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Finite size scaling: How-to Introduction using Ising model

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0. Motivation

Numerical calculation: We can work only with finite size lattice

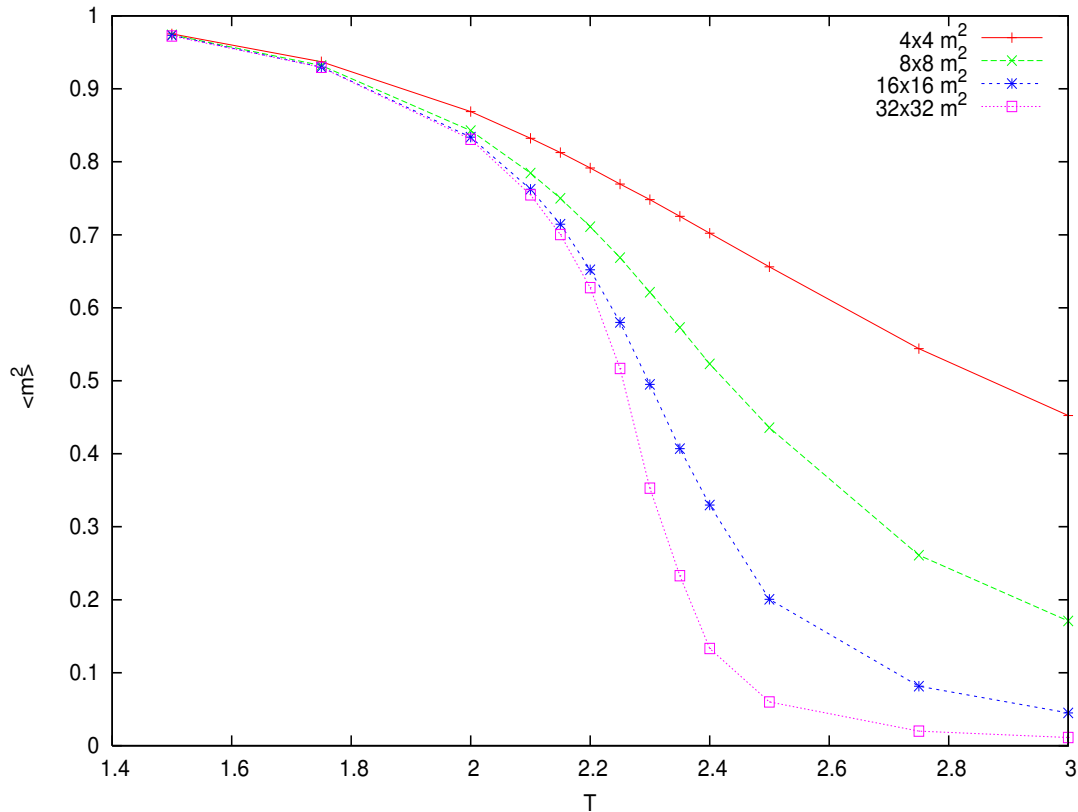


Figure 1: Plots of $\langle m^2 \rangle$ vs T for lattices of different sizes.

MC simulation of 2-D Ising model: Plots of (magnetization)² are *qualitatively* correct.

The problem: quantitative solution, for T_c and critical exponents.

1. Scaling hypothesis:

$$M^2(L, T) = L^a f[L^b(T - T_c)] \quad (*)$$

M^2 - simulation data;
 f - some (unknown) function

a, T_c, b - unknown

a, b - related to critical exponents ν, β

Show: $a = -\frac{2\beta}{\nu}, b = \frac{1}{\nu}$.

Why?

1) We believe L/ξ is the relevant variable (ξ - correlation length):

$$\frac{L}{\xi} = L(T - T_c)^\nu = [L^{1/\nu}(T - T_c)]^\nu \quad (**)$$

Comparing (**) with (*) $\Rightarrow b = \frac{1}{\nu}$.

2) As $L \rightarrow \infty, M^2 \sim (T - T_c)^{2\beta}$

$$L^a f[L^b(T - T_c)] \sim (T - T_c)^{2\beta}$$

$$L^a [L^b(T - T_c)]^{2\beta} = L^{a+b \cdot 2\beta} (T - T_c)^{2\beta} \sim L^0 (T - T_c)^{2\beta}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = -b \cdot 2\beta = -\frac{2\beta}{\nu}$$

The procedure as follows.

0. Get data for $M^2(L, T)$

Do MC simulations for lattices of different sizes.

