

Tensor renormalization group and the volume independence in 2D $U(N)$ and $SU(N)$ gauge theories

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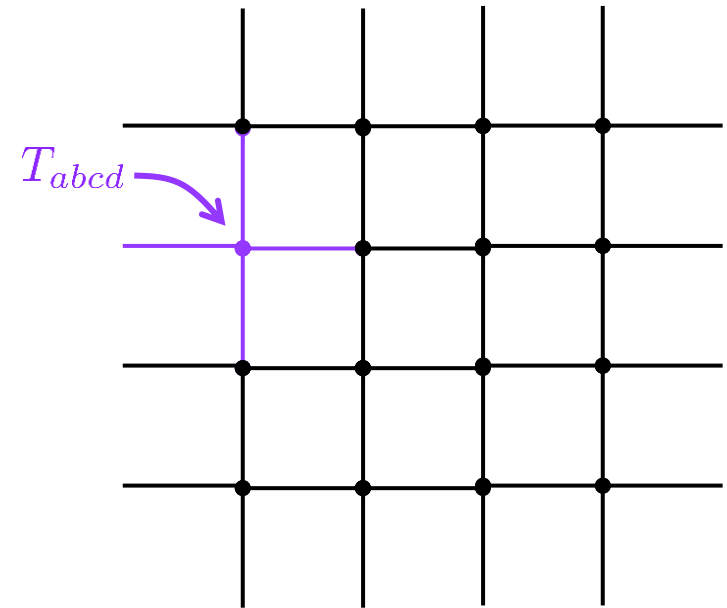
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Tensor renormalization group (TRG)

- Rewriting the partition function as a network of tensors [Levin & Nave, '07]

$$Z = \sum_{\{\text{indices}\}} T_{abcd} T_{defg} \cdots$$

- Non-stochastic = no sign problem!
- Can access large volumes with logarithmic cost
- Can handle Grassmann fields directly



Application of TRG in gauge theories

- There were works on $U(1)$, $SU(2)$, and $SU(3)$ gauge theories in 2d [Bazavov et al., '19; Kuramashi & Yoshimura, '20; Fukuma et al., '21]
- Our interest: higher rank gauge group in 2d (character expansion)
- Questions to be answered:
 1. How to impose the cutoff on representations?
 2. Interesting large- N behaviors?

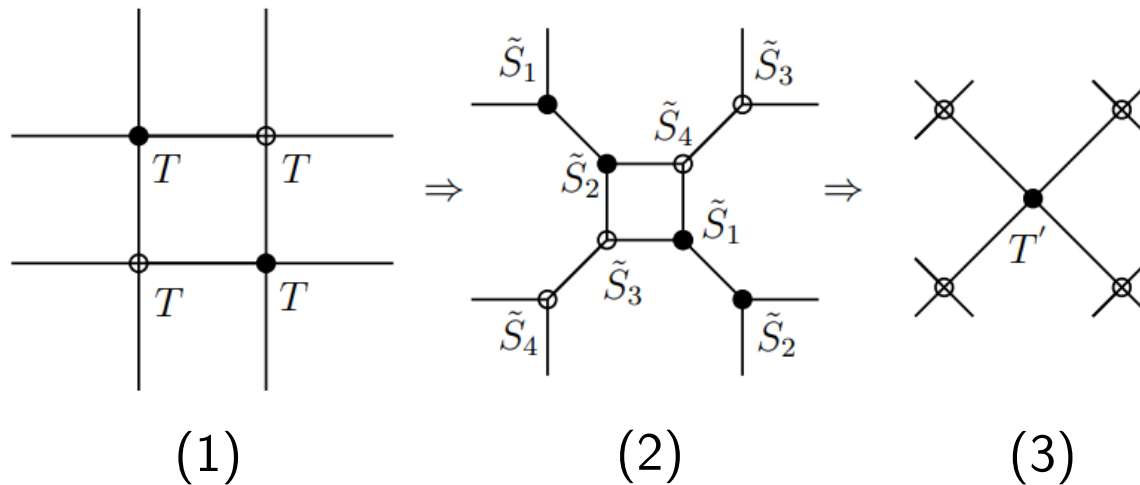
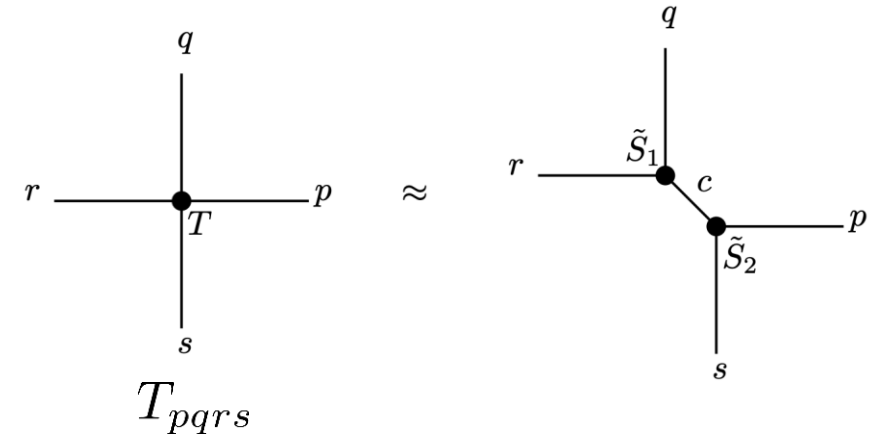
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 - Eguchi-Kawai reduction
 - New volume reduction at strong coupling
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TRG for 2d gauge theories

Brief review of 2d TRG

1. Write the partition function as a network of tensor
2. Decompose the tensor with SVD
3. Recombine the tensors into the coarse-grained network (keep the tensor rank fixed to D_{cut})
4. Repeat at step 2



2d gauge theories with a theta term

$$P_n = U_{n,1} U_{n+1,2} U_{n+2,1}^\dagger U_{n,2}^\dagger$$
$$\lambda = 2Na^2 g^2$$

Action: $S = \frac{1}{4g^2} \int d^2x \text{tr} F_{\mu\nu}^2 - i\theta Q \implies -\frac{N}{\lambda} \sum_n \text{tr}(P_n + P_n^\dagger) - i\theta Q$

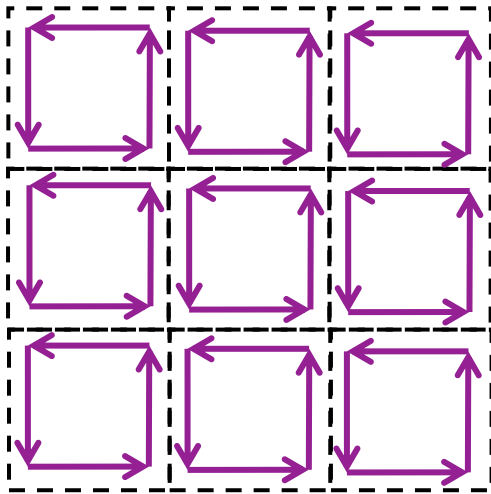
Topological charge: $Q = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^2x \epsilon_{\mu\nu} \text{tr} F_{\mu\nu} \implies \frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_n \log \det P_n$

The model can be exactly solved via [character expansion](#).

