Spin 1/2 Magnetic Impurity in a 2D Magnetic System Close to Quantum Critical Point.

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We consider a magnetic impurity in a spin liquid state of a magnetic system which is close to the quantum phase transition to the magnetically ordered state. There is similarity between this problem and the Kondo problem. We derive the impurity Green’s function, consider renormalizations of the magnetic moments of the impurity, calculate critical indexes for the magnetic susceptibilities and finally consider specific heat and magnetic interaction of two impurities.

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I. INTRODUCTION

There is no need to explain the importance of the Kondo problem for condensed matter physics. It is relevant to the magnetic impurities in metals, heavy fermion compound, tunneling phenomena in quantum dots, correlated lattice fermion systems, and many other physical systems. The problem of magnetic impurity in a two-dimensional (2D) insulating system with long range antiferromagnetic order has also attracted great interest. This includes an impurity spin with an on-site and sublattice symmetric coupling, as well as an isolated ferromagnetic bond. Because of Adler’s relation for the impurity-spin-wave interaction these systems have no nontrivial infrared dynamics at zero temperature in spite of the gapless spectrum of Goldstone spin waves. This makes the impurity problem for the insulating state much simpler than the Kondo one. However it has been realized recently that in the case when the 2D magnetic insulating system is close to the quantum critical point the infrared dynamics of the impurity is highly nontrivial and to a large extend is similar to that for the Kondo problem. The quantum critical impurity problem has been very recently addressed by Vojta, Buragohain, and Sachdev. They demonstrated that there are nontrivial critical indexes for the impurity Green’s function and for magnetic susceptibilities. In the present work we consider the same quantities calculating more accurately the critical indexes and in some cases the prefactors. In addition we consider specific heat and interaction of the impurities.

II. THE HAMILTONIAN

To be specific we consider a magnetic impurity in two coupled Heisenberg planes. The two coupled Heisenberg planes is an ideal example of a 2D critical system which can be described by O(3) nonlinear σ-model. The two planes model is very well studied at zero temperature both numerically and analytically. Finite temperature properties are also well understood. Hamiltonian of the system with impurity is of the form

$$H = H_2 + H_{imp},$$

$$H_2 = J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} \left( S_i^{(1)} S_j^{(1)} + S_i^{(2)} S_j^{(2)} \right) + J_{\perp} \sum_i S_i^{(1)} S_i^{(2)},$$

$$H_{imp} = j S_0^{(1)} s.$$ 

Here $S_i^{(n)}$ is spin 1/2 on the square lattice. the index $i$ numerates cites, and the index $n$ numerates planes. $J$ is an antiferromagnetic coupling in the plane, and $J_{\perp}$ is an antiferromagnetic coupling between the planes. Spin of the impurity, $s = 1/2$, is coupled to one of the planes. It is known that in this system at $J_{\perp} = 2.525 \pm 0.002 J$ there is a quantum phase transition from quantum disordered state to the Neel state. In the present work we consider only the quantum disordered phase including the critical point. As we have already pointed out an interesting regime arises only close to the critical point and therefore we concentrate on the vicinity of this point. Note that in terms of the non-linear O(3) σ-model an effective Lagrangian of the system is

$$L = \partial_{\mu} \varphi \partial^{\mu} \varphi + m^2 \varphi^2 + \gamma \varphi s, \quad \varphi^2 = a^2,$$

where the parameters can be expressed in terms of parameters of the original Hamiltonian (1). In our considerations we will use only the original Hamiltonian (1).

Using bond operator representation...
the two plane Hamiltonian $H_2$ from (1) can be rewritten in terms of the operators $t_i = (t_{i,x}, t_{i,y}, t_{i,z})$, and then diagonalized by a combination of the Fourier and Bogoliubov transformations with account of the hard core constraint, see Refs. 17, 20:

$$t_i = \sum_q e^{iqr_i}(u_q t_q + v_q t_q^\dagger),$$

$H_2 \rightarrow \sum_q \omega_q t_q^\dagger t_q,$

where $u_q, v_q = \sqrt{A_q + \frac{1}{2}}$ are Bogoliubov parameters. The operator $t_q^\dagger$ creates quasiparticle of the system. This quasiparticle has spin 1 and we call it spin wave or magnon. Near the critical point the spin-wave excitation energy is

$$\omega_q \approx \sqrt{\Delta^2 + c^2 q^2},$$

where $\Delta \ll J$ is the spin-wave gap and $c \approx 1.9J$ is the spin-wave velocity. The function $A_q$ in the vicinity of the critical point is q-independent: $A_q \approx A \approx 2.4J$.

