

# Force, density, and extension relations in adsorbing polymers subject to a force

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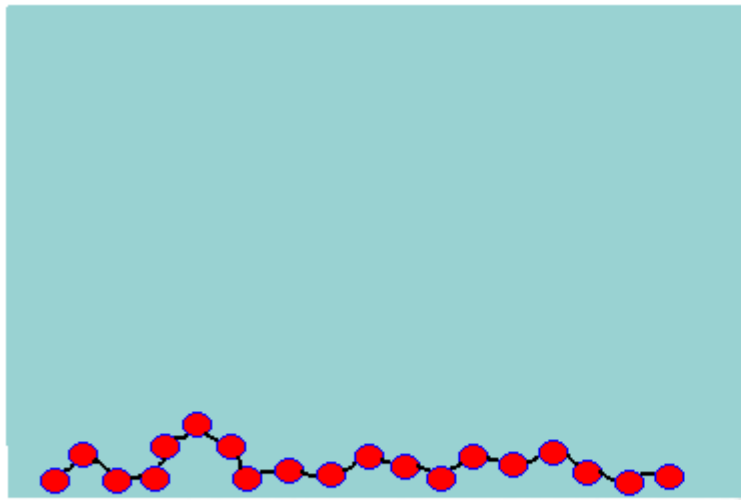
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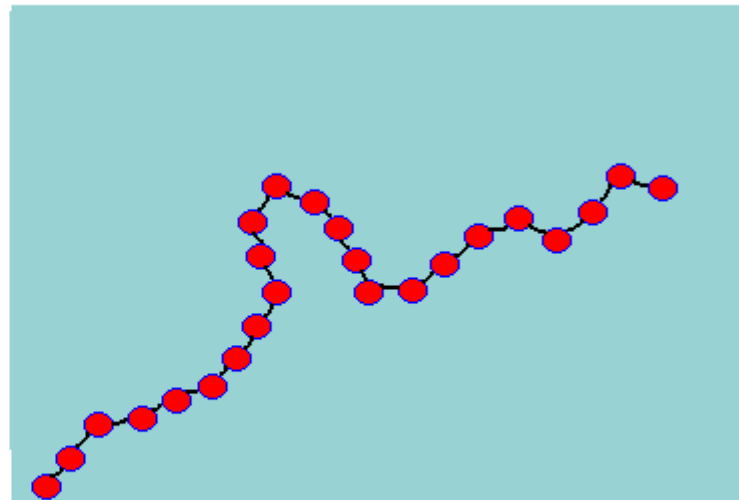
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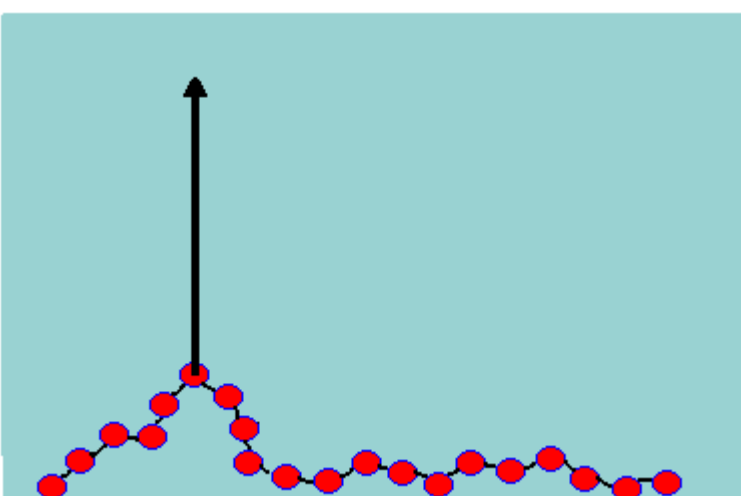
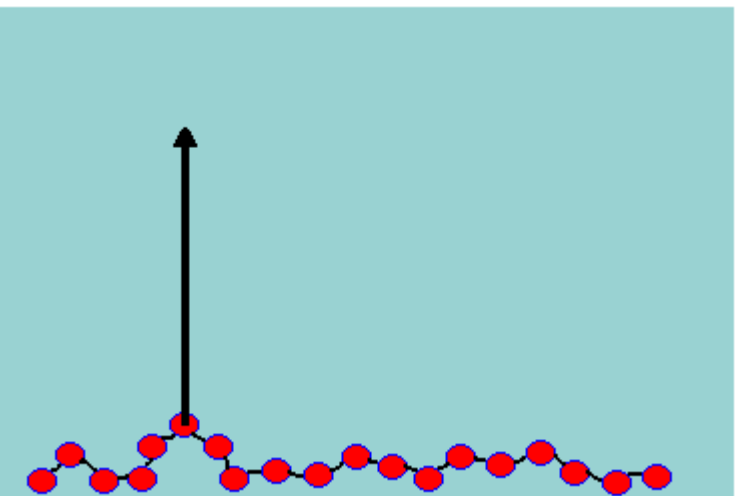
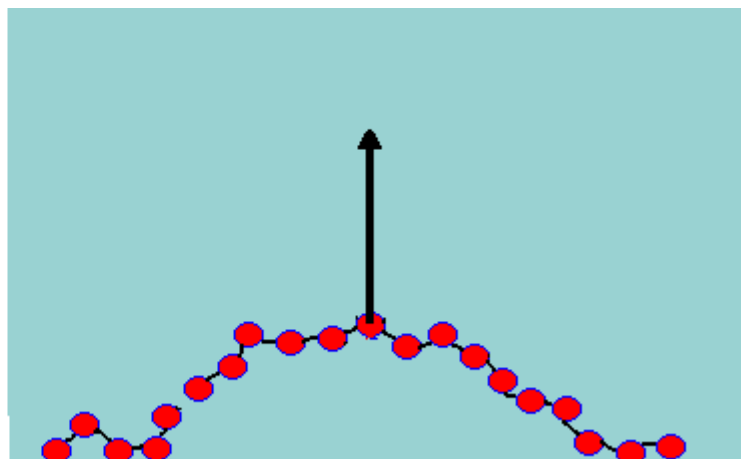
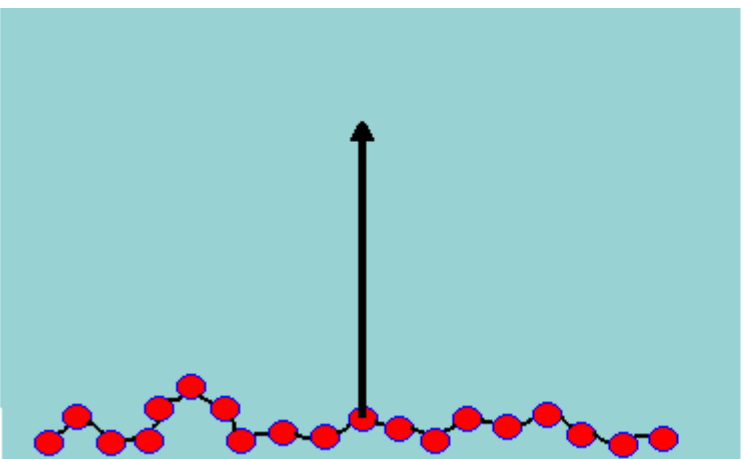
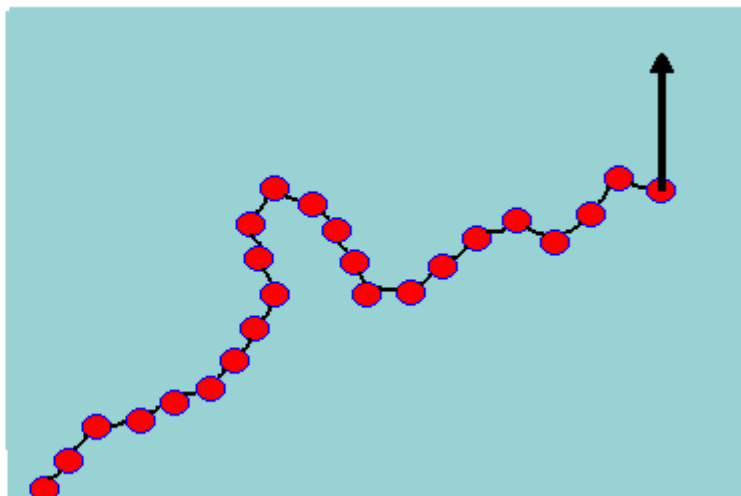
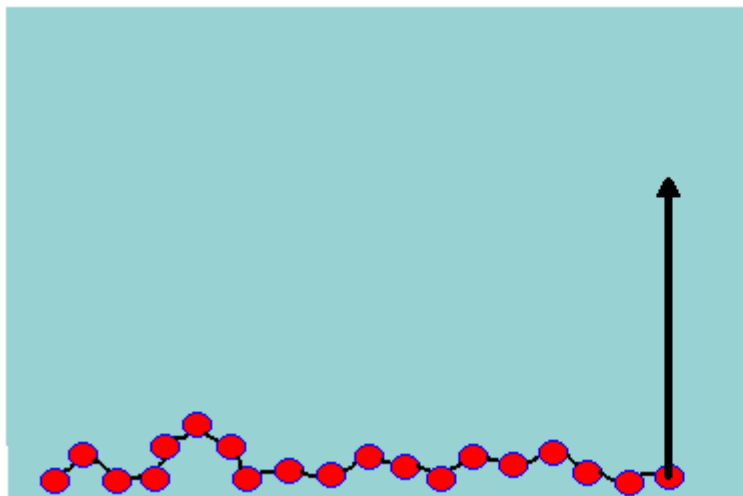
# Polymer adsorption



