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We explicitly calculate the free energy  $\psi$  of the general solvable *N*-state chiral Potts model in the scaling region, for  $T < T_c$ . We do this from both of the two available results for the free energy, and verify that they are mutually consistent. If  $t = T_c - T$ , then we find that  $(\psi - \psi_c)/t$  has a Taylor expansion in powers of  $t^{2/N}$  (together with higher-order non-scaling terms of order t, or t log t).

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#### **1. INTRODUCTION**

The free energy  $\psi_{pq}$  of the solvable chiral Potts model depends on four quantities: the number N of states per spin, a temperature-like parameter k', and explicitly on two rapidities p and q. It was first obtained in 1988,<sup>(1)</sup> yielding the critical exponent  $\alpha = 1 - 2/N$ . The method uses only the star-triangle relation for the model (ref. 2; ref. 3, pp. 83–87), showing that this implies partial differential equations for  $\psi_{pq}$ , involving a single-rapidity function  $G_p$ . However, the solution of these equations is intricate and far from transparent.

Alternative expressions as explicit integrals were obtained later<sup>(4)</sup> by solving the functional relations for the transfer matrices.<sup>(5)</sup> A fuller derivation is given in ref. 6, but regrettably there are inconsistencies in the choices of the variables  $v_p$  and  $v_q$  of Eqs. (52)–(64) therein: it seems that  $v_p$  and  $v_q$  should instead be chosen to lie between  $-3\pi/2$  and  $-\pi/2$ , and that the result (64) is then correct for  $-\pi < u_p < u_q < 0$ . The results given in ref. 4, with  $-\pi/2 < v_p$ ,  $v_q < \pi/2$ , are correct as written.

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It is by no means obvious that the solution of ref. 1 is the same as that of refs. 4 and 6. It would be interest to establish this directly, so as to better understand the analyticity properties of  $\psi_{pq}$ , and to obtain explicit expressions for the single-rapidity function  $G_p$ .

We have not yet succeeded in doing this, but here we do show that the two results lead to the same explicit result for  $\psi_{pq}$  in the scaling region near criticality. In fact we work not with  $\psi_{pq}$ , but with the quantity  $\ln \tilde{\kappa}_{pq}$  related to it by (10) and (20):  $\ln \tilde{\kappa}_{pq} = -\psi_{pq} - \ln(\rho_{pq}D_{pq})$ .

More precisely, if k is the modulus of the model that is zero at criticality and unity at zero temperature, then near criticality  $k^2$  is proportional to the temperature deviation  $T - T_c$ . The free energy has an expansion of the form

$$\ln \tilde{\kappa}_{pq} = P + Qk^2 + k^2 S(k^{4/N}) + O(k^4 \log k)$$
(1)

(Higher terms in the expansion are of the form  $k^{2m+4n/N}$ , possibly multiplied by log k.) Here P, Q are independent of k, while S(x) is a Taylor-expandable "scaling function," zero when x is zero. Here we evaluate P, Q, S(x) from the integral expressions of refs. 4 and 6. They are the quantities  $C_{pa}^{(1)}/4N$ ,  $C_{pa}^{(2)}/4Nk^2$ ,  $C_{pa}^{(3)}/4Nk^2$  of Section 4.

In Appendix A we check the equivalence of the various published forms for the critical free energy P (at which point the model reduces to the Fateev-Zamolodchikov model<sup>(7)</sup>). In Appendix B we verify that the method of ref. 1 gives the same results for Q, S(x): this is an extension of the calculation in ref. 1, where we obtained P, Q and the first nonzero coefficient in the Taylor expansion of S(x).

One interesting point is that both P and S(x) (but not Q) depend on the vertical and horizontal rapidity variables  $u_p$  and  $u_q$  only via their difference  $u_q - u_p$ . In fact, S(x) is simply proportional to  $\sin(u_q - u_p)$ . Thus, although the chiral Potts model does not in general have the rapidity difference property, we do regain it in the scaling region (provided we neglect terms analytic in  $k^2$ ).

#### 2. THE MODEL

We define the solvable chiral Potts model in the usual way.<sup>(2-6)</sup> Consider the square lattice of  $\mathcal{N}$  sites and L columns, drawn diagonally as in Fig. 1, with toroidal (periodic) boundary conditions. At each site *i* there is a spin  $\sigma_i$ , which takes values  $0, \dots, N-1$ . Adjacent spins interact with Boltzmann weights  $W_{pq}(\sigma_i - \sigma_j)$  for SW  $\rightarrow$  NE edges and  $\overline{W}_{pq}(\sigma_i - \sigma_n)$  for SE  $\rightarrow$  NW edges, as indicated.



Fig. 1. The square lattice (drawn diagonally) with L columns and cylindrical boundary conditions.

We now define the functions  $W_{pq}(n)$ ,  $\overline{W}_{pq}(n)$ . Let k be a real constant, 0 < k < 1,  $k' = (1 - k^2)^{1/2}$ , and let  $\omega = \exp(2\pi i/N)$ . Let  $x_p$ ,  $y_p$ ,  $t_p$ ,  $\lambda_p$ ,  $\mu_p$ ,  $J_p$  be complex numbers ("p-variables"), related by

$$x_{p}^{N} + y_{p}^{N} = k(1 + x_{p}^{N}y_{p}^{N}), \qquad x_{p}y_{p} = t_{p}$$

$$kx_{p}^{N} = 1 - k'\lambda_{p}^{-1}, \qquad ky_{p}^{N} = 1 - k'\lambda_{p}$$

$$\lambda_{p} = \mu_{p}^{N}, \qquad J_{p} = -\lambda_{p}^{2}x_{p}^{N}/y_{p}^{N}$$
(2)

