From Multiple Integrals to Fredholm Determinants

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We consider a multiple integral representation for the finite temperature density-density correlation functions of the one-dimensional Bose gas with delta function interaction in the limits of infinite and vanishing repulsion. In the former case a known Fredholm determinant is recovered. In the latter case a similar expression appears with permanents replacing determinants.

§1. Introduction

The one-dimensional Bose gas with delta function interaction (contact interaction) is a paradigmatic solvable\textsuperscript{14)} many-body quantum system. It shares its $R$-matrix underlying the integrability with the spin-$\frac{1}{2}$ Heisenberg chain, but may be considered even simpler, since its Bethe ansatz equations have only real roots.\textsuperscript{10)} This feature, the absence of strings, in the first place simplifies the thermodynamic Bethe ansatz (TBA) analysis, which is the reason why the Bose gas was the first non-trivial Bethe ansatz solvable model whose thermodynamics was analyzed in detail.\textsuperscript{18)}

When in the 80s and early 90s the algebraic Bethe ansatz was applied to the study of correlation functions of solvable models, the Bose gas was again in the center of interest.\textsuperscript{10)} Explicit results, generalizing early works 15), 12) and 13), were obtained in particular for the case of infinite repulsion, the so-called impenetrable Boson limit. In this limit many correlation functions can be expressed as Fredholm determinants or Fredholm minors related to integral operators of a special type, the so-called integrable integral operators,\textsuperscript{4,10,11)} which have a close connection with classical integrable evolution equations and for this reason are suitable for an explicit calculation of the asymptotics of correlation functions.

Another type of expression for the correlation functions of solvable many-body systems are the so-called multiple integral representations first obtained in 5) for the density matrix of a segment of the XXZ Heisenberg chain by an approach based on the representation theory of the quantum affine algebra $U_q(\hat{sl}_2)$. Later this result was rederived by means of the algebraic Bethe ansatz\textsuperscript{9)} which was important, since the algebraic Bethe ansatz turned out to be flexible enough for a number of generalizations. In our context we would like to mention the works 8) and 2), where

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multiple integral representations for a one-parameter generating function of the zz-
correlation functions of the XXZ chain were derived for the ground state and for
finite temperature. From 8) it was only a small step to the corresponding expression
for the Bose gas,6) namely a multiple integral representation for a generating func-
tion of the density-density correlation functions. A finite temperature version was
obtained directly from 2) in a certain scaling limit close to the ferromagnetic point
$\Delta = -1$ of the XXZ chain Ref. 16).

The latter is the starting point of this work and is reviewed in the next section.
Then, in §3, we perform the impenetrable Boson limit and show that the resulting
expression is equal to a known Fredholm determinant representation. This is the
main result we wish to convey: in an appropriate limit the multiple integrals turn
into a Fredholm determinant. Looking at it from a different angle this means that we
may interpret the multiple integrals as a ‘deformation of a Fredholm determinant’.
In §4 we complement our work with an account of the free Boson limit which is less
trivial as might appear at first sight. In fact we derive a multiple integral formula
with permanents replacing the determinants of the impenetrable case, which we were
not able to spot in the literature. To round off this work we demonstrate in §5 how to
obtain the density-density correlation function of the Bose gas from the generating
function in the two limiting cases of free and of impenetrable Bosons. Section 6 is
devoted to a concluding summary.

§2. Density-density correlations in the Bose gas

The one-dimensional Bose gas with contact interaction is described by the Hamil-
tonian

$$H = \int_0^\ell dz \left[ (\partial_z \psi^\dagger)(\partial_z \psi) + c \psi^\dagger(z)\psi^\dagger(z)\psi(z)\psi(z) \right].$$

Here $\psi^\dagger(z)$ and $\psi(z)$ are Bose fields with canonical equal-time commutation relations
which act on the interval $[0,\ell]$ for which we assume periodic boundary conditions.
$c > 0$ is the coupling constant.

