

The non-analytic momentum dependence of spin susceptibility of Heisenberg magnets in paramagnetic phase and its effect on critical exponents

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We study momentum dependence of static magnetic susceptibility $\chi(q)$ in paramagnetic phase of Heisenberg magnets and its relation to critical behavior within nonlinear sigma model (NLSM) at arbitrary dimension $2 < d < 4$. In the first order of $1/N$ expansion, where N is the number of spin components, we find $\chi(q) \propto [q^2 + \xi^{-2}(1 + f(q\xi))]^{-1+\eta/2}$, where ξ is the correlation length, q is the momentum, measured from magnetic wave vector, the universal scaling function $f(x)$ describes deviation from the standard Landau-Ginzburg momentum dependence. In agreement with previous studies at large x we find $f(x \gg 1) \simeq (2B_4/N)x^{4-d}$; the absolute value of the coefficient B_4 increases with d at $d > 5/2$. Using NLSM, we obtain the contribution of the “anomalous” term $\xi^{-2}f(q\xi)$ to the critical exponent ν , comparing it to the contribution of the non-analytical dependence, originating from the critical exponent η (the obtained critical exponents ν and η agree with previous studies). In the range $3 \leq d < 4$ we find that the former contribution dominates, and fully determines $1/N$ correction to the critical exponent ν in the limit $d \rightarrow 4$.

I. INTRODUCTION

The spatial or momentum dependence of response functions plays important role in physical properties. The energy, corresponding to the spatial dependence of the order parameter field \mathbf{n}_r , weakly changing in space, is proportional to $(\nabla \mathbf{n}_r)^2$ (as in the Ginzburg-Landau theory [1]). This yields at the critical point $S_R \sim R^{-(d-2)}$ decay of correlation function $S_R = \langle n_0^\alpha n_R^\alpha \rangle$ with the distance R , with d being the dimensionality of the system. At the same time, the interaction results in appearance of anomalous critical exponent η , which determines the long-range behavior of correlation functions $R^{-(d-2+\eta)}$ (see, e.g., Ref. [2]). The exponent η can vary from rather small value for 3D Heisenberg model ($\eta \approx 0.04$) to substantial value for 2D Ising model ($\eta = 1/4$); substantial values $\eta = 0.2 - 0.4$ were recently also obtained for deconfined spinon theories [3, 4].

The scaling considerations away from the critical point predict spatial dependence of correlation function $S_R = R^{-(d-2+\eta)}f(R/\xi)$ where $f(x)$ is some function, ξ is correlation length. In momentum space the corresponding dependence reads $S_q = q^{-2+\eta}g(q\xi)$. Simplest function which fulfills this form is $S_q = A/(q^2 + \xi^{-2})^{1-\eta/2}$, cf. Ref. [5]. This dependence generalizes Ornstein-Zernike result to include anomalous exponent η .

However, the Ornstein-Zernike form (even with the exponent η) was argued to be not sufficient to explain experimental data. In this respect, non-analytic subleading corrections to scaling functions were proposed within Fisher-Langer theory [6, 7] to explain anomalies of resistivity of transition metals near the magnetic phase transition [8–10]. These corrections were also invoked to explain peculiarities of the density-density correlation function near gas-liquid critical point [11, 12].

Theoretically, the corrections to correlation functions were obtained [13–20] in large momentum q limit within

the linear sigma model (LSM). In case of specific heat critical exponent $\alpha < 0$, the corresponding leading non-analytical term in the spin correlation function reads $S_q \propto q^{-2+\eta-1/\nu}$ [13–20], where ν is the critical exponent of correlation length. This momentum dependence implies that the magnon self-energy, defined by $S_q = A/(q^2 + \bar{\Sigma}_q + \xi^{-2})^{1-\eta/2}$, acquires the non-analytic contribution $\bar{\Sigma}_q \sim q^{2-1/\nu}$. This result can be also confirmed by renormalization group (RG) approach of Ref. [21–23] in $d = 2 + \varepsilon$ dimensions, where $\nu = 1/(d-2) + O(1)$, and therefore $\bar{\Sigma}_q \sim q^{4-d}$. The RG analysis [23, 24] and $1/N$ expansion [25] of $d = 2$ Heisenberg magnets also agree with the above result for the self-energy, since they yield the non-analytical momentum dependence $\bar{\Sigma}_q \sim q^2 \ln^{-1/(N-2)}(q\xi)$ at $q \gg \xi^{-1}$ (N is the number of spin components), and $1/\nu \rightarrow 0$ in two dimensions (the critical exponent $\eta = 0$ for $d = 2$, $N > 2$).

For the number of order parameter components $N > 1$, the momentum dependence $\bar{\Sigma}_q \sim q^{4-d}$, discussed above for d close to 2, is identical to that, obtained from the longitudinal correlation function deeply in the ordered phase [26]. The latter dependence is produced by pair of spinons, and, therefore, reflects spinon deconfinement in the presence of long-range magnetic order [27–29]. On approaching magnetic transition temperature q^2 term in the inverse Green’s function becomes progressively more important (see, e.g., Refs. [30, 31]). This stresses possible relation of the non-analytical terms to the spinon (de)confinement. The non-analytical terms, obtained within LSM, also remind non-analytic contributions to the spin susceptibility $\chi_q \sim q^{d-1}$ in itinerant systems [32, 33].

Previous theoretical studies of momentum dependence of susceptibility of $d > 2$ Heisenberg model concentrated mainly on the large momentum asymptotics $q \gg \xi^{-1}$ of correlation functions and the interpolation formulae between Ornstein-Zernike and non-analytic dependences

[34]. To study the universal properties of the Heisenberg model, in particular momentum dependence of correlation functions in the long-wave length limit, this model can be mapped to the non-linear sigma model (NLSM). The classical version of this model describes well the thermodynamic and statistical properties of Heisenberg magnets at finite not too low temperature[21–23, 25, 30, 35]. The NLSM has certain advantages over the linear sigma model, previously used to calculate asymptotics of correlation functions, since it is applicable outside the critical regime. Also, in NLSM the universal part of the magnon self-energy is directly related to the correlation length via constraint equation, reflecting fixed spin value. This allows us to study the effect of non-analytical terms on the critical exponents.