We regard N and k as fixed parameters. Then if any one of the "p-variables"  $x_p, ..., J_p$  is given, the rest are determined, to within a finite number of discrete choices of Nth roots and solutions of quadratic equations. In terms of the  $a_p$ ,  $b_p$ ,  $c_p$ ,  $d_p$  of ref. 2,  $x_p = a_p/d_p$ ,  $y_p = b_p/c_p$ ,  $\mu_d = d_p/c_p$ ,  $J_p = -(a_p d_p/b_p c_p)^N$ . We can regard the variables as being a point p on an algebraic curve (with one degree of freedom), and refer to this point as the "rapidity" p. The parameters  $t_p$  and  $\lambda_p$  are particularly significant: they are delated by

$$k^{2}t_{p}^{N} = 1 - k'(\lambda_{p} + \lambda_{p}^{-1}) + k'^{2}$$
(3)

As in ref. 1, we also introduce variables  $u_p$ ,  $v_p$  related to one another and to those above by

$$\sin v_{p} = k \sin u_{p}, \qquad k'(\lambda_{p} - \lambda_{p}^{-1}) = 2ke^{iu_{p}} \cos v_{p}$$

$$x_{p} = e^{i(u-v)/N}, \qquad y_{p} = e^{i(\pi+u+v)/N}, \qquad t_{p} = e^{i(\pi+2u)/N} \qquad (4)$$

$$J_{p} = \frac{k'^{2}}{1+k^{2}-2k\cos(u_{p}-v_{p})} = \frac{\sin(u_{p}+v_{p})}{\sin(u_{p}-v_{p})}$$

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Similarly, define "q-variables"  $x_q$ ,  $y_q$ ,  $t_q$ ,  $\lambda_q$ ,  $\mu_q$ ,  $J_q$ ,  $u_q$ ,  $v_q$ . Then the Boltzmann weights are, for all integers n,

$$W_{pq}(n) = W_{pq}(0) \left(\frac{\mu_p}{\mu_q}\right)^n \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{y_q - \omega^j x_p}{y_p - \omega^j x_q}$$

$$\bar{W}_{pq}(n) = \bar{W}_{pq}(0) (\mu_p \mu_q)^n \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{\omega x_p - \omega^j x_q}{y_q - \omega^j y_p}$$
(5)

In this paper we leave the normalization factors  $W_{pq}(0)$ ,  $\overline{W}_{pq}(0)$  arbitrary, except to require that they be real and positive, and have the rotation invariance property given below in Eq. (15).

They have the periodicity properties  $W_{pq}(n+N) = W_{pq}(n)$ ,  $\overline{W}_{pq}(n+N) = \overline{W}_{pq}(n)$ . Here the rapidity p is associated with the vertical direction, q with the horizontal. We shall need the associated quantities

$$\rho_{pq} = \left\{ \prod_{n=0}^{N-1} W_{pq}(n) \right\}^{1/N}, \qquad \bar{\rho}_{pq} = \left\{ \prod_{n=0}^{N-1} \bar{W}_{pq}(n) \right\}^{1/N}$$

$$D_{pq} = \left\{ \det_{N} [W_{pq}(i-j)] \right\}^{1/N}, \qquad \bar{D}_{pq} = \left\{ \det_{N} [\bar{W}_{pq}(i-j)] \right\}^{1/N} \qquad (6)$$

$$g_{pq} = D_{pq} / \rho_{pq}, \qquad \bar{g}_{pq} = \bar{D}_{pq} / \bar{\rho}_{pq}$$

Explicit product formulas for  $\overline{D}_{pq}$  are given in Eqs. (3.22) of ref. 1 and (2.44) of ref. 5. In (23) of ref. 6 these are put into the form

$$\bar{g}_{pq} = N^{1/2} \eta^{-1/N} [(x_p^N - x_q^N)(y_p^N - y_q^N)]^{(1-N)/2N} \prod_{j=1}^{N-1} (t_p - \omega^j t_q)^{j/N}$$
(7)

where

$$n = e^{i\pi(N-1)N+4)/12} \tag{8}$$

In Eq. (2.47) of ref. 5 it is remarked that

$$g_{pa}\bar{g}_{pa} = Nk'^{(1-N)/N}$$
(9)

The partition function depends on p and q, so we write it as  $Z_{pq}$ . Then the partition function and dimensionless free energy per site are

$$\kappa_{pq} = Z_{pq}^{1/\mathcal{N}}, \qquad \psi_{pq} = -\ln \kappa_{pq} \tag{10}$$

(In this notation, the  $\psi_{pq}^{(Sq)}$  of Eq. (3.41) of ref. 1 and the  $\psi$  of Eq. (28) of ref. 6 are  $\psi_{pq} + \ln[\rho_{pq}\bar{\rho}_{pq}]$ ; while the  $V(t_q, \lambda_q)$  of ref. 4 is  $\{\kappa_{pq}/(\rho_{pq}\bar{D}_{pq})\}^L$ .)

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#### 2.1. Physical Regime

We can choose  $x_p$ ,  $x_q$ ,  $y_p$ ,  $y_q$ ,  $t_p$ ,  $t_q$  so that they all lie on the unit circle, and are arranged so that

$$\arg(x_p) < \arg(x_q) < \arg(y_p) < \arg(y_q) < \arg(\omega x_p)$$
(11)

$$\arg(t_p) < \arg(t_q) < \arg(\omega t_p) \tag{12}$$

Using (2), the restrictions (11) imply (12); conversely, if  $t_p$ ,  $t_q$  satisfy (12), there is a unique choice of  $x_p$ ,  $x_q$ ,  $y_p$ ,  $y_q$  that satisfies (11). If  $-2\pi/N < \arg(t_p) < 0$ , then this choice ensures that  $|\lambda_p| < 1$ ; if  $0 < \arg(t_p) < 2\pi/N$ , then  $|\lambda_p| > 1$ . Similarly for  $t_q$  and  $\lambda_q$ .

