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1a)
$$P_{1} = \frac{r_{1}}{r_{1}} =$$

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[2] Scaling hypothesis from Landau theory

From

$$G(\epsilon, \lambda) = [F(\epsilon, \xi) - \lambda \xi]_{\text{stat wrt } \xi}$$

and

$$F(\epsilon,\xi) = \frac{1}{2}A\epsilon\xi^2 + \frac{1}{4}B\xi^4,$$

we infer that

$$G(\Omega^{p}\epsilon, \Omega^{q}\lambda) = \left[\frac{1}{2}A\Omega^{p}\epsilon\xi^{2} + \frac{1}{4}B\xi^{4} - \Omega^{q}\lambda\xi\right]_{\text{stat wrt }\xi}$$
$$= \Omega\left[\frac{1}{2}A\epsilon\left(\Omega^{(p-1)/2}\xi\right)^{2} + \frac{1}{4}B\left(\Omega^{-1/4}\xi\right)^{4} - \lambda\left(\Omega^{q-1}\xi\right)\right]_{\text{stat wrt }\xi}$$

Now we want to show that the right-hand side becomes $\Omega G(\epsilon, \lambda)$ for an appropriate choice of p and q. In fact if we choose (p-1)/2 = -1/4 and q-1 = -1/4, then the quantity inside the square brackets becomes a function of $\Omega^{-1/4}\xi$, and we have

$$G(\Omega^{p}\epsilon, \Omega^{q}\lambda) = \Omega \left[\frac{1}{2}A\epsilon \left(\Omega^{-1/4}\xi\right)^{2} + \frac{1}{4}B\left(\Omega^{-1/4}\xi\right)^{4} - \lambda \left(\Omega^{-1/4}\xi\right)\right]_{\text{stat wrt }\xi}.$$

But rescaling ξ by $\Omega^{-1/4}$ does not change the value of the quantity in square brackets at its stationary point, and so we find

$$G(\Omega^p \epsilon, \Omega^q \lambda) = \Omega G(\epsilon, \lambda)$$

when we choose

$$p = 1/2, \quad q = 3/4.$$

[3] Critical exponents from the scaling hypothesis

(a) The order parameter is given by $\xi = -\left(\frac{\partial G}{\partial \lambda}\right)_{\tau}$. Differentiating the scaling hypothesis with respect to λ gives:

$$\Omega^q \xi(\Omega^p \epsilon, \Omega^q \lambda) = \Omega \xi(\epsilon, \lambda) \tag{S1}$$

We set $\lambda = 0$, and take the limit $\epsilon \to 0^-$ (i.e. approach τ_C from below) while holding $\Omega^p \epsilon$ fixed. This means that $\Omega \propto |\epsilon|^{-1/p} = (-\epsilon)^{-1/p}$ since $\epsilon < 0$ in this case¹. Furthermore, for $\Omega^p \epsilon$ fixed, $\xi(\Omega^p \epsilon, 0)$ is just a constant. Therefore,

$$\xi \sim \Omega^{q-1} \sim (-\epsilon)^{\frac{1-q}{p}} \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad \beta = \frac{1-q}{p} \,.$$

¹We usually want to study the scaling behavior while on the same side of τ_C , hence we can take Ω as a positive quantity.

(b) Set $\epsilon = 0$ in eq. (S1), and take the limit $\lambda \to 0$, while holding $\Omega^q \lambda$ fixed, i.e. $\Omega \propto \lambda^{-1/q}$. Therefore, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \xi \sim \Omega^{q-1} \sim \lambda^{-\frac{q-1}{q}} \\ \Rightarrow & \lambda \sim \xi^{\frac{q}{1-q}} \qquad \Rightarrow \qquad \delta = \frac{q}{1-q} \end{aligned}$$

(c) Recall that $\sigma = -\left(\frac{\partial G}{\partial \tau}\right)_{\lambda}$, so the heat capacity is given by $C_{\lambda} = -\tau \left(\frac{\partial^2 G}{\partial \tau^2}\right)_{\lambda}$. Differentiating the scaling hypothesis twice with respect to τ , we get

$$\Omega^{2p}C_{\lambda}(\Omega^{p}\epsilon,\Omega^{q}\lambda) = \Omega C_{\lambda}(\epsilon,\lambda).$$

