

Material for Week 12

Physics 4488/6562: Statistical Mechanics

<http://www.physics.cornell.edu/sethna/teaching/562/>

Exercises due Mon. May 04

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All exercises are from Version 2.0 of the text: <http://pages.physics.cornell.edu/~sethna/StatMech/v2EntropyOrderParametersComplexity.pdf>

Monday

In-class question: [11.1](#) *Maxwell and van der Waals*

Wednesday

Read: Chapter 11, Sec. 11.3 (Nucleation: critical droplet theory), and 11.4.1 (Coarsening)

Pre-class question: [11.12](#) *Nucleation in 2D*

In-class question: [11.6](#) *Coarsening in the Ising model*

Friday

Read: Chapter 11, Sec. 11.4 (Morphology of abrupt transitions)

Pre-class question: [11.8](#) *Minimizing sequences and microstructure*

In-class question: [11.7](#) *Origami microstructure*

Monday

Read: Chapter 12, Introduction

Pre-class question: [12.17](#) *The Gutenberg–Richter law*

Exercises

Everyone (4488 and 6562)

[11.13](#) *Linear stability of a growing interface.*

[11.5](#) *Nucleation of dislocation pairs.*

Graduate (6562 only)

[10.7](#) *Noise and Langevin equations.*

[11.14](#) *Nucleation of cracks.*

[11.15](#) *Elastic theory does not converge.* Completely optional: for an extra challenge