With these choices, all the Boltzmann weights  $W_{pq}(n)$ ,  $\overline{W}_{pq}(n)$  are real and positive, so the model is then physical:  $Z_{pq}$ ,  $\kappa_{pq}$  must be real and positive;  $\psi_{pq}$  must be real. Here we shall focus our attention on this case, which we call the "physical regime." The parameters  $u_p$ ,  $v_p$ ,  $u_q$ ,  $v_q$  are particularly useful in this regime. They are then real, satisfying

$$-\pi/2 < v_p < \pi/2, \qquad -\pi/2 < v_q < \pi/2, \qquad u_p < u_q < u_p + \pi$$
 (13)

while  $J_p$  and  $J_q$  are real and positive.

Of course our results can be extended into the complex plane: such extensions can be very useful in any calculation, and vital in an understanding of the analyticity properties of  $\kappa_{pq}$ .

#### 2.2. Rotation and Inversion Relations

An automorphism that plays a significant role in the model is  $p \rightarrow Rp$ , where

$$x_{Rp} = y_p, \qquad y_{Rp} = \omega x_p, \qquad \mu_{Rp} = 1/\mu_p$$

$$t_{Rp} = \omega t_p, \qquad u_{Rp} = u_p + \pi$$
(14)

We require that the normalization factors  $W_{pq}(0)$ ,  $\overline{W}_{pq}(0)$  in (5) satisfy

$$W_{q,Rp}(0) = \bar{W}_{pq}(0), \qquad \bar{W}_{q,Rp}(0) = W_{pq}(0)$$
 (15)

Then the weight functions and associated parameters have the properties (for all integers n, a, b)

$$W_{q,Rp}(n) = W_{pq}(n), \qquad W_{q,Rp}(n) = W_{pq}(-n)$$

$$\rho_{q,Rp} = \bar{\rho}_{pq}, \quad \bar{\rho}_{q,Rp} = \rho_{pq}, \qquad D_{q,Rp} = \bar{D}_{pq}, \quad \bar{D}_{q,Rp} = D_{pq}$$
(16)

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$$g_{q,Rp} = \bar{g}_{pq}, \quad \bar{g}_{q,Rp} = g_{pq}, \quad W_{pq}(n) \quad W_{pq}(n) = \rho_{pq} \rho_{qp}$$

$$\sum_{c=0}^{N-1} \overline{W}_{pq}(a-c) \quad \overline{W}_{qp}(c-b) = \overline{D}_{pq} \overline{D}_{pq} \quad \text{if} \quad a=b, \mod N$$

$$= 0 \qquad \text{otherwise} \qquad (17)$$

The properties (16) ensure that replacing p, q by q, Rp is equivalent to rotation the lattice anticlockwise through 90°. This leaves the  $\kappa_{pq}$  and  $\psi_{pq}$  unchanged, so

$$\kappa_{q,Rp} = \kappa_{pq} \tag{18}$$

In the physical regime, it follows from (11) that  $x_p$ ,  $x_q$ ,  $y_p$ ,  $y_q$ ,  $\omega x_p$ ,  $\omega x_q$ ,  $\omega x_q$ ,  $\omega y_p$ ,  $\omega y_q$ ,  $\omega^2 x_p$ ,...,  $\omega^{N-1} y_q$  form a set of 4N points ordered anticlockwise around the unit circle, the last element being following by the first. The mapping  $p, q \rightarrow q$ , Rp simply replaces each element of this cyclically ordered set by the next. Hence  $\kappa_{pq}$  is unchanged if  $x_p$ ,  $x_q$ ,  $y_p$ ,  $y_q$  are replaced by any other four consecutive elements of the set.

Further, the relations (17) imply the "inversion relation"<sup>(8)</sup>

$$\kappa_{pq}\kappa_{pq} = \rho_{pq}\rho_{qp}\bar{D}_{pq}\bar{D}_{pq}$$
(19)

where  $\kappa_{pq}$  is obtained by analytically continuing  $\kappa_{pq}$  through the inversion point p = q.

## 2.3. The Modified Partition Function per Site $\tilde{\kappa}_{pq}$

An associated quantity that we shall use is

$$\tilde{\kappa}_{pq} = \kappa_{pq} / (\rho_{pq} \bar{D}_{pq}) \tag{20}$$

[This is the exp $(-\Lambda_{pq})$  of ref. 1 and the  $V(t_q, \lambda_q)^{1/L}$  of ref. 4.] This is independent of the normalization factors  $W_{pq}(0)$ ,  $\overline{W}_{pq}(0)$ . Using this, we find that the inversion relation (19) simplifies:

$$\tilde{\kappa}_{pq}\tilde{\kappa}_{pq} = 1 \tag{21}$$

while the rotation symmetry (18) becomes more complicated:

$$\tilde{\kappa}_{q,Rp} = (\bar{g}_{pq}/g_{p,q}) \,\tilde{\kappa}_{pq} \tag{22}$$