The operator

$$Q(x) = \int_0^x dz \psi^\dagger(z)\psi(z)$$

measures the number of particles in the interval $[0,x]$, $0 \leq x \leq \ell$. We need it to define
a one-parameter generating function of the density-density correlation functions by

$$\langle e^{\varphi Q(x)} \rangle_{T,\mu}$$

where the brackets indicate the grand-canonical ensemble average for a heat and particle bath of temperature $T$ and with chemical potential $\mu$. The function

$$\langle e^{\varphi Q(x)} \rangle_{T,\mu}$$

is particularly convenient in the context of the algebraic Bethe ansatz.10) With the shorthand notation $j(x) = \psi^\dagger(x)\psi(x)$ for the particle density operator we have the following formulae,

$$\langle j(x) \rangle_{T,\mu} = \partial_x \partial_\varphi \langle e^{\varphi Q(x)} \rangle_{T,\mu} \bigg|_{\varphi=0}, \quad \langle j(0) j(x) \rangle_{T,\mu} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_x^2 \partial_\varphi^2 \langle e^{\varphi Q(x)} \rangle_{T,\mu} \bigg|_{\varphi=0}. \quad (2.3)$$
In our previous work\textsuperscript{16} we obtained the multiple integral representation
\[
\langle e^{\epsilon Q(x)} \rangle_{T,\mu} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n!)^2} \left[ \prod_{j=1}^{n} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{dp_j}{2\pi} \frac{e^{ip_jx}}{1 + e^{\epsilon(p_j)/T}} \int_{\mathbb{R} + i0} \frac{dq_j}{2\pi} e^{-iq_jx} \right] \left[ \prod_{j,k=1}^{n} \frac{p_j - q_k - ic}{q_j - q_k - ic} \right] \det[M(p_j, q_k)]_{j,k=1,...,n} \det[G(p_j, q_k)]_{j,k=1,...,n} (2.4)
\]
for the generating function in the thermodynamic limit by considering a special scaling limit of the XXZ chain close to the isotropic ferromagnetic point $\Delta = -1$. Here $M(p, q)$ is defined as\textsuperscript{*}
\[
M(p, q) = \frac{i}{(p - q)} \left[ \frac{ic}{p - q + ic} \prod_{l=1}^{n} \frac{p - q_l + ic}{p - p_l + ic} + \frac{ic e^{\epsilon}}{p - q - ic} \prod_{l=1}^{n} \frac{p - q_l - ic}{p - p_l - ic} \right]. (2.5)
\]

The temperature and the chemical potential enter through the functions $\epsilon(p)$ and $G(p, q)$ which must be calculated as solutions of integral equations. The ‘dressed energy function’ $\epsilon(p)$ is the solution of the non-linear integral equation
\[
\epsilon(p) = p^2 - \mu - T \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{dq}{\pi} \frac{c}{(p - q)^2 + \epsilon^2} \ln \left( 1 + e^{-\epsilon(q)}/T \right) (2.6)
\]
of Yang and Yang.\textsuperscript{18} The ‘density function’ $G(p, q)$ solves the linear integral equation
\[
G(p, q) = -\frac{c}{(p - q)(p - q - ic)} + \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{dk}{\pi} \frac{c}{(p - k)^2 + \epsilon^2} \frac{G(k, q)}{1 + e^{\epsilon(k)/T}}. (2.7)
\]

\section*{§3. Impenetrable Boson limit}

It is known since the work of Girardeau\textsuperscript{1} that in the limit $c \to \infty$ the wave functions of Bosons with contact interaction turn into those of free Fermions, up to a function which takes values $\pm 1$. We therefore expect the multiple integral formula (2.4) to simplify in this limit. In the following we indicate the limit by supplying a superscript ($\infty$) to the respective functions.

