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Statistical Mechanics in a Nutshell-Luca Peliti 2011-08-28 Statistical mechanics is one of the most exciting areas of physics today, and it also has applications to subjects as diverse as economics, social behavior, algorithmic theory, and evolutionary biology. Statistical Mechanics in a Nutshell offers the most concise, self-contained introduction to this rapidly developing field. Requiring only a background in elementary calculus and elementary mechanics, this book starts with the basics, introduces the most important developments in classical statistical mechanics over the last thirty years, and guides readers to the very threshold of today's cutting-edge research. Statistical Mechanics in a Nutshell zeroes in on the most relevant and promising advances in the field, including the theory of phase transitions, generalized Brownian motion and stochastic dynamics, the methods underlying Monte Carlo simulations, complex systems--and much, much more. The essential resource on the subject, this book is the most up-to-date and accessible introduction available for graduate students and advanced undergraduates seeking a succinct primer on the core ideas of statistical mechanics. Provides the most concise, self-contained introduction to statistical mechanics Focuses on the most promising advances, not complicated calculations Requires only elementary calculus and elementary mechanics Guides readers from the basics to the threshold of modern research Highlights the broad scope of applications of statistical mechanics

Statistical Mechanics-Teunis C. Dorlas 2017-07-15 Suitable for advanced undergraduates and graduate students, this introductory approach's three-part treatment covers thermodynamics, fundamentals of statistical mechanics, and a detailed view of model applications. Includes problems with solutions. 1999 edition.

Statistical Mechanics-R K Pathria 2017-02-21 Statistical Mechanics discusses the fundamental concepts involved in understanding the physical properties of matter in bulk on the basis of the dynamical behavior of its microscopic constituents. The book emphasizes the equilibrium states of physical systems. The text first details the statistical basis of thermodynamics, and then proceeds to discussing the elements of ensemble theory. The next two chapters cover the canonical and grand canonical ensemble. Chapter 5 deals with the formulation of quantum statistics, while Chapter 6 talks about the theory of simple gases. Chapters 7 and 8 examine the ideal Bose and Fermi systems. In the next three chapters, the book covers the statistical mechanics of interacting systems, which includes the method of cluster expansions, pseudopotentials, and quantized fields. Chapter 12 discusses the theory of phase transitions, while Chapter 13 discusses fluctuations. The book will be of great use to researchers and practitioners from wide array of disciplines, such as physics, chemistry, and engineering.

Statistical Mechanics-Donald A. McQuarrie 2000-06-16 The canonical ensemble - Other ensembles and fluctuations - Boltzmann statistics, fermi-dirac statistics, and bose-einstein statistics - Ideal monatomic gas - Ideal diatomic - Classical statistical mechanics - Ideal polyatomic - Chemical equilibrium - Quantum statistics - Crystals - Imperfect gases - Distribution functions in classical monatomic liquids - Perturbation theories of liquids - Solutions of strong electrolytes - Kinetic theory of gases and molecular collisions - Continuum mechanics - Kinetic theory of-gases and the boltzmann equation - Transport processes in dilute gases - Theory of brownian motion - The time-correlation function formalism.

The Principles of Statistical Mechanics-Richard Chace Tolman 1979-01-01 This is the definitive treatise on the fundamentals of statistical mechanics. A concise exposition of classical statistical mechanics is followed by a thorough elucidation of quantum statistical mechanics: postulates, theorems, statistical ensembles, changes in quantum mechanical systems with time, and more. The final two chapters discuss applications of statistical mechanics to thermodynamic behavior. 1930 edition.

Statistical Mechanics: Theory and Molecular Simulation-Mark Tuckerman 2010-02-11 Complex systems that bridge the traditional disciplines of physics, chemistry, biology, and materials science can be studied at an unprecedented level of detail using increasingly sophisticated theoretical methodology and high-speed computers. The aim of this book is to prepare burgeoning users and developers to become active participants in this exciting and rapidly advancing research area by uniting for the first time, in one monograph, the basic concepts of equilibrium and time-dependent statistical mechanics with the modern techniques used to solve the complex problems that arise in real-world applications. The book contains a detailed review of classical and quantum mechanics, in-depth discussions of the most commonly used ensembles simultaneously with modern computational techniques such as molecular dynamics and Monte Carlo, and important topics including free-energy calculations, linear-response theory, harmonic baths and the generalized Langevin equation, critical phenomena, and advanced conformational sampling methods. Burgeoning users and developers are thus provided firm grounding to become active participants in this exciting and rapidly advancing research area, while experienced practitioners will find the book to be a useful reference tool for the field.

