

XIV. Critical Phenomena: Ferromagnetism

A. Key Features in Ferromagnetism

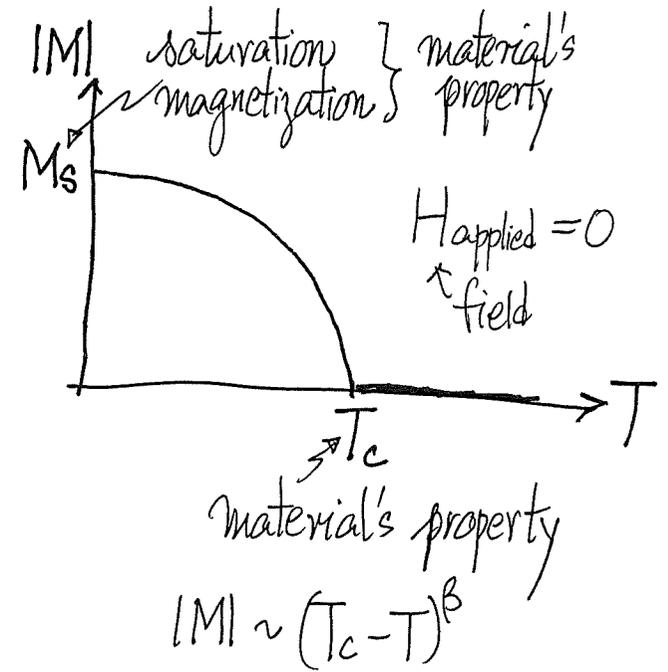
Spontaneous Magnetization (自發)

- No external applied magnetic field

$M \neq 0$ for $T < T_c$ \leftarrow Curie temperature
 "spontaneous" (\because no applied field to magnetize sample)
 $M = 0$ for $T > T_c$

Material	M_s (10^6 A/m)	T_c (K)
Iron	1.75	1043
Cobalt	1.45	1404
Nickel	0.512	631
Gadolinium	2.00	289
Terbium	1.44	230
Dysprosium	2.01	85
Holmium	2.55	20

Sources: American Institute of Physics Handbook (D. W. Gray, Ed.) (New York: McGraw-Hill, 1963).



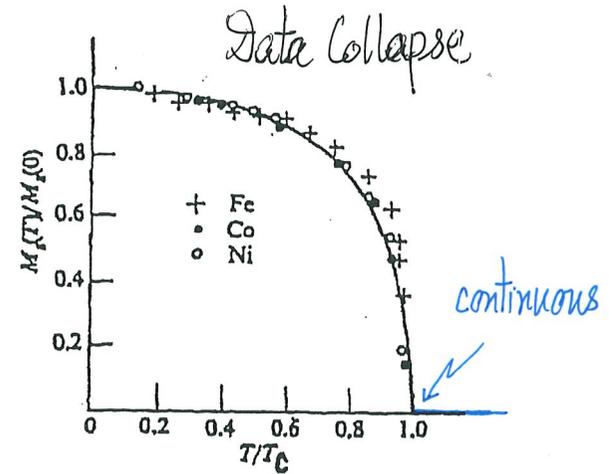
Critical point:
 $(T = T_c, H_{\text{applied}} = 0)$

- "Universal behavior" when properties of different Ferromagnetic (FM) materials are viewed in reduced quantities

FM material A: Measure $M(T)$
 $\Rightarrow M_s^{(A)}, T_c^{(A)}$

FM material B: Measure $M(T)$
 $\Rightarrow M_s^{(B)}, T_c^{(B)}$

Look at $\frac{M(T)}{M_s}$ vs $\frac{T}{T_c}$
 Almost the same curve for different materials



- For $T \lesssim T_c$, $M \sim (T_c - T)^\beta$ and same β for many different materials [c.f. vapor-liquid case]⁺
 - M is the order parameter of FM transition
 - M changes continuously at $T_c \Rightarrow$ "Continuous phase transition" (transitions that are NOT first order)
- $T < T_c, M \neq 0$ Ferromagnetic phase (more ordered)
 $T > T_c, M = 0$ Paramagnetic phase (disordered)

⁺ Recall the law of corresponding state. Here is another example.

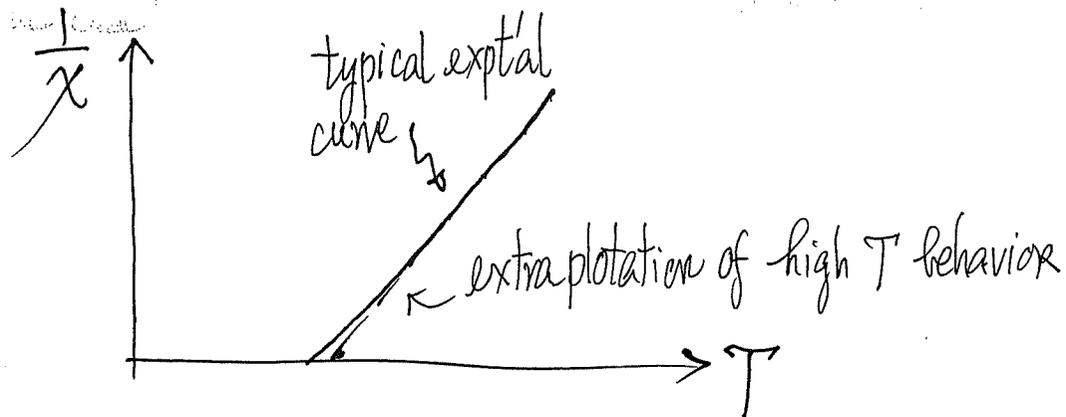
Paramagnetic behavior at $T > T_c$

$T > T_c$, $H_{\text{applied}} = 0$, $M = 0$ (no spontaneous magnetization)

With an applied field, $M \neq 0$ when $H_{\text{applied}} \neq 0$

Response is described by $M = \chi H_{\text{applied}}$

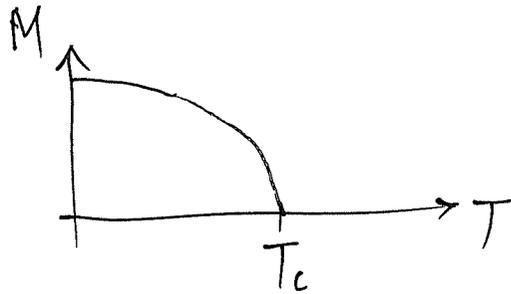
χ follows $\chi = \frac{C}{T - T_c}$ similar to Curie's law [recall $\chi \sim \frac{1}{T}$ for paramagnetic behavior]



It says, χ gets bigger and bigger as $T \rightarrow T_c$ from above.

As $T \rightarrow T_c$, χ diverges. OK! $M = \chi \underbrace{H_{\text{applied}}}_{\neq 0} \Rightarrow \chi$ diverges when sample becomes FM!