**Adsorbed**



**Desorbed**



- Partition function

$$Z_n(T) = \sum_{\omega} e^{-E(\omega)/kT}$$

- Intensive free energy

$$\kappa_n(T) = \frac{1}{n} \log Z_n(T)$$

- Limiting intensive free energy

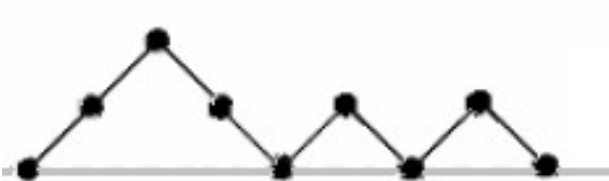
$$\kappa(T) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \kappa_n(T)$$

Look at asymptotic behaviour

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} Z_n(T) z^n$$

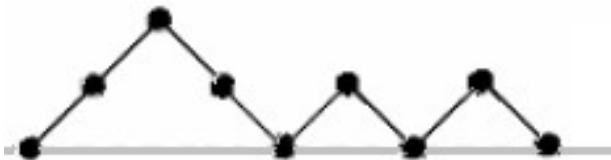
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  - Starts at the origin
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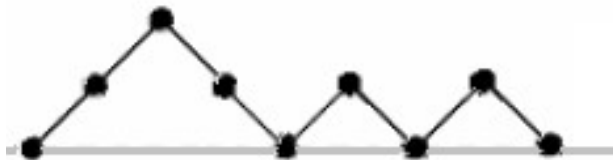


$$d_{2n} = C_n = \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n}$$

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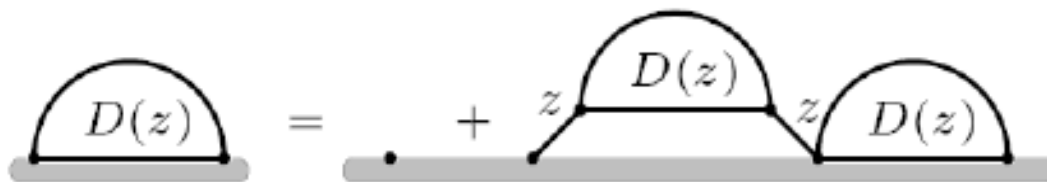
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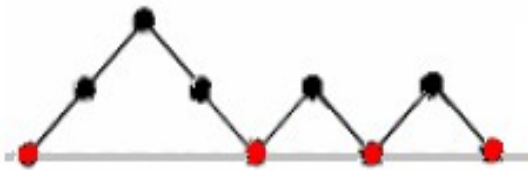
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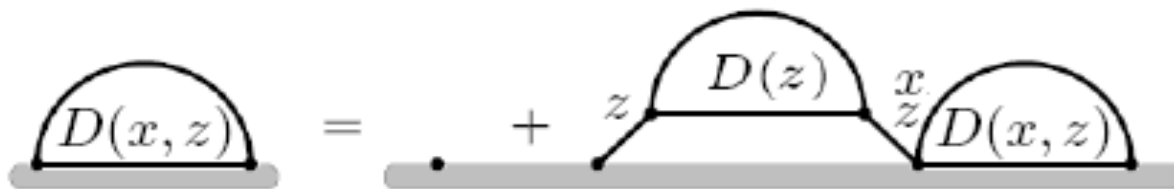
$$D(z) = 1 + z^2 (D(z))^2$$

$$D(z) = \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - 4z^2}}{2z^2}$$

- Dyck paths with visits



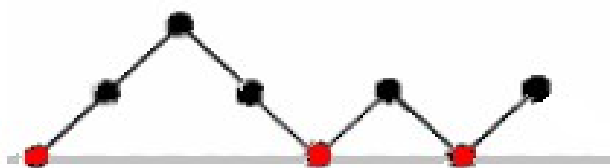
$$D(x, z) = \sum_{n, v} d_{2n}(v) x^v z^{2n}$$



$$D(x, z) = 1 + z^2 x D(z) D(x, z)$$

$$D(x, z) = \frac{2}{2 - x(1 - \sqrt{1 - 4z^2})}$$

- Dyck paths with visits and a free end



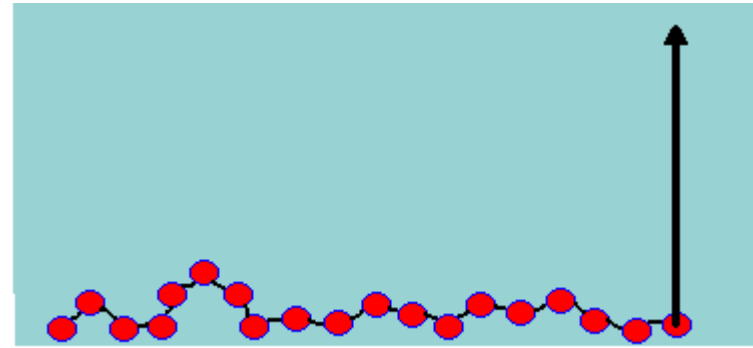
$$D(x, y, z) = \sum_{n, v, h} d_{2n}(v, h) x^v y^h z^{2n}$$



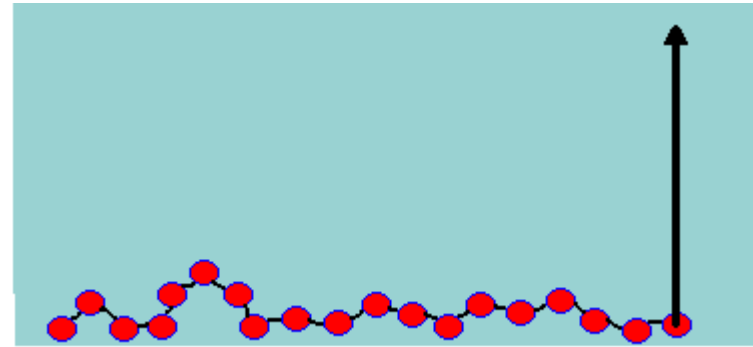
$$D(x, y, z) = D(x, z) + zy D(x, z) D(1, y, z)$$

$$D(x, y, z) = \frac{4z}{(2 - x + x\sqrt{1 - 4z^2})(2z - y + \sqrt{1 - 4z^2}y)}$$

Apply force at  
free end



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- Adsorption/desorption transition?