In the present paper we consider derivation of non-analytic contributions to momentum dependence of spin susceptibility in paramagnetic phase of Heisenberg magnets within NLSM, study in details their structure with varying dimensionality, and their effect on the critical behavior. We determine closed analytical expression for the coefficient of the leading non-analytical term q^{4-d} in the self-energy to the first order in $1/N$ in arbitrary dimension $2 < d < 4$. The absolute value of the coefficient of the anomalous term becomes larger with increase of the system dimensionality d , which is related to stronger spinon confinement with increasing dimensionality. We also argue that the non-analytic term yields substantial contribution to the critical exponent ν , and therefore, via scaling relations, all other critical exponents, except the exponent η , which is shown to be independent of the presence of the term.

II. $1/N$ EXPANSION IN THE NON-LINEAR SIGMA MODEL

We consider the classical non-linear $O(N)$ sigma model

$$Z[\mathbf{h}] = \int D\sigma D\lambda \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2t} \int d^d \mathbf{r} [(\nabla \boldsymbol{\sigma})^2 + i\lambda(\sigma^2 - 1) - 2t\mathbf{h}\boldsymbol{\sigma}] \right\}, \quad (1)$$

where $\boldsymbol{\sigma}(\mathbf{r})$ by the N -component field, d is the space dimensionality, $t = T/\rho_s$ is the coupling constant, ρ_s is the spin stiffness. The constraint condition $\sigma^2 = 1$ is taken into account by introducing the auxiliary field $\lambda(\mathbf{r})$. To calculate the correlation functions we also introduce the external non-uniform magnetic field $\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{r})$. The model (1) is applicable to classical and quantum ferro- and antiferromagnets at finite temperatures (in quantum case the temperature should not be too low: $JS\xi^{-1} \ll T$, J is the exchange integral and S is the spin value, see Refs. [23, 25, 30, 35]). The applicability of the classical model (1) to quantum ferro- and antiferromagnets at finite not very low temperatures is related to the fact that quantum renormalizations at finite temperatures can be absorbed into the spin stiffness ρ_s . The model (1) is also applicable

to the quantum antiferromagnets in the ground state, in which case $t \sim 1/S$, and d is the space-time dimensionality.

To study non-analytical terms in the self-energy, we use $1/N$ expansion, which is performed in the standard way[15, 25, 36, 37]. In contrast to the (self-consistent) spin-wave theory [38] and $2 + \epsilon$ renormalization group approach [21–23] this method allows to study systems with dimensionality d not close to 2β at not too low temperatures. After integrating over $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ the partition function takes the form

$$Z[\mathbf{h}] = \int D\lambda \exp(S_{eff}[\lambda, h]) \quad (2)$$

$$S_{eff}[\lambda, h] = \frac{N}{2} \ln \det \hat{G} + \frac{1}{2t} \text{Sp}(i\lambda) + \frac{t}{2} \text{Sp} [h\hat{G}h], \quad (3)$$

where

$$\hat{G} = [-\nabla^2 + i\lambda]^{-1}.$$

Since N enters (2) only as a prefactor in the exponent, expanding near the saddle point generates a series in $1/N$. Below we treat the paramagnetic phase, where the value of $\lambda = \lambda_0$ at the saddle point is determined by the sum rule (constraint) $\langle \sigma^2 \rangle = 1$, which takes the form

$$1 = Nt \int \frac{d^d \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^d} G^{nn}(k), \quad (4)$$

where $n = 1 \dots N$ and we account that Green's function of the field σ ,

$$G^{nn'}(k) = \frac{1}{tZ[0]} \left[\frac{\partial^2 Z[h]}{\partial h^n(\mathbf{k}) \partial h^{n'}(-\mathbf{k})} \right]_{h=0}, \quad (5)$$

depends only on $k = |\mathbf{k}|$ due to rotational symmetry in the considering long-wavelength limit, $h(\mathbf{k})$ is the Fourier transform of $h(\mathbf{r})$. Note that only diagonal elements $G^{nn'}$ are nonzero. We use the cutoff $k < \Lambda$ of momentum integrations. The Green's function represents the rescaled (staggered) spin susceptibility $\chi^{nn'}(k) = (S^2/\rho_s)G^{nn'}(k)$ and may be expressed within $1/N$ expansion as

$$G^{nn}(k) = [k^2 + \Sigma(k) + m^2]^{-1}, \quad (6)$$

where $\Sigma(k)$ is the bosonic self-energy, defined such that $\Sigma(0) = 0$, and m is the renormalized mass of spin excitations to first order in $1/N$. We split the mass as $m^2 = m_0^2 + \delta m^2$ where we define m_0 in such a way that it absorbs all non-universal (Λ -dependent) contributions, except logarithmic terms (the latter contribute to critical exponents and included, as well as regular terms, in δm^2 , see below). The terms included in m_0 determine the value of magnetic phase transition temperature (or critical coupling constant), which is defined by vanishing m_0 (the quantity δm^2 vanish simultaneously, see below).

