, \dots, p)$$

are uniformly convergent provided that

$$\left| \sum_j A_{ij} z_j / (z_i - \lambda x) \right| < 1/\lambda \quad (i=0, 1, \dots, p).$$

This is accomplished if one chooses the radii $R_0^{(x)}, R_1^{(x)}, \dots, R_p^{(x)}$ of the polydisk $\partial_0 D^{(x)} = \partial_0 D_0^{(x)} \times \dots \times \partial_0 D_p^{(x)}$ such that $R_p^{(x)} > R_{p-1}^{(x)} > \dots > R_0^{(x)}$ and

$$R_i^{(x)} > \lambda / (1 - \lambda) \left[x + \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} \binom{i}{j} R_j^{(x)} \right]. \tag{3.4}$$

Thus for $x=0$ one chooses the radii $R_i^{(0)}$ in (3.3 b) such that

$$R_i^{(0)} > \lambda / (1 - \lambda) \left[\sum_{j=0}^{i-1} \binom{i}{j} R_j^{(0)} \right] \tag{3.5}$$

and for $x=1$

$$R_i^{(1)} > 1 / (1 - \lambda) \left[1 + \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} \binom{i}{j} R_j^{(1)} \right]. \tag{3.6}$$

Now the summation and integration can be interchanged and we obtain for

$$\text{Tr } \mathcal{L} = \sum_{(x)} \oint_{\partial_0 D^{(x)}} \prod_{\alpha=0}^p dz_{\alpha} \exp \left(-z \sum_i c_i z_i \right) (2\pi i)^{-(p+1)} / \prod_i \left(z_i - \lambda x - \lambda \sum_j A_{ij} z_j \right). \tag{3.7}$$

Let

$$w_i = z_i - \lambda \sum_j A_{ij} z_j \quad (i=0, 1, \dots, p). \tag{3.8}$$

In matrix form

$$W = (1 - \lambda A) z. \tag{3.9}$$

Since $(1 - \lambda A)$ is non-singular, we can invert (3.9) to obtain

$$z_i = \sum_j B_{ij} w_j \tag{3.10}$$

where

$$B = (1 - \lambda A)^{-1}. \tag{3.11}$$

Clearly $\det B = (1 - \lambda)^{p+1}$ and B is again triangular matrix. The Jacobian of the transformation is easily seen to be $(1 - \lambda)^{-(p+1)}$. Applying Cauchy's theorem to (3.7), the only contribution comes from the point $W = \lambda I$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Tr } \mathcal{L} &= (1 - \lambda)^{-(p+1)} \sum_{(x)} \exp \left(-x \lambda \bar{C} (1 - \lambda A)^{-1} I \right) \\ &= (1 - \lambda)^{-(p+1)} \sum_{(x)} \exp \left(-\lambda x \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \tilde{C} (\lambda A)^n I \right). \end{aligned} \tag{3.12}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tilde{C}A^nI &= \sum_{i=0}^p \sum_{j=0}^p c_i(A^n)_{ij} \\
 &= \sum_{i=0}^p \sum_{j=0}^p \sum_{k_1} \dots \sum_{k_{n-1}} c_i A_{ik_1} A_{k_1 k_2} \dots A_{k_{n-1} j} \\
 &= \sum_i \sum_j \sum_{\{k_i\}} c_i \binom{i}{k_1} \binom{k_1}{k_2} \dots \binom{k_{n-1}}{j} \\
 &= \sum_{i=0}^p c_i (n+1)^i, \tag{3.13}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Tr} \mathcal{L} = (1-\lambda)^{-(p+1)} \left\{ 1 + \exp \left(- \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \lambda^n \sum_{\alpha=0}^p c_{\alpha} n^{\alpha} \right) \right\}. \tag{3.14}$$

Similarly one can calculate $\text{Tr} \mathcal{L}^N$ and one finds the following

$$\text{Tr} \mathcal{L}^N = (1-\lambda^N)^{-(p+1)} \sum_{\{x_i\}} \exp \left(- \sum_{s=1}^N x_s \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_{s+n} \lambda^n \sum_{\alpha=0}^p c_{\alpha} n^{\alpha} \right). \tag{3.15}$$

One constructs $\Xi(z)$ analogous to (1.10)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Xi(z) &= \exp \left(\sum_{N=1}^{\infty} z^N / N (1-\lambda^N)^{p+1} \text{Tr} \mathcal{L}^N \right) \\
 &= \exp \left(\sum_{N=1}^{\infty} z^N / N \sum_{\alpha=0}^{p+1} \binom{p+1}{\alpha} (-\lambda^N)^{\alpha} \sum_k \lambda_k^N \right) \tag{3.16}
 \end{aligned}$$

where $\{\lambda_k\}$ are the eigenvalues of \mathcal{L} repeated according to their multiplicity. Performing the sum over N , we obtain

$$\Xi(z) = \exp \left(\sum_{\alpha=0}^{p+1} (-1)^{\alpha+1} \binom{p+1}{\alpha} \ln \prod_k (1 - \lambda_k \lambda^{\alpha} z) \right). \tag{3.17}$$

Defining $f(z)$ by

$$f(z) = \prod_k (1 - \lambda_k z) \tag{3.18}$$

which is an entire function z , one obtains for 3.17

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Xi(z) &= \exp \left(\sum_{\alpha=0}^{p+1} (-1)^{\alpha+1} \binom{p+1}{\alpha} \ln f(\lambda^{\alpha} z) \right) \\
 &= \prod_{\alpha=0}^{p+1} [f(\lambda^{\alpha} z)]^{(-1)^{\alpha+1} \binom{p+1}{\alpha}}. \tag{3.19}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\Xi(z)$ is a ratio of a finite product of entire functions. Hence it is meromorphic.

The approach to the transfer matrix outlined above can easily be generalized to pair potentials which are a finite sum of exponentials of the form

$$\Phi(n) = \sum_{i=1}^M \lambda_i^n \sum_{j=1}^p (c_{ij} n^j). \tag{3.20}$$

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