In the bond operator representation the impurity Hamiltonian is of the form

$$H_{imp} = \frac{j}{2}s \left( t_0^\dagger t_0 + i t_0^\dagger \times t_0 \right) \rightarrow \frac{j}{2}s \left( t_0^\dagger + t_0 \right).$$

Here we have dropped the term $t_0^\dagger \times t_0$. The matter is that we are interested in nontrivial long-range dynamics, but one can prove that all diagrams generated by the $t_0^\dagger \times t_0$ term are infrared convergent, and therefore its contribution is less important. An alternative way is to redefine $H_{imp}$ as $H_{imp} \rightarrow \frac{j}{2}s \left( S_0^{(1)} - S_0^{(2)} \right)$, then the $t_0^\dagger \times t_0$ term is canceled out exactly. Note that for an integer impurity spin the $t_0^\dagger \times t_0$ term could be much more important because it can give a bound state of the spin wave with the impurity, and hence can lead to the full screening of the impurity.

Using (3) we rewrite $H_{imp}$ in terms of quasiparticle operators $t_q$.

$$H_{imp} = \frac{j}{4} \sum_q (u_q + v_q) \bar{l}_q \bar{\sigma} + h.c. \approx \frac{j\sqrt{A}}{2\sqrt{2}} \sum_q \frac{1}{\sqrt{\omega_q}} \bar{l}_q \bar{\sigma} + h.c.,$$

where $\bar{\sigma}$ is the impurity Pauli matrix. Hereafter we set $J = 1$, so all energies are measured in units of $J$.

### III. THE IMPURITY GREEN’S FUNCTION AT ZERO TEMPERATURE

Let us calculate the impurity self energy $\Sigma$ shown in Fig. 1.

**FIG. 1.** a) Single loop impurity self energy. b) Two loop noncrossing contribution to the self energy. The solid line corresponds to the impurity and the dashed line corresponds to the spin wave.

In single loop approximation, see Fig. 1a, using eq. (6) we find

$$\Sigma^{(1)}(\epsilon) = \frac{3Aj^2}{8} \int \frac{1}{\omega_q(\epsilon - \omega_q)} \frac{d^2q}{(2\pi)^2}.$$  

Close to the critical point $\omega_q = \sqrt{c^2 q^2 + \Delta^2}$, and hence simple integration gives for $\epsilon = 0$ (i.e. at the position of the quasiparticle pole)

$$\Sigma^{(1)}(0) = -\alpha^2 \ln \frac{\Lambda}{\Delta}.$$
Here

$$\alpha^2 = \frac{3A^2 j^2}{16\pi c^2} \approx 0.04 j^2,$$  \hfill (9)

is dimensionless coupling constant, and $\Lambda \sim 2J$ is the ultraviolet cutoff. Similar calculation for the second order self energy shown in Fig. 1b gives

$$\Sigma^{(2)}(0) = -\frac{\alpha^4}{\Delta} \ln \frac{\Lambda}{\Delta}.$$  \hfill (10)

As soon as $\alpha^2/\Delta \ll 1$ the second order self energy is small compared to the first order one, $\Sigma^{(2)} \ll \Sigma^{(1)}$, and hence the perturbation theory is justified. However at $\alpha^2/\Delta > 1$ the expansion does not converge and hence one has to sum all orders of perturbation theory. Exactly at the critical point, $\Delta = 0$, the expansion diverges at arbitrary small $\alpha$.