## 3. EXPRESSIONS FOR K<sub>pg</sub>

For  $|\lambda_p| < 1$ ,  $|\lambda_q| < 1$ , and  $-2\pi/N < \arg(t_q) < 2\pi/N$ , defined functions  $\Delta(\theta)$ ,  $A_{pq}$ ,  $B_{pq}$  by

$$\Delta(\theta) = [(1 - 2k'\cos\theta + k'^2)/k^2]^{1/N}$$
(23)

$$A_{pq} = (2\pi)^{-1} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1 + \lambda_p e^{i\theta}}{1 - \lambda_p e^{i\theta}} \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} (N-j) \ln[\Delta(\theta) - \omega^j t_q] d\theta \qquad (24)$$

$$B_{pq} = (8\pi^2)^{-1} \int_0^{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{1 + \lambda_p e^{i\theta}}{1 - \lambda_p e^{i\theta}} \frac{1 + \lambda_q e^{i\phi}}{1 - \lambda_q e^{i\phi}}$$
$$\times \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} (N - 2j) \ln[\omega^{-j/2} \Delta(\theta) - \omega^{j/2} \Delta(\phi)] d\theta d\phi$$
(25)

Then  $B_{qp} = -B_{pq}$  and in ref. 6 we show that

$$N\ln\tilde{\kappa}_{pq} = \left[ (N-1)/2 \right] \ln(\lambda_q/\lambda_p) + A_{pq} - A_{qp} - B_{pq}$$
(26)

provided  $|\lambda_p| < 1$ ,  $|\lambda_q| < 1$ ,  $-2\pi/N \arg t_p < 0$ , and  $-2\pi/N \arg t_q < 0$ .

We can write these integrals in various ways, some of which manifest the fact that  $\tilde{\kappa}_{pq}$  is real in the physical regime. In particular, if we introduce the Fourier transform function

$$G_{p}(\beta) = -\frac{\cos v_{p}}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\exp[\beta + 2\beta(u_{p} + ix)/\pi] \, dx}{\sin(u_{p} + ix)(1 + k^{2} \sinh^{2} x)^{1/2}}$$
(27)

then in ref. 6 it is shown that

$$4N\ln\tilde{\kappa}_{pq} = (N-1)\ln\left(\frac{J_q}{J_p}\right) + \mathsf{P}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\frac{E_{pq}(\beta)\exp[2\beta(u_q - u_p)/\pi]\,d\beta}{\beta\,\sinh\,N\beta} \quad (28)$$

where P indicates the principal-value integral and

$$E_{pq}(\beta) = [G_p(\beta) G_q(-\beta) + \operatorname{cosech}^2(\beta)] \\ \times [N \sinh\beta \cosh(N-1)\beta - \sinh N\beta] \\ + N \sinh(N-1)\beta [G_p(\beta) + G_q(-\beta)]$$
(29)

provided both  $u_p$ ,  $u_q$  lie in the interval  $(-\pi, 0)$ , and  $v_p$ ,  $v_q$  in the interval  $(-\pi/2, 0)$ . [There is some confusion in Eqs. (52)-(65) of ref. 6 as to the choice of  $v_p$ ,  $v_q$ : if we choose them as we do here, then the definition of  $G_p(\beta)$  in Eq. (55) of ref. 6 has to be negated, giving (27). The result reported in ref. 4 is correct as written.]

We can extend these results for  $\tilde{\kappa}_{pq}$  to the remainder of the physical regime, either by analytic continuation (taking care to form the correct continuation when, for instance, a pole crosses a contour of integration), or more easily by using the rotation symmetry (18), (22). Boundary cases can be handled by taking an appropriate limit.

It is readily seen (by negating  $\beta$ ) that the right-hand sides of (26) and (28) are antisymmetric functions of p and q, in argument with (1). Furthermore, it has recently been verified explicitly that the analytic continuation of (26) does indeed satisfy the rotation symmetry.<sup>(9)</sup>

## 4. THE SCALING REGION

At k=0 the model becomes the critical Fateev-Zamolodchikov model.<sup>(7)</sup> Here we are interested in the behavior as this critical limit is approached. One can verify that the Boltzmann weights  $W_{pq}(n)$ ,  $\overline{W}_{pq}(n)$  are even functions of k, expandable in powers of  $k^2$ , so  $k^2$  plays the role of the temperature deviation from criticality  $T_c - T$ .

At least for N even, some of the neglected terms in the expansion also contain a factor  $\log k$ . To avoid irritating repetition, if we say that we are neglecting terms of order  $k^n$ , then we are also neglecting terms of order  $k^n \log k$ .

Let

$$z_0 = \frac{1 - k'}{1 + k'} = \frac{k^2}{(1 + k')^2} = \exp\left[-2 \operatorname{arcosh}\left(\frac{1}{k}\right)\right]$$
(30)

Then by integrating the integrand in (27) around the rectangle with vertices -S, S,  $S + i\pi$ ,  $-S + i\pi$ , allowing for branch cuts from  $i\pi/2 \pm \operatorname{arcosh}(1/k)$  to  $i\pi/2 \pm \infty$  and the pole at  $i(\pi + u_p)$ , and letting  $S \to \infty$ , we can rewrite (7) as

$$G_{p}(\beta) = [1 + H_{p}(\beta)]/\cosh\beta$$
(31)

where

$$H_{p}(\beta) = -\frac{i\cos v_{p}}{\pi} e^{\beta(1+2u_{p}/\pi)} [V_{p}(\beta) - V_{p}^{*}(\beta)]$$
(32)

$$V_{p}(\beta) = 2k^{-1}z_{0}^{1-i\beta/\pi}e^{iu_{p}}\int_{0}^{1}\frac{t^{-\beta/\pi}dt}{(1+e^{2iu_{p}}z_{0}t)[(1-t)(1-z_{0}^{2}t)]^{1/2}}$$
(33)

and  $V_p^*(\beta)$  is defined similarly, but with *i* replaced by -i. [Thus it is the complex conjugate of  $V_p(\beta)$  if  $k, z_0, u_p$ , and  $\beta$  are real.]  $V_p(\beta)$  and

