



Calculation of free energy of a three-dimensional Ising-like system in an external field with the use of the ρ^6 model

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ABSTRACT

The microscopic approach to calculating the free energy of a three-dimensional Ising-like system in a homogeneous external field is developed in the higher non-Gaussian approximation (the ρ^6 model) at temperatures above the critical value of T_c (T_c is the phase-transition temperature in the absence of an external field). The free energy of the system is found by separating the contributions from the short- and long-wave spin-density oscillation modes taking into account both temperature and field fluctuations of the order parameter. Our analytical calculations do not involve power series in the scaling variable and are valid in the whole field–temperature plane near the critical point including the region in the vicinity of the limiting field h_c , which divides external fields into the weak and strong ones (i.e., the crossover region).

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1. Introduction

The Ising model is one of the most studied models in the theory of the phase transitions, not only because it is considered as the prototype of statistical systems showing a non-trivial power-law critical behaviour but also because it describes several physical systems [1]. Many systems characterized by short-range interactions and a scalar order parameter undergo a transition belonging to the Ising universality class. Despite the great successes in the investigation of three-dimensional (3D) Ising-like systems made by means of various methods (see, for example, Ref. [1]), the statistical description of the critical behaviour of the mentioned systems in terms of both temperature and field variables and the calculation of scaling functions are still of interest [2].

This article is a detailed presentation of the collective variables (CV) method [3–5] developed for a 3D Ising-like magnet in the higher non-Gaussian approximation and in the presence of an external field. The CV method is non-perturbative and similar to the Wilson non-perturbative renormalization-group (RG) approach (integration on fast modes and construction of an effective theory for slow modes) [6–8]. The term collective variables is a common name for a special class of variables that are specific for each individual physical system [3,4]. The CV set contains variables associated with order parameters. Because of this, the phase space of CV is most natural for describing a phase transition. For magnetic systems, the CV $\rho_{\mathbf{k}}$ are the variables associated with modes of spin-moment density oscillations, while the order parameter is related to the variable ρ_0 , in which the subscript “0” corresponds to the peak of the Fourier transform of the interaction potential. The methods existing at present make it possible to calculate universal quantities to a quite high degree of accuracy (see, for example, Ref. [1]). The advantage of the CV method lies in the possibility of obtaining and analysing thermodynamic characteristics as functions of the microscopic parameters of the initial system [9–13]. Using the non-Gaussian basis distributions of fluctuations in calculating the free energy of the system does not create the problem of the summation of various classes of divergent (with respect to the Gaussian distribution) diagrams at the critical point. A consideration of the increasing number of terms in the

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exponent of the non-Gaussian distribution is an alternative to the use of a higher-order perturbation theory based on the Gaussian distribution.

The free energy of a 3D Ising-like system in an external field at temperatures above T_c is calculated using the non-Gaussian spin-density fluctuations, namely the sextic measure density. The latter is represented as an exponential function of the CV whose argument includes the powers with the corresponding coupling constants up to the sixth power of the variable (the ρ^6 model). In our calculations, we use approximation for potential similar to the local potential approximation (LPA) (see, for example, Refs. [8,14]), assuming that the correction for the potential averaging is zero, although it can be taken into account if necessary (see Refs. [3–5]). The inclusion of this correction leads to a nonzero value of the critical exponent η characterizing the behaviour of the pair-correlation function for $T = T_c$. In the ρ^4 model approximation, we arrive at the result $\eta \approx 0.024$ [5,15]. For comparison, the exponents $\eta = 0.0335(25)$, $\eta = 0.0362(8)$ and $\eta = 0.033$ were obtained within the framework of the field-theory approach (7-loop calculations) [16], Monte Carlo simulations [17] and the non-perturbative RG approach (the order ∂^4 of the derivative expansion) [18], respectively. Including the above-mentioned correction and the related shift of the fixed point does not qualitatively change the main thermodynamic characteristics of the system. It should be noted that the convergence of an expansion in field monomials ϕ^{2n} at $\eta = 0$ has been studied in detail using Wilson RG techniques [19–24]. Although the sum of the expansion does not converge, it appears [24] that the asymptotic value of the critical exponent of the correlation length $\nu_{\text{asympt}} = 0.649562$ for the Ising universality class is reasonably closely approached at $n > 6$. This value agrees with our result $\nu = 0.649$ [25] obtained for the ρ^{10} model at the optimal RG parameter $s = s^* = 2.6108$ and $\eta = 0$. The value of $s = s^*$ (for each of the ρ^{2m} models) corresponds to nullifying the average value of the coefficient of the quadratic term in the effective density of measure at the fixed point. It is expected that the inclusion of a nonzero exponent η within the CV method will reduce the critical exponent of the correlation length ν (as in the non-perturbative RG approach [18]). A tendency to saturation of the critical exponent ν with increasing order of the ρ^{2m} model has been graphically illustrated in Refs. [9,25–27].

The present publication supplements the earlier works [9,10,28,29], in which the ρ^6 model was used for calculating the free energy and other thermodynamic functions of the system in the absence of an external field. The ρ^6 model provides a better quantitative description of the critical behaviour of a 3D Ising-like magnet than the ρ^4 model [9].

The expressions for the thermodynamic characteristics of the system in the presence of an external field have already been obtained on the basis of the simplest non-Gaussian measure density (the ρ^4 model) in Refs. [30–33] using the point of exit of the system from the critical regime as a function of the temperature (the weak-field region) or of the field (the strong-field region). In Refs. [30,31], the thermodynamic characteristics are presented in the form of series expansions in the variables, which are combinations of the temperature and field. Our calculations in the ρ^4 model approximation were also performed for temperatures $T > T_c$ [32] and $T < T_c$ [33] without using similar expansions for the roots of cubic equations appearing in the theoretical analysis. In this article, the free energy of a 3D uniaxial magnet within the framework of the more complicated ρ^6 model is found without using series expansions introducing the generalized point of exit of the system from the critical regime. This point takes into account temperature and field variables simultaneously. In our earlier article [34], the point of exit of the system from the critical regime was found in the simpler non-Gaussian approximation (the ρ^4 model) using the numerical calculations. In contrast to [34], the point of exit of the system in the present article is explicitly defined as a function of the temperature and field. This allows one to obtain the free energy without involving numerical calculations.

2. Basis relations

We consider a 3D Ising-like system on a simple cubic lattice with N sites and period c in a homogeneous external field h . The Hamiltonian of such a system has the form

$$H = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{j}, \mathbf{l}} \Phi(r_{\mathbf{j}\mathbf{l}}) \sigma_{\mathbf{j}} \sigma_{\mathbf{l}} - h \sum_{\mathbf{j}} \sigma_{\mathbf{j}}, \quad (1)$$

where $r_{\mathbf{j}\mathbf{l}}$ is the distance between particles at sites \mathbf{j} and \mathbf{l} , and $\sigma_{\mathbf{j}}$ is the operator of the z component of spin at the \mathbf{j} th site, having two eigenvalues $+1$ and -1 . The interaction potential is an exponentially decreasing function

$$\Phi(r_{\mathbf{j}\mathbf{l}}) = A \exp\left(-\frac{r_{\mathbf{j}\mathbf{l}}}{b}\right). \quad (2)$$

Here A is a constant and b is the radius of effective interaction. For the Fourier transform of the interaction potential, we use the following approximation [3,9,10]:

$$\tilde{\Phi}(k) = \begin{cases} \tilde{\Phi}(0)(1 - 2b^2k^2), & k \leq B', \\ 0, & B' < k \leq B, \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

where B is the boundary of the Brillouin half-zone ($B = \pi/c$), $B' = (b\sqrt{2})^{-1}$, $\tilde{\Phi}(0) = 8\pi A(b/c)^3$.