We first of all note that the kernel in the integral equations (2.6) and (2.7) for $\epsilon(p)$ and $G(p, q)$ vanishes for $c \to \infty$, such that their solutions become explicit,
\[
\epsilon^{(\infty)}(p) = p^2 - \mu, \quad G^{(\infty)}(p, q) = \frac{-i}{p - q}. (3.1)
\]

Consequently the expression $1/(1 + e^{\epsilon(p)/T})$ turns into the Fermi function
\[
f(p) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{(p^2 - \mu)/T}} (3.2)
\]

\textsuperscript{*} Note a typo in equation (26) of the published version of Ref. 16): the first factor of the second term on the rhs should read $ce^{\epsilon}/(w_j - pk)(w_j - pk - ic)$ instead of $ce^{\epsilon}/(w_j - pk)(w_j - pk + ic)$.
for non-relativistic particles. Moreover, the function \( M(p, q) \) simplifies drastically for \( c \to \infty \),

\[
M(\infty)(p, q) = \frac{i(1 - e^{i\varphi})}{p - q},
\]

(3.3)

and the explicit product of the right-hand side of (2.4) converges to one.

Substituting (3.1) and (3.3) into the determinants in (2.4) we see that they are of Cauchy-type in the limit. Using the well-known formula

\[
\det \left[ \frac{1}{p_j - q_k} \right]_{j,k=1,...,n} = \prod_{a<b} (p_a - p_b)(q_b - q_a) \prod_{a,b=1}^n (p_a - q_b)
\]

(3.4)

we obtain

\[
\langle e^{\varphi Q(x)} \rangle_{\mu, T} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(1 - e^{i\varphi})^n}{n!} \left[ \prod_{j=1}^n \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{dp_j}{2\pi} e^{i p_j x} f(p_j) \right] \frac{\Delta^2(p)}{\prod_{j,k=1}^n (q_j - p_k)^2},
\]

(3.5)

where we introduced the notation

\[
\Delta(p) = \prod_{j<k}(p_k - p_j) = \det [p_k^{j-1}]_{j,k=1,\ldots,n}
\]

(3.6)

for Vandermonde determinants.

Due to the symmetry of the integrand with respect to all \( q_j \), one of the Vandermonde determinants \( \Delta(q) \) in each term can be replaced by a product of the diagonal elements of the Vandermonde matrix, and subsequently the \( q \) integrals can be pulled into the second Vandermonde determinant.*) Then

\[
\frac{1}{n!} \left[ \prod_{j=1}^n \int_{\mathbb{R}+i0} \frac{dq_j}{2\pi} e^{-iq_j x} \right] \frac{\Delta^2(q)}{\prod_{j,k=1}^n (q_j - p_k)^2} = \det \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}+i0} \frac{dq_j}{2\pi} \frac{e^{-iq_j x} q^{j+k-2}}{\prod_{l=1}^n (q - p_l)^2} \right]_{j,k=1,\ldots,n}
\]

(3.7)

Obviously the integrals inside the determinant on the right-hand side can now be calculated by means of the residue theorem. Yet, it turns out to be more convenient to perform a number of elementary row- and column operations first, resulting in the sequence of identities

\[
\det \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}+i0} \frac{dq}{2\pi} \frac{e^{-iq x} q^{j+k-2}}{\prod_{l=1}^n (q - p_l)^2} \right]_{j,k=1,\ldots,n} = \det \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}+i0} \frac{dq}{2\pi} \frac{e^{-iq x} \prod_{a=1}^{j-1} (q - p_a) \prod_{b=1}^{k-1} (q - p_b)}{\prod_{l=1}^n (q - p_l)^2} \right]_{j,k=1,\ldots,n}
\]

\[
= \frac{1}{\Delta^2(p)} \det \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}+i0} \frac{dq}{2\pi} \frac{e^{-iq x} \prod_{l=1}^{j-1} (q - p_j) \prod_{l=1}^{k-1} (q - p_k)}{\prod_{l=1}^n (q - p_l)^2} \right]_{j,k=1,\ldots,n}
\]

\[
= \frac{1}{\Delta^2(p)} \det \left[ -\frac{2 \sin(p_j - p_k)}{p_j - p_k} e^{-ip_j x/2} \right]_{j,k=1,\ldots,n}
\]

(3.8)

*) The same trick was used for the free Fermion limit of the XXZ chain in Ref. 7.

