Courseware report – *Critical Phenomena and its simulation on finite size systems*

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Structure of the courseware

1. Introduction to critical phenomena and Ising model
2. Demonstration of correlation and scaling invariance
3. Introduction to finite size scaling
Simulation widget 1 – Dynamics and scaling invariance in critical systems

- **Design**: Full scale simulation – zoom-in of 1/4 region – zoom-in of 1/16 region
- Demonstration of clusters with the feature of the ordered phase emerges which do not have determined position and boundary, but dynamically evolve over time and are nested.
- Demonstration of scaling invariance – if we zoom in a specific region, we would find similar structural characteristics.
Simulation widget 2 – Correlation function and correlation length

- Design: updating configuration – simulated measurement of correlation function and correlation length (and its plot in log scale and log-log scale)

- Demonstrate the different behavior of correlation through tuning the temperature
  - PM phase: exponential decay
  - Critical: power-law decay
  - FM phase: not decay to zero.

- Demonstrate the divergence of correlation length at critical point.
Simulation widget 3 – Finite size behavior of the critical system

- Design: updating configuration – simulated measurement of physical quantities and their scaling behavior (data collapse)
- Demonstrate that singularities do not exist in finite size systems
- Demonstrate that the curves of different sizes are of the same shape and collapse with each other after ‘streching’ transformation.
Appendix : Monte Carlo Method

\[ \langle O \rangle = \frac{\sum_{\{\sigma\}} O_{\sigma} \exp(-E_{\sigma}/kT)}{\sum_{\{\sigma\}} \exp(-E_{\sigma}/kT)} \]  \hspace{1cm} (1)

- **Importance sampling**: Sample in all the possible states \( \{\sigma\} \) with a weight of each state \( W(\sigma) = \exp(-E_{\sigma}/kT) \), and the expectation of observables should equal the simple algebraic average of all the samples.

- **Markov process**: the configuration of the consecutive sample solely depend on the former sample

\[ \sigma \rightarrow \sigma' \text{ at a probability } P(\sigma \rightarrow \sigma') \]  \hspace{1cm} (2)

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