

Приближения медленного скатывания  
для инфляционных моделей с членом  
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Slow-roll approximations for inflationary  
models with the Gauss–Bonnet term

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We consider models with the Gauss–Bonnet term, described by the following action:

$$S = \int d^4x \sqrt{-g} \left[ U_0 R - \frac{1}{2} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\mu \phi \partial_\nu \phi - V(\phi) - \frac{1}{2} \xi(\phi) \mathcal{G} \right], \quad (1)$$

where  $U_0 = \frac{M_{\text{Pl}}^2}{2} = \frac{1}{16\pi G}$ ,  
the functions  $V(\phi)$  and  $\xi(\phi)$  are differentiable ones,  
 $R$  is the Ricci scalar and

$$\mathcal{G} = R_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} R^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} - 4R_{\mu\nu} R^{\mu\nu} + R^2.$$

is the Gauss–Bonnet term.

Einstein–Gauss–Bonnet gravity models are motivated by  $\alpha'$  corrections in string theories<sup>1</sup>.

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# EVOLUTION EQUATIONS IN THE FLRW METRIC

In the spatially flat Friedmann–Lemaître–Robertson–Walker metric with

$$ds^2 = - dt^2 + a^2(t)(dx^2 + dy^2 + dz^2),$$

we obtain the following system of evolution equations

$$12H^2 (U_0 - 2\xi_{,\phi}\psi H) = \psi^2 + 2V, \quad (2)$$

$$4\dot{H} (U_0 - 2\xi_{,\phi}\psi H) = 4H^2 (\xi_{,\phi\phi}\psi^2 + \xi_{,\phi}\dot{\psi} - H\xi_{,\phi}\psi) - \psi^2, \quad (3)$$

$$\dot{\psi} + 3H\psi = -V_{,\phi} - 12H^2\xi_{,\phi} (\dot{H} + H^2), \quad (4)$$

where  $H = \dot{a}/a$  is the Hubble parameter,  $a(t)$  is the scale factor,  $\psi = \dot{\phi}$ , dots denote the derivatives with respect to the cosmic time  $t$ , and  $A_{,\phi} \equiv \frac{dA}{d\phi}$  for any function  $A(\phi)$ .

As usually for inflationary model construction, the e-folding number  $N = \ln(a/a_e)$ , where  $a_e$  is a constant, is considered as a measure of time during inflation.

Using the relation  $\frac{d}{dt} = H \frac{d}{dN}$  and introducing  $\chi = \frac{\psi}{H}$ , one get the following system:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\phi}{dN} &= \chi, \\ \frac{d\chi}{dN} &= \frac{1}{Q(B - 2\xi_{,\phi} Q\chi)} \left\{ 3[3 - 4\xi_{,\phi\phi} Q] \xi_{,\phi} Q^2 \chi^2 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + [3B + 2\xi_{,\phi} V_{,\phi} - 6U_0] Q\chi - \frac{V^2}{U_0} X \right\} - \frac{\chi}{2Q} \frac{dQ}{dN}, \\ \frac{dQ}{dN} &= \frac{Q}{2(B - 2\xi_{,\phi} Q\chi)} \left[ (4\xi_{,\phi\phi} Q - 1) \chi^2 - 16\xi_{,\phi} Q\chi - 4 \frac{V^2}{U_0^2} \xi_{,\phi} X \right], \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

where  $Q \equiv H^2$ ,  $B = 12\xi_{,\phi}^2 H^4 + U_0$ ,  $X = \frac{U_0^2}{V^2} (12\xi_{,\phi} H^4 + V_{,\phi})$

# SLOW-ROLL PARAMETERS

Following

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we consider the slow-roll parameters:

$$\varepsilon_1 = -\frac{\dot{H}}{H^2} = -\frac{d \ln(H)}{dN}, \quad \varepsilon_{i+1} = \frac{d \ln |\varepsilon_i|}{dN}, \quad i \geq 1, \quad (6)$$

$$\delta_1 = \frac{2}{U_0} \xi_{,\phi} H \psi = \frac{2}{U_0} \xi_{,\phi} H^2 \chi, \quad \delta_{i+1} = \frac{d \ln |\delta_i|}{dN}, \quad i \geq 1. \quad (7)$$

$$\delta_2 = \frac{\dot{\psi}}{H\psi} + \frac{\xi_{,\phi\phi\psi}}{H\xi_{,\phi}} - \varepsilon_1. \quad (8)$$