The self-energy $\Sigma(k)$ in the first order of $1/N$ expansion is given by [25]

$$\Sigma(k) = \frac{2}{N} \int \frac{d^d \mathbf{q}}{(2\pi)^d} \frac{G_0(|\mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q}|) - G_0(q)}{\Pi(q)} \quad (7)$$

where

$$\Pi(q) = \int \frac{d^d \mathbf{p}}{(2\pi)^d} G_0(p) G_0(|\mathbf{p} + \mathbf{q}|) \quad (8)$$

and $G_0(k) = (k^2 + m_0^2)^{-1}$. To first order in $1/N$ the sum rule (4) takes the form

$$1 = Nt \int \frac{d^d \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^d} G_0(k) - Nt \int \frac{d^d \mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^d} G_0^2(k) [\Sigma(k) + \delta m^2] \quad (9)$$

III. RESULTS

A. Three dimensions

In three dimensions the polarization operator (8) reads

$$\Pi(q) = \frac{1}{4\pi q} \arctan \frac{q}{2m_0}. \quad (10)$$

Using this expression, we find from Eq. (7) (see details in Appendix A.1)

$$\Sigma(k) = \eta k^2 \ln \frac{\Lambda}{(k^2 + m_0^2)^{1/2}} + \frac{2}{N} m_0^2 F(k/m_0), \quad (11)$$

where Λ is the momentum cutoff, $\eta = 8/(3\pi^2 N)$ is the standard exponent determining correlation function decay to first-order in $1/N$ for 3D $O(N)$ model (cf. Refs. [25, 30, 39]), and we have introduced a universal function

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty q^2 dq \left\{ \left[\frac{1}{2qx} \ln \frac{(x+q)^2 + 1}{(x-q)^2 + 1} - \frac{2}{q^2 + 1} \right] \times \frac{q}{\arctan(q/2)} - \frac{4x^2}{3\pi q^3} \theta(q - \sqrt{x^2 + 1}) \right\}. \quad (12)$$

Evaluating asymptotics of this function, we find

$$F(x) \simeq \begin{cases} \frac{4x^2}{9\pi^2} - \frac{2x}{\pi} - \frac{4}{\pi^4} (16 - \pi^2) \ln x + 1.10334 & x \gg 1 \\ -0.24553x^2 & x \ll 1 \end{cases}. \quad (13)$$

One can see that at $k \gg m_0$ apart from quadratic term Ak^2 the self-energy contains also subleading non-analytical terms, proportional to k and $\ln(k/m_0)$ with the coefficients, which agree with Ref. [15], but expressed in terms of elementary functions. These terms are not related to the exponent η , introduced by the first term in Eq. (11). The plot of the function $F(x)$ together with its asymptotes is shown in Fig. 1. Note that despite the

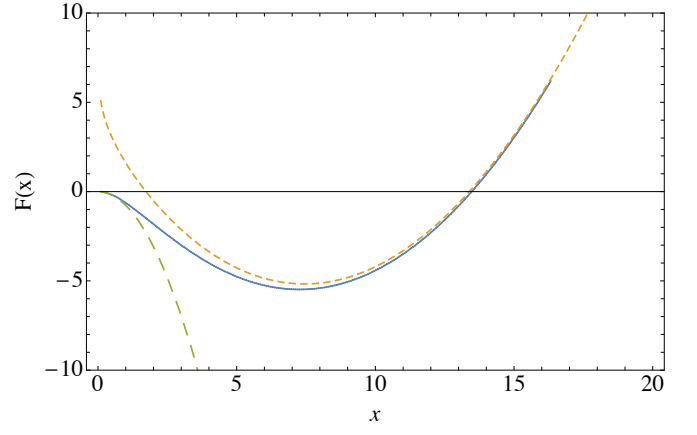


FIG. 1: (Color online) The plot of the function $F(x)$ (solid line) and its large- and small- x asymptotes (dashed lines).

function $F(x)$ is not positively defined, it is quadratic at small x , and therefore, the leading term k^2 in the propagator overcomes the negative contribution in the second line of Eq. (13), and the whole spectrum is positively defined at large N (including $N = 3$).

The transition temperature (or critical coupling constant) to the first order in $1/N$ is obtained from Eq. (9) by putting $m_0 = \delta m = 0$. We find

$$t_c = \frac{2\pi^2}{N\Lambda} \left(1 + \frac{32}{9\pi^2 N} \right). \quad (14)$$

Details of calculation of the mass terms m_0 and δm are presented in Appendix A.1. The mass m_0 behaves near the phase transition as (see Eq. (A3))

$$m_0 \propto \frac{1}{t_c} - \frac{1}{t}. \quad (15)$$

Summation of logarithmic contributions to the Eq. (9) yields

$$\delta m^2 = \delta m_\eta^2 + \delta m_k^2 + \dots = \left(3\eta + \frac{16}{\pi^2 N} \right) m_0^2 \ln \frac{\Lambda}{m_0} + \dots \quad (16)$$

where δm_η^2 and δm_k^2 (as well as respective terms in the right hand side) denote the contribution of the first (proportional to η) term in the self-energy Σ_k , Eq. (11), and linear in k term in Σ_k , originating from the second term in Eq. (11) (the other terms in Eq. (13) apart from the linear one do not contribute to the singular term in Eq. (16)); the dots stand for the non-singular terms proportional to m_0^2 . Collecting all logarithmic contributions, which are of the order $1/N$, to the Green's function and transforming them to the respective powers to introduce $1/N$ corrections to critical exponents, we obtain (see Appendix A.1)

$$G(k) = \frac{1}{\{k^2 + \xi^{-2}[1 + f(k\xi)]\}^{1-\eta/2}} \quad (17)$$

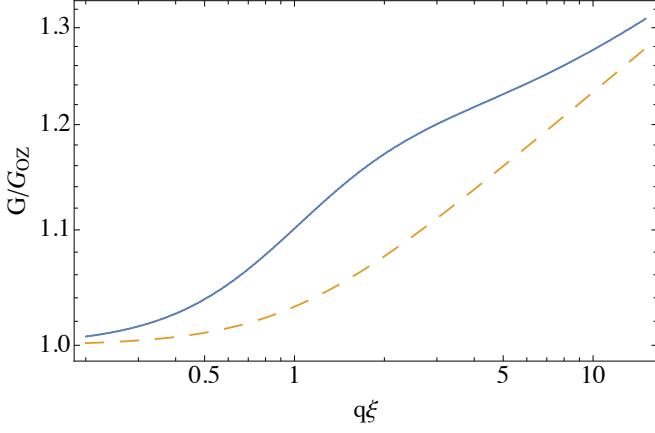


FIG. 2: (Color online) The dependence of the ratio of Green functions G/G_{OZ} on $q\xi$ at $N = 3$ (solid line) in comparison to the correction $G_{\text{OZ}}^{-\eta/2}$ according to the modified Ornstein-Zernike dependence (dashed line, see text).

