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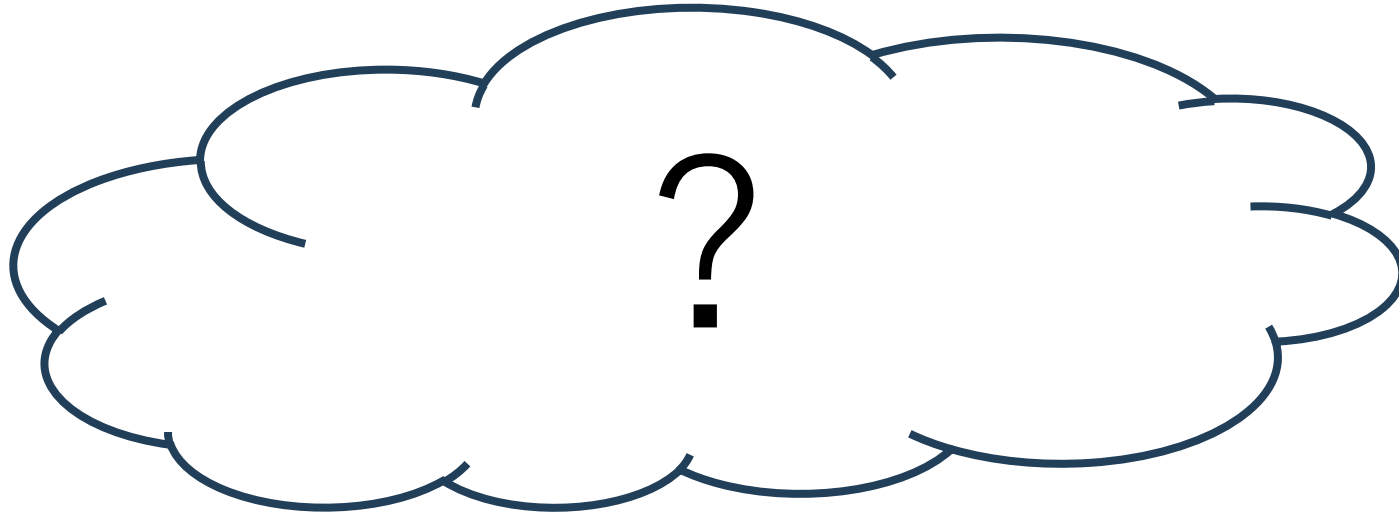
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Murai-san's talk (yesterday morning)  
Narita-san's poster (8/20)  
etc...

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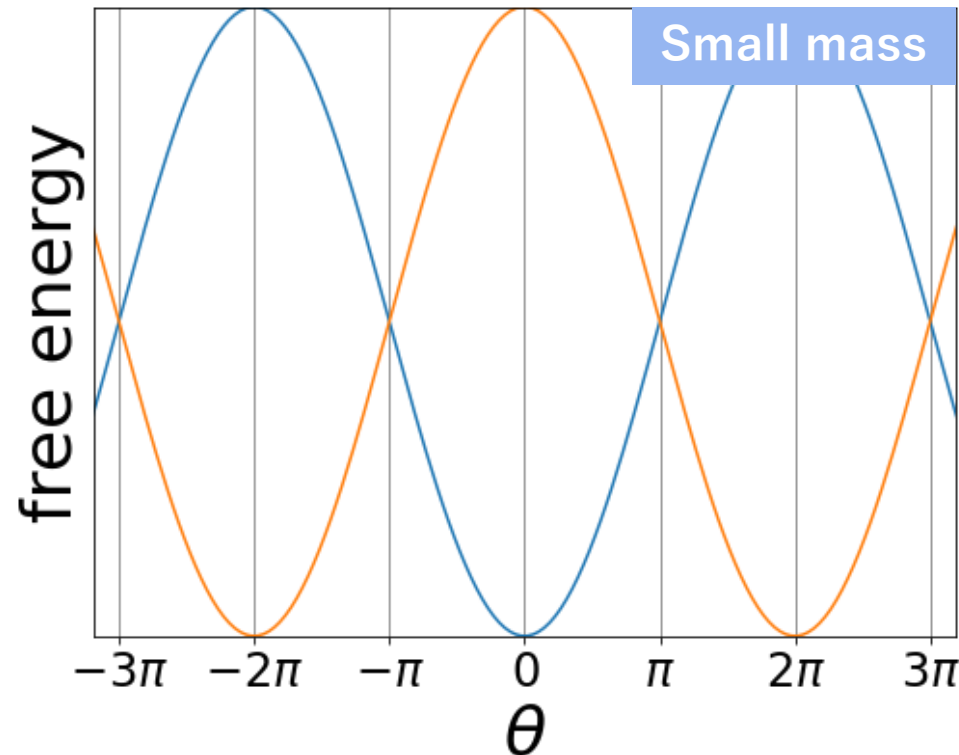
$$\text{e.g.) } V(\phi) = \min_k \cos\left(\frac{\phi + 2\pi k}{N_f}\right)$$

( $N_f$ : # of flavor)

Only valid for small quark mass  $m \ll \Lambda_{QCD}$

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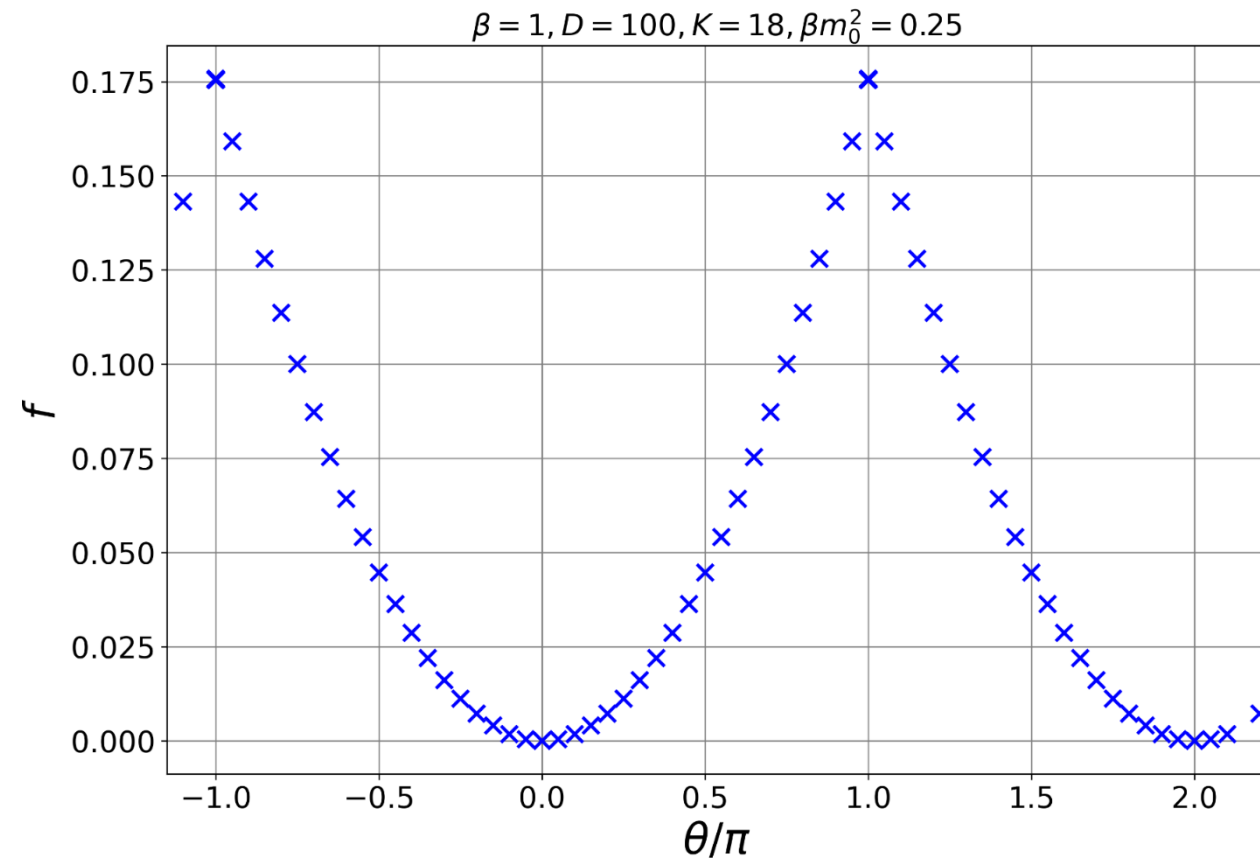


