

A study of the complex action problem in a simple model for dynamical compactification in superstring theory using the factorization method

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Motivation to ... stay awake

- Study a model with strong complex action problem
- Apply a method of wide applicability with a promise to solve the overlap problem and improve chances to extrapolate results to larger systems
- Method used in SUSY matrix models [Nishimura-K.N.A ('01)], statistical models [Azcoiti-Di Carlo-Galante-Laliena ('02)], random matrix theory [Ambjorn-K.N.A-Nishimura-Verbaarschot ('02)], finite density QCD [Fodor-Katz-Schmidt ('07)]
- Attempt to explain when and how the method could be useful



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Large- N Reduction

- Large N $U(N)$ gauge theory on D -dim torus [Eguchi-Kawai ('82)]

$$\begin{aligned} S &= -N\beta \sum_n \text{tr} \left(U_{n,\mu} U_{n+\hat{\mu},\nu} U_{n+\hat{\nu},\mu}^\dagger U_{n,\nu}^\dagger \right) \\ &\rightarrow S = N\beta \text{tr} \left(U_\mu U_\nu U_\mu^\dagger U_\nu^\dagger \right) \end{aligned}$$

- If $U(1)^D$ symmetry $U_\mu \rightarrow e^{i\alpha} U_\mu$ not spontaneously broken



Large- N Reduction

- A continuum version of the large- N reduced model

[Gross-Kitazawa ('82), Gonzalez-Aroyo & Korthals-Altes ('83)]

$$S = \frac{1}{4g^2} \int d^D x \operatorname{tr} (\partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu + i[A_\mu, A_\nu])^2$$
$$\rightarrow S = -\frac{1}{4g^2} \operatorname{tr} ([A_\mu, A_\nu])^2$$

- If $U(1)^D$ symmetry $A_\mu \rightarrow A_\mu + \alpha_\mu$ not spontaneously broken
- Revival of interest in this model+SUSY (and its 1-dim counterparts) in the context of
 - Non-perturbative string theory
 - Gauge/Gravity duality



IKKT or IIB Matrix Model

- $D = 10, \mathcal{N} = 1, SU(N)$ SYM at zero volume limit as a non-perturbative formulation of type IIB superstring theory (conjecture) [Ishibashi-Kawai-Kitazawa-Tsuchiya ('96)]

$$S = -\frac{1}{g^2} \text{tr} \left\{ \frac{1}{4} [A_\mu, A_\nu]^2 + \frac{1}{2} \psi_\alpha (\Gamma_\mu)_{\alpha\beta} [A_\mu, \psi_\beta] \right\}$$

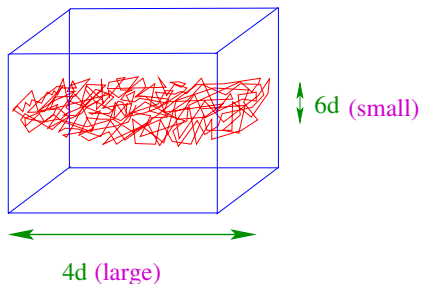
$A_\mu (\mu = 1, \dots, 10), \psi_\alpha (\alpha = 1, \dots, 16) \quad N \times N \quad \text{Hermitian}$

- ψ_α are Majorana-Weyl in the *adjoint*



Quantum Space–time

- Eigenvalues of A_μ s interpreted as space–time coordinates
⇒ space–time dynamically generated
- Quantum (fuzzy) space–time: A_μ not simultaneously diagonalizable on generic configurations.
- Possibility of dynamical compactification of extra dimensions



Dynamical Compactification

- SSB of $SO(10)$: Order parameter the 10×10 real symmetric “moment of inertia”

$$T_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{N} \text{tr} (A_{\mu} A_{\nu})$$

with eigenvalues

$$\lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > \dots > \lambda_{10}$$

- e.g $SO(10) \rightarrow SO(4)$ given by

$$\langle \lambda_1 \rangle = \langle \lambda_2 \rangle = \langle \lambda_3 \rangle = \langle \lambda_4 \rangle \gg \langle \lambda_5 \rangle$$

in the large N limit

- Evidence that this is possible to realize using gaussian expansion methods

[Nishimura-Sugino ('01), Kawai-Kawamoto-Kuroki-Matsuo-Shinohara ('02)]