1. Guess a value for **a** and

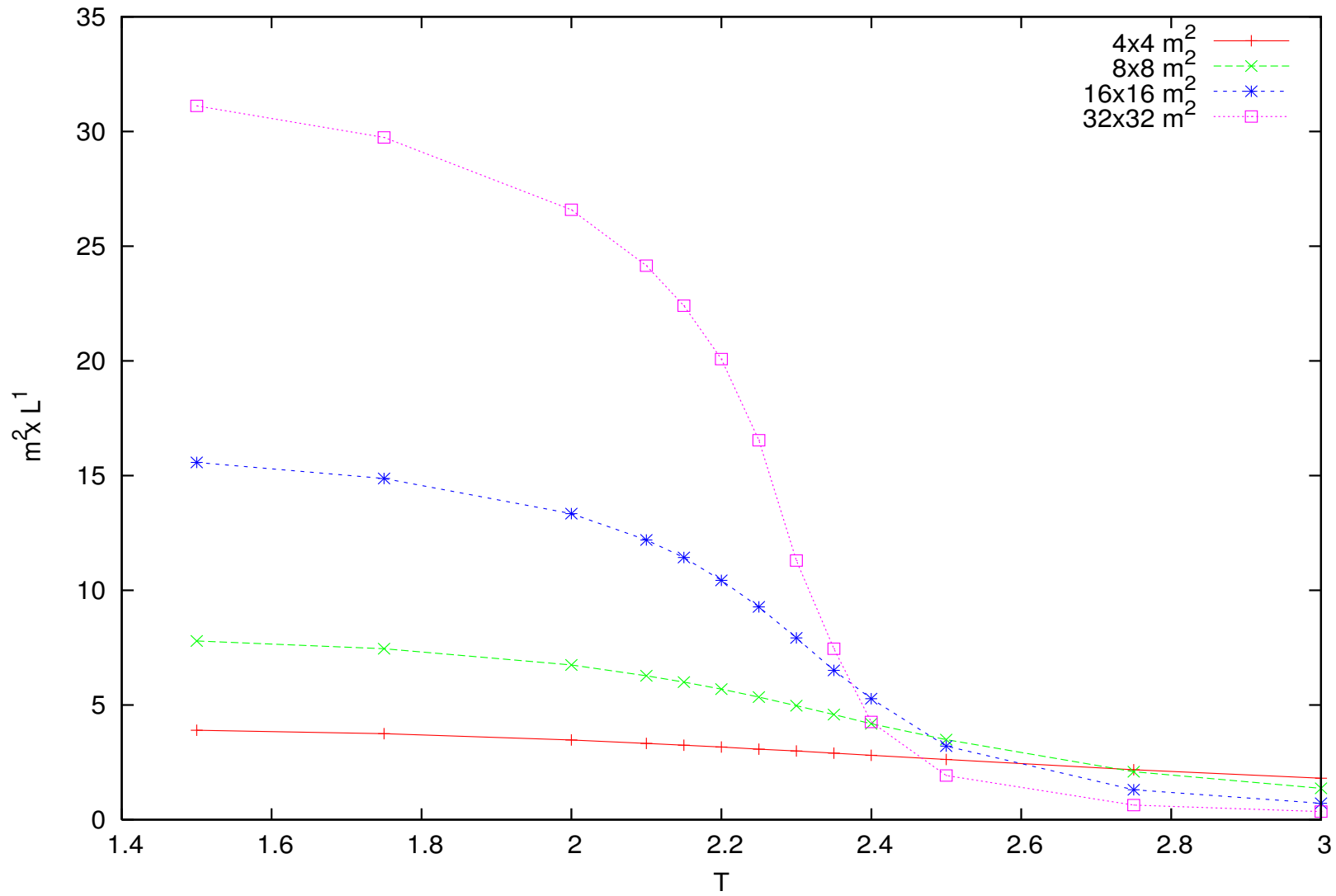
Plot $L^{-a}M^2(L, T)$ vs T

All Curves must cross at $T = T_c$ - use this fact to get **a**.

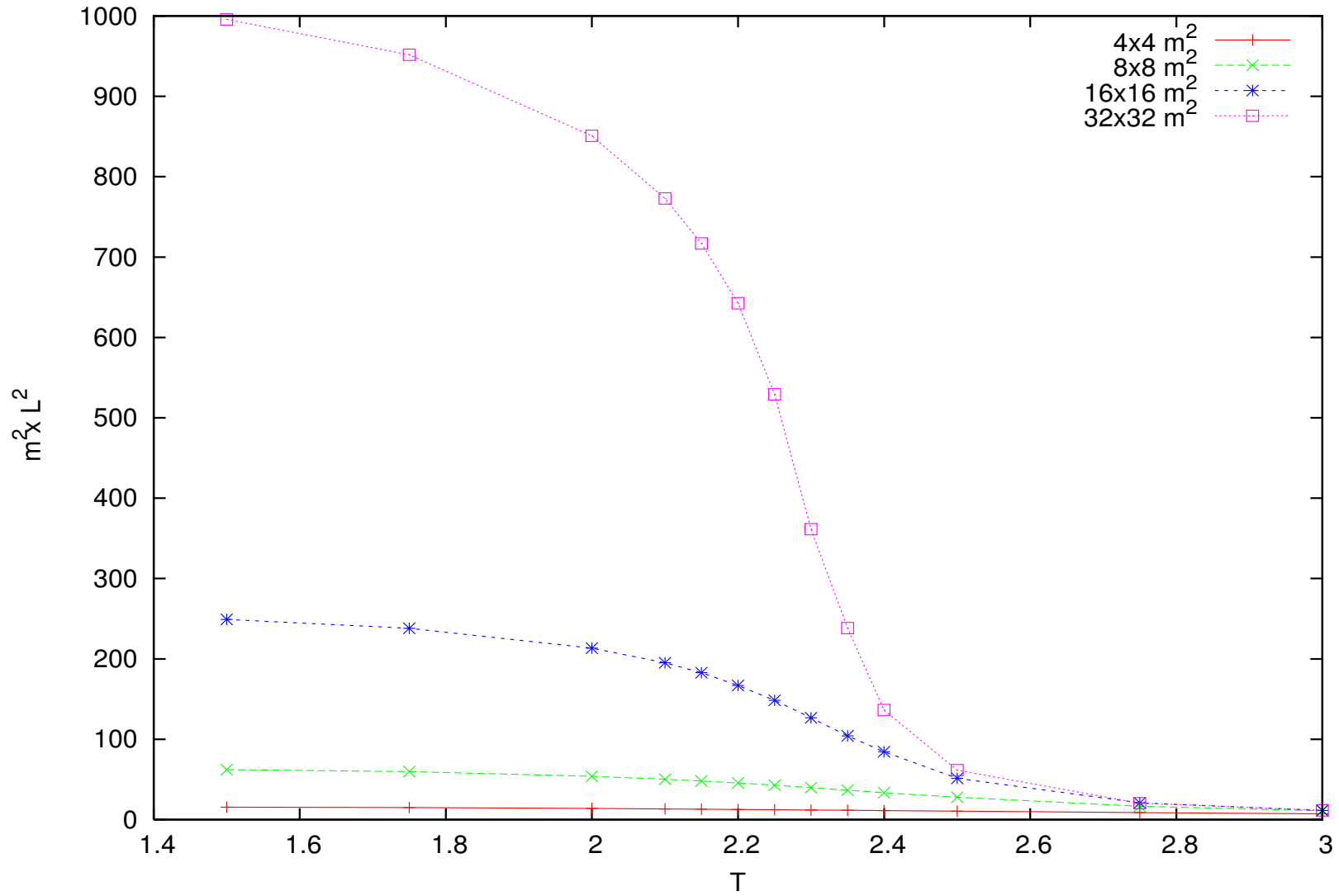
Here's why:

$$M^2(L, T) = L^a f[L^b(T - T_c)]$$
$$\Rightarrow L^{-a}M^2(L, T_c) = f[L^b(T_c - T_c)] = f(0)$$