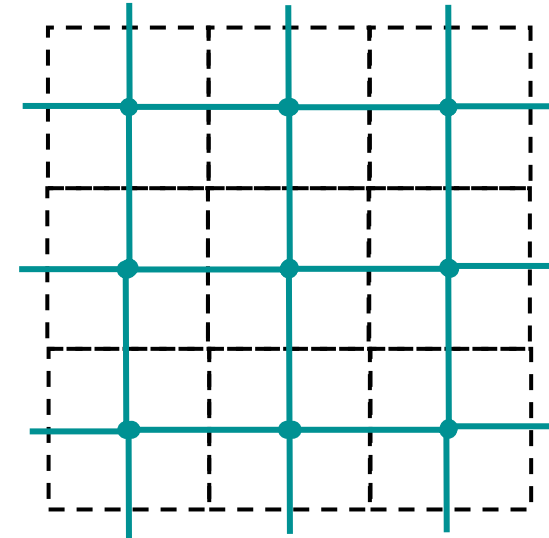
$$e^{\beta \text{tr}(P+P^\dagger) + i\gamma \text{tr} \log P} = \sum_{r=\text{irrep}} f_r \text{tr}_r P$$

2d gauge theories with a theta term

$$Z = \int d^n U \sum_{\{r\} \text{ sites}} \prod f_r \text{tr}_r (U U U^\dagger U^\dagger) = \sum_{\{r\} \text{ sites}} \prod T$$



original lattice
integrate over group manifold



dual lattice
sum over group representations

Representations of $U(N)$ and $SU(N)$

$$\text{SU}(N): \quad r^{(\text{SU})} = \{l_1, l_2, \dots, l_N\}$$
$$l_1 \geq l_2 \geq \dots \geq l_N$$

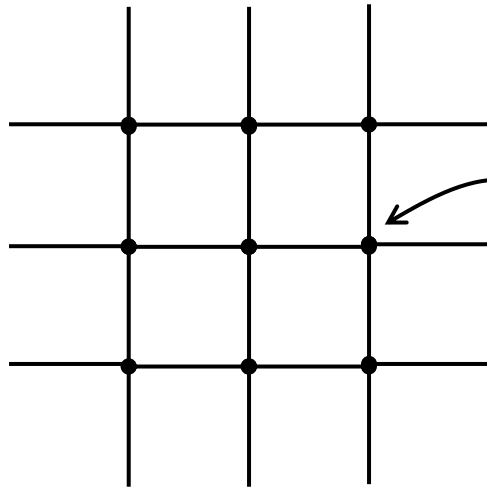
$$l_N = 0 \quad \text{for } \text{SU}(N)$$

$$\text{U}(N): \quad r^{(\text{U})} = (r^{(\text{SU})}, q) = \{l_1 + q, l_2 + q, \dots, l_N + q\}$$

Dimensionality
(matrix size):

$$d_r = \prod_{1 \leq i < j \leq N} \left(1 + \frac{l_i - l_j}{j - i} \right)$$

Tensor construction



$U(N) :$

$$T_{PQRS} = \underbrace{\frac{\det \mathcal{M}_R(\theta)}{d_R}}_{\text{singular value } \sigma_R(\theta)} \delta_{PQRS}$$

$$[\mathcal{M}_{r,q}(\theta)]_{ij} = \int_{-\pi}^{+\pi} \frac{d\phi}{2\pi} \cos\left\{\left(l_j + i - j + q + \frac{\theta}{2\pi}\right)\phi\right\} \exp\left(\frac{2N}{\lambda} \cos \phi\right)$$

Because the tensor is *diagonal*, singular values have a simple scaling behavior:

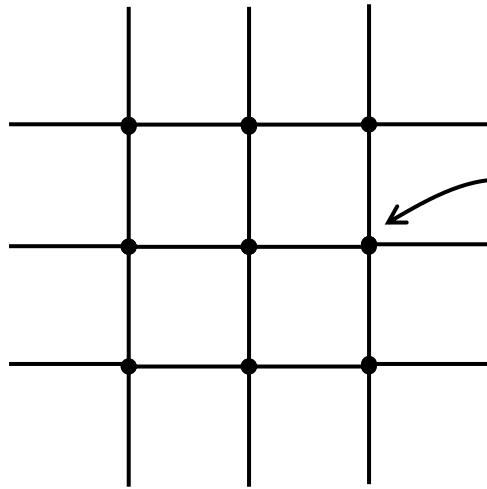
$$\sigma_r \xrightarrow{\text{coarse-grain}} \sigma_r^2$$



The partition function can be exactly evaluated

$$Z = \sum_r \sigma_r(\theta)^V$$

Tensor construction



$SU(N)$:

$$T_{rsmn} = \underbrace{\sum_q \frac{\det \mathcal{M}_{r,q}}{d_r}}_{\text{singular value } \sigma_{r,q}} \delta_{rsmn}$$

$$[\mathcal{M}_{r,q}]_{ij} = \int_{-\pi}^{+\pi} \frac{d\phi}{2\pi} \cos\{(l_j + i - j + q)\phi\} \exp\left(\frac{2N}{\lambda} \cos \phi\right)$$

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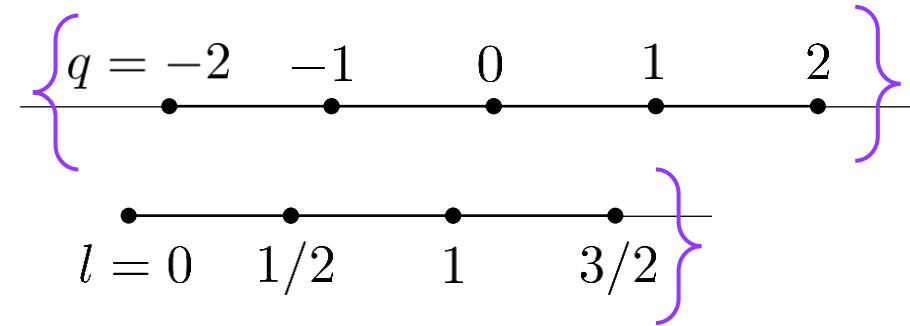
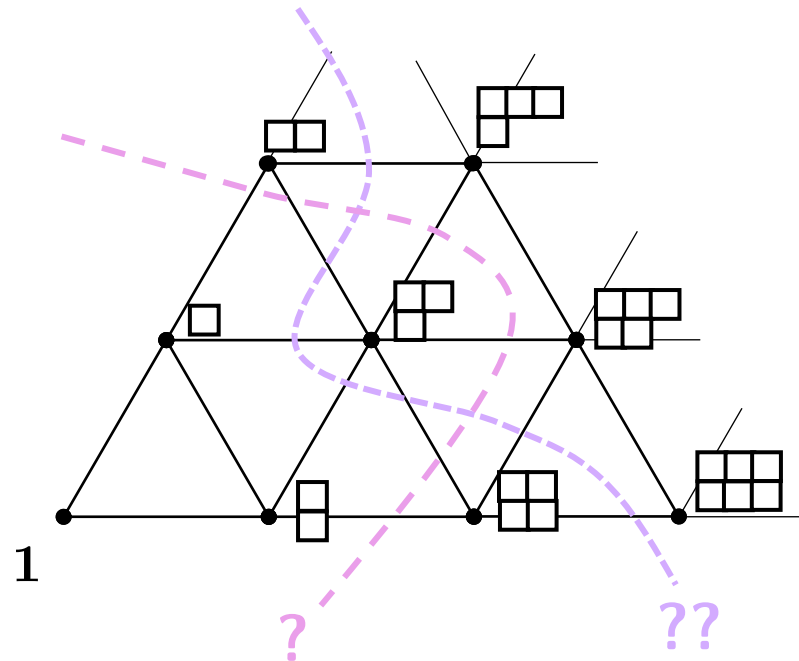
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Representation cut-off

There are *infinitely many* irreps! \rightarrow need a cut-off

Examples

- U(1): cut-off on the charge $|q| < q_{\max}$
- SU(2): cut-off on the spin $l < l_{\max}$
- SU(3) ?



