# Expressions for the perfect matching numbers of cubic $l \times m \times n$ lattices and their asymptotic values 

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#### Abstract

A general expression of the perfect matching number for the $l \times m \times n$ cubic lattice was conjectured and examined for infinitely large systems. The asymptotic value of the square of the perfect matching number was calculated by numerical integration. The present treatment will give a key to obtain the true analytic solution of the perfect matching numbers for the 3 -dimensional lattices.


## 1. Introduction

The number of perfect matching for certain kinds of lattices is a key quantity in the theoretical treatments of adsorption of diatomic molecules on metallic surfaces (dimer statistics), nearest-neighbor interaction on the lattice points in anti-ferromagnetic metals (Ising model), and stability of aromatic hydrocarbon molecules (Kekulé structures). Thus the analytical expression for the perfect matching number, $K$, has been one of the continuous targets in these fields, rather than in the graph theory [1-3].

Especially for the 2-dimensional planar lattice, Kasteleyn [4] and Temperley and Fisher [5,6] independently derived the following beautiful expression:

$$
\begin{equation*}
K(2 m \times 2 n)=2^{2 m n} \prod_{k=1}^{m} \prod_{l=1}^{n}\left[\cos ^{2}\left(\frac{k \pi}{2 m+1}\right)+\cos ^{2}\left(\frac{l \pi}{2 n+1}\right)\right] . \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

It was shown that for the $m \times n$ torus lattice the $K$ number is given as a linear combination of pfaffians [4].

On the other hand, Hosoya and Ohkami devised an operator technique [7,8] which enables systematic derivation of the recursion formula of the perfect matching numbers for periodic lattices. Hock and McQuistan obtained the recursion formula of various series of graphs $[9,10]$.

By the use of the results obtained by the operator technique and the method of determinant given by Kasteleyn the present authors derived the expressions for the perfect matching numbers of $2 \times 2 \times n$ [11] and $2 \times 3 \times n$ cubic lattices [12]:

$$
\begin{align*}
& K(2 \times 2 \times n)=\prod_{j=1}^{n} 2^{2}\left[\cos ^{2}\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)+\cos ^{2}\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)+\cos ^{2}\left(\frac{j \pi}{n+1}\right)\right],  \tag{2}\\
& K(2 \times 3 \times n)=\sum_{j=1}^{5} C_{j}\left(\operatorname{det} \tilde{D}_{n, j}\right)^{1 / 4} / \prod_{j=1}^{n}\left\{1+4 \cos ^{2}\left(\frac{k \pi}{n+1}\right)\right\}^{1 / 4}, \tag{3}
\end{align*}
$$

where $C_{j}$ 's are constants, and the matrix $\tilde{D}_{n, j}$ is obtained by diagonalizing the matrix $D_{n j}$, which shows the adjacency relation among the lattice points.

By the same method they predicted the general expression and proved some of the expressions for the $\overline{m \times n}$ cylindrical lattices [13]:

$$
\begin{equation*}
K(\overline{2 m \times n})=\prod_{j=1}^{[n / 2]} \prod_{k=1}^{m}\left[4\left(\cos ^{2} \frac{k \pi}{2 m+1}+\sin ^{2} \frac{(2 j-1) \pi}{n}\right)\right] \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

(see ref. [13] for the case of $K(\overline{(2 m-1) \times n)})$ ).
After generalizing the expression for the perfect matching number of $2 \times 3 \times n$ lattices the expression for that of $2 \times m \times n$ lattices was conjectured as follows (see ref. [14]):

$$
\begin{equation*}
K(2 \times m \times n)=\sum_{b=1}^{b^{\prime}} \sum_{c=1}^{c^{c}} k_{b c}\left(\operatorname{det} \tilde{D}_{2, m, n, b, c}\right)^{\epsilon} / \mathrm{g}(m) \mathrm{h}(n), \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $k_{b c}$ and $\epsilon$ are constants to be determined by the prescribed method. The quantities $\mathrm{g}(m)$ and $\mathrm{h}(n)$ are expressed as