 $V_q^*(-\beta)$  are bounded analytic functions of  $\beta$  on the real axis and in the UHP. One can verify by direct integration that

$$2\cos v_{p}V_{p}(0) = 2iv_{p} + \ln J_{p}$$
(34)

Similarly,  $2 \cos v_p V_p^*(0) = -2iv_p + \ln J_p$ , and hence  $G_p(0) = 1 + 2v_p/\pi$ . Substituting (31) into (29), we obtain

$$E_{pq}(\beta) = \sum_{j=1}^{3} E_{pq}^{(j)}(\beta)$$
(35)

where

$$E_{pq}^{(1)}(\beta) = \frac{N \sinh \beta \cosh(N+1) \beta - \sinh N\beta \cosh 2\beta}{\sinh^2 \beta \cosh^2 \beta}$$

$$E_{pq}^{(2)}(\beta) = \frac{(N-1) \sinh N\beta [H_p(\beta) + H_q(-\beta)]}{\cosh^2 \beta}$$

$$E_{pq}^{(3)}(\beta) = \frac{[N \sinh \beta \cosh(N-1)\beta - \sinh N\beta] H_p(\beta) H_q(-\beta)}{\cosh^2 \beta}$$
(36)

As  $k \to 0$ ,  $z_0$  also tends to zero (to leading order it is  $k^2/4$ ), so  $V_p^*(\beta)$ ,  $V_q(-\beta)$ ,  $V_q^*(-\beta)$ ,  $H_p(\beta)$ ,  $H_q(-\beta)$  all become small. The equations are therefore in a form where we can examine the critical behavior. To do this, it is convenient to consider separately the contributions to the RHS of (28) of the terms  $E^{(1)}$ ,  $E^{(2)}$ ,  $E^{(3)}$ .

### 4.1. Contribution from $E^{(1)}$

The term  $E^{(1)}$  in (36) gives a contribution to (28) of

$$C_{pq}^{(1)} = \mathbf{P} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{E_{pq}^{(1)}(\beta) \exp[2\beta(u_q - u_p)/\pi] d\beta}{\beta \sinh N\beta}$$
(37)

This is independent of k and is the only nonzero contribution in the limit  $k \to 0$ . ( $J_p$  and  $J_q$  both tend to 1.) It is therefore the free energy  $4N \ln \tilde{\kappa}_{pq}$  of the Fateev-Zamolodchikov model<sup>(7)</sup> [ref. 1, Eqs. (6.11) and (6.15)].

We now consider the other contributions to (28).

## 4.2. Contributions from $(N-1) \ln (J_q/J_p)$ and $E^{(2)}$

The terms arising from  $E^{(2)}$  are linear in the V's and each corresponding integral can be closed around either the upper or lower half-plane. Because  $E^{(2)}$  contains a factor sinh  $\beta$ , the only singularities are single poles at  $\beta = 0$  and double poles at  $\beta = i(2n-1)\pi/2$  (*n* an integer). The poles at  $\beta = 0$  given a combined contribution to (28) of

$$(N-1)\cos v_p \left[ V_p(0) + V_p^*(0) - V_q(0) - V_q^*(0) \right]$$
(38)

Using (34), this is  $-(N-1)\ln(J_q/J_p)$ . Thus the contribution of the poles at  $\beta = 0$  precisely cancels the  $(N-1)\ln(J_q/J_p)$  term in (28). This ensures that there are no terms of order k (or of higher odd powers of k) in the expansion of (28).

The next highest order contribution comes from the poles at  $\beta = \pm i\pi/2$  in  $E^{(2)}$ , and is of order  $k^2$  (or, because the poles are double,  $k^2 \log k$ ). To this order we can set  $z_0 = 0$  inside the integrand of (33), giving

$$V_{p}(\beta) = 2k^{-1}z_{0}^{1-i\beta/\pi}e^{iu_{p}}B(1-i\beta/\pi,1/2)$$
(39)

where  $B(x, y) = \Gamma(x) \Gamma(y)/(x+y)$  is Euler's beta function.

We can also take  $\cos v_p$  in (32) to be unity, giving a contribution to (28) of

$$S_{pq} + S_{pq}^* - S_{pq} - S_{pq}^* \tag{40}$$

where

$$S_{pq} = \frac{2(N-1)}{\pi i k} e^{iu_p} \mathsf{P} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{z_0^{1-i\beta/\pi} e^{\beta(1+2u_q/\pi)}}{\beta \cosh^2 \beta} B\left(1-\frac{i\beta}{\pi},\frac{1}{2}\right) d\beta \qquad (41)$$

and  $S_{pq}^*$  is the "complex conjugate" obtained from it by replacing *i* by -i, wile leaving *k*,  $z_0$ ,  $u_p$ ,  $u_q$ ,  $\beta$  unchanged.

The function  $B(1 - i\beta/\pi, 1/2)$  is bounded and analytic in the upper half  $\beta$  plane, so the integral can be closed round the UHP, and the contribution in which we are interested comes from the double pole at  $\beta = i\pi/2$ . We can break the residue at this pole into two parts:

(a) The part coming from the first derivative at  $\beta = i\pi/2$  of the factor  $\beta^{-1} z_0^{1-i\beta/\pi} e^{\beta} B(1-i\beta/\pi, 1/2)$ . This depends on the rapidities p and q only via a factor  $\exp[i(u_p + u_q)]$ . It is therefore symmetric in p and q, so cancels out of (40) and can be ignored. For this reason there are no  $k^2 \log k$  terms in the contribution.