For finite quark mass,  
Numerical calculation  
by **TRG** (or other tensor network methods)  
is important!



# Short summary

We numerically calculate  
the axion potential  
of  $N_f = 2$  Schwinger  
model  
by TRG.



# What is a $\theta$ term?

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- A topological term in 4d QCD or Yang-Mills theory.
- Related to the instanton number.

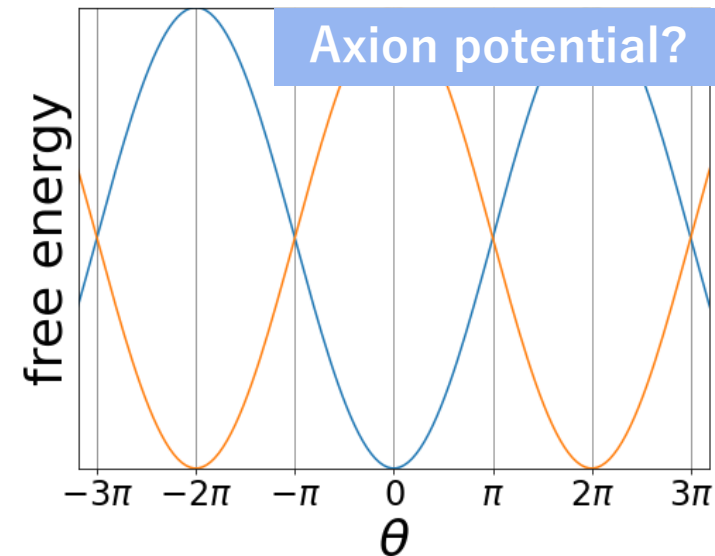
$$Z_{YM} = \int \mathcal{D}A e^{-S_{YM}} \supset \sum_n e^{in\theta}$$

## Strong CP problem

- QCD in our world,  $\theta < 10^{-10}$ . (from neutron EDM experiments)
- Why is it too small? (**Strong CP problem**)

## Axion [Peccei, Quinn 1977]

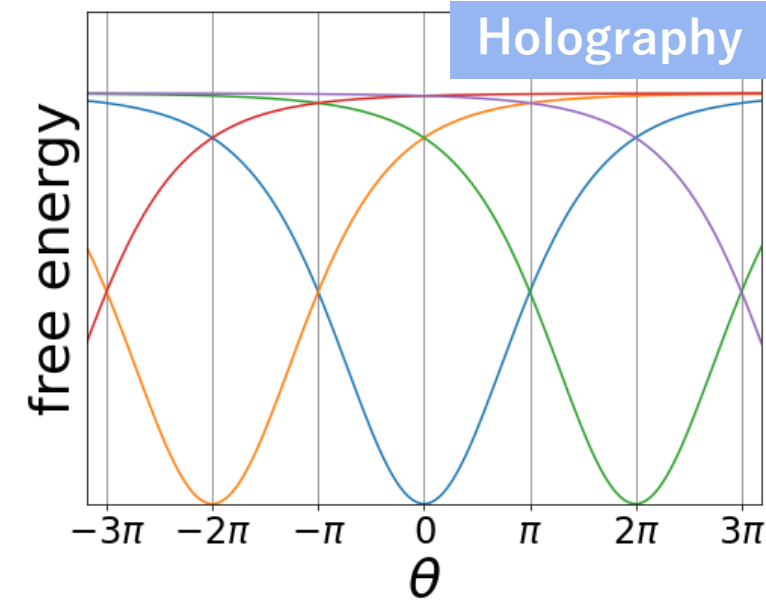
- Axion  $\simeq$  scalar field which couples to the QCD like  $\theta$ .
- Candidate for a dark matter
- Axion potential =  **$\theta$  dependence of the free energy**  
( $\theta = 0 \pmod{2\pi}$  is the stable point)



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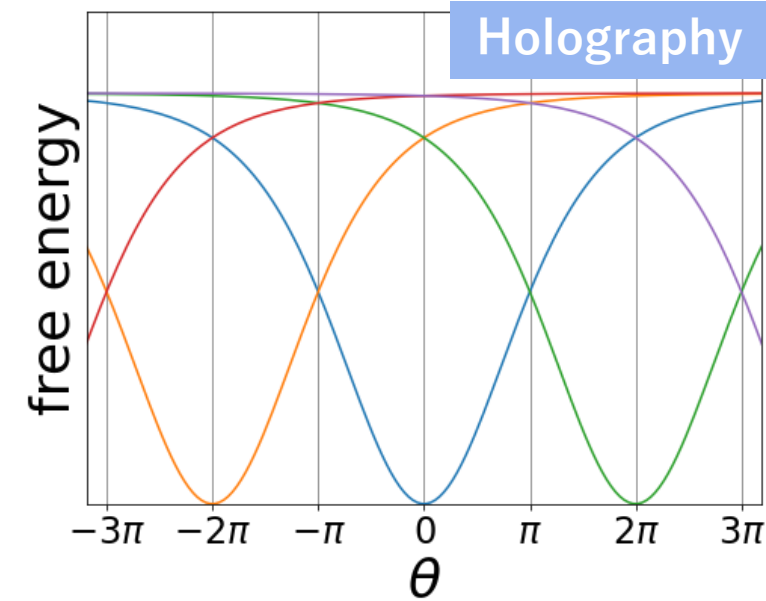
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- **This is a problem in QCD!**
- Free energy of QCD in finite  $\theta$  region is **unknown**.
  - How can we derive it?
    - (i) By hands (with some approximations)
    - (ii) By numerical calculations

