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## Asymptotic Freedom versus Planar Duality in Gauge and String Theories

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For large- $N$  confining asymptotically-free gauge theories with no perturbative mass scale we investigate the compatibility between the asymptotic freedom of the S-matrix and the planar duality of disk amplitudes of their would-be string solutions.

Several implications for any would-be string solution of large- $N$  QCD with massless quarks follow.

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