where $f(x) = (2/N)\{F(x) - (2/(3\pi^2)) \ln[1/(x^2+1)]\}$, $\xi = m_0^{-\nu} \propto (t-t_c)^{-\nu}$, is the correlation length, $\nu = 1 - \eta - \nu_k$ is the corresponding critical exponent. The contribution η originates again from the first term in the self-energy Σ_k , Eq. (11), while $\nu_k = 8/(\pi^2 N)$ originates from the linear in k term in Σ_k . Although the sum of the two terms yields the standard result $\nu = 1 - 32/(3\pi^2 N) \simeq 0.64$ ($N = 3$) [25, 30, 39], our result allows to discriminate the contribution of non-analytic terms originating from the anomalous exponent η and the linear in k term in the self-energy. One can see that the latter is three times larger than the former, i.e. main contribution to the $1/N$ correction to the critical exponent ν originates from the linear in k term of the self-energy. Indeed, excluding at $N = 3$ the term, related to η , yields $\nu = 0.73$, but excluding linear in k term we get $\nu = 0.9$, which is far from the $1/N$ result. This shows importance of non-analytic contribution to the self-energy for critical exponents in three dimensions.

To estimate the deviation from the Ornstein-Zernike form we introduce the Green function $G_{\text{OZ}} = 1/(\xi^{-2} + \varkappa k^2)$, where the coefficient $\varkappa = 1 + 8/(9\pi^2 N)$ takes into account renormalization of the coefficient at k^2 by the first-order $1/N$ expansion, see Eq. (13). The momentum dependence of the ratio of Green function (17) to the Ornstein-Zernike one is shown in Fig. 2. One can see that the obtained Green function $G(k)$ essentially differs from both, the Ornstein-Zernike $G_{\text{OZ}}(k)$ and modified dependence $G_{\text{OZ}}^{1-\eta/2}(k)$. In particular, in comparison to the $G_{\text{OZ}}^{1-\eta/2}(k)$ dependence two flection points appear. Interestingly, these flection points can be seen on the experimental data near liquid-gas critical point [12], although the present theory, based on $1/N$ expansion, is not applicable directly to the $N = 1$ case.

B. Arbitrary $2 < d < 4$

Let us now generalize the obtained results to arbitrary dimension $2 < d < 4$. Performing integration in Eq. (7) we find in this case (see Appendix A.2)

$$\Sigma(k) = \eta k^2 \ln \frac{\Lambda}{(k^2 + m_0^2)^{1/2}} + \frac{2}{N} m_0^2 F_d(k/m_0), \quad (18)$$

with $\eta = -(2/N)(4-d) \sin(\pi d/2) \Gamma(d-1)/(\pi d \Gamma(d/2)^2)$ being the value of the exponent for correlation function to first order in $1/N$ [39] and the function $F_d(x)$ is given by the Eq. (A9). The expansion of this function at $x \gg 1$ reads

$$F_d(x) \stackrel{x \gg 1}{\approx} B_0 + B'_0 \ln x + B_2 x^2 + B_4 x^{4-d} + B_6 x^{6-2d} + B_8 x^{8-3d} + \dots, \quad (19)$$

where the coefficients at the $\ln x$ and at the highest power of x (apart from quadratic term) are given by

$$B'_0 = \frac{2(2d-5) \sin^2(\pi d/2) \Gamma(2-\frac{d}{2}) \Gamma(d-2)}{\pi^2 \Gamma(d/2)},$$

$$B_4 = \frac{(5-2d) \Gamma(d-1)}{2 \Gamma(d/2)^2}. \quad (20)$$

First terms of the expansion (19) were considered within the LSM in Ref. [15]; the obtained coefficients B'_0 and B_4 coincide numerically with those obtained in LSM [40], although here we present simple analytical expression for B_4 instead of the series, obtained in Ref. [15]. The plot of the dependence of B_4 on dimensionality d is shown in Fig. 3. The coefficient B_4 decreases with increasing dimensionality and becomes negative for $d > 5/2$. We note the following peculiarities of the function $F_d(x)$.

(i) At $d \rightarrow 2$ we have $B'_0 = 0$, while all the powers of $x = k/m_0$ in Eq. (19) approach 2. This yields the non-analytic momentum dependence obtained in Ref. [25], $F_2(x) \sim x^2 \ln \ln x$. Moreover, as it is argued in Ref. [25] in

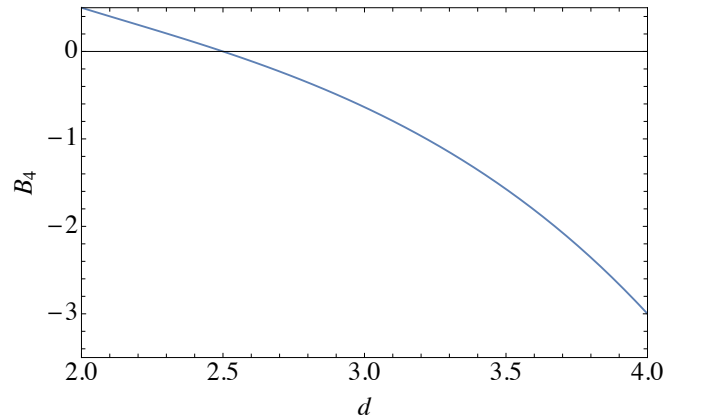


FIG. 3: (Color online) The dependence of the coefficient B_4 at the leading power k^{4-d} of the momentum dependence of the self-energy on the dimensionality d

this limit summation of infinite series of $1/N$ expansion is required, which yields $k^2(1 - (1/N) \ln \ln(k/m_0)) \rightarrow k^2 \ln^{-1/(N-2)}(k/m_0)$. Therefore, in the limit $d \rightarrow 2$ one can not restrict oneself to the finite number of terms neither in the expansion (19) nor in $1/N$ expansion (the latter problem can however be solved by replacement $N \rightarrow N - 2$ in the lowest order $1/N$ term and transforming logarithmic contributions into powers, cf. Ref. [25]).