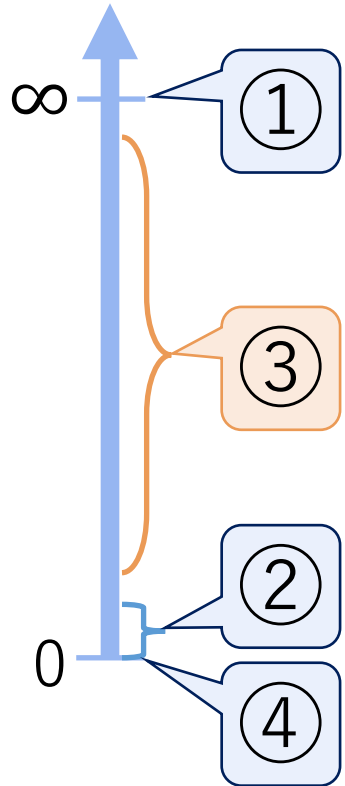


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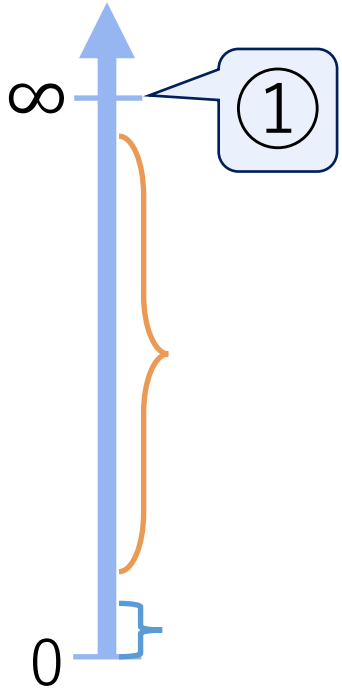


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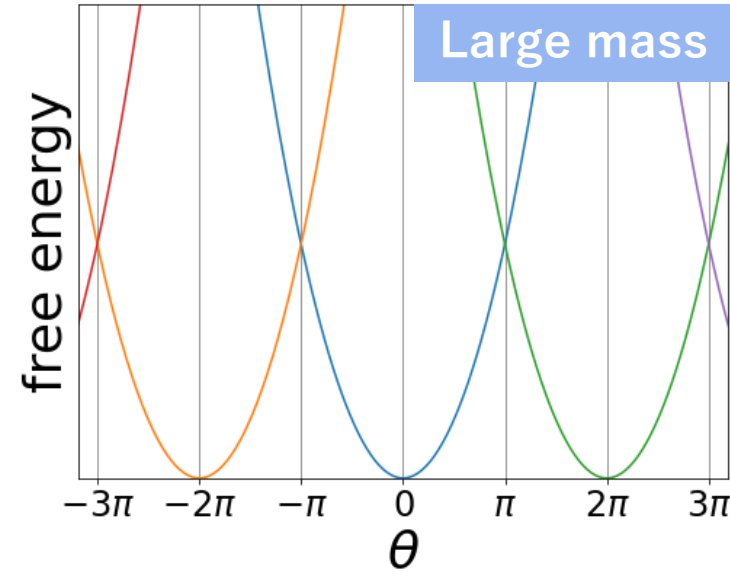
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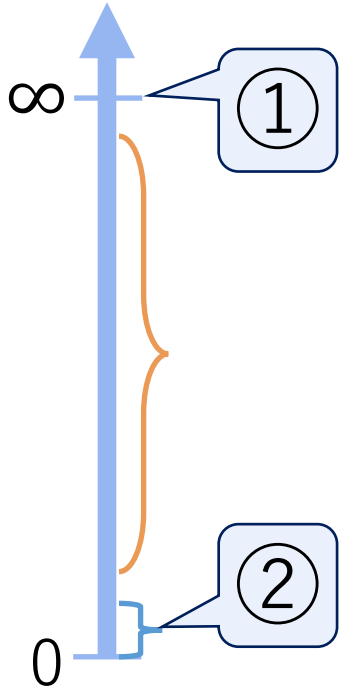


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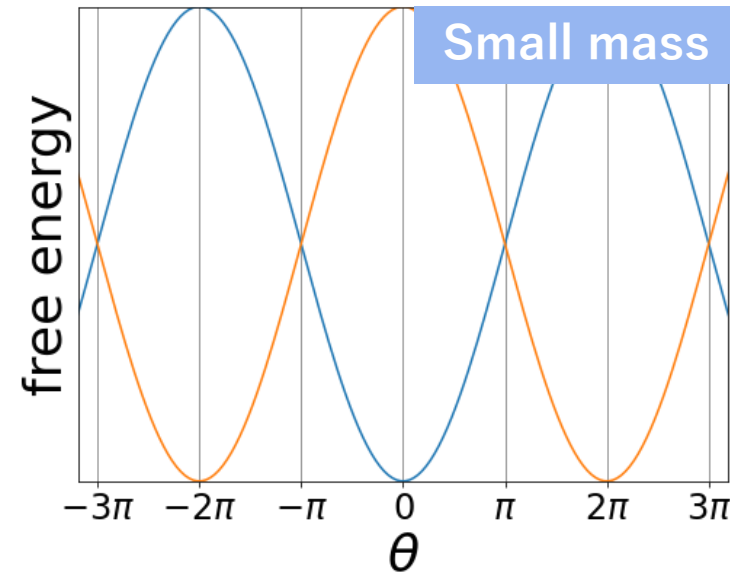
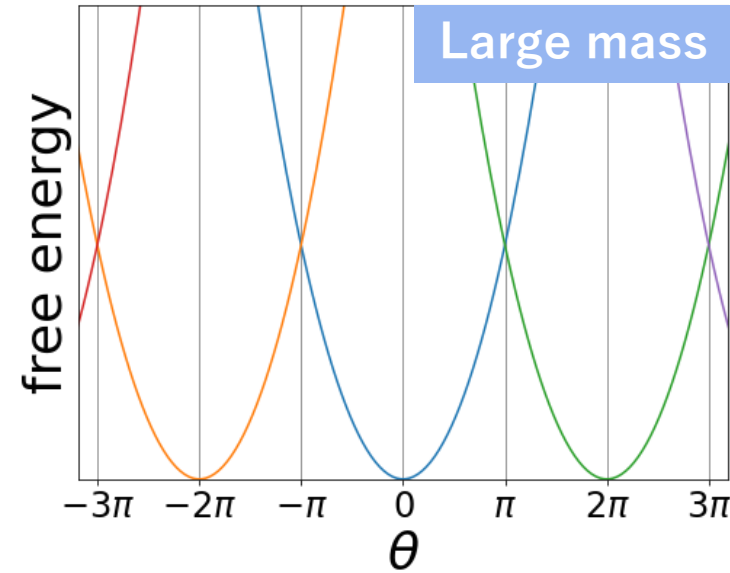
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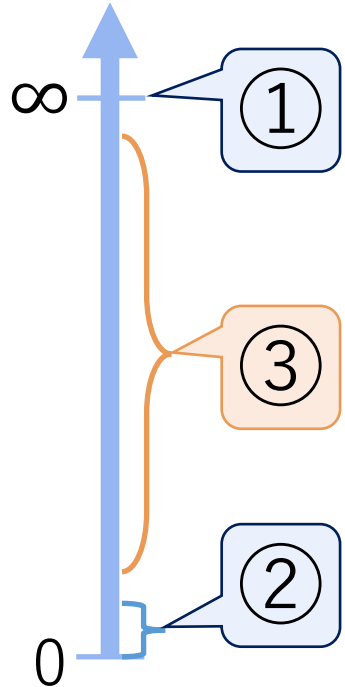


