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Given the measure on continuous time, simple symmetric random walk paths \mathbf{P} on \mathbf{Z}^d and a Hamiltonian H , the Gibbs perturbation of H defined by

$$\frac{d\mathbf{P}_{\beta,t}}{d\mathbf{P}} = Z_{\beta,t}^{-1} \exp \{-\beta H(t, x)\}$$

with

$$Z_{\beta,t} = \int \exp \{-\beta H(t, x)\} d\mathbf{P}(x)$$

gives a new measure on paths x which can be viewed as polymers. In the case $H(t, x) = -\int_0^t \delta_0(x_s) ds$ we say the resulting measure is concentrated on "homopolymers" and we investigate the influence of dimension and β on their behavior. We find there is a phase transition at a critical parameter value β_{cr} from an analysis of the spectrum of the operator $\Delta + \beta \delta_0$. For values of $\beta > \beta_{cr}$ the homopolymers are in a so-called globular phase and do not go far from the origin. For values of $\beta < \beta_{cr}$ the homopolymers are in a so-called diffusive phase and satisfy a central limit theorem when properly normalized. The behavior at $\beta = \beta_{cr}$ depends on dimension and is globular in high enough dimension but diffusive in low dimensions. (Received September 20, 2007)