## Limit shapes in the ising model

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$$
a_{x+\frac{1}{2},y+\frac{1}{2},z+\frac{1}{2}}=\frac{a_{x,y,z}a_{x+1,y+1,z}+a_{x,y+1,z}a_{x+1,y,z}}{a_{x+\frac{1}{2},y+\frac{1}{2},z-\frac{1}{2}}}
$$



*ab c j k de f l m gh i*

$$
a_{0,0,1} = \frac{\frac{ae+bd}{j}\frac{ei+fh}{m} + \frac{bf+ce}{k}\frac{dh+eg}{l}}{e}
$$

aei  $\frac{u}{im} +$  $\frac{bdi}{jm}+\frac{afh}{jm}+\frac{bdfh}{ejm}+\frac{bdfh}{ekl}+\frac{bf}{kl}+$  $\frac{cdh}{kl}+\frac{ceg}{kl}$  $\overline{\phantom{a}}$  $a_{0,0,1} =$ 







Y-Delta transformation for resistor networks



Cube recurrence = Miwa equation

$$
b_{x+1,y+1,z+1} = \frac{b_{x+1,y,z}b_{x,y+1,z+1} + b_{x,y+1,z}b_{x+1,y,z+1} + b_{x,y,z+1}b_{x+1,y+1,z}}{b_{x,y,z}}
$$



From the values on  $0 \le x + y + z \le 2$  and the recurrence, get all  $b_{x,y,z}$ . The Laurent property holds:





## *G* a graph,  $c: E \to \mathbb{R}_{>0}$  edge weights.

Ising model:  $\Omega = \{1, -1\}^G$ ,

$$
Z = \sum_{\sigma \in \Omega} \prod_{i \sim j: \sigma_i = \sigma_j} c_{ij}
$$

$$
= \sum_{\sigma} \prod_{i \sim j} \left( 1 + (c_{ij} - 1) \delta_{\sigma_i = \sigma_j} \right)
$$

$$
= \sum_{\sigma} \sum_{S \subset E} \prod_{ij \in S} (c_{ij} - 1) \delta_{\sigma_i = \sigma_j}
$$

$$
=\sum_{S\subset E}\prod_{ij\in S}(c_{ij}-1)2^k.
$$

*FK*<sup>2</sup> model:

 $=$   $\sum \prod d_{ij} 2^k$  $S \subset E$   $ij \in S$ 

Here  $k =$  number of components of  $S$ .

## Ising model Y-Delta transformation





*abc* + 1  $a + bc$ *b* + *ac c* + *ab*

*ABC A B C*

"Before" and "after" are proportional (Ising measure preserved) iff

$$
A = \sqrt{\frac{(abc+1)(a+bc)}{(b+ac)(c+ab)}}
$$

$$
B = \sqrt{\frac{(abc+1)(b+ac)}{(a+bc)(c+ab)}}
$$

$$
C = \sqrt{\frac{(abc+1)(c+ab)}{(a+bc)(b+ac)}}
$$



Lemma: There is a solution iff

$$
abc - q(a+b+c) - q2 = 0
$$
  
(or  $ABC + AB + AC + BC - q = 0$ )  
in which case  $A = \frac{q}{a}, B = \frac{q}{b}, C = \frac{q}{c}$ .



















Initial  $FK_q$  configuration.

This is the unique configuration with these boundary connections.



























Remarkable fact about the Ising Y-Delta move (Kashaev):

Define new variables *f* on vertices and faces:



where ratios of adjacent *f*s are related to edge weights as:

$$
(\frac{a-1/a}{2})^2 = \frac{f_0 f_1}{f_5 f_6}, \quad etc.
$$

 $f_0^2 f_7^2 + f_1^2 f_4^2 + f_2^2 f_5^2 + f_3^2 f_6^2 - 2(f_1 f_2 f_4 f_5 + f_1 f_4 f_3 f_6 + f_2 f_3 f_5 f_6)$  $-2f_0f_7(f_1f_4 + f_2f_5 + f_3f_6) - 4(f_0f_4f_5f_6 + f_7f_1f_2f_3) = 0.$ We say  $f : \mathbb{Z}^3 \to \mathbb{C}$  satisfies the Kashaev recurrence if  $P(f_{i,j,k}, f_{i+1,j,k}, \ldots, f_{i+1,j+1,k+1}) = 0$  for all  $(i,j,k) \in \mathbb{Z}^3$ . By defining  $f_{i,j,k}$  on  $0 \leq i + j + k \leq 2$  we can use P to define it everywhere. Theorem [Kashaev] The *f*s satisfy

Example: Suppose 
$$
f_{i,j,k} = f_{i+j+k}
$$
  
\n $f_0 = 1, f_1 = a, f_2 = b$ , then  
\n $f_{2n} = a^{2n} R^{n^2} S^{n^2 - n}$   
\n $f_{2n+1} = a^{2n+1} R^{n^2 + n} S^{n^2}$   
\nwhere  $R = b/a^2$  and  $S = \frac{2(R+1)^{3/2} + 3R + 2}{R^2}$ .



