

The bosonic matrix model with 9 matrices has a first order phase transition at finite temperature

Thermal Phase Transition in Yang-Mills matrix models

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The Model

We study the **1D gauged bosonic matrix model** with $d=9$ matrices, which is the bosonic version of the famous **BFSS matrix model**^[1], related to the gauge/gravity duality. This model is also obtained as the **high-temperature limit** of the 2D maximal supersymmetric Yang-Mills compactified on S^1 , which has a dual gravitational description.

$$S = N \int_0^\beta dt \text{Tr} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (D_t X_I)^2 - \frac{1}{4} [X_I, X_J]^2 \right\}$$

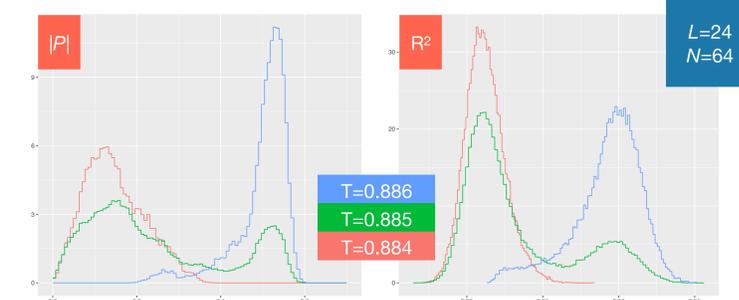
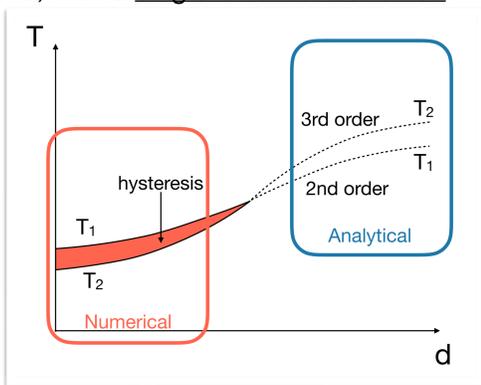
Phase transitions

The phase transition in this model has been studied before^[2] at finite **matrix size N** , and finite **lattice spacing L^{-1}** . This 1D bosonic model admits an analytical treatment at large N and large number of matrices d ^[3].

◆ **Analytical** results at large d predict **two transitions** at close temperatures T_1 and T_2 , one of 2nd order and one of 3rd order. **Is $d=9$ large enough?**

◆ **Numerical** results at $N=32$ suggest a qualitatively similar picture. **Is $N=32$ large enough?**

We discovered a **different** phase structure in the **large- N** limit at $d=9$, with a **single 1st order transition**:



Numerical results

★ Monte Carlo method to obtain **high-statistics** samples of the system's configurations at various values of the parameters (N, L, T).

★ **Order parameter** for the transition $|P|$, as well as the energy E and the "extent of space" R^2 are monitored.

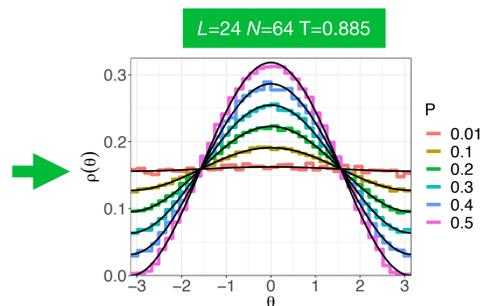
When $N > 32$, the behavior of all observables becomes sharper around the transition. Indicates the **possibility of a discontinuity or "jump" between phases**.

We check this by looking at histograms: we see a **clear doubly-peaked distribution**, corresponding to two phases, confined and deconfined. **Hysteresis analyses** also support this claim all the way to $N=64$ and $L=32$.

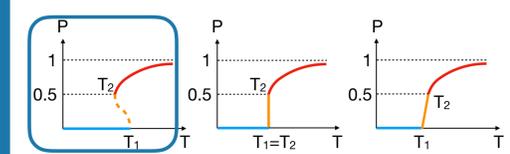
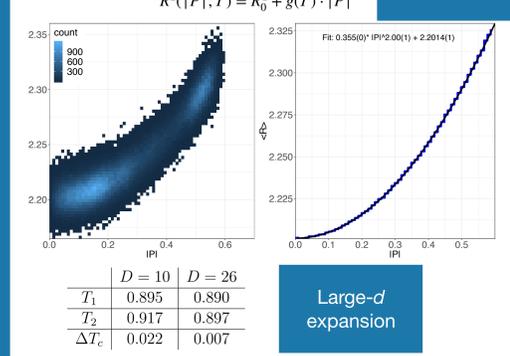
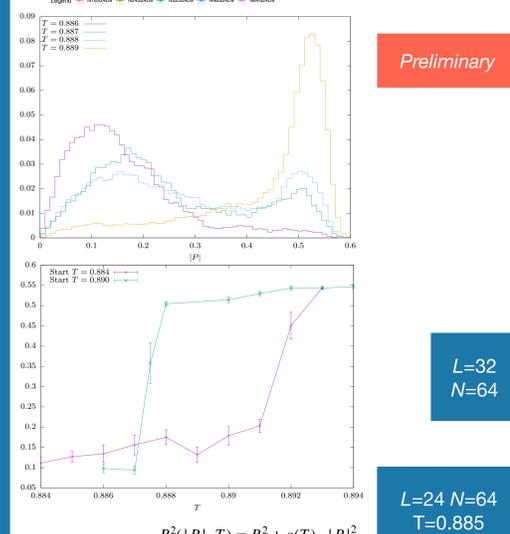
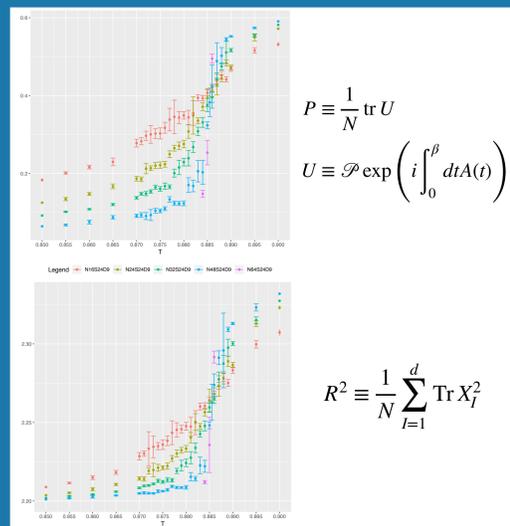
The hysteresis corresponds to an unstable phase where the $U(M)$ group with $M < N$ is deconfined: **partial deconfinement**^[4].

The distribution of the Polyakov loop eigenvalues is non uniform and non gapped:

$$\rho_p(\theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left(1 + \frac{M}{N} \cos \theta \right)$$



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