Statistical Mechanics-R K Pathria 1996-09-12 'This is an excellent book from which to learn the methods and results of statistical mechanics.' Nature 'A well written graduate-level text for scientists and engineers... Highly recommended for graduate-level libraries.' Choice This highly successful text, which first appeared in the year 1972 and has continued to be popular ever since, has now been brought up-to-date by incorporating the remarkable developments in the field of 'phase transitions and critical phenomena' that took place over the intervening years. This has been done by adding three new chapters (comprising over 150 pages and containing over 60 homework problems) which should enhance the usefulness of the book for both students and instructors. We trust that this classic text, which has been widely acclaimed for its clean derivations and clear explanations, will continue to provide further generations of students a sound training in the methods of statistical physics.

Statistical Mechanics of Lattice Systems-Sacha Friedli 2017-11-30 A self-contained, mathematical introduction to the driving ideas in equilibrium statistical mechanics, studying important models in detail.

Statistical Mechanics-R K Pathria 2011-04-06 Statistical Mechanics explores the physical properties of matter based on the dynamic behavior of its microscopic constituents. After a historical introduction, this book presents chapters about thermodynamics, ensemble theory, simple gases theory, Ideal Bose and Fermi systems, statistical mechanics of interacting systems, phase transitions, and computer simulations. This edition includes new topics such as BoseEinstein condensation and degenerate Fermi gas behavior in ultracold atomic gases and chemical equilibrium. It also explains the correlation functions and scattering; fluctuationdissipation theorem and the dynamical structure factor; phase equilibrium and the Clausius-Clapeyron equation; and exact solutions of one-dimensional fluid models and two-dimensional Ising model on a finite lattice. New topics can be found in the appendices, including finite-size scaling behavior of Bose-Einstein condensates, a summary of thermodynamic assemblies and associated statistical ensembles, and pseudorandom number generators. Other chapters are dedicated to two new topics, the thermodynamics of the early universe and the Monte Carlo and molecular dynamics simulations. This book is invaluable to students and practitioners interested in statistical mechanics and physics. Bose-Einstein condensation in atomic gases Thermodynamics of the early universe Computer simulations: Monte Carlo and molecular dynamics Correlation functions and scattering Fluctuation-dissipation theorem and the dynamical structure factor Chemical equilibrium Exact solution of the two-dimensional Ising model for finite systems Degenerate atomic Fermi gases Exact solutions of one-dimensional fluid models Interactions in ultracold Bose and Fermi

gases Brownian motion of anisotropic particles and harmonic oscillators

Statistical Mechanics-Franz Schwabl 2013-03-09 This unique and consistent mathematical treatise contains a deductive description of equilibrium statistics and thermodynamics. The most important elements of non-equilibrium phenomena are also treated. In addition to the fundamentals, the text tries to show how large the area of statistical mechanics is and how many applications can be found here. Modern areas such as renormalization group theory, percolation, stochastic equations of motion and their applications in critical dynamics, as well as fundamental thoughts of irreversibility are discussed. The text will be useful for advanced students in physics and other sciences who have profound knowledge of quantum mechanics.

An Introduction to Statistical Mechanics and Thermodynamics-Robert H. Swendsen 2012-03-01 This text presents the two complementary aspects of thermal physics as an integrated theory of the properties of matter. Conceptual understanding is promoted by thorough development of basic concepts. In contrast to many texts, statistical mechanics, including discussion of the required probability theory, is presented first. This provides a statistical foundation for the concept of entropy, which is central to thermal physics. A unique feature of the book is the development of entropy based on Boltzmann's 1877 definition; this avoids contradictions or ad hoc corrections found in other texts. Detailed fundamentals provide a natural grounding for advanced topics, such as black-body radiation and quantum gases. An extensive set of problems (solutions are available for lecturers through the OUP website), many including explicit computations, advance the core content by probing essential concepts. The text is designed for a two-semester undergraduate course but can be adapted for one-semester courses emphasizing either aspect of thermal physics. It is also suitable for graduate study.