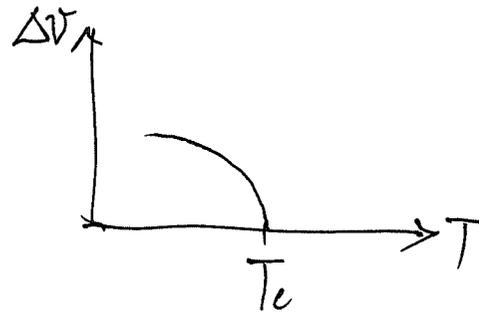
Ferromagnetic-Paramagnetic Transition



Ordered \leftrightarrow Disordered

$$M \sim (T_c - T)^\beta$$

Liquid-vapor Transition



Ordered - Disordered

$$\Delta V \sim (T_c - T)^{\beta'}$$

It turns out that very different physical scenarios may carry the same value of critical exponent!

This is what physicists meant by universal behavior.

[Magnetic system and liquid-vapor system behave the same way near the critical point]

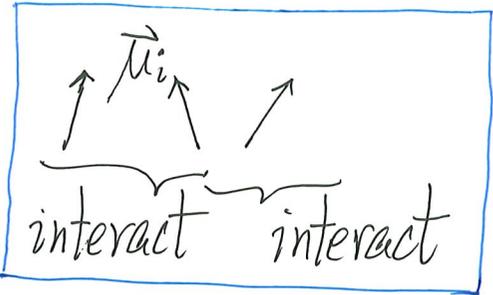
B. Hints from theory of Paramagnetism

Atoms/ions \rightarrow tiny magnet moments \rightarrow

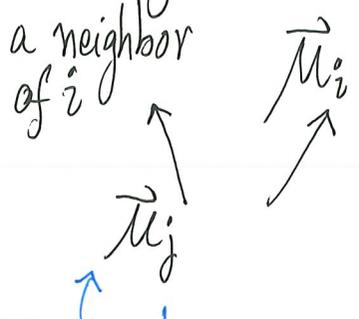
they don't interact and only respond to an external magnetic field
 \Rightarrow Paramagnetism $M = M_s \tanh\left(\frac{\mu_B B_{app}}{kT}\right)$
 for $\mu = \pm \mu_B$ (two-level)

Ferromagnetism: $B_{app} = 0, M \neq 0$

Magnetic Moment $\vec{\mu}_i$ (i^{th} atom/ion) experiences an internal and local magnetic field due to neighboring magnetic moments



Ferromagnetic Interaction



an energy

$$\therefore -J_{ij} \vec{\mu}_i \cdot \vec{\mu}_j$$

\rightarrow if $\mu_i \parallel \mu_j$, energy is lowest

meaning: lower energy

[magnetic moment i, you had better align your $\vec{\mu}_i$ with my $\vec{\mu}_j$]

1-page review on Paramagnetism

$J = \frac{1}{2}$ ($s = \frac{1}{2}$)
 $- +\mu_B B$ (anti-align with applied B)
 (two-level system)
 $- -\mu_B B$ (align with applied B)

$$Z = z^N, \quad z = e^{\beta\mu_B B} + e^{-\beta\mu_B B} = 2 \cosh\left(\frac{\mu_B B}{kT}\right)$$

$\langle \mu_z \rangle = \mu_B \tanh\left(\frac{\mu_B B}{kT}\right)$ (will use this result extensively)
 one moment

Whole system: $N \langle \mu_z \rangle = N \mu_B \tanh\left(\frac{\mu_B B}{kT}\right)$

Per unit volume \Rightarrow Magnetization $M = \frac{N}{V} \langle \mu_z \rangle = \frac{N}{V} \mu_B \tanh\left(\frac{\mu_B B}{kT}\right) = M_s \tanh\left(\frac{\mu_B B}{kT}\right)$

saturation magnetization

B-field acting on each independent (non-interacting) magnetic moment

The underlying Hamiltonian is:

$$H_{\text{para}} = \sum_i -\vec{\mu}_i \cdot \vec{B}_{\text{applied}}$$

cover all magnetic moments

with $\mu_{iz} = \begin{cases} +\mu_B & \text{(aligned with } \vec{B}_{\text{applied}}) \\ -\mu_B & \text{(anti-aligned with } \vec{B}_{\text{applied}}) \end{cases}$

Alternative forms of H_{para} in magnetism

$$\square H_{\text{para}} = \sum_i -\vec{\mu}_i \cdot \vec{B}_{\text{applied}}$$

i (all moments)

$$\text{When } \mu_{i,z} = \begin{cases} +\mu_B & (\text{aligned with } \vec{B}_{\text{applied}} = B_{\text{applied}} \hat{z}) \\ -\mu_B & (\text{anti-aligned with } \vec{B}_{\text{applied}}) \end{cases}$$

$$-\vec{\mu}_i \cdot \vec{B}_{\text{applied}} = \begin{cases} -\mu_B B_{\text{applied}} \\ +\mu_B B_{\text{applied}} \end{cases} > \text{two values}$$

$$\circ \circ H_{\text{para}} = (-\mu_B B_{\text{applied}}) \sum_i \sigma_i$$

$$= (-\mu_B B_{\text{applied}}) \sum_i S_i$$

an energy indicating
how strong B_{applied} is

$$\sigma_i = \begin{cases} +1 & (\text{aligned with } B_{\text{applied}}) \\ -1 & (\text{anti-aligned with } B_{\text{applied}}) \end{cases}$$

$$S_i = \begin{cases} +1 & (\text{aligned with } B_{\text{applied}}) \\ -1 & (\text{anti-aligned with } B_{\text{applied}}) \end{cases}$$

Pauli matrix
(related to σ_z 's
eigenvalues)

In statistical mechanics books/Ising model literature, the term representing the effect is an external magnetic field is often written as

$$H_{\text{para}} = -\underset{\uparrow}{B} \sum_i S_i \quad \text{OR} \quad -\underset{\uparrow}{H} \sum_i S_i \quad \text{OR} \quad -B \sum_i \sigma_i \quad \text{OR} \quad -H \sum_i \sigma_i$$

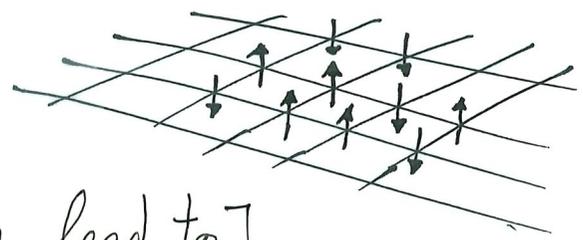
this is an
energy ($\mu_B B_{\text{applied}}$)

an energy
(same as B)

C. Model: The Ising Model as the simplest model

- Retain the minimum (essential) physics that is key to understand ferromagnetic to paramagnetic transitions
- $\vec{\mu}_i$: Assume $\mu_{z,i}$ taking on only two values ($+\mu_B, -\mu_B$) "Spin-1/2"
 [in general, can take on several $\mu_{z,i}$ values (quantum number J)]
- $\vec{\mu}_i$ interacts with nearest neighboring $\vec{\mu}_j$'s only

(eg. 2D square lattice, $\vec{\mu}_i$ only interacts with its 4 ($z=4$) nearest neighbors)



2D square lattice

[A fascinating idea: short-range (n.n.) interaction can lead to] long-range order (ferromagnetism)]

$$\begin{array}{l}
 S_i : \begin{array}{cc} \uparrow & \uparrow \\ +1 & +1 \end{array} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{array}{cc} \downarrow & \downarrow \\ -1 & -1 \end{array} \Rightarrow \epsilon_{\text{lower}} \\
 S_i : \begin{array}{cc} \uparrow & \downarrow \\ +1 & -1 \end{array} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{array}{cc} \downarrow & \uparrow \\ -1 & +1 \end{array} \Rightarrow \epsilon_{\text{higher}}
 \end{array}
 >
 \epsilon_{\text{higher}} - \epsilon_{\text{lower}} = \underline{2J}$$

← an energy
 want it to be "2J"

$T = 0$, then $\vec{\mu}_i$'s will align $\Rightarrow M = M_s$ (without \vec{B}_{applied} !)