(b) The part coming from the first derivative of  $\exp(2\beta u_q/\pi)$ . To leading order (setting  $z_0 = k^2/4$ ), this contributes of  $S_{pq}$  a term

$$-2(N-1)k^{2}\pi^{-2}u_{a}e^{i(u_{p}+u_{q})}B(3/2,1/2)$$
(42)

Noting that  $B(3/2, 1/2) = \pi/2$ , it follows that the contribution to (28) of the terms of order  $k^2$  coming from  $E^{(2)}$  is

$$C_{pq}^{(2)} = -2(N-1) k^2 \pi^{-1} (u_q - u_p) \cos(u_p + u_q)$$
(43)

There are other terms coming from the expansion of the integrand in (33) in powers of  $z_0$ , and from the poles at  $\beta = 3i\pi/2$ ,  $5i\pi/2$ , etc. These are of order  $k^4$ ,  $k^6$ ,....

## 4.3. Contributions from $E^{(3)}$

Substituting the forms (32) of  $H_p(\beta)$ ,  $H_q(-\beta)$  into (36), we can break  $E_{pq}^{(3)}(\beta)$  into two parts, one containing  $V_p(\beta) V_q(-\beta)$  and  $V_p^*(\beta) V_q^*(-\beta)$ , the other containing  $V_p(\beta) V_q^*(-\beta)$  and  $V_p^*(\beta) V_q(-\beta)$ .

The first involves k and  $z_0$  only via an external factor  $z_0^2/k^2$ , and the  $z_0$  inside the integrand in (33). The corresponding contribution to (28) can therefore be expanded in powers of  $k^2$ . At first sight there is a leading term of order  $k^2$ , but it is an integral over  $\beta$  from  $-\infty$  to  $\infty$  of an odd function of  $\beta$ , so it vanishes. The surviving terms are at most of order  $k^4$ .

Now consider the term containing  $V_p(\beta) V_q^*(-\beta)$ . Ignoring terms of relative order  $k^2$ , we can replace  $H_p(\beta) H_q(-\beta)$  in Eq. (36) for  $E^{(3)}$  by  $\exp[2\beta(u_p-u_q)/\pi] V_p(\beta) V_q^*(-\beta)/\pi^2$ , i.e. [using (39)] by

$$(2/\pi k)^2 z_0^{2-2i\beta/\pi} e^{2\beta(u_p - u_q)/\pi} e^{i(u_p - u_q)} B(1 - i\beta/\pi, 1/2)^2$$
(44)

The resulting contribution to the integral in (28) can be closed around the UHP, the integrand being analytic except for poles arising from the factors  $\sinh N\beta$ ,  $\cosh^2\beta$  in the denominator.

The factor  $z_0^{2-2i\beta/\pi}$  ensures that (for k small) the dominant contribution to the integral comes from the poles closest to the origin, i.e.,  $\beta = i\pi j/N$ for j = 1, 2,..., where sinh  $N\beta$  vanishes. (There is no pole at the origin.) Noting that sinh  $N\beta$  is then zero, we can replace the definition (36) of  $E^{(3)}$ by N tanh  $\beta \cosh N\beta H_p(\beta) H_q(-\beta)$ . The pole at  $\beta = i\pi j/N$  therefore contributes to (28) a term

$$\frac{8Ni}{\pi^2 j k^2} \tan\left(\frac{\pi j}{N}\right) z_0^{2+2j/N} e^{i(u_p - u_q)} B\left(1 + \frac{j}{N}, \frac{1}{2}\right)^2$$
(45)

The term containing  $V_p^*(\beta) V_q(-\beta)$  is the "complex conjugate" of this, so altogether (again taking  $z_0 = k^2/4$ ) we obtain a contribution to (28) of

$$C_{pq}^{(3)} = \frac{Nk^2}{\pi^2} \sin(u_q - u_p) \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j^{-1} \left(\frac{k}{2}\right)^{4j/N} \tan\left(\frac{\pi j}{N}\right) B\left(1 + \frac{j}{N}, \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \quad (46)$$

If N is even, a problem arises when j is an odd multiple of N/2 (due to the integrand having a double pole). However, we are neglecting terms of order  $k^4$ , so should restrict the sum in (46) to  $1 \le j < N/2$ , which removes the difficulty.

Ignoring terms of order  $k^4$  or smaller, we thus have

$$4N\ln\tilde{\kappa}_{pq} = C_{pq}^{(1)} + C_{pq}^{(2)} + C_{pq}^{(3)}$$
(47)

As discussed in the introduction,  $C_{pq}^{(1)}$  is the contribution of the critical free energy (i.e., the Fateev–Zamolodchikov model) and is given by (37);  $C_{pq}^{(2)}$ is the first analytic correction, being proportional to  $k^2$  and given by (43);  $C_{pq}^{(3)}$  is the scaling contribution, given by (46). Note that  $C_{pq}^{(3)}$ , consider as a function of k and the rapidity variables  $u_p$  and  $u_q$ , has the form

$$C_{pq}^{(3)} = k^2 \sin(u_q - u_p) F(k^{4/N})$$
(48)

where F(x) is a Taylor-expandable function of x. [If we truncate the series in (47) to  $1 \le j < N/2$ , as remarked above, then it is a polynomial.]