Related Models Expected to Realize $SO(D)$ SSB

- 6d IKKT model [Nishimura-Vernizzi ('00) Nishimura-K.N.A ('01)]
 $A_\mu (\mu = 1, \dots, 16), \psi_\alpha (\alpha = 1, \dots, 4)$ (6d Weyl, adjoint)
 $SO(6) \rightarrow SO(3)$ [Nishimura-Okubo-Sugino in prep]

- 4d toy model (non-SUSY) [Nishimura ('01)]
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Monte Carlo Simulations

- Complex fermionic partition function:

$$S_F = \frac{1}{2g^2} (\Gamma_\mu)_{\alpha\beta} \text{tr} \{ \psi_\alpha [A_\mu, \psi_\beta] \} = \Psi_i \mathcal{M}_{ij} \Psi_j \text{ IKKT}$$

\mathcal{M}_{ij} is $16(N^2 - 1) \times 16(N^2 - 1)$ ($\mathcal{O}(N^6)$ comp effort)

$$S_F = -\bar{\psi}_\alpha^f (\Gamma_\mu)_{\alpha\beta} A_\mu \psi_\beta^f = \Psi_i \mathcal{D}_{ij} \Psi_j \text{ 4d toy model}$$

\mathcal{D}_{ij} is $4N \times 4N$ ($\mathcal{O}(N^3)$ comp effort) which gives

$$Z_F[A] = \text{Pf} \mathcal{M}[A] \text{ (IKKT)}, \quad Z_F[A] = (\det \mathcal{D}[A])^{N_f} \text{ (toy model)}$$

and

$$Z = \int dA e^{-S_B[A]} Z_F[A]$$

where $Z_F[A]$ is in general complex

\Rightarrow (strong) **complex action problem**



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d -dimensional configurations $\{A_\mu\}$

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Reweighting...

- Fluctuations of complex phase crucial in the realization of the SSB scenario [Nishimura–K.N.A ('01)]
... but difficult to simulate
- Simulate phase quenched model

$$Z_0 = \int dA e^{-S_0}$$

$$Z_F[A] = |Z_F[A]| e^{i\Gamma} \quad S_0 = S_B - \ln |Z_F[A]|$$

$$\langle \lambda_n \rangle = \frac{\langle \lambda_n e^{i\Gamma} \rangle_0}{\langle e^{i\Gamma} \rangle_0}$$



Density of States

- Principal moments of inertia

$$\tilde{\lambda}_n \equiv \frac{\lambda_n}{\langle \lambda_n \rangle_0}$$

(deviation from 1: effect of phase)

- density of states

$$\langle \tilde{\lambda}_n \rangle = \int_0^\infty dx x \rho_n(x) \quad \rho_n(x) = \langle \delta(x - \tilde{\lambda}_n) \rangle$$

- Factorization:

$$\rho_n(x) = \frac{1}{\langle \mathbf{e}^{i\Gamma} \rangle_0} \rho_n^{(0)}(x) w_n(x)$$

$$\rho_n^{(0)}(x) = \langle \delta(x - \tilde{\lambda}_n) \rangle_0 \quad w_n(x) \equiv \langle \mathbf{e}^{i\Gamma} \rangle_{n,x}$$

$$\langle \cdot \rangle_{n,x} \rightarrow Z_{n,x} = \int dA \mathbf{e}^{-S_0} \delta(x - \tilde{\lambda}_n)$$



Solution

- Minimize the “free energy”

$$\mathcal{F}_n(x) = -\ln \rho_n(x)$$

by solving the saddle point equation

$$\frac{1}{N^2} f_n^{(0)}(x) \equiv \frac{d}{dx} \ln \rho_n^{(0)}(x) = -\frac{1}{N^2} \frac{d}{dx} \ln w_n(x) \equiv -\frac{d}{dx} \Phi_n(x)$$

- $\frac{1}{N^2} f_n^{(0)}(x)$: No complex action problem, calculate at large N .
- $\Phi_n(x)$: Complex action problem, obtain by FSS
- Error in determining $\langle \lambda_n \rangle$ *does not propagate exponentially in N .*



Implementation

- Simulate the system

$$Z_{n,V} = \int dA e^{-S_0 - V(\lambda_n)} \quad \text{e.g.} \quad V(z) = \frac{1}{2} \gamma (z - \xi)^2$$

$$\gamma \sim 10^3 - 10^7, \quad \xi \sim [-10 \langle \lambda_n \rangle_0, +100 \langle \lambda_n \rangle_0]$$

