# Infinite-Order Phase Transition in a Classical Spin System 

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#### Abstract

For an exactly soluble classical spin model with long-range inhomogeneous coupling it is proved that in the absence of external magnetic field the free energy is a $C^{\infty}$ function of the temperature at the critical point.


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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Recently, various one-dimensional models with inhomogeneous interaction have been introduced as simple examples of a phase transition. Such results have been mainly concerned with nearest neighbor potentials and unbounded coupling. ${ }^{(1-4)}$ However, inhomogeneous spin systems also provide the means of studying the influence of very long-range potentials on the critical behavior.

The object of this paper is an exactly soluble classical spin model with an inhomogeneous coupling decreasing roughly as $|i-j|^{-1}$ (such a decay would correspond to the boundary case $c=2$ of the hierarchical model ${ }^{(5)}$ ). This interaction results in a rather unusual critical behavior. We consider a system of classical spins $\left\{\sigma_{i}\right\}_{i \in \mathbb{N}}, \sigma_{i}= \pm 1$, in the presence of a magnetic field $h \geqslant 0$. The Hamiltonian is defined by

$$
\begin{equation*}
\mathscr{H}_{n} \equiv \mathscr{H}_{n}\left(\left\{\sigma_{i}\right\}_{1 \leqslant i \leqslant n} ; h\right)=-\sum_{1 \leqslant i \leqslant j \leqslant n} j^{-1} \sigma_{i} \sigma_{j}-h \sum_{1 \leqslant i \leqslant n} \sigma_{i} \tag{1.1a}
\end{equation*}
$$

[^0]This result can be obtained by standard methods; we give an intuitive picture and only sketch the proof. Consider first the parametric form of (1.10a):

$$
\begin{align*}
& \dot{Y}_{\beta}=-\beta X_{\beta}\left(1-Y_{\beta}^{2}\right) \\
& \dot{X}_{\beta}=Y_{\beta}-X_{\beta} \tag{2.1}
\end{align*}
$$

The phase portrait of Eq. (2.1) is given in Fig. 1. Taking $w_{\beta}(\cdot)=$ $\tanh ^{-1}\left[y_{\beta}(\cdot)\right]$ in Eq. (2.1), one obtains

$$
\begin{equation*}
\ddot{w}_{\beta}+\dot{w}_{\beta}+\beta \tanh w_{\beta}=0 \tag{2.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

describing the damped motion of the classical particle in the potential well $V_{\beta}(w)=\beta \log \cosh w$. The function $y_{\beta}$ corresponds to the solution of (2.2) with $w_{\beta}(-\infty)=\infty$ and $\dot{w}_{\beta}(-\infty)=-\beta$ (which is the terminal velocity in (2.2)). The point $w=0$ is a stable equilibrium point. In a neighborhood of the origin, $\log \cosh w \approx w^{2} / 2$ and Eq. (2.2) approaches the equation of the damped oscillator. The latter is over (under)damped for $\beta<\beta_{c}\left(\beta>\beta_{c}\right)$ and critically damped for

$$
\beta_{c}=1 / 4
$$

Briefly, a proof is obtained as follows.

1. First, it is shown in the usual way that $(1,1)$ is a saddle point of Eq. (2.1) for all $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^{+}$while ( 0,0 ) is a stable node for $\beta \in\left(0, \beta_{c}\right]$ and a stable focus for $\beta>\beta_{c}$. As is known in the two-dimensional autonomous case, the trajectories approach a stable node along one of the critical directions $\left\{\right.$ which are given by $y=x / 2 \cdot\left[1 \pm(1-4 \beta)^{1 / 2}\right]$ in our case $\}$.
2. In a neighborhood in $[-1,1]^{2}$ of $(1,1)$, there exists a unique solution of (2.1) tangent to the unstable direction

$$
\begin{equation*}
y=(x-1)(1+2 \beta)+1 \tag{2.3}
\end{equation*}
$$



Fig. 1. (a) Phase portrait of Eq. (2.1) for $\beta \leqslant \beta_{c}$. (b) Phase portrait of Eq. (2.1) for $\beta>\beta_{c}$.

This follows from the behavior of trajectories near a saddle point ${ }^{(6)}$ (the existence of such a solution also follows from the proof of Lemma 3.1 given in the Appendix).