# INFLATIONARY PARAMETERS

The spectral index  $n_s$  and the tensor-to-scalar ratio  $r$  are connected with the slow-roll parameters as follows<sup>2</sup>,

$$n_s = 1 - 2\varepsilon_1 - \frac{2\varepsilon_1\varepsilon_2 - \delta_1\delta_2}{2\varepsilon_1 - \delta_1} = 1 - 2\varepsilon_1 - \frac{d \ln(r)}{dN} = 1 + \frac{d}{dN} \ln \left( \frac{Q}{U_0 r} \right), \quad (9)$$

$$r = 8|2\varepsilon_1 - \delta_1|. \quad (10)$$

The scalar perturbations amplitude

$$A_s = \frac{Q}{\pi^2 U_0 r}. \quad (11)$$

The inflationary parameters are constrained by the combined analysis of Planck, BICEP/Keck and other observations as follows<sup>3</sup>:

$$A_s = (2.10 \pm 0.03) \times 10^{-9}, \quad n_s = 0.9654 \pm 0.0040, \quad r < 0.028.$$

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<sup>2</sup>Z.K. Guo and D.J. Schwarz, Phys. Rev. D **81** (2010), 123520 [arXiv:1001.1897]

<sup>3</sup>G. Galloni, N. Bartolo, S. Matarrese, M. Migliaccio, A. Ricciardone and N. Vittorio, JCAP **04** (2023) 062 [arXiv:2208.00188].

Using system (5), we obtain the parameter  $\varepsilon_1(N)$  in the following form:

$$\varepsilon_1 = -\frac{1}{2Q} \frac{dQ}{dN} = \frac{3}{\psi^2 + 2V} \left[ \psi^2 - 4H^2 \left( \xi_{,\phi\phi} \psi^2 + \xi_{,\phi} \dot{\psi} - H \xi_{,\phi} \psi \right) \right] \quad (12)$$

Using definitions of the slow-roll parameters, we get

$$V = U_0 H^2 [6 - 2\varepsilon_1 - 5\delta_1 - \delta_1 (\delta_2 - \varepsilon_1)] . \quad (13)$$

and

$$\chi^2 = 2U_0 [2\varepsilon_1 - \delta_1 + \delta_1 (\delta_2 - \varepsilon_1)] . \quad (14)$$

It is useful, to rewrite evolution equations in terms of the slow-roll parameters. Equations (2) and (3) are equivalent to

$$12U_0 H^2 (1 - \delta_1) = \psi^2 + 2V = H^2 \chi^2 + 2V , \quad (15)$$

$$4U_0 \dot{H} (1 - \delta_1) = -\psi^2 + 2U_0 H^2 \delta_1 (\delta_2 + \varepsilon_1 - 1) .$$



# THE STANDARD SLOW-ROLL APPROXIMATION

The standard approximate equations have been proposed in  
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and described via the effective potential in

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This way assumes that all inflationary parameters are negligibly small and can be removed from equations. In this slow-roll approximation, the leading order equations have the following form:

$$H^2 \simeq \frac{V}{6U_0}, \quad (16)$$

$$\dot{H} \simeq -\frac{\dot{\phi}^2}{4U_0} - \frac{\xi_{,\phi} H^3 \dot{\phi}}{U_0}, \quad (17)$$

$$\dot{\phi} \simeq -\frac{V_{,\phi} + 12\xi_{,\phi} H^4}{3H}. \quad (18)$$

# THE EFFECTIVE POTENTIAL

To analyze the stability of de Sitter solutions in model (1) the effective potential has been proposed<sup>4</sup>:

$$V_{\text{eff}}(\phi) = -\frac{U_0^2}{V(\phi)} + \frac{1}{3}\xi(\phi). \quad (19)$$

Using slow-roll approximation and the effective potential, we get the following useful expressions:

$$\frac{dH}{dN} \simeq -\frac{H}{U_0} V_{,\phi} V_{\text{eff},\phi}, \quad \chi = \frac{d\phi}{dN} \simeq -2\frac{V}{U_0} V_{\text{eff},\phi}, \quad \frac{dN}{d\phi} \simeq -\frac{U_0}{2V V_{\text{eff},\phi}}.$$

