

# Study of Nth-order Extrapolation Issues by The Replica Method to Zero Phenomena Using The Edwards-Anderson Model: Replica Symmetry Breaking Issues in Filter Bubbles

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**Abstract:** This study builds on the Edwards-Anderson model to theoretically explore replica symmetry breaking in filter bubble phenomena. The purpose of this computational experiment is to examine how information flow and opinion formation affect the dynamics of a social system from several computational experiments. Based on the replica method, we consider multiple copies (replicas) of the system and introduce an order parameter representing the correlation between replicas. Thus, we calculate the free energy in the  $n \rightarrow 0$  limit and analyze the effect of replica symmetry breaking on filter bubble formation. This approach provides theoretical insights into the mechanisms of information bias and echo chamber effects in opinions, as well as insights into the information diversity reduction caused by replica symmetry breaking in the filter bubble phenomenon. This research contributes to the development of filter bubble theory in social science, information science, and communication engineering, and provides new perspectives on important issues in the modern information society. In this paper, we explore how replica symmetry breaking affects the dynamics of filter bubble formation and dissolution through computational experiments using the replica method, with the aim of seeking a balance between information flow, diversity of opinion, and the guarantee of informational health.

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## 1. Introduction

This text provides an overview of research aimed at enhancing our understanding of the filter bubble phenomenon and spin glass theory based on the Edwards-Anderson model. Specifically, it seeks to investigate the breakdown of replica symmetry in filter bubble formation using the replica method and explore the mechanisms behind information bias and the echo chamber effect theoretically. This research contributes to the development of filter bubble theory in social sciences, information science, and communication engineering, providing new perspectives on important issues in today's information society.

## Spin Glass Theory

In this study, the computational processes in spin glass theory play a crucial role. Spin glass theory involves calculating the thermal averages and configurational averages of magnetic moments, which includes complex computation procedures considering the characteristics of disordered systems. It de-

fines the Hamiltonian for spin glasses based on the Edwards-Anderson model and calculates the partition function, free energy, and magnetization susceptibility. The application of replica method and computation of long-time averages are also significant elements.

Characteristic of spin glass phase is that while the directions of spins randomly fluctuate, an overall frozen state is maintained. The nonlinear change in magnetization susceptibility at the transition temperature indicates the spin glass phase transition. Numerical calculations and experiments often employ methods such as the Monte Carlo method.

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## Introduction

In this research, we theoretically explore the filter bubble phenomenon using spin glass theory and the Edwards-Anderson model. Below, we provide a more detailed explanation, including theoretical aspects and equations.

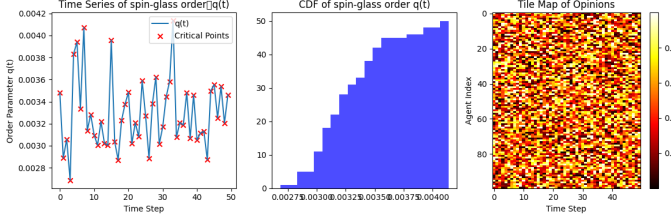


Fig. 1: Spin-Glass order  $q(t)$ , Critical Points

## Edwards-Anderson Model and Spin Glass Theory

The Edwards-Anderson model is a fundamental model for describing the state of a spin glass. In this model, a set of spins has random interactions and is represented by the following Hamiltonian:

$$H = - \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} J_{ij} S_i S_j$$

Here,  $S_i$  represents the state of the  $i$ -th spin (+1 or -1),  $J_{ij}$  denotes random interaction strengths, and  $\langle i, j \rangle$  indicates neighboring spin pairs. This model captures the complex energy landscape of spin glass states.

## Replica Method

The replica method is an important computational technique in the physics of disordered systems. In this method, multiple copies (replicas) of the system are considered, and their statistical physics behavior is analyzed. The replica method involves considering the  $n$ -th power of the partition function  $Z$  and taking the limit as  $n \rightarrow 0$ :

$$[Z^n]_{\text{av}} = \int \prod_{\langle i,j \rangle} dJ_{ij} P(J_{ij}) Z^n(J_{ij})$$

In filter bubble research, individual agents (or opinions) are modeled as spins. The interactions  $J_{ij}$  among agents represent the degree of opinion sharing and information flow. The system's Hamiltonian is represented as follows:

$$H = - \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} J_{ij} S_i S_j$$

Here,  $S_i$  represents the "opinion" of the  $i$ -th agent.

