

Space-like asymptotics of the transverse two-point functions of the XXZ chain at finite temperature

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- QStatMech: response of a large quantum system to time-(= t)-dependent perturbations (= experiments) described by **dynamical** correlation functions **at finite temperature** T

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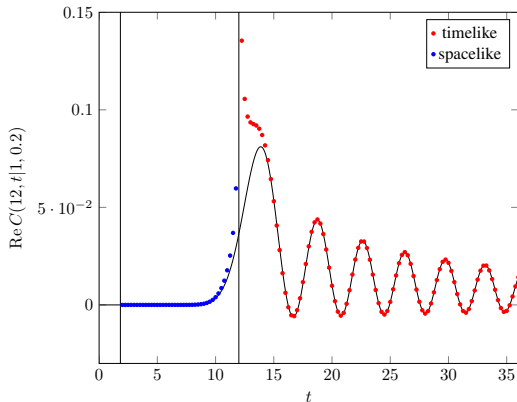
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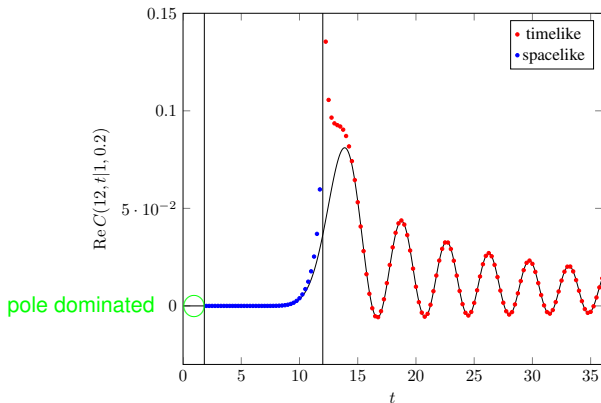
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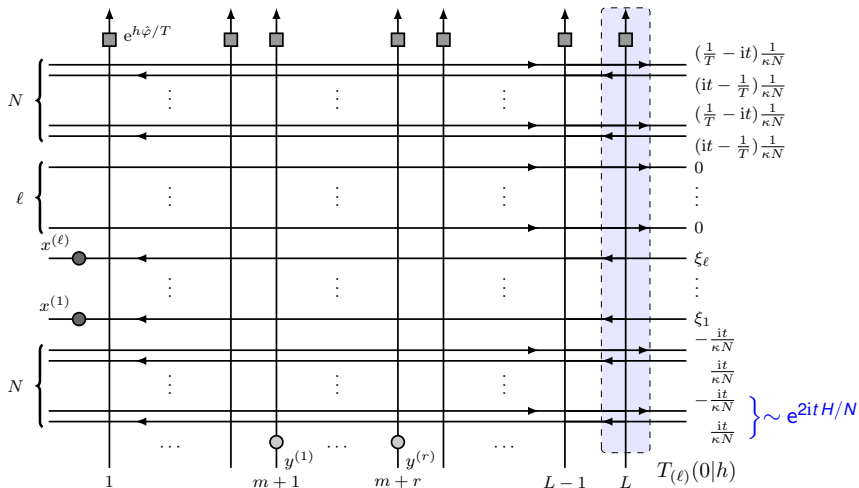
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Lattice path integral representation of dynamical two-point functions



Unnormalized finite Trotter number approximant to the dynamical two-point function, $1/\kappa$ 'energy scale'. $t_{(\ell)}(\lambda|h) = \text{tr } T_{(\ell)}(\lambda|h)$ 'dynamical quantum transfer matrix' [SAKAI 07]

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- Ratios of eigenvalues** $\Lambda_k(\lambda|h)$ of the dynamical QTM

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- Still, we may ask: **When does (*) give the the leading term for large m, t ?**



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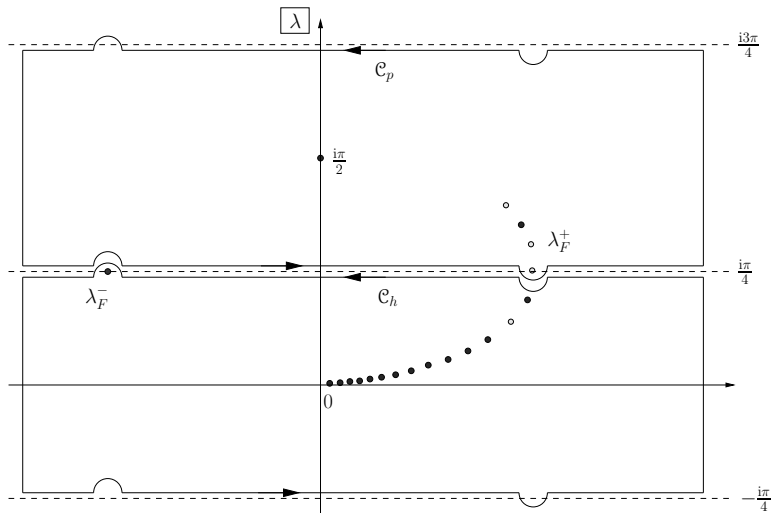
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Contours for XX

Particle and hole contours \mathcal{C}_p and \mathcal{C}_h 

Functions occurring in the TFFS for XX

- An auxiliary function

$$z(\lambda) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \ln \left\{ \operatorname{cth} \left(\frac{\varepsilon(\lambda)}{2T} \right) \right\}$$

- For all $x \in \mathcal{S} \setminus \mathcal{C}_{h/p}$ two functions

$$\Phi_{h/p}(x) = \frac{ip'(x)}{2} \exp \left\{ \pm i \int_{\mathcal{C}_{h/p}} d\lambda p'(\lambda) z(\lambda) \frac{\operatorname{sh}(x+\lambda)}{\operatorname{sh}(x-\lambda)} \right\}$$