## APPENDIX A

Here we consider the critical  $k \rightarrow 0$  limit, when the model reduces to that of Fateev and Zamolodchikov, and show that our expressions (28), (37) then agree with previous results in refs. 7 and 1.

From (2)-(4) and (13), in this limit  $v_p = v_q = 0$  and we can choose  $\mu_p = \mu_q = 1$ . Then (5) gives

$$W_{pq}(n) = W_{pq}(0) \prod_{j=1}^{n} \frac{\sin[\pi j/N - (\pi + \alpha)/2N]}{\sin[\pi j/N - (\pi - \alpha)/2N]}$$

$$\bar{W}_{pq}(n) = \bar{W}_{pq}(0) \prod_{j=1}^{n} \frac{\sin[\pi (j-1)/N + \alpha/2N]}{\sin[\pi j/N - \alpha/2N]}$$
(A1)

where  $\alpha = u_q - u_p$ . These formulas agree (to within a normalization) with those of Fateev and Zamolodchikov.<sup>(7)</sup> Also (6), (7) give

$$\bar{D}_{pq}/\bar{p}_{pq} = N^{1/2} (2\sin\alpha/2)^{(1-N)/N} \prod_{j=1}^{N-1} [2\sin(\alpha+\pi j)/N]^{j/N}$$
(A2)

For  $0 < a, b < \pi$ , one has the formula

$$\ln\left[\frac{\sin a}{\sin b}\right] = \mathsf{P} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-t}(e^{2b/\pi} - e^{2at/\pi}) dt}{2t \sinh t}$$

from which one can deduce, for  $0 < \alpha < \pi$ , that

$$4N \ln\left[\frac{\rho_{pq}}{W_{pq}(0)}\right] = \mathsf{P} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{2\alpha\beta/\pi}}{\beta \sinh N\beta} g_1(\beta) \, d\beta$$
$$4N \ln\left[\frac{\bar{D}_{pq}}{\bar{W}_{pq}(0)}\right] = 2N \ln N + \mathsf{P} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{2\alpha\beta/\pi}}{\beta \sinh N\beta} g_2(\beta) \, d\beta$$
(A3)

where

$$g_{1}(\beta) = \frac{2\cosh 2\beta \sinh N\beta}{\sinh^{2} 2\beta} - \frac{N\cosh 2N\beta}{\cosh N\beta \sinh 2\beta}$$

$$g_{2}(\beta) = \frac{Ne^{2(N-1)\beta}}{\sinh 2\beta \cosh N\beta} + \frac{2\sinh N\beta \cosh 2\beta}{\sinh^{2} 2\beta} - \frac{Ne^{(N-1)\beta}}{\sinh \beta}$$
(A4)

From (20), (28), and (37), for k = 0 our result is

$$4N\ln\left[\frac{\kappa_{pq}}{\rho_{pq}\overline{D}_{pq}}\right] = \mathsf{P}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{2\alpha\beta/\pi}}{\beta\sinh N\beta} E_{pq}^{(1)}(\beta) \,d\beta$$

Using (A3), we can write this written as

$$\ln\left[\frac{\kappa_{pq}}{W_{pq}(0)\ \bar{W}_{pq}(0)}\right] = \frac{1}{2}\ln N + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{2\alpha\beta/\pi}}{4N\beta\sinh N\beta}h(\beta)\ d\beta \qquad (A5)$$

where

$$h(\beta) = E_{pq}^{(1)}(\beta) + g_1(\beta) + g_2(\beta)$$
  
=  $-Ne^{-\beta} \frac{\sinh(N-1)\beta\sinh N\beta}{\cosh^2\beta\cosh N\beta}$  (A6)

The variables  $u_p$ ,  $u_q$  in ref. 1 are the same as those here. Also,  $\Lambda_{pq}$ ,  $W_{pq}(1, 1)$ ,  $\overline{W}_{pq}(1, 1)$ ,  $f(u_q - u_p)$  therein are our expressions  $-\ln \tilde{\kappa}_{pq}$ ,  $W_{pq}(0)/\rho_{pq}$ ,  $\overline{W}_{pq}(0)/\bar{\rho}_{pq}$ ,  $\overline{D}_{pq}/\bar{\rho}_{pq}$ . Thus in our present notation the result (6.11), (6.15) of ref. 1 (for k = 0) is

$$\ln\left[\frac{\kappa_{pq}}{W_{pq}(0)}\bar{W}_{pq}(0)\right] = \int_0^\infty \frac{\sinh\alpha x \sinh(\pi - \alpha) x \sinh(N - 1) \pi x}{x \cosh^2 \pi x \cosh N\pi x} dx \quad (A7)$$

Setting  $x = \beta/\pi$ , we can write this as

$$\ln\left[\frac{\kappa_{pq}}{W_{pq}(0)\ \bar{W}_{pq}(0)}\right] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\left[\cosh\beta - \cosh(2\alpha/\pi - 1)\beta\right]\sinh(N - 1)\beta}{4\beta\cosh^2\beta\cosh N\beta} d\beta$$
(A8)

Noting the evenness of the integrand and that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sinh(N-1)\beta}{\beta\cosh\beta\cosh N\beta} d\beta = 2\ln N$$

we see that this is the same as our result (A5).

It is also the same as Eq. (12) of ref. 7, provided we normalize so that  $W_{pq}(0) = \bar{W}_{pq}(0) = 1$ . [In fact it appears from Eq. (2) of ref. 7 that Fateev and Zamolodchikov normalized  $\xi_{pq} = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} W_{pq}(n)/N$  and  $\bar{\xi}_{pq} = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \bar{W}_{pq}(n)/N$  to be unity, which means that their "specific" free energy should be  $-\ln(\kappa_{pq}/\xi_{pq}\bar{\xi}_{pq})$ . Since  $W_{pq}(0) \bar{W}_{pq}(0)/\xi_{pq}\bar{\xi}_{pq} = N$ , this implies that the RHS of Eq. (12) of ref. 7 should contain an additional term  $-\ln N$ .]

