Universal scaling and the essential singularity at the abrupt Ising transition

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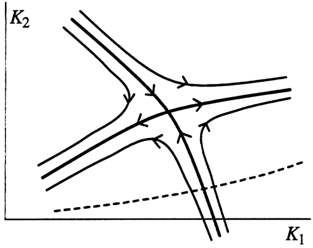

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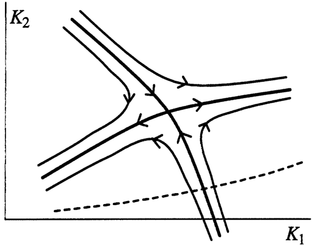

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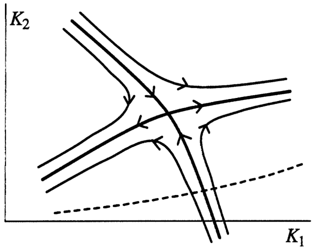

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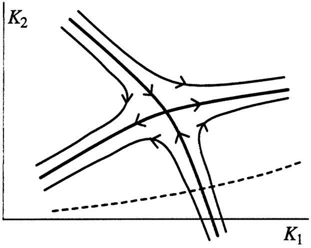

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Not all nonanalytic behavior is singular!

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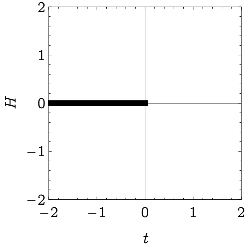

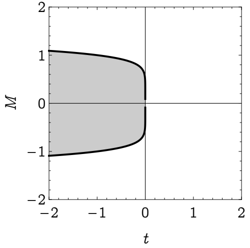

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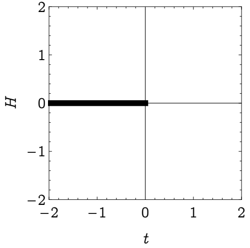

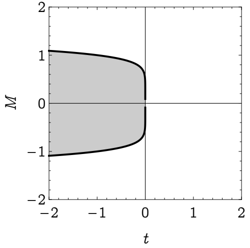

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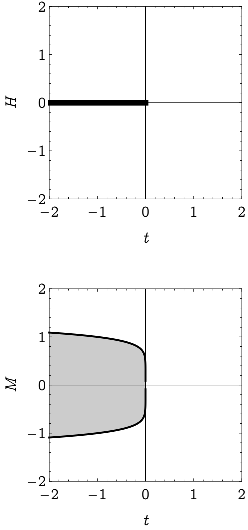

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but those larger will grow to occupy the entire system.

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Decay of the equilibrium state implies existence of an imaginary part in the free energy,

$$\operatorname{Im} F \sim e^{-\beta \Delta F_{\text{crit}}}$$

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Therefore,

$$\Delta F_{\text{crit}} \sim \Sigma\left(\frac{MH}{\Sigma}\right)^{-(d-1)} = X^{-(d-1)}\mathcal{F}(X)$$

for $X = h/t^{\beta\delta}$, and

$$\operatorname{Im} F = \mathcal{I}(X)e^{-\beta/X^{(d-1)}}$$

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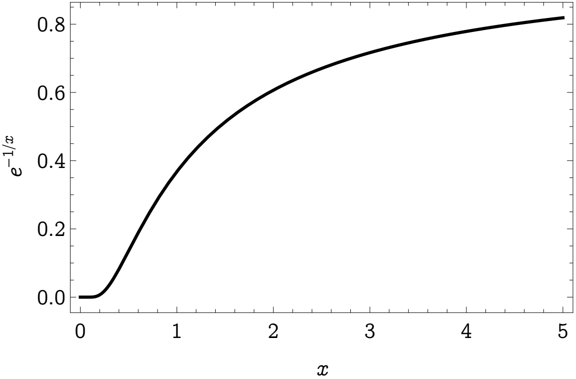

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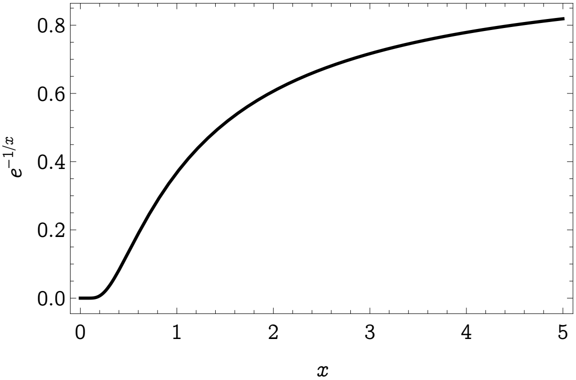

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This and its implications are therefore a universal feature of the Ising class.

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Only predictive for high moments of F, or

$$f_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{0} \frac{\operatorname{Im} F(X')}{X'^{n+1}} \, \mathrm{d}X'$$

for $F = \sum f_n X^n$.

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Results from field theory indicate that $\mathcal{I}(X) \propto X$ for $d = 2$ and small X, so that

$$\mathrm{Im}\, F = AXe^{-\beta/X^{(d-1)}}$$

$$f_n = \frac{A\Gamma(n-1)}{\pi(-B)^{n-1}}$$

Not a convergent series—the real part of F for $H > 0$ is also nonanalytic.

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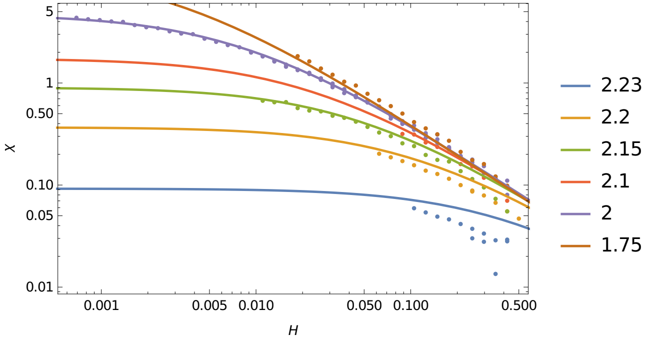
In two dimensions, the Cauchy integral does not converge, normalize with

$$F(X \mid \lambda) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{0} \frac{\operatorname{Im} F(X')}{X' - X} \frac{1}{1 + (\lambda X')^2} \, \mathrm{d}X'$$

$$\frac{A}{\pi} \frac{X e^{B/X} \operatorname{Ei}(-B/X) + \frac{1}{\lambda} \operatorname{Im}(e^{-i\lambda B}(i + \lambda X)(\pi + i \operatorname{Ei}(i\lambda B)))}{1 + (\lambda X)^2}$$

$$\chi = t^{-\gamma} \mathcal{X}(h/t^{\beta\delta})$$

$$\mathcal{X}(X) = \frac{A}{\pi X^3} \left[(B - X)X + B^2 e^{B/X} \operatorname{Ei}(-B/X)\right]$$



$A = -0.0939(8),\ B = 5.45(6).$