It was observed earlier that the case of d close to 2 is described well by $d = 2 + \varepsilon$ expansion [21, 22] and for $N = 3$ by the $1/M$ expansion of non-compact CP^{M-1} model [27]. Since the latter model was argued to be applicable near deconfined quantum critical points [4, 42], the limit $d \rightarrow 2$ can be viewed as corresponding to the weakly confined spinons, cf. Ref. [28]. Fully deconfined spinons are characterized by k^{d-4} dependence of the spin correlation function (obtained as a convolution of two spinon Green's function with the dependence $1/q^2$ each) [27–29], similarly to the longitudinal correlation function in the ordered phase [26]. Therefore the obtained leading non-analytical term in the Eq. (19), $B_4 x^{4-d}$, for d close to 2 can be considered as a “trace” of this tendency to deconfinement. This term, however, is not dominating over k^2 dependence, and the tendency to confinement dominates.

(ii) With decreasing dimensionality from $d = 4$ at the set of dimensions $d_i = 2i/(i - 1)$, where $i > 2$ is an integer, i.e. at $d = 3, 8/3, 5/2, \dots$, the term proportional to B_{2i} in the expansion (19) becomes relevant, since the corresponding power changes sign. The dimensions d_i coincide with those, at which the operators $(\phi^2)^i$ in LSM (which can be viewed as a soft constrain version of NLSM) become relevant and corresponding new fixed points in renormalization group flow appear. Since the fixed point structure of LSM and NLSM is expected to be the same, one can consider the non-analytical terms as related to these fixed points. One can verify that the corresponding coefficients B_{2i} are logarithmically singular in these special dimensions d_i providing additional contribution to B'_0 . From this point of view, the leading non-analytical term k^{4-d} is always relevant for $d < 4$ and it is related to the non-gaussian Wilson-Fisher fixed point, cf. Refs. [13, 14, 16]. However, in contrast to the other coefficients B_{2i} at the dimensions $d \rightarrow d_i$, the coefficient B_4 contains at $d \rightarrow 4$ the ratio of two logarithms $\ln(k/m)/\ln(\Lambda/k)$ (see Appendix A.3): the numerator reflects the logarithmic divergence of the integral in Eq. (7), while the denominator appears because of the logarithmic divergence of $\Pi(q)$ in four dimensions.

(iii) For d not too close to 2 only the leading terms $B_2 x^2 + B_4 x^{4-d}$ are important, the latter provides non-analytical contribution to the self-energy, which, as we will see below, yields contribution to critical exponents, similarly to $d = 3$ case. We note that neither the results of $2 + \varepsilon$ expansion, nor $1/M$ expansion of non-compact CP^{M-1} model become applicable for $d \gtrsim 3$ non-linear sigma model (see, e.g., the discussion in Ref. [27]). This is in line with the suggestion of Ref. [41] (see

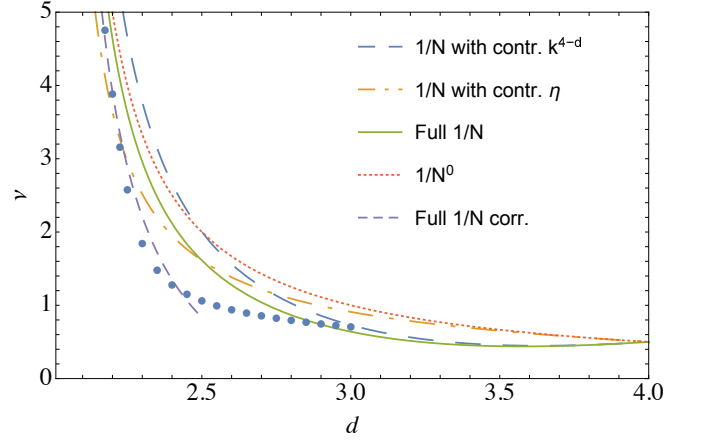


FIG. 4: (Color online) The dependence of the critical exponent ν of $N = 3$ non-linear sigma model on dimensionality d in various approaches: zeroth order $1/N$ result (dotted line), first order $1/N$ approach neglecting the exponent η (long dashed line), first order $1/N$ approach with only correction from the exponent η included (dash-dotted line), full first order $1/N$ result (solid line), and first order $1/N$ result with the replacement $N \rightarrow N - 2$, which has to be performed for $d \rightarrow 2$ (short dashed line). Dots show the results of functional renormalization group approach of Ref. [43].

also Ref. [43]) that a sharp change of critical exponents occurs somewhere in the range $2 < d < 3$ and may imply stronger spinon confinement at $d \gtrsim 3$.

Following the same strategy, as for $d = 3$, we obtain the correction to the magnetic transition temperature (or critical coupling constant)

$$t_c = \frac{d-2}{NA_d\Lambda^{d-2}} \left[1 + \frac{\eta}{d-2} + B_2 \right]. \quad (21)$$

The calculation of the masses m_0 and δm , as well as critical exponent ν is performed in the same way as for $d = 3$ and detailed in Appendix A.2. While $m_0 \propto (t - t_c)^{1/(d-2)}$, the $1/N$ correction to the mass reads

$$\delta m^2 = \frac{\eta d + (8B_4/\pi N) \sin(\pi d/2)}{d-2} m_0^2 \ln \frac{\Lambda}{m_0} + \dots, \quad (22)$$

where the first and second terms in the numerator correspond to the contribution of the first term in Eq. (18) and x^{4-d} term in the asymptotic $F_d(x)$, the dots stand for the non-logarithmic terms. From these contributions, we obtain

$$\nu = \frac{1}{d-2} \left[1 - \frac{\eta + (4B_4/\pi N) \sin(\pi d/2)}{d-2} \right]. \quad (23)$$

This critical exponent also coincides with the earlier known result of $1/N$ expansion [39], but we again individuate here contributions of two different effects: the anomalous exponent η and k^{4-d} term in the self-energy. The contributions of these two effects to the critical exponent ν at $N = 3$ and various dimensionality d are plot in