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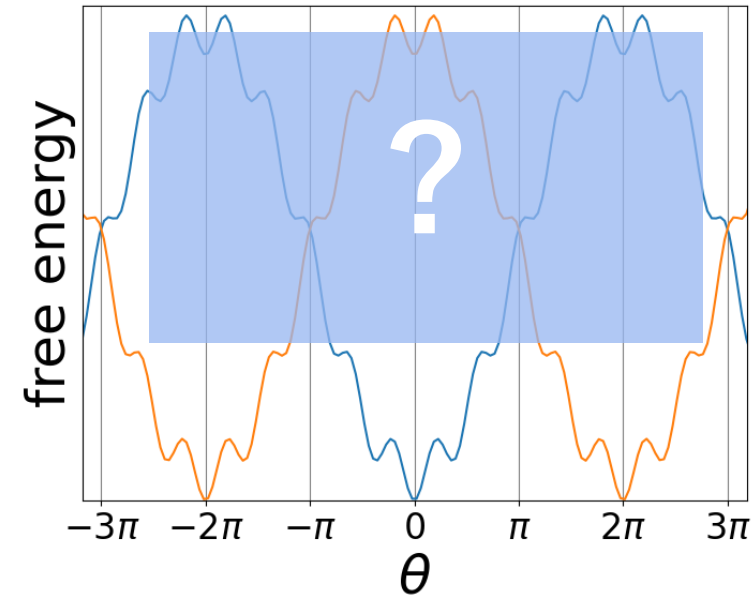
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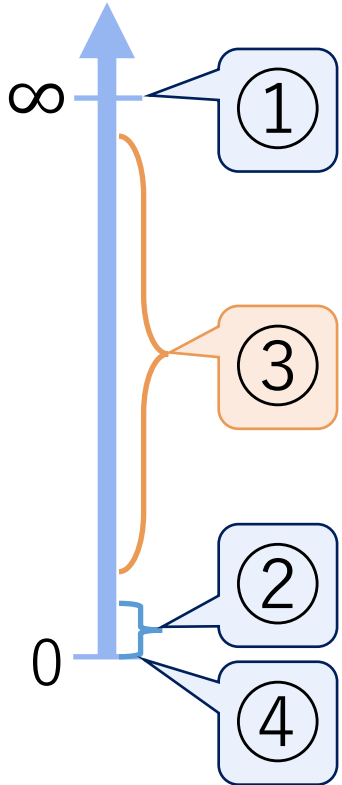


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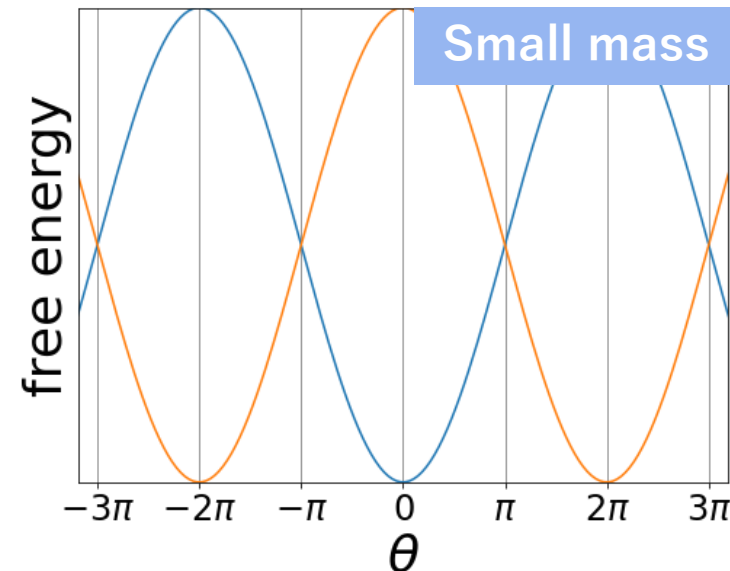
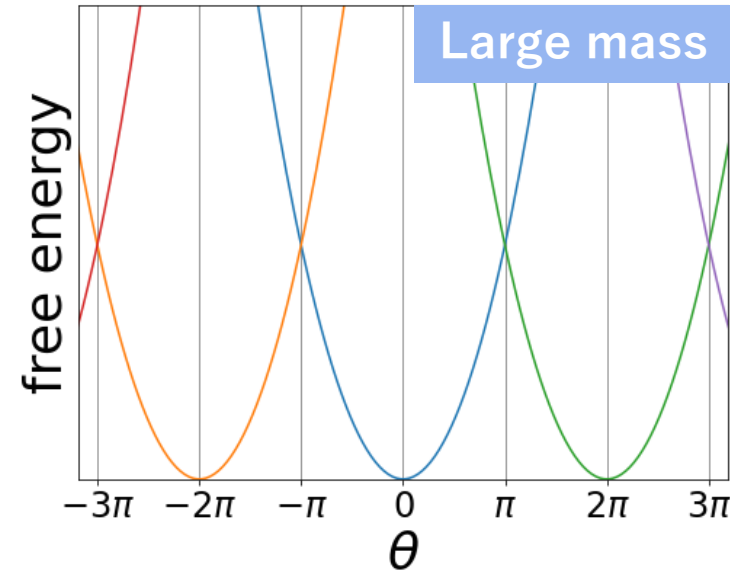


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# How to calculate QCD with the $\theta$ term

(ii) By numerical calculations

Monte Carlo method: **the sign problem**

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- With finite  $\theta$ , the partition function includes imaginary part.  
→ The Monte Carlo simulation does not work well.
- There are some studies by the Monte Carlo.  
e.g.) 4d  $SU(2)$  YM theory [Kitano et al. 2102.08784]
- But,  $\theta = \pi$  point is tough...