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathrm{g}(m) \equiv \prod_{g=1}^{m}\left(u_{1}^{2} x^{2}+v_{1}^{2} y^{2}+w_{1}^{2} z^{2} \cos ^{2}[g \pi /(m+1)]\right)^{\beta}, \\
& \mathrm{h}(n) \equiv \prod_{h=1}^{n}\left(u_{2}^{2} x^{2}+v_{2}^{2} y^{2}+w_{2}^{2} z^{2} \cos ^{2}[h \pi /(n+1)]\right)^{\gamma},
\end{aligned}
$$

where $\beta, \gamma, u_{i}, v_{i}$ and $w_{i}(i=1,2)$ are constants.
In the limit when $m$ and $n$ respectively approach to infinity the asymptotic form of eq. (5) is obtained as

$$
\begin{align*}
\ln K= & \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{0}^{\pi / 2} \ln \left(\left[\frac{x^{2}}{4}+z_{C}^{2} \cos ^{2} \phi\right]^{1 / 2}\right. \\
& \left.+\left[y_{B}^{2}+\frac{x^{2}}{4}+z_{C}^{2} \cos ^{2} \phi\right]^{1 / 2}\right) d \phi, \quad \epsilon=1 / 4, \tag{6}
\end{align*}
$$

where $x, y_{B}$ and $z_{C}$ are quantities which show the adjacency relation between the lattice points. It was shown in ref. [14] that one of the special expressions of eq. (6) becomes the same equation as the one obtained by Kasteleyn [4].

The agreement of one of the special solutions of the expression in eq. (6) with that obtained by Kasteleyn suggests the correctness of the present calculation for the $l \times m \times n$ lattice, because the calculation for the $l \times m \times n$ lattice is a similar extention of the case for the $2 \times m \times n$ lattice.

The aim of the present paper is to search a key for obtaining the true expressions for the perfect matching numbers of cubic $l \times m \times n$ lattices by expanding the assumption such as eq. (5) to the one suitable to the $l \times m \times n$ lattice and to obtain an asymptotic form such as eq. (6), because the analytical treatment of dimer model on cubic lattices has not yet been solved successfully.

## 2. Perfect matching numbers

Each lattice point $p$ on the $l \times m \times n$ cubic lattice (Fig. 1) is expressed by the coordinates $(i, j, k)$ as follows:

$$
\begin{equation*}
(i, j, k) \leftrightarrow p=i+(j-1) l+(k-1) l m . \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

Examples of numbering of $2 \times 2 \times n$ lattices and $2 \times 3 \times n$ lattices are shown in refs. [11] and [12], respectively.

The lattice can be covered by $l m n / 2$ dimers in the canonical order:

$$
\begin{equation*}
C=\left|p_{1} ; p_{2}\right|\left|p_{3} ; p_{4}\right|\left|p_{5} ; p_{6}\right| \ldots, \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $l=$ even, and

$$
\begin{equation*}
p_{1}<p_{2}<p_{3}<p_{4} ; \ldots ; p_{l m n-1}<p_{l m n} . \tag{9}
\end{equation*}
$$

The adjacency relation among these lattice points are expressed as follows:

$$
\begin{equation*}
D_{l, m, n, a, b, c}=x_{a} Q_{l} \otimes E_{m} \otimes E_{n}+y_{b} F_{l} \otimes Q_{m} \otimes E_{n}+z_{c}^{\prime} E_{l} \otimes E_{m} \otimes Q_{n} \tag{10}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\otimes$ means a direct product of matrices, and the quantities $x_{a}, y_{b}$ and $z_{c}^{\prime}$ signify the bonding between two lattice points.


Fig. $1 . l \times m \times n$ cubic lattice.

