

**Physics 7653: Statistical Physics**  
<http://www.physics.cornell.edu/sethna/teaching/653/>  
Material for Week 7  
Exercises due Tuesday Oct 16  
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Pre-class Preparation

**Thursday Oct 4**

Read: <http://www.lasp.cornell.edu/sethna/pubPDF/visualizing-probabilistic-models.pdf>  
Visualizing probabilistic models: Intensive principal component analysis, Katherine N. Quinn, Colin B. Clement, Francesco De Bernardis, Michael D. Niemack, and James P. Sethna, (*The preprint uses PNAS macros, but is only now being submitted there*).

*Note that the intensive model manifold for the Ising model shows nothing special at its critical point. Is this a surprise?* Submit electronically by 8:30 Thursday morning.

**Tuesday Oct 9**

Have a great fall break.

**Thursday Oct 11**

Read: <http://science.sciencemag.org/content/sci/342/6158/604.full.pdf> Parameter Space Compression Underlies Emergent Theories and Predictive Models, Benjamin B. Machta, Ricky Chachra, Mark K. Transtrum, James P. Sethna, *Science* **342**, 604-607 (2013).

*Note that the relevant variables  $T$  and  $H$  for the Ising model correspond to eigenvalues of the FIM that remain stable under coarse-graining. How do we reconcile this with the fact that they are both relevant (grow under the renormalization-group flow)?* (Hint: The FIM is for the entire system. The system becomes smaller under coarse-graining.) *Can you explain why the two have the same behavior, given that  $\frac{dt}{d\ell} = t/\nu = t$  and  $\frac{dh}{d\ell} = \beta\delta h/\nu = 15/8h$  have different eigenvalues?* Submit electronically by 8:30 Thursday morning.

**Tuesday Oct 16**

Read: <https://arxiv.org/abs/1710.05787> Information geometry and the renormalization group, Archishman Raju, Benjamin B. Machta, James P. Sethna.

*Does this paper answer the question raised by the stability of the FIM eigenvalues in the 'Parameter compression' paper above?* Submit electronically by 8:30 Tuesday morning.

**Exercises**

1.15: Fisher information and Cramér Rao

1.16: Distances in probability space