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In the last line for $j = k$ it is understood to take the analytic continuation of the function
\[ V(u, v) = \frac{2 \sin \left( \frac{u-v}{2} x \right)}{u-v}, \] (3.9)
namely $V(u, u) = x$, which comes from the calculation of the residua at the second order poles of the diagonal entries. Finally, pulling out the exponential factors and a minus sign in (3.8), we end up with the expression
\[
\det \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}+i0} dq \frac{e^{-i q x q^{j+k-2}}}{2\pi \prod_{l=1}^{n} (q-p_l)^2} \right]_{j,k=1,\ldots,n} = \frac{e^{-i \sum_{j=1}^{n} p_j x}}{(-1)^n \Delta^2(p)} \det [V(p_j, p_k)]_{j,k=1,\ldots,n}. \] (3.10)

We further introduce the notation
\[ V_F(u, v) = \sqrt{f(u)} V(u, v) \sqrt{f(v)}, \] (3.11)
and substitute it together with (3.7) and (3.10) into (3.5) to obtain
\[
\langle e^{\phi Q(x)} \rangle^{(\infty)}_{T,\mu} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(e^\varphi - 1)^n}{n!} \prod_{j=1}^{n} \int_{\mathbb{R}} dp_j \det [V_F(p_j, p_k)]_{j,k=1,\ldots,n}. \] (3.12)

Now recall (see e.g. 17)) that for an integral operator $\hat{K}$ with kernel $K(p,q)$ acting on a function $\phi$ defined on an interval $I$ as
\[
(\hat{K}\phi)(p) = \int_{I} dq \; K(p,q) \phi(q) \] (3.13)
its Fredholm determinant has the infinite series representation
\[
\det(1 + \hat{K}) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} \int_{I^n} dp_1 \ldots dp_n \det[K(p_j, p_k)]_{j,k=1,\ldots,n}. \] (3.14)

Then
\[
\langle e^{\varphi Q(x)} \rangle^{(\infty)}_{T,\mu} = \det(1 + \frac{e^\varphi - 1}{2\pi} \hat{V}_F), \] (3.15)
where $\hat{V}_F$ is the integral operator with kernel $V_F(p,q)$. This is a known result.10) What we find remarkable, however, is that it directly follows from the multiple integral representation (2.4).

§4. Free Boson limit

We first of all note that the limit $c \to 0$ in (2.4) exists. In the following we indicate it by a superscript (0) to the respective functions. Observing that, in this limit, the kernel in the integral equations (2.6) and (2.7) for $\varepsilon(p)$ and $G(p,q)$ turns into a representation of the $\delta$-function, their solutions become explicit,
\[
1 + \exp \left[ \frac{\varepsilon^{(0)}(p)}{T} \right] = \exp \left[ \frac{p^2 - \mu}{T} \right], \quad \frac{G^{(0)}(p,q)}{-c} = \frac{1}{(p-q)^2} \frac{1}{1 - e^{-(p^2-\mu)/T}}, \] (4.1)
and the matrix (2.5) simplifies,
\[
\frac{M^{(0)}(p_j, q_k)}{1} = \frac{1 - e^\varphi}{(p_j - q_k)^2} \left[ \prod_{a=1}^n (p_j - q_a) \right].
\] (4.2)

Substituting (4.1) and (4.2) into the integral representation (2.4) for \( c \to 0 \) and using (3.4) we obtain
\[
\langle e^{\varphi Q(x)} \rangle_{T, \mu}^{(0)} = \sum_{n=0}^\infty \frac{(1 - e^\varphi)^n}{(n!)^2} \left[ \prod_{j=1}^n \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{dp_j}{2\pi} e^{ip_j x} - e^{ip_j x}/T \right] \int_{\mathbb{R} + i0} \frac{dq_j}{2\pi} e^{-iq_j x}
\]
\[
\det \left[ \frac{1}{(p_j - q_k)^2} \right]_{j,k=1,\ldots,n} \det \left[ \frac{1}{p_j - q_k} \right]_{j,k=1,\ldots,n}^{-2}.
\] (4.3)

