

# Statistical physics of tailored random graphs: entropies, processes, and generation

## Lecture I. Common tools and tricks

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# The $\delta$ -distribution

- **intuitive definition** of  $\delta(x)$ :

prob distribution for a 'random' variable  $x$   
*that is always zero*

$$\langle f \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx f(x) \delta(x) = f(0) \quad \text{for any } f$$

for instance

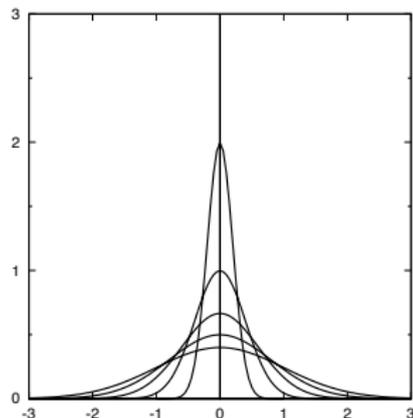
$$\delta(x) = \lim_{\sigma \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2\sigma^2}$$

not a function:  $\delta(x \neq 0) = 0$ ,  $\delta(0) = \infty$

- **status of  $\delta(x)$ :**

$\delta(x)$  only has a meaning when appearing *inside an integration*,  
one takes the limit  $\sigma \downarrow 0$  *after* performing the integration

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx f(x) \delta(x) = \lim_{\sigma \downarrow 0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx f(x) \frac{e^{-x^2/2\sigma^2}}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}} = \lim_{\sigma \downarrow 0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx f(x\sigma) \frac{e^{-x^2/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} = f(0)$$



- **differentiation** of  $\delta(x)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx f(x) \delta'(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx \left\{ \frac{d}{dx} (f(x) \delta(x)) - f'(x) \delta(x) \right\} \\ &= \lim_{\sigma \downarrow 0} \left[ f(x) \frac{e^{-x^2/2\sigma^2}}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \right]_{x=-\infty}^{x=\infty} - f'(0) = -f'(0) \end{aligned}$$

generalization:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx f(x) \frac{d^n}{dx^n} \delta(x) = (-1)^n \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{d^n}{dx^n} f(x) \quad (n = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$$

- **integration** of  $\delta(x)$ :  $\delta(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \theta(x) \quad \begin{array}{l} \theta(x < 0) = 0 \\ \theta(x > 0) = 1 \end{array}$

Proof: both sides have same effect in integrals

$$\begin{aligned} \int dx \left\{ \delta(x) - \frac{d}{dx} \theta(x) \right\} f(x) &= f(0) - \lim_{\epsilon \downarrow 0} \int_{-\epsilon}^{\epsilon} dx \left\{ \frac{d}{dx} (\theta(x) f(x)) - f'(x) \theta(x) \right\} \\ &= f(0) - \lim_{\epsilon \downarrow 0} [f(\epsilon) - 0] + \lim_{\epsilon \downarrow 0} \int_0^{\epsilon} dx f'(x) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

- **generalization**  
to vector arguments:  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^N : \delta(\mathbf{x}) = \prod_{i=1}^N \delta(x_i)$

- **Integral representation** of  $\delta(x)$

use defns of Fourier transforms and their inverse:

$$\hat{f}(k) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx e^{-2\pi i k x} f(x) \quad \Rightarrow \quad f(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk e^{2\pi i k x} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dy e^{-2\pi i k y} f(y)$$

$$f(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk e^{2\pi i k x} \hat{f}(k)$$

apply to  $\delta(x)$ : 
$$\delta(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk e^{2\pi i k x} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{dk}{2\pi} e^{i k x}$$

