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# POSITIVE FIXED POINTS OF LYAPUNOV INTEGRAL OPERATORS AND GIBBS MEASURES

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## Abstract

In this paper it is found fixed points of Lyapunov integral equation and considered the connections between Gibbs measures for four competing interactions of models with uncountable (i.e.  $[0, 1]$ ) set of spin values on the Cayley tree of order two.

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## 1 Preliminaries

A Cayley tree  $\Gamma^k = (V, L)$  of order  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  is an infinite homogeneous tree, i.e., a graph without cycles, with exactly  $k + 1$  edges incident to each vertices. Here  $V$  is the set of vertices and  $L$  that of edges (arcs). Two vertices  $x$  and  $y$  are called nearest neighbors if there exists an edge  $l \in L$  connecting them. We will use the notation  $l = \langle x, y \rangle$ . The distance  $d(x, y), x, y \in V$  on the Cayley tree is defined by the formula

$$d(x, y) = \min\{d \mid x = x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{d-1}, x_d = y \in V \text{ such that the pairs } \\ \langle x_0, x_1 \rangle, \dots, \langle x_{d-1}, x_d \rangle \text{ are neighboring vertices}\}.$$

Let  $x^0 \in V$  be a fixed and we set

$$W_n = \{x \in V \mid d(x, x^0) = n\}, \quad V_n = \{x \in V \mid d(x, x^0) \leq n\},$$

$$L_n = \{l = \langle x, y \rangle \in L \mid x, y \in V_n\},$$

The set of the direct successors of  $x$  is denoted by  $S(x)$ , i.e.

$$S(x) = \{y \in W_{n+1} \mid d(x, y) = 1\}, \quad x \in W_n.$$

We observe that for any vertex  $x \neq x^0$ ,  $x$  has  $k$  direct successors and  $x^0$  has  $k + 1$ . The vertices  $x$  and  $y$  are called second neighbor which is denoted by  $\succ x, y \prec$ , if there exist a vertex  $z \in V$  such that  $x, z$  and  $y, z$  are nearest neighbors. We will consider only second neighbors  $\succ x, y \prec$ , for which there exist  $n$  such that  $x, y \in W_n$ . Three vertices  $x, y$  and  $z$  are called a triple of neighbors and they are denoted by  $\langle x, y, z \rangle$ , if  $\langle x, y \rangle, \langle y, z \rangle$  are nearest neighbors and  $x, z \in W_n, y \in W_{n-1}$ , for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Now we consider models with four competing interactions where the spin takes values in the set  $[0, 1]$ . For some set  $A \subset V$  an arbitrary function  $\sigma_A : A \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is called a configuration and the set of all configurations on  $A$  we denote by  $\Omega_A = [0, 1]^A$ . Let  $\sigma(\cdot)$  belong to  $\Omega_V = \Omega$  and  $\xi_1 : (t, u, v) \in [0, 1]^3 \rightarrow \xi_1(t, u, v) \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\xi_i : (u, v) \in [0, 1]^2 \rightarrow \xi_i(u, v) \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $i \in \{2, 3\}$  are given bounded, measurable functions. Then we consider the model with four competing interactions on the Cayley tree which is defined by following Hamiltonian

$$\begin{aligned} H(\sigma) = & -J_3 \sum_{\langle x,y,z \rangle} \xi_1(\sigma(x), \sigma(y), \sigma(z)) - J \sum_{\langle x,y \rangle} \xi_2(\sigma(x), \sigma(y)) \\ & - J_1 \sum_{\langle x,y \rangle} \xi_3(\sigma(x), \sigma(y)) - \alpha \sum_{x \in V} \sigma(x), \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where the sum in the first term ranges all triples of neighbors, the second sum ranges all second neighbors, the third sum ranges all nearest neighbors and  $J, J_1, J_3, \alpha \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ . Let  $h : [0, 1] \times V \setminus \{x_0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $|h(t, x)| = |h_{t,x}| < C$  where  $x_0$  is a root of Cayley tree and  $C$  is a constant which does not depend on  $t$ . For some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\sigma_n : x \in V_n \mapsto \sigma(x)$  and  $Z_n$  is the corresponding partition function we consider the probability distribution  $\mu^{(n)}$  on  $\Omega_{V_n}$  defined by

$$\mu^{(n)}(\sigma_n) = Z_n^{-1} \exp \left( -\beta H(\sigma_n) + \sum_{x \in W_n} h_{\sigma(x), x} \right), \quad (2)$$

$$Z_n = \int \dots \int_{\Omega_{V_{n-1}}^{(p)}} \exp \left( -\beta H(\tilde{\sigma}_n) + \sum_{x \in W_n} h_{\tilde{\sigma}(x), x} \right) \lambda_{V_{n-1}}^{(p)}(d\tilde{\sigma}_n), \quad (3)$$

where

$$\underbrace{\Omega_{W_n} \times \Omega_{W_n} \times \dots \times \Omega_{W_n}}_{3 \cdot 2^{p-1}} = \Omega_{W_n}^{(p)}, \quad \underbrace{\lambda_{W_n} \times \lambda_{W_n} \times \dots \times \lambda_{W_n}}_{3 \cdot 2^{p-1}} = \lambda_{W_n}^{(p)}, \quad n, p \in \mathbb{N},$$