To simplify the integrand under the \( q \) integrals we utilize an identity borrowed from (8),
\[
\prod_{a<b} (q_b - q_a) \prod_{a,b=1}^n (p_a - p_b + ic) \sum_{\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_n} \text{sign}(\sigma) I(p_{\sigma(j)}, q_k)
\] (4.4)
\[
= \left[ \prod_{a,b=1}^n (p_a - q_b)(p_a - q_b + ic) \right] \det \left[ \frac{1}{(p_j - q_k)(p_j - q_k + ic)} \right]_{j,k=1,\ldots,n},
\] (4.5)

where the summation extends over all permutations \( \sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_n \) and where
\[
I(p_j, q_k) = \frac{\prod_{a=1}^n (p_a - q_b + ic) \prod_{b=a+1}^n (p_a - q_b)}{\prod_{a<b}(p_b - p_a + ic)}.
\] (4.6)

The arguments \( p_j, q_k \) are understood to represent the sets \( \{p_j\}, \{q_k\} \). Performing the free Boson limit \( c \to 0 \) in (4.5) we obtain a useful expression for the quotient of determinants under the integral in (4.3),
\[
\det \left[ \frac{1}{(p_j - q_k)^2} \right]_{j,k=1,\ldots,n} \det \left[ \frac{1}{p_j - q_k} \right]_{j,k=1,\ldots,n}^{-1} = \sum_{\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_n} \frac{1}{\prod_{a=1}^n (p_{\sigma(a)} - q_a)}.
\] (4.7)

Squaring of (4.7) produces two independent sums over permutations. Then, proceeding similarly as in the case \( c \to \infty \), we may replace
\[
\left[ \sum_{\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_n} \frac{1}{\prod_{a=1}^n (p_{\sigma(a)} - q_a)} \right]^2 \to \frac{n!}{\prod_{a=1}^n (p_a - q_a)} \sum_{\sigma \in \mathfrak{S}_n} \frac{1}{\prod_{a=1}^n (p_{\sigma(a)} - q_a)}
\] (4.8)

under the multiple-\( q \) integrals due to their symmetry. Consequentially, the \( q \) integrals factorize and can be evaluated by means of the residue theorem as in (3.8),
\[
\int_{\mathbb{R} + i0} \frac{dq}{2\pi (u - q)(v - q)} = -V(u, v) e^{-i(u+v)x/2}.
\] (4.9)
Finally, introducing the shorthand notation

\[ b(p) = \frac{1}{e^{(p^2 - \mu)/T} - 1}, \quad V_B(u, v) = \sqrt{b(u)V(u, v)v(b(v))} \]  

the multiple integral representation of the one-parameter generating function of the correlation function in the free Boson limit reads

\[
\langle e^{\varphi Q(x)} \rangle_{T, \mu}^{(0)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(e^{\varphi} - 1)^n}{n!} \left[ \prod_{j=1}^{n} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{dp_j}{2\pi} \right] \text{perm} \left[ V_B(p_j, p_k) \right]_{j,k=1,\ldots,n}.
\]  

Here the chemical potential must be restricted to the physical range \( \mu < 0 \) for the integrals involving the Bose function \( b(p) \) to converge. Equation (4.11) looks rather similar to our former expression (3.12) for impenetrable Bosons. The determinants are replaced by permanents\(^*)\) and the Fermi function is replaced by the Bose function here.