Fig. 4. One can see that while for $d \rightarrow 2$ these two effects almost cancel each other, with increasing dimensionality d the k^{4-d} term of the self-energy gives progressively larger contribution; for $d \rightarrow 4$, where the anomalous exponent η vanishes, the k^{4-d} term gives the major contribution to the $1/N$ correction to the critical exponent ν . For completeness we also show in Fig. 4 the result of the $1/N$ expansion with the replacement $N \rightarrow N - 2$, which, according Refs. [25, 27] should be performed in the limit $d \rightarrow 2$, allowing, e.g., to achieve agreement with $2 + \varepsilon$ expansion, and recent results of functional renormalization group approach of Ref. [43]. One can see that at $d \sim 5/2$ the exponent ν is expected to sharply change from the result of $1/N$ expansion with $N \rightarrow N - 2$ to that without the replacement, which seem to correspond to the transition, predicted in Ref. [41] and/or crossover discussed recently in Ref. [43]. Following the discussion in pp. (i), (iii) above, this transition (or crossover) would correspond to the change from weak to strong spinon confinement. Interestingly, at the dimension $d = 5/2$ the coefficient B_4 changes sign, which may be related to the weak-strong confinement transition, since vanishing of this coefficient reflects full confinement of spinons.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

In summary, we have obtained the momentum dependence of the self-energy of spin excitations in the Heisenberg model in the first order $1/N$ expansion. The obtained dependence contains non-analytic contribution $B_4 k^{4-d}$, the coefficient B_4 decreases from positive values at $d \rightarrow 2$ to negative values at $d \rightarrow 4$. We have argued that the non-analytical term likely originates from the Wilson-Fisher non-Gaussian fixed point. In general dimension d , there are also subleading terms $B_{2i} k^{2i-(i-1)d}$ with integer values $i > 2$, which correspond to the new fixed points, appearing at the dimensions $d_i = 2i/(i-1)$, related also to the relevance of the operators $(\phi^2)^i$ in the linear sigma model.

We have shown that the critical exponent ν in the first order in $1/N$ is determined by two contributions. The first contribution originates from the exponent η , while

the second is proportional to the coefficient B_4 of the non-analytic term. While at $d \rightarrow 2$ the two contributions almost compensate each other, at $3 \lesssim d < 4$ the second contribution dominates and fully determines the value of $1/N$ correction to the exponent ν for $d \rightarrow 4$. The change of sign of the coefficient B_4 at $d = 5/2$ is associated with the transition (or crossover) from weak to strong spinon confinement. This is also in line with predicted sharp change of critical exponents at $d \sim 5/2$ [41, 43].

Apart from the importance of the obtained results for the interpretation of numerical and experimental data on Heisenberg magnets, they may have some importance for itinerant antiferromagnets. Indeed, at half filling the Hubbard model can be effectively reduced to non-linear sigma model for arbitrary on site Coulomb repulsion U , see Ref. [44]. Therefore, one can expect appearance of the non-analytical terms in the susceptibility in itinerant half filled antiferromagnets as well. These terms may be rather hard to obtain from purely fermionic approaches, since they correspond to higher than four-point fermion interaction vertices. Although numerically correct value of the critical exponent ν was obtained previously within the dynamic vertex approximation (DFA) [45] and dual fermion approach [46] (see also the review [47]), the conclusions drawn in these studies have to be possibly reexamined in the light of the results of the present paper, as well as of the most recent DFA calculations [48].

Investigation of the connection between spinon (de)confinement and the non-analytic term k^{4-d} in the self-energy of spin excitations represents another important topic for future studies.

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Appendix A: Evaluation of self-energy and mass corrections

1. Dimension $d = 3$

The self-energy is obtained from Eqs. (7) and (10) and reads

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma(k) &= \frac{2}{N} \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{q}}{(2\pi)^3} \left[\frac{1}{k^2 + 2\mathbf{k}\mathbf{q} + q^2 + m_0^2} - \frac{1}{q^2 + m_0^2} \right] \frac{4\pi q}{\arctan(q/(2m_0))} \\ &= \frac{2}{\pi N} \int_0^\Lambda q^2 dq \left[\frac{1}{2kq} \ln \frac{(k+q)^2 + m_0^2}{(k-q)^2 + m_0^2} - \frac{2}{q^2 + m_0^2} \right] \frac{q}{\arctan(q/(2m_0))}\end{aligned}\quad (\text{A1})$$

By picking out singular contribution

$$\Sigma_1(k) = \eta k^2 \ln \left[\Lambda / (k^2 + m_0^2)^{1/2} \right]$$

the integral can be made convergent. Taking the limit $\Lambda \rightarrow \infty$ in the remaining part and rescaling the variable of the integration by m_0 we obtain Eq. (11) of the main text. In the following we denote $\Sigma = \Sigma_1(k) + \Sigma_2(k) + \Sigma_3(k) + \Sigma_4(k)$, where

$$\begin{aligned}\Sigma_2(k) &= \frac{8k^2}{9\pi^2}, \\ \Sigma_3(k) &= -4km_0/(\pi N),\end{aligned}$$

and $\Sigma_4(k) = (2/N)m_0^2 F(k/m_0) - 8k^2/(9\pi^2) + 4km_0/(\pi N)$ is the remaining part, obtained by subtracting and adding asymptotic value of the integrand at large q , the function $F(x)$ is given by the Eq. (13). Evaluation of the integrals, which enter Eq. (9) yields