- Consider the distribution function:

$$\rho_{n,V}(x) = \langle \delta(x - \tilde{\lambda}_n) \rangle_{n,V} \propto \rho_n^{(0)}(x) e^{-V(x \langle \lambda_n \rangle_0)}$$

- Solve

$$0 = \frac{d}{dx} \ln \rho_{n,V}(x) \Big|_{x=x_p} = f_n^{(0)}(x_p) - \langle \lambda_n \rangle_0 V'(x_p \langle \lambda_n \rangle_0)$$

- Use estimator $x_p = \langle \tilde{\lambda}_n \rangle_{n,V}$ and

$$w_n(x_p) = \langle \cos \Gamma \rangle_{n,V} \quad f_n^{(0)}(x_p) = \gamma \langle \lambda_n \rangle_0 (\langle \lambda_n \rangle_{n,V} - \xi)$$

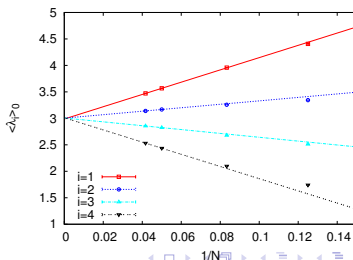
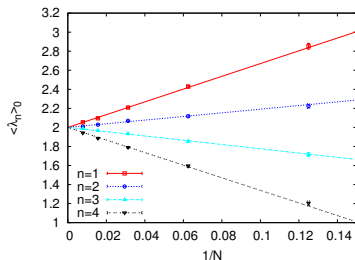
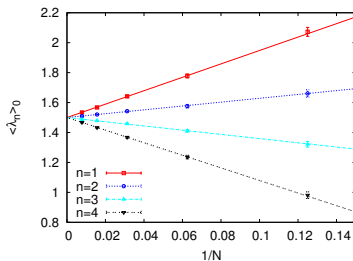
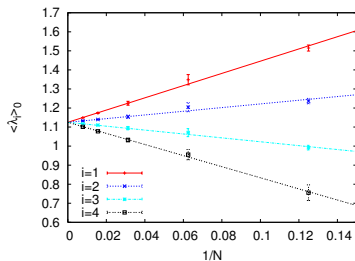


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No SSB: $\langle \lambda_n \rangle_0 = 1 + \frac{r}{2}$, $r = 1/4, 1, 2, 4$ [Nishimura ('01)]

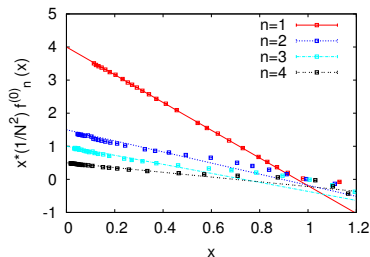
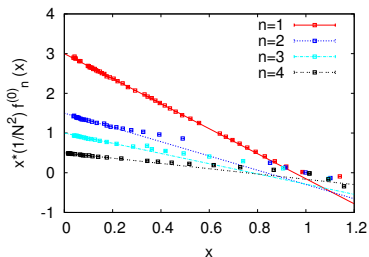


Scaling of $f_n^{(0)}(x)$ for small x : $d \approx (n - 1)$

- Expect from measure dA ($A_\mu \sim \sqrt{x}$): $\rho_n^{(0)}(x) \sim (\sqrt{x})^{(5-n)N^2}$

$$\frac{1}{N^2} f_n^{(0)}(x) \approx \left\{ \frac{1}{2}(5-n) + r\delta_{n,1} \right\} \frac{1}{x} + a_n$$

(for $n = 1$ also contribution from fermion determinant)



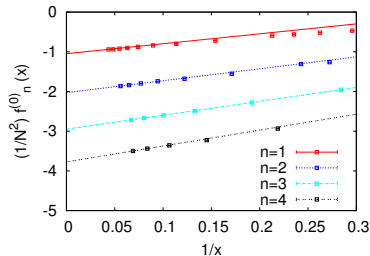
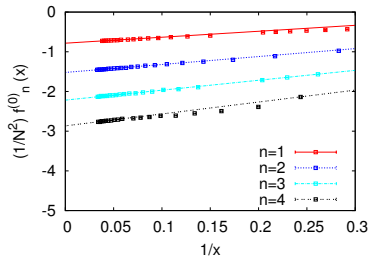
$x \frac{1}{N^2} f_n^{(0)}(x)$ for $r = 1$ (left) $r = 2$ (right), $N = 64$