**Tensor network** methods do not have the sign problem!

- It is hard to use tensor network methods for 4d QCD.
- However, tensor networks work well for 2d theories.  
→ We calculate the **Schwinger model** (2d toy model of the QCD) by tensor renormalization group (**TRG**). [Levin, Nave 2007]

# Plan

## 1. Introduction (8)

- Motivation in the phenomenology
- Short summary
- What is the  $\theta$  term?
- Axion potential
- How to calculate QCD with  $\theta$

## 2. Schwinger model (2)

- What is the Schwinger model?
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## 3. TRG (2)

- TRG
- Lattice action

## 4. Results (6)

- $2\pi$  periodicity
- Large mass limit
- Small mass limit
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## 5. Conclusion (1)

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[Schwinger 1962, Coleman 1976, ...]

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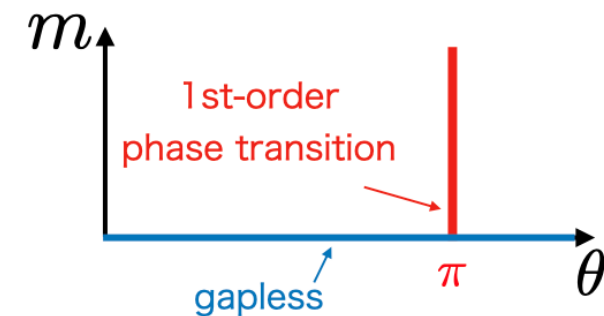
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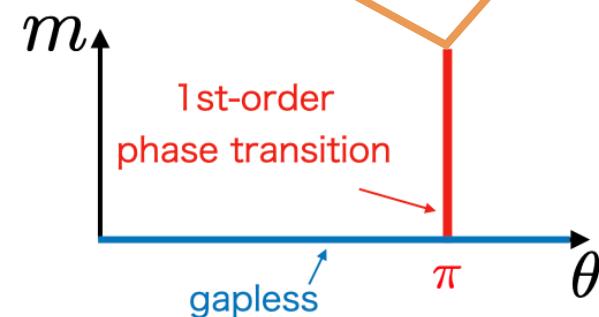
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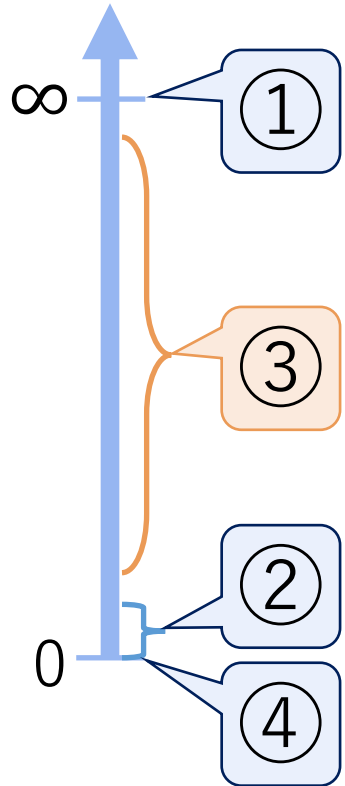
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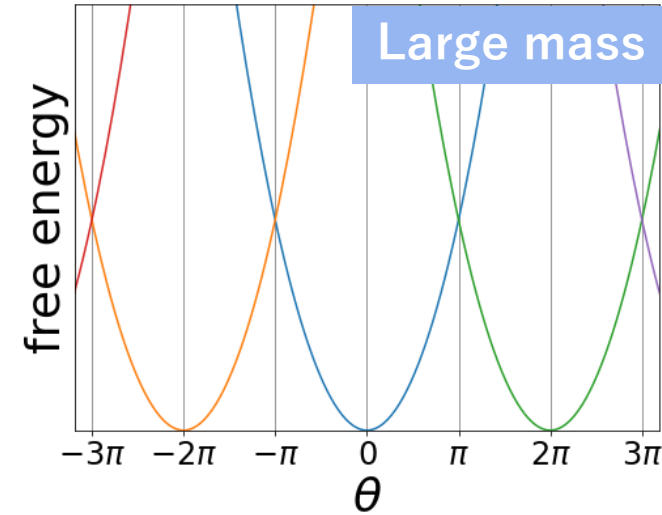
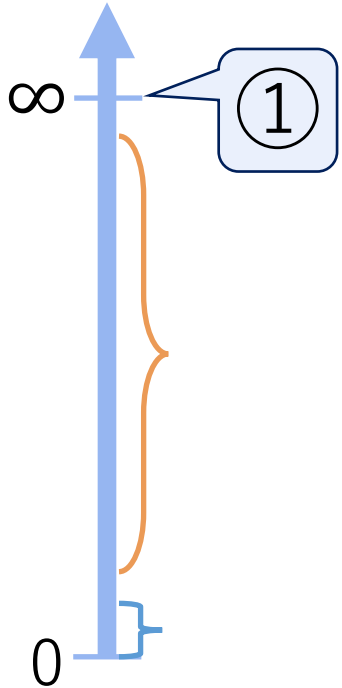
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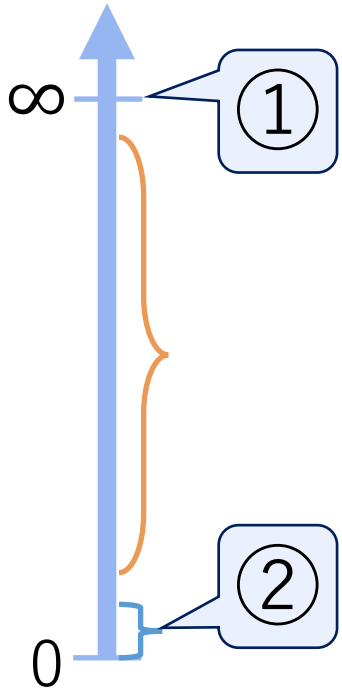


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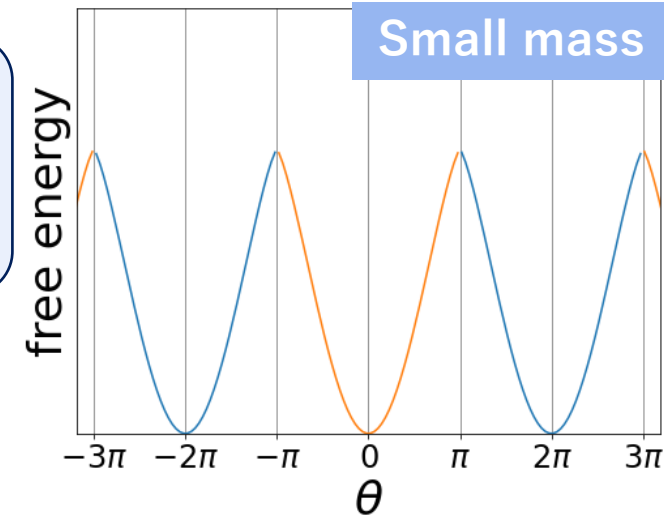
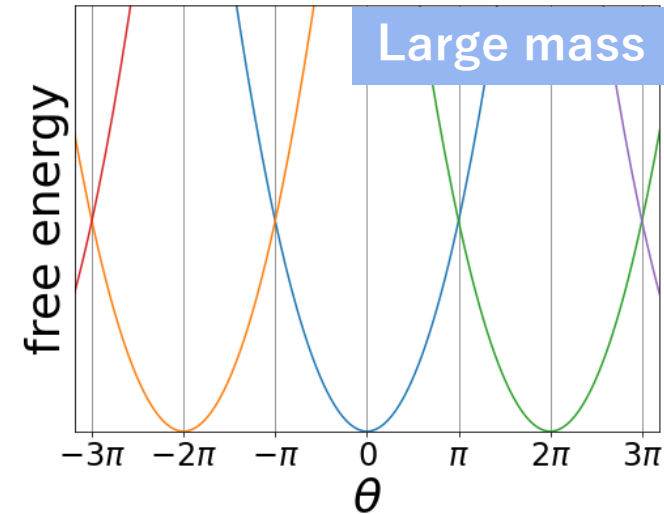