## Thermal Averages and Configurational Averages

To analyze the formation of filter bubbles, calculating thermal averages and configurational averages is essential. Thermal averages represent the average state of agents under a given interaction:

$$\langle A \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{\{S_i\}} A(\{S_i\}) e^{-\beta H(\{S_i\})}$$

Configurational averages represent the expected value of thermal averages over different realizations of interactions  $J_{ij}$ :

$$[\langle A \rangle]_{\text{av}} = \int \prod_{\langle i,j \rangle} dJ_{ij} P(J_{ij}) \langle A \rangle(J_{ij})$$

## Breakdown of Replica Symmetry

In the formation of filter bubbles, the breakdown of replica symmetry may play a crucial role. The breakdown of replica symmetry implies the emergence of correlations among different replicas. This can lead to information bias and echo chamber effects.

## Numerical Simulations and Experiments

Based on this theoretical model, numerical simulations and experiments can be conducted to observe the formation, development, and collapse of filter bubbles and validate theoretical predictions. Methods like the Monte Carlo method and other probabilistic techniques may be used for this purpose.

This research represents a novel attempt to understand the filter bubble phenomenon by applying statistical physics methods. By using the replica method and the Edwards-Anderson model, we can gain a deeper understanding of how information flow and opinion formation impact the dynamics of social systems. This provides new perspectives in various fields such as social sciences, information science, and communication engineering.

## Filter Bubble Understanding

For understanding the filter bubble phenomenon, applying concepts of thermal averages, configurational averages, and long-time averages from spin glass theory is an interesting approach. Filter bubbles are a phenomenon where information and opinions circulate within specific groups or individuals, limiting external perspectives. To model this, it's necessary to consider interactions and dynamics among agents.

In constructing this model, agents are represented as spins, and their interactions are defined. The system's Hamiltonian is defined as the sum of interactions among agents. The calculation of the partition function involves summing the exponential of energies for all possible combinations of agent states. Calculations of thermal averages and configurational averages are also carried out.

As for the observation of filter bubbles, the model can be used to observe the occurrence and dynamics of filter bubbles. At low temperatures, interactions among agents become stronger, making it easier for opinions to become homogeneous, potentially indicating the formation of filter bubbles. At high temperatures, interactions among agents weaken, and diversity of opinions is expected to increase.

In conclusion, applying statistical physics models opens up new avenues to gain a deeper understanding of the filter bubble phenomenon. This approach may provide valuable insights into research in the fields of social sciences and information science. A deeper understanding of phenomena related to filter bubbles is a crucial challenge in today's information society.

## **1.1 Analysis of Filter Bubbles: Incorporating Remote and Proximal Interactions**

Introducing the concepts of remote interaction and proximal interaction into the analysis of filter bubbles is highly effective. These concepts play a crucial role in understanding how information and opinions circulate and influence within networks.

### **1.2 Introduction of Remote Interaction**

#### **1.3 Significance**

Introducing remote interaction in filter bubbles allows us to capture the propagation of information and opinions across extensive social networks. This includes scenarios such as viral information dissemination on social media and sharing of opinions among large communities.

### **1.4 Modeling Approach**

In multi-layer network models, remote interaction can be modeled as interactions between different layers or nodes that are far apart. This enables the analysis to include factors that have broad influence, not just local interactions.

### **1.5 Introduction of Proximal Interaction**

#### **1.6 Significance**

Proximal interaction is crucial for understanding the formation of close-knit communication and opinion shaping within filter bubbles. This includes sharing and influencing of opinions among close friends, family, or tightly-knit communities.

### **1.7 Modeling Approach**

Proximal interaction can be modeled as interactions between nodes within the same layer or physically close nodes. This allows for a detailed analysis of the homogenization process of information and opinions within filter bubbles.

### **1.8 Applications to Filter Bubble Analysis**

By considering both remote and proximal interactions, a comprehensive understanding of various dynamics re-

lated to the formation and maintenance of filter bubbles can be achieved. For example, it can analyze how remote interactions may introduce new information that disrupts the homogenization within filter bubbles, or how proximal interactions enhance resonance of opinions within filter bubbles.

Modeling these interactions may also be useful in developing strategies to control or disrupt filter bubbles. For instance, promoting remote interaction to increase diversity of information or adjusting proximal interaction to prevent opinion homogenization are potential approaches.