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- Leading term from $\rho_N^{(0)}(x) \sim \exp(-\langle \frac{1}{2} N \text{tr}(A_\mu)^2 \rangle_{n,V})$
 $= \exp(-\frac{1}{2} N^2 \sum_{k=1}^n \langle \lambda_k \rangle_{n,V}) \sim \exp(-\frac{1}{2} N^2 n x \langle \lambda_n \rangle_0)$ plus
 subleading term from measure and fermionic determinant:

$$\frac{1}{N^2} f_n^{(0)}(x) \approx -\frac{1}{2} n \langle \lambda_n \rangle_0 + \left(\frac{n}{2} + r \right) \frac{1}{x}$$



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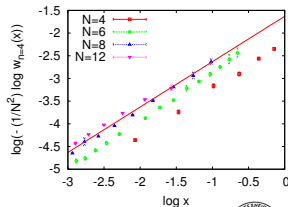
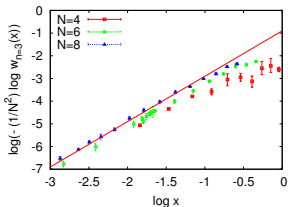
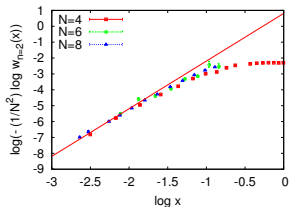
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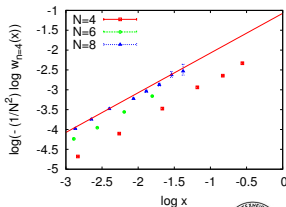
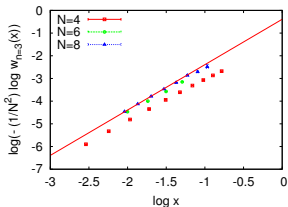
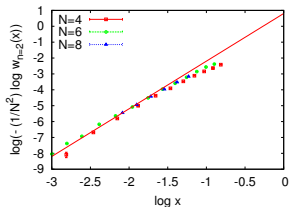
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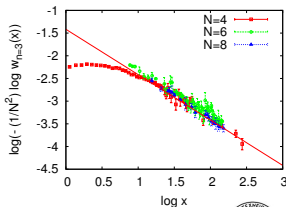
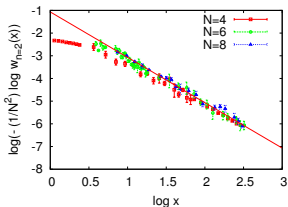
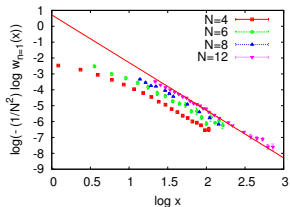
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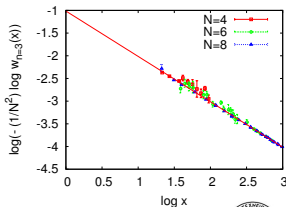
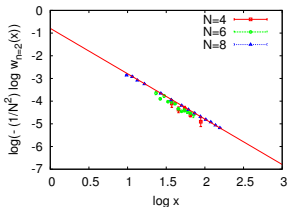
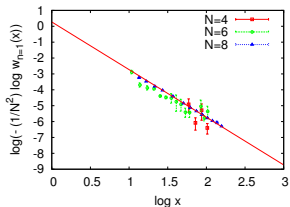
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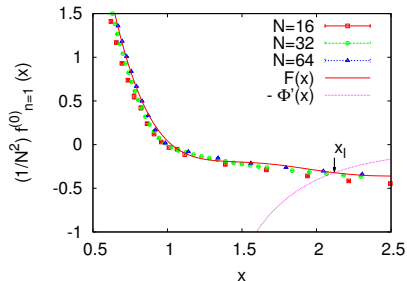
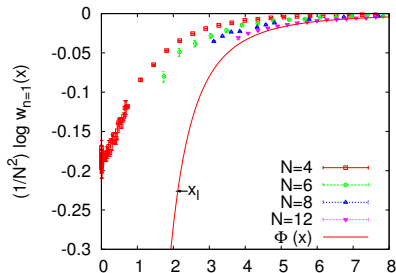