Let  $\sigma_{n-1} \in \Omega_{V_{n-1}}$  and  $\sigma_{n-1} \vee \omega_n \in \Omega_{V_n}$  is the concatenation of  $\sigma_{n-1}$  and  $\omega_n$ . For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we say that the probability distributions  $\mu^{(n)}$  are compatible if  $\mu^{(n)}$  satisfies the following condition:

$$\int \int_{\Omega_{W_n} \times \Omega_{W_n}} \mu^{(n)}(\sigma_{n-1} \vee \omega_n) (\lambda_{W_n} \times \lambda_{W_n})(d\omega_n) = \mu^{(n-1)}(\sigma_{n-1}). \quad (4)$$

By Kolmogorov's sigma extension theorem there exists a unique measure  $\mu$  on  $\Omega_V$  such that, for any  $n$  and  $\sigma_n \in \Omega_{V_n}$ ,  $\mu(\{\sigma|_{V_n} = \sigma_n\}) = \mu^{(n)}(\sigma_n)$ . The measure  $\mu$  is called *splitting Gibbs measure* corresponding to Hamiltonian (1) and function  $x \mapsto h_x$ ,  $x \neq x_0$  (see [1], [2], [6]).

Denote

$$K(u, t, v) = \exp \{ J_3 \beta \xi_1(t, u, v) + J \beta \xi_2(u, v) + J_1 \beta (\xi_3(t, u) + \xi_3(t, v)) + \alpha \beta (u + v) \}, \quad (5)$$

and

$$f(t, x) = \exp(h_{t,x} - h_{0,x}), \quad (t, u, v) \in [0, 1]^3, \quad x \in V \setminus \{x^0\}.$$

The following statement describes conditions on  $h_x$  guaranteeing compatibility of the corresponding distributions  $\mu^{(n)}(\sigma_n)$ .

**Proposition 1** [5]. *The measure  $\mu^{(n)}(\sigma_n)$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  satisfies the consistency condition (4) iff for any  $x \in V \setminus \{x^0\}$  the following equation holds:*

$$f(t, x) = \prod_{\langle y, z \rangle \in S(x)} \frac{\int_0^1 \int_0^1 K(t, u, v) f(u, y) f(v, z) du dv}{\int_0^1 \int_0^1 K(0, u, v) f(u, y) f(v, z) du dv}, \quad (6)$$

where  $S(x) = \{y, z\}$ ,  $\langle y, x, z \rangle$  is a ternary neighbor.

## 2 Main results

Now we prove that there exist at least one fixed point of Lyapunov integral equation, namely there is a splitting Gibbs measure corresponding to Hamiltonian (1).

**Proposition 2.** *Let  $J_3 = J = \alpha = 0$  and  $J_1 \neq 0$ . Then (6) is equivalent to*

$$f(t, x) = \prod_{y \in S(x)} \frac{\int_0^1 \exp \{J_1 \beta \xi_3(t, u)\} f(u, y) du}{\int_0^1 \exp \{J_1 \beta \xi_3(0, u)\} f(u, y) du}, \quad (7)$$

where  $f(t, x) = \exp(h_{t,x} - h_{0,x})$ ,  $t \in [0, 1]$ ,  $x \in V$ .

*Proof.* For  $J_3 = J = \alpha = 0$  and  $J_1 \neq 0$  one get  $K(t, u, v) = \exp \{J_1 \beta (\xi_3(u, t) + \xi_3(v, t))\}$ . Then (6) can be written as

$$f(t, x) = \prod_{\langle y, z \rangle \in S(x)} \frac{\int_0^1 \int_0^1 \exp \{J_1 \beta (\xi_3(t, u) + \xi_3(t, v))\} f(u, y) f(v, z) du dv}{\int_0^1 \int_0^1 \exp \{J_1 \beta (\xi_3(0, u) + \xi_3(0, v))\} f(u, y) f(v, z) du dv} = \prod_{\langle y, z \rangle \in S(x)} \frac{\int_0^1 \exp \{J_1 \beta \xi_3(t, u)\} f(u, y) du \cdot \int_0^1 \exp \{J_1 \beta \xi_3(t, v)\} f(v, z) dv}{\int_0^1 \exp \{J_1 \beta \xi_3(0, u)\} f(u, y) du \cdot \int_0^1 \exp \{J_1 \beta \xi_3(0, v)\} f(v, z) dv}. \quad (8)$$

Since  $\langle y, z \rangle \in S(x)$  equation (8) is equivalent to (7).

Now we consider the case  $J_3 \neq 0$ ,  $J = J_1 = \alpha = 0$  for the model (1) in the class of translational-invariant functions  $f(t, x)$  i.e  $f(t, x) = f(t)$ , for any  $x \in V$ . For such functions equation (1) can be written as

$$f(t) = \frac{\int_0^1 \int_0^1 K(t, u, v) f(u) f(v) du dv}{\int_0^1 \int_0^1 K(0, u, v) f(u) f(v) du dv}, \quad (9)$$

where  $K(t, u, v) = \exp \{J_3 \beta \xi_1(t, u, v) + J \beta \xi_2(u, v) + J_1 \beta (\xi_3(t, u) + \xi_3(t, v)) + \alpha \beta (u + v)\}$ ,  $f(t) > 0$ ,  $t, u \in [0, 1]$ .

