

1. Start with the (effective) Energy functional for (among other things) the Ising model

$$\int d^d x \left[ \frac{1}{2} (\nabla \eta)^2 + at\eta^2 + b\eta^4 \right] \quad (1)$$

where  $t = (T - T_c)/T_c$ . Calculate the Free energy through a path integral using the Gaussian approximation. First find the configuration  $\eta$  that minimizes the action for  $t \leq 0$ . If we calculate for  $t > 0$  insert that value for  $\eta$  and expand to second order. Do the integral over all the Fourier modes of  $\eta$  to show that the free energy is

$$F = F_0 - \frac{1}{2} T \sum_{|k| < \Lambda} \ln \frac{2\pi VT}{2at + k^2} \quad (2)$$

Convert the sum to an integral using

$$\sum_k \rightarrow \frac{V}{(2\pi)^d} \int d^d k \quad (3)$$

Compute the heat capacity (without doing the integral). Finally do the integral and show that it diverges as  $t^{-(2-\frac{d}{2})}$  for  $d < 4$  but is finite for  $d > 4$ .

2. Find the renormalization equations and the flow diagram for the 2d Ising model in an external magnetic field on a triangular lattice. Use the method where you divide the hamiltonian into a part concerning only one blockspin and a part where blockspins interact and consider the interaction term as a perturbation.