

## Correlation functions of the Ising chain

This problem considers the Ising chain with Hamiltonian

$$H = -J \sum_{j=1}^N \sigma_j \sigma_{j+1} - \sum_{j=1}^N h_j \sigma_j$$

Note that the magnetic field may differ among sites, although we will mainly be interested in the case where all fields vanish,  $\vec{h} = \vec{0}$ . Assume periodic boundary conditions.

(a) Show that  $m_i \equiv \langle \sigma_i \rangle = -\partial F / \partial h_i$

(b) Show that  $\chi_{ik} \equiv \partial m_i / \partial h_k = -\partial^2 F / \partial h_i \partial h_k = \beta (\langle \sigma_i \sigma_k \rangle - \langle \sigma_i \rangle \langle \sigma_k \rangle)$ .

(c) Show that  $\chi_{ik}$  is translation invariant when  $\vec{h} = \vec{0}$ . Hence  $\chi_{ik} = g(x)$ , where  $x = k - i$ . Interpret the meaning of  $g(x)$ .

(d) Show that

$$\sum_{x=-N/2}^{N/2} g(x) = \chi_0,$$

with  $\chi_0$  the zero field magnetic susceptibility.