In the CV representation for the partition function of the system, we have [3,35]

$$Z = \int \exp\left[\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \beta \tilde{\Phi}(k) \rho_{\mathbf{k}} \rho_{-\mathbf{k}} + \beta h \sqrt{N} \rho_0\right] J(\rho) (d\rho)^N. \quad (4)$$

Here the summation over the wave vectors \mathbf{k} is carried out within the first Brillouin zone, $\beta = 1/(kT)$ is the inverse temperature, the CV $\rho_{\mathbf{k}}$ are introduced by means of the functional representation for operators of spin-density oscillation modes $\hat{\rho}_{\mathbf{k}} = (\sqrt{N})^{-1} \sum_{\mathbf{l}} \sigma_{\mathbf{l}} \exp(-i\mathbf{k}\mathbf{l})$,

$$J(\rho) = 2^N \int \exp \left[2\pi i \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \omega_{\mathbf{k}} \rho_{\mathbf{k}} + \sum_{n \geq 1} (2\pi i)^{2n} N^{1-n} \frac{\mathcal{M}_{2n}}{(2n)!} \sum_{\mathbf{k}_1, \dots, \mathbf{k}_{2n}} \omega_{\mathbf{k}_1} \cdots \omega_{\mathbf{k}_{2n}} \delta_{\mathbf{k}_1 + \dots + \mathbf{k}_{2n}} \right] (d\omega)^N \quad (5)$$

is the Jacobian of transition from the set of N spin variables $\sigma_{\mathbf{l}}$ to the set of CV $\rho_{\mathbf{k}}$, and $\delta_{\mathbf{k}_1 + \dots + \mathbf{k}_{2n}}$ is the Kronecker symbol. The variables $\omega_{\mathbf{k}}$ are conjugate to $\rho_{\mathbf{k}}$, and the cumulants \mathcal{M}_{2n} assume constant values (see Refs. [3–5]).

Proceeding from Eqs. (4) and (5), we obtain the following initial expression for the partition function of the system in the ρ^6 model approximation:

$$Z = 2^N 2^{(N'-1)/2} e^{a'_0 N'} \int \exp \left[-a'_1 (N')^{1/2} \rho_0 - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} d'(k) \rho_{\mathbf{k}} \rho_{-\mathbf{k}} - \sum_{l=2}^3 \frac{a'_{2l}}{(2l)! (N')^{l-1}} \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{k}_1, \dots, \mathbf{k}_{2l} \\ k_i \leq B'}} \rho_{\mathbf{k}_1} \cdots \rho_{\mathbf{k}_{2l}} \delta_{\mathbf{k}_1 + \dots + \mathbf{k}_{2l}} \right] (d\rho)^{N'} \quad (6)$$

Here $N' = N s_0^{-d}$ ($d = 3$ is the space dimension), $s_0 = B/B' = \pi \sqrt{2} b/c$, and $a'_1 = -s_0^{d/2} h'$, $h' = \beta h$. The expressions for the remaining coefficients are given in Refs. [9,10,28,29]. These coefficients are functions of s_0 , i.e., of the ratio of microscopic parameters b and c . The integration over the zeroth, first, second, ..., n th layers of the CV phase space [3–5,9] leads to the representation of the partition function in the form of a product of the partial partition functions Q_n of individual layers and the integral of the “smoothed” effective measure density

$$Z = 2^N 2^{(N_{n+1}-1)/2} Q_0 Q_1 \cdots Q_n [Q(P_n)]^{N_{n+1}} \int \mathcal{W}_6^{(n+1)}(\rho) (d\rho)^{N_{n+1}} \quad (7)$$

The expressions for Q_n , $Q(P_n)$ are presented in Refs. [9,10,28,29], and $N_{n+1} = N' s^{-d(n+1)}$. The sextic measure density of the $(n+1)$ th block structure $\mathcal{W}_6^{(n+1)}(\rho)$ has the form

$$\mathcal{W}_6^{(n+1)}(\rho) = \exp \left[-a_1^{(n+1)} N_{n+1}^{1/2} \rho_0 - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} d_{n+1}(k) \rho_{\mathbf{k}} \rho_{-\mathbf{k}} - \sum_{l=2}^3 \frac{a_{2l}^{(n+1)}}{(2l)! N_{n+1}^{l-1}} \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{k}_1, \dots, \mathbf{k}_{2l} \\ k_i \leq B_{n+1}}} \rho_{\mathbf{k}_1} \cdots \rho_{\mathbf{k}_{2l}} \delta_{\mathbf{k}_1 + \dots + \mathbf{k}_{2l}} \right], \quad (8)$$

where $B_{n+1} = B' s^{-(n+1)}$, $d_{n+1}(k) = a_2^{(n+1)} - \beta \tilde{\Phi}(k)$, $a_1^{(n+1)}$ and $a_{2l}^{(n+1)}$ are the renormalized values of the coefficients a'_1 and a'_{2l} after integration over $n+1$ layers of the phase space of CV. The coefficients $a_1^{(n)} = s^{-n} t_n$, $d_n(0) = s^{-2n} r_n$ [appearing in the quantity $d_n(k) = d_n(0) + 2\beta \tilde{\Phi}(0) b^2 k^2$], $a_4^{(n)} = s^{-4n} u_n$ and $a_6^{(n)} = s^{-6n} w_n$ are connected with the coefficients of the $(n+1)$ th layer through the recurrence relations (RR)

$$\begin{aligned} t_{n+1} &= s^{(d+2)/2} t_n, \\ r_{n+1} &= s^2 [-q + u_n^{1/2} Y(h_n, \alpha_n)], \\ u_{n+1} &= s^{4-d} u_n B(h_n, \alpha_n), \\ w_{n+1} &= s^{6-2d} u_n^{3/2} D(h_n, \alpha_n) \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

whose solutions

$$\begin{aligned} t_n &= t^{(0)} - s_0^{d/2} h' E_1^n, \\ r_n &= r^{(0)} + c_1 E_2^n + c_2 w_{12}^{(0)} (u^{(0)})^{-1/2} E_3^n + c_3 w_{13}^{(0)} (u^{(0)})^{-1} E_4^n, \\ u_n &= u^{(0)} + c_1 w_{21}^{(0)} (u^{(0)})^{1/2} E_2^n + c_2 E_3^n + c_3 w_{23}^{(0)} (u^{(0)})^{-1/2} E_4^n, \\ w_n &= w^{(0)} + c_1 w_{31}^{(0)} u^{(0)} E_2^n + c_2 w_{32}^{(0)} (u^{(0)})^{1/2} E_3^n + c_3 E_4^n \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

in the region of the critical regime are used for calculating the free energy of the system. Here

$$\begin{aligned} Y(h_n, \alpha_n) &= s^{d/2} F_2(\eta_n, \xi_n) [C(h_n, \alpha_n)]^{-1/2}, \\ B(h_n, \alpha_n) &= s^{2d} C(\eta_n, \xi_n) [C(h_n, \alpha_n)]^{-1}, \\ D(h_n, \alpha_n) &= s^{7d/2} N(\eta_n, \xi_n) [C(h_n, \alpha_n)]^{-3/2}. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