The second trajectory approaching ( 1,1 ) is a singular one, with $Y_{\beta}(t) \equiv 1$; this trajectory gives the stable direction at $(1,1)$.
3. The total energy of the particle in (2.2) gives a Lyapunov function for Eq. (2.1). The Lyapunov function is used to prove that the solution obtained in step 2 extends to the whole real axis and also that, for this solution,

$$
\begin{array}{lll}
\left(X_{\beta}(t), Y_{\beta}(t)\right) \in(-1,1)^{2} & \text { for } & t \in \mathbb{R} \\
\left(X_{\beta}(t), Y_{\beta}(t)\right) \rightarrow(0,0) & \text { for } & t \rightarrow \infty \tag{2.5}
\end{array}
$$

To summarize these intermediate results, we have the following.
Lemma 2.2. For each $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^{+}$the system (2.1) has a unique solution $\left(X_{\beta}(\cdot), Y_{\beta}(\cdot)\right): \mathbb{R} \mapsto(-1,1)^{2}$ for which the path is tangent to the line (2.3) at $x=y=1$.

Computing the field direction across the line $y=x$, one can show by the previous lemma that

$$
\begin{equation*}
X_{\beta}(t)>Y_{\beta}(t) \quad \text { for } \quad t \in\left(-\infty, t_{\beta}\right) \tag{2.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $t_{\beta} \equiv \inf \left\{t: X_{\beta}(t)=0\right\}$ for $\beta>\beta_{c}$ and $t_{\beta} \equiv \infty$ for $\beta \leqslant \beta_{c}$. The function $y_{\beta}$ is now defined by its graph

$$
\begin{equation*}
y_{\beta}=\overline{\left\{\left(X_{\beta}(t), Y_{\beta}(t)\right): t \in\left(-\infty, t_{\beta}\right)\right\}} \tag{2.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\bar{A}$ denotes the closure of the set $A$.
It is easy to see that this is a correct definition and that $y_{\beta}$ satisfies (1.10a)-(1.10c). In view of step $2, y_{\beta}$ is the only solution of $(1.10 \mathrm{a})-(1.10 \mathrm{c})$; the regularity of the obtained $y_{\beta}$ is obvious.

Lemma 2.3. (i) $y_{\beta}^{\prime}(x)>0$ for $x \in(0,1)$ and $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^{+}$. Also,

$$
\begin{align*}
& y_{\beta}(x)>x / 2 \cdot\left[1+(1-4 \beta)^{1 / 2}\right] \quad \text { for }(x, \beta) \in(0,1) \times\left(0, \beta_{c}\right]  \tag{2.8}\\
& y_{\beta}(0)=0 \quad \text { for } \quad \beta \in\left(0, \beta_{c}\right] \quad \text { and } \quad y_{\beta}(0) \in(-1,0) \text { for } \beta>\beta_{c} \tag{2.9}
\end{align*}
$$

(ii) $y_{\beta}^{\prime}$ extends to a $C[0,1]$ map. We have $y_{\beta}^{\prime}(1)=1+2 \beta$ for $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^{+}$;

$$
\begin{aligned}
& y_{\beta}^{\prime}(0)=1 / 2 \cdot\left[1+(1-4 \beta)^{1 / 2}\right] \quad \text { for } \quad \beta \in\left(0, \beta_{c}\right] \\
& y_{\beta}^{\prime}(0)=0 \quad \text { for } \quad \beta>\beta_{c}
\end{aligned}
$$

(iii) $y_{\beta}$ converges uniformly, as $\beta \rightarrow 0$, to the function $y_{0}(x)=x$, the singular solution for $\beta=0$ of the equation $y_{\beta}^{\prime}\left(y_{\beta}-x\right)=\beta x\left(1-y_{\beta}^{2}\right)$.

If (2.17) holds, then, taking $\phi_{n}(k)=f_{n}(k) / \widetilde{f_{n}}(k)$, we get

$$
\begin{aligned}
\phi_{n+1}(k)= & \phi_{n}(k+1) \exp \left(-\beta \frac{k}{n+1}\right) \cdot \frac{\tilde{f}_{n}(k+1)}{\widetilde{f}_{n+1}(k)} \\
& +\phi_{n}(k-1) \exp \left(\beta \frac{k}{n+1}\right) \cdot \frac{\tilde{f}_{n}(k-1)}{\tilde{f}_{n+1}(k)}
\end{aligned}
$$

from which it follows inductively that

$$
\text { const } \cdot \exp \left(-\sum_{j=1}^{n} \varepsilon_{j}^{\prime}\right)<\phi_{n+1}(k)<\text { const }^{\prime} \cdot \exp \left(\sum_{j=1}^{n} \varepsilon_{j}^{\prime}\right), \quad k \in S_{n+1}, n \in \mathbb{N}
$$

implying (2.14).
Remark. The second factor in (2.16) [which obviously does not contribute to (2.14)] was added in order to allow the inductive approach to the problem. It originates in the fact that, for $\beta \geqslant \beta_{c}$, the limit probability distribution is actually a superposition of two states, corresponding to opposite values of the magnetization.