Cut-off becomes nontrivial!

Representation cut-off

Our general strategy :

1. Calculate SVs of all irreps that is within the **cut-off condition**
This number is usually larger than D_{cut} \longrightarrow Larger number
= less efficiency
2. Keep only D_{cut} irreps in the calculation
3. Extend the cut-off until the calculation is unchanged (D_{cut} kept fixed)
4. The 'U(1) charge' for $U(N)$ can be cut off independently and straightforwardly

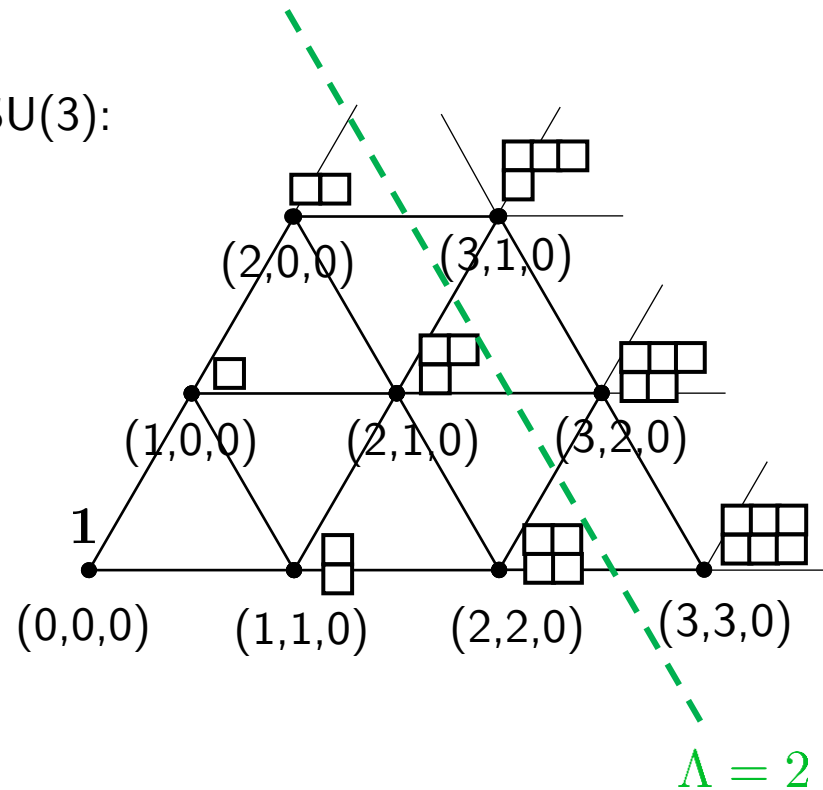
Question: what is the **most efficient** cut-off condition?

Representation cut-off

Example 1: using l_1 as the cut-off condition

$$r^{(\text{SU})} = \left. \begin{array}{l} \{l_1, l_2, \dots, l_N\} \\ l_1 \geq l_2 \geq \dots \geq l_N = 0 \end{array} \right\} l_1 \leq \Lambda$$

SU(3):



Problem: the number of irreps grows like Λ^{N-1}
(for fixed N)

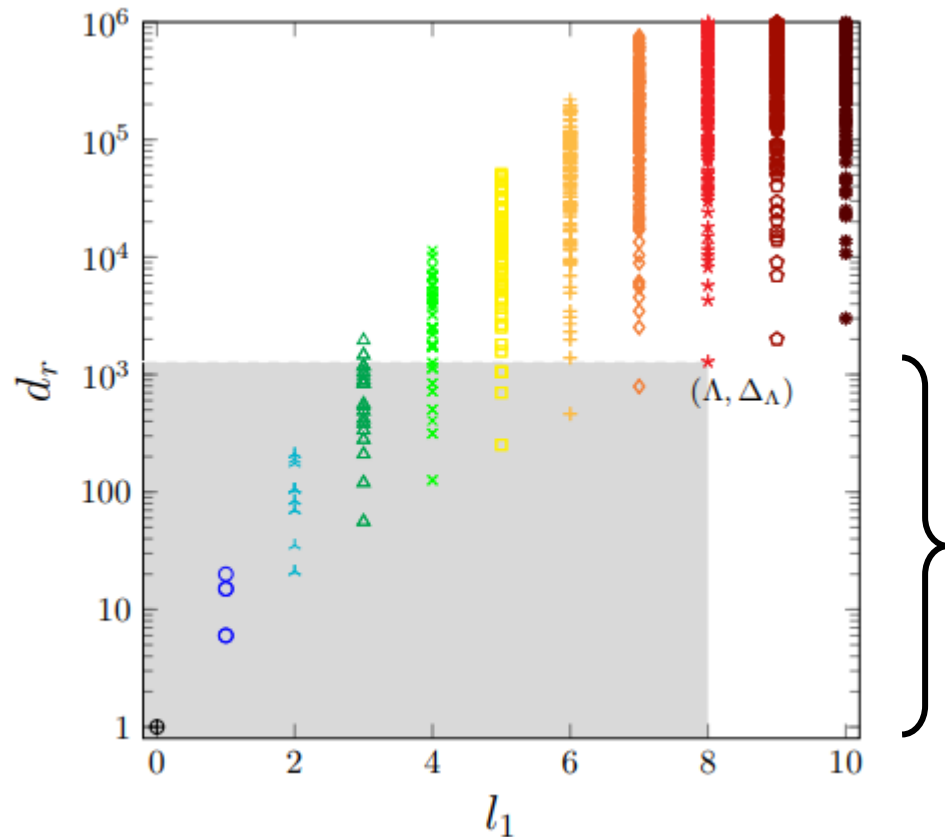


Too large too quickly for large N !