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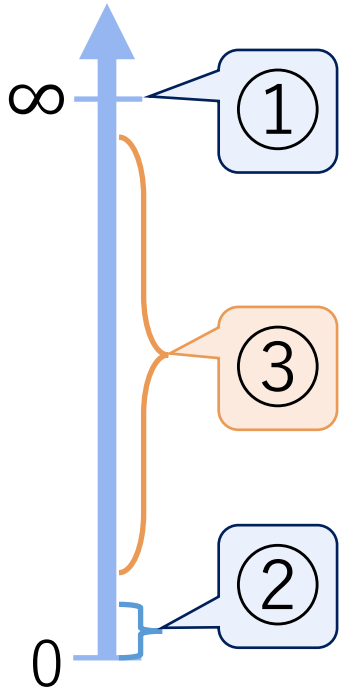


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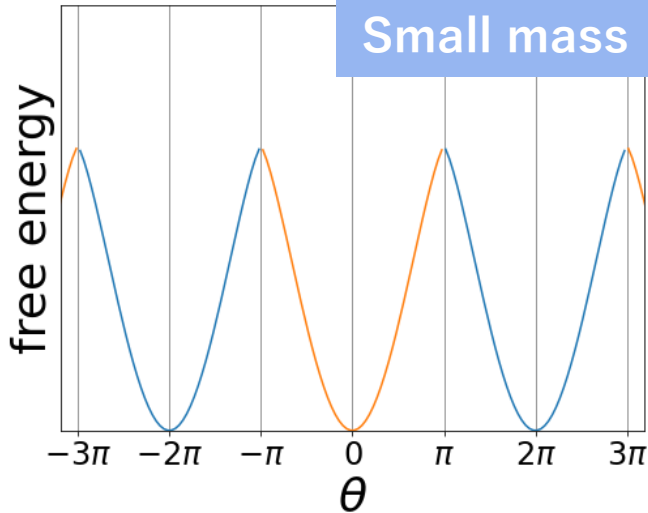
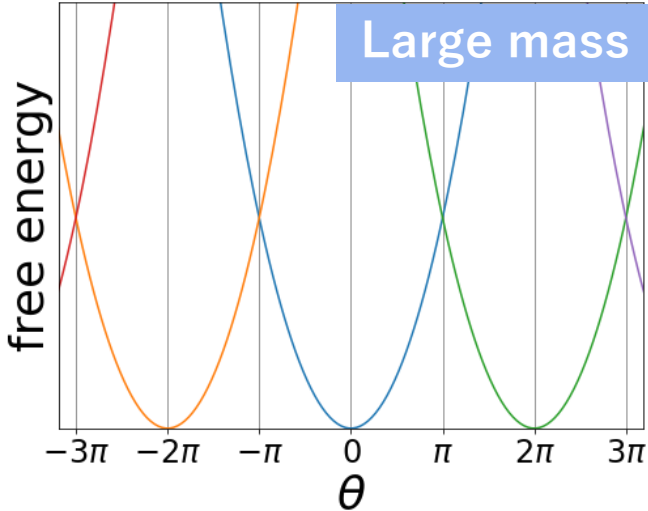
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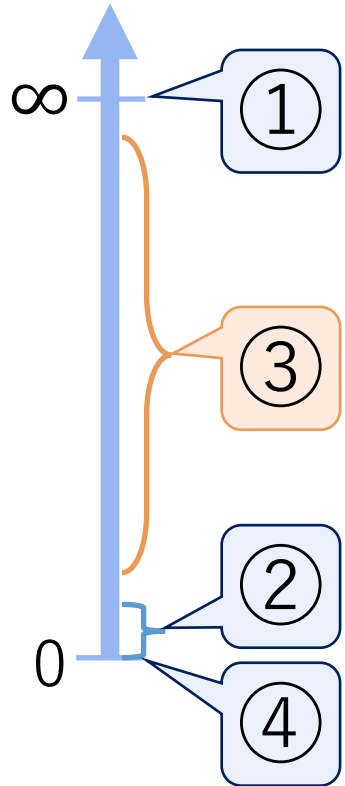