Matrices $Q_{n}$ and $F_{n}$ were used by Kasteleyn et al. and have the expressions as shown below; $E_{n}$ is a unit matrix of order $n[4,11-13]$.

$$
\begin{aligned}
F_{n} & \equiv\left(\begin{array}{cccccc}
-1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & & \\
0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & & \\
0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & & \\
0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & & \\
& & & & \ddots & \\
& & & & & (-1)^{n}
\end{array}\right) \\
Q_{n} & \equiv\left(\begin{array}{ccccc}
0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\
-1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \\
0 & -1 & 0 & 1 & \\
\vdots & & & \ddots & \\
0 & & & & 0
\end{array}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

The matrix $D_{l, m, n, a, b, c}$ is diagonalized by $U_{n}^{-1}$ and $U_{n}$, where

$$
\begin{align*}
U_{n}(j, k)= & \sqrt{\frac{2}{n+1}} i^{j} \sin \frac{j k \pi}{n+1}  \tag{11}\\
U_{n}^{-1}(j, k)= & \sqrt{\frac{2}{n+1}}(-i)^{k} \sin \frac{j k \pi}{n+1},  \tag{12}\\
\tilde{D}_{l, m, n, a, b, c} \equiv & U_{l}^{-1} \otimes U_{m}^{-1} \otimes U_{n}^{-1} D_{l, m, n, a, b, c} U_{l} \otimes U_{m} \otimes U_{n} \\
= & x_{a} U_{l}^{-1} Q_{l} U_{l} \otimes U_{m}^{-1} E_{m} U_{m} \otimes U_{n}^{-1} E_{n} U_{n} \\
& +y_{b} U_{l}^{-1} F_{l} U_{l} \otimes U_{m}^{-1} Q_{m} U_{m} \otimes U_{n}^{-1} E_{n} U_{n} \\
& +z_{c}^{\prime} U_{l}^{-1} E_{l} U_{l} \otimes U_{m}^{-1} E_{m} U_{m} \otimes U_{n}^{-1} Q_{n} U_{n} \tag{13}
\end{align*}
$$

The eigenvalues of matrices $Q_{l}, Q_{m}$ and $Q_{n}$ are denoted as $\lambda_{f}, \mu_{g}$ and $\nu_{h}$, respectively:

$$
\begin{align*}
& \lambda_{f}=2 i \cos [f \pi /(l+1)]  \tag{14}\\
& \mu_{g}=2 i \cos [g \pi /(m+1)]  \tag{15}\\
& \nu_{h}=2 i \cos [h \pi /(n+1)] \tag{16}
\end{align*}
$$

The diagonalized matrix $\tilde{D}_{l, m, n, a, b, c}$ is expressed by the use of the above eigenvalues as

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \tilde{D}_{l, m, n, a, b, c}=\prod_{g=1}^{m}\left|\begin{array}{ccccc}
O_{1,1} & & & -M_{g} \\
& O_{2,1} & -M_{g} & \\
& & \ddots & \\
-M_{g} & & & O_{l, 1}
\end{array}\right| \cdot \prod_{g=1}^{m}\left|\begin{array}{cccc}
O_{1,2} & & & -M_{g} \\
& O_{2,2} & -M_{g} & \\
& & \ddots & \\
-M_{g} & & & O_{l, 2}
\end{array}\right| \ldots \\
& \cdots \prod_{g=1}^{m}\left|\begin{array}{cccc}
O_{1, n} & & & -M_{g} \\
& O_{2, n} & -M_{g} & \\
& & \ddots & \\
-M_{g} & & & O_{l, n}
\end{array}\right|,
\end{aligned}
$$

where

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\Lambda_{f} \equiv x_{a} \lambda_{f} & (f=1,2, \ldots, l) \\
M_{g} \equiv y_{b} \mu_{g} & (g=1,2, \ldots, m) \\
N_{h} \equiv z_{c}^{\prime} \nu_{h} & (h=1,2, \ldots, n) \\
O_{i, j} \equiv \Lambda_{i}+N_{j}
\end{array}
$$