The quantity $q = \bar{q}\beta\tilde{\Phi}(0)$ determines the average value of the Fourier transform of the potential $\beta\tilde{\Phi}(B_{n+1}, B_n) = \beta\tilde{\Phi}(0) - q/s^{2n}$ in the n th layer (in this article, $\bar{q} = (1 + s^{-2})/2$ corresponds to the arithmetic mean value of k^2 on the interval $(1/s, 1]$). The basic arguments h_n and α_n are determined by the coefficients of the sextic measure density of the n th block structure. The intermediate variables η_n and ξ_n are functions of h_n and α_n . The expressions for both basic and intermediate arguments as well as the special functions appearing in Eq. (11) are the same as in the absence of an external field (see Refs. [9,10,28,29]). The quantities E_i in Eq. (10) are the eigenvalues of the matrix of the RG linear transformation

$$\begin{pmatrix} t_{n+1} - t^{(0)} \\ r_{n+1} - r^{(0)} \\ u_{n+1} - u^{(0)} \\ w_{n+1} - w^{(0)} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} R_{11} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & R_{22} & R_{23} & R_{24} \\ 0 & R_{32} & R_{33} & R_{34} \\ 0 & R_{42} & R_{43} & R_{44} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} t_n - t^{(0)} \\ r_n - r^{(0)} \\ u_n - u^{(0)} \\ w_n - w^{(0)} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (12)$$

We have $E_1 = R_{11} = s^{(d+2)/2}$. Other nonzero matrix elements R_{ij} ($i = 2, 3, 4; j = 2, 3, 4$) and the eigenvalues E_2, E_3, E_4 coincide, respectively, with the quantities R_{i,j_1} ($i_1 = i - 1; j_1 = j - 1$) and E_1, E_2, E_3 obtained in the case of $h = 0$. The quantities f_0, φ_0 and ψ_0 characterizing the fixed-point coordinates

$$t^{(0)} = 0, \quad r^{(0)} = -f_0\beta\tilde{\Phi}(0), \quad u^{(0)} = \varphi_0(\beta\tilde{\Phi}(0))^2, \quad w^{(0)} = \psi_0(\beta\tilde{\Phi}(0))^3 \quad (13)$$

as well as the remaining coefficients in Eq. (10) are also defined on the basis of expressions corresponding to a zero external field.

3. Method of calculation

Let us calculate the free energy $F = -kT \ln Z$ of a 3D Ising-like system above the critical temperature T_c . The basic idea of such a calculation on the microscopic level consists in the separate inclusion of the contributions from short-wave (F_{CR} , the region of the critical regime) and long-wave (F_{LGR} , the region of the limiting Gaussian regime) modes of spin-moment density oscillations [3–5]:

$$F = F_0 + F_{CR} + F_{LGR}. \quad (14)$$

Here $F_0 = -kTN \ln 2$ is the free energy of N noninteracting spins. Each of three components in Eq. (14) corresponds to individual factors in the convenient representation

$$Z = 2^N Z_{CR} Z_{LGR} \quad (15)$$

for the partition function given by Eq. (7). The contributions from short- and long-wave modes to the free energy of the system in the presence of an external field are calculated in the ρ^6 model approximation according to the scheme proposed in Refs. [9,10,28,29]. Short-wave modes are characterized by an RG symmetry and are described by a non-Gaussian measure density. The calculation of the contribution from long-wave modes is based on using the Gaussian measure density as the basis one. Here, we have developed a direct method of calculations with the results obtained by taking into account the short-wave modes as initial parameters. The main results obtained in the course of deriving the complete expression for the free energy of the system are presented below.

3.1. Region of the critical regime

A calculation technique based on the ρ^6 model for the contribution F_{CR} is similar to that elaborated in the absence of an external field (see, for example, Refs. [5,9,29]). Carrying out the summation of partial tree energies F_n over the layers of the phase space of CV, we can calculate F_{CR} :

$$F_{CR} = F'_0 + F'_{CR},$$

$$F'_0 = -kTN' [\ln Q(\mathcal{M}) + \ln Q(d)],$$

$$F'_{CR} = \sum_{n=1}^{n_p} F_n. \quad (16)$$

An explicit dependence of F_n on the layer number n is obtained using solutions (10) of RR and series expansions of special functions in small deviations of the basic arguments from their values at the fixed point. The main peculiar feature of the present calculations lies in using the generalized point of exit of the system from the critical regime of order-parameter fluctuations. The inclusion of the more complicated expression for the exit point (as a function of both temperature and field variables) [36]

$$n_p = -\frac{\ln(\tilde{h}^2 + \tilde{h}_c^2)}{2 \ln E_1} - 1 \quad (17)$$

leads to the distinction between formula (16) for F'_{CR} and the analogous relation at $h = 0$ [9,29]. The quantity $\tilde{h} = h'/f_0$ is determined by the dimensionless field h' , while the quantity $\tilde{h}_c = \tilde{\tau}^{p_0}$ is a function of the reduced temperature $\tau = (T - T_c)/T_c$. Here $\tilde{\tau} = \tilde{c}_1^{(0)} \tau/f_0$, $p_0 = \ln E_1/\ln E_2 = (d+2)v/2$, $\tilde{c}_1^{(0)}$ characterizes the coefficient c_1 in solutions

Table 1The eigenvalues E_l and the exponents ν , Δ_1 , Δ_2 for the ρ^6 model.

E_1	E_2	E_3	E_4	ν	Δ_1	Δ_2
12.3695	4.8468	0.4367	0.0032	0.637	0.525	3.647

(10) of RR, $\nu = \ln s / \ln E_2$ is the critical exponent of the correlation length. At $h = 0$, n_p becomes $m_\tau = -\ln \tilde{\tau} / \ln E_2 - 1$ (see Refs. [5,9,29]). At $T = T_c$ ($\tau = 0$), the quantity n_p coincides with the exit point $n_h = -\ln \tilde{h} / \ln E_1 - 1$ [37]. The limiting value of the field \tilde{h}_c is obtained by the equality of the exit points defined by the temperature and by the field ($m_\tau = n_h$).

