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### The Work of Daniel Wells, Forty Years Late

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

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Our main goal is to describe Wells' framework and what I regard as as his most significant theorem. Since he extended a framework of Ginibre, I begin by reminding (telling) you of that. Then the notion I call Wells' domination followed by his big theorem. Then examples including what may be my sole (I say may because it is possible that it is in the mystery preprint of Wells). Next, I'll discuss an alternate order due to van Beijeren and Sylvester which has one big flaw and then a summary of open questions. Finally, if there is time, I'll sketch the proof of the big theorem.



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 $\int \int (f_1(x) \pm f_1(y)) \dots (f_n(x) \pm f_n(y)) d\mu(x) d\nu(y) \ge 0$ 



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$$\langle \sigma^A \rangle_{\mu_H} \le \langle \sigma^A \rangle_{\nu_H}$$


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