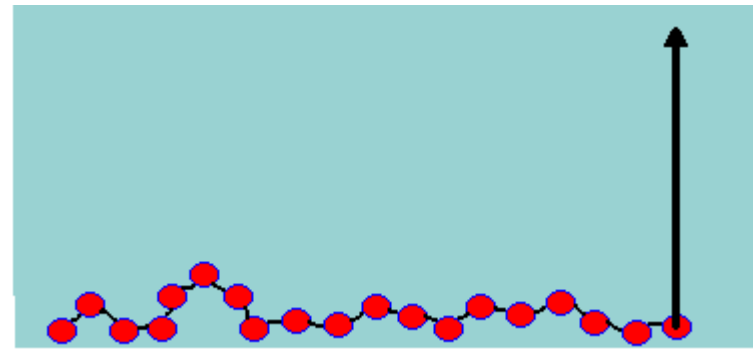
$$x = e^{-\epsilon/kT} = e^{1/T} \quad y = e^{f/kT} = e^{f/T}$$

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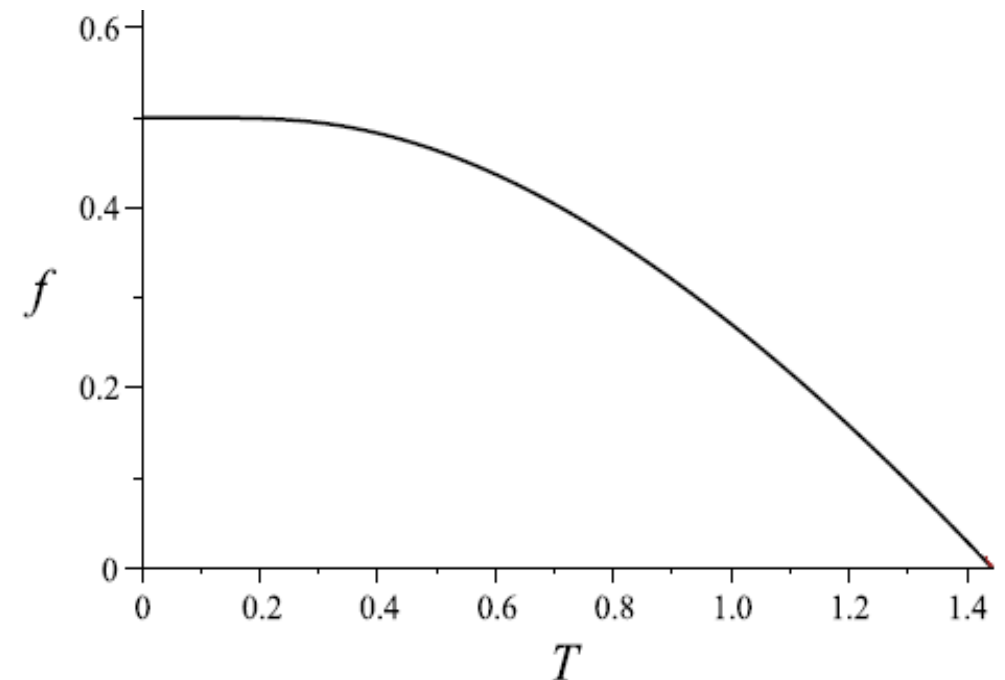
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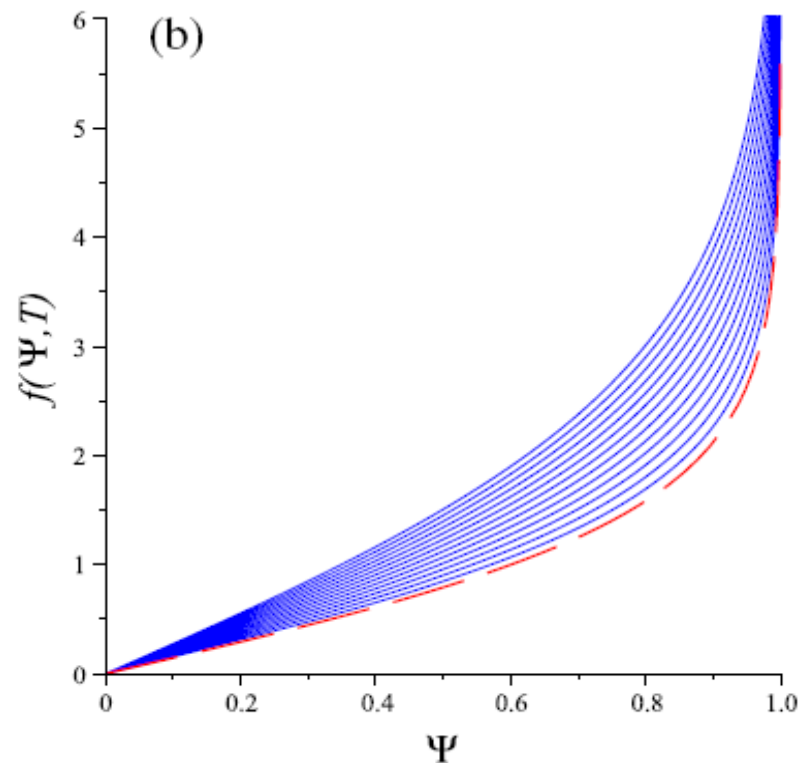
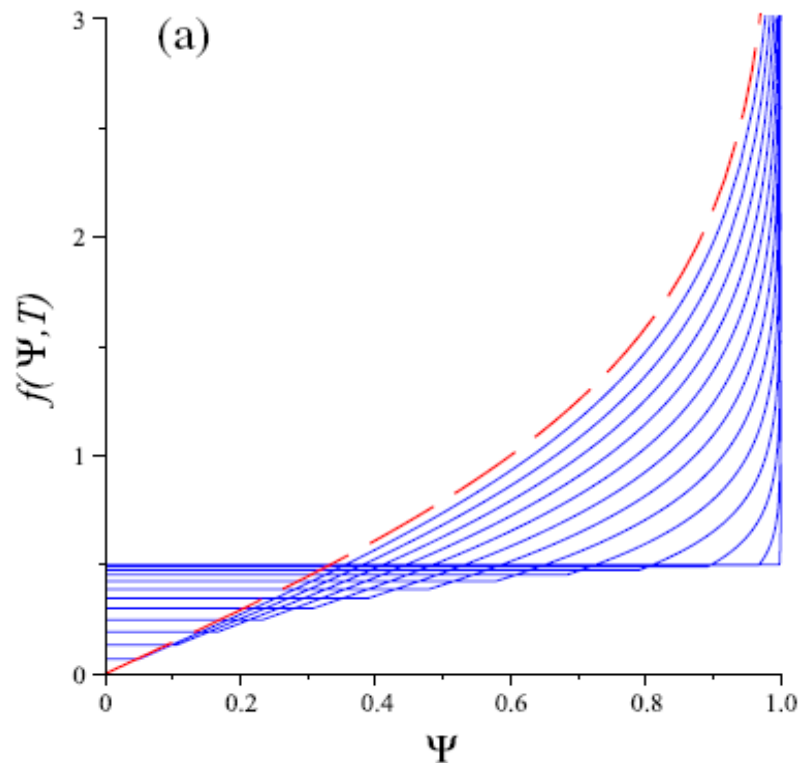
# Force and normalized extension

$$\Psi(f, T) = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_c^-} \frac{\langle h \rangle}{\langle n \rangle} = \frac{y(\partial/\partial y) \log(B(x, y, z))|_{z=z_c, x=e^{1/T}, y=ef/T}}{z(\partial/\partial z) \log(B(x, y, z))|_{z=z_c, x=e^{1/T}, y=ef/T}}$$