$T \neq 0$, kT tends to randomize magnetic moments ($\because -TS$ entropy effect)
 but $-\vec{J}$ induces magnetic moments to align
 \Rightarrow standard statistical mechanics situation

Perhaps for some T_c , $T > T_c$, kT wins \Rightarrow zero net alignment ($M=0$)
 $T < T_c$, $-\vec{J}$ wins \Rightarrow net alignment ($M \neq 0$ even $B_{\text{app}} = 0$)
 \therefore We saw a physical path through the phenomenon!

Physics is an experimental science

T_c (expt) or kT_c informs us about the magnitude of interaction energy

$T_c(\text{iron}) = 1043\text{K}$, $T_c(\text{nickel}) = 631\text{K}$ (that's why we have magnets at room temperature)

$kT_c \sim 0.05 - 0.1\text{ eV}$ (strong compared with EM prediction of how $\vec{\mu}_i, \vec{\mu}_j$ interact)
 (the interaction has QM origin)

Write interaction energy as

$$S_i \quad S_j \quad \boxed{-J_{ij} S_i S_j} \quad \text{with} \quad \begin{cases} S_i \text{ taking on } +1 \text{ or } -1 \\ S_j \text{ taking on } +1 \text{ or } -1 \end{cases}$$

aligned: $(+1, +1)$ and $(-1, -1)$ give $S_i S_j = 1$ and energy $-J_{ij}$
 anti-aligned: $(+1, -1)$ and $(-1, +1)$ give $S_i S_j = -1$ and energy $+J_{ij}$ } differ by $2J_{ij}$

- J_{ij} is an energy characterizing the strength of interaction
- $J_{ij} > 0$, S_i and S_j tend to align \Rightarrow FM interaction
- [$J_{ij} < 0$, S_i and S_j tend to anti-align \Rightarrow Anti-ferromagnetic interaction]
- Assuming $J_{ij} = J$ (same) for all nearest-neighbors (ij), the interaction energy (Hamiltonian) is

$$E(\{S_i\}) = -J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} S_i S_j$$

\nearrow
 sum over all distinct nearest-neighbor pairs

Ising model
 with no external
 applied magnetic
 field

When there is an applied (external) \vec{B}_{applied} , then
add in a term

$$E_B(\{S_i\}) = -B \sum_i S_i$$

$$S_i = +1 \text{ or } -1$$

an energy ($\mu_B B_{\text{applied}}$)
 representing the strength
 of the applied field

$\therefore J$ (internal field), B (applied external field)
 \uparrow an energy \uparrow an energy

Ising Model

$$E(\{S_i\}) = -J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} S_i S_j - B \sum_i S_i \quad (1)$$

Ising Model
Hamiltonian

interaction between magnetic moments (or people called them spins)

energy representing external applied field

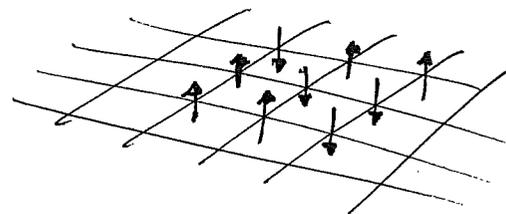
- this competes with kT
- S_i takes on $+1$ or -1
- When $B=0$, can spins align even at finite temperature?
- Can study Ising model on 1D chain (exactly solvable), 2D lattices (some exactly solvable), 3D lattices (no exact solution), 4D lattices, ...
- Lenz (1920) constructed the model for Ising (1925) to study in his thesis

Remarks

- $\langle S_i \rangle$ is a number between +1 and -1
- $\mu_B \langle S_i \rangle = \langle \mu_{i,z} \rangle = \langle \mu_z \rangle$ (if same for all locations i)
 is the average magnetic dipole moment (per dipole moment)
- Want to see if $\langle S_i \rangle \neq 0$ (thus $\langle \mu_z \rangle \neq 0$) in Ising Model even when $B = 0$
 no applied field
- Turn off interaction ($J=0$), $-B \sum_i S_i = H_{\text{para}}$ is the paramagnetism problem
 that can be exactly solved $\left(\langle \mu_z \rangle = \mu_B \tanh\left(\frac{\mu_B B}{kT}\right) \right)$
 OR $\langle S \rangle = \tanh\left(\frac{B}{kT}\right)$

D. Ising Model: What can be done, formally?

$$E(\{S_i\}) = -J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} S_i S_j - B \sum_i S_i \quad (1)$$



Consider: N moments ("spins") on a 2D square lattice
 In Stat. Mech., want to evaluate $Z = \sum_{\text{all } N\text{-spin states } \{S_i\}} e^{-\frac{E(\{S_i\})}{kT}}$

▪ What to sum over?

2^N strings of the form $\{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_N\}$ with $S_i = \begin{cases} +1 \\ -1 \end{cases}$

▪ What goes into $e^{-\frac{E(\{S_i\})}{kT}}$?

▪ For every string $\{S_i\}$, calculate $E(\{S_i\})$ from Eq. (1) and evaluate one term in Z

▪ Repeat for each of 2^N strings (2^N is a huge number for, say, $N=100^2$)

▪ Done! In principle, after getting $Z(T, V, N)$

Can this be done?

- Analytically?
 - 1D chain: Yes ($T_c = 0$, no FM state at any $T \neq 0$)
 - 2D square lattice: Yes (but not so easy[†]), other lattices: No!
 - 3D simple cubic or other lattice: No!

- Numerically?
 - Any dimension? (Write a program to evaluate $Z(T, N, B)$ exactly?)
[huge # of $\{S_i\}$'s]
 - Any dimension? (An algorithm to carry out the importance sampling implied by the canonical ensemble)
[Monte-Carlo simulation]

- Approximately?
 - Mean field theories
 - $1 + \epsilon$ ($\epsilon \ll 1$) dimension; $4 - \epsilon$ ($\epsilon \ll 1$) dimension
 - Renormalization methods

[†] Done by Onsager, C.N. Yang

E. Simplest Mean-Field Theory by physical arguments

- Don't want (know how) to handle interaction terms $-J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} S_i S_j$
- But know how to handle single moment interacting with a field $-B \sum_i S_i$

Idea: Approximate internal field due to interactions as a mean field
 \Rightarrow "reduce" ⁺ two-moment terms to single-moment in mean field terms

for S_i :

$$-J \sum_{j \in \{\text{n.n. of } i\}} S_i S_j \approx -J \sum_{j \in \{\text{n.n. of } i\}} S_i \langle S_j \rangle$$