The problem under consideration has a small parameter which is independent of the interaction. This is $1/N$, where $N=3$ is number of components of the spin-wave excitation (O(N) $\sigma$-model). In the leading in $N$ approximation only the rainbow diagrams contribute to the impurity self energy. Summation of these diagrams leads to the usual noncrossing approximation (= self consistent Born approximation) for the impurity Green’s function

$$G(\epsilon) = \frac{1}{\epsilon - \Sigma(\epsilon)},$$  \hfill (11)

$$\Sigma(\omega) = \alpha^2 \int G(\epsilon - \omega) d\omega.$$  \hfill (12)

It is convenient to rescale the variables: $\epsilon \rightarrow \epsilon/\alpha^2$, $\omega \rightarrow \omega/\alpha^2$, $G \rightarrow \alpha^2 G$, $\Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma/\alpha^2$. In the new variables $\alpha$ disappears from the eqs. (11,12). Dependence on $\alpha$ remains only in the limits of $\omega$-integration: $\Sigma = \int_{\Delta_\alpha}^{\Lambda_\alpha} G d\omega$, where $\Delta_\alpha = \Delta/\alpha^2$ and $\Lambda_\alpha = \Lambda/\alpha^2$. Consider first the critical point, i.e. $\Delta_\alpha = 0$. In this case eqs. (11,12) can be solved analytically. The answer is

$$G(\epsilon) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2(\epsilon_0 - \epsilon)}}.$$  \hfill (13)

where $\epsilon_0$ is the impurity binding energy. Eq. (13) is valid if $|\epsilon_0 - \epsilon| \lesssim 1$. For illustration we present in Fig. 2 spectral function, $-\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} G(\epsilon)$, obtained by direct numerical solution of eqs. (11,12) at $\Delta_\alpha = 0$ and $\Lambda_\alpha = 1, 2, 5$.

FIG. 2. The impurity spectral function $-\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} G(\epsilon)$ at the critical point. The curves obtained in the noncrossing approximation for different values of the ultraviolet cutoff: $\Lambda_\alpha = 1, 2, 5$. 

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Agreement with analytical solution (13) is perfect. At the large \( \Lambda_0 = \Lambda/\alpha^2 \) the impurity binding energy \( \epsilon_0 \approx -2.5 \).

In the original variables it means that \( \epsilon_0 \approx -2.5 \alpha^2 \), when \( \alpha^2 \ll 1 \).

As one shall expect the Green’s function (13) has no quasiparticle pole. However the pole appears away from the critical point when the spin-wave gap is nonzero. For illustration we present in Fig. 3 the spectral functions obtained by numerical solution of Eqs. (11,12) for \( \Lambda_\alpha = 2, \Delta_\alpha = 0 \), and \( \Lambda_\alpha = 2, \Delta_\alpha = 0.05 \).

![FIG. 3. The impurity spectral function \(-\frac{1}{\pi} \text{Im} G(\epsilon)\) obtained in the noncrossing approximation. The dashed curve corresponds to the critical point (\( \Delta_\alpha = 0 \)), and the solid curve corresponds to the spin-wave gap (\( \Delta_\alpha = 0.05 \)). In both cases the ultraviolet cutoff is \( \Lambda_\alpha = 2 \).](image)

It is clear that the quasiparticle peak absorbs spectral weight of the incoherent Green’s function (13) from the area \( \epsilon_0 - \epsilon \lesssim \Delta_\alpha \). Therefore the quasiparticle residue \( Z \propto \sqrt{\Delta_\alpha} \) (c.f. with Ref. 9). Slightly more detail analysis of the Eqs. (11,12) shows that

\[
Z \approx 0.8 \sqrt{\Delta_\alpha}. \tag{14}
\]

We have considered above the leading in \( N \) approximation. Let us estimate now \( 1/N \) correction which is due to the single loop contribution to the impurity-magnon vertex function shown in Fig.4.

![FIG. 4. The impurity-spin wave vertex with account of single loop correction. The solid line corresponds to the impurity and the dashed line corresponds to the spin wave.](image)

Taking into account the algebraic relation for the Pauli matrices, \( \sigma_\mu \sigma_\nu \sigma_\mu = -\sigma_\nu \), we find the vertex function given by Fig. 4

\[
\Gamma(\epsilon, \lambda) = \Gamma_{\text{bare}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{N} \int G(\epsilon - \omega)G(\epsilon - \omega - \lambda)d\omega\right). \tag{15}
\]

Here \( \epsilon \) and \( \lambda \) are energies of incoming impurity and spin wave correspondingly, and \( \Gamma_{\text{bare}} \) is the bare vertex given by eq. (3). Taking \( \lambda \sim \epsilon - \epsilon_0 \) and using Green’s function (13) we find after integration in (15)

\[
\Gamma_\lambda = \Gamma_{\text{bare}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2N} \ln \frac{\Lambda_\alpha}{\lambda}\right). \tag{16}
\]
This is the first term of $1/N$ expansion, and keeping in mind scaling behavior we find

$$\Gamma_\lambda \propto \lambda^y, \quad y \approx \frac{1}{2N} = \frac{1}{6}. \quad (17)$$

The impurity self energy is given by the diagram presented in Fig. 5.