The above matrix $\tilde{D}_{l, m, n, a, b, c}$ is reduced to

$$
\tilde{D}_{l, m, n, a, b, c}=\prod_{g=1}^{m} \prod_{h=1}^{n}\left|\begin{array}{cccc}
O_{1, h} & & & -M_{g}  \tag{17}\\
& O_{2, h} & -M_{g} & \\
& & \ddots & \\
-M_{g} & & & O_{l, h}
\end{array}\right|
$$

The determinant following the two product signs is decomposed as follows (see eq. (23) in ref. [13]):

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left(O_{1, h} O_{2 L, h}-M_{g}^{2}\right)\left(O_{2, h} O_{2 L-1, h}-M_{g}^{2}\right) \\
& \cdots\left(O_{L, h} O_{L+1, h}-M_{g}^{2}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

where $l \equiv 2 L$ ( $L$ is a positive integer). From this the following expression is obtained:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\operatorname{det} \tilde{D}_{l, m, n, a, b, c}=\prod_{f=1}^{l / 2} \prod_{g=1}^{m} \prod_{h=1}^{n}\left(O_{f, h} O_{f^{\prime}, h}-M_{g}^{2}\right) \tag{18}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $f^{\prime} \equiv 2 L-f+1=l-f+1$.
By the use of the definition

$$
O_{f, h}=\Lambda_{f}+N_{h}=x_{a} \lambda_{f}+z_{c}^{\prime} \nu_{h},
$$

$O_{f, h} O_{f^{\prime}, h}$ is calculated as

$$
\begin{equation*}
O_{f, h} O_{f^{\prime}, h}=x_{a}^{2} \lambda_{f} \lambda_{f^{\prime}}+z_{c}^{\prime 2} \nu_{h}^{2}+x_{a} z_{c}^{\prime} \nu_{h}\left(\lambda_{f}+\lambda_{f^{\prime}}\right) \tag{19}
\end{equation*}
$$

From the equations

$$
\begin{equation*}
\lambda_{f}+\lambda_{f^{\prime}}=0 \tag{20}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\lambda_{f} \lambda_{f^{\prime}}=4 \cos ^{2}[f \pi /(l+1)] \tag{21}
\end{equation*}
$$

together with eq. (16), one can obtain

$$
O_{f, h} O_{f^{\prime}, h}=4 x_{a}^{2} \cos ^{2}[f \pi /(l+1)]-4 z_{c}^{\prime 2} \cos ^{2}[h \pi /(n+1)]
$$

Then the determinant can be expressed as

$$
\begin{align*}
\operatorname{det} \tilde{D}_{l, m, n, a, b, c}= & \prod_{f=1}^{l / 2} \prod_{g=1}^{m} \prod_{h=1}^{n}\left(4 x_{a}^{2} \cos ^{2}[f \pi /(l+1)]\right. \\
& \left.+4 y_{b}^{2} \cos ^{2}[g \pi /(m+1)]+4 z_{c}^{2} \cos ^{2}[h \pi /(n+1)]\right) \tag{22}
\end{align*}
$$

where $z_{c}^{2} \equiv-z_{c}^{2}>0$.
According to the case of $2 \times 3 \times n$ lattices, where the rigorous solution was given, the expression of the perfect matching number for $l \times m \times n$ lattices is conjectured to be [14]

$$
\begin{align*}
K & (l \times m \times n) \\
= & \sum_{a=1}^{a^{\prime}} \sum_{b=1}^{b^{\prime}} \sum_{c=1}^{c^{\prime}} k_{a b c} \prod_{f=1}^{l^{\prime}} \prod_{g=1}^{m^{\prime}} \prod_{h=1}^{n^{\prime}}\left\{4 x_{a}^{2} \cos ^{2}\left[f \pi /\left(l^{\prime}+1\right)\right]\right. \\
& \left.+4 y_{b}^{2} \cos ^{2}\left[g \pi /\left(m^{\prime}+1\right)\right]+4 z_{c}^{2} \cos ^{2}\left[h \pi /\left(n^{\prime}+1\right)\right]\right\}^{\epsilon} \tag{23}
\end{align*}
$$