In terms of the effective potential, the slow-roll parameters are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \varepsilon_1 &= \frac{V_{,\phi}}{U_0} V_{\text{eff},\phi}, & \varepsilon_2 &= -\frac{2V}{U_0} V_{\text{eff},\phi} \frac{d}{d\phi} \ln(V_{,\phi} V_{\text{eff},\phi}), \\ \delta_1 &= -\frac{2V^2}{3U_0^3} \xi_{,\phi} V_{\text{eff},\phi}, & \delta_2 &= -\frac{2V}{U_0} V_{\text{eff},\phi} \frac{d}{d\phi} \ln(V^2 \xi_{,\phi} V_{\text{eff},\phi}). \end{aligned}$$

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<sup>4</sup>E.O. Pozdeeva, M. Sami, A.V. Toporensky and S.Yu. Vernov, Phys. Rev. D **100** (2019) 083527 [arXiv:1905.05085].

So,  $|\epsilon_1| \ll 1$  and  $|\delta_1| \ll 1$  if the function  $V_{\text{eff},\phi}$  is sufficiently small. It allows us to use the effective potential for construction of inflationary scenarios.

Inflationary parameters are:

- the tensor-to-scalar ratio  $r$

$$r = 16 \frac{V^2}{U_0^3} (V_{\text{eff},\phi})^2. \quad (20)$$

- the scalar perturbations amplitude  $A_s$

$$A_s \approx \frac{V}{6\pi^2 U_0^2 r} = \frac{U_0}{96\pi^2 V (V_{\text{eff},\phi})^2}. \quad (21)$$

- the spectral index  $n_s$

$$n_s = 1 + \frac{2}{U_0} (2V V_{\text{eff},\phi\phi} + V_{,\phi} V_{\text{eff},\phi}) = 1 + \frac{d}{dN} \ln(A_s). \quad (22)$$

# PROBLEMS OF THE STANDARD SLOW-ROLL APPROXIMATION

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It is important to improve the slow-roll approximation and compare approximate results with results of numerical calculations without any approximation.

We propose two new slow-roll approximations.

Multiplying (15) to  $Q$  and substituting  $\psi$  in terms of the slow-roll parameter  $\delta_1$ , we obtain:

$$12 U_0 (1 - \delta_1) Q^2 - 2VQ - \frac{\delta_1^2 U_0^2}{4 \xi_{,\phi}^2} = 0.$$

We consider the positive  $Q$  at  $\delta_1 < 1$ :

$$Q = \frac{V}{12 U_0 (1 - \delta_1)} + \frac{\sqrt{V^2 \xi_{,\phi}^2 + 3 U_0^3 \delta_1^2 (1 - \delta_1)}}{12 U_0 (1 - \delta_1) |\xi_{,\phi}|}. \quad (23)$$

# NEW APPROXIMATION I

We expand the obtained expression (23) to series with respect to the slow-roll parameter  $\delta_1 \ll 1$ :

$$Q \approx \frac{V}{6U_0} + \frac{V}{6U_0}\delta_1 + \mathcal{O}(\delta_1^2). \quad (24)$$

Using definitions of slow-roll parameters, we obtain an approximation for  $\dot{H}$

$$\dot{H} \simeq -\frac{Q\delta_1}{2} - \frac{U_0\delta_1^2}{16\xi_{,\phi}^2 Q} - \frac{Q\delta_1^2}{2}. \quad (25)$$

We neglect terms proportional to  $\ddot{\phi}$  and  $\dot{\phi}^2$  in the field equation and get the following approximate equation:

$$\frac{3U_0\delta_1}{2\xi_{,\phi}} = -V_{,\phi} - 12Q\xi_{,\phi} (\dot{H} + Q). \quad (26)$$

Substituting  $Q$  and  $\dot{H}$  into here and neglecting terms, proportional to  $\delta_1^n$ , where  $n \geq 2$ , we get

$$\delta_1(\phi) = - \frac{2 V^2 \xi_{,\phi} V_{\text{eff},\phi}}{V^2 \xi_{,\phi}^2 + 3 U_0^3}.$$