- invertible **functions of  $x$**  as arguments:

$$\delta[g(x) - g(a)] = \frac{\delta(x - a)}{|g'(a)|}$$

Proof: both sides have same effect in integrals

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx f(x) \left\{ \delta[g(x) - g(a)] - \frac{\delta(x - a)}{|g'(a)|} \right\} &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dx g'(x) \frac{f(x)}{g'(x)} \delta[g(x) - g(a)] - \frac{f(a)}{|g'(a)|} \\ &= \int_{g(-\infty)}^{g(\infty)} dk \frac{f(g^{\text{inv}}(k))}{g'(g^{\text{inv}}(k))} \delta[k - g(a)] - \frac{f(a)}{|g'(a)|} \\ &= \text{sgn}[g'(a)] \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dk \frac{f(g^{\text{inv}}(k))}{g'(g^{\text{inv}}(k))} \delta[k - g(a)] - \frac{f(a)}{|g'(a)|} \\ &= \text{sgn}[g'(a)] \frac{f(a)}{g'(a)} - \frac{f(a)}{|g'(a)|} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

# Gaussian integrals

- one-dimensional:

$$\int \frac{dx}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2/\sigma^2} = 1, \quad \int \frac{dx}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} x e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2/\sigma^2} = 0, \quad \int \frac{dx}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} x^2 e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2/\sigma^2} = \sigma^2$$
$$\int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{kx - \frac{1}{2}x^2} = e^{\frac{1}{2}k^2} \quad (k \in \mathbb{C})$$

- $N$ -dimensional:

$$\int \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^N \det \mathbf{C}}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{C}^{-1} \mathbf{x}} = 1, \quad \int \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^N \det \mathbf{C}}} x_i e^{-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{C}^{-1} \mathbf{x}} = 0,$$
$$\int \frac{d\mathbf{x}}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^N \det \mathbf{C}}} x_i x_j e^{-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{C}^{-1} \mathbf{x}} = C_{ij}$$

- multivariate  
Gaussian  
distribution:

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^N \det \mathbf{C}}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{x} \cdot \mathbf{C}^{-1} \mathbf{x}}$$
$$\int d\mathbf{x} p(\mathbf{x}) x_i x_j = C_{ij}, \quad \int d\mathbf{x} p(\mathbf{x}) e^{i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}} = e^{-\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{C} \mathbf{k}}$$

# Steepest descent integration

Objective of steepest descent  
(or 'saddle-point') integration:

large  $N$  behavior of integrals of the type

$$I_N = \int_{\mathbb{R}^p} d\mathbf{x} g(\mathbf{x}) e^{-Nf(\mathbf{x})}$$

- $f(\mathbf{x})$  real-valued, smooth, bounded from below, and with unique minimum at  $\mathbf{x}^*$

expand  $f$  around minimum:

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{x}^*) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij=1}^p A_{ij} (x_i - x_i^*) (x_j - x_j^*) + \mathcal{O}(|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*|^3) \quad A_{ij} = \left. \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_i \partial x_j} \right|_{\mathbf{x}^*}$$

Insert into integral,  
transform  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}^* + \mathbf{y}/\sqrt{N}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} I_N &= e^{-Nf(\mathbf{x}^*)} \int_{\mathbb{R}^p} d\mathbf{x} g(\mathbf{x}) e^{-\frac{1}{2} N \sum_{ij} (x_i - x_i^*) A_{ij} (x_j - x_j^*) + \mathcal{O}(N|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^*|^3)} \\ &= N^{-\frac{p}{2}} e^{-Nf(\mathbf{x}^*)} \int_{\mathbb{R}^p} d\mathbf{y} g\left(\mathbf{x}^* + \frac{\mathbf{y}}{\sqrt{N}}\right) e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} y_i A_{ij} y_j + \mathcal{O}(|\mathbf{y}|^3/\sqrt{N})} \end{aligned}$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^p} d\mathbf{x} g(\mathbf{x}) e^{-Nf(\mathbf{x})} = N^{-\frac{p}{2}} e^{-Nf(\mathbf{x}^*)} \int_{\mathbb{R}^p} d\mathbf{y} g\left(\mathbf{x}^* + \frac{\mathbf{y}}{\sqrt{N}}\right) e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} y_i A_{ij} y_j + \mathcal{O}(|\mathbf{y}|^3/\sqrt{N})}$$