Thermodynamics and Statistical Mechanics-Phil Attard 2002-07-08 The account of thermodynamics and statistical mechanics in Thermodynamics and Statistical Mechanics is based on entropy and its maximization. Building from first principles, it gives a transparent explanation of the physical behaviour of equilibrium thermodynamic systems, and it presents a comprehensive, self-contained account of the modern mathematical and computational techniques of statistical mechanics. This field of study is of vital importance to researchers, lecturers and students alike. Dr Attard is a well-known researcher in statistical mechanics who has made significant contributions to this field. His book offers a fresh perspective on the foundations of statistical thermodynamics. It includes a number of new results and novel derivations, and provides an intriguing alternative to existing monographs. Especially of note are the simple graphs and figures that illustrate the text throughout and the logical organization of the material. Thermodynamics and Statistical Mechanics will be an invaluable and comprehensive reference manual for research scientists. This text can be used as a complement to existing texts and for supplementary reading. Offers a fresh perspective on the foundations of statistical thermodynamics Includes a number of new results and novel derivations, and provides an intriguing alternative to existing monographs Simple graphs and figures illustrate the text throughout Logical organization of material An invaluable and comprehensive reference manual for research scientists Can be used as a complement to existing texts and for supplementary reading

Statistical Mechanics-Shang-Keng Ma 1985 This is a unique and exciting graduate and advanced undergraduate text written by a highly respected physicist who had made significant contributions to the subject. This book conveys to the reader that statistical mechanics is a growing and lively subject. It deals with many modern topics from a physics standpoint in a very physical way. Particular emphasis is given to the fundamental assumption of statistical mechanics S=1n and its logical foundation. Computational rules are derived without resorting to abstract ensemble theory.

Statistical Mechanics: Algorithms and Computations-Werner Krauth 2006-09-14 This book discusses the computational approach in modern statistical physics, adopting simple language and an attractive format of many illustrations, tables and printed algorithms. The discussion of key subjects in classical and quantum statistical physics will appeal to students, teachers and researchers in physics and related sciences. The focus is on orientation with implementation details kept to a minimum. - ;This book discusses the computational approach in modern statistical physics in a clear and accessible way and demonstrates its close relation to other approaches in theoretical physics. Individual chapters focus on subjects as diverse as the hard sphere liquid, classical spin models, single quantum particles and Bose-Einstein condensation. Contained within the chapters are in-depth discussions of algorithms, ranging from basic enumeration methods to modern Monte Carlo techniques. The emphasis is on orientation, with discussion of implementation details kept to a minimum. Illustrations, tables and concise printed algorithms convey key information, making the material very accessible. The book is completely self-contained and graphs and tables can readily be reproduced, requiring minimal computer code. Most sections begin at an elementary level and lead on to the rich and difficult problems of contemporary computational and statistical physics. The book will be of interest to a wide range of students, teachers and researchers in physics and the neighbouring sciences. An accompanying CD allows incorporation of the book's content (illustrations, tables, schematic programs) into the reader's own presentations. - ;'This book is the best one I have reviewed all year.' Alan Hinchliffe, Physical Sciences Educational Reviews -

Statistical Mechanics-James Sethna 2006-04-06 Sethna distills the core ideas of statistical mechanics to make room for new advances important to information theory, complexity, and modern biology. He explores everything from chaos through to life at the end of the universe.

Statistical Mechanics-Avijit Lahiri 2002-11 This is a basic, introductory-level textbook aimed at enabling the student to understand the basic of the subject. Statical mechanics is basically applied quatum mechanics, involving situations where the wave functions of systems under consideration are incompletely known, necessitating the introduction of ensembles and probabilities.

Statistical Mechanics of Nonequilibrium Liquids-Denis J. Evans 2007-08-01 "There is a symbiotic relationship between theoretical nonequilibrium statistical mechanics on the one hand and the theory and practice of computer simulation on the other. Sometimes, the initiative for progress has been with the pragmatic requirements of computer simulation and at other times, the initiative has been with the fundamental theory of nonequilibrium processes. This book summarises progress in this field up to 1990"--Publisher's description.

Statistical Mechanics-B. Widom 2002-04-18 This book is an introduction to statistical mechanics, intended for advanced undergraduate or beginning graduate students.

Statistical Mechanics of Learning-A. Engel 2001-03-29 Learning is one of the things that humans do naturally, and it has always been a challenge for us to

understand the process. Nowadays this challenge has another dimension as we try to build machines that are able to learn and to undertake tasks such as datamining, image processing and pattern recognition. We can formulate a simple framework, artificial neural networks, in which learning from examples may be described and understood. The contribution to this subject made over the last decade by researchers applying the techniques of statistical mechanics is the subject of this book. The authors provide a coherent account of various important concepts and techniques that are currently only found scattered in papers, supplement this with background material in mathematics and physics and include many examples and exercises to make a book that can be used with courses, or for self-teaching, or as a handy reference.