The knowledge of  $\delta_1(\phi)$  allows us to obtain  $Q(\phi)$  and  $\chi(\phi)$ .

$$Q \simeq \frac{V}{6U_0} \left[ 1 - \frac{2V^2 \xi_{,\phi} V_{\text{eff},\phi}}{V^2 \xi_{,\phi}^2 + 3U_0^3} \right] = \frac{V \left( 9U_0^3 - 6U_0^2 \xi_{,\phi} V_{,\phi} + \xi_{,\phi}^2 V^2 \right)}{18U_0 \left( 3U_0^3 + \xi_{,\phi}^2 V^2 \right)}. \quad (27)$$

$$\chi = \frac{d\phi}{dN} = \frac{U_0 \delta_1}{2\xi_{,\phi} Q} \simeq - \frac{6U_0^2 V V_{\text{eff},\phi}}{V^2 \xi_{,\phi}^2 + 3U_0^3 - 2V^2 \xi_{,\phi} V_{\text{eff},\phi}}. \quad (28)$$

We get the slow-roll parameters as functions of  $\phi$ :

$$\varepsilon_1(\phi) = - \frac{1}{2} \frac{d\phi}{dN} \frac{d \ln(Q)}{d\phi}, \quad \varepsilon_2(\phi) = \frac{U_0 \delta_1}{2\xi_{,\phi} Q \varepsilon_1} \varepsilon_{1,\phi}, \quad \delta_2 = \frac{U_0}{2Q \xi_{,\phi}} \delta_{1,\phi}.$$



## NEW APPROXIMATION II

The second way to get  $\delta_1(\phi)$  is the following.

We neglect the term proportional to  $\delta_1^2$  and get a nonzero solution:

$$Q = \frac{V}{6U_0(1 - \delta_1)}. \quad (29)$$

Considering the differential of  $Q$  and using the definition of the slow-roll parameters, we get

$$\frac{dQ}{dN} = \frac{V_{,\phi} \delta_1}{12\xi_{,\phi} Q(1 - \delta_1)} + \frac{V \delta_1 \delta_2}{6U_0(1 - \delta_1)^2} = \frac{U_0 V_{,\phi} \delta_1}{2\xi_{,\phi} V} + \frac{V \delta_1 \delta_2}{6U_0(1 - \delta_1)^2}.$$

and

$$\varepsilon_1 = -\frac{3U_0^2 V_{,\phi}}{2V^2 \xi_{,\phi}} \delta_1(1 - \delta_1) - \frac{\delta_1 \delta_2}{2(1 - \delta_1)}. \quad (30)$$

From definition of slow-roll parameters, we get

$$\dot{\psi} \approx \frac{U_0 \delta_1}{2\xi_{,\phi}} \left( \delta_2 + \varepsilon_1 - \frac{3U_0^2 \xi_{,\phi} \phi \delta_1}{V \xi_{,\phi}^2} \right). \quad (31)$$

Substituting  $Q$ ,  $\epsilon_1$ ,  $\dot{\psi}$  into the field equation, multiplying it to  $(1 - \delta_1)^2$ , and supposing that any products of the slow-roll parameters are negligible, we get

$$\delta_1(\phi) = - \frac{2\xi_{,\phi}(3U_0^2 V_{,\phi} + V^2 \xi_{,\phi})}{9U_0^2 (U_0 - \xi_{,\phi} V_{,\phi})}. \quad (32)$$

Now we can express  $Q$ ,  $\chi$ ,  $N_{,\phi}$ , and  $\epsilon_1$  via  $\phi$ :

$$Q(\phi) \simeq \frac{3U_0 V(U_0 - \xi_{,\phi} V_{,\phi})}{2(9U_0^3 - 3U_0^2 \xi_{,\phi} V_{,\phi} + 2\xi_{,\phi}^2 V^2)}, \quad (33)$$

$$\chi = \frac{U_0 \delta_1}{2\xi_{,\phi} Q} \simeq - \frac{2(3U_0^2 V_{,\phi} + \xi_{,\phi} V^2)(9U_0^3 - 3U_0^2 \xi_{,\phi} V_{,\phi} + 2\xi_{,\phi}^2 V^2)}{27U_0^2 V(U_0 - \xi_{,\phi} V_{,\phi})^2}, \quad (34)$$

$$\frac{dN}{d\phi} = \chi^{-1}, \quad \epsilon_1(\phi) = - \frac{\chi}{2} \frac{d \ln(Q)}{d\phi}, \quad (35)$$

