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Complexity and Criticality

1.10 Probability of having a percolating cluster on a lattice of size L.

(i) Since for $p < p_c$ there is no percolating cluster, we have

$$\Pi_{\infty}(p, L = \infty) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } p < p_c \\ 1 & \text{for } p = p_c. \end{cases}$$



(ii) (a) There is a percolating cluster only if all L sites are occupied. Therefore,

$$\Pi_{\infty}(p;L) = p^L,$$

see Figure above.

(b) We have

$$\Pi_{\infty}(\xi; L) = p^{L} = \exp\left(\ln p^{L}\right) = \exp\left(L \ln p\right) = \exp\left(-L/\xi\right)$$

using $\xi = -1/\ln p$.

(c) When $p \to p_c^-$, the correlation length $\xi \to (p_c - p)^{-1}$ so $1/\xi = (p_c - p)$. Therefore,

$$\Pi_{\infty}(\xi; L) \to \exp\left(-(p_c - p)L\right) = \mathcal{F}_{\mathrm{1d}}\left[(p_c - p)L\right] \quad \text{for } p \to p_c^-,$$

where we identify the scaling function $\mathcal{F}_{1d}(x) = \exp(-x)$. Hence

$$\mathcal{F}_{1\mathrm{d}}(x) = \begin{cases} \mathrm{constant} & \mathrm{for} \ x \ll 1\\ \mathrm{decay \ rapidly} & \mathrm{for} \ x \gg 1. \end{cases}$$

(iii) We assume that

$$\Pi_{\infty}(p;L) = \mathcal{G}(L/\xi) \quad \text{for } p \to p_c,$$

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(a) Since $\xi \propto |p - p_c|^{-\nu}$ we have

$$\Pi_{\infty}(p;L) = \mathcal{G}\left(L/\xi\right) = \mathcal{G}\left(L|p-p_{c}|^{\nu}\right) = \mathcal{F}\left(L^{1/\nu}|p-p_{c}|\right) \text{ for } p \to p_{c}$$

so that $\mathcal{F}(x) = \mathcal{G}(x^{1/\nu}).$

(b) In higher dimension, $\Pi_{\infty}(p; L)$ will approach a step function at $p = p_c$ when $L \to \infty$. Hence, the limiting function $d\Pi_{\infty}/dp = \delta(p_c - p)$ is a delta-function at $p = p_c$ when $L \to \infty$.