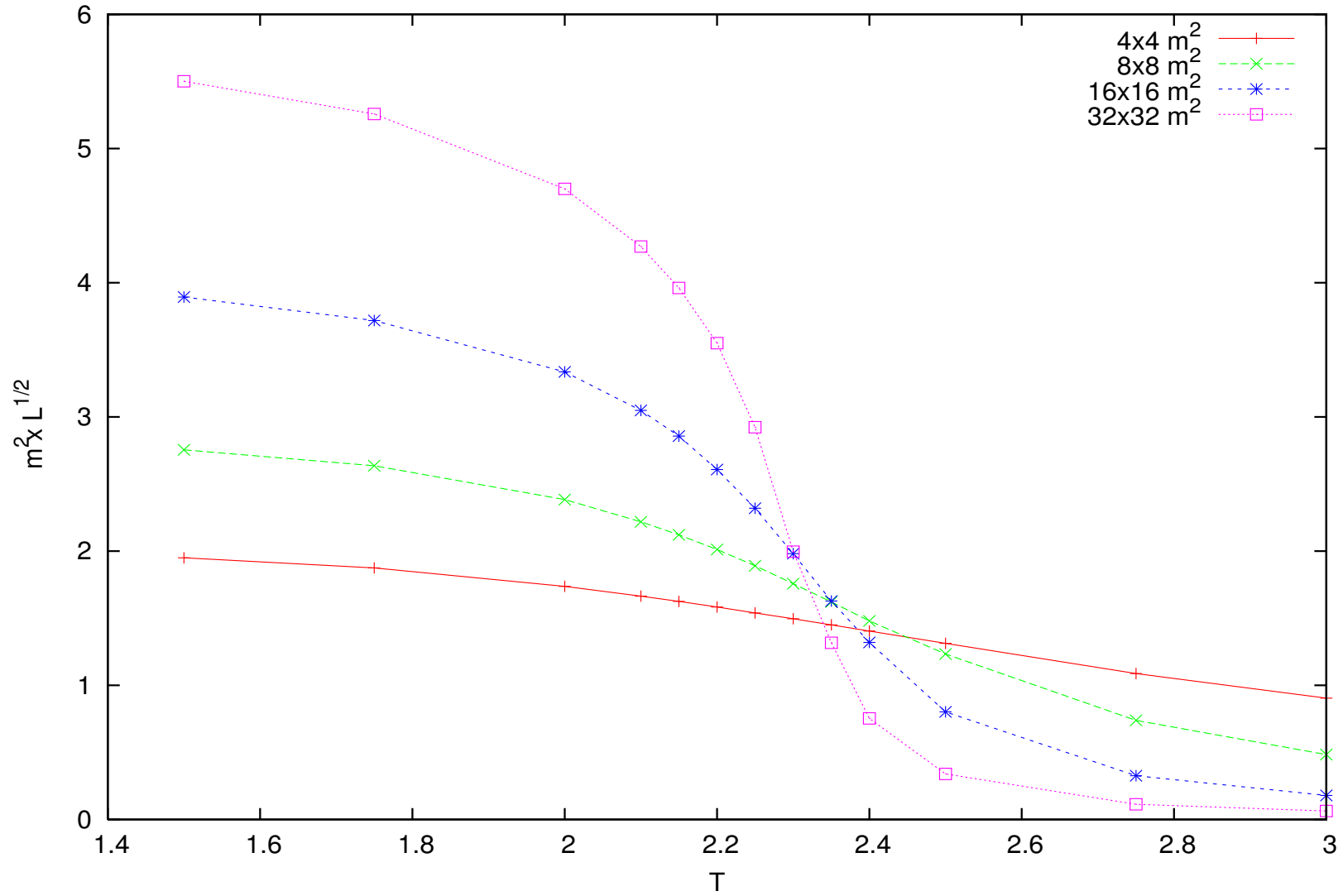
Test: $a=-1$:



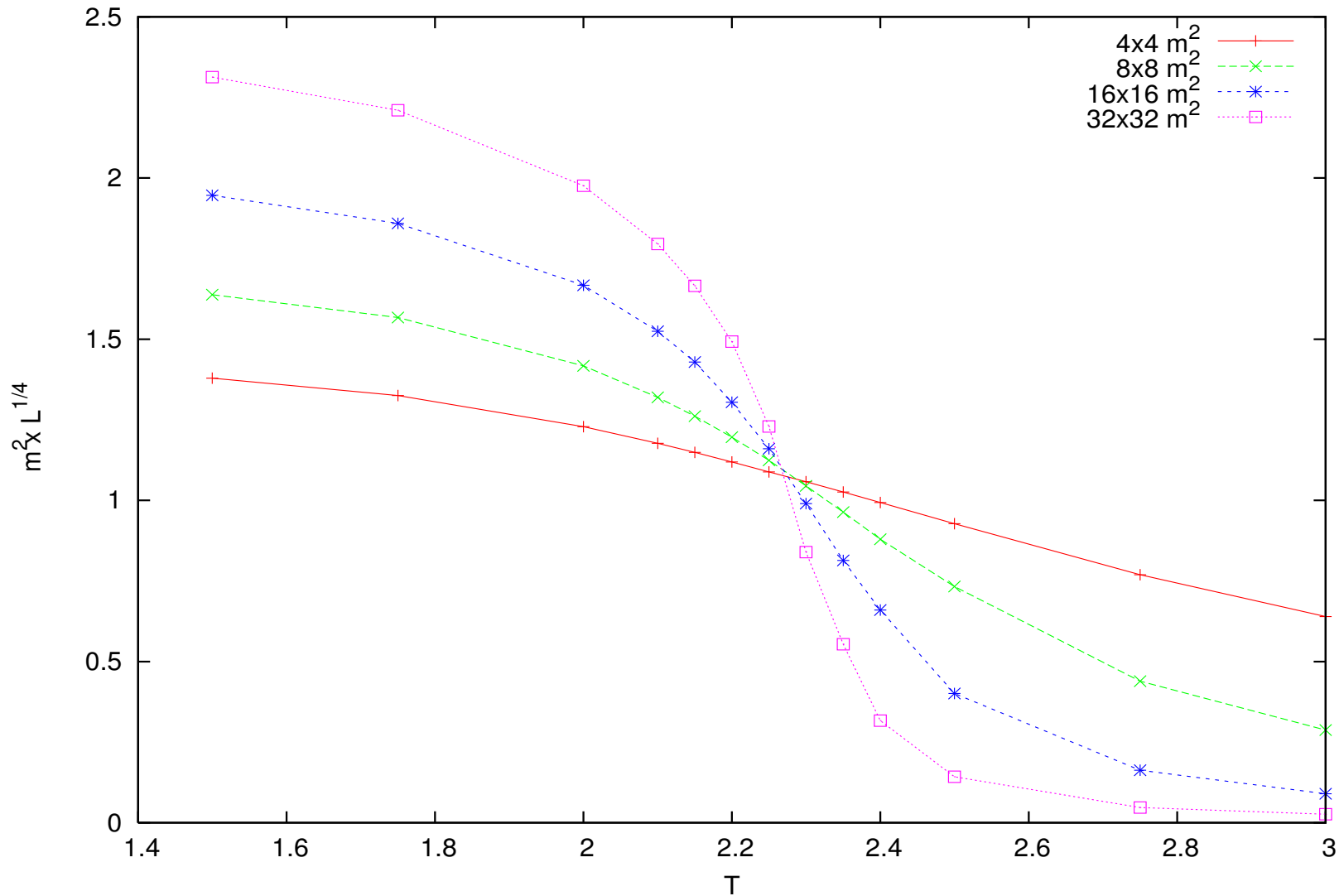
Test: $a=-2$:



Test: $a=-0.5$:



Test: $a=-0.25$:



Match! (Correct $\beta = \frac{1}{8}$, $\nu = 1 \Rightarrow a = -\frac{2\beta}{\nu} = -\frac{1}{4}$)

$T_c = 2.265$ (Correct $T_c = 2.269$)