§5. One- and two-point functions

In this section we would like to recall briefly how to obtain the one- and two-point density correlation functions by applying (2.3) to (3.12) and (4.11). Because \( \varphi \) appears therein only in the factor \( (e^{\varphi} - 1)^n \), the derivatives with respect to \( \varphi \) can be easily calculated by means of the formula

\[
\left. \partial_{\varphi} (e^{\varphi} - 1)^n \right|_{\varphi=0} = \delta_{n,1}, \quad \left. \partial_{\varphi}^2 (e^{\varphi} - 1)^n \right|_{\varphi=0} = \delta_{n,1} + 2\delta_{n,2}.
\]  

Then we obtain for the impenetrable Boson case the known\(^10)\) explicit expression

\[
\langle j(x) \rangle_{T,\mu}^{(\infty)} = \partial_x \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{dp}{2\pi} f(p)x = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{dp}{2\pi} f(p) = D_F(T, \mu),
\]  

which due to translational invariance is independent of the interval length \( x \). The analogous well-known expression for free Bosons,

\[
\langle j(x) \rangle_{T,\mu}^{(0)} = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{dp}{2\pi} b(p) = D_B(T, \mu),
\]  

can be obtained from (4.11) by application of (2.3).

As the term arising from \( n = 1 \) is linear in \( x \) we need to consider only the \( n = 2 \) term in order to calculate the density-density correlation function. For the

\(^*)\) The permanent of an \( n \times n \) matrix \( A = (A^j_k)_{j,k=1,\ldots,n} \) is defined by

\[
\sum_{\sigma \in \Sigma_n} A^1_{\sigma(1)} \cdots A^n_{\sigma(n)} = \text{perm} [A^j_k]_{j,k=1,\ldots,n}.
\]
impenetrable Boson case we have

\[
2 \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \frac{1}{2!} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{dp_1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{dp_2}{2\pi} \det[V_F(p_j, p_k)]_{j,k=1,2}
\]

\[
= \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{dp_1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{dp_2}{2\pi} f(p_1) f(p_2) \left[ x^2 - \frac{4 \sin^2 \left( \frac{p_1 - p_2}{2} x \right)}{(p_1 - p_2)^2} \right]
\]

\[
= 2 \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{dp}{2\pi} f(p) \right]^2 - 2 \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{dp_1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{dp_2}{2\pi} f(p_1) f(p_2) \cos(p_1 x - p_2 x)
\]

\[
= 2 D_F^2(T, \mu) - 2 \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{dp}{2\pi} f(p) \cos(px) \right]^2
\]

implying another well-known result,\(^{10}\)

\[
\langle j(0) j(x) \rangle_{T,\mu}^{(\infty)} - D_F^2(T, \mu) = - \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{dp}{2\pi} f(p) e^{ipx} \right]^2
\]

(5.4)

for the density-density correlations. Similarly, the corresponding expression for free Bosons can be obtained from (2.3) and (4.11),

\[
\langle j(0) j(x) \rangle_{T,\mu}^{(0)} - D_B^2(T, \mu) = + \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{dp}{2\pi} b(p) e^{ipx} \right]^2
\]

(5.5)

\[
\langle j(0) j(x) \rangle_{T,\mu}^{(0)} - D_B^2(T, \mu) = + \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{dp}{2\pi} b(p) e^{ipx} \right]^2
\]

(5.6)

§6. Conclusion

In the limit \(c \to \infty\) of impenetrable Bosons we transformed a multiple integral representation for a certain generating function of the density-density correlation functions of the Bose gas with contact interaction into a Fredholm determinant of an integrable integral operator. The latter provides a link to classical integrable evolution equations and thus a means for a rigorous analysis of the asymptotics of correlation functions.\(^{3}\) Taking this into account, it is tempting to interpret the multiple integral representation as a `deformation of a Fredholm determinant’. One may hope that such an interpretation will finally help to solve the problem of the calculation of the long-distance asymptotics also in the generic case of finite repulsion.

For the free Bose gas, \(c \to 0\), we rearranged the summands in the multiple integral representation in terms of permanents. Interestingly the resulting series has some similarity with the Fredholm determinant of the impenetrable case. The Fermi function is replaced by the Bose function, and the determinants are replaced by permanents.

In the generic case of finite \(c > 0\) our original integral representation (2.4) interpolates between the two limiting cases (3.12) and (4.11). What is special about the limiting cases is, that only the first two terms in the infinite series contribute to the density-density correlation function. This property seems lost in the generic
case. We expect, however, that taking into account only a few terms of the series may provide good approximations for small and for strong finite coupling.

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