where $l^{\prime}=k_{1} l, m^{\prime}=k_{2} m$ and $n^{\prime}=k_{3} n$, and $\epsilon, k_{1}, k_{2}$ and $k_{3}$ are constants to be determined.

The assumption of eq. (23) is slightly different from the case of the ( $2 \times m \times n$ ) lattice. That is, the denominator was deleted and the indices $l, m$ and $n$ were scaled to $l^{\prime}, m^{\prime}$ and $n^{\prime}$.

An example is shown as follows:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& K(2 \times 3 \times 4) \\
& \quad=\sum_{a=1}^{a^{\prime}=1} \sum_{b=1}^{b^{\prime}=5} \sum_{c=1}^{c^{\prime}=1} k_{a b c} \prod_{f=1}^{l^{\prime}=2} \prod_{g=1}^{m^{\prime}=2} \prod_{h=1}^{n^{\prime}=4}\{\cdots\}^{\epsilon}
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
= & \sum_{b=1}^{5} k_{b}\left\{\prod_{h=1}^{4}\left(4 x_{a}^{2} \cos ^{2}[\pi / 3]+4 y_{b}^{2} \cos ^{2}[\pi / 3]+4 z_{c}^{2} \cos ^{2}[h \pi / 5]\right)^{1 / 8}\right. \\
& \times \prod_{h=1}^{4}\left(4 x_{a}^{2} \cos ^{2}[2 \pi / 3]+4 y_{b}^{2} \cos ^{2}[\pi / 3]+4 z_{c}^{2} \cos ^{2}[h \pi / 5]\right)^{1 / 8} \\
& \times \prod_{h=1}^{4}\left(4 x_{a}^{2} \cos ^{2}[\pi / 3]+4 y_{b}^{2} \cos ^{2}[2 \pi / 3]+4 z_{c}^{2} \cos ^{2}[h \pi / 5]\right)^{1 / 8} \\
& \left.\times \prod_{h=1}^{4}\left(4 x_{a}^{2} \cos ^{2}[2 \pi / 3]+4 y_{b}^{2} \cos ^{2}[2 \pi / 3]+4 z_{c}^{2} \cos ^{2}[h \pi / 5]\right)^{1 / 8}\right\}
\end{aligned}
$$

If $x_{a}^{2}=x^{2}, y_{b}^{2}=2 y_{j}^{2}, z_{c}^{2}=-z^{2}$, and

$$
k_{b}=k_{j}=\sqrt{-A_{j} \overline{A_{j}}}\left(\overline{Q_{j}}-Q_{j}\right)
$$

then eq. (28) for $n=4$ in ref. [12] is obtained.
Further study of the expression for perfect matching numbers for the $2 \times 4 \times n$, $2 \times 5 \times n$, and other lattices might decrease the number of summations $\sum$ in eq. (23). However, the conclusion of the present treatment is unchanged.

Calculating $K_{2} \equiv \lim _{m, n \rightarrow \infty} K_{2, m, n}^{1 / m n}$, the following expression for the asymptotic value is obtained:

$$
\begin{align*}
\ln K_{2}= & 2 \epsilon \ln y_{B} \\
& +\frac{4 \epsilon}{\pi} \int_{0}^{\pi / 2} \ln \left(\left[\overline{\xi^{2}}+\eta^{2} \cos ^{2} \phi\right]^{1 / 2}+\left[1+\overline{\xi^{2}}+\eta^{2} \cos ^{2} \phi\right]^{1 / 2}\right) d \phi \tag{24}
\end{align*}
$$

where $\overline{\xi^{2}} \equiv x^{2} / 4 y_{B}^{2}$ and $\eta^{2} \equiv z_{C}^{2} / y_{B}^{2}$.
Substituting $\xi^{2}=0$ and $\epsilon=1 / 4$ into eq. (24) the same expression was obtained as by Kasteleyn [4]. (See the equation just below eq. (17) in ref. [4].)