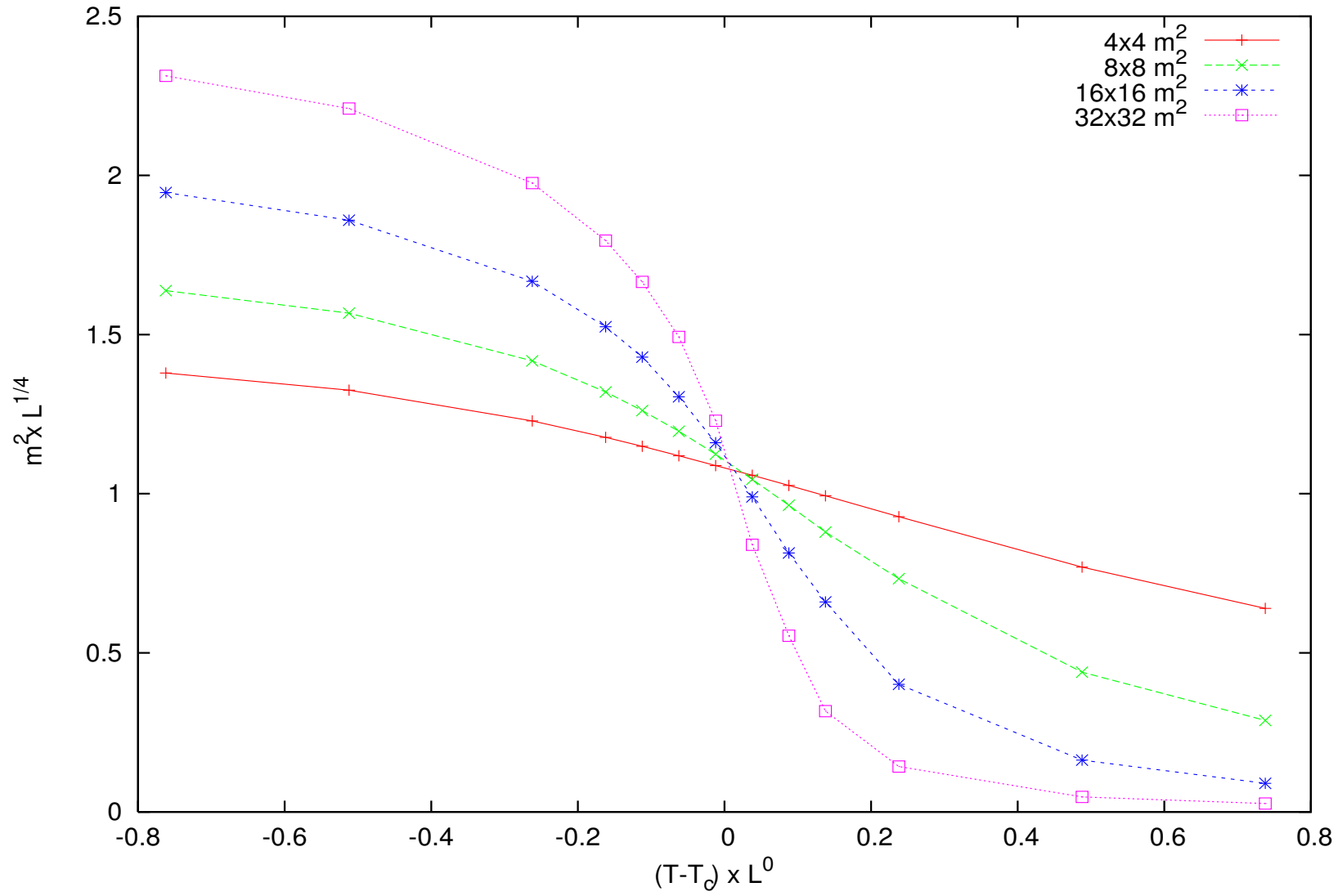
2. Now work on **b**

Guess **b** and

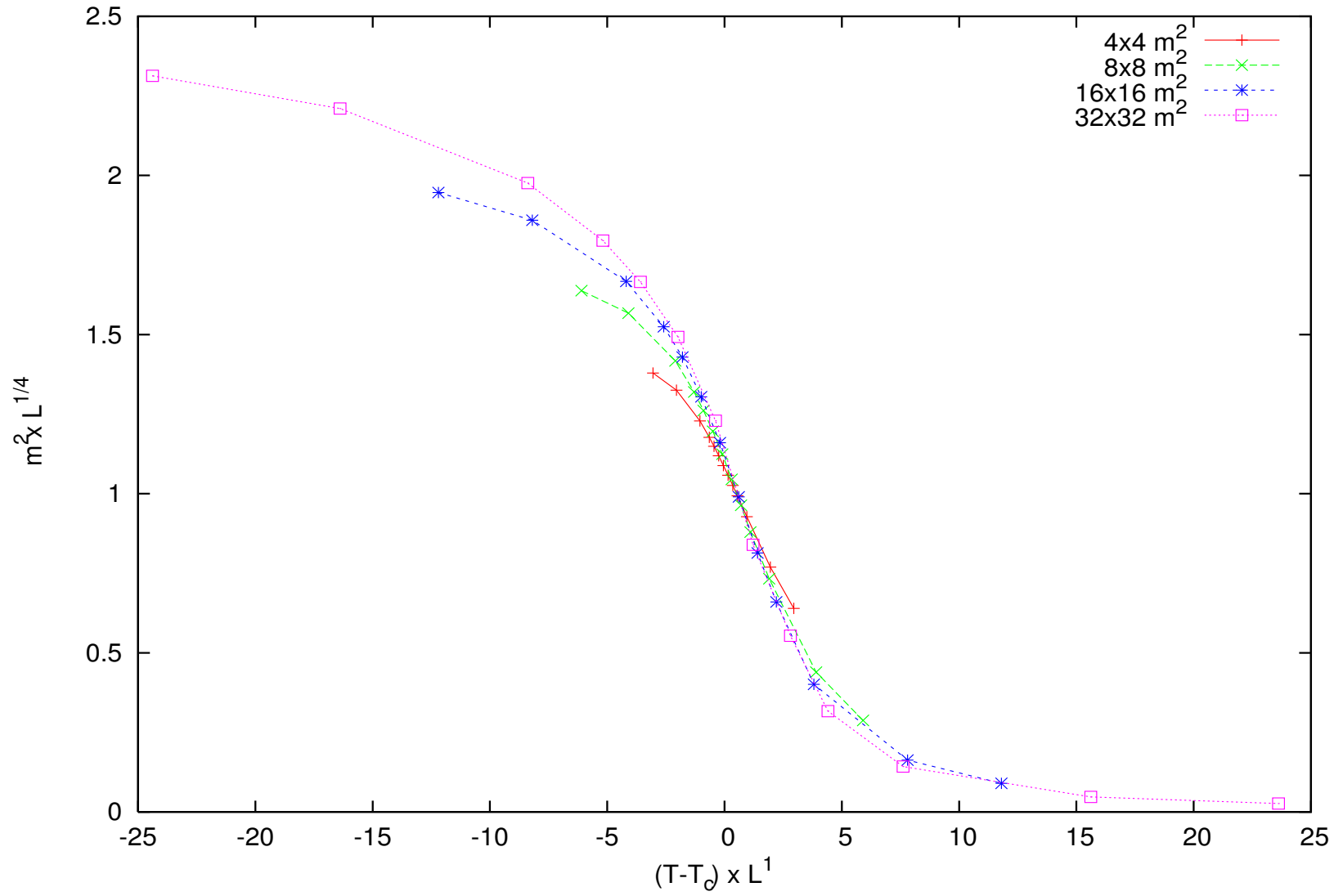
Plot $L^{-a}M^2(L, T)$ vs $L^b(T - T_c)$