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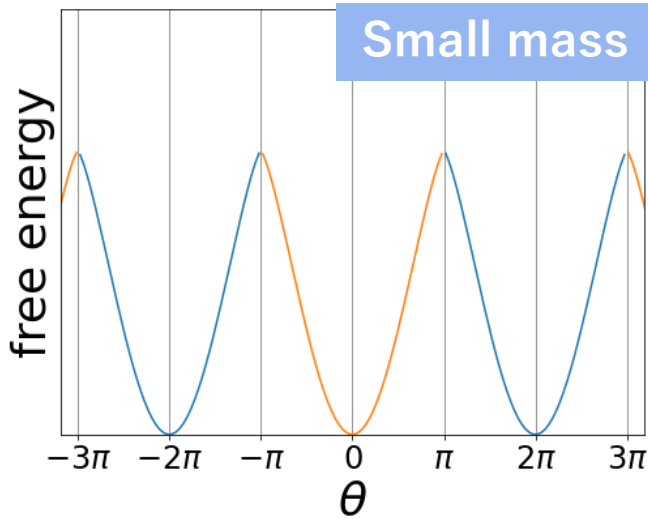
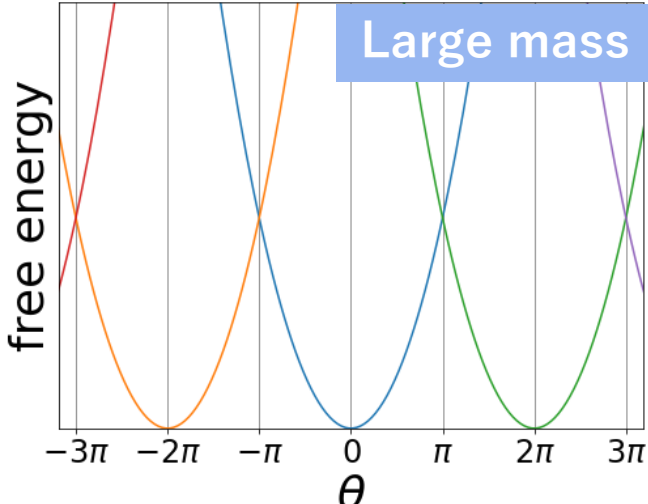
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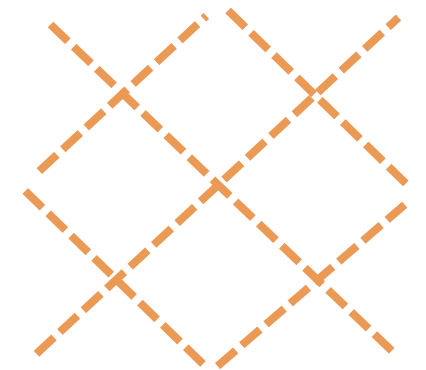
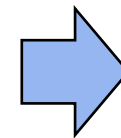
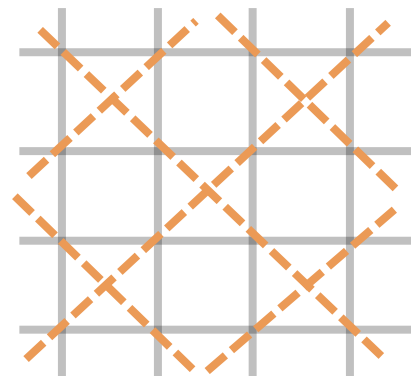
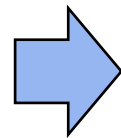
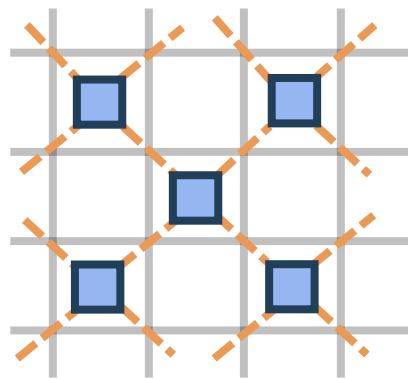
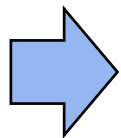
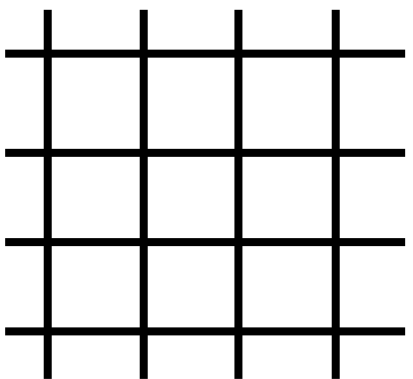
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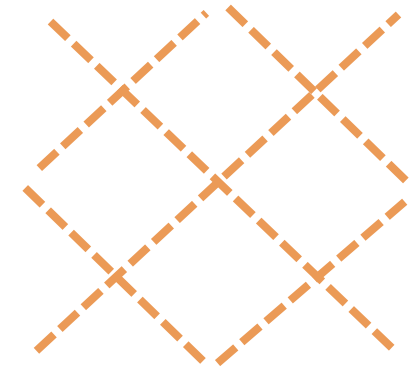
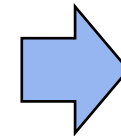
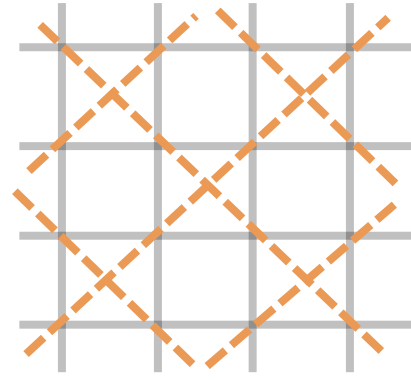
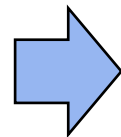
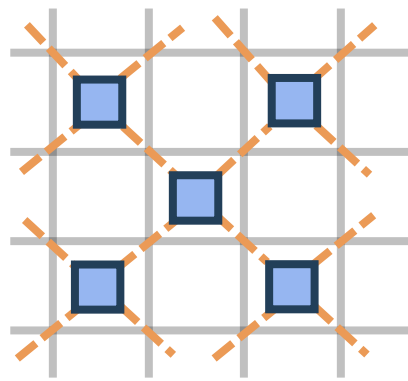
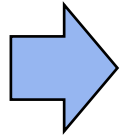
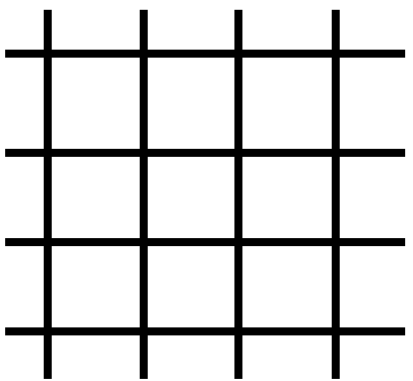
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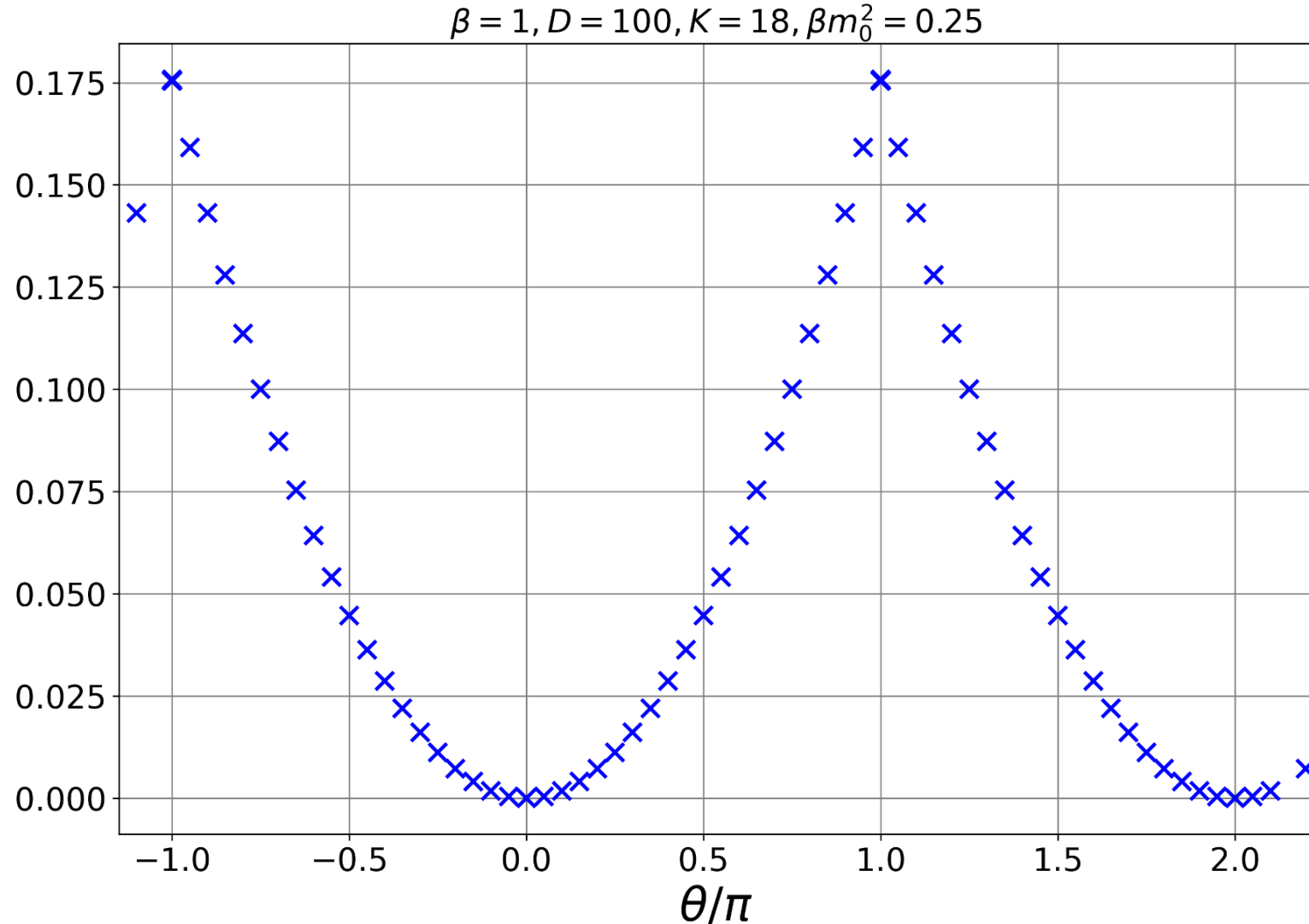
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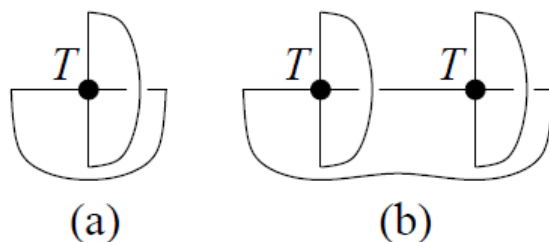