Set $\lambda = 0$, and take the limit $\epsilon \to 0$ while holding $\Omega^p \epsilon$ fixed, i.e. $\Omega \propto |\epsilon|^{-1/p}$. Then,

$$C_{\lambda} \sim \Omega^{2p-1} \sim |\epsilon|^{-\frac{2p-1}{p}} \Rightarrow \alpha = 2 - \frac{1}{p}.$$

- (d) For p = 1/2 and q = 3/4, we find $\alpha = 0$, $\beta = 1/2$, $\gamma = 1$, $\delta = 3$ as expected.
- (e) Using the expressions for β and δ from problem 2, we can write:

$$\begin{split} \delta &= \frac{q}{1-q} & \Rightarrow \quad q = \frac{\delta}{1+\delta}, \\ \beta &= \frac{1-q}{p} = \frac{1-\frac{\delta}{1+\delta}}{p} = \frac{1}{p(1+\delta)} & \Rightarrow \quad \frac{1}{p} = \beta(1+\delta). \end{split}$$

Therefore, $\alpha = 2 - \frac{1}{p} = 2 - \beta(1 + \delta)$, which is known as the Griffiths relation.

(f) Using the expressions for α and β from problem 2, we can write:

$$\begin{split} \alpha &= 2 - \frac{1}{p} & \Rightarrow \quad \frac{1}{p} = 2 - \alpha, \\ \beta &= \frac{1 - q}{p} = 2 - \alpha - \frac{q}{p} & \Rightarrow \quad \frac{q}{p} = 2 - \alpha - \beta \end{split}$$

Therefore, $\gamma = \frac{2q}{p} - \frac{1}{p} = 2(2 - \alpha - \beta) - (2 - \alpha) = 2 - \alpha - 2\beta$, which is known as the Rushbrooke relation.

[4] Equation of state from the scaling hypothesis

(a) Differentiating both sides of the scaling hypothesis

$$G(\epsilon, \lambda) = \Omega^{-1} G(\Omega^p \epsilon, \Omega^q \lambda) ,$$

we find

$$\xi(\epsilon,\lambda) = -\left(\frac{\partial G}{\partial \lambda}\right)_{\tau} = \Omega^{q-1}\xi(\Omega^{p}\epsilon,\Omega^{q}\lambda) \ .$$

Now choose Ω so that $\Omega^p = \epsilon^{-1}$, or $\Omega = \epsilon^{-1/p}$, and we have

$$\xi(\epsilon,\lambda) = \epsilon^{(1-q)/p} \xi\left(1,\epsilon^{-q/p}\lambda\right) \Rightarrow \frac{\xi(\epsilon,\lambda)}{\epsilon^{(1-q)/p}} = \xi\left(1,\frac{\lambda}{\epsilon^{q/p}}\right) = f\left(\frac{\lambda}{\epsilon^{q/p}}\right) \ .$$

Therefore,

$$a = \frac{1-q}{p} = \beta$$
, $b = \frac{q}{p} = \beta\delta$.

(b) Differentiating we find

$$\lambda = \frac{\partial}{\partial \xi} F(\epsilon, \xi) = A\epsilon\xi + B\xi^3,$$

and therefore

$$\lambda \epsilon^{-b} = A \epsilon^{1-b} \xi + B \epsilon^{-b} \xi^3 = A \left(\epsilon^{1-b} \xi \right) + B \left(\epsilon^{-b/3} \xi \right)^3;$$

This has the form $h(\xi/\epsilon^a)$ if a = b - 1 = b/3, which has the solution b = 3/2 and a = 1/2. The function h is

$$h(x) = Ax + Bx^3.$$

To check: in Landau theory, where p = 1/2 and q = 3/4, the result from (a) becomes

$$a = \frac{1-q}{p} = \frac{1/4}{1/2} = 1/2, \quad b = \frac{q}{p} = \frac{3/4}{1/2} = 3/2.$$