![Diagram](image)

**FIG. 5.** The impurity self energy with account of vertex corrections.

It differs from (12) by the vertexes: the bare vertexes are replaced by the “exact” ones given by eq. (17). Effectively this introduces an additional factor $\omega^{2y}$ in the integrand in eq. (12). Assuming power behavior of the Green’s function

$$G(\epsilon) \propto \frac{1}{(\epsilon_0 - \epsilon)^x} \quad (18)$$

and performing integration we find

$$\Sigma(\epsilon) \propto (\epsilon_0 - \epsilon)^{2y - x + 1} + \text{const.} \quad (19)$$

Substitution of this self energy into Dyson equation (11) gives the following condition of self consistency

$$(\epsilon_0 - \epsilon)^{-x} \propto (\epsilon_0 - \epsilon)^{x - 2y - 1}. \quad (20)$$

Therefore the Green’s function critical index with account of the leading $1/N$ correction is

$$x = \frac{1}{2} + y = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{N}\right) \approx 0.67 \quad (21)$$

Away from the critical point the quasiparticle pole appears in the Greens function. It absorbs spectral weight of the incoherent Green’s function (18) from the area $\epsilon_0 - \epsilon < \Delta$. Therefore the quasiparticle residue scales as

$$Z \propto \Delta^z, \quad z = 1 - x = \frac{1}{2} - y = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{N}\right) \approx 0.33. \quad (22)$$

## IV. MAGNETIC MOMENTS OF THE IMPURITY, SUSCEPTIBILITIES

Following Vojta, Buragohain, and Sachdev[10] we consider two different types of the magnetic interaction. The first one is an interaction when the magnetic field $h$ interacts only with the impurity

$$\hat{H}_{M}^{(I)} = -2sh. \quad (23)$$

The second case is homogeneous magnetic field

$$\hat{H}_{M}^{(II)} = -2sh - \sum_{i,n} 2S_i^{(n)}h. \quad (24)$$

It is clear that in the first case the renormalized magnetic moment is proportional to the quasiparticle residue $Z$, and hence, according to (22) it scales as

$$\mu^{(I)} \propto \Delta^z. \quad (25)$$

If we consider the system exactly at the critical point, but at finite temperature, then the effective spin-wave gap is equal to the temperature, see e.g. Refs. [22][24].

$$\Delta \to \Delta_T \approx 0.962T. \quad (26)$$
Together with (25) this gives the following dependence of the impurity magnetic susceptibility on temperature.

\[ \chi^{(I)}_{\text{imp}} = \frac{\mu^2}{T} \propto \frac{1}{T^{2\phi}} \approx \frac{1}{T^{1/N}} = \frac{1}{T^{0.33}}. \]  

(27)

For homogeneous magnetic field the impurity magnetic moment is not renormalized because the interaction (24) is proportional to the total spin which is conserved. The magnetic moment is certainly redistributed over the volume of size \( r \sim 1/\Delta_T \), but the value is conserved. For this reason the impurity susceptibility is given by usual the Curie law.

\[ \chi^{(II)}_{\text{imp}} = \frac{1}{T}. \]

(28)

This conclusion is not quite trivial since the magnon cloud size \( r \to \infty \) at \( T \to 0 \). Besides eq. (28) does not agree with a conclusion from the paper. Therefore in the next section we also present a diagrammatic prove of our statement. It is rather technical section and a reader who is satisfied by the general arguments can skip it.