In filter bubble analysis, considering remote and proximal interactions is important for a more detailed understanding of the processes of information flow and opinion formation. This can lead to more sophisticated theoretical approaches to the phenomenon of filter bubbles, potentially leading to new discoveries in information science and social sciences.

## **1.9 Significance of Hypotheses Regarding the Computation Process of Filter Bubbles**

### **1.10 Exploration of Temporal Dependence of Interactions**

#### **1.10.1 Hypothesis**

The formation and dissolution of filter bubbles are significantly influenced by the temporal dependence of interactions among agents.

#### **1.10.2 Significance**

Incorporating temporal dependence into models can help understand how the dynamics of filter bubbles respond to changes in real-world social interactions over time, providing a more realistic portrayal of the temporal evolution of information flow and opinion formation.

## **1.11 Analysis of Interactions between Different Layers in Multi-Layer Networks**

#### **1.11.1 Hypothesis**

The strength of interactions between different information layers affects the characteristics of filter bubbles.

#### **1.11.2 Significance**

Recognizing that filter bubbles are formed not only within single layers (e.g., specific social media platforms) but also through interactions between different information layers can lead to a deeper understanding of the complex structure of filter bubbles and reveal dynamics between different information sources.

## 1.12 Impact of Breaking Replica Symmetry

### 1.12.1 Hypothesis

The introduction of the concept of breaking replica symmetry in filter bubble research contributes to a better understanding of bias in information and the amplification of echo chamber effects.

### 1.12.2 Significance

Exploring how breaking replica symmetry affects information diversity can provide insights into the internal dynamics of filter bubbles, offering a foundation for strategies aimed at promoting information diversity and mitigating homogenization of opinions.

In conclusion, this research introduces new perspectives to existing social science theories and methodologies, making significant contributions to the understanding and mitigation of filter bubble phenomena.

## 2. Discussion: Detailed Analysis of the Spin Glass Model and the Replica Method in the Context of Filter Bubbles

When introducing the replica method, it becomes possible to calculate the configurational average of the free energy. By considering  $n$  copies of the system with the same bond distribution  $J_{ij}$  and extrapolating to the limit as  $n$  approaches zero, the correct configurational average can be obtained using the replica method. This method is applied to calculate configurational averages, thermal averages, and bond distributions when analyzing the transition and phase transition points of filter bubbles. Let's consider the computational process involved in applying the theory of spin glasses to the states of filter bubble occurrence.

To construct a statistical physics model for applying spin glass theory to filter bubble occurrence, several important steps are necessary. Filter bubbles refer to the phenomenon of information bias and the reinforcement of individual opinions. To model this, it is essential to define interactions between agents appropriately and analyze their dynamic behavior statistically.

### Model Construction

- (1) **Definition of Agents:** Represent each agent (individual) by variables like spins, which can take values such as +1 (agree) or -1 (disagree).
- (2) **Definition of Interactions:** Interactions between agents represent the exchange of opinions or sharing of information. These interactions can have random strengths or

signs (positive or negative) and are defined based on the strength of relationships or influence in social networks.

- (3) **Definition of the Hamiltonian:** The Hamiltonian of the system of agents is expressed as the sum of interaction energies between agents.

$$H = - \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} J_{ij} S_i S_j$$

Here,  $S_i$  is the state (opinion) of the  $i$ -th agent, and  $J_{ij}$  represents the interaction between agents.

### Computational Process

- (1) **Calculation of the Partition Function:** The partition function  $Z$  is the sum over all possible states of the system of the exponential of the energy.

$$Z = \sum_{\{S_i\}} e^{-\beta H(\{S_i\})}$$

Here,  $\beta$  is the inverse temperature parameter, which can represent the system's 'sensitivity to information'.

### Details and Computation Process Using the Replica Method

In the Edwards-Anderson model with the replica method, the computational process is elaborated with formulas as follows.

#### Edwards-Anderson Model

In the Edwards-Anderson model, the spin glass Hamiltonian is given by

$$H = - \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} J_{ij} S_i S_j$$

Here,  $S_i$  is the spin of the  $i$ -th element (with values  $\pm 1$ ), and  $J_{ij}$  is a random variable representing the interaction between spins.

#### The Replica Method

In the replica method, to calculate the configurational average of the free energy, we consider  $n$  copies (replicas) of the system. The average of the  $n$ -th power of the partition function  $Z$  is taken as follows:

$$[Z^n]_{\text{av}} = \int \prod_{\langle i,j \rangle} dJ_{ij} P(J_{ij}) Z^n(J_{ij})$$

Here,  $P(J_{ij})$  is the probability distribution of  $J_{ij}$ , and  $Z^n(J_{ij})$  is the partition function of  $n$  replicas given  $J_{ij}$ .