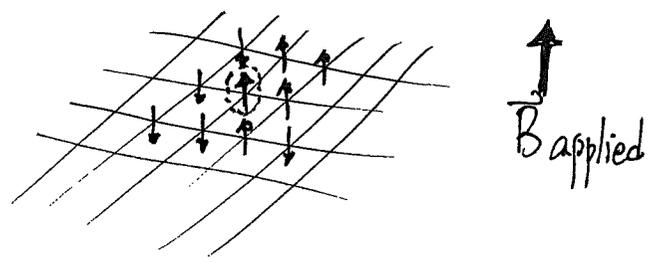
↖ a mean number
(same for all $j \in \{\text{n.n. of } i\}$)

$$= -J \underbrace{\langle S \rangle}_{\# \text{ n.n. (coordination number)}} S_i$$

like an effective field (effective internal field) on S_i
 \approx an effective paramagnetic problem (if we know $\langle S \rangle$)

⁺ usually called decoupling

Physical Picture



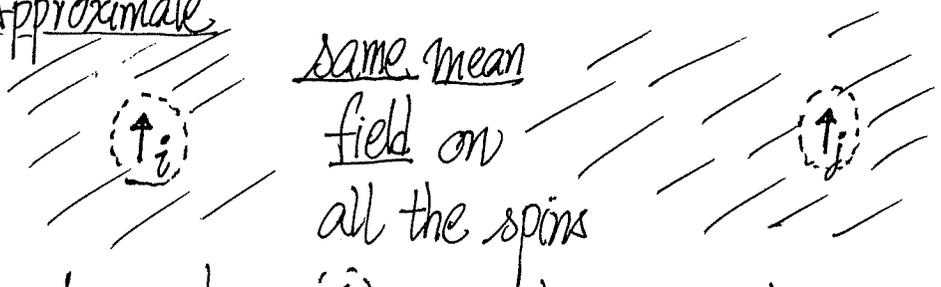
⊙ "feels" a field due to
(interaction with neighboring spins + $\vec{B}_{applied}$)

(i) Approximate as



⊙ is under the influence
of $\vec{B}_{local} = \underbrace{\vec{B}_{mean\ field}}_{\text{yet-to-be-determined}} + \vec{B}_{applied}$

(ii) Approximate

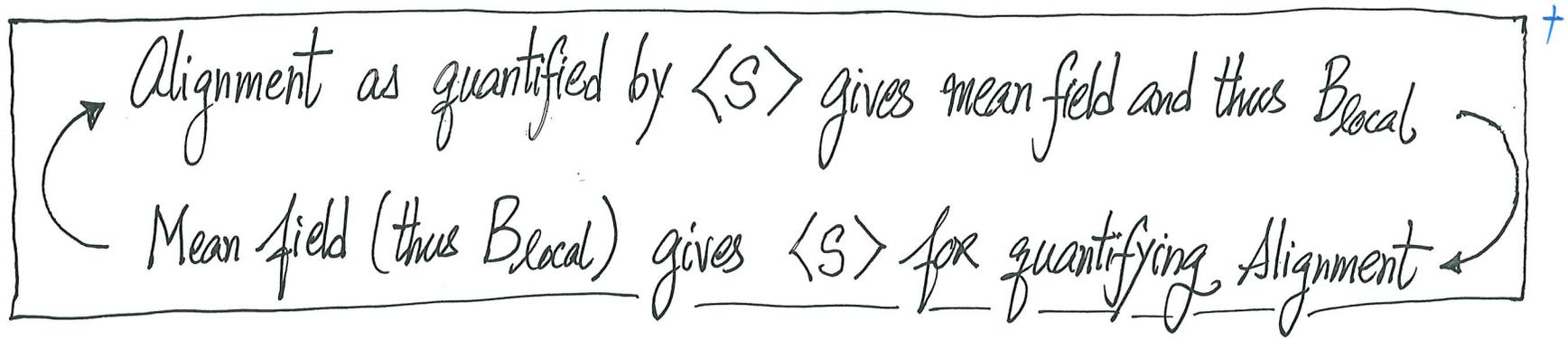


Argument: ⊙ is nothing special
Deeper: Ignore differences in actual local fields at different spins
"ignore fluctuations"

[better approximation when there are
more nearest neighbors]

(iii) Self-Consistency Condition

- Mean-field = $J \cdot \underbrace{z}_{\text{\# nearest neighbors}} \langle S \rangle \propto \langle S \rangle \Rightarrow$ better alignment gives a strong mean field
- But a strong mean field is needed to get at better alignment



$\therefore \langle S \rangle$ must be determined self-consistently!

[†] For those who know some atomic physics, the same type of argument is used in constructing the Hartree approximation for solving the single-electron atomic orbitals in multi-electron atoms.

$$E(\{S_i\}) = -J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} S_i S_j - B \sum_i S_i \quad [\text{interaction } S_i S_j \text{ term hard to treat}]$$

$$\approx -J \sum_{\langle ij \rangle} S_i \langle S_j \rangle - B \sum_i S_i \quad [\text{approximation}]$$

stat. mech. average of neighboring spin gives mean field $\langle S_j \rangle = \langle S \rangle$

$$\approx -J \langle S \rangle z \sum_i S_i - B \sum_i S_i \quad [\text{become problem of independent spins in a field, as in paramagnetism}]$$

to-be-determined # nearest neighbors

$\left[\frac{J \langle S \rangle z}{\mu_B} \right]$ is the strength of mean field (mean internal field)

like an effective paramagnetism problem

$$E(\{S_i\}) \approx - \left(\underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{Mean-field} \\ \text{(an energy)}}}{J \langle S \rangle z} + \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{external} \\ \text{applied field} \\ \text{(if present) (an energy)}}}{B} \right) \sum_i S_i \quad (2)$$

z = coordination number of lattice
 (e.g. $z=4$ for square lattice)
 $z=6$ for simple cubic lattice

"a field acting on spin i "

Turning Paramagnetic result into a theory of Ferromagnetism

$$E(\{S_i\}) \cong - (J\langle S \rangle z + B) \sum_i S_i \quad (2), \quad S_i = +1, -1$$

(c.f. $H_{para} = -B \sum_i S_i$ for paramagnetism)

So, $(J\langle S \rangle z + B)$ acts like an effective field (actually an energy) on individual moments, BUT $\langle S \rangle$ is not known

Recall: Paramagnetism

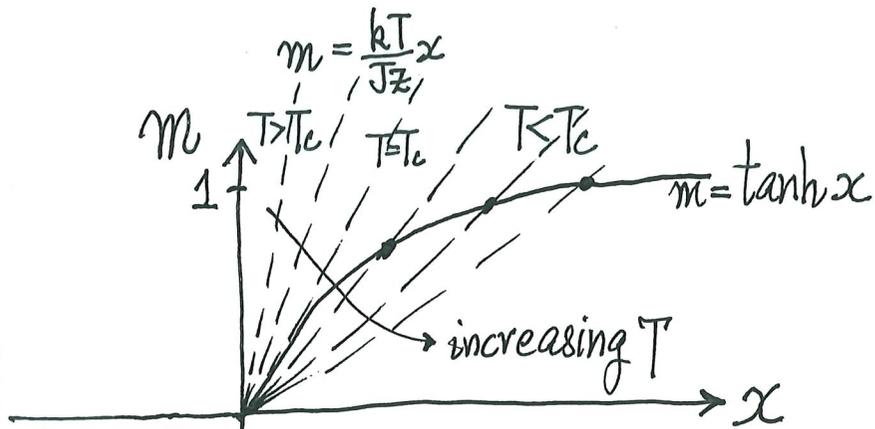
$$\langle \mu_z \rangle = \mu_B \tanh\left(\frac{\mu_B B}{kT}\right) \quad \text{for } H_{para} = -\mu_B B \sum_i S_i$$

$$\text{thus } \langle S \rangle = \tanh\left(\frac{B}{kT}\right) \quad \text{for } H_{para} = -\underbrace{B}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{energy}}} \sum_i S_i$$