Representation cut-off

Example 2: using **dimensionality** as the cut-off condition

$$d_r \leq \Delta_\Lambda$$



$$\Delta_\Lambda = \frac{(\Lambda + N - 1)!}{\Lambda!(N - 1)!}$$

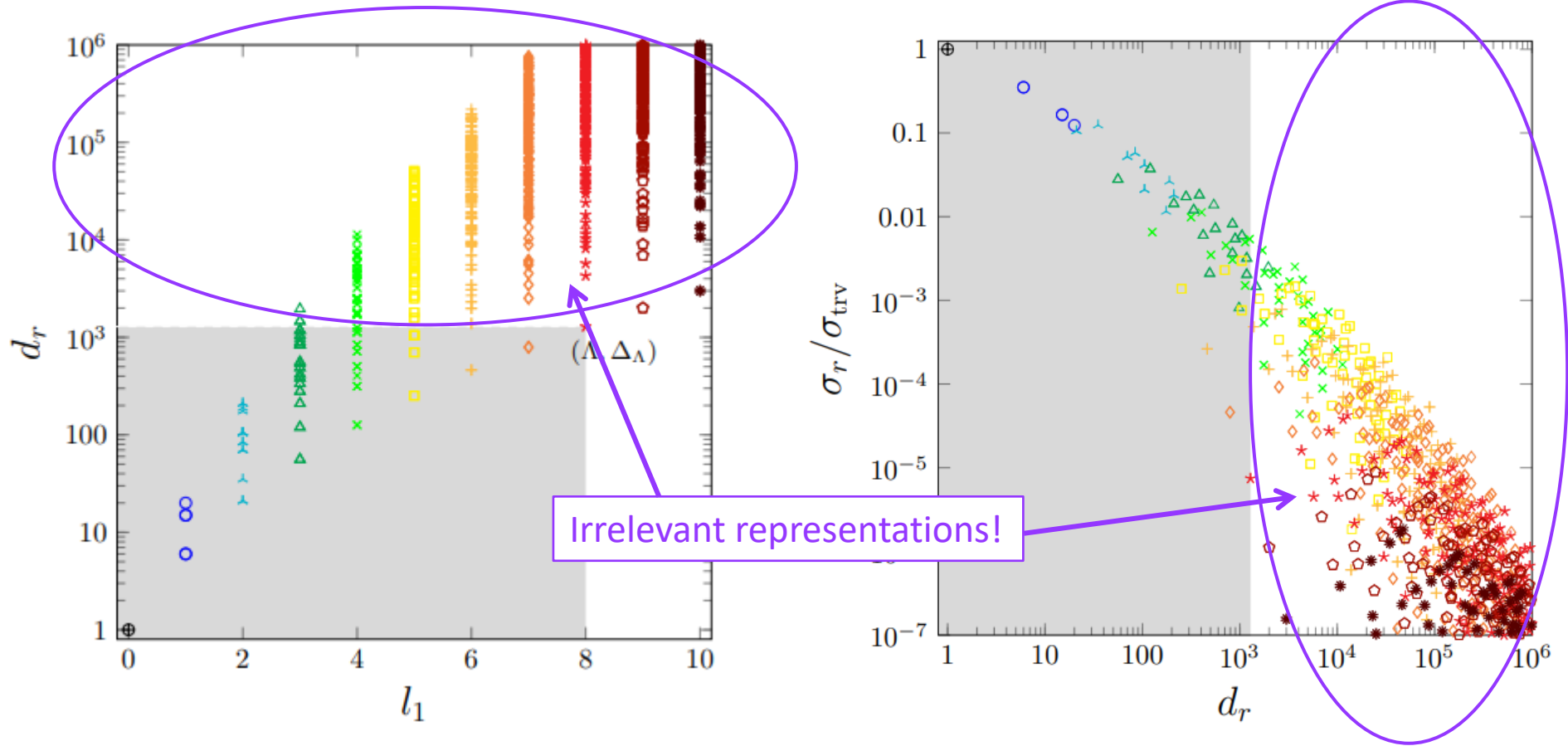
= smallest dim. of irreps with $l_1 = \Lambda$

For each Λ , consider only those with $d_r \leq \Delta_\Lambda$

Representation cut-off

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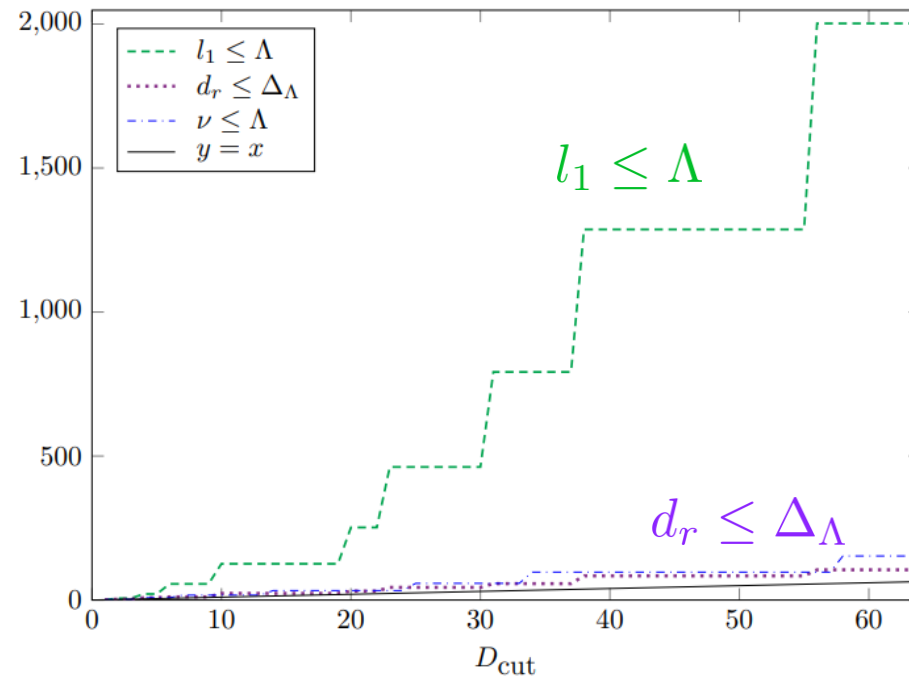
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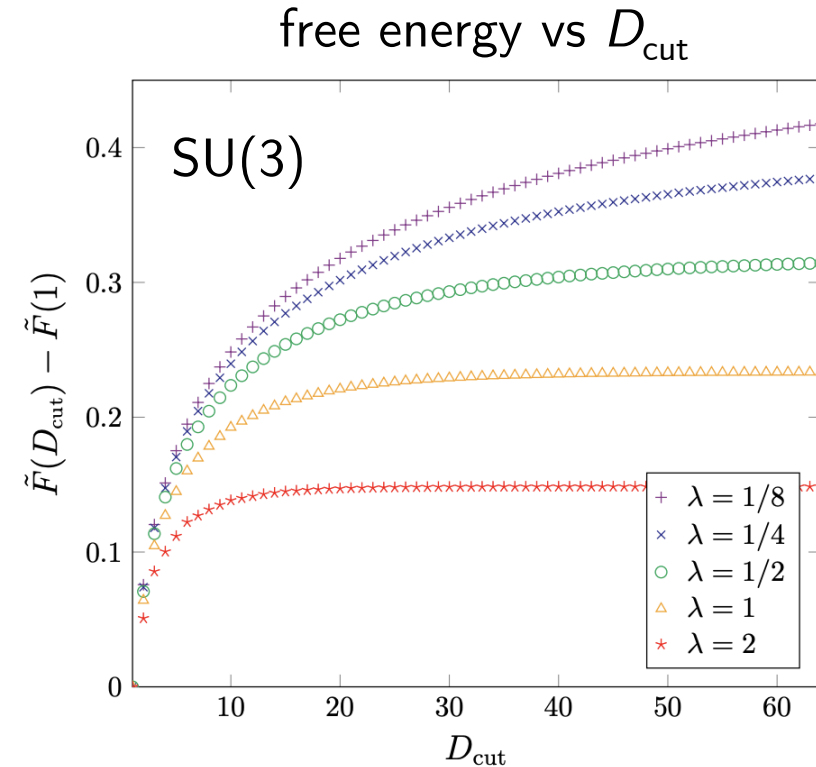
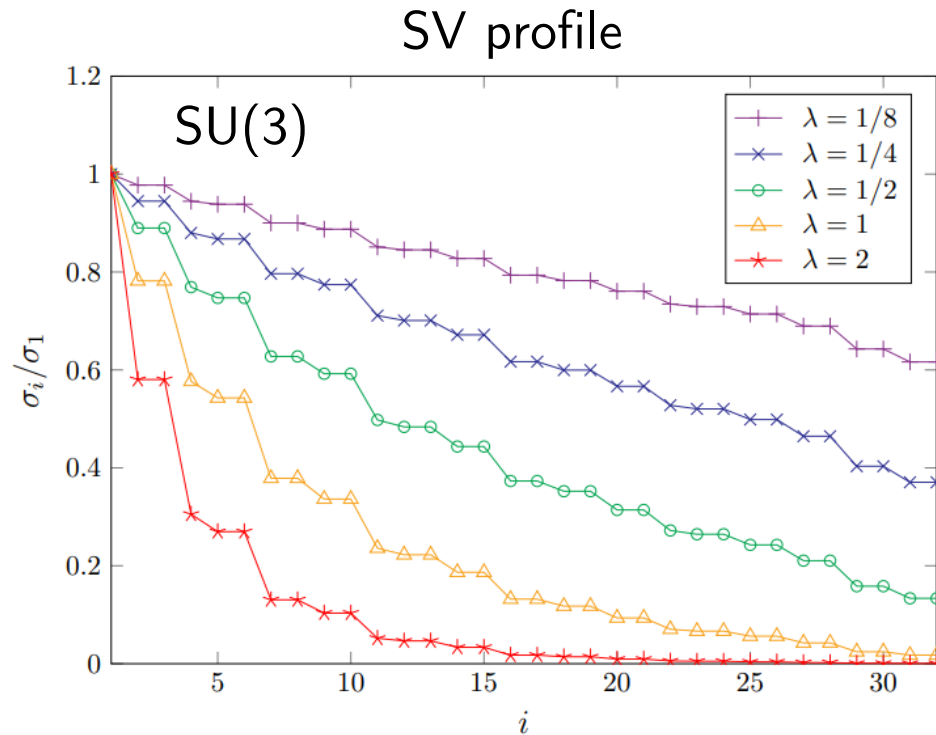
number of irreps
within the cut-off