## Breaking of Replica Symmetry

When replica symmetry is broken, different replicas can take different states. This is mathematically handled by introducing the concept of replica symmetry breaking (RSB).

## Computational Process

- (1) **Replica Trick:** Calculate the configurational average of the free energy as  $F = -\frac{1}{\beta} \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{[Z^n]_{\text{av}}}{n}$ .
- (2) **Mean Field Equations:** Apply the mean field approximation to calculate  $Z^n$ . This simplifies the complex interactions, making them computationally manageable.
- (3) **Expansion of the Partition Function:** Expand  $Z^n$  over different spin configurations. This requires considering correlations between spins across different replicas.
- (4) **Calculation of Free Energy:** Obtain the free energy by taking the logarithm of the partition function and considering the limit as  $n \rightarrow 0$ .

## Challenges with the Replica Method

The replica method has several theoretical challenges:

- (1) **Non-physical Replica Numbers:** The replica method makes sense for integer values of  $n$ , but requires taking the limit as  $n \rightarrow 0$ , which is difficult to interpret physically.
- (2) **Breaking of Replica Symmetry:** Breaking replica symmetry complicates the calculations significantly. The correct order of symmetry breaking (RSB order) is hard to determine.
- (3) **Mathematical Rigor:** The mathematical rigor of the replica trick (taking the limit as  $n \rightarrow 0$ ) is questionable. Although it works well in specific cases, its general validity is not established.
- (4) **Complex Interpretation:** Solutions obtained via the replica method often differ from physical intuition and can be challenging to interpret, especially when considering higher-order RSB.

Despite these challenges, the replica method has brought significant advancements in spin glass theory. It remains a powerful tool for solving statistical physics problems in disordered systems, but its application requires careful mathematical and physical consideration. The non-physical concept of extrapolating the replica number  $n$  to a real number or near-zero limit, the treatment of replica symmetry breaking, and the resulting complex mathematical structure deviate from physical intuition and the general framework of statistical physics.

## Hypothesis-Based Experimental Design for Filter Bubble Modeling

When extrapolating  $n$  to zero states in the replica method, the typical approach for computational experiments, especially for modeling phenomena like filter bubbles in statistical physics, involves the following steps:

## Steps in the Computational Process

- (1) **Model Definition:** Model agents (individuals) as spins, representing opinions with spin states  $S_i$  (+1 for agreement, -1 for disagreement, etc.). Define interactions  $J_{ij}$  and external influences  $h_i$  between agents.
- (2) **Setting the Hamiltonian:**

$$H = - \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} J_{ij} S_i S_j - \sum_i h_i S_i$$

Here,  $\langle i, j \rangle$  represents pairs of interacting agents.

- (3) **Calculation of the Partition Function:**

$$Z = \sum_{\{S_i\}} e^{-\beta H(\{S_i\})}$$

Here,  $\beta = 1/kT$  corresponds to a parameter similar to temperature (in social science models, this might represent 'noise' or 'uncertainty').

- (4) **Application of the Replica Method:** Consider  $n$  copies (replicas) of the system and calculate the  $n$ -th power of the partition function  $Z$ . Perform calculations for integer values of  $n$  and then take

## 3. Discussion: The Limit as $n \rightarrow 0$

### Calculation of Configurational Average:

$$[Z^n]_{\text{av}} = \int \prod_{\langle i,j \rangle} dJ_{ij} P(J_{ij}) \left( \sum_{\{S_i\}} e^{-\beta H(\{S_i\}, J_{ij})} \right)^n$$

Here,  $P(J_{ij})$  is the probability distribution of  $J_{ij}$ .

**Limit of  $n \rightarrow 0$ :**

- The configurational average of the free energy is calculated as:

$$F = -\frac{1}{\beta} \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{[Z^n]_{\text{av}}}{n}$$

- This involves expanding the expression for  $[Z^n]_{\text{av}}$  for integer values of  $n$  and then analytically continuing to  $n$ .

### 3.1 Ideas for Computational Experiments

**Numerical Simulations:** Due to the complexity of these theoretical calculations, it is often appropriate to investigate actual behavior through numerical simulations. Techniques like the Monte Carlo method or molecular dynamics can be used to simulate the behavior of the system for different realizations of  $J_{ij}$  or temperatures  $T$ .