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$$f(\Psi, T) = \begin{cases} \frac{T}{2} \ln(e^{1/T} - 1) & 0 < \Psi < 1 - 2e^{-1/T} \\ \frac{T}{2} \ln\left(\frac{1 + \Psi}{1 - \Psi}\right) & 1 - 2e^{-1/T} \leq \Psi < 1 \end{cases} \quad 0 \leq T < T_c$$

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# Density and normalized extension

$$\sigma(\Psi, T) = \lim_{z \rightarrow z_c^-} \frac{\langle v \rangle}{\langle n \rangle} = \frac{x(\partial/\partial x) \log(B(x, y, z))|_{z=z_c, x=e^{1/T}, y=e^{f(\Psi, T)/T}}}{z(\partial/\partial z) \log(B(x, y, z))|_{z=z_c, x=e^{1/T}, y=e^{f(\Psi, T)/T}}}$$

$$\sigma(\Psi, T) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \frac{e^{1/T} - 2}{e^{1/T} - 1} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{e^{1/T}}{e^{1/T} - 1} \Psi & 0 \leq \Psi < 1 - 2e^{-1/T} \\ 0 & 1 - 2e^{-1/T} \leq \Psi < 1 \end{cases} \quad 0 \leq T < T_c$$

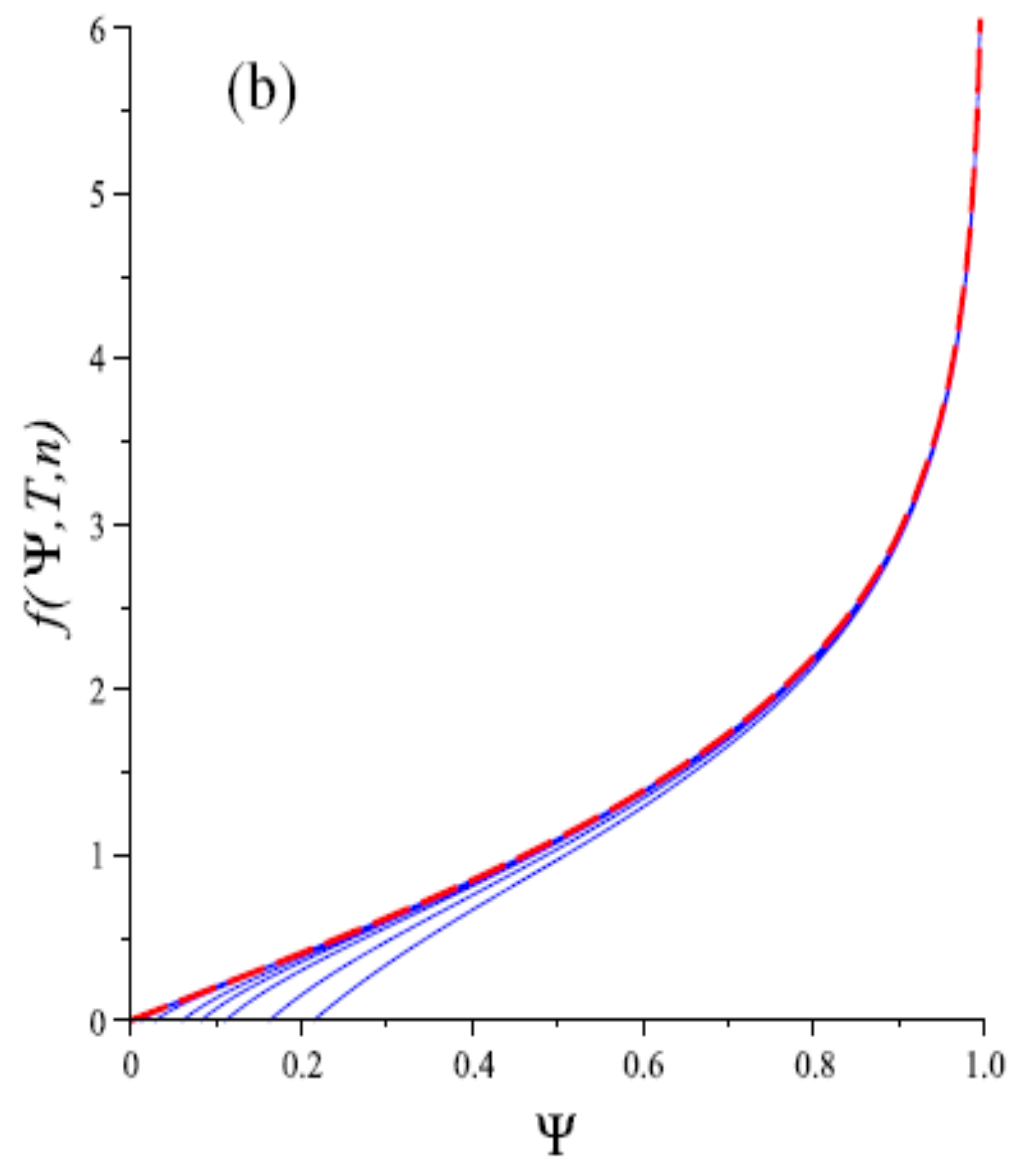
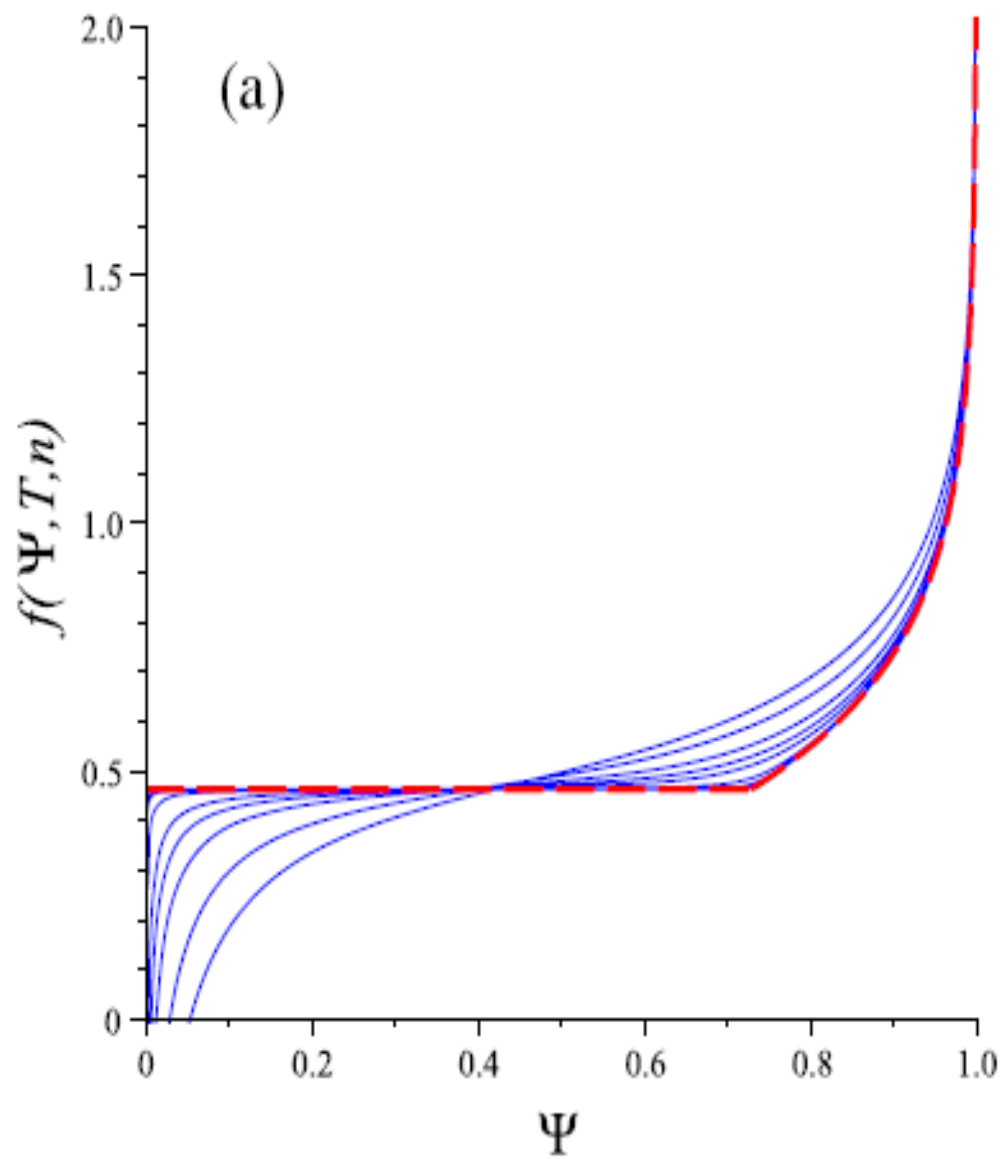
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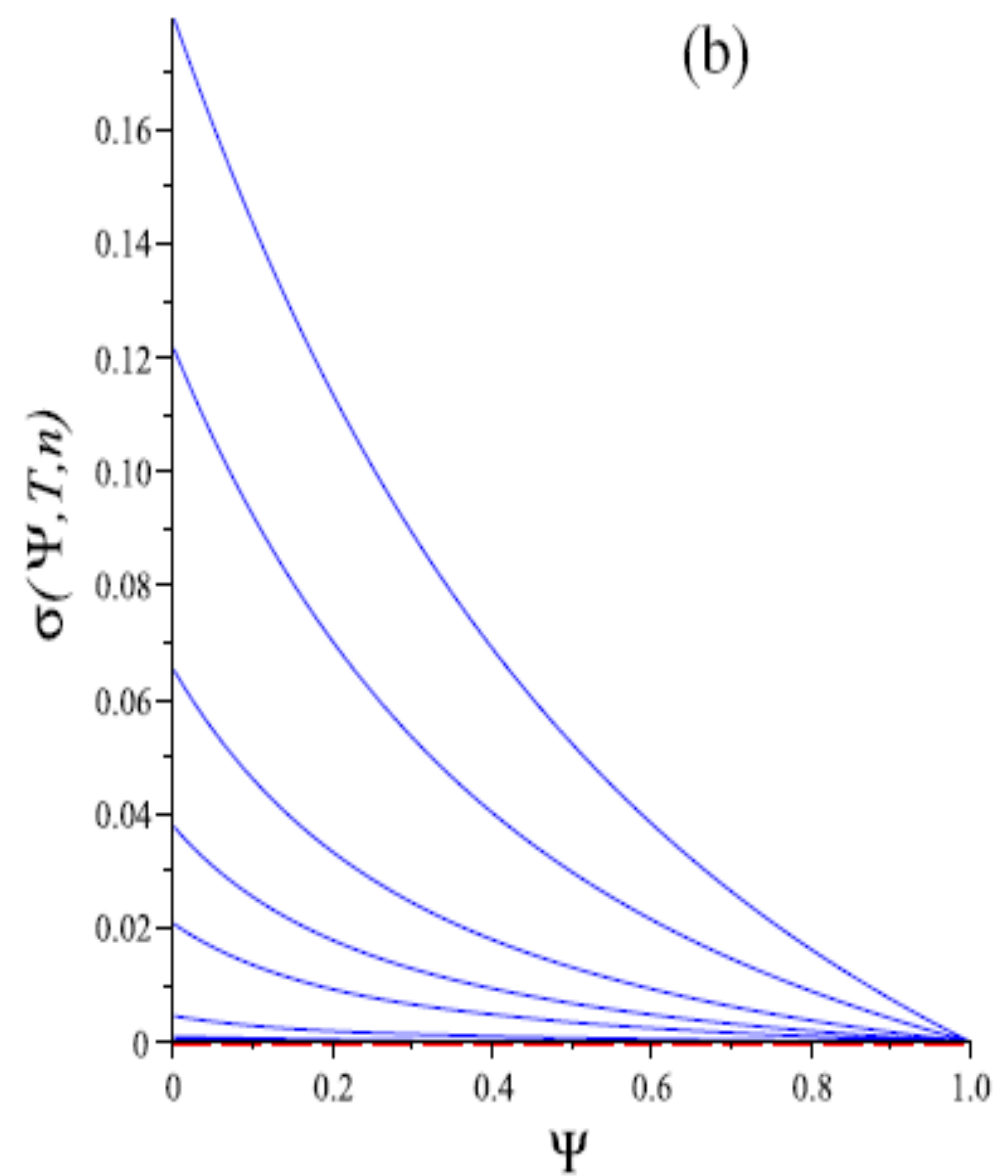
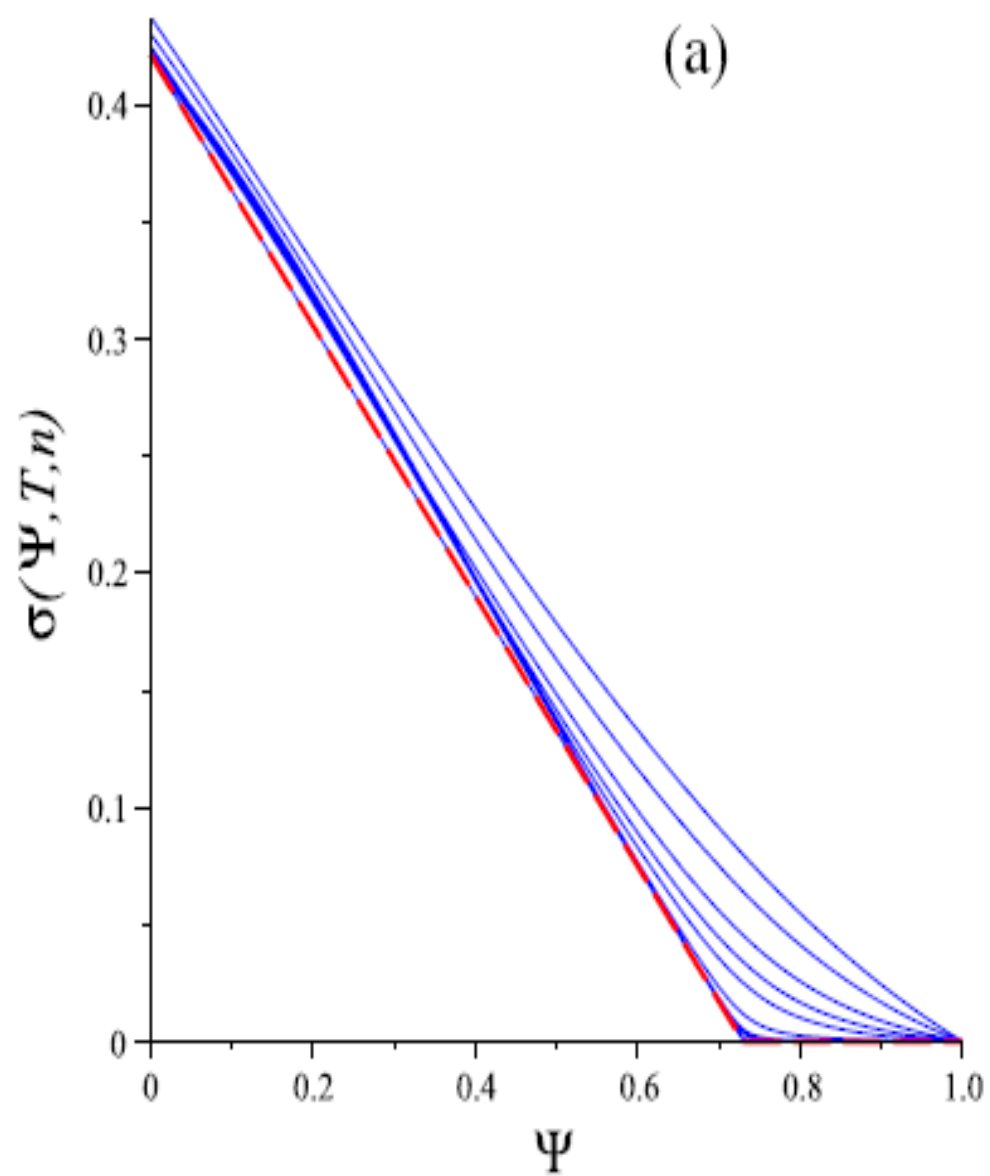
# Finite average length results

