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Quantum phase transition from magnetic to topological order
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versity of Southern California — We present a numerical study of the quantum
phase transition from the magnetically ordered phase to the topologically ordered
phase of a n -spins $1/2$ system. We show that the derivative of von Neumann entropy
of a plaquette diverges at the critical point, signaling a second order quantum phase
transition. Moreover, we compute the finite-size scaling of the Topological Entropy,
showing how this quantity detects the passage to the topologically ordered phase.

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