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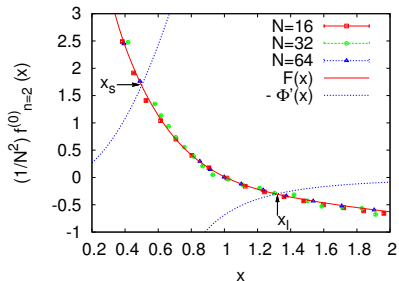
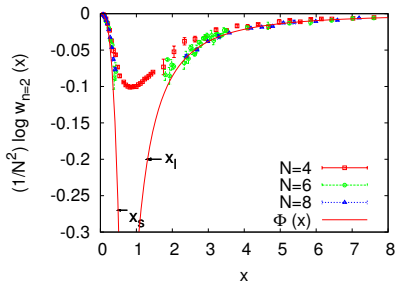


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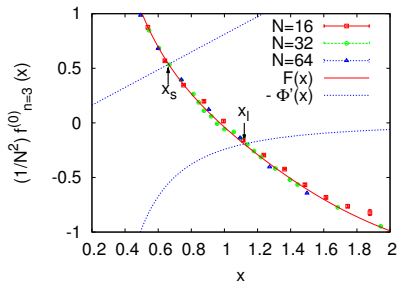
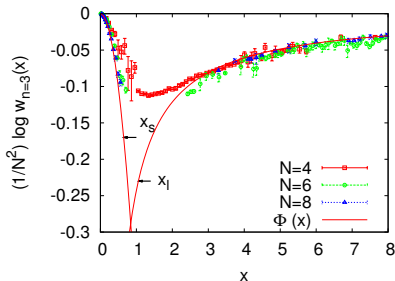


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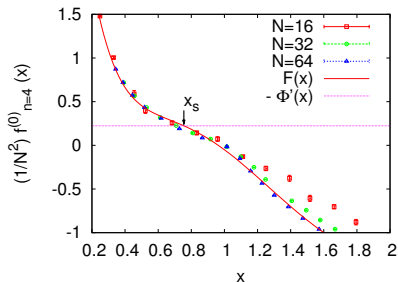
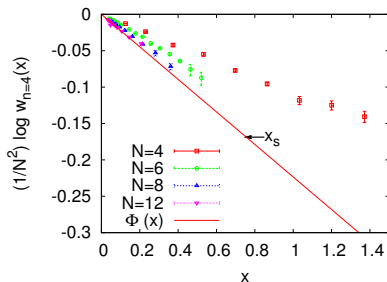


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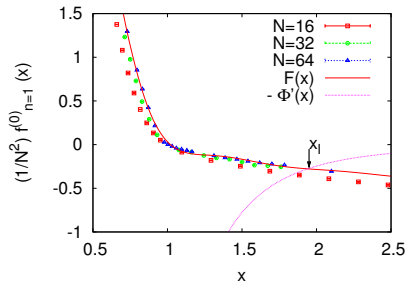
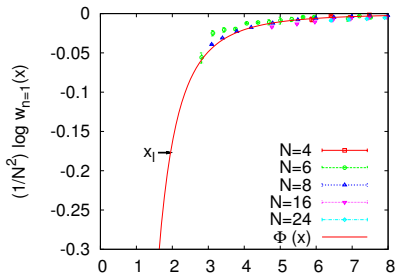


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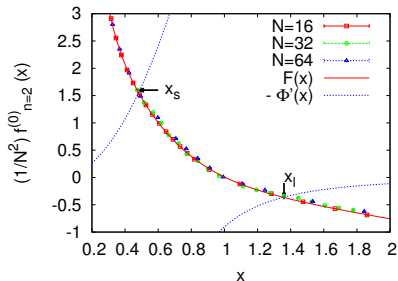
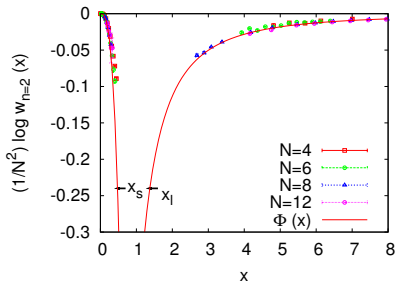