Let 
$$
X_{i,j,k} = \sqrt{f_{i,j,k}f_{i,j+1,k+1} + f_{i,j+1,k}f_{i,j,k+1}},
$$
  
\nand symmetrically for  $Y, Z$ .  
\nThen  $f, X, Y, Z$  satisfy the recurrence:  
\n
$$
f_{i,j,k} = \frac{Z_{i-1,j-1,k}^2 - f_{i-1,j,k}f_{i,j-1,k}}{f_{i-1,j-1,k}}
$$
\n
$$
X_{i,j,k} = \frac{f_{i,j,k}X_{i-1,j,k} + Y_{i-1,j,k}Z_{i-1,j,k}}{f_{i-1,j,k}}
$$
 &cyclic

Fact(?):  $f_{i',j',k'}$  is a Laurent polynomial in the quantities

$$
f_{i,j,k}, \quad i+j+k = 0, 1
$$
  

$$
X_{i,j,k}, Y_{i,j,k}, Z_{i,j,k}, \quad i+j+k = 0
$$

**Conjecture:**  $f_{i,j,k} = \sum_{S} wt(S)$ , where the sum is over edge subsets having the desired boundary connectivity,

and  $wt(S) = \ldots$ 





Arctic circle theorem: Use  $f_{i,j,k} = 3^{(i+j+k)^2/2}$ .

 $f'_{n,n,n}$  satisfies a linear recurrence (with coefficients depending on  $f$ ).

Let 
$$
G(x, y, z) = \sum f'_{i,j,k} x^i y^j z^k
$$
.

Then  $G(x, y, z)$  satisfies a linear recurrence with characteristic polynomial:

$$
P(x, y, z) = xyz + 1 - \frac{1}{3}(xy + xz + yz + x + y + z).
$$

Analyze growth of coefficients of  $1/P$ :

- polynomial inside inscribed circle
- *•* exponential decay outside inscribed circle





 $Q = 309811509974955984020737569841a^6 - 1858374937729039544359650269170a^5b -$ 1858374937729039544359650269170*a*<sup>5</sup>*c*+5883454153820320725807778237007*a*<sup>4</sup>*b*<sup>2</sup>+ <sup>4334397195006546369711336315654</sup>*a*<sup>4</sup>*bc*+5883454153820320725807778237007*a*<sup>4</sup>*c*<sup>2</sup>  $8669781452132474330937731075356a^3b^3 - 7427079315358238395356762728212a^3b^2c$  $7427079315358238395356762728212a^3bc^2 - 8669781452132474330937731075356a^3c^3 +$  $5883454153820320725807778237007a^2b^4 - 7427079315358238395356762728212a^2b^3c +$  $32797543284281898673568730387594a^2b^2c^2 - 7427079315358238395356762728212a^2bc^3 +$ <sup>5883454153820320725807778237007</sup>*a*<sup>2</sup>*c*<sup>4</sup>1858374937729039544359650269170*ab*<sup>5</sup><sup>+</sup> <sup>4334397195006546369711336315654</sup>*ab*<sup>4</sup>*c*7427079315358238395356762728212*ab*<sup>3</sup>*c*<sup>2</sup> <sup>7427079315358238395356762728212</sup>*ab*<sup>2</sup>*c*<sup>3</sup>+4334397195006546369711336315654*abc*<sup>4</sup> <sup>1858374937729039544359650269170</sup>*ac*<sup>5</sup>+309811509974955984020737569841*b*<sup>6</sup> <sup>1858374937729039544359650269170</sup>*b*<sup>5</sup>*c*+5883454153820320725807778237007*b*<sup>4</sup>*c*<sup>2</sup>  $8669781452132474330937731075356b^3c^3+5883454153820320725807778237007b^2c^4$ 1858374937729039544359650269170*bc*<sup>5</sup> + 309811509974955984020737569841*c*<sup>6</sup>