cutting by **dimensionality** is the most efficient condition so far

Singular value analysis

Singular values vs 't Hooft couplings



SV decays faster for larger 't Hooft couplings

This is true for both $U(N)$ and $SU(N)$

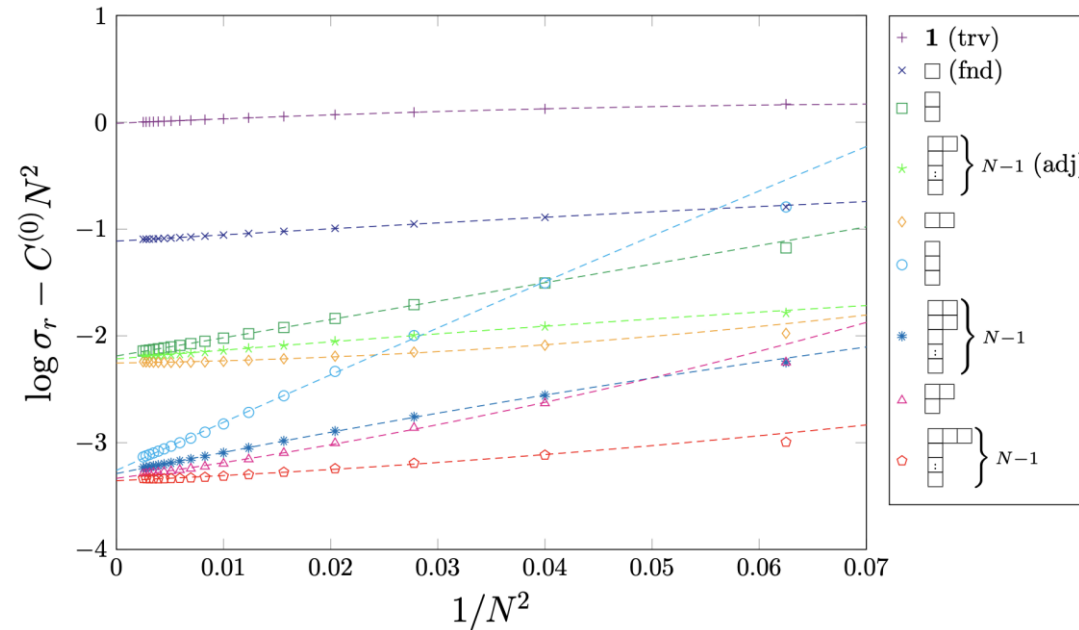
Singular value profile at large N

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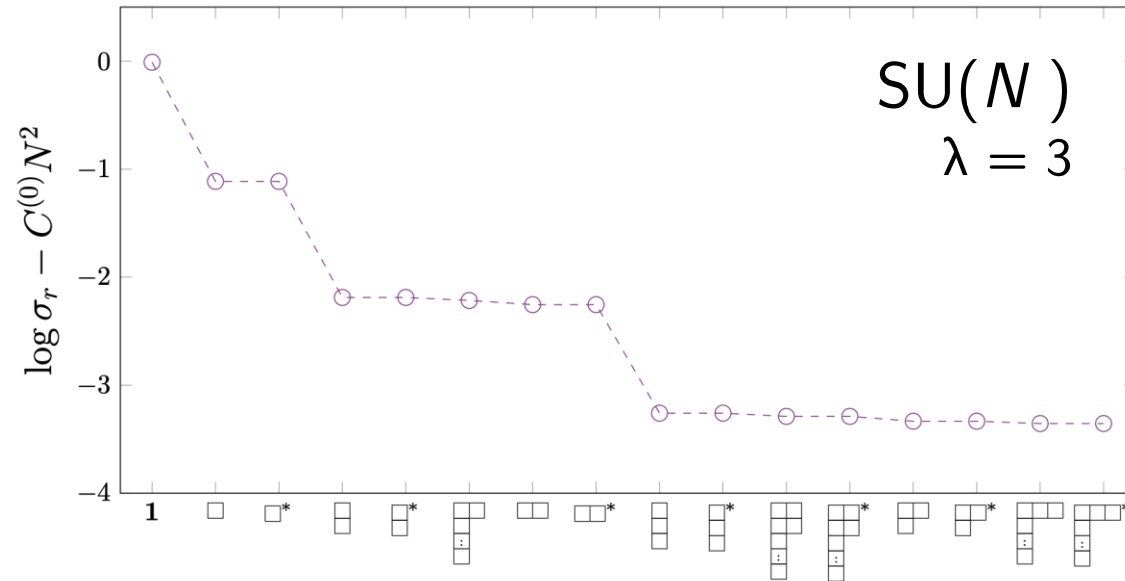
- Does large N pose any problem for TRG calculation?
- Any dominant representation?
- Is there a definite profile?

$$\text{SU}(N)$$

$$\lambda = 3$$



Singular value profile at large N



- U(N) and SU(N) have the same profile for $\lambda > 2$ (strong coupling)
- But they have different profiles for $\lambda < 2$ (weak coupling)