$$f(\Psi, T, \bar{n}) =$$

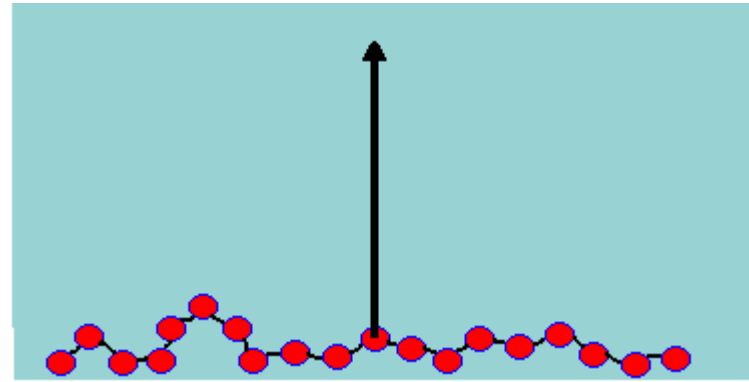
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{T}{2} \ln(e^{1/T} - 1) - \frac{1}{\bar{n}} \frac{T}{\Psi} \frac{2 - (1 - 2\Psi)e^{1/T}}{2 - (1 - \Psi)e^{1/T}} + \frac{1}{\bar{n}^2} \frac{T}{2\Psi^2} \\ \times \frac{8 + (3\Psi - \Psi^3 - \Psi^2 - 1)e^{3/T} + (6 + 4\Psi^3 + 6\Psi^2 - 12\Psi)e^{2/T} + (12\Psi - 12)e^{1/T}}{(2 - (1 - \Psi)e^{1/T})^3} \\ + o(1/\bar{n}^2) \quad 0 < \Psi < 1 - 2e^{-1/T} \\ \frac{T}{2} \ln(e^{1/T} - 1) + \frac{1}{\bar{n}^{1/2}} \frac{T}{2} \frac{e^{1/T}}{\sqrt{e^{1/T} - 1}} - \frac{1}{\bar{n}} T \frac{e^{1/T}}{e^{1/T} - 2} - \frac{1}{\bar{n}^{3/2}} \frac{T}{48} \left( \frac{e^{1/T}}{\sqrt{e^{1/T} - 1}} \right)^3 \\ + \frac{1}{\bar{n}^2} \frac{T}{2} \left( \frac{e^{1/T}}{e^{1/T} - 2} \right)^2 + o(1/\bar{n}^2) \quad \Psi = 1 - 2e^{-1/T} \\ \frac{T}{2} \ln \left( \frac{1 + \Psi}{1 - \Psi} \right) + \frac{1}{\bar{n}} \frac{T}{\Psi} \frac{e^{1/T} - 2}{2 - (1 - \Psi)e^{1/T}} + \frac{1}{\bar{n}^2} \frac{T}{2\Psi^2} \\ \times \frac{8 + (3\Psi^3 - 5\Psi^2 + 3\Psi - 1)e^{3/T} + (6 - 12\Psi + 6\Psi^2 - 4\Psi^3)e^{2/T} + (12\Psi - 12)e^{1/T}}{(2 - (1 - \Psi)e^{1/T})^3} \\ + o(1/\bar{n}^2) \quad 1 - 2e^{-1/T} < \Psi < 1 \end{array} \right.$$

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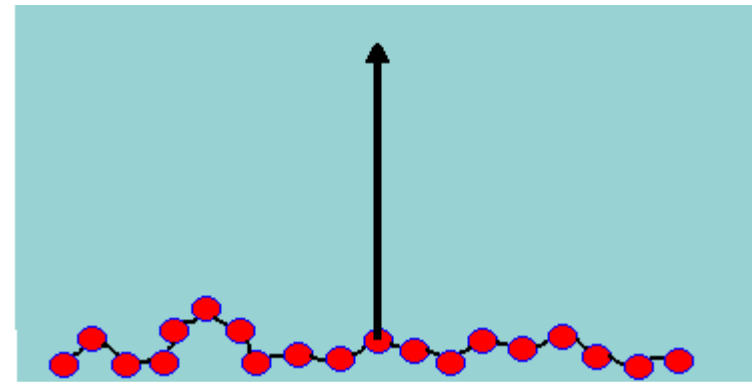




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- Dyck paths ending at height  $h$ :  $B_h(x, z) = \sum_{n,v} b_n(v, h) x^v z^n$

$$\overbrace{B_h(x, z)}^{\text{height } h} = \overbrace{B_{h-1}(x, z)}^z + \overbrace{B_{h+1}(x, z)}^z$$

$$B_h(x, z) = zB_{h-1}(x, z) + zB_{h+1}(x, z)$$

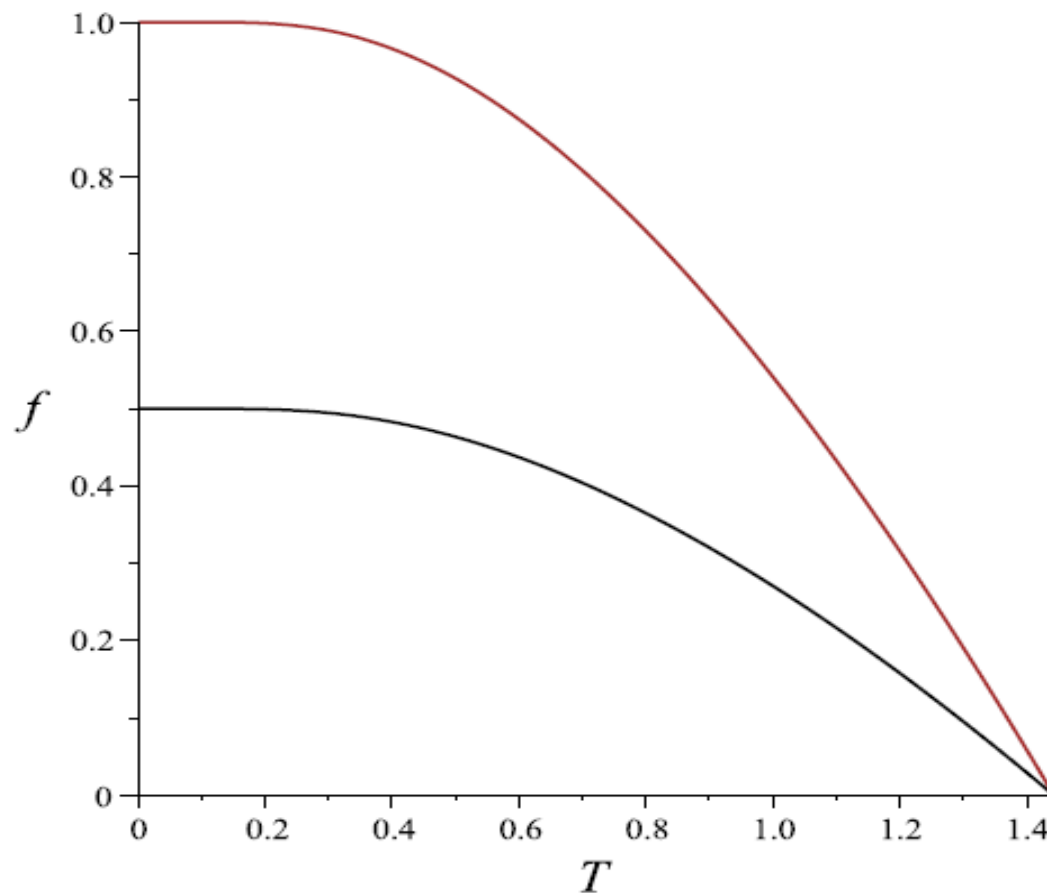
$$B_h(x, z) = \frac{2 \left( (1 - \sqrt{1 - 4z^2}) / 2z \right)^h}{2 - x(1 - \sqrt{1 - 4z^2})}$$

- Flip one path and *stitch* it to another with the same final height

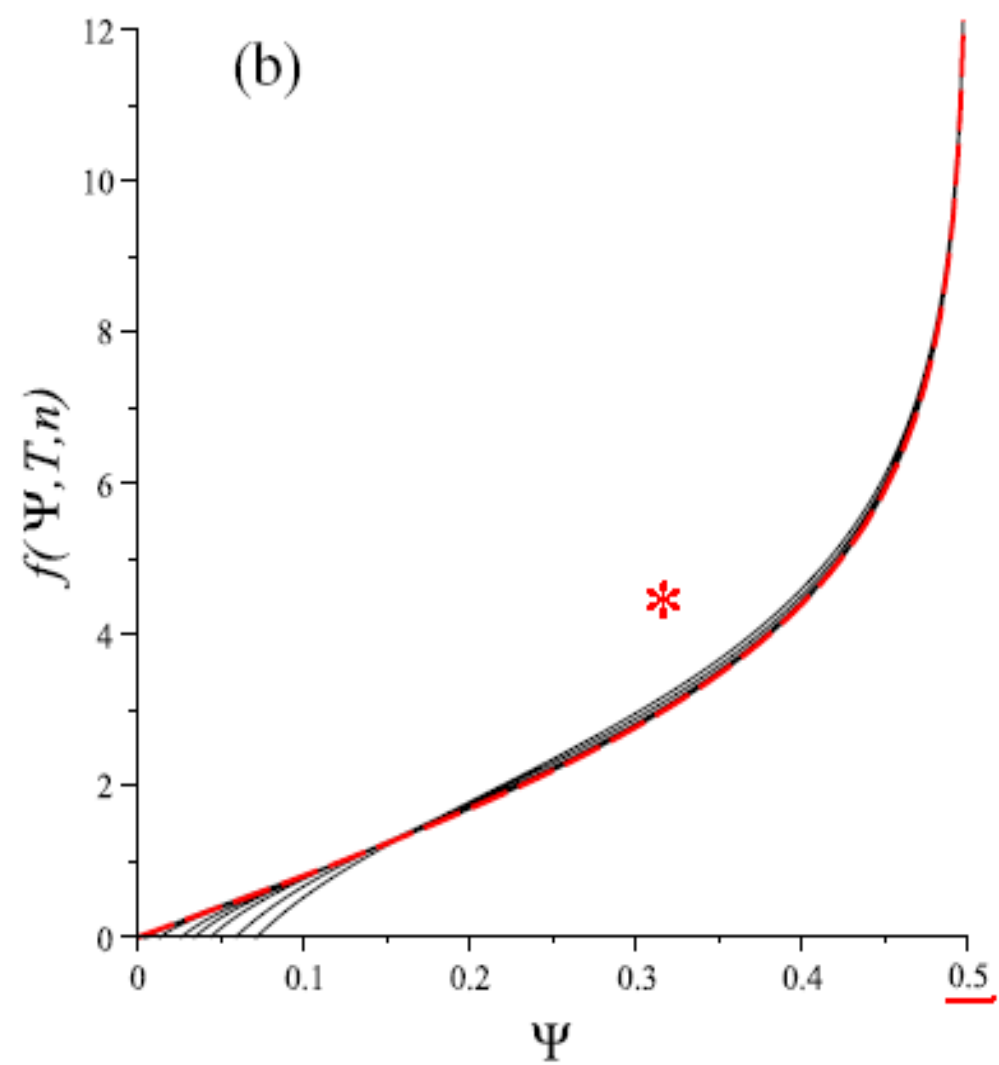
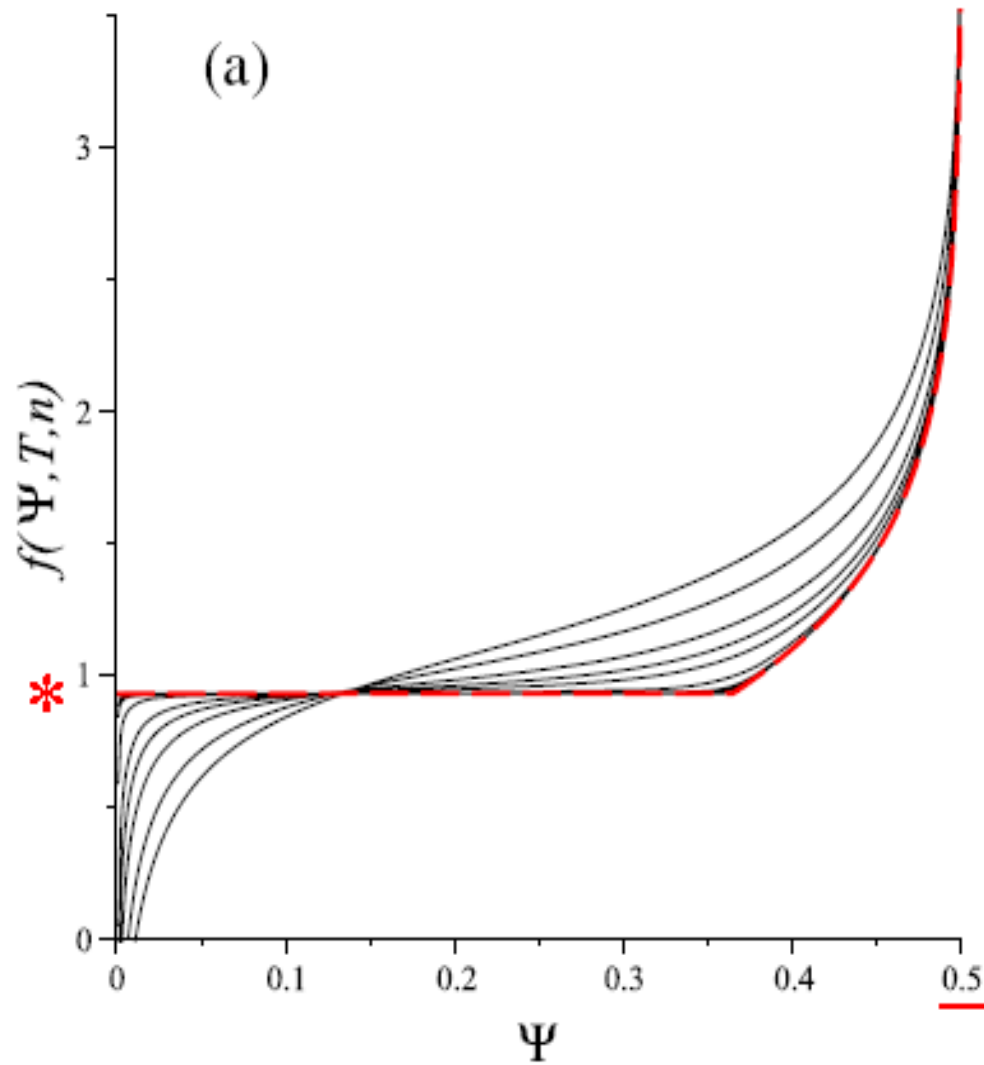
$$S(x, y, z) = \sum_h (B_h(x, z))^2 y^h = \frac{16z^2}{(2 - x(1 - \sqrt{1 - 4z^2}))^2 (4z^2 - y(1 - \sqrt{1 - 4z^2}))^2}$$

- Minimum force to desorb?

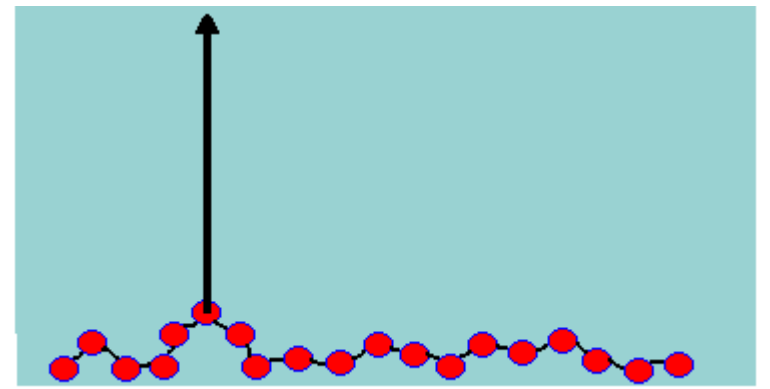
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# Finite length results



# Pulling off center

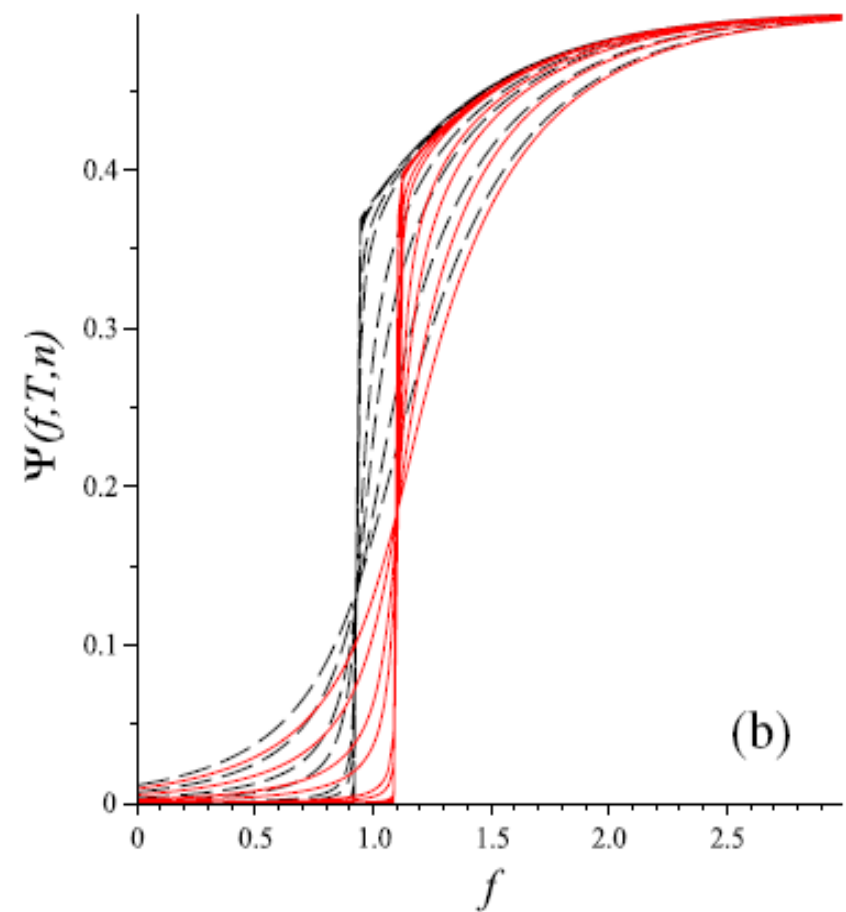
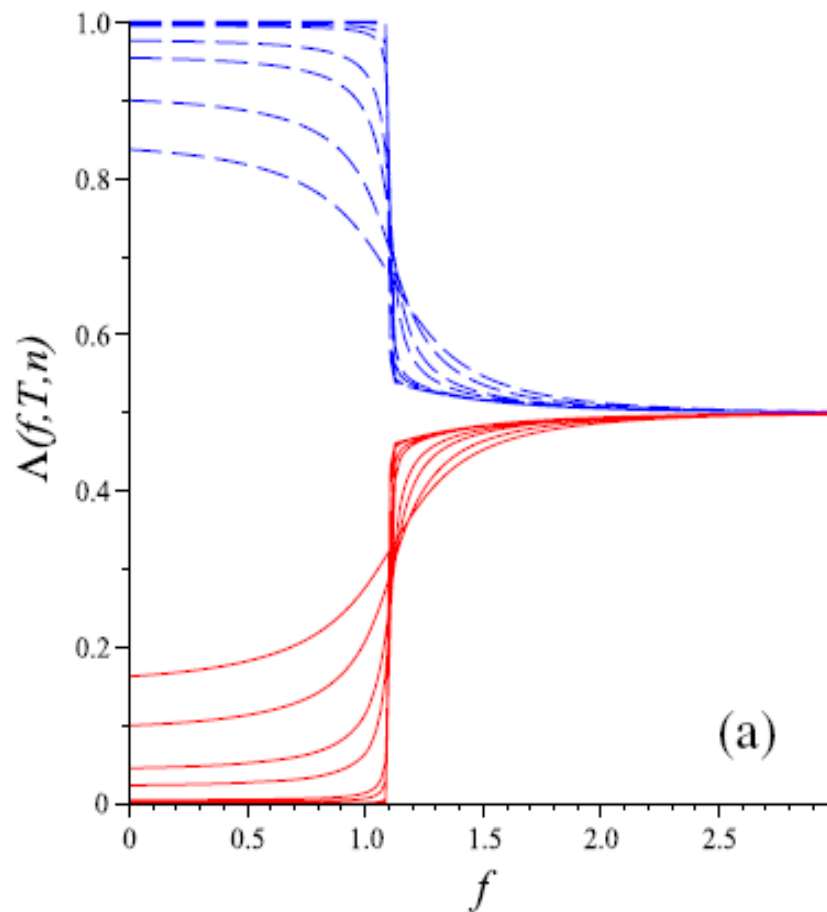
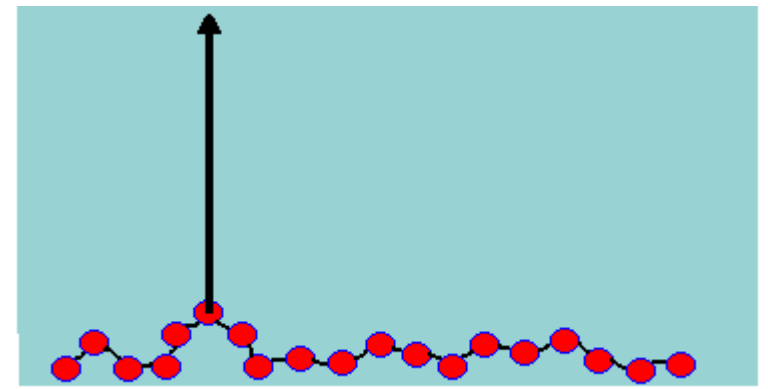


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$$\hat{S}(x, y, z, w) = \sum_h B_h(x, zw) B_h(x, z) y^h =$$

$$16z^2w$$

$$(2 - x(1 - \sqrt{1 - 4z^2w^2}))(2 - x(1 - \sqrt{1 - 4z^2}))(4z^2w - y(1 - \sqrt{1 - 4z^2w^2}))(1 - \sqrt{1 - 4z^2})$$



Thank you.