For the proof of (2.17) it suffices to consider that $n$ is large enough and $k \geqslant 0$. Define for $0 \leqslant k \leqslant n-1$

$$
\chi_{n+1}^{ \pm}(k)=\exp \left[\mp \beta \frac{k}{n+1}+n G_{0}\left(\frac{|k \pm 1|}{n} ; \beta\right)-(n+1) G_{0}\left(\frac{k}{n+1} ; \beta\right)\right]
$$

Also, let $\chi_{n+1}^{-}(n+1)$ be given by the above expression and $\chi_{n+1}^{+}(n+1)=0$.

1. First we show that, for some $\left\{\varepsilon_{n}^{\prime \prime}\right\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, with $\varepsilon_{n}^{\prime \prime} \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$,

$$
\left|\log \left[\chi_{n+1}^{+}(k)+\chi_{n+1}^{-}(k)\right]\right|<\varepsilon_{n}^{\prime \prime} \quad \text { for } 0<k \in S_{n+1}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}
$$

For $0<k \leqslant n-1$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
\chi_{n+1}^{ \pm}(k)= & \exp \left[\mp \beta \frac{k}{n+1}+\left(\frac{k}{n+1} \pm 1\right) G_{0}^{\prime}\left(\frac{k}{n+1} ; \beta\right)\right. \\
& \left.-G_{0}\left(\frac{k}{n+1} ; \beta\right)+\frac{1}{2 n}\left(\frac{k}{n+1} \pm 1\right)^{2} G_{0}^{\prime \prime}\left(\xi_{ \pm} ; \beta\right)\right]
\end{aligned}
$$

with

$$
\xi_{ \pm} \in\left(\frac{k-1}{n}, \frac{k+1}{n}\right)
$$

It is easy to see that $G_{0}^{\prime \prime}(x ; \beta) \leqslant \beta$ for $x \in(0,1)$. Then, by (1.9a) [observing also that $\left.\chi_{n+1}^{+}(n+1)+\chi_{n+1}^{-}(n+1)=1\right]$,

$$
\log \left[\chi_{n+1}^{+}(k)+\chi_{n+1}^{-}(k)\right] \leqslant 2 \beta n^{-1} \quad \text { for } \quad 0<k \in S_{n+1}
$$

For a lower bound, let $A(\beta)$ be such that for all $x \in(0,1)$, $\left|G_{0}^{\prime \prime}(x ; \beta)\right| \leqslant A(\beta)(1-x)^{-1}[\operatorname{see}(2.12)]$. For $0<k \leqslant n-\log n$, we get

$$
\log \left[\chi_{n+1}^{+}(k)+\chi_{n+1}^{-}(k)\right] \geqslant-\mathrm{const} \cdot A(\beta) / \log n
$$

Then, for $n-\log n<k<n$, noting that by (2.12), $G_{0}(x ; \beta)$ is decreasing for $x$ close to 1 , we obtain

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \log \left[\chi_{n+1}^{+}(k)+\chi_{n+1}^{-}(k)\right] \\
& \quad \geqslant \log \chi_{n+1}^{-}(k) \\
& \quad \geqslant \beta(n-\log n) /(n+1)-G_{0}((n-\log n) /(n+1) ; \beta) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text { as } \quad n \rightarrow \infty
\end{aligned}
$$

since $G_{0}(\cdot ; \beta)$ is continuous.
2. For $k=0$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
T_{n+1}(0)= & \left\{\exp \left[G_{0}^{\prime}(0 ; \beta)-G_{0}(0 ; \beta)\right]\right. \\
& \left.+\exp \left[-G_{0}^{\prime}(0 ; \beta)-G_{0}(0 ; \beta)\right]\right\} \exp \left[\frac{1}{2 n} G_{0}^{\prime \prime}(\xi ; \beta)\right]
\end{aligned}
$$

where $\xi \in(0,1 / n) ;(2.17)$ is obtained from (2.13) with $\varepsilon_{n}^{\prime}=\operatorname{const}(\beta) / n$. For $0<k \leqslant \log n$, we write