Large - N expansions

$$\text{SU}(N): \log \sigma_r = C^{(0)} N^2 + C_r^{(1)} + \mathcal{O}(N^{-2})$$

$$\text{U}(N) \lambda < 2: \log \sigma_{r,q} = C^{(0)} N^2 + C_{r,q}^{(1)} + \mathcal{O}(N^{-1})$$

$$\text{U}(N) \lambda > 2: \log \sigma_{r,q} = C^{(0)} N^2 - a_q N + b_q \chi_N + C_{r,q}^{(1)} + \mathcal{O}(N^{-1})$$

$$\chi_N \sim \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \log N$$

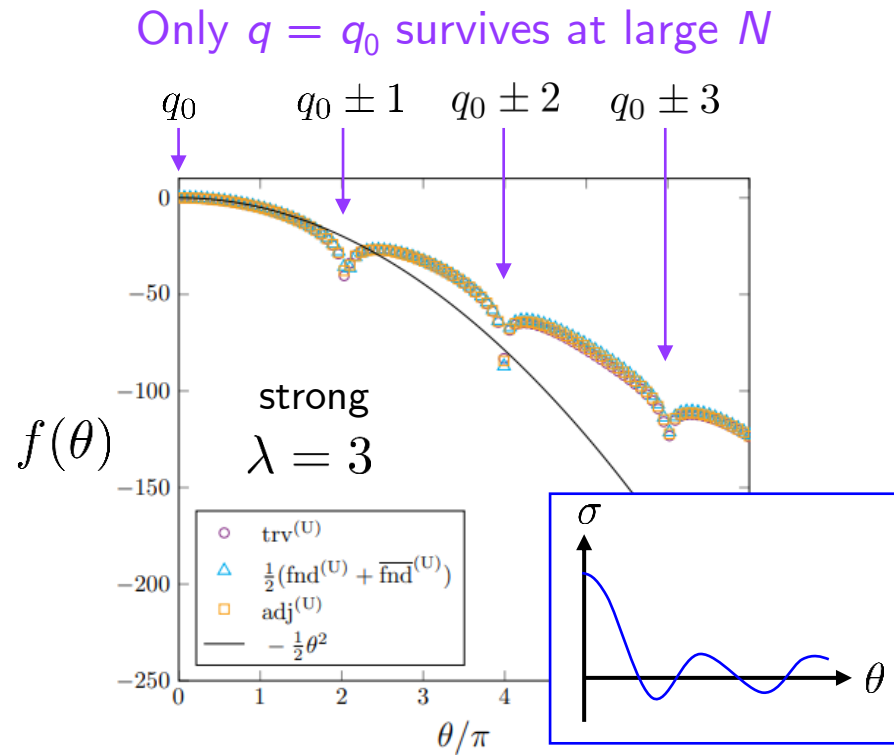
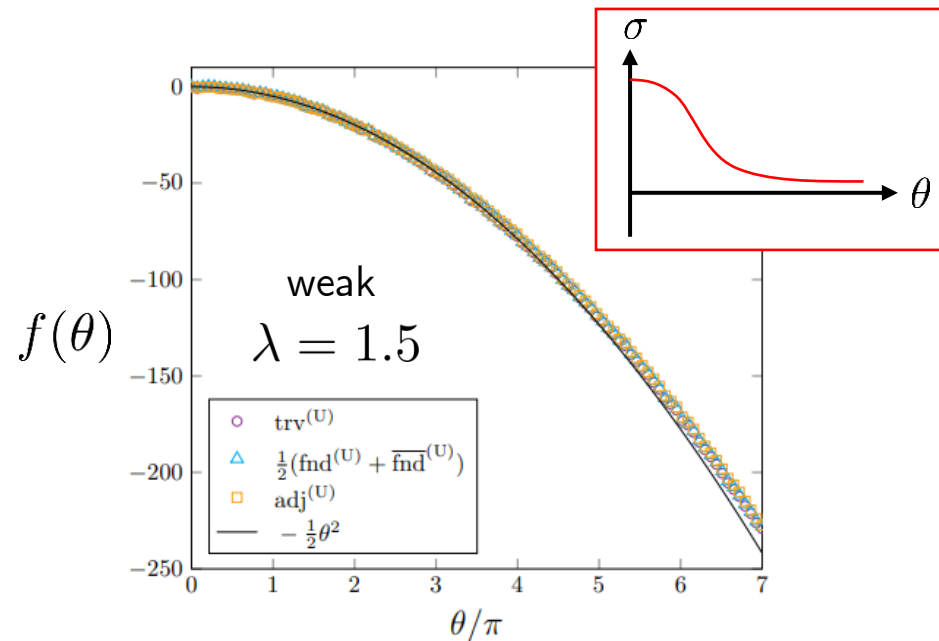
↑
this term suppresses contributions
from most of the charges
(only one q survives at large N)

U(1) d.o.f. is 'trivialized' \longrightarrow $\text{U}(N) \sim \text{SU}(N)$

Singular values with nonzero θ

- U(1) charge is related to the theta term! $\sigma_{(r,q+1)}(\theta) = \sigma_{(r,q)}(\theta + 2\pi)$
- Large $-N$ expansion $\log \sigma_{(r,q_0)}(\theta) = C^{(0)} N^2 + \chi_N f(\theta) + C_r^{(1)} + \mathcal{O}(1/N)$

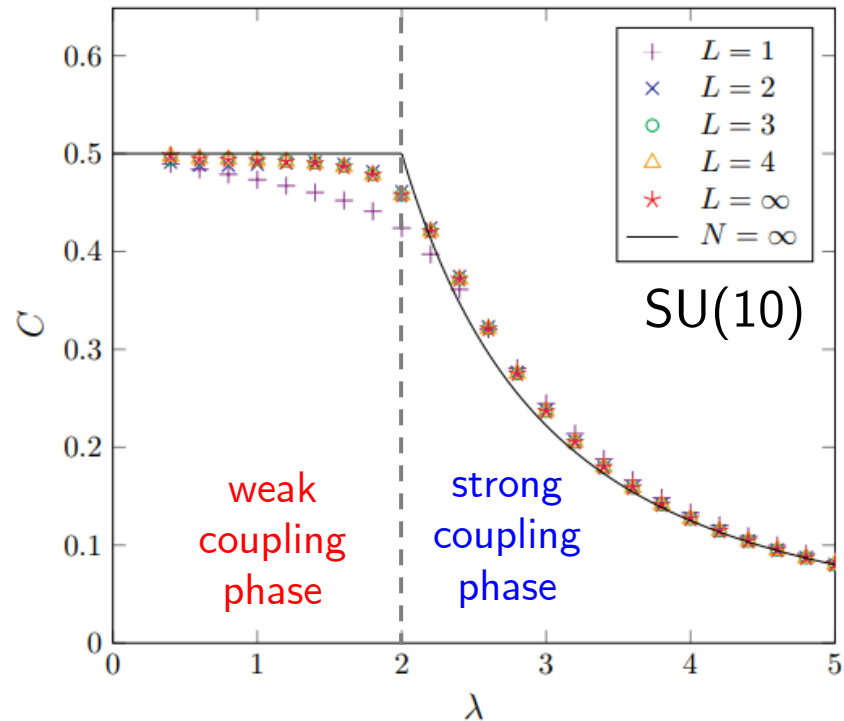
q_0 : U(1) charge that gives the largest SV



