ONSAGER'S SOLUTION OF THE ISING MODEL COULD HAVE BEEN GUESSED



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is called the partition function for the lattice under consideration (e.g., $\{1,\ldots,n\}^2)$



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If $P_{n,m}$ is the partition function for the $n\times m\text{-torus},$ what happens for $n,m\to\infty?$

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Note: f(x) is D-finite, so we are in business!

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