Statistical Mechanics-Richard Phillips Feynman 1988

Statistical Mechanics-David Ruelle 1999 This classic book marks the beginning of an era of vigorous mathematical progress in equilibrium statistical mechanics. Its treatment of the infinite system limit has not been superseded, and the discussion of thermodynamic functions and states remains basic for more recent work. The conceptual foundation provided by the Rigorous Results remains invaluable for the study of the spectacular developments of statistical mechanics in the second half of the 20th century.

Mathematical Foundations of Statistical Mechanics-Aleksandr I?Akovlevich Khinchin 1949-01-01 Phase space, ergodic problems, central limit theorem, dispersion and distribution of sum functions. Chapters include Geometry and Kinematics of the Phase Space; Ergodic Problem; Reduction to the Problem of the Theory of Probability; Application of the Central Limit Theorem; Ideal Monatomic Gas; The Foundation of Thermodynamics; and more.

Mathematical Foundations of Classical Statistical Mechanics-D. Ya. Petrina 1989 Introducing the functional method practiced in the USSR, this well- translated monograph considers the problem of investigating systems of infinite numbers of particles. It discusses the equilibrium and non- equilibrium states of infinite classical statistical systems, and investigates the thermodynamic limit for non-equilibrium systems and of the states of infinite systems, for which thermodynamic equivalence is proved. Book club price, \$95. Annotation copyrighted by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR

Statistical Mechanics for Chemistry and Materials Science-Biman Bagchi 2018-07-06 This book covers the broad subject of equilibrium statistical mechanics along with many advanced and modern topics such as nucleation, spinodal decomposition, inherent structures of liquids and liquid crystals. Unlike other books on the market, this comprehensive text not only deals with the primary fundamental ideas of statistical mechanics but also covers contemporary topics in this broad and rapidly developing area of chemistry and materials science.

Introduction to Nonextensive Statistical Mechanics-Constantino Tsallis 2009-03-11 Metaphors, generalizations and unifications are natural and desirable ingredients of the evolution of scientific theories and concepts. Physics, in particular, obviously walks along these paths since its very beginning. This book focuses on nonextensive statistical mechanics, a current generalization of Boltzmann-Gibbs (BG) statistical mechanics, one of the greatest monuments of contemporary physics. Conceived more than 130 years ago by Maxwell, Boltzmann and Gibbs, the BG theory exhibits uncountable – some of them impressive – successes in physics, chemistry, mathematics, and computational sciences, to name a few. Presently, more than two thousand publications, by over 1800 scientists around the world, have been dedicated to the nonextensive generalization. Remarkable applications have emerged, and its mathematical grounding is by now relatively well established. A pedagogical introduction to its concepts – nonlinear dynamics, extensivity of the nonadditive entropy, global correlations, generalization of the standard CLT’s, among others – is presented in this book as well as a selection of paradigmatic applications in various sciences together with diversified experimental verifications of some of its predictions. This is the first pedagogical book on the subject, written by the proponent of the theory Presents many applications to interdisciplinary complex phenomena in virtually all sciences, ranging from physics to medicine, from economics to biology, through signal and image processing and others Offers a detailed derivation of results, illustrations and for the first time detailed presentation of Nonextensive Statistical Mechanics

Statistical Mechanics-Bipin Kumar Agarwal 2007 This Book Gives A Clear And Logical Exposition Of The Basic Method Of Ensembles In Statistical Mechanics As Developed By J.W. Gibbs. Beginning With The Liouville Theorem, A Brief But Useful Introduction To The Classical Statistical Mechanics Is Provided. Then The Quantum Picture Is Outlined And Basic Postulate Of Quantum Statistical Mechanics Are Stated. The Discussion Of The Symmetry Of Wave Function And Its Effect On Counting Is Given In Detail.The Relation Between Statistical Mechanics And Thermodynamics Is Worked Out And The Gibbs Paradox Is Discussed In A Lucid Way. The Concept Of Entropy Is Related To The Information Theory. Various Ensembles Are Constructed And Used To Derive The Bose-Einstein And Fermi-Dirac Ideal Gases, Topics Like Liquid He Electrons In Metals, And White Dwarfs Are Given Adequate Coverage. Quantum Hall Effect, Random Walk And Fourier Analysis Of A Random Fluctuation Are Devoted Sufficient Space To Make It A Useful And Fascinating Book. The Book Concludes With A Discussion Of The Sling Model And A Modern Treatment Of The Critical Phenomena. Problems At The End Of Each Chapter Widen The Area Covered And Also Help To Deepen The Understanding Of The Material Given. This Book Is Written To Introduce The Subject To Advanced Undergraduates In Physics And Chemistry Or To Graduates In Engineering Classes. The Present Edition Contains New Material Including A Chapter On Irreversible Thermodynamics And Sections Dealing With Density Matrix And Superconductivity.