# MODELS WITH MONOMIAL POTENTIALS

We propose models with the potential  $V = V_0\phi^n$ , where  $n = 2$  or  $n = 4$  and

$$\xi = \frac{CU_0^2}{V + \Lambda}, \quad (36)$$

where  $C$  and  $\Lambda$  are positive constants. Such a modification is natural in general, removing a singular behavior at  $\phi = 0$  and gives us an exit from inflation when  $\phi$  becomes small enough.

The initial value of the scalar field  $\phi$  is positive and it tends to zero during inflation.

Calculating the derivative of the effective potential (19),

$$V_{\text{eff},\phi} = \frac{U_0^2 n (V_0^2 (3 - C) \phi^{2n} + 6 \Lambda V_0 \phi^n + 3 \Lambda^2)}{3 V_0 \phi^{n+1} (V_0 \phi^n + \Lambda)^2}, \quad (37)$$

we find that  $V_{\text{eff},\phi} > 0$  for any  $\phi > 0$  at  $C < 3$ .

It is a sufficient condition that a de Sitter solution does not exist at any  $\phi > 0$ .

This condition allows us to get an inflationary model without any fine-tuning of the initial data.

# QUADRATIC POTENTIAL

For the model with the potential  $V = V_0 \phi^2$  and the following values of parameters:

$$U_0 = \frac{M_{\text{Pl}}^2}{2}, \quad C = 2.754, \quad V_0 = 4.05 \times 10^{-11} M_{\text{Pl}}^2, \quad \Lambda = 1.0125 \times 10^{-12} M_{\text{Pl}}^4,$$

numerical integration gives the following values of the inflationary parameters:

$$A_s = 2.0968 \times 10^{-9}, \quad n_s = 0.9654, \quad r = 0.0102.$$

The inflationary parameters are calculated at  $\phi_0 = 2.7565$  that corresponds to  $N = 0$ . The inflation finishes at  $N_{\text{end}} = 65$ , that corresponds to  $\phi_{\text{end}} = 0.0286$ . The constructed inflationary scenario does not contradict to the observation data<sup>5</sup>

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P.A.R. Ade *et al.* [BICEP and Keck], *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **127** (2021) 151301 [arXiv:2110.00483].

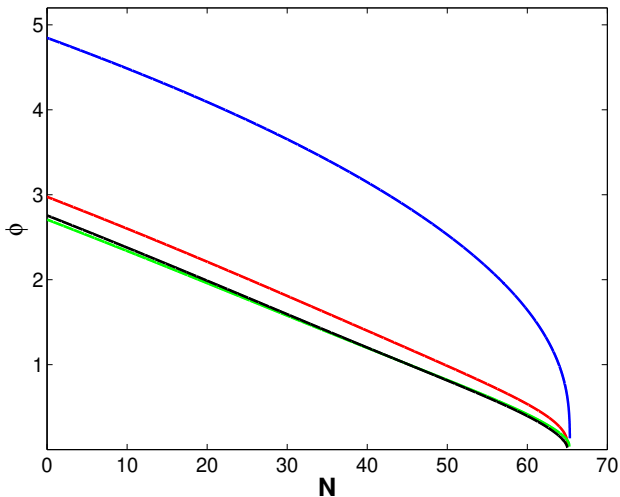


Рис.: 1. The inflationary model with  $V(\phi) = V_0\phi^2$ . Values of the function  $\phi(N)$  in units of  $M_{Pl}$ . The black line is the result of the numerical integration. The blue curve is obtained in the standard approximation, red — in the approximation I, green — in the approximation II by. The initial values  $\phi(0) = \phi_0$  are given in Table 1.

