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Ironically, it appears the sum rules BSZ write using large deviations are just those of the Nazarov et al method that were previously regarded as untractable.



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$$I(x) = \sup_{\theta} \left[\theta x - \log \left(\mathbb{E}(e^X) \right) \right]$$



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Of course, the issue becomes to effectively compute the rate function on both sides and alas, we haven't yet found a magic way to do these calculations in a general context.



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$$\frac{1}{n!} \prod_{1 \le j < k \le n} |e^{i\theta_j} - e^{\theta_k}|^2 \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{d\theta_j}{2\pi}$$



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One expands ρ and also the sum of logs and combines all second order terms to get that the rate function is (up to finite terms)

$$\frac{1}{2} \left[\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\alpha_{j+1} - \alpha_{j-1}|^2 + E_1 + E_2 \right] + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} k^{-1} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |\alpha_j|^{2k}$$



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