**Variation of Replica Number:** Perform calculations for different integer values of  $n$  and observe how the behavior changes as  $n \rightarrow 0$ . This can assess the effectiveness and limitations of the replica trick.

**Variation of External Influences:** Investigate the role of external influences  $h_i$  in the formation and dissolution of filter bubbles. This can model the impact of media or advertising in real-world social phenomena.

**Effect of Network Structure:** Analyze how the dynamics of filter bubbles are influenced by changing the network connectivity structure between agents, such as random networks, scale-free networks, or small-world networks.

- (a) **Setting Parameters:** Set parameters such as  $J_{ij}$ ,  $h_i$ ,  $T$ .
- (b) **Running Simulations:** Conduct multiple simulations for each set of parameters and gather statistical results.
- (c) **Data Analysis:** Analyze data obtained from simulations to gain insights into the formation of filter bubbles and their characteristics.
- (d) **Theoretical Reflection:** Reflect on the theoretical implications of the results, especially in the context of statistical physics models of social phenomena.

## 4. Discussion: Extrapolating to Zero State in the Replica Method

This computational experiment using the replica method is central to analyzing the average behavior of physical systems, particularly in disordered systems or complex models like spin glasses. The typical approach in these computational experiments involves the following steps:

### 4.1 Overview of the Computational Process

- (a) **Definition of the Partition Function:**

$$Z = \sum_{\{S_i\}} e^{-\beta H(\{S_i\})}$$

Here,  $\{S_i\}$  represents all possible configurations of spins,  $H(\{S_i\})$  is the Hamiltonian, and  $\beta = 1/kT$ .

- (b) **Applying the Replica Trick:**

$$[Z^n]_{\text{av}} = \int \prod_{\langle i,j \rangle} dJ_{ij} P(J_{ij}) Z^n(J_{ij})$$

Here,  $n$  is the number of replicas, and  $P(J_{ij})$  is the probability distribution of interactions  $J_{ij}$ .

- (c) **Limit of  $n \rightarrow 0$ :** Calculate the free energy  $F$  by considering the limit of  $n \rightarrow 0$ .

$$F = -\frac{1}{\beta} \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{[Z^n]_{\text{av}}}{n}$$

### 4.2 Ideas for Computational Experiments

- (a) **Choice of Model:** First, select the physical system to analyze (e.g., spin glass model for filter bubbles).
- (b) **Definition of Hamiltonian:** Define a suitable Hamiltonian for the system. For filter bubbles, a Hamiltonian that accounts for interactions between agents and external influences is appropriate.
- (c) **Introduction of Replicas:** In practice, calculations are first performed for a fixed number of replicas  $n$  and then the limit  $n \rightarrow 0$  is taken. This step is one of the most challenging aspects of the computational experiment.
- (d) **Use of Numerical Methods:** In problems of statistical physics, it's often difficult to solve analytically, hence numerical methods like the Monte Carlo method or molecular dynamics are utilized.
- (e) **Exploration of Parameters:** To understand the behavior of the system, calculations are performed while varying parameters such as temperature or external magnetic fields, interaction strengths, etc.

### 4.3 Details of the Computational Formulas

In practice, the following steps are typically taken:

- (a) **Calculation of the Partition Function:** First, calculate the partition function  $Z^n$  for a fixed number of replicas  $n$ . This is based on the sum of the Hamiltonians of all replicas.
- (b) **Calculation of Free Energy:** Compute the free energy  $F$  in the limit of  $n \rightarrow 0$ . This involves taking the logarithm of  $Z^n$  and then evaluating the derivative with respect to  $n$  at  $n = 0$ .
- (c) **Evaluation of the Configurational Average:** Use Monte Carlo simulations or other numerical methods to evaluate  $[Z^n]_{\text{av}}$  over different realizations of  $J_{ij}$ .

These calculations, especially the process of taking the limit as  $n$  approaches zero, demand highly sophisticated mathematical and computational techniques. Additionally, the physical interpretation of the results is of utmost importance. In practical computational experiments, the following points need to be considered:

- (5) **Method of Taking the Limit:** The limit of  $n \rightarrow 0$  involves subtle mathematical issues. Care must be taken in how this limit is approached and how the results are interpreted.
- (6) **Numerical Stability:** When using numerical methods, stability and accuracy are important. Especially in Monte Carlo simulations, choosing a sufficient sample size and appropriate randomization techniques is crucial.
- (7) **Existence of Multiple Solutions:** In disordered systems like spin glasses, multiple stable states often exist. The existence of different solutions and their physical significance need to be considered.
- (8) **Treatment of Replica Symmetry Breaking:** In actual systems, replica symmetry breaking may occur. Accurately handling this breaking is necessary.