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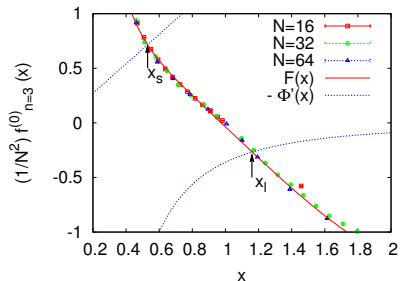
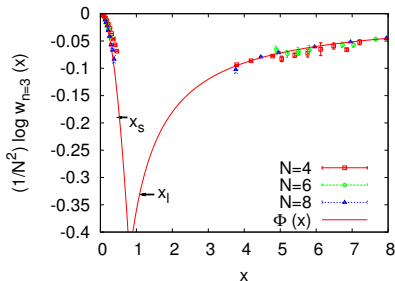


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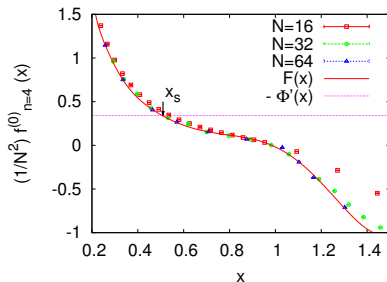
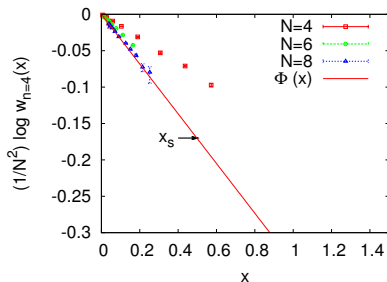


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Solution: $\langle \tilde{\lambda}_n \rangle$

| n | $r = 1$ | | | $r = 2$ | | |
|-----|-------------------|-------|--|-------------------|-------|--|
| | x_s | x_l | $\langle \tilde{\lambda}_n \rangle_{\text{Gauss}}$ | x_s | x_l | $\langle \tilde{\lambda}_n \rangle_{\text{Gauss}}$ |
| 1 | | 2.12 | 1.4 | | 1.94 | 1.7 |
| 2 | 0.49 | 1.29 | 1.4 | 0.48 | 1.36 | 1.7 |
| 3 | 0.67 ¹ | 1.13 | 0.7 | 0.53 ¹ | 1.16 | 0.5 |
| 4 | 0.75 | | 0.5 | 0.51 | | 0.1 |

$\langle \tilde{\lambda}_n \rangle_{\text{Gauss}}$ obtained by GEM [Nishimura-Okubo-Sugino ('04)]

¹ assuming $SO(4) \rightarrow SO(2)$



Solution:

- $\langle \tilde{\lambda}_1 \rangle > 1 > \langle \tilde{\lambda}_4 \rangle$ shows SSB
- Determine dominant peak for $n = 2, 3$ [Nishimura-K.N.A ('01)]

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_n &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{N^2} \left\{ \log \rho_n(x_l) - \log \rho_n(x_s) \right\} \\ &= \Phi_n(x_l) - \Phi_n(x_s) + \Xi_n \\ \Xi_n &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \int_{x_s}^{x_l} dx \left\{ \frac{1}{N^2} f_n^{(0)}(x) \right\}\end{aligned}$$

Δ_n depends on $\Phi_n(x)$ only at x_l, x_s

Ξ_n computed by fitting $\frac{1}{N^2} f_n^{(0)}(x)$ to a continuous function in $[x_s, x_l]$

- $\Delta_n > 0 \Rightarrow x_l$ dominates; $\Delta_n < 0 \Rightarrow x_s$ dominates



Solution:

| | $r = 1$ | | | | $r = 2$ | | | |
|-----|---------------|---------------|---------|------------|---------------|---------------|---------|------------|
| n | $\Phi_n(x_s)$ | $\Phi_n(x_l)$ | Ξ_n | Δ_n | $\Phi_n(x_s)$ | $\Phi_n(x_l)$ | Ξ_n | Δ_n |
| 1 | | -0.23 | | | | -0.18 | | |
| 2 | -0.27 | -0.20 | 0.27 | 0.34 | -0.25 | -0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 |
| 3 | -0.18 | -0.22 | 0.07 | 0.03 | -0.19 | -0.31 | 0.12 | 0.00 |
| 4 | -0.17 | | | | -0.17 | | | |

- $n = 2$ large x peak dominates
- $n = 3$ uncertain



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Soon to come...

- Study dynamical compactification in 6D IKKT model using Monte Carlo and gaussian expansion method
- Improve results in 4d model:

$$\rho(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4) = \langle \prod_k \delta(x_k - \tilde{\lambda}_k) \rangle$$