**Таблица: 1. Numerical and approximate values of parameters, characterizing the inflationary dynamic in the model with the quadratic potential.**

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Numeric result</b>	<b>Standard Approx</b>	<b>Approx I</b>	<b>Approx II</b>
$\phi_0/M_{\text{Pl}}$	2.7565	4.8472	2.9757	2.7082
$10^9 A_s(\phi_0)$	2.097	6.696	2.491	1.985
$n_s(\phi_0)$	0.965	0.971	0.967	0.965
$r(\phi_0)$	0.0102	0.0096	0.0099	0.0104
$\phi_{\text{end}}/M_{\text{Pl}}$	0.0286	0.6184	0.0906	0.1097
$\delta_1(\phi_{\text{end}})$	0.950	1.62	7.82	0.590
$N(\phi_{\text{end}})$	65.0	65.0	65.0	65.0

Таблица: 2. Values of the inflationary parameters for the model with the quadratic potential in different approximations.

Parameter	Standard Approx	Approx I	Approx II
$\phi_{in}/M_{Pl}$	3.6589	2.7912	2.7676
$10^9 A_s(\phi_{in})$	2.10	2.10	2.10
$n_s(\phi_{in})$	0.947	0.965	0.966
$r(\phi_{in})$	0.0174	0.0104	0.0102
$N(\phi_{end}) - N(\phi_{in})$	35.1	60.0	66.6

# FOURTH-ORDER POTENTIAL

The situation is similar for the model with the fourth-order potential  $V = V_0\phi^4$ . For parameters

$$V_0 = 3.4 \times 10^{-11}, \quad C = 2.856, \quad \Lambda = 5.95 \times 10^{-13} M_{\text{Pl}}^4.$$

numeric calculations show that the inflation scenario does not contradict the current observation data. We fix the number of e-folding to be equal  $N = 60.6$  and get unappropriated results for the standard approximations. New approximations, as in the previous example, work essentially better (see Table 3).



**Таблица: 3. Numerical and approximate values of parameters, characterizing the inflationary dynamic in the model with the quartic potential.**

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Numeric result</b>	<b>Standard Approx</b>	<b>Approx I</b>	<b>Approx II</b>
$\phi_0/M_{Pl}$	1.4019	4.9705	1.4898	1.3974
$10^9 A_s(\phi_0)$	2.096	117.2	2.599	2.017
$n_s(\phi_0)$	0.965	0.953	0.965	0.965
$r(\phi_0)$	0.0044	0.0120	0.0045	0.0045
$\phi_{end}/M_{Pl}$	0.2000	0.8899	0.3048	0.3037
$\delta_1(\phi_{end})$	0.885	1.80	4.23	0.577
$N(\phi_{end})$	60.6	60.6	60.6	60.6

Таблица: 4. Values of the inflationary parameters for the model with the quartic potential in different approximations.

Parameter	Standard Approx	Approx I	Approx II
$\phi_{in}/M_{Pl}$	2.5555	1.4104	1.4116
$10^9 A_s(\phi_{in})$	2.10	2.10	2.10
$n_s(\phi_{in})$	0.817	0.964	0.965
$r(\phi_{in})$	0.0466	0.0045	0.0045
$N(\phi_{end}) - N(\phi_{in})$	13.5	54.6	61.8

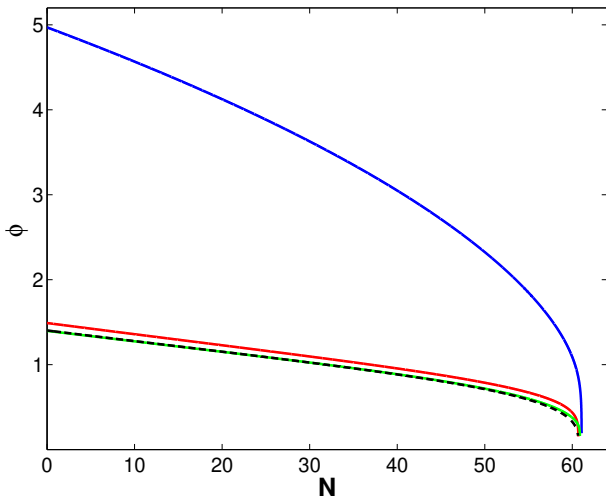


Рис.: 2. The inflationary model with  $V(\phi) = V_0\phi^4$ . Values of the function  $\phi(N)$  in units of  $M_{\text{Pl}}$ . The black line is the result of the numerical integration. The blue curve is obtained in the standard approximation, red — in the approximation I, green — in the approximation II. The initial values  $\phi(0) = \phi_0$  are given in Table 3.

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