- first result, for  $p \ll N/\log N$ :

$$\begin{aligned} & - \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \log \int_{\mathbb{R}^p} d\mathbf{x} e^{-Nf(\mathbf{x})} \\ &= f(\mathbf{x}^*) + \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{p \log N}{2N} - \frac{1}{N} \log \int_{\mathbb{R}^p} d\mathbf{y} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} y_i A_{ij} y_j + \mathcal{O}(|\mathbf{y}|^3/\sqrt{N})} \right] \\ &= f(\mathbf{x}^*) + \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{p \log N}{2N} - \frac{1}{2N} \log \left( \frac{(2\pi)^p}{\det \mathbf{A}} \right) - \frac{1}{N} \log \left( 1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{p^{3/2}}{\sqrt{N}}\right) \right) \right] \\ &= f(\mathbf{x}^*) + \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{p \log N}{2N} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{p}{N}\right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{p^{3/2}}{N^{3/2}}\right) \right] = f(\mathbf{x}^*) \end{aligned}$$

- second result, for  $p \ll \sqrt{N}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\int d\mathbf{x} g(\mathbf{x}) e^{-Nf(\mathbf{x})}}{\int d\mathbf{x} e^{-Nf(\mathbf{x})}} &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{\int_{\mathbb{R}^p} d\mathbf{y} g(\mathbf{x}^* + \mathbf{y}/\sqrt{N}) e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} y_i A_{ij} y_j + \mathcal{O}(|\mathbf{y}|^3/\sqrt{N})}}{\int_{\mathbb{R}^p} d\mathbf{y} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{ij} y_i A_{ij} y_j + \mathcal{O}(|\mathbf{y}|^3/\sqrt{N})}} \right] \\ &= \frac{g(\mathbf{x}^*) \left(1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{p^2}{N}\right)\right) \sqrt{\frac{(2\pi)^p}{\det \mathbf{A}}} \left(1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{p^{3/2}}{\sqrt{N}}\right)\right)}{\sqrt{\frac{(2\pi)^p}{\det \mathbf{A}}} \left(1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{p^{3/2}}{\sqrt{N}}\right)\right)} = g(\mathbf{x}^*) \end{aligned}$$

- $f(\mathbf{x})$  complex-valued:

- deform integration path in complex plane, using Cauchy's theorem, such that along deformed path the imaginary part of  $f(\mathbf{x})$  is constant, and preferably zero
- proceed using Laplace's argument, and find the leading order in  $N$  by extremization of the real part of  $f(\mathbf{x})$

similar formulae,

but with (possibly complex) extrema that need no longer be maxima:

$$\begin{aligned} - \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \log \int_{\mathbb{R}^p} d\mathbf{x} e^{-Nf(\mathbf{x})} &= \text{extr}_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^p} f(\mathbf{x}) \\ \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\int_{\mathbb{R}^p} d\mathbf{x} g(\mathbf{x}) e^{-Nf(\mathbf{x})}}{\int_{\mathbb{R}^p} d\mathbf{x} e^{-Nf(\mathbf{x})}} &= g\left(\text{arg extr}_{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^p} f(\mathbf{x})\right) \end{aligned}$$

- stuff never mentioned in papers ...

- in practice we can often not trace the contour deformation in detail
- often we can *choose* the scaling with  $N$  of terms in the exponent, what to do? (check Curie-Weiss magnet, very instructive!)

# Exponential distributions

Often we study stochastic processes for  $\mathbf{x} \in X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^N$ , that evolve to a stationary state, with prob distribution  $p(\mathbf{x})$  many are of the following form:

- stationary state is *minimally informative*, subject to a number of constraints

$$\sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} p(\mathbf{x}) \omega_1(\mathbf{x}) = \Omega_1 \quad \dots \quad \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} p(\mathbf{x}) \omega_L(\mathbf{x}) = \Omega_L$$

This is enough to calculate  $p(\mathbf{x})$ :