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{T_{n+1}(k)}{\chi_{n+1}^{+}(k)+\chi_{n+1}^{-}(k)}=\left(1+e^{-\alpha k}\right)^{-1}\left\{1+e^{-\alpha k} \frac{\chi_{n+1}^{+}(k) e^{-\alpha}+\chi_{n+1}^{-}(k) e^{x}}{\chi_{n+1}^{+}(k)+\chi_{n+1}^{-}(k)}\right\} \tag{2.18}
\end{equation*}
$$

Note that

$$
\chi_{n+1}^{ \pm}(k) \exp (\mp \alpha)=\chi_{n+1}^{\mp}(k) \chi_{n+1}^{0}(k)
$$

with

$$
\begin{gather*}
\chi_{n+1}^{0}(k)=\exp \left[\mp 2 \beta \frac{k}{n+1} \pm 2 \xi G_{0}^{\prime \prime}(\zeta ; \beta)\right]  \tag{2.19}\\
\xi \in\left(\frac{k-1}{n}, \frac{k+1}{n}\right), \quad \zeta \in(0, \xi)
\end{gather*}
$$

Regarding the expression obtained after the substitution of (2.19) into (2.18) as a weighted mean of $\chi_{n+1}^{0}$, one obtains an estimation for $\varepsilon_{n}^{\prime}$, in this region, of the form const $(\beta) / \log n$.

Finally, for $k \in(\log n, n+1]$ it follows directly from (2.18) that

$$
\left|\log \left\{\left[\chi_{n+1}^{+}(k)+\chi_{n+1}^{-}(k)\right]^{-1} T_{n+1}(k)\right\}\right|<\text { const } \cdot n^{-\alpha}
$$

On account of step 1 above, this completes the proof of (i).

## APPENDIX

Proof of Lemma 3.1. Note first that the only problem is the analyticity near the singular point (1,1). It is sufficient to prove analyticity on $\left(x_{0}, 1\right) \times \mathbb{R}^{+}$for some $x_{0}$, since on $(0,1), y_{\beta}(x)<x$ and the solutions of (1.10) depend analytically on $(\beta, x)$ and the initial conditions in any domain of regularity of the rhs of (1.10). In order to obtain the analyticity near the critical point, it is convenient to consider $y_{\beta}$ as a perturbation of its asymptotic expression for $x \rightarrow 1$, which behaves analytically. With $x_{\beta} \equiv y_{\beta}^{-1}$, define $\xi_{\beta}:(0,1) \mapsto \mathbb{R}$ by

$$
\begin{equation*}
\xi_{\beta}(w)=\left[1-x_{\beta}(\tanh w)\right] \exp w \tag{A1}
\end{equation*}
$$

By (1.10),

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{d \xi_{\beta}}{d w}=\left(1+\beta^{-1}\right) \xi_{\beta}-\frac{(1-\tanh w) e^{w}-\xi_{\beta}^{2} e^{-w}}{\beta\left(1-\xi_{\beta} e^{-w}\right)} \tag{A2a}
\end{equation*}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\lim _{w \rightarrow \infty} \xi_{\beta}(w)=0 \tag{A2b}
\end{equation*}
$$

In view of the definition of $\xi_{\beta}$, it is easy to see that Eqs. (A.2a) and (A.2b) have a unique solution and also that the needed analyticity of $y_{\beta}$ is equivalent to that of $\xi_{\beta}$ on $\left(w_{0}, \infty\right) \times \mathbb{R}^{+}$for some $w_{0}$. The second term in the rhs of Eq. (A.2a) vanishes for $w \rightarrow \infty$. It is then natural to consider the following integral version of Eqs. (A.2a) and (A.2b):

$$
\begin{equation*}
\xi_{\beta}(w)=\beta^{-1} e^{w\left(\beta^{-1}+1\right)} \int_{w}^{\infty} d s e^{-s\left(\beta^{-1}+1\right)} \frac{(1-\tanh s) e^{s}-\xi_{\beta}^{2}(s) e^{-s}}{1-\xi_{\beta}(s) e^{-s}} \tag{A3}
\end{equation*}
$$

We treat (A.3) as a fixed-point problem in a suitable analytic function space.