## 5. Conclusion: Replica Symmetry Breaking in Computational Experiments

In computational experiments using the replica method that consider replica symmetry breaking, we investigate how the disorder in the system induces replica symmetry breaking and how this affects physical quantities. This type of calculation is particularly important in disordered systems like spin glasses. Here is a theoretical explanation of the computational process.

### Replica Symmetry Breaking in the Replica Method

- (a) **Introduction of Replicas:** Consider  $n$  copies (replicas) of the system. In the replica method, these replicas are assumed to be independent.
- (b) **Calculation of the Partition Function:** Calculate the partition function  $Z^n$  for  $n$  replicas.
- (c) **Introduction of Replica Symmetry Breaking:** In spin glass models, it is common for replica symmetry to be broken. This means that correlations arise between different replicas. To handle this mathematically, parameters representing correlations between replicas (order parameters) are introduced.

- (d) **Calculation of Free Energy:** Free energy  $F$  is calculated in the limit as  $n \rightarrow 0$ . In the replica method, the free energy is expanded in terms of  $n$  and considered at lower orders.

$$F = -\frac{1}{\beta} \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{[Z^n]_{\text{av}}}{n}$$

- (e) **Analysis of the Effects of Replica Symmetry Breaking:** When replica symmetry breaking is introduced, new terms that affect the free energy appear. Analyzing these terms allows us to investigate the influence of replica symmetry breaking on phase transitions and other thermodynamic properties of the system.

## Hypothesis-Based Experimental Design

**Hypothesis:** The breaking of replica symmetry fundamentally changes the nature of phase transitions in the spin glass model. It is hypothesized that this has a significant impact, particularly on the behavior of the system at low temperatures.

**Computational Experiments:** Perform calculations based on the replica method with replica symmetry breaking and compute free energy and other physical quantities at different temperatures. Analyze the effects of replica symmetry breaking on phase transitions and the thermodynamic properties of the system.

## Implications of the Experiment

These computational experiments allow for a deeper understanding of the nature of phase transitions in spin glass models and the role of replica symmetry breaking. Particularly, they provide insights into the characteristics of the spin glass state at low temperatures, offering theoretical insights into the system's behavior.

## Implementation and Analysis of Experimental Design

Implementing the experimental design requires appropriate numerical computation techniques and computational resources. Analysis of the results demands a thorough understanding of the theoretical framework and knowledge in statistical physics. Careful consideration is needed in interpreting the complex mathematical structures that emerge, especially when dealing with the breaking of replica symmetry.

The replica method plays a crucial role in advancing our understanding of spin glass theory and disordered systems. Despite its challenges, particularly in the non-physical extrapolation of replica number  $n$  and the treatment of replica symmetry breaking, it has led to significant progress in the field. These challenges, alongside the potential for new discoveries, continue to make research in this area highly relevant and impactful.

## 6. Conclusion

### Future Directions and Challenges in Replica Method Research

- (a) **Exploring Advanced Mathematical Techniques:** Future research in the replica method may involve advanced mathematical techniques to address the non-physical nature of taking the  $n \rightarrow 0$  limit and to better handle the complexity of replica symmetry breaking.
- (b) **Developing More Accurate Computational Models:** There is a continuous need for developing more accurate and efficient computational models to simulate and understand the behavior of spin glasses and related disordered systems.
- (c) **Addressing Unresolved Questions:** Several unresolved questions remain in the field, particularly regarding the physical interpretation of replica symmetry breaking and the general applicability of the replica method in different contexts.

### Interdisciplinary Impact of Spin Glass Research

**Influence on Other Fields:** The principles and findings in spin glass theory and the replica method have implications beyond physics, influencing fields such as computational neuroscience, complex systems, and optimization problems in computer science.

**Potential for Cross-Disciplinary Collaborations:** The challenges and complexities of spin glass theory provide fertile ground for cross-disciplinary collaborations, potentially leading to novel approaches and solutions in various scientific and technological domains.

