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Wetting and layering for solid-on-solid. II: Layering transitions, Gibbs states, and regularity of the free energy. (Mouillage et stratification pour le modèle SOS II : transitions de niveau, états de Gibbs et régularité de l'énergie libre.) (English. French summary) [Zbl 07128376](#)
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Summary: We consider the Solid-on-Solid model interacting with a wall, which is the statistical mechanics model associated with the integer-valued field $(\phi(x))_{x \in \mathbb{Z}^2}$, and the energy functional

$$V(\phi) = \beta \sum_{x \sim y} |\phi(x) - \phi(y)| - \sum_x (h \mathbf{1}_{\{\phi(x)=0\}} - \infty \mathbf{1}_{\{\phi(x)<0\}}).$$

We prove that for β sufficiently large, there exists a decreasing sequence $(h_n^*(\beta))_{n \geq 0}$, satisfying $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h_n^*(\beta) = h_w(\beta)$, and such that: (A) The free energy associated with the system is infinitely differentiable on $\mathbb{R} \setminus (\{h_n^*\}_{n \geq 1} \cup h_w(\beta))$, and not differentiable on $\{h_n^*\}_{n \geq 1}$. (B) For each $n \geq 0$ within the interval (h_{n+1}^*, h_n^*) (with the convention $h_0^* = \infty$), there exists a unique translation invariant Gibbs state which is localized around height n , while at a point of non-differentiability, at least two ergodic Gibbs states coexist. The respective typical heights of these two Gibbs states are $n-1$ and n . The value h_n^* corresponds thus to a first order layering transition from level n to level $n-1$. These results combined with those obtained in Part I [the author, Commun. Math. Phys. 362, No. 3, 1007–1048 (2018; [Zbl 1398.82023](#))] provide a complete description of the wetting and layering transition for SOS.

MSC:

- [60K35](#) Interacting random processes; statistical mechanics type models; percolation theory
- [60K37](#) Processes in random environments
- [82B27](#) Critical phenomena in equilibrium statistical mechanics
- [82B44](#) Disordered systems (random Ising models, random Schrödinger operators, etc.) in equilibrium statistical mechanics

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