Let $\varepsilon>0, \delta \in(0,1)$. For $\alpha=\alpha(\varepsilon, \delta)$ large enough, let $S_{\alpha, \varepsilon}$ be the space of complex analytic bounded functions on the domain $D_{\alpha, \varepsilon}=\left\{(w, \beta) \in \mathbb{C}^{2}\right.$ : $\operatorname{Re}(w)>\alpha, \operatorname{Re}(\beta)>\varepsilon\}$. Consider the closed ball $B_{\delta}=\left\{f \in S_{\alpha, \varepsilon}:\|f\| \leqslant \delta\right\}$, where $\|\cdot\|$ denotes the sup norm on $D_{\alpha, \varepsilon}$. Define the nonlinear operator $T$ on $B_{\delta}$ by
$(T g)(w, \beta)$

$$
\begin{equation*}
=\beta^{-1} e^{w\left(1+\beta^{-1}\right)} \int_{w}^{\infty+i \operatorname{Im}(w)} d \tau e^{-\left(1+\beta^{-1}\right) \tau} \frac{(1-\tanh \tau) e^{\tau}-g^{2}(\tau, \beta) e^{-\tau}}{1-g(\tau, \beta) e^{-\tau}} \tag{A4}
\end{equation*}
$$

The above integral is absolutely convergent for $g \in B_{\delta}$ and thus, by Hartog's theorem, $(T g)(\cdot, \cdot)$ is an analytic function in the couple $(w, \beta)$ on $D_{\alpha, \varepsilon}$. It can be checked in a straightforward manner that, for large enough $\alpha, T\left(B_{\delta}\right) \subset B_{\delta}$ and also that $T$ is a contraction on $B_{\delta}$.

Let then $\widetilde{\xi}_{\beta}$ be the unique fixed point of $T$ in $B_{\delta}$. It can be seen from (A.4) that $T$ leaves invariant the closed subset $R_{\delta} \subset B_{\delta}$ of the functions that take real values for real $\beta$ and $w$. Thus, $\tilde{\xi}_{\beta} \in R_{\delta}$ and since it satisfies (A.2a) and (A.2b) for (real) $\beta>\varepsilon$ and $w>\alpha$, then $\xi_{\beta}(w)=\xi_{\beta}(w)$ for $(w, \beta) \in(\alpha, \infty) \times(\varepsilon, \infty)$. Therefore $y_{\beta}$ is real analytic on $(0,1) \times(\varepsilon, \infty)$. Since $\varepsilon$ is arbitrary, this concludes the proof.

Proof of Lemma 3.2. In the following we shall use some short-hand notations such as $y_{\beta}(g)$ for $y_{\beta} \circ g_{\beta}^{-1}(g)$ or $y_{\beta}(h)$ for $y_{\beta}(m(\beta, h))$.

The key to the approach is the use of the projective variable $g=y / x$ in a kind of $\sigma$-process in order to compare $y_{\beta}$ with the solutions $\tilde{y}_{\beta}$ of the linearized equation in a neighborhood of $x=0$. The values of interest for $g$ are between $g_{0}=\tanh \beta_{c}<\inf _{\beta>\beta_{c}} g_{\beta}(h=0)$ and some $g_{1}>y_{\beta_{c}}^{\prime}(x=0)$, say $g_{1}=1 / 2+1 / 8$.

Define the function $\tilde{y}_{\beta}$ by

$$
\begin{align*}
\tilde{y}_{\beta}(g)= & {\left[(g-1 / 2)^{2}+\omega^{2}\right]^{-1 / 2} \exp \left\{\frac { 1 } { 2 \omega } \left[\arctan \left(\frac{g-1 / 2}{\omega}\right)\right.\right.} \\
& \left.\left.-\arctan \left(\frac{g_{1}-1 / 2}{\omega}\right)\right]\right\} \tag{A5}
\end{align*}
$$

with $\omega=\left(\beta-\beta_{c}\right)^{1 / 2}$. Consider $\beta_{0}>\beta_{c}$. For (i) we prove a stronger result, namely:
(i') For all $g \in\left(g_{0}, g_{1}\right)$ and $\beta \in\left(\beta_{c}, \beta_{0}\right]$,

$$
\begin{equation*}
K_{1}<y_{\beta}(g) / \tilde{y}_{\beta}(g)<K_{2} \tag{A6}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $K_{1,2} \in \mathbb{R}^{+}$are $\beta$ independent (but may depend on $g_{0}, g_{1}$, or $\beta_{0}$ ).
Proof. By (1.10)