For Ising Model,

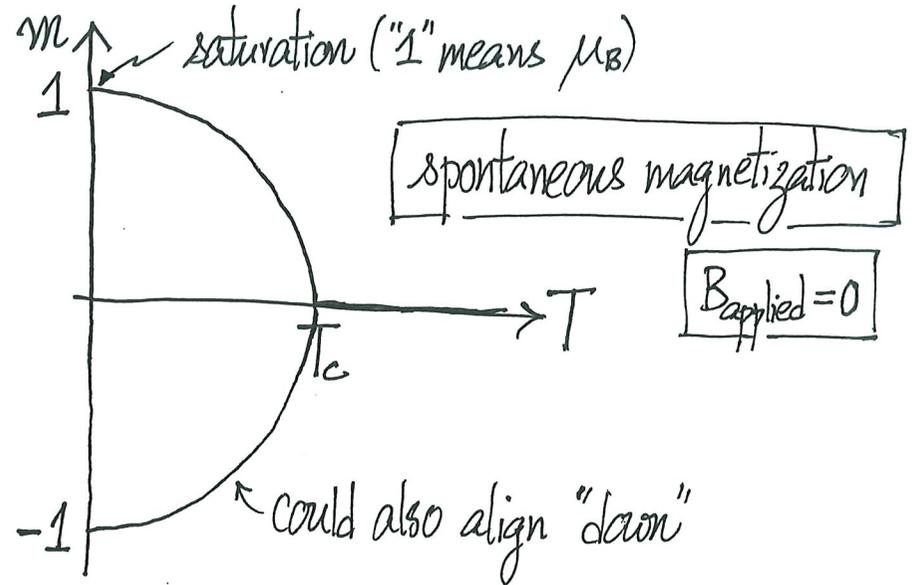
$$\langle S \rangle = \tanh\left[\frac{J\langle S \rangle z}{kT} + \frac{B}{kT}\right] \quad (3)$$

a self-consistent equation to solve for $\langle S \rangle(T)$



Similarly down here!

- $T > T_c$: intersects at $m=0$ only
- $T = T_c$: last temperature that intersects at $m=0$ only
- $T < T_c$: $m \neq 0$ solutions arise
- $T \rightarrow 0$: $m \rightarrow 1$ (saturation for one spin)

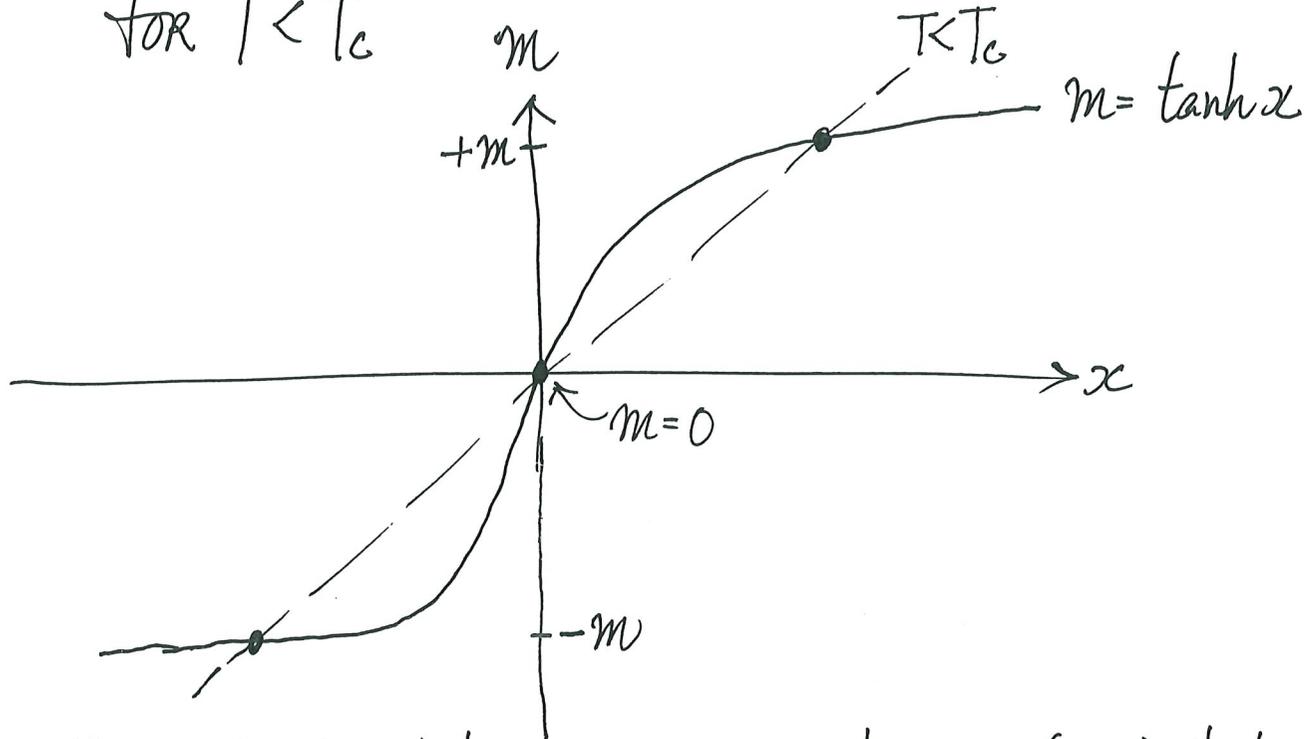


$$m = \langle S_i \rangle$$

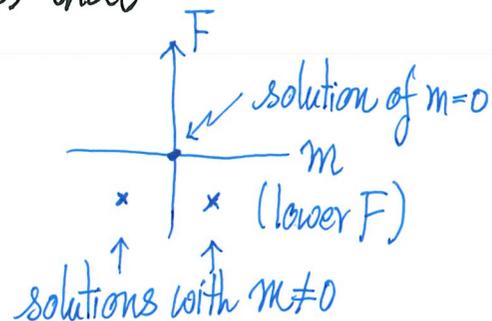
Formally,

$m = \tanh\left(\frac{Jz m}{kT}\right)$ allows 3 solutions

for $T < T_c$



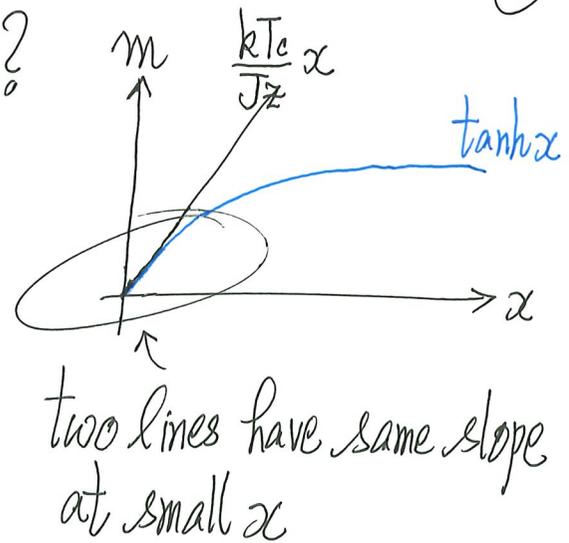
The physically realized solution(s) is (are) the one (ones) that gives (give) a minimum Helmholtz free energy



