#### Finite-temperature phase transition in a class of 4-state Potts antiferromagnets

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#### Motivation

 Systems with non-zero entropy density could have long-range order

• Four-color theorem

#### four-color theorem on triangular lattice



#### T=0 AF Ising on triangular lattice

ground-state entropy (Wannier, 1950)

 $\lim_{N\to\infty}\frac{S(0)}{N}\approx 0.338314$ 

correlation function on sublattices

 $\xi(r) \propto r^{-1/2}$ 

#### Questions

We considered q-state Potts antiferromagnet

$$H = J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} \delta_{\sigma_i,\sigma_j} \quad (J > 0, \sigma_i = 1, 2, \dots, q \forall i)$$
  
on 2D Eulerian (all vertices have even degree) plane  
triangulations (all faces are triangles).

- Is there a phase transition at finite-temperature, of what order?
- What is the nature of the low-temperature phase(s)?
- If there is a critical point, what are the critical exponents and the universality classes?

#### Lattices





triangular lattice



union jack lattice

bisected hexagonal lattice

#### union jack lattice



$$G = (V, E)$$
$$G^* = (V^*, E^*)$$
$$\hat{G} = (V \cup V^*, \hat{E})$$
$$\tilde{G} = (V \cup V^*, \tilde{E})$$
$$G = G^* = \hat{G}$$
$$= square \ lattice$$

 $\tilde{G}$  = union jack lattice

#### bisected hexagonal lattice



- G = (V, E)
- = triangular
- $G^* = (V^*, E^*)$
- = hexagonal
- $\hat{G} = (V \cup V^*, \hat{E})$
- = diced
- $\tilde{G} = (V \cup V^*, \tilde{E})$

= bisected hexagonal

• Argument 1.

Ising AF has a nonzero-temperature phase transition on union jack lattice.

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• Argument 2.

#### q=4 AF Potts T=0 $\iff$ q=9 F Potts at $v = e^{J} - 1 = 3$ ( $\tilde{G}$ ) (G or $G^{*}$ ) non-critical $\Leftarrow$ non-critical

• union-jack lattice

*G* and  $G^*$ : square ----- self-dual q=9 F Potts at v=3 is at 1st-order transition point.

bisected hexagonal lattice
 G and G<sup>\*</sup>: triangular ----- hexagonal
 q=9 F Potts at v=3 is :
 disordered ----- hexagonal
 ordered ----- triangular

• Argument 3.

some 2D AF models T=0  $\iff$  "height" model

height model: "smooth"(ordered) / "rough"(critical)

So these AF model must either be ordered / critical at T=0.

#### **Phase Transition**

- Based on the above arguments: 4-state AF Potts model on  $\tilde{G}$  has an order-disorder transition at finite temperature.
- Universality:
- $\checkmark$  G is self-dual:

The symmetry is S4  $\times$  Z2. The universality class is a 4-state Potts model plus an Ising model (decoupled).

 $\checkmark$  G is not self-dual:

The symmetry is S4, and the universality class is that of a 4-state Potts model.

# Transfer-matrix Method for union jack lattice

c(v)(central charge):

q=4

$$v_c = -0.944(5), c = 1.510(5)$$

 $X_{m}(v)(magnetic exponent)$ and  $X_{t}(v)(thermal exponent)$ :  $v_{c} = -0.9488(3), X_{m} = 0.1255(6),$  $X_{t} = 0.51(2)$ 



## Transfer-matrix Method for union jack lattice

c(q):		
$q_0 = 3$	3.63(2),	c = 1.43(1)
$q_{c} = 4$	.330(5),	c = 1.63(1)
$X_m(q)$ and $X_m(q)$	$X_t(q)$ :	
$q_0 = 3$	.616(6),	$X_m = 0.0751(3),$
$X_t = 0$	.88(2);	
$q_{c} = 4$	.326(5),	$X_m = 0.134(2),$
$X_t = 0$	.52(3).	