$$\begin{aligned}\int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} G_0(k) &= \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \left(\Lambda - \frac{\pi m_0}{2} \right), \\ \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} G_0^2(k) \Sigma_1(k) &= \frac{\eta}{2\pi^2} \left[\Lambda - \frac{3\pi}{4} m_0 \ln \frac{\Lambda}{m_0} \right], \\ \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} G_0^2(k) \Sigma_2(k) &= \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \frac{8\Lambda}{9\pi^2 N}, \\ \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} G_0^2(k) \Sigma_3(k) &= -\frac{1}{2\pi^2} \frac{4m_0}{\pi N} \ln \frac{\Lambda}{m_0}, \\ \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} G_0^2(k) \Sigma_4(k) &= \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \frac{2m_0 I}{\pi N}, \\ \int \frac{d^3\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} G_0^2(k) &= \frac{1}{8\pi m_0},\end{aligned}\quad (\text{A2})$$

where $I = \int_0^\infty \frac{k^2 dk}{(k^2+1)^2} \left(F(k) - \frac{4k^2}{9\pi} + 2k \right)$ is an universal number. Collecting contributions to the sum rule (9), which are linear in Λ or m_0 and do not contain logarithmic terms, we find

$$m_0 = \frac{4\pi}{N} \left(1 - \frac{4}{\pi^2 N} I \right) \left(\frac{1}{t_c} - \frac{1}{t} \right), \quad (\text{A3})$$

where t_c is defined according to the Eq. (14). The remaining contributions to the Eq. (9) with account of the last integral in Eqs. (A2) lead to the mass correction (16) of the main text. The resulting Green's function reads

$$G(k) = \frac{1}{k^2 + m^2 + \eta k^2 \ln \left[\Lambda / (k^2 + m_0^2)^{1/2} \right] + (2m_0^2/N) F(k/m_0)}. \quad (\text{A4})$$

Collecting log to a power, which is usual in $1/N$ expansion, neglecting higher order terms in $1/N$ we obtain

$$G(k) = \frac{1}{\{k^2 + m^2 [1 - \eta \ln (\Lambda / (k^2 + m_0^2)^{1/2})] + (2m_0^2/N) F(k/m_0)\}^{1-\eta/2}}, \quad (\text{A5})$$

the remaining log contributes to ν (see below), and the function $F(k/m)$, obtained above, describes the non-analytic contribution to the expression in square brackets. Using $m^2 = m_0^2 + \delta m^2$ and the expression for the mass correction δm (16), we obtain for the Green's function

$$G(k) = \frac{1}{\{k^2 + m_0^2[1 + 2(\eta + 8/(\pi^2 N) \ln(\Lambda/m_0))] + (2m_0^2/N)\tilde{F}(k/m_0)\}^{1-\eta/2}}, \quad (\text{A6})$$

where $\tilde{F}(x) = F(x) - (2/(3\pi^2)) \ln[1/(x^2 + 1)]$. Transforming again logarithmic term into power $m_0^{2(\nu-1)}$, denoting $\xi = m_0^{-\nu}$ and neglecting the terms of higher order of $1/N$ we obtain Eq. (17).

2. Arbitrary $2 < d < 4$

In this case we find the polarization operator

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi(q) &= m_0^{d-4} \tilde{\Pi}(q/m_0), \\ \tilde{\Pi}(x) &= \frac{2^{-\frac{d}{2}} \pi A_d}{x} \csc(\pi d/2) (4 + x^2)^{\frac{d}{4}-1} \\ &\quad \times \left[\left(\sqrt{4 + x^2} - x \right)^{d/2-1} {}_2F_1 \left(2 - \frac{d}{2}, \frac{d}{2} - 1, \frac{d}{2}; \frac{1}{2} - \frac{x}{2\sqrt{4 + x^2}} \right) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \left(\sqrt{4 + x^2} + x \right)^{d/2-1} {}_2F_1 \left(2 - \frac{d}{2}, \frac{d}{2} - 1, \frac{d}{2}; \frac{1}{2} + \frac{x}{2\sqrt{4 + x^2}} \right) \right], \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A7})$$

where ${}_2F_1(a, b, c; z)$ is the hypergeometric function, $A_d = 2^{1-d} \pi^{-d/2} / \Gamma(d/2)$. For the self-energy we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma(k) &= \frac{4A_d}{N} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{d}{2})}{\sqrt{\pi} \Gamma(\frac{d-1}{2})} \int \frac{q^{d-1} dq \sin^{d-2} \theta d\theta}{\Pi(q)} \left(\frac{1}{k^2 + 2kq \cos \theta + q^2 + m_0^2} - \frac{1}{q^2 + m_0^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{2A_d}{N} \int_0^\Lambda q^{d-1} dq \left[\frac{{}_2F_1 \left(1, \frac{d-1}{2}, d-1; -\frac{4kq}{(k-q)^2 + m_0^2} \right)}{(k-q)^2 + m_0^2} - \frac{1}{q^2 + m_0^2} \right] \frac{1}{\Pi(q)}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A8})$$

By subtracting and adding asymptotic of integrand at $q \rightarrow \infty$, taking the limit $\Lambda \rightarrow \infty$ in the convergent integral, and rescaling again variable of integration by m_0 the result can be put in the form of Eq. (11) with

$$\begin{aligned} F_d(x) &= A_d \int_0^\infty q^{d-1} dq \left\{ \left[\frac{{}_2F_1 \left(1, \frac{d-1}{2}, d-1; -\frac{4xq}{(x-q)^2 + 1} \right)}{(x-q)^2 + 1} - \frac{1}{q^2 + 1} \right] \frac{1}{\tilde{\Pi}(q)} \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{2^{d-2} (d-4) \pi^{\frac{d}{2}-1} \sin(\frac{\pi d}{2}) \Gamma(d-1)}{\Gamma(d/2 + 1)} x^2 q^{-d} \theta(q - \sqrt{x^2 + 1}) \right\}, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A9})$$

which yields Eq. (18) of the main text. The lowest order coefficients in the expansion of $F_d(x)$ at large x are given by the Eq. (20) and

$$B_2 = \frac{N\eta}{2} \int_0^\infty t dt \left\{ \frac{d}{4-d} \left[\frac{t^2}{(t-1)^2} {}_2F_1 \left(1, \frac{d-1}{2}, d-1; -\frac{4t}{(t-1)^2} \right) - 1 \right] - \frac{1}{t^2} \theta(t-1) \right\}.$$

