

# Assignment 3

Explore the physics of the phase transition in the 2D Ising model on a square lattice, in the absence of an external field ( $h = 0$ ). In particular, you should:

- Find the critical temperature  $T_c$  of the phase transition between ferromagnetic and paramagnetic phases, and plot the average magnetisation across the phase transition.
- Plot the specific heat capacity as a function of system size at  $T = T_c$ .
- Discuss the effect of varying the:
  - system size
  - initial state
  - Metropolis sample size & update method (random or sequential)
- Feel free to explore other features of the phase transition!

Submit your work online as a **pdf report (max. 5 pages) together with file(s) containing executable Python code that reproduces your results**. Your report should explain your methods and present your conclusions, supported by appropriate numerical evidence from the simulations. Include your own name in all file names.

**Deadline: 2nd December @ 23:59**