Lectures on Statistical Mechanics-M. G. Bowler 2012-12-02 Anyone dissatisfied with the almost ritual dullness of many 'standard' texts in statistical mechanics will be grateful for the lucid explanation and generally reassuring tone. Aimed at securing firm foundations for equilibrium statistical mechanics, topics of great subtlety are presented transparently and enthusiastically. Very little mathematical preparation is required beyond elementary calculus and prerequisites in physics are limited to some elementary classical thermodynamics. Suitable as a basis for a first course in statistical mechanics, the book is an ideal supplement to more conventional texts

Problems on Statistical Mechanics-D.A.R Dalvit 1999-01-01 A thorough understanding of statistical mechanics depends strongly on the insights and manipulative skills that are acquired through the solving of problems. Problems on Statistical Mechanics provides over 120 problems with model solutions, illustrating both basic principles and applications that range from solid-state physics to cosmology. An introductory chapter provides a summary of the basic concepts and results that are needed to tackle the problems, and also serves to establish the notation that is used throughout the book. The problems themselves occupy five chapters, progressing from the simpler aspects of thermodynamics and equilibrium statistical ensembles to the more challenging ideas associated with strongly interacting systems and nonequilibrium processes. Comprehensive solutions to all of the problems are designed to illustrate efficient and elegant problem-solving techniques. Where appropriate, the authors incorporate extended discussions of the points of principle that arise in the course of the solutions. The appendix provides useful mathematical formulae.

Introduction to Relativistic Statistical Mechanics-

Foundations of Statistical Mechanics-O. Penrose 2016-09-21 International Series of Monographs in Natural Philosophy, Volume 22: Foundations of Statistical Mechanics: A Deductive Treatment presents the main approaches to the basic problems of statistical mechanics. This book examines the theory that provides explicit recognition to the limitations on one's powers of observation. Organized into six chapters, this volume begins with an overview of the main physical assumptions and their idealization in the form of postulates. This text then examines the consequences of these postulates that culminate in a derivation of the fundamental formula for

calculating probabilities in terms of dynamic quantities. Other chapters provide a careful analysis of the significant notion of entropy, which shows the links between thermodynamics and statistical mechanics and also between communication theory and statistical mechanics. The final chapter deals with the thermodynamic concept of entropy. This book is intended to be suitable for students of theoretical physics. Probability theorists, statisticians, and philosophers will also find this book useful.

Elements of Statistical Mechanics-D. ter Haar 1964

Computational Statistical Mechanics-W.G. Hoover 2012-12-02 Computational Statistical Mechanics describes the use of fast computers to simulate the equilibrium and nonequilibrium properties of gases, liquids, and solids at, and away from equilibrium. The underlying theory is developed from basic principles and illustrated by applying it to the simplest possible examples. Thermodynamics, based on the ideal gas thermometer, is related to Gibb's statistical mechanics through the use of Nosé-Hoover heat reservoirs. These reservoirs use integral feedback to control temperature. The same approach is carried through to the simulation and analysis of nonequilibrium mass, momentum, and energy flows. Such a unified approach makes possible consistent mechanical definitions of temperature, stress, and heat flux which lead to a microscopic demonstration of the Second Law of Thermodynamics directly from mechanics. The intimate connection linking Lyapunov-unstable microscopic motions to macroscopic dissipative flows through multifractal phase-space structures is illustrated with many examples from the recent literature. The book is well-suited for undergraduate courses in advanced thermodynamics, statistical mechanic and transport theory, and graduate courses in physics and chemistry.

Statistical Mechanics-Richard P. Feynman 1998-03-26 Physics, rather than mathematics, is the focus in this classic graduate lecture note volume on statistical mechanics and the physics of condensed matter. This book provides a concise introduction to basic concepts and a clear presentation of difficult topics, while challenging the student to reflect upon as yet unanswered questions.

Physical Chemistry-Horia Metiu 2006-02-21 This is a new undergraduate textbook on physical chemistry by Horia Metiu published as four separate paperback volumes. These four volumes on physical chemistry combine a clear and thorough presentation of the theoretical and mathematical aspects of the subject with examples and applications drawn from current industrial and academic research. By u

Statistical Mechanics-Wolfgang Pauli 2000-08-02 Important text represents a concise course on the subject, centering on the historic development of the basic ideals and the logical structure of the theory, with particular emphasis on Brownian motion and quantum statistics. Alone or as part of the complete set, this volume represents a peerless resource.

