

Resume of critical exponents

in Landau theory the functional to be minimized is expressed as a function of $m(x)$ the order param such as

$$\Psi[m] = \int d^d x \left[a m^2(x) + b (m^4(x)) + c |\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{m}|^2 \right]$$

and around T_c $a \propto (T - T_c)$ while $b > 0$ and $c > 0$

this gives rise to the following critical exponent

$$m \propto (T_c - T)^\beta$$

$$\beta = 1/2$$

$$\chi = \frac{\partial m}{\partial h} \propto (T - T_c)^\gamma$$

$$\gamma = 1$$

$$(T > T_c)$$

$$\text{and } \gamma^\perp = \gamma (T < T_c)$$

$$C_h = \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial T} \right)_h \propto (T_c - T)^\alpha$$

$$\alpha = 0$$

the correlation length defined as

$$\chi(k) = \frac{\chi(0)}{1 + \xi^{-2} k^2}$$

$$\xi \propto (T - T_c)^{-\nu}$$

$$\nu = \frac{1}{2}$$

correlation length $\rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow$ universality and scaling

$$dT \quad T = T_c$$

$$m(T=T_c) \propto h^{1/\delta}$$

$$\delta = 3$$

$$\eta = 0$$

critical isotherm

$$\chi(q, T_c) \propto \frac{1}{q^{2-\eta}}$$

All these exponents being dimensionality dependent and called CLASSICAL EXPONENTS.

In real systems however there are important dependence on

dimensionality of space

of components / symmetry of order parameter

For scalar order parameters such as Ising Model or gas liquid transition (Lava Gas)
Besides the scaling (which holds at the critical point) the field theory is Conformal (at $T = T_c$) and all the critical exponents can be derived from the scaling dimensions of

$$m(x) \xrightarrow{\Lambda} \Lambda^\sigma m$$

$$m^2(x) \xrightarrow{\Lambda} \Lambda^\varepsilon m^2$$

$$m^4(x) \xrightarrow{\Lambda} \Lambda^{\varepsilon'} m^2$$

previously called

χ_m

χ_{m^2}

χ_{m^4}

it is found that the classical critical exponents are those found for $d=4$ for example

	$d=1$	$d=2$	$d=3$	$d=4$
β	no transition	$1/8$	$0.326419(3)$	$1/2$
ν	no transition	1	$0.629971(14)$	$1/2$

Scaling relations relates all critical exponents but two for example

$$x_n + x_m = d$$

$\nwarrow$ scaling dimension of m
 $\nearrow$ scaling dimension of h

and the scaling laws involves dimensionality such that they are all filled by the classical critical exponents only at $d=4$

therefore Mean field theory is

- Quantitatively not correct below an upper critical dimension $d_u = 4$ (ISING)
- Qualitatively incorrect below the lower critical dimension

$$d_l = 2 \text{ (ISING)}$$

(no phase transition or change of type of pt)