What is the critical temperature within mean-field theory?

$$m = \tanh \alpha \approx \alpha = \frac{Jz}{kT_c} m \Rightarrow 1 = \frac{Jz}{kT_c}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{kT_c^{(MF)} = zJ}^+ \text{ or } \boxed{T_c^{MF} = \frac{zJ}{k}} \quad (6)$$



In terms of $T_c^{(MF)}$, the mean-field equation is $m = \tanh\left(\frac{T_c}{T} \cdot m\right)$

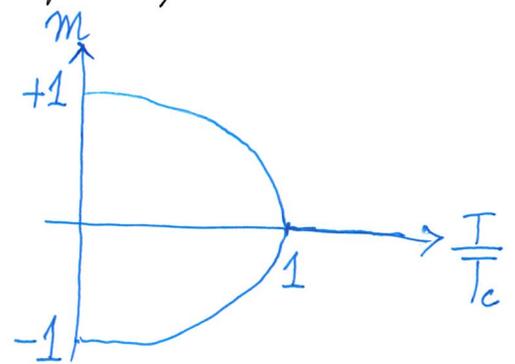
m (+1 to -1) is also M/M_s ← saturation magnetization of a sample

∴ Mean-field theory suggests

$$\frac{M}{M_s} = \tanh\left(\frac{T_c}{T} \cdot \frac{M}{M_s}\right) \quad (7)$$

T_c, M_s are substance-dependent

for collapsing experimental data (works quite well, see p. XIV-②)



⁺ kT_c really indicates the strength of interaction, as discussed.

Summary: Steps in setting up mean-field theory

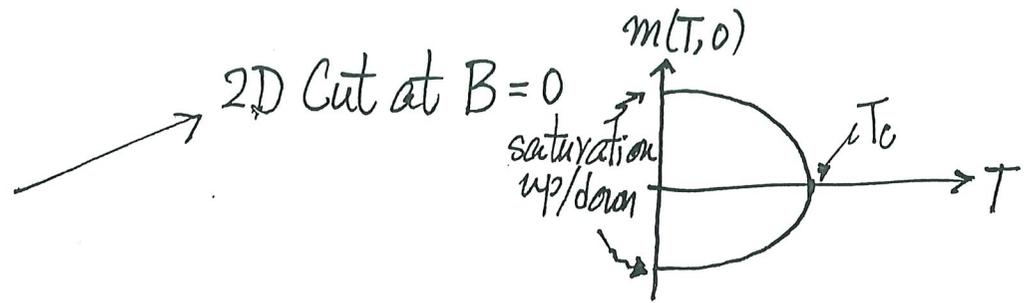
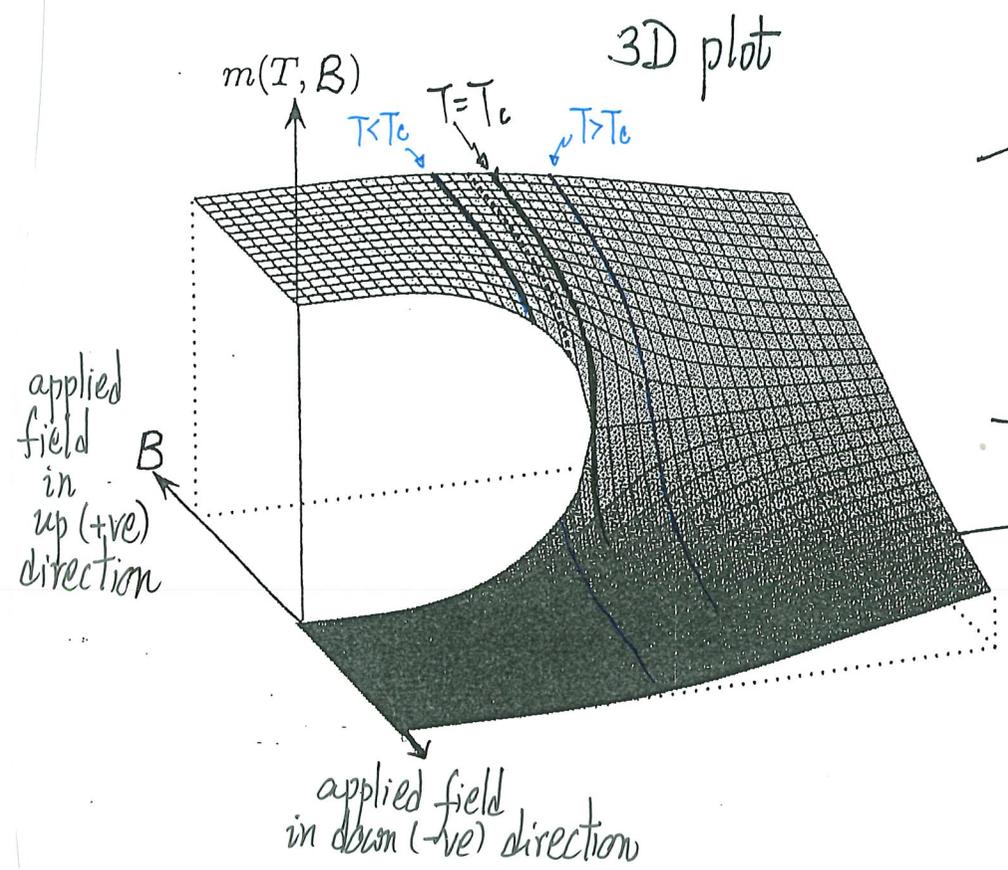
- Decoupling the coupling term $S_i S_j \approx S_i \langle S_j \rangle$
[Interacting system \approx effective non-interacting system]
- Evaluating $\langle S \rangle$ using the approximated $E_{MF}(\{S_i\})$ to set up self-consistent equation(s)
- Same idea can be applied to many other problems