V. CORRECTIONS TO THE IMPURITY MAGNETIC MOMENT

In the present section only homogeneous magnetic field (24) is considered, therefore to simplify notations we omit the superscript (II). We restrict our consideration by single loop corrections, and follow the way used in Ref. for calculation of the spin-wave magnetic moment. First we discuss a zero temperature case. Single loop self energy is given by eq. (8). This as a simple perturbation theory in \( \alpha \), but one can also consider this as a contribution to renormalization group equations with running coupling constant \( \alpha \) and running infrared cutoff \( \Delta \). Anyway, correction to the quasiparticle residue due to (8) is following

\[ \delta Z = -\frac{\partial \Sigma(1)}{\partial \Delta} = -\frac{\alpha^2}{\Delta}. \]

(29)

The impurity magnetic moment is renormalized according to the diagrams shown in Fig. 6.

![Figure 6](image_url)

FIG. 6. Zero temperature single loop corrections to the impurity magnetic moment. The cross denotes an external magnetic field attached to the corresponding line.

First contribution comes from the correction to the quasiparticle residue: \( \delta \mu_6 = \delta Z \). Straightforward calculation gives \( \delta \mu_6 = -\frac{\alpha^2}{(3\Delta)} \) and \( \delta \mu_6 = 4\frac{\alpha^2}{(3\Delta)} \). Altogether this gives

\[ \delta \mu_6 = \delta \mu_6 + \delta \mu_6 + \delta \mu_6 = 0. \]

(30)

So as one shall expect there is no renormalization of the magnetic moment.

At finite temperature the relation (30) remains valid since the only thing we have to do is to replace \( \Delta \to \Delta_T \). However, at finite temperature there are also additional diagrams which are due to the heat bath of the excited magnons. First of all these are the two contributions to the self energy shown in Fig. 7

![Figure 7](image_url)

FIG. 7. Temperature induced contributions to the impurity self energy. Dashed lines denote magnons from the heat bath.
Both contributions are proportional to the magnon mean occupation number

\[ n_q = \frac{1}{e^{\omega_q/T} - 1} \]

but they are of the opposite sign and exactly cancel each other. So they do not influence the position of the quasiparticle pole. However these diagrams contribute equally to the quasiparticle residue

\[ \delta Z_T = -2\alpha^2 \int n_q \frac{d\omega_q}{\omega_q^2} = -\frac{2\alpha^2}{\Delta T} \int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^2(e^x - 1)}. \]

This gives a correction to the impurity magnetic moment. Other thermally induced corrections to the magnetic moment are given by diagrams presented in Fig. 8.

![Fig. 8. Thermal corrections to the impurity magnetic moment. Dashed lines denote magnons from the heat bath. The cross denotes an external magnetic field attached to the corresponding line.](image)

Straightforward calculation gives \( \delta \mu_{sa} = \delta \mu_{sb} = -\frac{\alpha^2}{\Delta T} \left[ \int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^2(e^x - 1)} \right] \), and \( \delta \mu_{sc} = \delta \mu_{sd} = -\frac{4\alpha^2}{\Delta T} \left[ \int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^2(e^x - 1)} \right] \). Total thermally induced correction to the impurity magnetic moment is equal to

\[ \delta \mu_T = \delta Z_T + \delta \mu_{sa} + \delta \mu_{sb} + \delta \mu_{sc} + \delta \mu_{sd} = 0. \]

Together with eq. (31) this proves that the impurity magnetic moment is not renormalized.

Thus, in spite of the cloud of virtual and thermal magnons, effectively the impurity in the external magnetic field can be described as a spin 1/2 system with unrenormalized magnetic moment. Hence we immediately come to eq. (28). We would like to stress that the arguments related to the magnetic moment guarantee only singular in \( T \) part of the susceptibility, therefore instead of (28) it is more correct to write \( \chi^{(II)}_{\text{imp}} = 1/T + \text{const.} \)

**VI. SPECIFIC HEAT RELATED TO THE IMPURITY**

Binding energy of the impurity has been calculated in section III. Exactly at the critical point, at zero temperature, and at small coupling constant, \( \alpha^2 \ll 1 \), the binding energy is \( \epsilon_0 \approx -2.5\alpha^2 \). A finite spin-wave gap \( \Delta \) pushes the position of the quasiparticle pole up, see Fig. 3. For a small gap the dependence of \( \epsilon_0 \) on the gap is linear, and the coefficient of the proportionality is approximately 2:

\[ \epsilon_0 \approx \alpha^2(-2.5 + 2\Delta). \]