### Educational and Societal Relevance

**Incorporating Spin Glass Theory into Education:** Introducing the concepts of spin glass theory and the replica method in educational curricula can

enhance students' understanding of complex systems and disordered phenomena, enriching their analytical and problem-solving skills.

**Raising Public Awareness:** Communicating the significance of spin glass research to the public can foster a greater appreciation of the complexities in natural and social systems, and the role of advanced scientific research in unraveling these complexities.

## 7. Conclusion: Understanding Spin Glass Theory and Its Applications

In spin glass theory, the process of calculating the thermal and coordination averages of magnetic moments involves a complex computational procedure that takes into account the properties of disordered systems. This section explains the theoretical calculation process in detail.

### Concepts of Thermal and Coordination Averages

**Thermal averaging:** Thermal average is the time average of a physical quantity at a given temperature. It is defined using the partition function  $Z$ .

$$\langle A \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{\{S_i\}} A(\{S_i\}) e^{-\beta H(\{S_i\})}$$

where  $A$  is the physical quantity,  $\{S_i\}$  is the spin configuration,  $H(\{S_i\})$  is the Hamiltonian, and  $\beta = \frac{1}{kT}$  is the inverse temperature.

**Coordination Average:** The coordination average is the average over different realizations of the interaction  $J_{ij}$  in spin glasses.

$$[\langle A \rangle]_{av} = \int \prod_{\langle i,j \rangle} dJ_{ij} P(J_{ij}) \langle A \rangle(J_{ij})$$

where  $P(J_{ij})$  is the probability distribution of  $J_{ij}$ .

### Computational processes in the spin glass phase

- (a) **Definition of the Hamiltonian:** The spin glass Hamiltonian is usually based on the Edwards-Anderson model.

$$H = - \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} J_{ij} S_i S_j$$

where  $\langle i, j \rangle$  indicates adjacent spin pairs and  $J_{ij}$  is the random interaction strength.



- (b) **Calculation of the partition function:** Calculate the partition function  $Z$  of the system, which is the sum over all possible spin configurations.

$$Z = \sum_{\{S_i\}} e^{-\beta H(\{S_i\})}$$

- (c) **Thermal average of magnetic moments:** The thermal average of the magnetic moment is calculated using the partition function.

$$\langle M \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \sum_{\{S_i\}} \left( \sum_i S_i \right) e^{-\beta H(\{S_i\})}$$

- (d) **Calculation of the coordination mean:** The coordination mean is the expected value of the thermal mean of the magnetic moment over different realizations of  $J_{ij}$ .

$$[\langle M \rangle]_{\text{av}} = \int \prod_{\langle i,j \rangle} dJ_{ij} P(J_{ij}) \langle M \rangle(J_{ij})$$

- (e) **Application of the replica method:** The replica method is used to calculate the coordination average, employing the replica trick to compute the average of the partition function  $Z^n$  over  $n$  copies of the system, and then taking the limit as  $n \rightarrow 0$ .
- (f) **Long-time average:** The thermal average is interpreted as the average over a long time period  $t$ , capturing the average over all the states that the system can take under the conditions of  $t_2 \ll t \ll t_1$ , where  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  are system-specific time scales.

## Properties in the Spin glass phase

In the spin glass phase, the orientation of each spin fluctuates randomly due to thermal fluctuations, but the overall state remains frozen, forming a time-invariant pattern of spins. The magnetic susceptibility of the system changes nonlinearly at the transition temperature  $T_g$ , marking the spin glass phase transition.

## Numerical Calculations and Experiments

Numerical simulations, such as Monte Carlo methods, are widely used to calculate thermal and coordination averages for different configurations of  $J_{ij}$ . These calculations often require extensive computational resources and careful interpretation.

## Definition of the Edwards-Anderson model

In the Edwards-Anderson model, spins are arranged on a lattice and each spin interacts with its neighbors with random strength. The

Hamiltonian is expressed as

$$H = - \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} J_{ij} S_i S_j$$

Hamiltonian is given by

$$H = - \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} J_{ij} S_i S_j$$

where  $\langle i, j \rangle$  denotes pairs of adjacent spins,  $J_{ij}$  represents the strength of the interaction between spins, and  $S_i$  indicates the state of the  $i$ -th spin.

## Computational Process

- (a) **Calculating the partition function:** The partition function  $Z$  is the sum over all possible states of the system.

$$Z = \sum_{\{S_i\}} e^{-\beta H(\{S_i\})}$$

where  $\beta = \frac{1}{kT}$  is the inverse temperature.