Transfer-matrix Method for bisected hexagonal lattice • T=0 ..2 c(q)c(q):  $q_c = 5.395(10), c = 1.20(5)$ L=8 0.2 L=12 L=16  $X_{m}(q)$ 0.15 0.1 $X_m(q)$  and  $X_t(q)$ : 0.05  $q_c = 5.397(5), \quad X_m = 0.15(1),$ 6  $\mathbf{X}_{t}(\mathbf{q})$  $X_t = 0.6(1).$ 4 2

4.5

5

3.5

susceptibility observables

magnetization on sublattices:

$$M_{i,\alpha} = \sum_{x \in V_i} \delta_{\sigma(x),\alpha} \quad i = A, B, C, \quad \alpha = 1, 2, 3, 4$$

matrix of susceptibility:

$$\chi_{ij} = \frac{1}{|V|} \left[ \frac{3}{4} \sum_{\alpha=1}^{4} \left\langle M_{i,\alpha} M_{j,\alpha} \right\rangle - \frac{1}{3} |V_i| |V_j| \right] \qquad i, j = A, B, C$$

and also the eigenvalues of the susceptibility matrix:  $\lambda_1(\chi), \ \lambda_2(\chi), \ \lambda_3(\chi)$ 

• specific-heat observables

the energy on each subset of edges:

$$\mathbf{E}_{i} = \sum_{\langle xy \rangle \in E_{i}} \delta_{\sigma(x), \sigma(y)} \quad i = A, B, C$$

matrix of specific - heat - like quantities :  

$$C_{ij} = \frac{1}{|E|} \left[ \left\langle E_i E_j \right\rangle - \left\langle E_i \right\rangle \left\langle E_j \right\rangle \right] \quad i, j = A, B, C$$

and also the eigenvalues of the matrix:

 $\lambda_1(C), \ \lambda_2(C), \ \lambda_3(C)$ 

• renormalization exponents

$$y_{h1} = 1.87$$
  $y_{h2} = 1.39$   $y_{t1} = 1.50$   $y_{t2} = 0.81$ 

 my conjectures  $y_{h1} = 15/8$  $y_{h2} = 2y_{h1} - d = 3/2$  with log correction  $(b^{y_{h2}} \rightarrow b^{3/2} (\ln b)^{-1/4})$  $y_{t1} = 3/2$  $y_{t2} = 2y_{t1} - d = 1$  with log correction  $(b^{y_{t^2}} \rightarrow b(\ln b)^{-3/2})$ 



 $\lambda_1(\chi): \quad \gamma / \upsilon = 2 - 2X_m = 7 / 4 \qquad v_c = -0.9485(1)$ 



 $\lambda_1(C): \alpha / \upsilon = 2 - 2X_t = 1$   $v_c = -0.9483(2)$ 



 $\lambda_2(\chi) \propto L^{3/2} (\ln L)^{-1/4}$   $v_c = -0.9485(2)$ 

#### MC method for q=4 on bisected hexagonal lattice



$$\lambda_1(\chi) \propto L^{7/4} (\ln L)^{-1/8}$$
  $v_c = -0.828066(4)$ 

### MC method for q=4 on bisected hexagonal lattice



 $\lambda_1(C) \propto L(\ln L)^{-3/2}$ 

### MC method for q=5 on bisected hexagonal lattice

preliminary MC results :



 $v_c = -0.95132(2), \qquad X_m = 0.113(4), \qquad X_t = 0.495(5)$ 

#### Conclusion

- an analytical existence argument for a finitetemperature phase transition in a class of 4-state Potts antiferromagnets;
- a prediction of the universality class;
- large-scale numerics, using two complementary techniques, to determine critical exponents;
- determination of  $q_0$  and  $q_c$  as well as  $v_c$ ;
- the surprising prediction of a finite-temperature phase transition also for q = 5 on the BH lattice.

#### Future work

- General q
- Different lattices
- Different models

- Is there any phase transition at finite
- temperature, of what order?
- If so, how about the critical exponents and the universality?