Numerical results

Basic results

Gross-Witten-Wadia 3rd-order transition

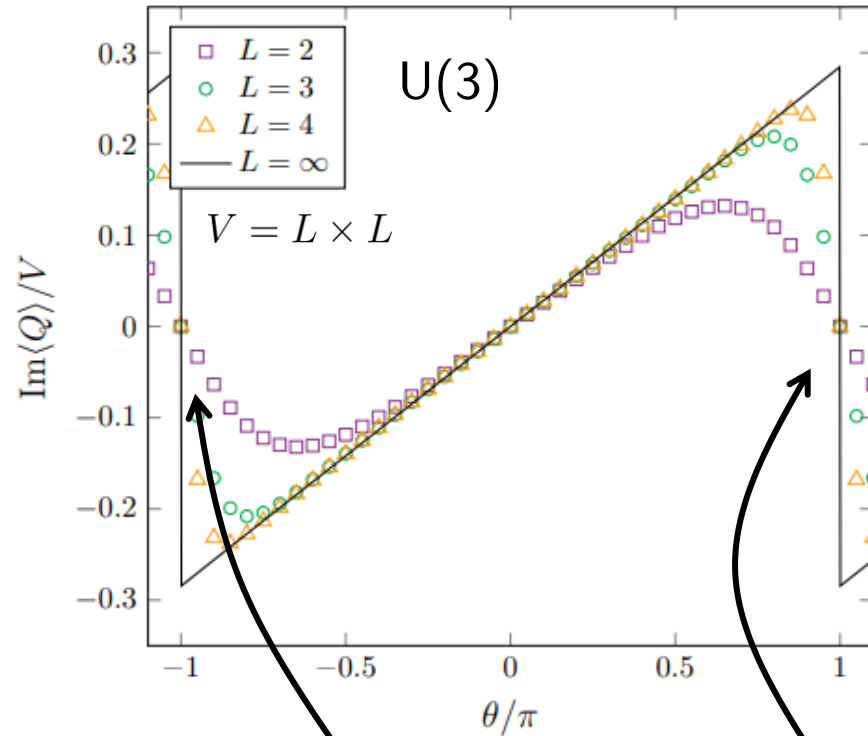


$$C = \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \left(\lambda^2 \frac{\partial F}{\partial \lambda} \right) \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} & ; \lambda < 2, \\ \frac{2}{\lambda^2} & ; \lambda \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

The transition starts to appear at $N = 10$

Basic results

1st-order transition at $\theta = \text{odd} \times \pi$



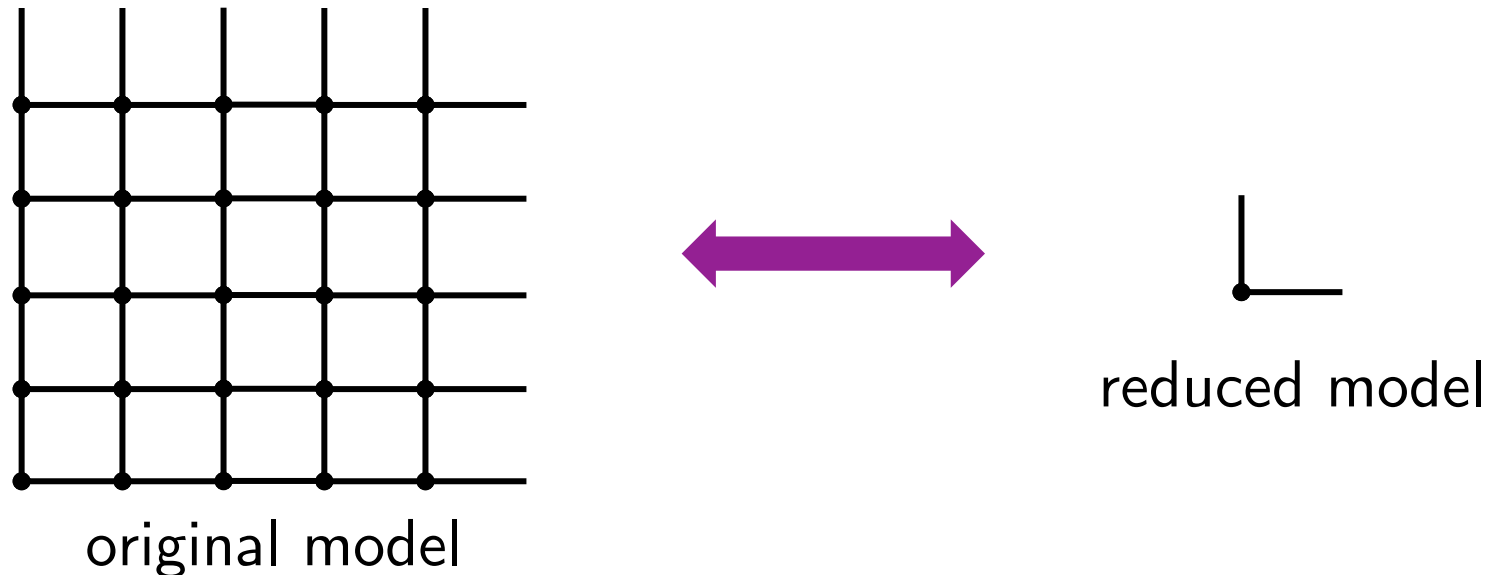
parity spontaneously broken at large volume

*very difficult in Monte Carlo simulations

Alternative interpretation for Eguchi-Kawai reduction

EK-reduction: certain properties of large-N theories are independent of volume

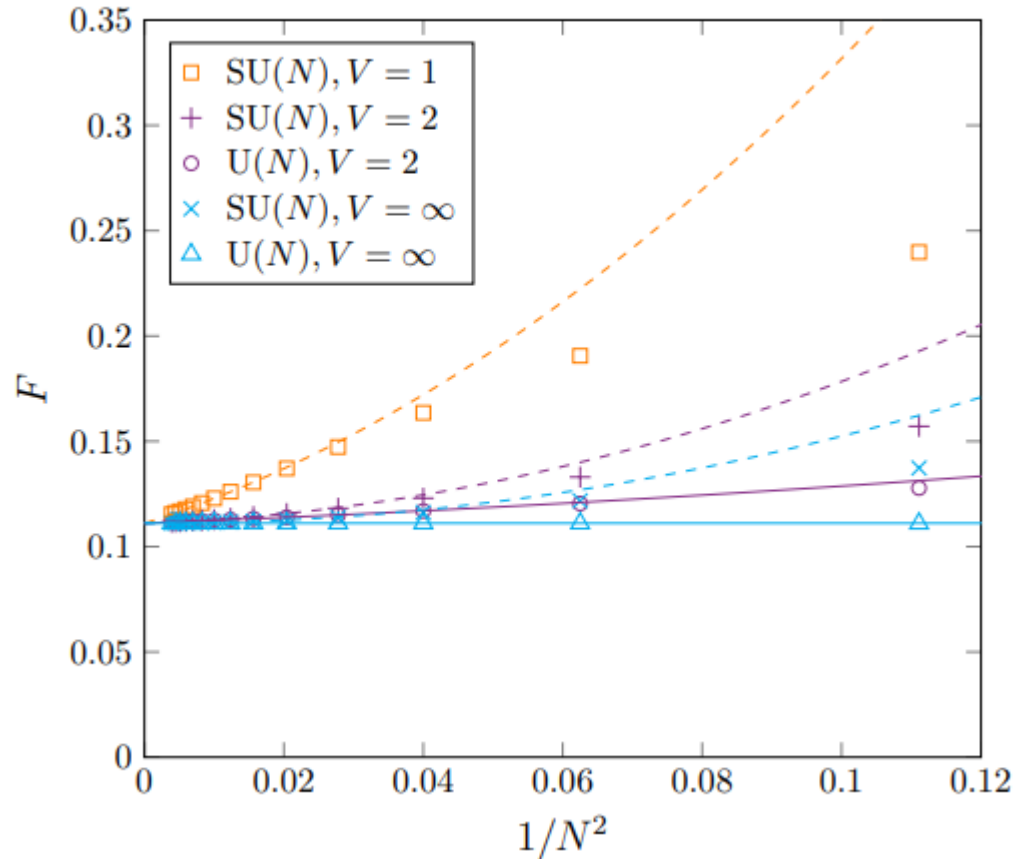
*if center sym. is unbroken



Original proof: demonstrating the equivalence of S-D equations for Wilson loops

[Eguchi&Kawai,'92]