The origin of \( \Delta \) in this equation is not important: whether \( \Delta \) is nonzero because the system is away from the critical point, or the system is at the critical point, but \( \Delta \) is nonzero because of temperature. In the later case we can use eq. (31) for the gap and hence the impurity specific heat is

\[ C_{\text{imp}} = \frac{d\epsilon_0}{dT} \approx 2\alpha^2. \]

Note that this is highly unusual result because \( C_{\text{imp}} \neq 0 \) at \( T \to 0 \). For comparison: the bulk specific heat of a 2D antiferromagnet at the quantum critical point is quadratic in temperature, \( C_{\text{bulk}} \propto T^2 \), see e.g. Refs. [22, 20]. From (35) one concludes that the impurity entropy is \( S_{\text{imp}} = \int C_{\text{imp}}dT/T \propto \ln T \). Strictly speaking this is nonsense because it gives \( S_{\text{imp}}(T = 0) = -\infty \). This probably indicates that there is a small nonzero critical index \( \xi \) in the specific heat dependence: \( C_{\text{imp}} \propto T^\xi \). Equation (34) has been derived in the noncrossing approximation. One can check that single loop vertex corrections considered at the end of the section III do not change this equation. It probably means that nonzero \( \xi \) can appear only due to the two loop corrections, \( \xi \propto 1/N^2 \). There is no doubt that this is a very interesting problem which deserves further analytical analysis and which can be also studied in numerical simulations.
VII. STATIC INTERACTION BETWEEN TWO DISTANT IMPURITIES

Interaction between two impurities is given by diagram shown in Fig. 9.

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\]

FIG. 9. Spin-wave exchange between two impurities.

Since the impurities are localized, we have to integrate over all possible momenta transfer \( q \). Away from the critical point there are two distinct regimes: \( c/r < \Delta \) and \( c/r > \Delta \), where \( r \) is distance between the impurities and \( c \approx 1.9J \) is the spin-wave velocity. In the first regime the interaction drops down exponentially with distance and it is not an interesting case. We consider only \( c/r > \Delta \) case which is also relevant to the critical point. We also assume that the coupling constant is strong enough: \( \alpha^2/\Delta > 1 \). The impurity-magnon interaction is given by the Hamiltonian (6).

According to the consideration in section III it is renormalized as \( H_{\text{imp}} \to Z_q \Gamma(q) \), where \( Z_q \) is quasiparticle residue (14), and \( \Gamma(q) \) is the vertex (17). Therefore the interaction corresponding to the diagram Fig. 9 is of the form

\[
V(r) = \int \frac{Z_q^2 \omega_q^2 e^{iqr}}{2\pi^2} \frac{\omega_q^2}{2\pi^2} d^2q d^2q = -\vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_1 \frac{A_j^2}{4} \int \frac{[Z_q \Gamma_q/\Gamma_{\text{bare}}]^2 e^{iqr}}{\omega_q^2} \frac{d^2q}{(2\pi)^2},
\]

where \( \vec{\sigma}_1 \) and \( \vec{\sigma}_2 \) are the impurities Pauli matrixes. One power of \( \omega_q \) in the denominator appears because of the spin-wave propagator and another power is due to the bare interaction (6). With account of (9), (14), and (17) this gives

\[
V(r) \sim -\vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_1 \alpha^{2-4z-4y} \int q^{2(z+y-1)} e^{iqr} d^2q \sim -\frac{\vec{\sigma}_1 \cdot \vec{\sigma}_1}{r}.
\]

This is a long range ferromagnetic interaction. An interesting fact is that the interaction is independent of the bare coupling constant \( \alpha \). Another interesting fact is that there is no renormalization of the power in the \( 1/r \) dependence. However we stress that these facts have been proven only in the one loop approximation (one loop above the leading noncrossing approximation).

VIII. CONCLUSION

The dynamics of the magnetic impurity in a 2D antiferromagnet close to the critical point is highly nontrivial. To some extend it is similar to the dynamics in the Kondo problem. In the present paper we have considered spin 1/2 impurity. We have calculated indexes for critical behavior of the Green’s function, vertexes, magnetic moments and magnetic susceptibilities. We have also considered the impurity specific heat and long range interaction between two impurities which is due to the spin-wave exchange.

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