

## Material for Week 13

Physics 4488/6562: Statistical Mechanics

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

Exercises due Mon. May 11

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On Friday, we shall be doing simulations and listening to audio files. Please bring your laptops, tablets, or smart phones.

For Wednesday's pre-class question, do part (a) only. We'll do the other parts in class.

### Monday

In-class question: [12.1](#) *Ising self-similarity*

In-class question: [12.15](#) *Hearing chaos*

In-class question: [12.14](#) *Crackling noises*

### Wednesday

Read: Chapter 12, Sec. 12.1 (Universality)

Pre-class question: [12.7](#) *Renormalization-group trajectories*

In-class question: [12.7](#) *Renormalization-group trajectories*

### Friday

Read: Chapter 12, Sec. 12.2 (Scale Invariance)

Pre-class question: [12.3](#) *Scaling and coarsening*

In-class question: [12.8](#) *Superconductivity and the renormalization group*

### Monday

Read: Chapter 12, Sec. 12.3 (Examples of critical points)

Pre-class question: [12.16](#) *Period doubling and the onset of chaos*

In-class question: [12.29](#) *The onset of chaos: lowest order RG*

## Exercises

Everyone (4488 and 6562)

[12.11](#) *RG and the central limit theorem: long.*

[12.9](#) *Period doubling and the RG.* (Hints are available in Python and Mathematica: <http://pages.physics.cornell.edu/~sethna/StatMech/ComputerExercises.html>)

[12.35](#) *Conformal invariance.* (Hints are available in Python and Mathematica: <http://pages.physics.cornell.edu/~sethna/StatMech/ComputerExercises.html>)

Graduate (6562 only)

[12.22](#) *Activated rates and the saddle-node transition.*

[12.28](#) *Avalanche size distribution.*