#### APPENDIX B

Here we use the alternative method of ref. 1 to evaluate the free energy to the same order as in (47). In particular we rederive the contributions  $C_{pq}^{(2)}$  and  $C_{pq}^{(3)}$ . (This method does not immediately give  $C_{pq}^{(1)}$ , which plays the role of an undetermined constant of integration, independent of k and depending on  $u_p$  and  $u_q$  only via their difference  $u_q - u_p$ .) The results agree (as of course they should) with (43) and (46), and are consistent with (37).

We denote the equations of ref. 1 by the prefix I. The summand in (I.5.37) is unchanged by  $j \rightarrow N-j$  and when k is small the integral is dominated by the region where l is of order k, hence

$$\lambda(k) = -\frac{8}{\pi^3 N^2} \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} (N-2j) \sin^2\left(\frac{\pi j}{N}\right) \\ \times \int_0^\infty \frac{2}{(k^2+l^2)^2} K_{(2j-N)/2N}^2(l) l \, dl$$
(B1)

When k is small, from (I.5.7),

$$K_n(k) = \frac{1}{2}k^{2n}B(n+1/2, n+1/2)$$

while from (3.194.6) of ref. 10,

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{l^{(4j-N)/N} dl}{(k^2+l^2)^2} = k^{4(j-N)/N} \frac{(N-2j)\pi}{2N\sin(2\pi j/N)}$$

so (B1) becomes

$$\lambda(k) = -\sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \gamma_j k^{4(j-N)/N}$$
(B2)

where

$$\gamma_j = [(N - 2j)^2 / \pi^2 N^3] \tan(\pi j / N) B(j / N, j / N)^2$$
(B3)

From (I.5.6), neglecting terms of relative order  $k^2$ , it follows that

$$\hat{G}_{n}(k) = B\left(n + \frac{1}{2}, n + \frac{1}{2}\right) \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \frac{N^{2} \gamma_{j} k^{2n-2+4j/N}}{8(N-2j)(2j-N+2nN)}$$
(B4)

From (I.5.5), (I.4.13), (I.4.12), and (I.6.9), it follows that, to this order in each Fourier coefficient, the functions  $x_p$ ,  $y_p$  of ref. 1 are

$$x_{p} = -H_{0} - 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} H_{n}(k) \cos 2nu_{p}$$

$$y_{p} = \frac{N-1}{N\pi} k^{2}u_{p} + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} H_{n}(k) \sin 2nu_{p}$$
(B5)

where

$$H_n(k) = (-1)^n \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} \frac{N^2 \gamma_j k^{2n+4j/N}}{2^{n+2} (N-2j)^2} \prod_{m=0}^{n-1} \frac{j+mN}{2j+N+2mN}$$
(B6)

Substituting these results into (I.3.45) and (I.3.46) and ignoring (for given  $u_p$  and  $u_q$ ) contributions to  $\Lambda_{pq}$  of order  $k^4$  or smaller, we need only retain the coefficient  $H_1(k)$  and the term in  $y_p$  linear in  $u_p$ , giving

$$-4NA_{pq} = 4N\ln\tilde{\kappa}_{pq} = D^{(1)}_{pq} + D^{(2)}_{pq} + D^{(3)}_{pq}$$
(B7)

where  $D_{pq}^{(1)}$  is a function of  $u_q - u_p$  only, independent of k, but is otherwise at this stage undetermined, and

$$D_{pq}^{(2)} = -(2/\pi)(N-1) k^2(u_q - u_p) \cos(u_p + u_q)$$
(B8)

$$D_{pq}^{(3)} = -16N\sin(u_q - u_p) \int_0^k l^{-1} H_1(l) \, dl$$
  
=  $N^4 \sin(u_q - u_p) \sum_{j=1}^{N-1} j\gamma_j k^{2+4j/N} / (N^2 - 4j^2)^2$  (B9)

Noting (using formula 8.335 of ref. 10) that

$$B(x, x) = (2x+1) B(1+x, 1/2)/(4^{x}x)$$
(B10)

it follows that

$$D_{pq}^{(3)} = (Nk^2/\pi^2)\sin(u_q - u_p)\sum_{j=1}^{N-1} j^{-1}(k/2)^{4j/N}\tan(\pi j/N) B(1 + j/N, 1/2)^2$$
(B11)

If we truncate the sum in (B9) to only the j=1 term, then we regain the result (I.6.11).

We want to assert that the main result (47) of this paper is consistent with the result (B7) of this appendix, more strongly that  $C_{pq}^{(i)} = D_{pq}^{(i)}$  for i = 1, 2, 3. Certainly  $C_{pq}^{(1)}$  is a function of  $u_q - u_p$  only, independent of k, and so has the form allowed for  $D_{pq}^{(1)}$ . Also, from (43) with (B8),  $C_{pq}^{(2)} = D_{pq}^{(2)}$ . As written, the sums in (46) and (B11) have different upper limits, but, as remarked after (46), to order less than  $k^4$  both should be restricted to the range  $1 \le j < N/2$ . (This restriction also removes the problem that many of the summands of this appendix are undetermined or infinite for j = N/2.) Then we obtain  $C_{pq}^{(3)} = D_{pq}^{(3)}$ . Thus (7) is consistent with (47).

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