Having expression (17) for n_p , we arrive at the relations [38]

$$\begin{aligned}
 E_1^{n_p+1} &= (\tilde{h}^2 + \tilde{h}_c^2)^{-1/2}, & \tilde{\tau} E_2^{n_p+1} &= H_c, \\
 H_c &= \tilde{h}_c^{1/p_0} (\tilde{h}^2 + \tilde{h}_c^2)^{-1/(2p_0)}, \\
 E_3^{n_p+1} &= H_3, & H_3 &= (\tilde{h}^2 + \tilde{h}_c^2)^{\Delta_1/(2p_0)}, \\
 E_4^{n_p+1} &= H_4, & H_4 &= (\tilde{h}^2 + \tilde{h}_c^2)^{\Delta_2/(2p_0)}, \\
 s^{-(n_p+1)} &= (\tilde{h}^2 + \tilde{h}_c^2)^{1/(d+2)},
 \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

where $\Delta_1 = -\ln E_3 / \ln E_2$ and $\Delta_2 = -\ln E_4 / \ln E_2$ are the exponents, which determine the first and second confluent corrections, respectively. Numerical values of the quantities E_l ($l = 1, 2, 3, 4$), ν , Δ_1 and Δ_2 for the optimal RG parameter $s = s^* = 2.7349$ are contained in Table 1. For comparison, the other authors' data calculated within the field-theory approach ($\nu = 0.630$, $\Delta_1 = 0.498$) and high-temperature expansions ($\nu = 0.638$, $\Delta_1 = 0.50$) are given in Refs. [9,11]. The values of the critical exponent of the correlation length $\nu = 0.6304(13)$, $\nu = 0.6297(5)$ and $\nu = 0.632$ are presented in the above-mentioned articles [16–18], respectively. It should be noted that, in comparison with $\Delta_1 = 0.525$ and $\Delta_2 = 3.647$ calculated for the ρ^6 model at $\eta = 0$ (see Table 1), the exponents of the first and second confluent corrections $\Delta_1 = 0.448$ and $\Delta_2 = 2.57$ [27] for the ρ^{10} model agree more closely with the estimates $0.425 \dots$ (for Δ_1) and $2.065 \dots$ (for Δ_2) obtained using the Wilson RG equation in the LPA (see, for example, Ref. [39]).

In the weak-field region ($\tilde{h} \ll \tilde{h}_c$), quantities (18) can be calculated with the help of the following expansions:

$$\begin{aligned}
 E_1^{n_p+1} &= \tilde{h}_c^{-1} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\tilde{h}^2}{\tilde{h}_c^2} \right), & \tilde{h}_c^{-1} &= \tilde{\tau}^{-p_0}, \\
 H_c &= 1 - \frac{1}{2p_0} \frac{\tilde{h}^2}{\tilde{h}_c^2}, \\
 H_3 &= \tilde{h}_c^{\Delta_1/p_0} \left(1 + \frac{\Delta_1}{2p_0} \frac{\tilde{h}^2}{\tilde{h}_c^2} \right), & \tilde{h}_c^{\Delta_1/p_0} &= \tilde{\tau}^{\Delta_1}, \\
 H_4 &= \tilde{h}_c^{\Delta_2/p_0} \left(1 + \frac{\Delta_2}{2p_0} \frac{\tilde{h}^2}{\tilde{h}_c^2} \right), & \tilde{h}_c^{\Delta_2/p_0} &= \tilde{\tau}^{\Delta_2}, \\
 s^{-(n_p+1)} &= \tilde{h}_c^{2/(d+2)} \left(1 + \frac{1}{d+2} \frac{\tilde{h}^2}{\tilde{h}_c^2} \right), & \tilde{h}_c^{2/(d+2)} &= \tilde{\tau}^\nu.
 \end{aligned} \tag{19}$$

In the strong-field region ($\tilde{h} \gg \tilde{h}_c$), these quantities satisfy the expressions

$$\begin{aligned}
 E_1^{n_p+1} &= \tilde{h}^{-1} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\tilde{h}_c^2}{\tilde{h}^2} \right), \\
 H_c &= (\tilde{h}_c/\tilde{h})^{1/p_0} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2p_0} \frac{\tilde{h}_c^2}{\tilde{h}^2} \right), \\
 H_3 &= \tilde{h}^{\Delta_1/p_0} \left(1 + \frac{\Delta_1}{2p_0} \frac{\tilde{h}_c^2}{\tilde{h}^2} \right), \\
 H_4 &= \tilde{h}^{\Delta_2/p_0} \left(1 + \frac{\Delta_2}{2p_0} \frac{\tilde{h}_c^2}{\tilde{h}^2} \right),
 \end{aligned}$$

$$s^{-(n_p+1)} = \tilde{h}^{2/(d+2)} \left(1 + \frac{1}{d+2} \frac{\tilde{h}_c^2}{\tilde{h}^2} \right). \tag{20}$$

It should be noted that the variables \tilde{h}/\tilde{h}_c (the weak fields) and $(\tilde{h}_c/\tilde{h})^{1/p_0}$ (the strong fields) coincide with the accepted choice of the arguments for scaling functions in accordance with the scaling theory. In the particular case of $h = 0$ and $\tau \neq 0$, expressions (19) are defined as $E_1^{n_p+1} = \tilde{\tau}^{-p_0}$, $H_c = 1$, $H_3 = \tilde{\tau}^{\Delta_1}$, $H_4 = \tilde{\tau}^{\Delta_2}$, $s^{-(n_p+1)} = \tilde{\tau}^\nu$. At $h \neq 0$ and $\tau = 0$, we have $\tilde{h}E_1^{n_p+1} = 1$, $H_c = 0$, $H_3 = \tilde{h}^{\Delta_1/p_0}$, $H_4 = \tilde{h}^{\Delta_2/p_0}$, $s^{-(n_p+1)} = \tilde{h}^{2/(d+2)}$ [see Eq. (20)].

We shall perform the further calculations on the basis of Eq. (18), which are valid in the general case for the regions of small, intermediate (the crossover region) and large field values. The inclusion of $E_3^{n_p+1}$ (or H_3) leads to the formation of the first confluent corrections in the expressions for thermodynamic characteristics of the system. The quantity $E_4^{n_p+1}$ (or H_4) is responsible for the emergence of the second confluent corrections. The cases of the weak or strong fields can be obtained from general expressions by using Eqs. (19) or (20). We disregard the second confluent correction in our calculations. This is due to the fact that the contribution from the first confluent correction to thermodynamic functions near the critical point ($\tau = 0$, $h = 0$) for various values of s is more significant than the small contribution from the second correction ($\tilde{h}^2 + \tilde{h}_c^2 \ll 1$, Δ_1 is of the order of 0.5 and $\Delta_2 > 2$, see Table 1, [28]).

Proceeding from an explicit dependence of F_n on the layer number n [5,28,29] and taking into account Eq. (18), we can now write the final expression for F_{CR} (16):

$$F_{CR} = -kTN' \left(\gamma_0^{(CR)} + \gamma_1 \tau + \gamma_2 \tau^2 \right) + F_s, \\ F_s = kTN' s^{-3(n_p+1)} \left(\bar{\gamma}_3^{(CR)(0)+} + \bar{\gamma}_3^{(CR)(1)+} c_{20}^{(0)} H_3 \right). \tag{21}$$

Here $c_{20}^{(0)}$ characterizes c_2 in solutions (10) of RR,

$$\bar{\gamma}_3^{(CR)(0)+} = \frac{f_{CR}^{(0)}}{1-s^{-3}} + \frac{f_{CR}^{(1)} \varphi_0^{-1/2} f_0 H_c}{1-E_2 s^{-3}} + \frac{f_{CR}^{(7)} \varphi_0^{-1} (f_0 H_c)^2}{1-E_2^2 s^{-3}}, \\ \bar{\gamma}_3^{(CR)(1)+} = \frac{f_{CR}^{(2)} \varphi_0^{-1}}{1-E_3 s^{-3}} + \frac{f_{CR}^{(4)} \varphi_0^{-3/2} f_0 H_c}{1-E_2 E_3 s^{-3}} + \frac{f_{CR}^{(8)} \varphi_0^{-2} (f_0 H_c)^2}{1-E_2^2 E_3 s^{-3}}, \tag{22}$$

and the coefficients

$$\gamma_0^{(CR)} = \gamma_0^{(0)} + \delta_0^{(0)}, \\ \gamma_k = \gamma_0^{(k)} + \delta_0^{(k)}, \quad k = 1, 2 \tag{23}$$

are determined by the components of the quantities

$$\gamma_0 = \gamma_0^{(0)} + \gamma_0^{(1)} \tau + \gamma_0^{(2)} \tau^2, \\ \delta_0 = \delta_0^{(0)} + \delta_0^{(1)} \tau + \delta_0^{(2)} \tau^2. \tag{24}$$

The components $\delta_0^{(i)}$ ($i = 0, 1, 2$) satisfy the earlier relations [5,28,29] obtained in the case of a zero external field. The components $\gamma_0^{(i)}$ are given by the corresponding expressions at $h = 0$ under condition that the eigenvalues E_1 , E_2 and E_3 should be replaced by E_2 , E_3 and E_4 , respectively.

Let us now calculate the contribution to the free energy of the system from the layers of the CV phase space beyond the point of exit from the critical-regime region. The calculations are performed according to the scheme proposed in Refs. [3,5,9,10]. As in the previous study, while calculating the partition function component Z_{LGR} from Eq. (15), it is convenient to single out two regions of values of wave vectors. The first is the transition region ($Z_{LGR}^{(1)}$) corresponding to values of \mathbf{k} close to B_{n_p} , while the second is the Gaussian region ($Z_{LGR}^{(2)}$) corresponding to small values of wave vector ($k \rightarrow 0$). Thus, we have

$$Z_{LGR} = Z_{LGR}^{(1)} Z_{LGR}^{(2)}. \tag{25}$$

3.2. Transition region

This region corresponds to \tilde{m}_0 layers of the phase space of CV. The lower boundary of the transition region is determined by the point of exit of the system from the critical-regime region ($n = n_p + 1$). The upper boundary corresponds to the layer $n_p + \tilde{m}_0 + 1$. We use for \tilde{m}_0 the integer closest to \tilde{m}'_0 . The condition for obtaining \tilde{m}'_0 is the equality [9,29]

$$|h_{n_p+\tilde{m}'_0}| = \frac{A_0}{1-s^{-3}}, \tag{26}$$

where A_0 is a large number ($A_0 \geq 10$).

The free energy contribution

$$F_{\text{LGR}}^{(1)} = -kTN_{n_p+1} \sum_{m=0}^{\tilde{m}_0} s^{-3m} f_{\text{LGR}_1}(m),$$

$$f_{\text{LGR}_1}(m) = \ln\left(\frac{2}{\pi}\right) + \frac{1}{4} \ln 24 - \frac{1}{4} \ln C(\eta_{n_p+m}, \xi_{n_p+m}) + \ln I_0(h_{n_p+m+1}, \alpha_{n_p+m+1}) + \ln I_0(\eta_{n_p+m}, \xi_{n_p+m}) \quad (27)$$

corresponding to $Z_{\text{LGR}}^{(1)}$ from Eq. (25) is calculated by using the solutions of RR.

The basic arguments in the $(n_p + m)$ th layer

$$h_{n_p+m} = (r_{n_p+m} + q)(6/u_{n_p+m})^{1/2},$$

$$\alpha_{n_p+m} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{15} w_{n_p+m}/u_{n_p+m}^{3/2} \quad (28)$$

can be presented using the relations

$$t_{n_p+m} = -s_0^{d/2} f_0 E_1^{m-1} \tilde{h}(\tilde{h}^2 + \tilde{h}_c^2)^{-1/2},$$

$$r_{n_p+m} = \beta \tilde{\Phi}(0) \left(-f_0 + f_0 H_c E_2^{m-1} + c_{20}^{(0)} H_3 \varphi_0^{-1/2} w_{12}^{(0)} E_3^{m-1} \right),$$

$$u_{n_p+m} = (\beta \tilde{\Phi}(0))^2 \left(\varphi_0 + f_0 H_c \varphi_0^{1/2} w_{21}^{(0)} E_2^{m-1} + c_{20}^{(0)} H_3 E_3^{m-1} \right),$$

$$w_{n_p+m} = (\beta \tilde{\Phi}(0))^3 \left(\psi_0 + f_0 H_c \varphi_0 w_{31}^{(0)} E_2^{m-1} + c_{20}^{(0)} H_3 \varphi_0^{1/2} w_{32}^{(0)} E_3^{m-1} \right) \quad (29)$$

obtained on the basis of Eqs. (10) and (18). We arrive at the following expressions:

$$h_{n_p+m} = h_{n_p+m}^{(0)} \left(1 + \tilde{h}_{n_p+m}^{(1)} c_{20}^{(0)} H_3 \right),$$

$$h_{n_p+m}^{(0)} = \sqrt{6} \frac{\tilde{q} - f_0 + f_0 H_c E_2^{m-1}}{(\varphi_0 + f_0 H_c \varphi_0^{1/2} w_{21}^{(0)} E_2^{m-1})^{1/2}},$$

$$\tilde{h}_{n_p+m}^{(1)} = E_3^{m-1} \left(\frac{\varphi_0^{-1/2} w_{12}^{(0)}}{\tilde{q} - f_0 + f_0 H_c E_2^{m-1}} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\varphi_0 + f_0 H_c \varphi_0^{1/2} w_{21}^{(0)} E_2^{m-1}} \right);$$

$$\alpha_{n_p+m} = \alpha_{n_p+m}^{(0)} \left(1 + \tilde{\alpha}_{n_p+m}^{(1)} c_{20}^{(0)} H_3 \right),$$

$$\alpha_{n_p+m}^{(0)} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{15} \frac{\psi_0 + f_0 H_c \varphi_0 w_{31}^{(0)} E_2^{m-1}}{(\varphi_0 + f_0 H_c \varphi_0^{1/2} w_{21}^{(0)} E_2^{m-1})^{3/2}}, \quad (30)$$

$$\tilde{\alpha}_{n_p+m}^{(1)} = E_3^{m-1} \left(\frac{\varphi_0^{1/2} w_{32}^{(0)}}{\psi_0 + f_0 H_c \varphi_0 w_{31}^{(0)} E_2^{m-1}} - \frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{\varphi_0 + f_0 H_c \varphi_0^{1/2} w_{21}^{(0)} E_2^{m-1}} \right).$$

In contrast to H_c , the quantity H_3 in expressions (30) for h_{n_p+m} and α_{n_p+m} as well as in expression (21) for F_s takes on small values with the variation of the field \tilde{h} (see Fig. 1). The quantity H_c at $\tilde{h} \rightarrow 0$ and near \tilde{h}_c is close to unity and series expansions in H_c are not effective here.

Power series in the small deviations $(h_{n_p+m} - h_{n_p+m}^{(0)})$ and $(\alpha_{n_p+m} - \alpha_{n_p+m}^{(0)})$ for the special functions appearing in the expressions for the intermediate arguments

$$\eta_{n_p+m} = (6s^d)^{1/2} F_2(h_{n_p+m}, \alpha_{n_p+m}) [C(h_{n_p+m}, \alpha_{n_p+m})]^{-1/2},$$

$$\xi_{n_p+m} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{15} s^{-d/2} N(h_{n_p+m}, \alpha_{n_p+m}) [C(h_{n_p+m}, \alpha_{n_p+m})]^{-3/2} \quad (31)$$

allow us to find the relations

$$\eta_{n_p+m} = \eta_{n_p+m}^{(0)} \left[1 - \left(\tilde{\eta}_1^{(n_p+m)} h_{n_p+m}^{(0)} \tilde{h}_{n_p+m}^{(1)} + \tilde{\eta}_2^{(n_p+m)} \alpha_{n_p+m}^{(0)} \tilde{\alpha}_{n_p+m}^{(1)} \right) c_{20}^{(0)} H_3 \right],$$

$$\xi_{n_p+m} = \xi_{n_p+m}^{(0)} \left[1 - \left(\tilde{\xi}_1^{(n_p+m)} h_{n_p+m}^{(0)} \tilde{h}_{n_p+m}^{(1)} + \tilde{\xi}_2^{(n_p+m)} \alpha_{n_p+m}^{(0)} \tilde{\alpha}_{n_p+m}^{(1)} \right) c_{20}^{(0)} H_3 \right]. \quad (32)$$

The quantities $\eta_{n_p+m}^{(0)}$, $\tilde{\eta}_1^{(n_p+m)}$, $\tilde{\eta}_2^{(n_p+m)}$ and $\xi_{n_p+m}^{(0)}$, $\tilde{\xi}_1^{(n_p+m)}$, $\tilde{\xi}_2^{(n_p+m)}$ are functions of $F_{2l}^{*(n_p+m)} = I_{2l}^{*(n_p+m)} / I_0^{*(n_p+m)}$, where

$$I_{2l}^{*(n_p+m)} = \int_0^\infty x^{2l} \exp(-h_{n_p+m}^{(0)} x^2 - x^4 - \alpha_{n_p+m}^{(0)} x^6) dx. \quad (33)$$

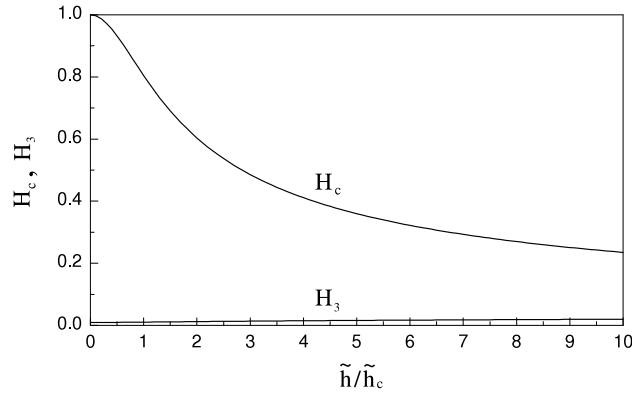


Fig. 1. Dependence of quantities H_c and H_3 on the ratio \tilde{h}/\tilde{h}_c for the RG parameter $s = s^* = 2.7349$ and the reduced temperature $\tau = 10^{-4}$.

Proceeding from expression (27) for $f_{LGR_1}(m)$, we can now write the following relation accurate to within H_3 :

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_{LGR_1}(m) &= f_{LGR_1}^{(0)}(m) + \bar{f}_{LGR_1}^{(1)}(m)c_{20}^{(0)}H_3, \\
 f_{LGR_1}^{(0)}(m) &= \ln\left(\frac{2}{\pi}\right) + \frac{1}{4}\ln 24 - \frac{1}{4}\ln C(\eta_{n_p+m}^{(0)}, \xi_{n_p+m}^{(0)}) + \ln I_0(h_{n_p+m+1}^{(0)}, \alpha_{n_p+m+1}^{(0)}) + \ln I_0(\eta_{n_p+m}^{(0)}, \xi_{n_p+m}^{(0)}), \\
 \bar{f}_{LGR_1}^{(1)}(m) &= \varphi_1^{(n_p+m)}h_{n_p+m}^{(0)}\bar{h}_{n_p+m}^{(1)} + \varphi_2^{(n_p+m)}\alpha_{n_p+m}^{(0)}\bar{\alpha}_{n_p+m}^{(1)} \\
 &\quad + \varphi_3^{(n_p+m+1)}h_{n_p+m+1}^{(0)}\bar{h}_{n_p+m+1}^{(1)} + \varphi_4^{(n_p+m+1)}\alpha_{n_p+m+1}^{(0)}\bar{\alpha}_{n_p+m+1}^{(1)}, \\
 \varphi_k^{(n_p+m)} &= b_k^{(n_p+m)} + P_{4k}^{(n_p+m)}/4, \quad k = 1, 2, \\
 \varphi_3^{(n_p+m+1)} &= -F_2^{*(n_p+m+1)}, \quad \varphi_4^{(n_p+m+1)} = -F_6^{*(n_p+m+1)}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{34}$$

The quantities $b_k^{(n_p+m)}$, $P_{4k}^{(n_p+m)}$ depend on $F_{2l}^{*(n_p+m)}$ as well as on $F_{2l}^{**(n_p+m)} = I_{2l}^{**(n_p+m)}/I_0^{**(n_p+m)}$, where

$$I_{2l}^{**(n_p+m)} = \int_0^\infty x^{2l} \exp(-\eta_{n_p+m}^{(0)}x^2 - x^4 - \xi_{n_p+m}^{(0)}x^6) dx. \tag{35}$$

The final result for $F_{LGR}^{(1)}$ [see Eqs. (27) and (34)] assumes the form

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_{LGR}^{(1)} &= -kTN's^{-3(n_p+1)}\left(\bar{f}_{TR}^{(0)} + \bar{f}_{TR}^{(1)}c_{20}^{(0)}H_3\right), \\
 \bar{f}_{TR}^{(0)} &= \sum_{m=0}^{\tilde{m}_0} s^{-3m}f_{LGR_1}^{(0)}(m), \\
 \bar{f}_{TR}^{(1)} &= \sum_{m=0}^{\tilde{m}_0} s^{-3m}\bar{f}_{LGR_1}^{(1)}(m).
 \end{aligned} \tag{36}$$

On the basis of Eqs. (26) and (30), it is possible to obtain the quantity \tilde{m}'_0 determining the summation limit \tilde{m}_0 in formulas (36):

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tilde{m}'_0 &= \frac{\ln L_0 - \ln H_c}{\ln E_2} + 1, \\
 L_0 &= A_1 + (A_1^2 - A_2)^{1/2}, \\
 A_1 &= 1 - \frac{\bar{q}}{f_0} + \frac{A_0^2\varphi_0^{1/2}w_{21}^{(0)}}{12f_0(1-s^{-3})^2}, \\
 A_2 &= 1 - 2\frac{\bar{q}}{f_0} + \left(\frac{\bar{q}}{f_0}\right)^2 - \frac{A_0^2\varphi_0}{6f_0^2(1-s^{-3})^2}.
 \end{aligned} \tag{37}$$

Let us now calculate the contribution to the free energy of the system from long-wave modes in the range of wave vectors

$$\begin{aligned}
 k &\leq B's^{-n'_p}, \\
 n'_p &= n_p + \tilde{m}_0 + 2
 \end{aligned} \tag{38}$$

using the Gaussian measure density.

3.3. Region of small values of wave vector ($k \rightarrow 0$)

The free energy component

$$F_{\text{LGR}}^{(2)} = \frac{1}{2} kT \left[N_{n'_p} \ln P_2^{(n'_p-1)} + \sum_{k=0}^{B_{n'_p}} \ln \tilde{d}_{n'_p}(k) - \frac{N(h')^2}{\tilde{d}_{n'_p}(0)} \right] \quad (39)$$

corresponding to $Z_{\text{LGR}}^{(2)}$ from Eq. (25) is similar to that presented in Refs. [5,9,29]. The calculations of the first and second terms in Eq. (39) are associated with the calculations of the quantities

$$P_2^{(n'_p-1)} = 2h_{n'_p-1} F_2(h_{n'_p-1}, \alpha_{n'_p-1}) \left[d_{n'_p-1}(B_{n'_p}, B_{n'_p-1}) \right]^{-1},$$

$$\tilde{d}_{n'_p}(k) = \left[P_2^{(n'_p-1)} \right]^{-1} + \beta \tilde{\Phi}(B_{n'_p}, B_{n'_p-1}) - \beta \tilde{\Phi}(k), \quad (40)$$

where

$$d_{n'_p-1}(B_{n'_p}, B_{n'_p-1}) = s^{-2(n'_p-1)}(r_{n'_p-1} + q), \quad (41)$$

and $r_{n'_p-1}, h_{n'_p-1} = h_{n'_p-1}^{(0)} \left(1 + \bar{h}_{n'_p-1}^{(1)} c_{20}^{(0)} H_3 \right), \alpha_{n'_p-1} = \alpha_{n'_p-1}^{(0)} \left(1 + \bar{\alpha}_{n'_p-1}^{(1)} c_{20}^{(0)} H_3 \right)$ satisfy the corresponding expressions from Eqs. (29) and (30) at $m = \tilde{m}_0 + 1$.

Introducing the designation

$$p = h_{n'_p-1} F_2(h_{n'_p-1}, \alpha_{n'_p-1}) \quad (42)$$

and presenting it in the form

$$p^{-1} = p_0(1 + \bar{p}_1 c_{20}^{(0)} H_3), \quad (43)$$

we obtain the following relations for the coefficients:

$$p_0 = \left[h_{n'_p-1}^{(0)} p_{20}^{(n'_p-1)} \right]^{-1},$$

$$\bar{p}_1 = -\bar{h}_{n'_p-1}^{(1)} \left(1 - p_{21}^{(n'_p-1)} h_{n'_p-1}^{(0)} \right) + p_{22}^{(n'_p-1)} \alpha_{n'_p-1}^{(0)} \bar{\alpha}_{n'_p-1}^{(1)}. \quad (44)$$

The quantities

$$p_{20}^{(n'_p-1)} = F_2^{*(n'_p-1)}, \quad p_{21}^{(n'_p-1)} = \frac{F_4^{*(n'_p-1)}}{F_2^{*(n'_p-1)}} - F_2^{*(n'_p-1)},$$

$$p_{22}^{(n'_p-1)} = \frac{F_8^{*(n'_p-1)}}{F_2^{*(n'_p-1)}} - F_6^{*(n'_p-1)} \quad (45)$$

determine the function

$$F_2(h_{n'_p-1}, \alpha_{n'_p-1}) = p_{20}^{(n'_p-1)} \left[1 - \left(p_{21}^{(n'_p-1)} h_{n'_p-1}^{(0)} \bar{h}_{n'_p-1}^{(1)} + p_{22}^{(n'_p-1)} \alpha_{n'_p-1}^{(0)} \bar{\alpha}_{n'_p-1}^{(1)} \right) c_{20}^{(0)} H_3 \right]. \quad (46)$$

Here $F_{2l}^{*(n'_p-1)} = I_{2l}^{*(n'_p-1)} / I_0^{*(n'_p-1)}$, where

$$I_{2l}^{*(n'_p-1)} = \int_0^\infty x^{2l} \exp(-h_{n'_p-1}^{(0)} x^2 - x^4 - \alpha_{n'_p-1}^{(0)} x^6) dx. \quad (47)$$

Taking into account Eqs. (41) and (43), we rewrite formulas (40) as

$$P_2^{(n'_p-1)} = \left\{ \frac{1}{2} s^{-2(n'_p-1)} \beta \tilde{\Phi}(0) p_0 (\bar{q} - f_0 + f_0 H_c E_2^{\tilde{m}_0}) \left[1 + \left(\frac{\varphi_0^{-1/2} w_{12}^{(0)} E_3^{\tilde{m}_0}}{\bar{q} - f_0 + f_0 H_c E_2^{\tilde{m}_0}} + \bar{p}_1 \right) c_{20}^{(0)} H_3 \right] \right\}^{-1},$$

$$\tilde{d}_{n'_p}(k) = s^{-2(n'_p-1)} \beta \tilde{\Phi}(0) \tilde{G} + 2\beta \tilde{\Phi}(0) b^2 k^2,$$

$$\tilde{G} = g_0(1 + \bar{g}_1 c_{20}^{(0)} H_3),$$

$$g_0 = \frac{1}{2} \left[(-f_0 + f_0 H_c E_2^{\tilde{m}_0}) p_0 + (p_0 - 2) \bar{q} \right],$$

$$\bar{g}_1 = \frac{1}{2} \frac{p_0}{g_0} \left[\bar{p}_1 (\bar{q} - f_0 + f_0 H_c E_2^{\tilde{m}_0}) + \varphi_0^{-1/2} w_{12}^{(0)} E_3^{\tilde{m}_0} \right]. \quad (48)$$

The second term in Eq. (39) is defined by the expression

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=0}^{B_{n'_p}} \ln \tilde{d}_{n'_p}(k) = N_{n'_p} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \ln(\tilde{G} + s^{-2}) + \ln s - n'_p \ln s + \frac{1}{2} \ln(\beta \tilde{\Phi}(0)) \right. \\ \left. - \frac{1}{3} + \tilde{G}s^2 - (\tilde{G}s^2)^{3/2} \arctan \left[(\tilde{G}s^2)^{-1/2} \right] \right\}. \quad (49)$$

Relations (48) and (49) make it possible to find the component $F_{\text{LGR}}^{(2)}$ in the form

$$F_{\text{LGR}}^{(2)} = -kT \left[N' s^{-3(n_p+1)} (\bar{f}^{(0)'}) + \bar{f}^{(1)'} c_{20}^{(0)} H_3 \right] + \frac{N(h')^2 \bar{\gamma}_4^+}{\beta \tilde{\Phi}(0)} s^{2(n_p+1)} (1 - \bar{g}_1 c_{20}^{(0)} H_3), \\ \bar{f}^{(0)'} = s^{-3(\tilde{m}_0+1)} f^{(0)}, \quad \bar{f}^{(1)'} = s^{-3(\tilde{m}_0+1)} \bar{f}^{(1)}, \\ f^{(0)} = -\frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{s^{-2} + g_0}{g_0 + \bar{q}} \right) + \frac{1}{3} - g_0' \left[1 - \sqrt{g_0'} \arctan \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{g_0'}} \right) \right], \\ \bar{f}^{(1)} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{g_0 \bar{g}_1}{g_0 + \bar{q}} - \frac{\bar{g}_1}{(g_0')^{-1} + 1} - \frac{g_0' \bar{g}_1}{(g_0')^{-1} + 1} \right) \\ - g_0' \bar{g}_1 \left[1 - \frac{3}{2} \sqrt{g_0'} \arctan \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{g_0'}} \right) \right], \\ g_0' = s^2 g_0, \quad \bar{\gamma}_4^+ = s^{2\tilde{m}_0} / (2g_0). \quad (50)$$