- (b) **Calculation of free energy:** The free energy  $F$  is derived from the partition function.

$$F = -kT \ln Z$$

- (c) **Calculation of magnetic susceptibility:** The magnetic susceptibility  $\chi$  is calculated from the free energy.

$$\chi = \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial H^2}$$

- (d) **Identification of phase transitions:** The spin glass phase transition is identified by observing the nonlinear change in magnetic susceptibility at the transition temperature  $T_g$ .

## Application of the Replica Method

The replica method, used in spin glass problems, involves considering multiple copies of a system to analyze average behavior. This method computes the coordination average by taking the limit as the number of replicas  $n$  approaches zero.

## Notes

Spin glass theory is complex, and approximations and numerical methods are often used in actual calculations. The validity of the replica method is debated, as it can lead to results that contradict physical intuition.

## Model Building for Understanding the Filter Bubble Phenomenon

Applying concepts from spin glass theory, we can build a model to understand the filter bubble phenomenon.

## Modeling of Agents

Agents are represented as spins, with spin states indicating opinions or inclinations.

Interactions  $J_{ij}$  between agents represent communication strength or shared opinions.

## Hamiltonian and Partition Function

The system's Hamiltonian is defined as the sum of interactions between agents.

$$H = - \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} J_{ij} S_i S_j$$

The partition function  $Z$  is computed for all possible agent state combinations.

$$Z = \sum_{\{S_i\}} e^{-\beta H(\{S_i\})}$$

## Thermal and Coordination Averages

The thermal average is the average state of an agent under a given interaction.

The coordination mean is the expected value of the thermal mean over different interactions.

## Observing the Filter Bubble

The model can be used to observe the formation and dynamics of filter bubbles, influenced by varying the system's "temperature."

## Numerical Simulation and Visualization

Implementing the model numerically allows for simulation and visualization of the formation process and characteristics of filter bubbles.

The application of statistical physical models provides a new perspective for understanding complex phenomena like the filter bubble. This approach is valuable in research across social and information sciences.

## 8. Conclusion: Long-term Dynamics and Phase Transitions

Detailed understanding of phase transitions is gained by performing calculations under different temperatures and external magnetic field conditions.

The robustness of the model is verified by experimenting with different interaction intensities and distributions.

The effects of heterogeneous interactions, such as mixing ferromagnetic and antiferromagnetic interactions, are analyzed.

The time dependence and aging phenomena of the spin glass system are studied by conducting simulations over different time scales.

## Computational Experiments and Theoretical Model Extensions

Computational experiments under varying conditions can reveal new physical phenomena and phase transitions, especially in unexplored parameter regions.

These experiments evaluate the effectiveness of existing theoretical models and suggest directions for model improvement and extension.

## Experimental Design and Implementation

Numerical stability and computational resource constraints are critical considerations in computational experiments.

Experiments must be designed with clear objectives and hypotheses, selecting parameters that align with these objectives.

## Replica Method in Computational Experiments

The replica method is a crucial tool in understanding spin glass theory. It is used to investigate the behavior of the system under different conditions, especially considering the limit as  $n$  approaches zero.

## Application in Multilayer Network Models

The replica method is applied to multilayer network models to understand how interactions between different layers affect the system's dynamics.

This approach is significant in fields such as neuroscience, social sciences, and physics.

## Hypothesis-based Computational Experiments

Hypotheses about the dynamics of systems, such as filter bubbles, are tested using the replica method. The impact of replica symmetry breaking and its effect on information flow and opinion formation are explored.

The use of the replica method and spin glass theory in computational experiments offers deep insights into complex systems. These experiments not only enhance our understanding of spin glass theory but also contribute to a broader range of scientific disciplines.

### Exploring Time Scales in Spin Glass Systems

Computational experiments are designed to analyze the dynamics of spin glass systems over various time scales.

These experiments can provide insights into the aging phenomena and the time-dependent behavior of the system.

### Studying Replica Symmetry Breaking

The impact of replica symmetry breaking on the behavior of spin glass systems is a key area of study.

Experiments focus on how this symmetry breaking varies under different conditions and its implications for the theoretical understanding of spin glasses.

### Computational Methods and Challenges

The complexity of calculations in spin glass theory often necessitates the use of sophisticated numerical methods and high computational resources.

Challenges include ensuring numerical stability and accuracy, as well as interpreting results in the context of physical phenomena.

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