F. Critical Behavior as predicted by Mean field theory

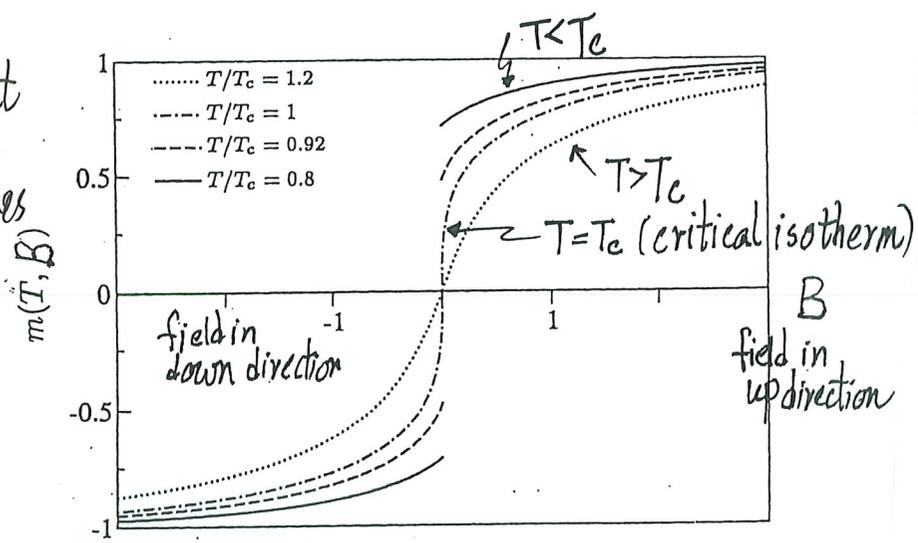
MF equation $m = \tanh \left[\frac{Jz}{kT} m + \frac{B}{kT} \right]$ (4)

The critical point is $(T=T_c, B=0)$
 ↑
 no applied field

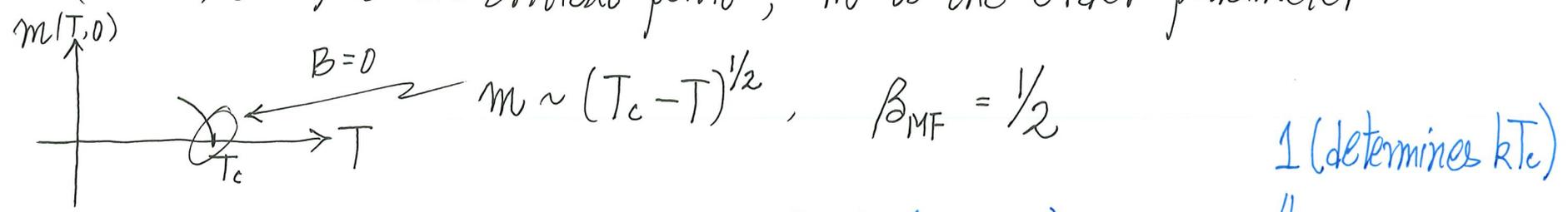
Given T and B , solve for $m(T, B)$



2D cuts at constant temperatures



$(T=T_c, B=0)$ is the critical point, m is the order parameter



$B=0$, MF Eq.(14) becomes $m = \tanh\left(\frac{Jz}{kT} m\right) = \tanh\left(\frac{Jz}{kT_c} \cdot \frac{T_c}{T} m\right) = \tanh\left(\frac{T_c}{T} m\right)$

Near critical point, $T \approx T_c$, $m \ll 1$, $\tanh x \approx x - \frac{x^3}{3}$ for $x \ll 1$

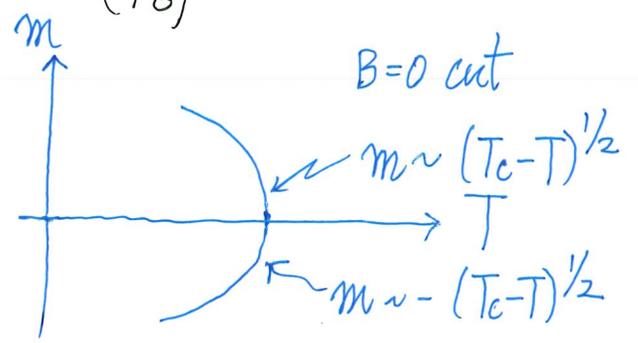
$m \approx \frac{T_c}{T} m - \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{T_c}{T}\right)^3 m^3$ ($m=0$ solution is for $T > T_c$, irrelevant here)

$\Rightarrow m^2 = 3 \left(\frac{T}{T_c}\right)^3 \left[\frac{T_c}{T} - 1\right] = 3 \left(\frac{T}{T_c}\right)^3 \left(\frac{T_c - T}{T}\right)$ (after cancelling m ($m \neq 0$))

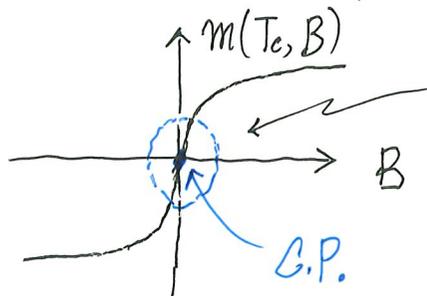
as $T \approx T_c$, $m^2 \approx 3 \frac{1}{T_c} (T_c - T) \Rightarrow m = \pm \left(\frac{3}{T_c}\right)^{1/2} (T_c - T)^{1/2}$ (7)

The critical exponent β is

$m \sim (T_c - T)^\beta$
 $\therefore \beta_{MF} = 1/2$ (8)



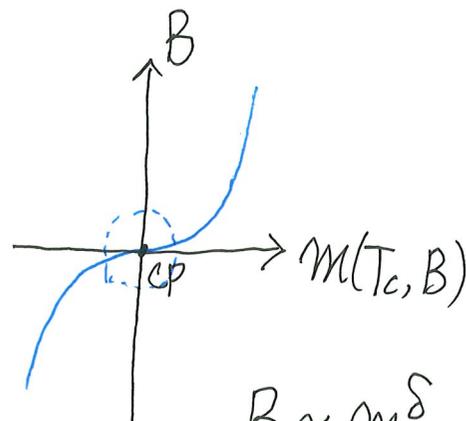
Look at $T=T_c$ cut, then $m(T_c, B)$ is



What is the behavior?

$$m(T_c, B) \sim |B|^{1/3} \quad (9) \quad \text{OR}$$

δ is another critical exponent



$$B \sim m^\delta \quad (10)$$

$$T=T_c, B \neq 0: \quad m = \tanh\left(\frac{Jz}{kT_c} m + \frac{B}{kT_c}\right) = \tanh\left(m + \frac{B}{kT_c}\right)$$

(see figures, we are interested in $|m| \ll 1, \frac{|B|}{kT_c} \ll 1$)

$$m \approx \left(m + \frac{B}{kT_c}\right) - \frac{1}{3} \left(m + \frac{B}{kT_c}\right)^3 \Rightarrow \frac{B}{kT_c} = \frac{1}{3} \left(m + \frac{B}{kT_c}\right)^3 = \frac{1}{3} \left(m^3 + \frac{3m^2B}{kT_c} + \frac{3mB^2}{(kT_c)^2} + \frac{B^3}{(kT_c)^3}\right)$$

leading term
↓

$[T=T_c, m=0 \text{ if } B=0, \therefore m \text{ due to } B. B \sim m^3 \text{ is leading term, } m^2B \sim m^5, mB^2 \sim m^7, B^3 \sim m^9]$

$$\therefore \boxed{B \sim \frac{kT_c}{3} m^3 \sim m^3} \quad (11) \Rightarrow \delta_{MF} = 3 \quad (12)$$