- information content of  $\mathbf{x}$ : Shannon entropy  
hence

$$\text{maximize } S = - \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} p(\mathbf{x}) \log p(\mathbf{x})$$

$$\text{subject to : } \begin{cases} p(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0 \quad \forall \mathbf{x}, \quad \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} p(\mathbf{x}) = 1 \\ \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} p(\mathbf{x}) \omega_\ell(\mathbf{x}) = \Omega_\ell \quad \text{for all } \ell = 1 \dots L \end{cases}$$

- solution using Lagrange's method:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial p(\mathbf{x})} \left\{ \lambda_0 \sum_{\mathbf{x}' \in X} p(\mathbf{x}') + \sum_{\ell=1}^L \lambda_{\ell} \sum_{\mathbf{x}' \in X} p(\mathbf{x}') \omega_{\ell}(\mathbf{x}') - \sum_{\mathbf{x}' \in X} p(\mathbf{x}') \log p(\mathbf{x}') \right\} = 0$$

$$\lambda_0 + \sum_{\ell=1}^L \lambda_{\ell} \omega_{\ell}(\mathbf{x}) - 1 - \log p(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad p(\mathbf{x}) = e^{\lambda_0 - 1 + \sum_{\ell=1}^L \lambda_{\ell} \omega_{\ell}(\mathbf{x})}$$

$(p(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0 \text{ automatically satisfied})$

- 'exponential distribution':

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{e^{\sum_{\ell=1}^L \lambda_{\ell} \omega_{\ell}(\mathbf{x})}}{Z(\boldsymbol{\lambda})}, \quad Z(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} e^{\sum_{\ell=1}^L \lambda_{\ell} \omega_{\ell}(\mathbf{x})}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\lambda} = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_L) : \text{ solved from } \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} p(\mathbf{x}) \omega_{\ell}(\mathbf{x}) = \Omega_{\ell} \quad (\ell = 1 \dots L)$$

example:

physical systems in thermal equilibrium

$L = 1$ ,  $\omega(\mathbf{x}) = E(\mathbf{x})$  (energy),  $\lambda = -1/k_B T$

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{e^{-E(\mathbf{x})/k_B T}}{Z(T)}, \quad Z(T) = \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} e^{-E(\mathbf{x})/k_B T}$$

# Generating functions

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{e^{\sum_{\ell=1}^L \lambda_{\ell} \omega_{\ell}(\mathbf{x})}}{Z(\boldsymbol{\lambda})}, \quad Z(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} e^{\sum_{\ell=1}^L \lambda_{\ell} \omega_{\ell}(\mathbf{x})}, \quad \langle f \rangle = \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} p(\mathbf{x}) f(\mathbf{x})$$

Idea behind generating functions:  
reduce nr of state averages to be calculated ...

- define

$$F(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) = \log Z(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) \quad \frac{\partial F(\boldsymbol{\lambda})}{\partial \lambda_k} = \frac{\sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} \omega_k(\mathbf{x}) e^{\sum_{\ell=1}^L \lambda_{\ell} \omega_{\ell}(\mathbf{x})}}{\sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} e^{\sum_{\ell=1}^L \lambda_{\ell} \omega_{\ell}(\mathbf{x})}} = \langle \omega_k(\mathbf{x}) \rangle$$

- how to calculate  
arbitrary state average  $\langle \psi \rangle$ ?

$$F(\boldsymbol{\lambda}, \mu) = \log \left[ \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} e^{\mu \psi(\mathbf{x}) + \sum_{\ell} \lambda_{\ell} \omega_{\ell}(\mathbf{x})} \right]$$
$$\langle \psi \rangle = \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial F(\boldsymbol{\lambda}, \mu)}{\partial \mu}, \quad \langle \omega_{\ell} \rangle = \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial F(\boldsymbol{\lambda}, \mu)}{\partial \lambda_{\ell}}$$

# The replica method

## replica method

A clever trick that enables the analytical calculation of averages that are normally impossible to do, except numerically.

