On the possibility of nonuniversal behavior in 3D Ashkin-Teller model

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The Monte Carlo simulations in 3D Ashkin-Teller model on a cubic lattice are performed. The study is undertaken in the region where the universality class of the phase transitions has not been unambigously resolved yet [1, 2]. Using the finite-size scaling relation between the magnetization, the temperature and the size of the system, the method of calculation of the critical exponent y_h is proposed. The results obtained for y_h suggest such a nonuniversal behavior, because its value seems to change continuously in some interval approaching the Ising value near the tricritical points, similarly as it was observed in the 2D case [1].

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