- An amplitude

$$\mathcal{A}(T, h) = \exp \left\{ - \int_{\mathcal{C}'_h \subset \mathcal{C}_h} d\lambda z(\lambda) \int_{\mathcal{C}_h} d\mu z(\mu) \operatorname{cth}'(\lambda - \mu) \right\}$$

- Square of a generalized Cauchy determinant

$$\mathcal{D}(\{x_j\}_{j=1}^{n_h}, \{y_k\}_{k=1}^{n_p}) = \frac{[\prod_{1 \leq j < k \leq n_h} \operatorname{sh}^2(x_j - x_k)] [\prod_{1 \leq j < k \leq n_p} \operatorname{sh}^2(y_j - y_k)]}{\prod_{j=1}^{n_h} \prod_{k=1}^{n_p} \operatorname{sh}^2(x_j - y_k)}$$



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where

$$\mathcal{F}(m) = e^{-imp_F} \mathcal{A}(T, h) \exp \left\{ -m \int_{\mathcal{C}_h} \frac{d\lambda}{2\pi} \rho'(\lambda) \ln \left| \operatorname{cth} \left(\frac{\varepsilon(\lambda)}{2T} \right) \right| \right\}$$



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$$\begin{aligned} \langle \sigma_1^- \sigma_{m+1}^+(t) \rangle_T &= (-1)^m \mathcal{F}(m) \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n!(n-1)!} \prod_{j=1}^n \int_{\mathcal{C}_h} \frac{dx_j}{\pi i} \frac{\Phi_\rho(x_j) e^{i(mp(x_j) - t\varepsilon(x_j))}}{1 - e^{\varepsilon(x_j)/T}} \\ &\quad \times \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} \int_{\mathcal{C}_p} \frac{dy_k}{\pi i} \frac{e^{-i(mp(y_k) - t\varepsilon(y_k))}}{\Phi_h(y_k) (1 - e^{-\varepsilon(y_k)/T})} \mathcal{D}(\{x_j\}_{j=1}^n, \{y_k\}_{k=1}^{n-1}) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\mathcal{F}(m) = e^{-imp_F} \mathcal{A}(T, h) \exp \left\{ -m \int_{\mathcal{C}_h} \frac{d\lambda}{2\pi} \rho'(\lambda) \ln \left| \operatorname{cth} \left(\frac{\varepsilon(\lambda)}{2T} \right) \right| \right\}$$

- This is now a series over **classes of excitations**, just a function to be further studied
- We claim that the series is manifestly different from the series obtained by [IJKS 93] and rather appropriate for numerical and asymptotic analysis



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- MAIN POINT: This is obtained (including the constant $C(T, h)$) directly from the series of multiple integrals by straightforward contour deformations. Such technique should also work in the general XXZ case



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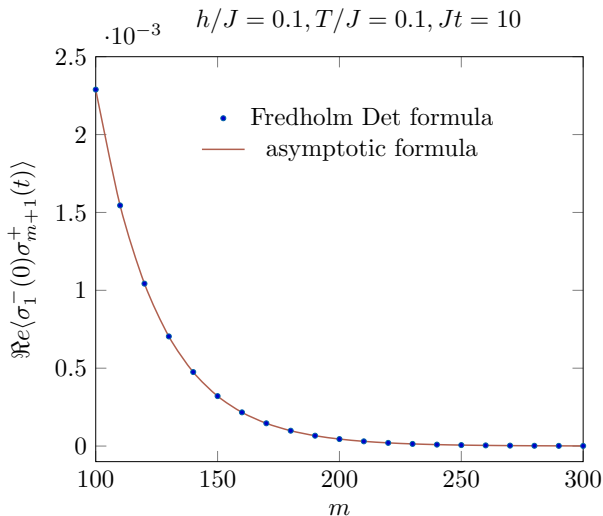
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- (*) proliferates into the timelike regime and changes at $\alpha_{\min} = \sin(\rho_F) \Leftrightarrow m/t = v_F$, while at high temperature $\alpha_{\min} = 4J$, the band width



Comparison with numerical result for the full series



Real part of $\langle\sigma_1^-(0)\sigma_{m+1}^+(t)\rangle$ with $T/J = 0.1, h/J = 0.1, Jt = 10$ and $m = 100 \sim 300$ evaluated numerically (dots) and from asymptotic formula

TFFS is different: a Fredholm determinant representation

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$$\langle \sigma_1^- \sigma_{m+1}^+(t) \rangle_T = (-1)^m \mathcal{F}(m) \Omega(m, t) \det_{\mathbb{C}^p}(\text{id} + \widehat{V} - \widehat{P})$$

where \widehat{V} is an integrable integral operator and P is a one-dimensional projector

- Comparing with the asymptotic behaviour of the correlation function in the spacelike regime $m > 4Jt$ we see that

$$\det_{\mathbb{C}^p}(\text{id} + \widehat{V} - \widehat{P}) \sim 1 + \mathcal{O}(t^{-\infty})$$

Fredholm determinant collects the higher-order corrections to the main asymptotics

- [IJKS 93] obtained a different Fredholm determinant representation

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- We interpret our Fred-det-rep as a 'resummation' a la Borodin-Okounkov that is more suitable for the long-time, large-distance asymptotic analysis



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- COROLLARY: (Generalizing [BJ 77]) In the high- T limit the transverse auto-correlation function of the XX-chain behaves as

$$\langle \sigma_1^- \sigma_1^+(t) \rangle_T = \frac{1}{2} e^{-ih(t-i/(2T)) - 4J^2(t-i/(2T))^2} (1 + \mathcal{O}(T^{-2}))$$