## is particularly useful for

Complex heterogeneous systems composed of *many* interacting variables, and with *many* parameters on which we have only statistical information. (too large for numerical averages to be computationally feasible)

## gives us

Analytical predictions for the behaviour of *macroscopic* quantities in *typical* realisations of the systems under study.

first appearance: Marc Kac 1968

first in physics: Sherrington & Kirkpatrick 1975

first in biology: Amit, Gutfreund & Sompolinsky 1985

- Consider processes with many fixed (pseudo-)random parameters  $\xi$ , distributed according to  $\mathcal{P}(\xi)$

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\xi) = \frac{e^{\sum_{\ell=1}^L \lambda_{\ell} \omega_{\ell}(\mathbf{x}, \xi)}}{Z(\boldsymbol{\lambda}, \xi)}, \quad Z(\boldsymbol{\lambda}, \xi) = \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} e^{\sum_{\ell=1}^L \lambda_{\ell} \omega_{\ell}(\mathbf{x}, \xi)}$$

- calculating state averages  $\langle f \rangle_{\xi}$  for each realisation of  $\xi$  is usually impossible
- we are mostly interested in *typical* values of state averages
- for  $N \rightarrow \infty$  macroscopic averages will not depend on  $\xi$ , only on  $\mathcal{P}(\xi)$ , ‘self-averaging’:  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \langle f \rangle_{\xi}$  indep of  $\xi$

so focus on

$$\overline{\langle f \rangle_{\xi}} = \sum_{\xi} \mathcal{P}(\xi) \langle f \rangle_{\xi} = \sum_{\xi} \mathcal{P}(\xi) \left\{ \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} p(\mathbf{x}|\xi) f(\mathbf{x}, \xi) \right\}$$

- new generating function:

$$\bar{F}(\lambda, \mu) = \sum_{\xi} \mathcal{P}(\xi) \log Z(\lambda, \mu, \xi), \quad Z(\lambda, \mu, \xi) = \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} e^{\mu\psi(\mathbf{x}, \xi) + \sum_{\ell} \lambda_{\ell} \omega_{\ell}(\mathbf{x}, \xi)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \bar{F}(\lambda, \mu) &= \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \sum_{\xi} \mathcal{P}(\xi) \left\{ \frac{\sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} \psi(\mathbf{x}, \xi) e^{\mu\psi(\mathbf{x}, \xi) + \sum_{\ell} \lambda_{\ell} \omega_{\ell}(\mathbf{x}, \xi)}}{\sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} e^{\mu\psi(\mathbf{x}, \xi) + \sum_{\ell} \lambda_{\ell} \omega_{\ell}(\mathbf{x}, \xi)}} \right\} \\ &= \sum_{\xi} \mathcal{P}(\xi) \left\{ \frac{\sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} \psi(\mathbf{x}, \xi) e^{\sum_{\ell} \lambda_{\ell} \omega_{\ell}(\mathbf{x}, \xi)}}{\sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} e^{\sum_{\ell} \lambda_{\ell} \omega_{\ell}(\mathbf{x}, \xi)}} \right\} = \overline{\langle \psi \rangle}_{\xi} \end{aligned}$$

- main obstacle in calculating  $\bar{F}$ :  
the logarithm ...

*replica identity* :  $\overline{\log Z} = \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n} \log \bar{Z}^n$

proof:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n} \log \bar{Z}^n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n} \log [e^{n \overline{\log Z}}] = \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n} \log [1 + n \overline{\log Z} + \mathcal{O}(n^2)] \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n} \log [1 + n \overline{\log Z} + \mathcal{O}(n^2)] = \overline{\log Z} \end{aligned}$$