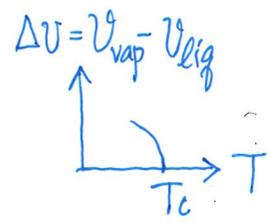
OR

$$m_0 = \left(\frac{3}{kT_c}\right)^{1/3} B^{1/3} \Rightarrow \boxed{m \sim \text{sign}(B) |B|^{1/3}} \quad (13)$$

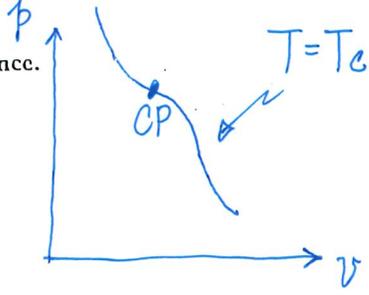
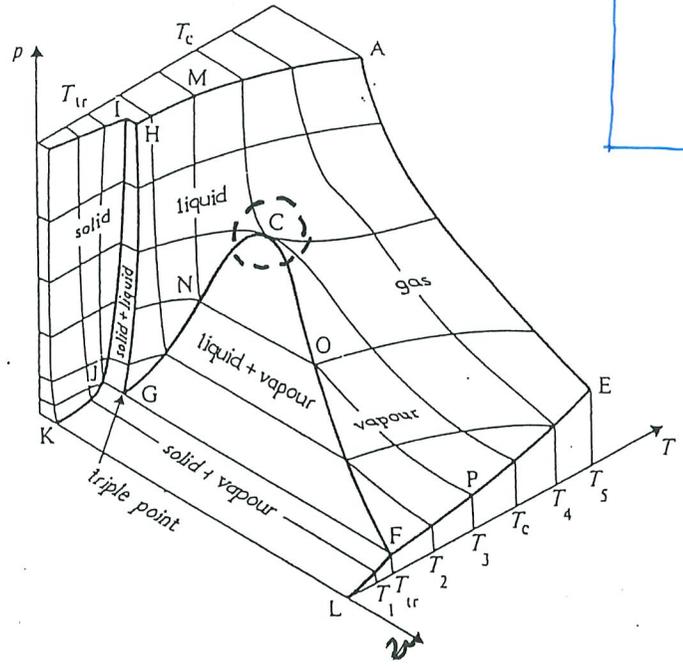
Van der Waals Equation of state

$$\Delta v \sim (T_c - T)^{1/2}; \quad \Delta p \sim -(\Delta v)^3$$

for $T = T_c$



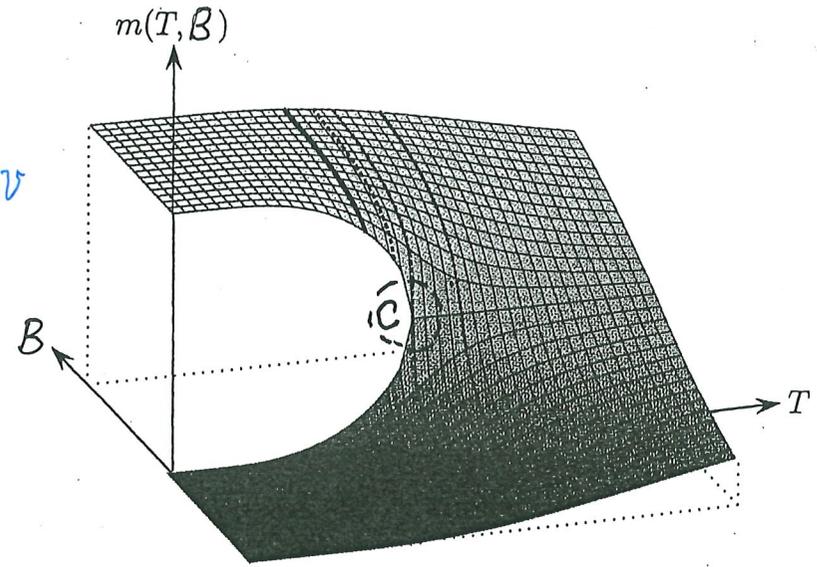
The p-V-T relation of a pure substance.



Mean Field Theory of Ferromagnetism

$$m \sim (T_c - T)^{1/2}; \quad B \sim m^3 \text{ for } T = T_c$$

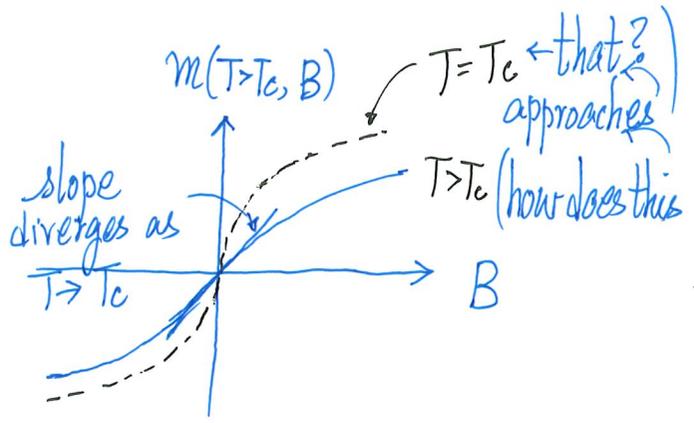
Ising Model



- Two seemingly different physical systems behave the same way near the critical point!
- Two seemingly different theories give same behavior near critical point! Universality! (普遍)

How about $T > T_c$ paramagnetic behavior?

- $T > T_c$, no spontaneous magnetization
- With applied $B \neq 0$, there is $m \neq 0$
- Again start with $m = \tanh \left[\frac{T_c}{T} m + \frac{B}{kT} \right]$



Look for how m varies with B .

$$m \approx m \frac{T_c}{T} + \frac{B}{kT} \quad (\text{consider } \frac{B}{kT} \ll 1 \text{ (weak field) and see how } m \text{ responds})$$

$$\Rightarrow m \left(1 - \frac{T_c}{T} \right) = \frac{B}{kT} \Rightarrow m \left(\frac{T - T_c}{T} \right) = \frac{B}{kT} \Rightarrow m = \frac{B}{k} \left(\frac{1}{T - T_c} \right) \quad (14)$$

Recall: $\vec{M} = \chi \vec{H}$
 $\uparrow \quad \quad \uparrow$
 $\propto m \quad \quad \propto B$

$$\therefore \chi \sim \frac{1}{T - T_c} \sim (T - T_c)^{-1} \quad \text{for } T \rightarrow T_c^+ \quad \leftarrow \text{paramagnetic behavior}$$

$$\text{agree with expt'l observation} \quad \sim (T - T_c)^{-\gamma} \quad (11)$$

$$\therefore \gamma_{MF} = +1 \quad (15)$$

Ising Model using Mean-field theory

$$m \sim (T_c - T)^{\beta} \quad \beta_{MF} = 1/2$$

$$B \sim m^3 \quad (T = T_c), \quad \delta_{MF} = 3$$

$$\chi \sim \frac{1}{T - T_c} \quad (T > T_c), \quad \gamma_{MF} = 1$$

$$\sim (T - T_c)^{-\gamma}$$

these are called Mean-Field exponents

- usually deviate from accurate measured values and accurate numerical values by simulations
- but capture correct behavior near critical point, despite only qualitatively