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A Tale of Three Coauthors: Comparison of Ising Models

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$$\langle f \rangle_{\mu,\Lambda} = Z^{-1} \langle f e^{-H} \rangle_{\mu,0}; \quad Z = \langle e^{-H} \rangle_{\mu,0}$$

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$$T_c(\mu) \geq T_-(\mu)^2 T_c(\text{classical Ising})$$

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So I set about finding this preprint. Google didn't help directly but did point me to a 1984 paper of Chuck Newman that mentioned Wells' Indiana University PhD. thesis. So I wrote to Michael asking if he knew anything about our footnote and cced Chuck (who had been a grad student with me at Princeton) because I conjectured Wells had been his student. Chuck replied and said he remembered that Wells had been Slim Sherman's student. Sherman, the S of GKS and GHS was delightful character, long dead. So I wrote to Kevin Pilgrim, the chair at Indiana, who located a copy of Wells thesis for me on Proquest. But he had no luck on the preprint nor on locating Wells through Indiana University alumni records! While the thesis did not have anything directly about the above inequality, it did have a general framework on what I called the Ising domination problem, lovely material that should have been published.

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which allows us to prove (G2) for a single product when we have it for individual functions (and shows $(G2) \Rightarrow (G1)$).



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with ANY (!!!) even apriori measure, one has positive expectations and positive correlations of the σ^A .

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$\int f(x) d\mu_H(x) \leq \int f(x) d\nu_H(x)$. In particular, if each $X_j = \mathbb{R}$, (so implicitly F_j is the single function σ_j) and if H has the general Ising form, then for all $A \subset 2^{\{1, \dots, n\}}$ one has that

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Not only is this an improvement of Griffiths by more than $\frac{4}{3}$

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His note had one wonderful idea (using Karamata's inequality) and 5 dense pages of calculation to implement it.

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Even though this is widely referred to as Karamata's inequality after Karamata's 1932 paper, it or theorems that imply it appear in a 1923 paper of Schur and a 1929 paper of Hardy-Littlewood-Pólya.

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$xy \leq \frac{x^p}{p} + \frac{y^q}{q}$

$\hat{f}(\mathbf{k}) = (2\pi)^{-d/2} \int \exp(-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{x}) f(\mathbf{x}) d^d x$

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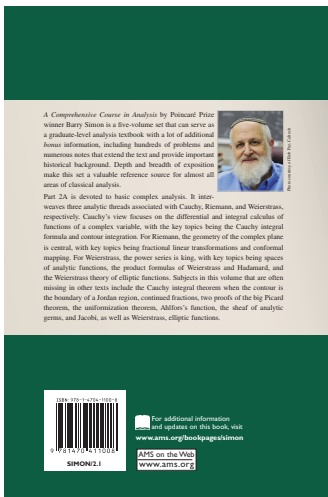
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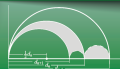
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$$f(z_0) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{|z|=1} \frac{f(z)}{z - z_0} dz$$



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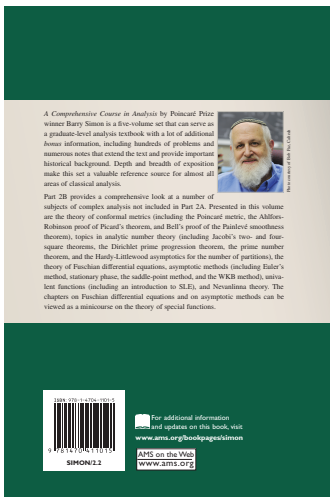
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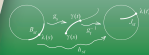
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$$\frac{\pi(x)}{(x/\log x)} \rightarrow 1$$



$$J_u(x) \sim \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \cos\left(x - \frac{\alpha x}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) + o(x^{-1/2})$$



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$$\|f - f_Q\|_Q = \frac{1}{|Q|} \int_Q |f(x) - f_Q| dx$$

$$|\{x \mid M_{H^1} f(x) > \alpha\}| \leq \frac{3^n}{\alpha} \|f\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^n, dx)}$$



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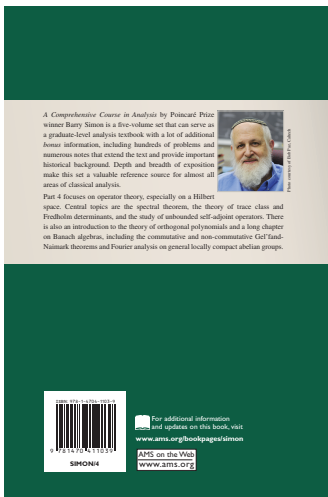
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$$A = \int t dE_t$$

$$\det(1 + zA) = \prod_{k=1}^{N(A)} (1 + z\lambda_k(A))$$



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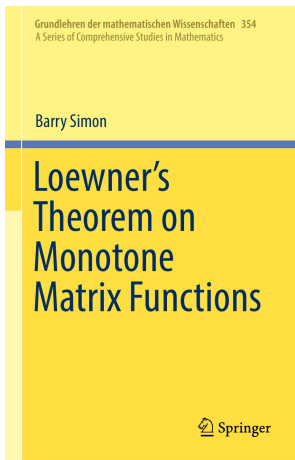
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