- apply  $\overline{\log Z} = \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n} \log \overline{Z}^n$   
(simplest case  $L = 1$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{F}(\lambda) &= \sum_{\xi} \mathcal{P}(\xi) \log \left[ \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} e^{\lambda \omega(\mathbf{x}, \xi)} \right] = \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n} \log \sum_{\xi} \mathcal{P}(\xi) \left[ \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} e^{\lambda \omega(\mathbf{x}, \xi)} \right]^n \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n} \log \sum_{\xi} \mathcal{P}(\xi) \left[ \sum_{\mathbf{x}^1 \in X} \dots \sum_{\mathbf{x}^n \in X} e^{\lambda \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \omega(\mathbf{x}^\alpha, \xi)} \right] \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n} \log \left[ \sum_{\mathbf{x}^1 \in X} \dots \sum_{\mathbf{x}^n \in X} \sum_{\xi} \mathcal{P}(\xi) e^{\lambda \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \omega(\mathbf{x}^\alpha, \xi)} \right] \end{aligned}$$

- notes:

- impossible  $\xi$ -average converted into simpler one ...
- calculation involves  $n$  ‘replicas’  $\mathbf{x}^\alpha$  of original system
- but  $n \rightarrow 0$  at the end ... ?
- penultimate step true only for *integer*  $n$ ,  
so limit requires *analytical continuation* ...

since then: alternative (more tedious) routes,  
these confirmed correctness of the replica method!



# Alternative forms of the replica identity

suppose we need averages, but for a  $p(\mathbf{x}|\xi)$  that is not of an exponential form?

or we need to average quantities that we don't want in the exponent of  $Z(\lambda\xi)$ ?

$$p(\mathbf{x}|\xi) = \frac{W(\mathbf{x}, \xi)}{\sum_{\mathbf{x}' \in X} W(\mathbf{x}', \xi)}, \quad \overline{\langle f \rangle}_\xi = \overline{\sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} p(\mathbf{x}|\xi) f(\mathbf{x}, \xi)}$$

- main obstacle here:  
the fraction ...

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\langle f \rangle}_\xi &= \overline{\left[ \frac{\sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} W(\mathbf{x}, \xi) f(\mathbf{x}, \xi)}{\sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} W(\mathbf{x}, \xi)} \right]} = \overline{\left[ \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} W(\mathbf{x}, \xi) f(\mathbf{x}, \xi) \right] \left[ \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} W(\mathbf{x}, \xi) \right]^{-1}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \overline{\left[ \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} W(\mathbf{x}, \xi) f(\mathbf{x}, \xi) \right] \left[ \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} W(\mathbf{x}, \xi) \right]^{n-1}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \sum_{\mathbf{x}^1 \in X} \dots \sum_{\mathbf{x}^n \in X} \overline{f(\mathbf{x}^1, \xi) W(\mathbf{x}^1, \xi) \dots W(\mathbf{x}^n, \xi)} \end{aligned}$$

(again: used integer  $n$ , but  $n \rightarrow 0$  ...)