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left.\log \left[y_{\beta}\left(1-y_{\beta}^{2}\right)^{-1 / 2}\right]\right|_{\gamma_{\beta}(g)} ^{\nu \beta(g)}=\beta \int_{g}^{g_{1}} \frac{d \gamma}{\gamma \tilde{\Gamma}_{\beta}(\gamma)}+\beta \int_{g}^{g_{1}} d \gamma E_{\beta}(\gamma) \tag{A7}
\end{equation*}
$$

with $\tilde{\Gamma}_{\beta}(g)=(g-1 / 2)^{2}+\omega^{2}$ and $E_{\beta}(g)=\beta y_{\beta}^{2}(g)\left[g \Gamma_{\beta}(g) \tilde{\Gamma}_{\beta}(g)\right]^{-1} \quad[$ see (2.11)]. Noting that $y_{\beta}(g)<g_{1}$, the upper bound in (A.6) follows from the positivity of $E_{\beta}$. For the reverse inequality, we show, using an estimation of $E_{\beta}$, that

$$
\int_{g}^{g_{1}} d \gamma E_{\beta}(\gamma)<\mathrm{const} \quad \text { for } \quad(\beta, g) \in\left(\beta_{c}, \beta_{0}\right] \times\left(g_{0}, g_{1}\right)
$$

Let

$$
\tilde{E}_{\beta}(g)=\frac{d}{d g} \log \frac{\tilde{\Gamma}_{\beta}(g)}{\Gamma_{\beta}(g)}
$$

Since $\tilde{\Gamma}_{\beta}<\Gamma_{\beta}$ and $y_{\beta}(g)<g$, it follows in a direct manner that $\widetilde{E}_{\beta}(g)>E_{\beta}(g) / 8$ for $(g, \beta) \in\left(0, g_{1}\right) \times\left(\beta_{c}, \beta_{0}\right]$. Now,

$$
\int_{g}^{g_{1}} d \gamma \tilde{E}_{\beta}(\gamma)<\log \left[\tilde{\Gamma}_{\beta}\left(g_{1}\right) / \Gamma_{\beta}(g)\right]<\mathrm{const}
$$

The rightmost inequality follows for $\beta \geqslant \beta_{c}$ from the continuity of $y_{\beta}\left(g_{1}\right)$ in $\beta$ and the positivity of $\Gamma_{\beta}\left(g_{1}\right)$ [these, in turn, result from Lemma 2.3(iv)].

Let $h_{0} \equiv \inf \left\{h: g_{\beta}(h)=g_{1}\right\} ; h_{0}>0$ (by a compactness argument). Now, inequality (A.6) works in terms of $y_{\beta}(h)$ for $h \in\left[0, h_{0}\right]$, proving (i). For the proof of (ii), we shall indicate the main steps, omitting the lengthy details. Define

$$
z_{\beta}(h)=F\left(y_{\beta}(h)\right) \quad \text { with } F(t)=-\frac{1}{2} \log \left(1-t^{2}\right)
$$

$z_{\beta}$ satisfies the more convenient equation

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{d z_{\beta}}{d h}=(\log \cosh )^{-1} z_{\beta}-\beta h \tag{A8}
\end{equation*}
$$

We shall use the equations in variations for $z_{\beta}$ in order to estimate $\left(\partial^{k} / \partial \beta^{k}\right) z_{\beta}(h), k \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{d}{d h} \frac{\partial^{k} z_{\beta}}{\partial \beta^{k}}=\frac{1}{y_{\beta}} \frac{\partial^{k} z_{\beta}}{\partial \beta^{k}}+Z_{\beta, k} \tag{A9}
\end{equation*}
$$

with

$$
Z_{\beta, 1}(h)=-h
$$

and, for $k>1$,

$$
Z_{\beta, k}(h)=\frac{\partial^{k}}{\partial \beta^{k}}\left[(\log \cosh )^{-1} z_{\beta}(h)\right]-\frac{1}{y_{\beta}(h)} \frac{\partial^{k}}{\partial \beta^{k}} z_{\beta}(h)
$$