Alternative interpretation for Eguchi-Kawai reduction



$$F \equiv \frac{1}{N^2 V} \log Z = \frac{1}{N^2 V} \log \sum_r \sigma_r^V = C^{(0)} + \frac{1}{VN^2} \log(\dots)$$

volume-independent at large N

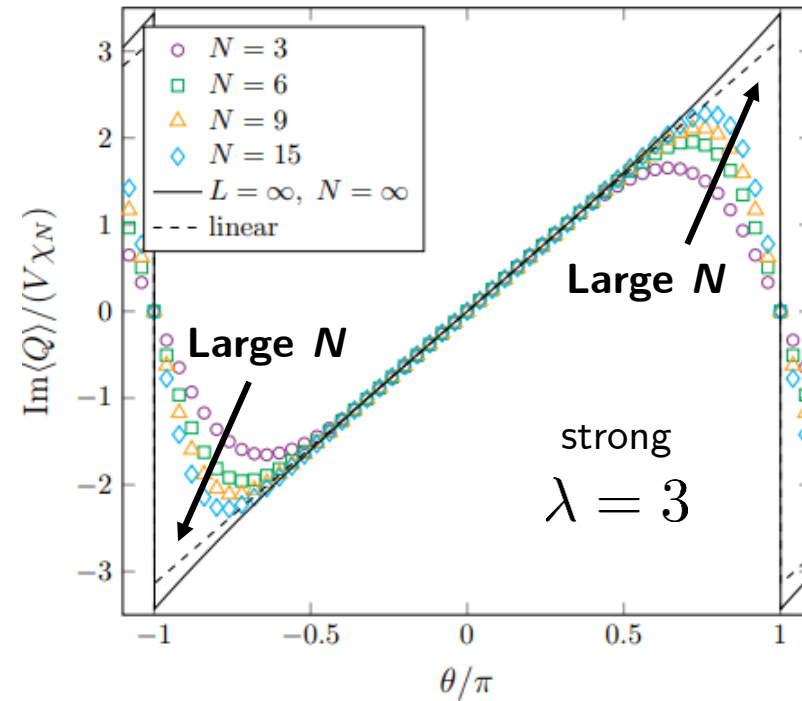
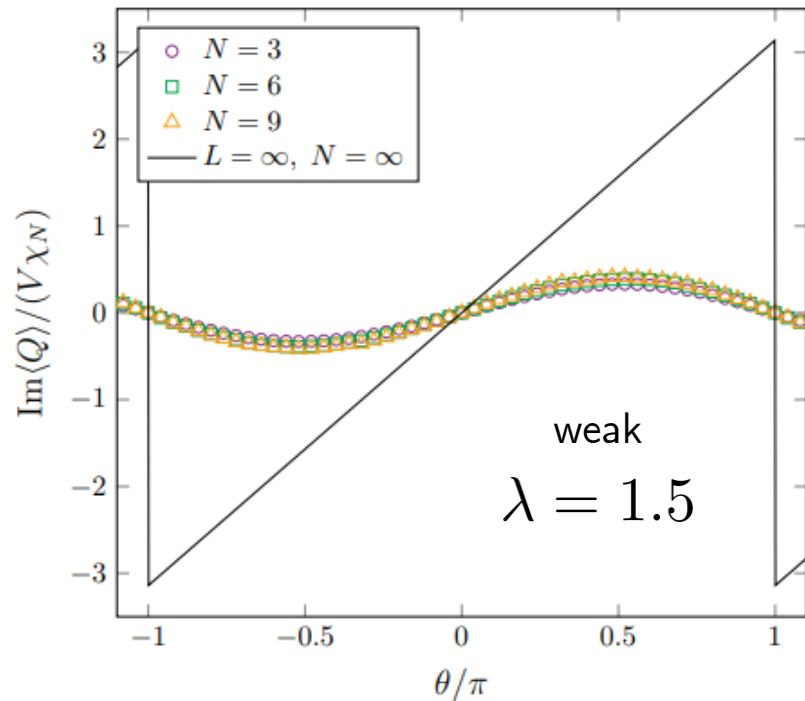
TRG's perspective: the theory is **volume-independent** when the SVs have a **scaling behavior**.

$$\sigma_r \xrightarrow{\text{coarse-grain}} \sigma_r^2$$

Large N and nonzero θ

Recall: parity spontaneously broken at $\theta = \text{odd} \times \pi$ at **large volume**

calculation at **small volume** ($V=2 \times 2$)



- parity remains unbroken at large N

- parity becomes broken even at small vol
- **small vol** \sim **large vol** at large N ??

New volume reduction

Recall: only $q = q_0$ survives at large N and **strong coupling**

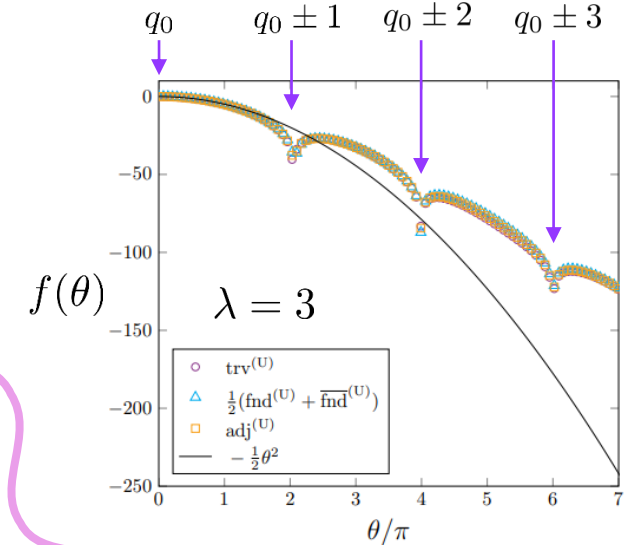
$$\frac{1}{VN^2} \log Z = C^{(0)} + \frac{\chi}{N^2} f(\theta) + \underbrace{\frac{1}{VN^2} \log \left(\sum_{r(\text{SU})} e^{V \times (C_{r(\text{SU})}^{(1)} + \mathcal{O}(1/N))} \right)}_{\rightarrow 0 \text{ as } N \rightarrow \infty}$$

can be pulled out

sub-leading volume independence;
can be observed via
topological charge density

$$\frac{1}{V} \langle Q \rangle = \frac{1}{iV} \frac{d}{d\theta} \log Z = -i\chi \frac{d}{d\theta} f(\theta) + \mathcal{O}(1/N)$$

A new kind of volume independence different from EK reduction



Summary and Discussions

- We consider using TRG based on character expansion to study 2d non-abelian gauge theories.
- For that, we propose an efficient way to cut-off the irreps:
that is based on dimensionality.
- Various known results are reproduced: GWW transition and parity SSB at $\theta = \pi$
- By looking at the behavior of singular values, Eguchi-Kawai reduction can be explained.
A new kind of volume independent at strong coupling is also observed.

Summary and Discussions

- We expect that our method to cut-off the irreps can be useful for more general non-Abelian theories ($d > 2$, or with matter fields, etc.)
- Since Large-N reduction at $\theta \neq 0$ persists even at volume as small as 2×2 where the notion of topology is ambiguous, how is the topological information stored in the large-N matrix?

Thank you!