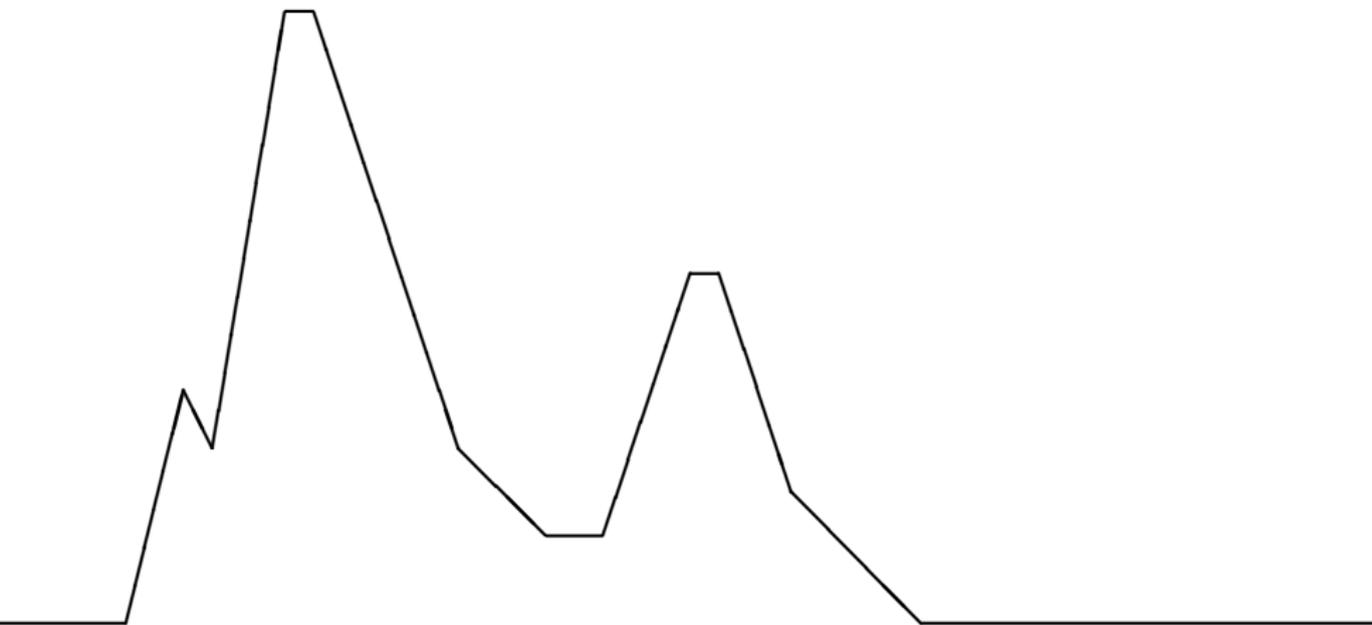
- equivalence between two forms of replica identity, if

$$W(\mathbf{x}, \xi) = e^{\sum_{\ell} \lambda_{\ell} \phi_{\ell}(\mathbf{x}, \xi)}$$

proof:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \overline{\langle f \rangle}_{\xi} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \sum_{\mathbf{x}^1 \in X} \dots \sum_{\mathbf{x}^n \in X} \overline{f(\mathbf{x}^1, \xi) W(\mathbf{x}^1, \xi) \dots W(\mathbf{x}^n, \xi)} \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \sum_{\mathbf{x}^1 \in X} \dots \sum_{\mathbf{x}^n \in X} \overline{f(\mathbf{x}^1, \xi) e^{\sum_{\alpha=1}^n \sum_{\ell} \lambda_{\ell} \phi_{\ell}(\mathbf{x}^{\alpha}, \xi)}} \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{\mathbf{x}^1 \in X} \dots \sum_{\mathbf{x}^n \in X} \overline{\left[ \sum_{\alpha=1}^n f(\mathbf{x}^{\alpha}, \xi) \right] e^{\sum_{\alpha=1}^n \sum_{\ell} \lambda_{\ell} \phi_{\ell}(\mathbf{x}^{\alpha}, \xi)}} \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n} \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \sum_{\mathbf{x}^1 \in X} \dots \sum_{\mathbf{x}^n \in X} \overline{e^{\sum_{\alpha=1}^n \sum_{\ell} \lambda_{\ell} \phi_{\ell}(\mathbf{x}^{\alpha}, \xi) + \mu \sum_{\alpha=1}^n f(\mathbf{x}^{\alpha}, \xi)}} \\
 &= \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{\mathbf{x}^1 \in X} \dots \sum_{\mathbf{x}^n \in X} \overline{e^{\sum_{\alpha=1}^n \left[ \sum_{\ell} \lambda_{\ell} \phi_{\ell}(\mathbf{x}^{\alpha}, \xi) + \mu f(\mathbf{x}^{\alpha}, \xi) \right]}} \\
 &= \lim_{\mu \rightarrow 0} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{n} \overline{Z^n(\lambda, \mu, \xi)}, \quad Z(\lambda, \mu, \xi) = \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in X} e^{\sum_{\ell} \lambda_{\ell} \phi_{\ell}(\mathbf{x}, \xi) + \mu f(\mathbf{x}, \xi)}
 \end{aligned}$$

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$N \rightarrow \infty$



*nothing* ← → *in business*

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$N \rightarrow \infty$



*solution of order parameter eqns*



*nothing* ← → *in business*