On the basis of Eqs. (36) and (50), we can write the following expression for the general contribution $F_{\text{LGR}} = F_{\text{LGR}}^{(1)} + F_{\text{LGR}}^{(2)}$ to the free energy of the system from long-wave modes of spin-moment density oscillations:

$$F_{\text{LGR}} = -kT \left[N' s^{-3(n_p+1)} (\bar{f}_{\text{LGR}}^{(0)}) + \bar{f}_{\text{LGR}}^{(1)} c_{20}^{(0)} H_3 \right] + \frac{N(h')^2 \bar{\gamma}_4^+}{\beta \tilde{\Phi}(0)} s^{2(n_p+1)} (1 - \bar{g}_1 c_{20}^{(0)} H_3), \\ \bar{f}_{\text{LGR}}^{(l)} = \bar{f}_{\text{TR}}^{(l)} + \bar{f}^{(l)'}, \quad l = 0, 1. \quad (51)$$

4. Total free energy of the system at $T > T_c$

The total free energy of the system is calculated taking into account Eqs. (14), (21) and (51). Collecting the contributions to the free energy from all regimes of fluctuations at $T > T_c$ in the presence of an external field and using the relation for $s^{-(n_p+1)}$ from Eq. (18), we obtain

$$F = -kTN \left[\gamma_0' + \gamma_1' \tau + \gamma_2' \tau^2 + (\bar{\gamma}_3^{(0)+} + \bar{\gamma}_3^{(1)+} c_{20}^{(0)} H_3) (\tilde{h}^2 + \tilde{h}_c^2)^{3/5} + \frac{\bar{\gamma}_4^+ (h')^2}{\beta \tilde{\Phi}(0)} (1 - \bar{g}_1 c_{20}^{(0)} H_3) (\tilde{h}^2 + \tilde{h}_c^2)^{-2/5} \right], \\ \gamma_0' = \ln 2 + s_0^{-3} \gamma_0^{(\text{CR})}, \quad \gamma_1' = s_0^{-3} \gamma_1, \quad \gamma_2' = s_0^{-3} \gamma_2, \\ \bar{\gamma}_3^{(l)+} = s_0^{-3} (-\bar{\gamma}_3^{(\text{CR})(l)+} + \bar{f}_{\text{LGR}}^{(l)}), \quad l = 0, 1. \quad (52)$$

The coefficients $\gamma_0^{(\text{CR})}$, γ_1 , γ_2 are defined by Eq. (23), \bar{g}_1 is presented in Eq. (48) and $\bar{\gamma}_4^+$ is given in Eq. (50). The coefficients of the non-analytic component of the free energy F [see Eq. (52)] depend on H_c . The terms proportional to H_3 determine the confluent corrections by the temperature and field. As is seen from the expression for F , the free energy of the system at $\tilde{h} = 0$ and $\tilde{\tau} = 0$, in addition to terms proportional to $\tilde{\tau}^{3\nu}$ (or $\tilde{h}_c^{6/5}$) and $\tilde{h}^{6/5}$, contains the terms proportional to $\tilde{\tau}^{3\nu+\Delta_1}$ and $\tilde{h}^{6/5+\Delta_1/p_0}$, respectively. At $\tilde{h} \neq 0$ and $\tilde{\tau} \neq 0$, the terms of both types are present. It should be noted that $\Delta_1 > \Delta_1/p_0$. At $\tilde{h} = \tilde{h}_c$, we have $\tilde{\tau}^{3\nu+\Delta_1} = \tilde{h}^{6/5+\Delta_1/p_0}$ and the contributions to the thermodynamic characteristics of the system from both types of corrections become of the same order.

When $h \neq 0$ (or $\tilde{h} \neq 0$), the order parameter of the system is nonzero both for $\tau > 0$ (or $\tilde{\tau} > 0$) and for $\tau < 0$ (or $\tilde{\tau} < 0$), and $\tau = 0$ is not physically distinctive. The free energy for $h \neq 0$ and $\tau \rightarrow 0$ (the strong-field region) has no singularity with respect to τ and must therefore have an expansion in integral powers of this variable [or the scaling variable $(\tilde{h}_c/\tilde{h})^{1/p_0}$]. The concept of the weak field presupposes that $\tau \neq 0$. For a given nonzero value of τ , a zero field is not a singularity of the thermodynamic functions. Hence the free energy for $\tau \neq 0$ and $h \rightarrow 0$ (the weak-field region) can be expanded in integral powers of the variable h [or \tilde{h}/\tilde{h}_c]. The mentioned series expansions in the scaling variables for the regions of the weak and strong fields can be obtained using Eqs. (19) and (20), respectively.

The advantage of the method presented in this article is the possibility of deriving analytic expressions for the free-energy coefficients as functions of the microscopic parameters of the system (the lattice constant c and parameters of the interaction potential, i.e., the effective radius b of the potential, the Fourier transform $\tilde{\Phi}(0)$ of the potential for $k = 0$).

5. Conclusions

An analytic method for calculating the total free energy of a 3D Ising-like system (a 3D uniaxial magnet) near the critical point is developed on the microscopic level in the higher non-Gaussian approximation based on the sextic distribution for modes of spin-moment density oscillations (the ρ^6 model). The simultaneous effect of the temperature and field on the behaviour of the system is taken into account. An external field is introduced in the Hamiltonian of the system from the outset. In contrast to previous studies on the basis of the asymmetric ρ^4 model [30,31,40], the field in the initial process of calculating the partition function of the system is not included in the Jacobian of transition from the set of spin variables to the set of CV. Such an approach leads to the appearance of the first, second, fourth and sixth powers of CV in the expression for the partition function and allows us to simplify the mathematical description because the odd part is represented only by the linear term. In the case of another approach when the field is included in the transition Jacobian, the measure density involves the odd powers of CV in addition to the even powers. The coefficients (which proportional to different powers of the field) and RR for the asymmetric ρ^6 model have already been considered in Ref. [41].

The theory is being built ab initio beginning from the Hamiltonian of the system up to the expression for the free energy. The main distinctive feature of the proposed method is the separate inclusion of the contributions to the free energy from the short- and long-wave spin-density oscillation modes. The generalized point of exit of the system from the critical regime contains both temperature and field variables. The form of temperature and field dependences for the free energy of the system is determined by solutions of RR near the fixed point. The expression for the free energy F obtained at temperatures $T > T_c$ without using power series in the scaling variable and without any adjustable parameters can be employed in the field region near \tilde{h}_c (the crossover region between the so-called weak and strong external fields). The limiting field \tilde{h}_c satisfies the condition of the equality of sizes of the critical-regime region by the temperature and field (the effect of the temperature and field on the system in the vicinity of the critical point is equivalent) [30,31,37,40]. The interesting crossover region is difficult for the analytic treatment since the scaling variable calculated here is of the order of unity and power series in this variable are not effective. We hope that the proposed method as well as our analytic representations may provide useful benchmarks in studying the effect of an external magnetic field on the critical behaviour of 3D Ising-like systems within the framework of the higher non-Gaussian approximation. Proceeding from the expression for the free energy, which involves the leading terms and the terms determining temperature and field confluent corrections, we can find other thermodynamic characteristics (the average spin moment, susceptibility, entropy and specific heat) by direct differentiation of F with respect to field or temperature.

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