Curves must coincide around $T = T_c$

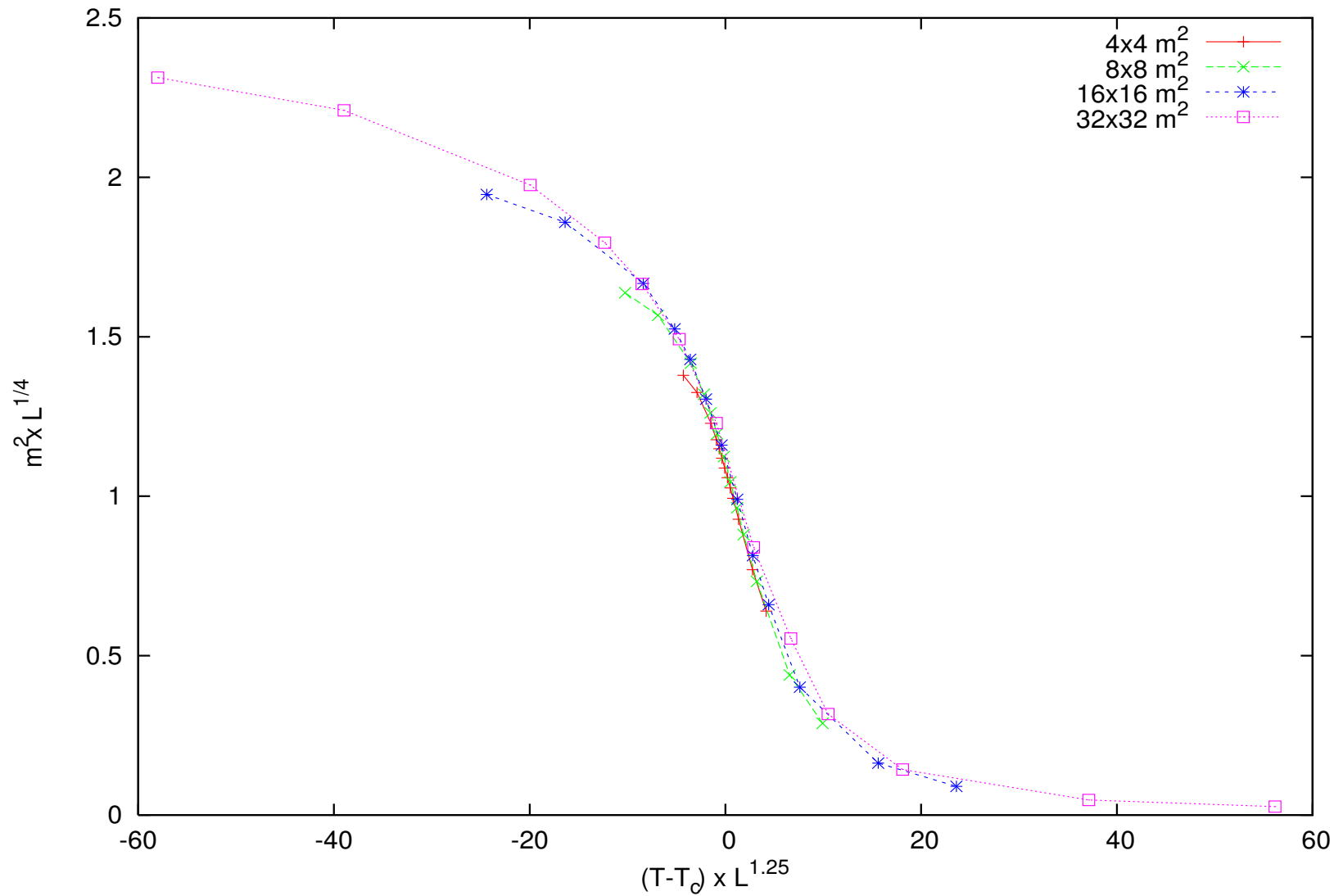
Test: $b=0$:



Test: b=1:

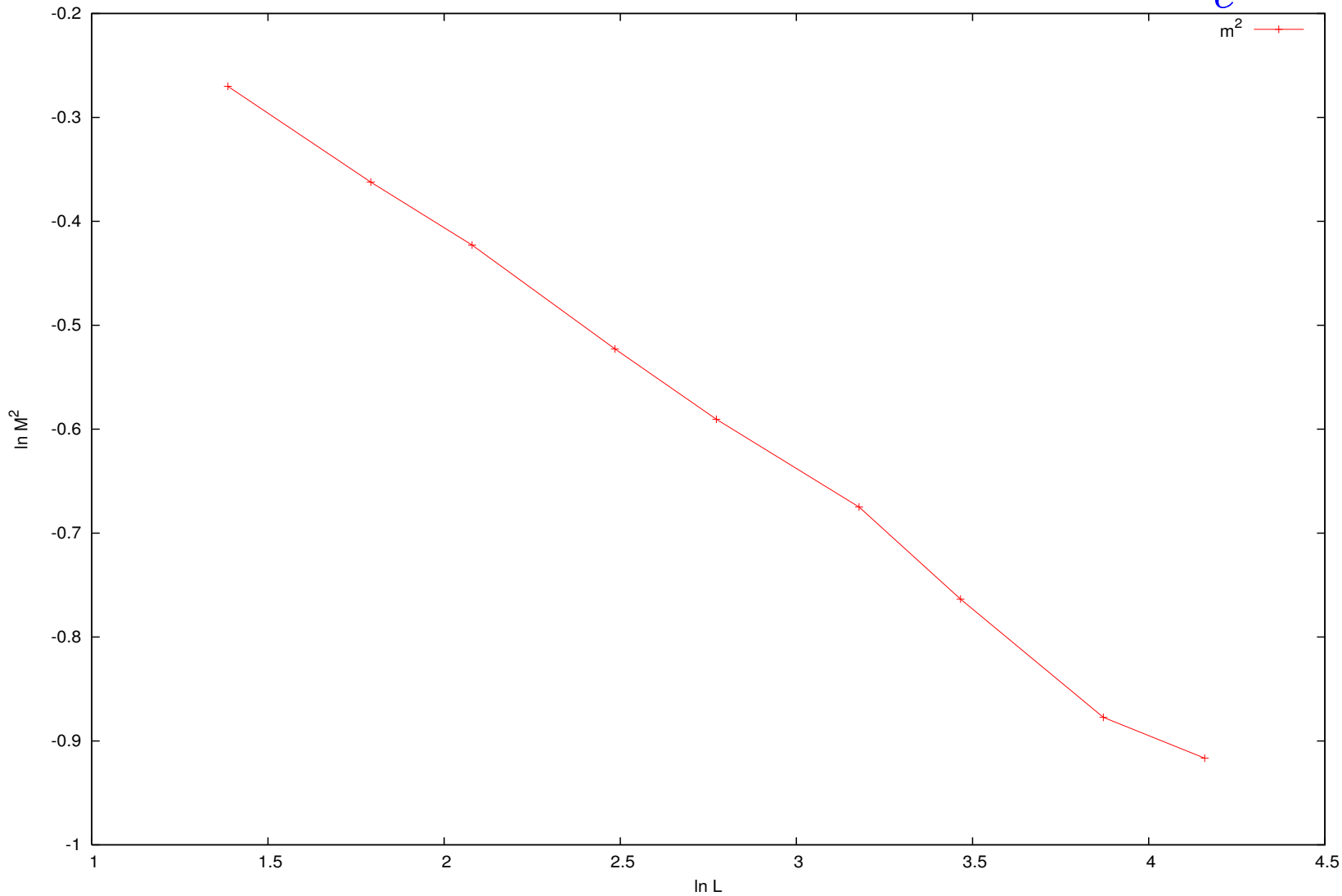


Test: $b=1.25$:



Not as good match as with **a**: The correct $\nu = 1 \Rightarrow b = \frac{1}{\nu} = 1$.