## 3. Asymptotic value of the perfect matching number $K$

Let us put the maximum values of the coefficients $x_{a}^{2}, y_{b}^{2}$ and $z_{c}^{2}$ in eq. (23) as $x_{A}^{2}$, $y_{B}^{2}$ and $z_{C}^{2}$, respectively.

The expression $K_{l, m, n}$ in eq. (23) can be changed by the use of the quantities $x_{A}^{2}$, $y_{B}^{2}$ and $z_{C}^{2}$ to

$$
\begin{equation*}
K_{l, m, n}=\left[\prod_{f=1}^{l^{\prime} / 2} \prod_{g=1}^{m^{\prime} / 2} \prod_{h=1}^{n^{\prime}} \sigma_{\max }\left\{k_{A B C}+\sum_{a \neq A} \sum_{b \neq B} \sum_{c \neq C} k_{a b c} \prod_{f=1}^{l^{\prime} / 2} \prod_{g=1}^{m^{\prime} / 2} \prod_{n=1}^{n^{\prime}} \frac{\sigma}{\sigma_{\max }}\right\}\right]^{2 \epsilon} \tag{25}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{align*}
\sigma \equiv & 4 x_{a}^{2} \cos ^{2}\left[f \pi /\left(l^{\prime}+1\right)\right]+4 y_{b}^{2} \cos ^{2}\left[g \pi /\left(m^{\prime}+1\right)\right] \\
& +4 z_{c}^{2} \cos ^{2}\left[h \pi /\left(n^{\prime}+1\right)\right] \tag{26}
\end{align*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{align*}
\sigma_{\max } \equiv & 4 x_{A}^{2} \cos ^{2}\left[f \pi /\left(l^{\prime}+1\right)\right]+4 y_{B}^{2} \cos ^{2}\left[g \pi /\left(m^{\prime}+1\right)\right] \\
& +4 z_{C}^{2} \cos ^{2}\left[h \pi /\left(n^{\prime}+1\right)\right] \tag{27}
\end{align*}
$$

Since the following expression has been established:

$$
\lim _{l, m, n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{f} \prod_{g} \prod_{h} \sigma / \sigma_{\max }=0
$$

the parentheses in eq. (23) become

$$
\begin{equation*}
\lim _{l, m, n \rightarrow \infty}\{\quad\}^{2 \varepsilon / l m n}=1 \tag{28}
\end{equation*}
$$

Therefore, the perfect matching number $K$ per lattice point can be shown to be

$$
\begin{align*}
K & \equiv \lim _{l, m, n \rightarrow \infty} K^{1 / l m n} \\
& =\lim _{l, m, n \rightarrow \infty}\left(\prod_{l=1}^{1 / 2} \prod_{g=1}^{m / 2} \prod_{h=1}^{n} \sigma_{\max }\right)^{2 \epsilon / l m n} \\
& \equiv \lim _{l, m, n \rightarrow \infty} \bar{K}_{l, m, n}^{1 / l m n} \tag{29}
\end{align*}
$$

The expression for $\bar{K}_{l, m, n}$ is given by

$$
\begin{align*}
\bar{K}_{l, m, n}= & \left\{y_{B}^{l m n / 2} \prod_{f=1}^{l / 2} \prod_{g=1}^{m / 2} \prod_{h=1}^{n}\right. \\
& \times 4\left(\xi^{2} \cos ^{2}[f \pi /(l+1)]+\cos ^{2}[g \pi /(m+1)]\right. \\
& \left.\left.+\eta^{2} \cos ^{2}[h \pi /(n+1)]\right)\right\}^{2 \epsilon} \tag{30}
\end{align*}
$$

where

$$
\xi^{2} \equiv x_{A}^{2} / y_{B}^{2} \quad \text { and } \quad \eta^{2} \equiv z_{C}^{2} / y_{B}^{2}
$$

Applying the following identity to eq. (30) (see eq. (14) in ref. [4]):

$$
\begin{align*}
& \prod_{g=1}^{m / 2} 4\left[u^{2}+\cos ^{2} \frac{g \pi}{m+1}\right] \\
& \quad=\frac{\left[u+\left(1+u^{2}\right)^{1 / 2}\right]^{m+1}-\left[u-\left(1+u^{2}\right)^{1 / 2}\right]^{m+1}}{2\left(1+u^{2}\right)^{1 / 2}} \tag{31}
\end{align*}
$$

the expression for $\bar{K}_{l, m, n}$ becomes

$$
\begin{equation*}
\bar{K}_{l, m, n}=\prod_{f=1}^{l / 2} \prod_{h=1}^{n} \frac{\left[u+\left(1+u^{2}\right)^{1 / 2}\right]^{m+1}-\left[u-\left(1+u^{2}\right)^{1 / 2}\right]^{m+1}}{2\left(1+u^{2}\right)^{1 / 2}}, \tag{32}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
u^{2} \equiv \xi^{2} \cos ^{2}[f \pi /(l+1)]+\eta^{2} \cos ^{2}[h \pi /(n+1)] .
$$

By the use of eq. (32), the asymptotic value of $\bar{K}_{l, m, n}$ in the limit of $m \rightarrow \infty$ becomes

$$
\begin{align*}
K_{l n} & \equiv \lim _{m \rightarrow \infty} \bar{K}_{l m n}^{1 / m} \\
& =\left[y_{B}^{l n / 2} \prod_{f=1}^{l / 2} \prod_{h=1}^{n}\left\{u+\left(1+u^{2}\right)^{1 / 2}\right]^{2 \epsilon} .\right. \tag{33}
\end{align*}
$$

From eq. (33) the logarithm of $K_{l n}$ is given by

$$
\ln K_{l n}=n l \epsilon \ln y_{B}+\ln \left[\prod_{f=1}^{l} \prod_{h=1}^{n}\left\{u+\left(1+u^{2}\right)^{1 / 2}\right\}^{1 / 2}\right]^{2 \epsilon} ;
$$

namely, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\ln K_{l n}^{1 / l}=n \epsilon \ln y_{B}+\frac{\epsilon}{l} \sum_{f=1}^{l} \ln \prod_{h=1}^{n}\left\{u+\left(1+u^{2}\right)^{1 / 2}\right\}^{1 / 2} . \tag{34}
\end{equation*}
$$

The asymptotic value of $K_{l n}^{1 / l}$ in the limit of $l \rightarrow \infty$ can be expressed as an integral as follows:

$$
\begin{align*}
\ln K_{l n} \equiv & \lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln K_{l n}^{1 / l} \\
= & n \epsilon \ln y_{B}+\frac{\epsilon}{\pi} \int_{0}^{\pi} \sum_{h=1}^{n} \ln \left[\left\{\xi^{2} \cos ^{2} \phi+\eta^{2} \cos ^{2}[h \pi /(n+1)]\right\}^{1 / 2}\right. \\
& \left.+\left\{1+\xi^{2} \cos ^{2} \phi+\eta^{2} \cos ^{2}[h \pi /(n+1)]\right\}^{1 / 2}\right] d \phi . \tag{35}
\end{align*}
$$

Moreover, the asymptotic value of $\ln K_{n}$ in the limit of $n \rightarrow \infty$ is obtained as

$$
\begin{align*}
\ln K \equiv & \lim _{n \rightarrow \infty} \ln K_{l n}^{1 / n} \\
= & \epsilon \ln y_{B}+\frac{4 \epsilon}{\pi^{2}} \int_{0}^{\pi / 2} \int_{0}^{\pi / 2} \ln \left[\left\{\xi^{2} \cos ^{2} \phi+\eta^{2} \cos ^{2} \theta\right\}^{1 / 2}\right. \\
& \left.+\left\{1+\xi^{2} \cos ^{2} \phi+\eta^{2} \cos ^{2} \theta\right\}^{1 / 2}\right] d \theta d \phi . \tag{36}
\end{align*}
$$

Eq. (36) can also be shown as

$$
\begin{align*}
\ln K= & \frac{4 \epsilon}{\pi^{2}} \int_{0}^{\pi / 2} \int_{0}^{\pi / 2} \ln \left[\left\{x_{A}^{2} \cos ^{2} \phi+Z_{C}^{2} \cos ^{2} \theta\right\}^{1 / 2}\right. \\
& \left.+\left\{y_{B}^{2}+x_{A}^{2} \cos ^{2} \phi+z_{C}^{2} \cos ^{2} \theta\right\}^{1 / 2}\right] d \theta d \phi \tag{37}
\end{align*}
$$

Eqs. (36) or (37) is the limit of the configurational partition function for one lattice point of the $l \times m \times n$ lattice.

Substituting $x_{A}=y_{B}=z_{C}=1$ into eq. (36) or (37), the limit of the number of dimer arrangements $\mathrm{g}(\mathrm{lmn} / 2$ ) can be calculated (see ref. [4]).

The "molecular freedom" $\varphi_{2}$ which is defined as the number of arrangements per dimer is expressed as

$$
\begin{align*}
\varphi_{2} & =\{\mathrm{g}(l m n / 2)\}^{2 / l m n} \\
& =\left\{K_{l m n}\left(x_{A}=y_{B}=z_{C}=1\right)\right\}^{2 / l m n} \tag{38}
\end{align*}
$$

In the lattice of the limit of $l, m$ and $n(l, m, n \rightarrow \infty)$, the asymptotic value of $\varphi_{2}$, i.e., $\varphi_{2}^{(\infty)}$ is

$$
\begin{equation*}
\varphi_{2}^{(\infty)}=\left\{K\left(x_{A}=y_{B}=z_{C}=1\right)\right\}^{2}=1.519448336 \ldots \tag{39}
\end{equation*}
$$

The $K$ number is 9 , for example, for the case of the smallest cubic lattice $2 \times 2 \times 2$. Therefore,

$$
\varphi_{2}=(9)^{2 / 2 \times 2 \times 2}=\sqrt{3}=1.732 \ldots
$$

in this case (see ref. [3] for the values of $K$ in the case of various polycube lattices).
The above values are somewhat smaller than the same kind of value, $1.791622812 \ldots$, for the $m \times n$ lattice (see ref. [4]).

The value of the limit $\varphi_{2}^{(\infty)}$ was obtained by the numerical integral of the following equation:

$$
\begin{align*}
& \ln K\left(x_{A}=y_{B}=z_{C}=1, \epsilon=1 / 4\right) \\
& \quad=\frac{1}{\pi^{2}} \int_{0}^{\pi / 2} \int_{0}^{\pi / 2} \ln \left[\left(\cos ^{2} \phi+\cos ^{2} \theta\right)^{1 / 2}\right. \\
& \left.\quad+\left(1+\cos ^{2} \phi+\cos ^{2} \theta\right)^{1 / 2}\right] d \theta d \phi \tag{40}
\end{align*}
$$

The constant value $\epsilon=1 / 4$ was obtained according to the case of $2 \times m \times n$ lattice.
The next task is to find other keys for obtaining the true expression for the perfect matching numbers of 3-dimensional lattices and also for solving the 3-dimensional Ising model $[15,16]$ on the basis of the method described above.

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