The initial conditions for (A.9), $\left(\partial^{k} / \partial \beta^{k}\right) z_{\beta}\left(h_{0}\right)$ are, by Lemma 3.1 and the positivity of $y_{\beta}\left(h_{0}\right)$, real analytic functions in $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^{+}$. More generally, let $\psi_{\beta}$ be the solution in $\left[0, h_{0}\right]$ of the equation

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{d}{d h} \psi_{\beta}=\frac{1}{y_{\beta}} \psi_{\beta}+A_{\beta} \quad \text { with } \quad \psi_{\beta}\left(h_{0}\right)=\psi_{0}(\beta) \tag{A10}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\psi_{0}(\beta)$ is continuous in $\beta \in\left[\beta_{c}, \beta_{0}\right]$ and $(h, \beta) \mapsto A_{\beta}(h)$ is continuous on $D_{\beta h} \equiv\left[0, h_{0}\right] \times\left(\beta_{c}, \beta_{0}\right]$. Assume further that for some const $>0$,

$$
\left|A_{\beta}(h)\right|<\text { const } \cdot y_{\beta}(h)
$$

Then we have the following result.
Lemma A.1. For $\beta_{0}$ close enough to $\beta_{c}$ we have, with a $\beta$-independent constant,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left|\psi_{\beta}(h)\right|<\text { const } \cdot \omega^{-3} y_{\beta}^{2}(h) \quad \text { in } \quad D_{\beta h} \tag{A11}
\end{equation*}
$$

Proof. The solution of (A.10) is

$$
\begin{align*}
\psi_{\beta}(h)= & \psi_{0}(\beta) \exp \left[-\int_{h}^{h_{0}} d h^{\prime} \frac{1}{y_{\beta}\left(h^{\prime}\right)}\right]-\int_{h}^{h_{0}} d h^{\prime} \Lambda_{\beta}\left(h^{\prime}\right) \\
& \times \exp \left[-\int_{h}^{h^{\prime}} d h^{\prime \prime} \frac{1}{y_{\beta}\left(h^{\prime \prime}\right)}\right] \tag{A12}
\end{align*}
$$

Now,

$$
\int_{h}^{h^{\prime}} d h^{\prime \prime} \frac{1}{y_{\beta}\left(h^{\prime \prime}\right)}=\int_{g_{\beta}(h)}^{g_{\beta}\left(h^{\prime}\right)} d g \frac{1}{\Gamma_{\beta}(g)}
$$

Reasoning as in the proof of $\left(i^{\prime}\right)$ and using the results obtained there, it can be verified that

$$
\int_{h}^{h_{0}} d h^{\prime \prime} \frac{1}{y_{\beta}\left(h^{\prime \prime}\right)}>\log \frac{\text { const }}{y_{\beta}^{2}(h)}
$$

and also that

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left|\int_{h}^{h_{0}} d h^{\prime} \Lambda_{\beta}\left(h^{\prime}\right) \exp \left[-\int_{h}^{h^{\prime}} d h^{\prime \prime} \frac{1}{y_{\beta}\left(h^{\prime \prime}\right)}\right]\right| \\
& \quad<\text { const } \cdot \omega^{-2} y_{\beta}^{2}(h) \log \frac{1}{y_{\beta}(h)} \\
& \quad<\text { const } \cdot \omega^{-3} y_{\beta}^{2}(h)
\end{aligned}
$$

As a consequence, for some sequences $\left\{\beta_{n}^{\prime}\right\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ in $\left(\beta_{c}, \beta_{0}\right]$ and $\left\{p_{n}^{\prime}\right\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ in $\mathbb{R}^{+}$,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left|\frac{\partial^{n}}{\partial \beta^{n}} z_{\beta}(h)\right|<\operatorname{const}_{n} \cdot \omega^{-p_{n}^{\prime}} y_{\beta}^{2}(h) \quad \text { for }(h, \beta) \in D_{\beta h}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N} \tag{A13}
\end{equation*}
$$

(A.13) is proved inductively, noting that $Z_{\beta, k}$ depends only on the $\left(\partial^{j} / \partial \beta^{j}\right) z_{\beta}$ with $j \leqslant k-1$ and using Lemma A. 1 and the real analyticity of $t^{-1 / 2} \log \cosh t$ for the needed estimations. Now relation (3.6) follows in an obvious way.

Remark. The factor $\omega^{-3}$ in Lemma A. 1 is optimal. This can be used to show that the derivatives in $\beta$ of $y_{\beta}$ and $\tilde{y}_{\beta}$ for $h=h_{0}$ have the same asymptotic behavior.

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