Computational Biology-Ralf Blossey 2019-06-11 Computational biology has developed rapidly during the last two decades following the genomic revolution which culminated in the sequencing of the human genome. More than ever it has developed into a field which embraces computational methods from different branches of the exact sciences: pure and applied mathematics, computer science, theoretical physics. This Second Edition provides a solid introduction to the techniques of statistical mechanics for graduate students and researchers in computational biology and biophysics. Material has been reorganized to clarify equilibrium and nonequilibrium aspects of biomolecular systems Content has been expanded, in particular in the treatment of the electrostatic interactions of biomolecules and the application of non-equilibrium statistical mechanics to biomolecules New network-based approaches for the study of proteins are presented. All treated topics are put firmly in the context of the current research literature, allowing the reader to easily follow an individual path into a specific research field. Exercises and Tasks accompany the presentations of the topics with the intention of enabling the readers to test their comprehension of the developed basic concepts.

Statistical Mechanics of Phase Transitions-J. M. Yeomans 1992-05-07 The book provides an introduction to the physics which underlies phase transitions and to the theoretical techniques currently at our disposal for understanding them. It will be useful for advanced undergraduates, for post-graduate students undertaking research in related fields, and for established researchers in experimental physics, chemistry, and metallurgy as an exposition of current theoretical understanding. - ;Recent developments have led to a good understanding of universality; why phase transitions in systems as diverse as magnets, fluids, liquid crystals, and superconductors can be brought under the same theoretical umbrella and well described by simple models. This book describes the physics underlying universality and then lays out the theoretical approaches now available for studying phase transitions. Traditional techniques, mean-field theory, series expansions, and the transfer matrix, are described; the Monte Carlo method is covered, and two chapters are devoted to the renormalization group, which led to a break-through in the field. The book will be useful as a textbook for a course in `Phase Transitions', as an introduction for graduate students undertaking research in related fields, and as an overview for scientists in other disciplines who work with phase transitions but who are not aware of the current tools in the armoury of the theoretical physicist. - ;Introduction; Statistical mechanics and thermodynamics; Models; Mean-field theories; The transfer matrix; Series expansions; Monte Carlo simulations; The renormalization group; Implementations of the renormalization group. -

Statistical Physics II-Ryogo Kubo 2012-12-06 Statistical Physics II introduces nonequilibrium theories of statistical mechanics from the viewpoint of the fluctuation-disipation theorem. Emphasis is placed on the relaxation from nonequilibrium to equilibrium states, the response of a system to an external disturbance, and general problems involved in deriving a macroscopic physical process from more basic underlying processes. Fundamental concepts and methods are stressed, rather than the numerous individual applications.

Statistical Mechanics and Thermodynamics-Claude Garrod 1995 Accompanying disk includes two types of computer programs. The first is a set of graphics-oriented display programs that allow the user to see a Monte Carlo calculation as it develops, the second is a set of Fortran programs that apply the Monte Carlo method to a variety of physical systems.

Statistical Mechanics-A. J. Berlinsky 2019-10-03 In a comprehensive treatment of Statistical Mechanics from thermodynamics through the renormalization group, this book serves as the core text for a full-year graduate course in statistical mechanics at either the Masters or Ph.D. level. Each chapter contains numerous exercises, and several chapters treat special topics which can be used as the basis for student projects. The concept of scaling is introduced early and used extensively throughout the text. At the heart of the book is an extensive treatment of mean field theory, from the simplest decoupling approach, through the density matrix formalism, to self-consistent classical and quantum field theory as well as exact solutions on the Cayley tree. Proceeding beyond mean field theory, the book discusses exact mappings involving Potts models, percolation, self-avoiding walks and quenched randomness, connecting various athermal and thermal models. Computational methods such as series expansions and Monte Carlo simulations are discussed, along with exact solutions to the 1D quantum and 2D classical Ising models. The renormalization group formalism is developed, starting from real-space RG and proceeding through a detailed treatment of Wilson’s epsilon expansion. Finally the subject of Kosterlitz-Thouless systems is introduced from a historical perspective and then treated by methods due to Anderson, Kosterlitz, Thouless and Young. Altogether, this comprehensive, up-to-date, and engaging text offers an ideal package for advanced undergraduate or graduate courses or for use in self study.