We shall find positive continuous solutions to (9) i.e. such that  $f \in C^+[0, 1] = \{f \in C[0, 1] : f(x) \geq 0\}$ .

Define a nonlinear operator  $H$  on the cone of positive continuous functions on  $[0, 1]$  :

$$(Hf)(t) = \frac{\int_0^1 \int_0^1 K(t, s, u) f(s) f(u) ds du}{\int_0^1 \int_0^1 K(0, s, u) f(s) f(u) ds du}.$$

We'll study the existence of positive fixed points for the nonlinear operator  $H$  (i.e., solutions of the equation (9)). Put  $C_0^+[0, 1] = C^+[0, 1] \setminus \{\theta \equiv 0\}$ . Then the set  $C^+[0, 1]$  is the cone of positive continuous functions on  $[0, 1]$ .

We define the Lyapunov integral operator  $\mathcal{L}$  on  $C[0, 1]$  by the equality (see [3])

$$\mathcal{L}f(t) = \int_0^1 K(t, s, u) f(s) f(u) ds du.$$

Put

$$\mathcal{M}_0 = \{f \in C^+[0, 1] : f(0) = 1\}.$$

**Lemma 3.** *The equation  $Hf = f$  has a nontrivial positive solution iff the Lyapunov equation  $\mathcal{L}g = g$  has a nontrivial positive solution.*

*Proof.* At first we shall prove that the equation

$$Hf = f, \quad f \in C_0^+[0, 1] \tag{10}$$

has a positive solution iff the Lyapunov equation

$$\mathcal{L}g = \lambda g, \quad g \in C^+[0, 1] \tag{11}$$

has a positive solution in  $\mathcal{M}_0$  for some  $\lambda > 0$ .

Let  $\lambda_0$  be a positive eigenvalue of the Lyapunov operator  $\mathcal{L}$ . Then there exists  $f_0 \in C_0^+[0, 1]$  such that  $\mathcal{L}f_0 = \lambda_0 f_0$ . Take  $\lambda \in (0, +\infty)$ ,  $\lambda \neq \lambda_0$ . Define the function  $h_0(t) \in C_0^+[0, 1]$  by  $h_0(t) = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda_0} f_0(t)$ ,  $t \in [0, 1]$ . Then  $\mathcal{L}h_0 = \lambda h_0$ , i.e., the number  $\lambda$  is an eigenvalue of Lyapunov operator  $\mathcal{L}$  corresponding the eigenfunction  $h_0(t)$ . It's easy to check that if the number  $\lambda_0 > 0$  is an eigenvalue of the operator  $\mathcal{L}$ , then an arbitrary positive number is eigenvalue of the operator  $\mathcal{L}$ . Now we shall prove the lemma. Let equation (11) holds then the function  $\frac{1}{\lambda} g(t)$  be a fixed point of the operator  $\mathcal{L}$ . Analogously, since  $H$  is non-linear operator we can correspond to the fixed point if there exist any eigenvector.

**Proposition 4.** *The equation*

$$\mathcal{L}f = \lambda f, \quad \lambda > 0 \tag{12}$$

*has at least one solution in  $C_0^+[0, 1]$ .*

*Proof.* Clearly, that the Lyapunov operator  $\mathcal{L}$  is a compact on the cone  $C^+[0, 1]$ . By the other hand we have

$$\mathcal{L}f(t) \geq m \left( \int_0^1 f(s) ds \right)^2,$$

for all  $f \in C^+[0, 1]$ , where  $m = \min K(t, s, u) > 0$ .

Put  $\Gamma = \{f : \|f\| = r, f \in C[0, 1]\}$ . We define the set  $\Gamma_+$  by

$$\Gamma_+ = \Gamma \cap C^+[0, 1].$$

Then we obtain

$$\inf_{f \in \Gamma_+} \|\mathcal{L}f\| > 0.$$

Then by Schauder's theorem (see [4], p. 20) there exists a number  $\lambda_0 > 0$  and a function  $f_0 \in \Gamma_+$  such that,  $\mathcal{L}f_0 = \lambda_0 f_0$ .

Denote by  $N_{fix.p}(H)$  and  $N_{fix.p}(\mathcal{L})$  are the set of positive numbers of nontrivial positive fixed points of the operators  $N_{fix.p}(H)$  and  $N_{fix.p}(\mathcal{L})$ , respectively. By Lemma 3 and Proposition 4 we can conclude that:

**Proposition 5.** (a) *The equation (10) has at least one solution in  $C_0^+[0, 1]$ .*

(b) *The equality  $N_{fix.p}(H) = N_{fix.p}(\mathcal{L})$  is hold.*

From Proposition 1 and the last Proposition we get the following theorem.

**Theorem 6.** *The set of splitting Gibbs measures corresponding to Hamiltonian (1) is non-empty.*

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