Plot of $\ln M^2$ vs $\ln L$ at $T = T_c$:



$M^2 = L^a f(0) \Rightarrow \ln M^2 = a \ln L + \text{const}$, the slope = $a = -\frac{2\beta}{\nu}$.

$a < 0$ is reasonable: $M^2 = 0$ at $T = T_c$ and $L = \infty$.

Critical exponents.

$$a = -\frac{2\beta}{\nu}, \quad b = \frac{1}{\nu}$$

We have

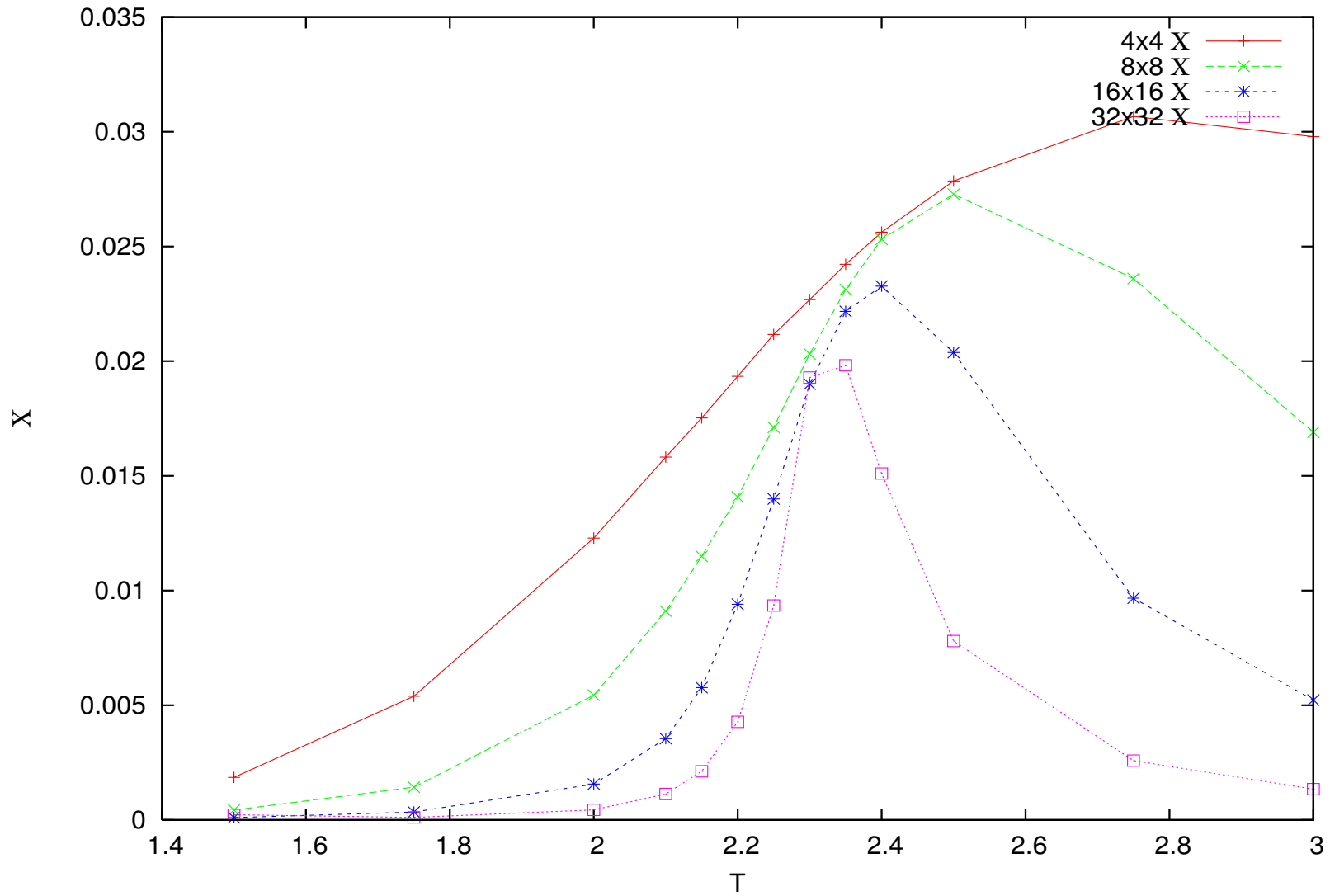
$$a = -\frac{1}{4}, \quad b = 1$$

\Rightarrow

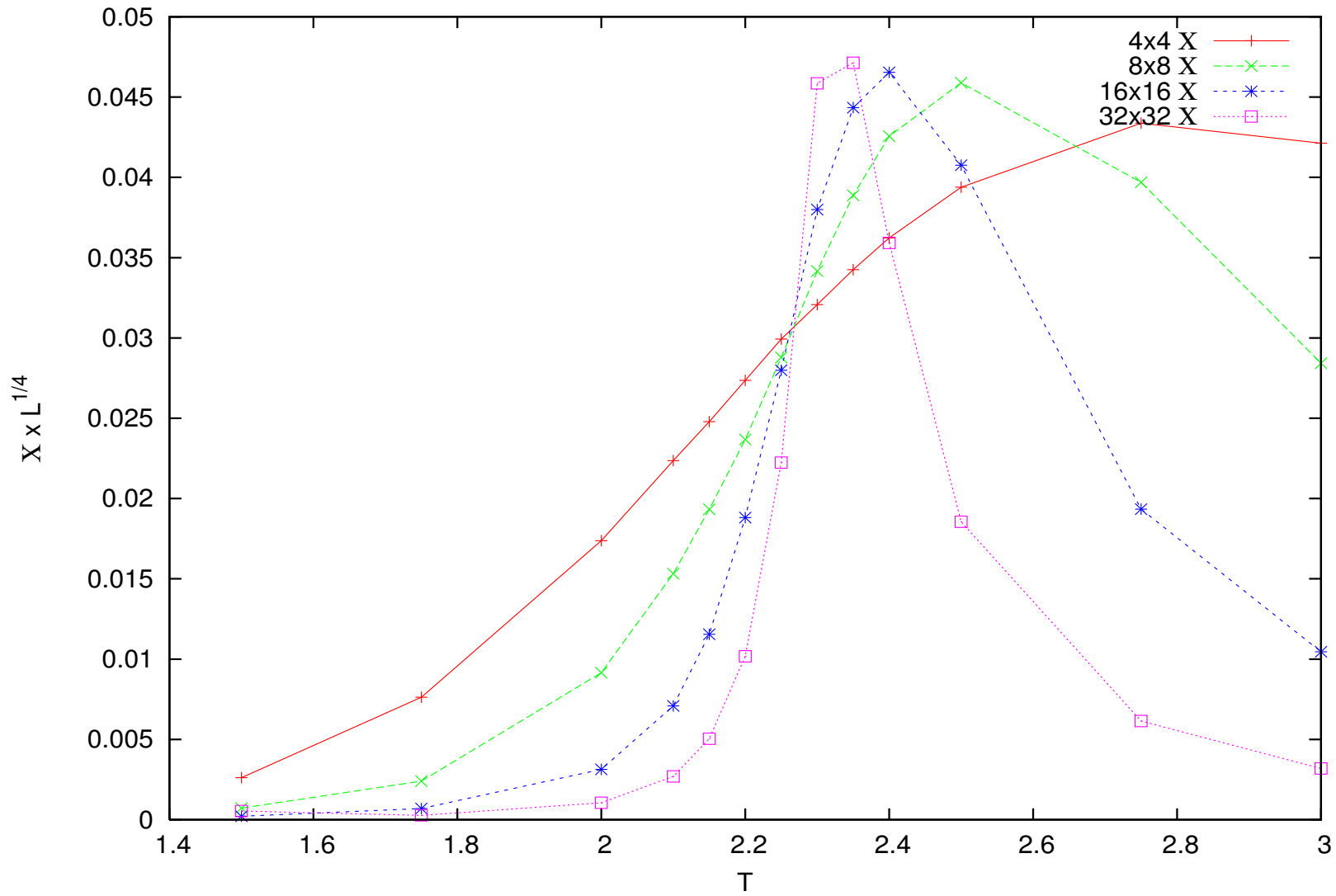
$$\nu = 1$$

$$\beta = \frac{1}{8}$$

Susceptibility: similarly

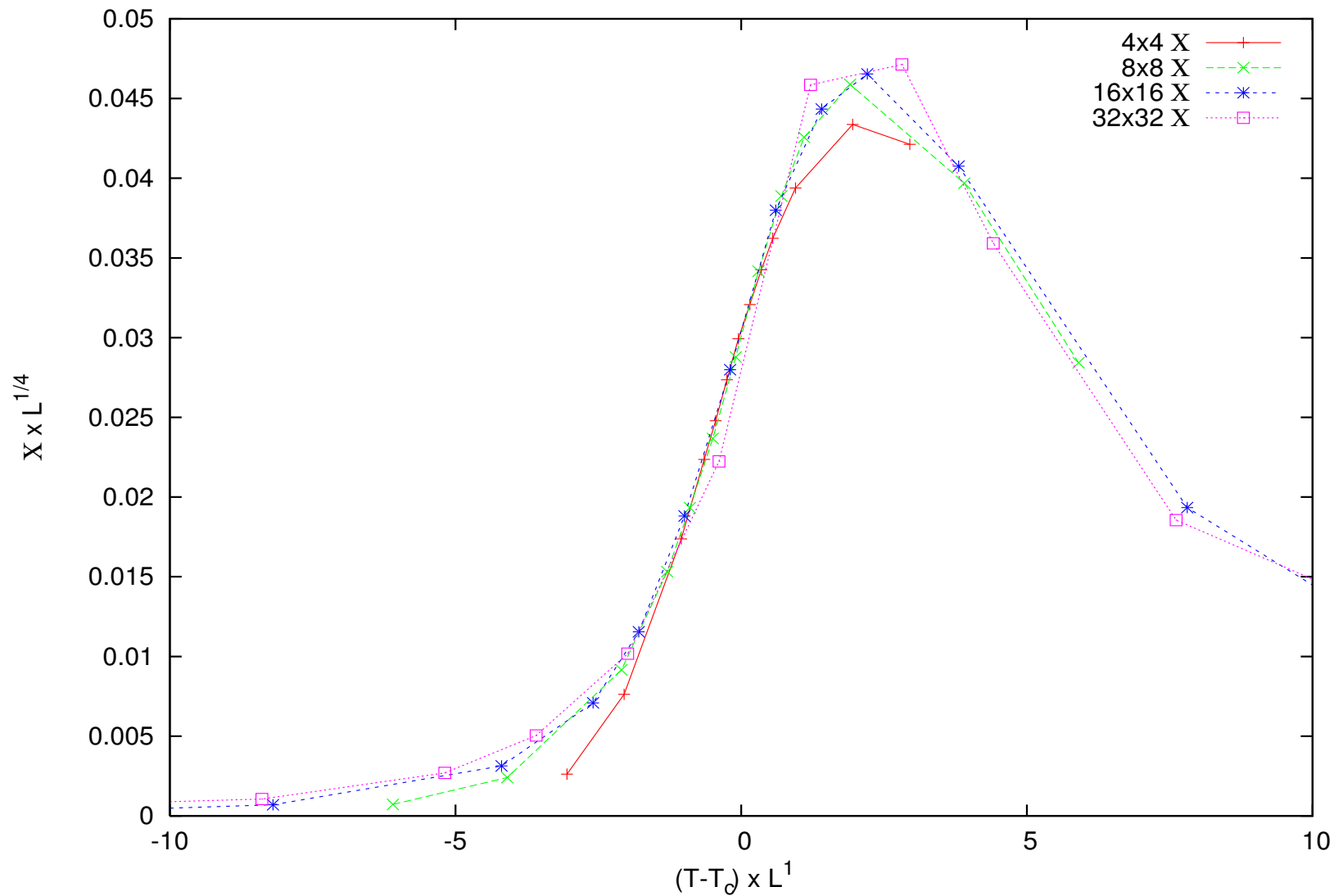


Guess a: Test: $a=-0.25$:



$\Rightarrow a=-0.25, T_c = 2.265$

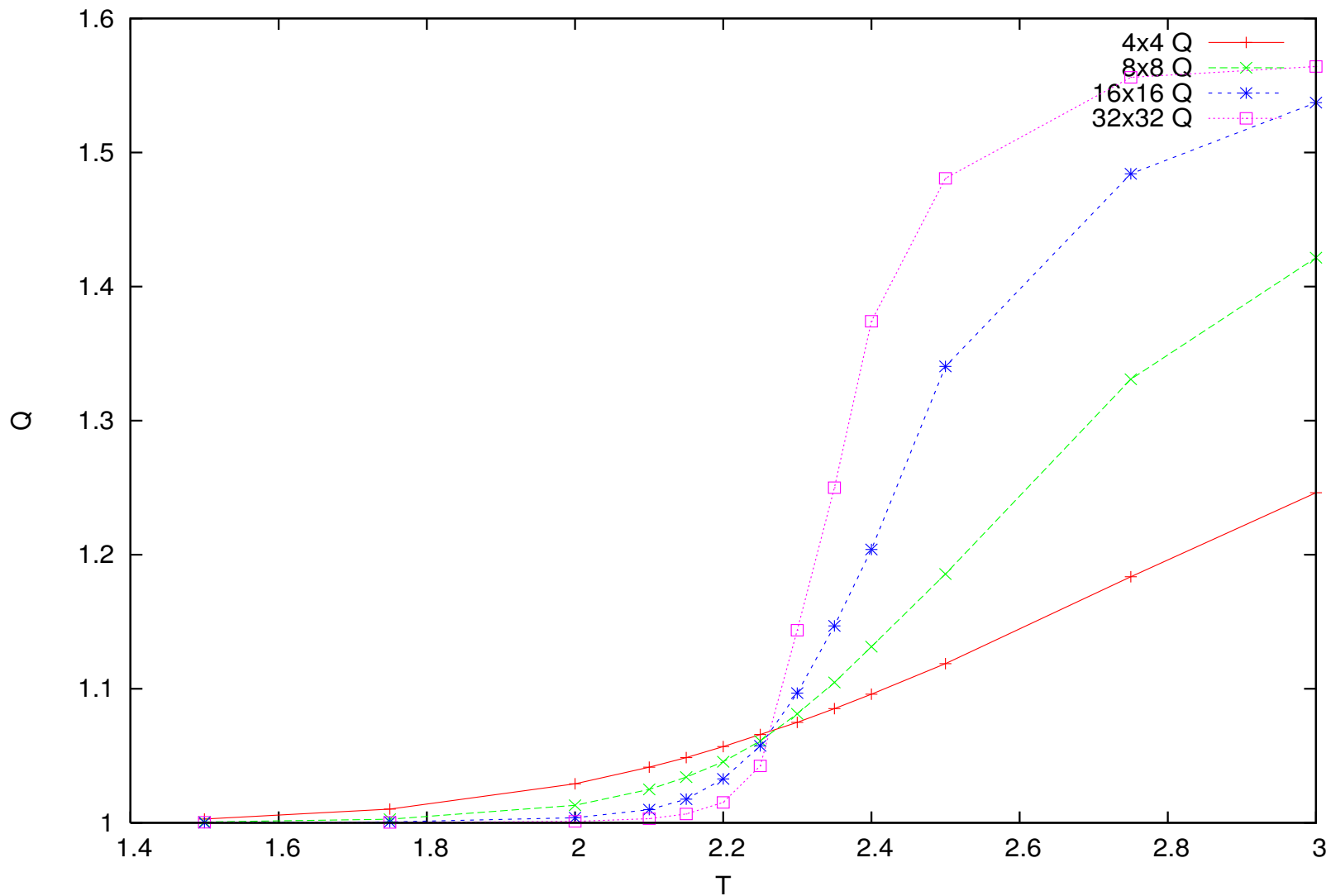
Guess b: Test: b=1:



$\Rightarrow a=-0.25, T_c = 2.265, b=1$

The best way to find T_c : Binder ratio

$$Q = \frac{\langle M^2 \rangle}{\langle |M| \rangle^2}$$



Summary of the procedure.

0. Get data for $M^2(L, T)$

1. Find **a**: plots $L^{-a}M^2(L, T)$ vs T intersect.

2. Find T_c : Curves cross at $T = T_c$.

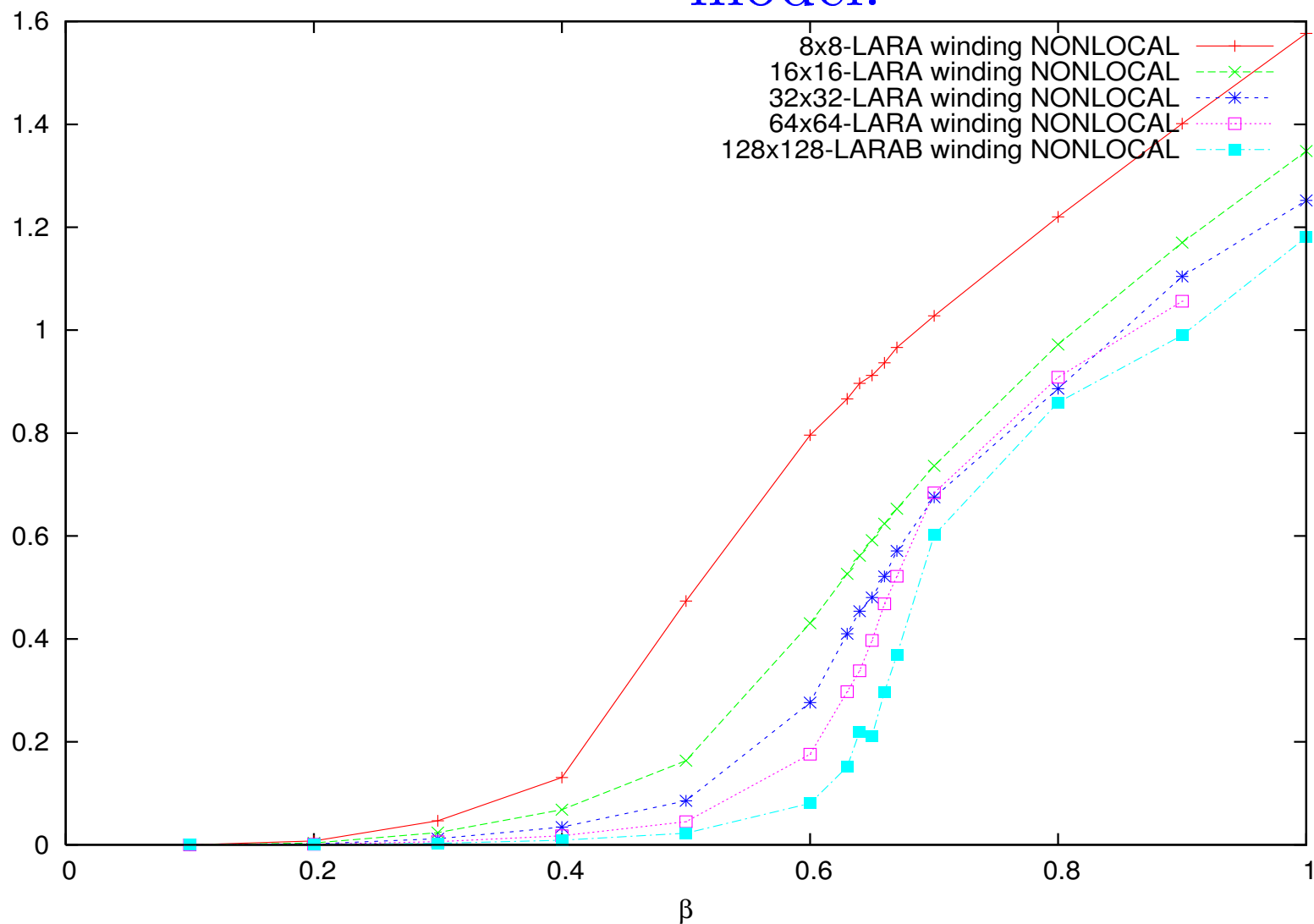
3. Find **b**: plots $L^{-a}M^2(L, T)$ vs $L^b(T - T_c)$ coincide.

4. Find critical exponents: $\beta = -\frac{a}{2b}$, $\nu = \frac{1}{b}$.

Others from $d\nu = 2 - \alpha = 2\beta + \gamma = \beta(\delta + 1)$, $2 - \eta = \frac{\gamma}{\nu}$.

5. Have fun. Plot $M^2(L = \infty, T)$ vs T . Write a paper.

(Working) Apply to my problem: Feynman-Kikuchi model.



Test: $a=-0.64$:

