# ONSAGER'S SOLUTION OF THE ISING MODEL COULD HAVE BEEN GUESSED 



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- Note: $\mathrm{p} \rightarrow 1$ for $\mathrm{T} \rightarrow \infty$ and $\mathrm{p} \rightarrow 0$ for $\mathrm{T} \rightarrow 0$


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E(O)=\frac{1}{2}(2-2)=0 \\
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+152+4 x^{-4}+16 x^{3}+4 x^{4}
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$P=102 x^{-3}+144 x^{-1}+198 x+48 x^{3}+18 x^{5}+2 x^{9}$

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$$
\begin{gathered}
\mathrm{P}=13172279424+2 x^{-36}+72 x^{-32}+144 x^{-30}+1620 x^{-28}+6048 x^{-26}+35148 x^{-24}+ \\
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Note: $f(x)$ is D-finite, so we are in business!
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