Evaluating integrals enetering Eq. (9) we find

$$\begin{aligned}
\int \frac{d^d k}{k^2 + m_0^2} &= A_d \left[\frac{\Lambda^{d-2}}{d-2} + \frac{\pi}{2} \csc\left(\frac{\pi d}{2}\right) m_0^{d-2} \right], \\
\int \frac{d^d k}{(k^2 + m_0^2)^2} k^2 \ln \frac{\Lambda}{\sqrt{k^2 + m_0^2}} &= A_d \left[\frac{\Lambda^{d-2}}{(d-2)^2} + \frac{\pi d}{4} \csc\left(\frac{\pi d}{2}\right) m_0^{d-2} \ln \frac{\Lambda}{m_0} + \dots \right], \\
\int \frac{k^2 d^d k}{(k^2 + m_0^2)^2} &= \frac{A_d}{d-2} \Lambda^{d-2}, \\
m_0^{d-2} \int \frac{d^d k}{(k^2 + m_0^2)^2} k^{4-d} &= A_d m_0^{d-2} \ln \frac{\Lambda}{m_0}, \\
\int \frac{d^d k}{(k^2 + m_0^2)^2} &= -A_d \frac{\pi(d-2)}{4} \csc\left(\frac{\pi d}{2}\right) m_0^{d-4}.
\end{aligned} \tag{A10}$$

Collecting the terms, proportional to Λ^{d-2} or m_0^{d-2} we find the equation for m_0

$$1 = t A_d \frac{N \Lambda^{d-2}}{(d-2)} \left[1 - \frac{\eta}{d-2} - \frac{2}{N} B_2 \right] + N t A_d \frac{\pi \csc(\pi d/2)}{2} m_0^{d-2}. \tag{A11}$$

By defining t_c according to the Eq. (21) we obtain

$$m_0 = \left[-\frac{2}{N A_d \pi \csc(\pi d/2)} \left(\frac{1}{t_c} - \frac{1}{t} \right) \right]^{1/(d-2)}.$$

The correction δm^2 is obtained then straightforwardly from the remaining terms in the sum rule (9) and given by the Eq. (22). Repeating the calculation of the Green's function similarly to $d = 3$ case we find

$$G(k) = \frac{1}{\{k^2 + m_0^2 [1 + (2\eta/(d-2) + (8B_4/\pi N) \sin(\pi d/2))/(d-2) \ln(\Lambda/m_0)] + (2m_0^2/N) \tilde{F}_d(k/m_0)\}^{1-\eta/2}} \tag{A12}$$

where $\tilde{F}_d(x) = F_d(x) - (N\eta/4) \ln[1/(x^2 + 1)]$. After transforming logarithm into power we obtain again the result (17) with $\xi = m_0^{-\nu(d-2)} \propto (t - t_c)^{-\nu}$, ν is given by the Eq. (23).

3. Dimension $d = 4$

For completeness, let us also present some results in four dimensions. Performing integration in Eq. (8), we obtain

$$\Pi(q) = \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \left[\ln\left(\frac{\Lambda}{m_0}\right) - \frac{\sqrt{4m_0^2 + q^2}}{2q} \tanh^{-1}\left(\frac{q\sqrt{4m_0^2 + q^2}}{2m_0^2 + q^2}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \right]. \tag{A13}$$

The corresponding contribution to the self-energy reads

$$\Sigma(k) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2 N} \int q^3 dq \frac{1}{\Pi(q)} \left[\frac{k^2 + q^2 + m_0^2 - \sqrt{k^4 + (q^2 + m_0^2)^2 - 2k^2(q^2 - m_0^2)}}{2k^2 q^2} - \frac{1}{q^2 + m_0^2} \right]. \tag{A14}$$

After evaluating the integral in the limit $k \gg m_0$ and neglecting the terms of the order of k^2/l and m_0^2/l , where $l = \ln(\Lambda/k)$, $\ln(\Lambda/m_0)$, or $\ln(k/m_0)$, we obtain

$$\Sigma(k) = -\frac{6m_0^2}{N} \left[\frac{2\ln(k/m_0)}{1 + 2\ln(\Lambda/k)} - \ln\left(\frac{2\ln(\Lambda/m_0)}{1 + 2\ln(\Lambda/k)}\right) \right]. \tag{A15}$$

We note that the coefficient in front of the square bracket is equal to $2B_4(d \rightarrow 4)/N$. Performing integrations in Eq. (9), we obtain with logarithmic accuracy

$$\begin{aligned}
\int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{(k^2 + m_0^2)} &= \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \left(\frac{\Lambda^2}{2} - m_0^2 \ln \frac{\Lambda}{m_0} \right), \\
\int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{(k^2 + m_0^2)^2} \Sigma(k) &= \frac{3m_0^2}{4\pi^2 N} \ln \frac{\Lambda}{m_0} \left(2 - \ln \ln \frac{\Lambda}{m_0} \right), \\
\int \frac{d^4 k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{(k^2 + m_0^2)^2} &= \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \ln \frac{\Lambda}{m_0}.
\end{aligned} \tag{A16}$$

Putting $m_0 = \delta m = 0$ we find the critical temperature $t_c = 16\pi^2/(\Lambda^2 N)$. Absorbing $\ln(\Lambda/m_0)$ contributions into the bare mass m_0 we find

$$m_0^2 \ln \frac{\Lambda}{m_0} = \frac{8\pi^2}{N+12} \left(\frac{1}{t_c} - \frac{1}{t} \right). \quad (\text{A17})$$

Finally, remaining contributions to the Eq. (9) yield

$$\delta m^2 = \frac{6m_0^2}{N} \ln \ln \frac{\Lambda}{m_0}. \quad (\text{A18})$$

In Eqs. (A17) and (A18) we recognize the zeroth- and first order terms in $1/N$ expansion of the one loop renormalization group result (see, e.g., Ref. [49]) $m^2 \propto (t - t_c)/\ln^{(N+2)/(N+8)}(\Lambda/m)$.

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