Introduction to Computer Simulation II

Homework 3

Due: Sunday, 04 May 2025

5. Single-cluster simulations of the Binder parameter for the 2D Ising model

Repeat problem 1 by means of single-cluster simulations, that is determine the Binder parameter U around the critical temperature T_c for square lattices of extent L = 8, 16, 32, and 64 with periodic boundary conditions.

Calculate now also the slopes $dU/d\beta$ and plot the values at T_c as function of the lattice size L in a log-log plot.

Optional: Due to the strongly reduced "critical slowing down" of the single-cluster algorithm, it now possible to simulate also the L = 128 lattice in relatively short time with reasonable accuracy.

6. Single-cluster algorithm for the 2D Potts model

Generalize your computer code for the (nonlocal) Wolff single-cluster algorithm of problem 4 for the 2D Ising model to the 2D q-state Potts model. Test your program for q = 3 and small lattice sizes (L = 4, 8, and 16) at the critical point of the infinite system [$\beta_c = \ln(1 + \sqrt{q})$]. Determine in particular the energy and specific heat.