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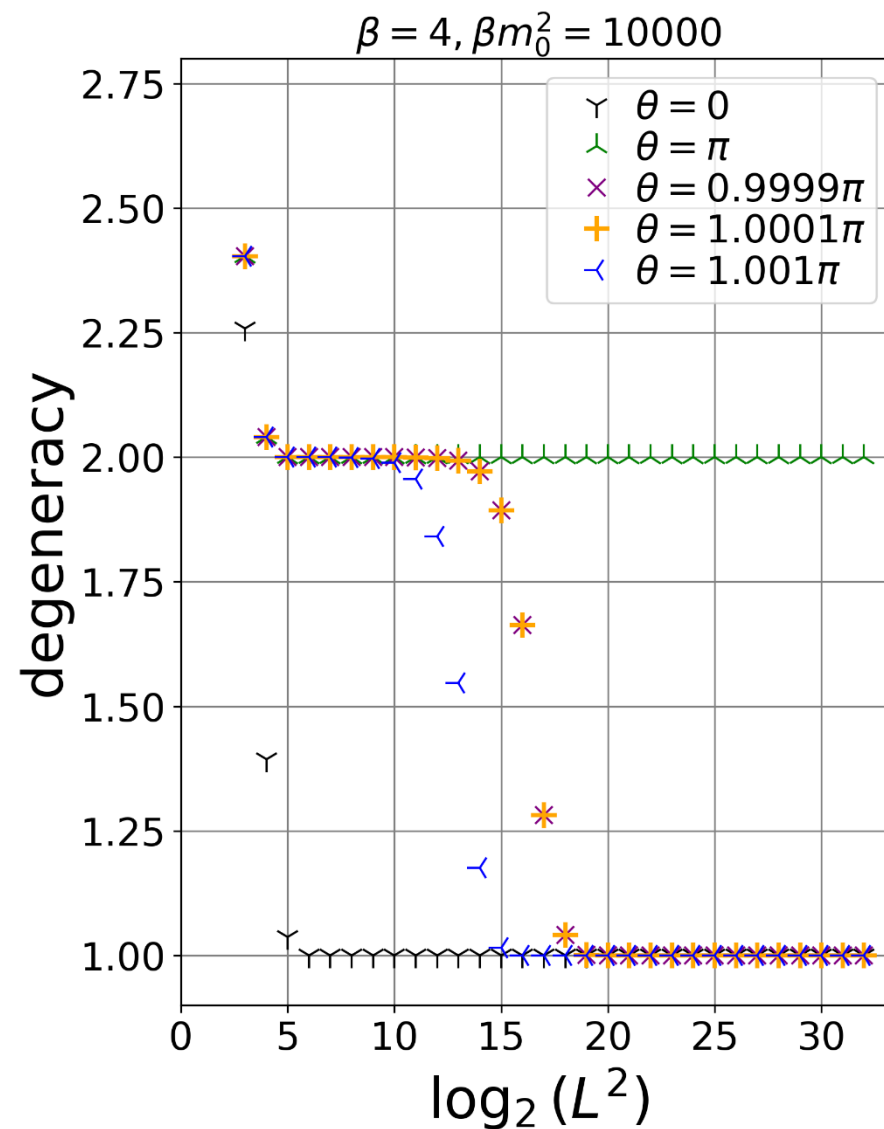
## Ground state degeneracy in TRG

- We can calculate ground state (or vacuum) degeneracy in TRG. [Gu, Wen 0903.1069]

$$X_1 = \frac{(\sum_{ru} T_{ruru})^2}{\sum_{ruld} T_{rulu} T_{ldrd}} = \frac{(a)^2}{(b)}$$



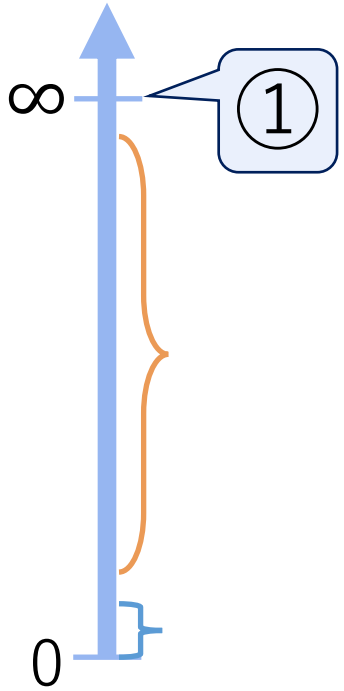
- We checked **2-vacua degeneracy** at  $\theta = \pi$  for large mass parameters.
- $\theta = \pi \pm 0.0001\pi$  shows a single vacuum!  
→  **$2\pi$  periodicity** is obvious!
- In the following parts, we just focus on  $\theta \in [0, \pi]$



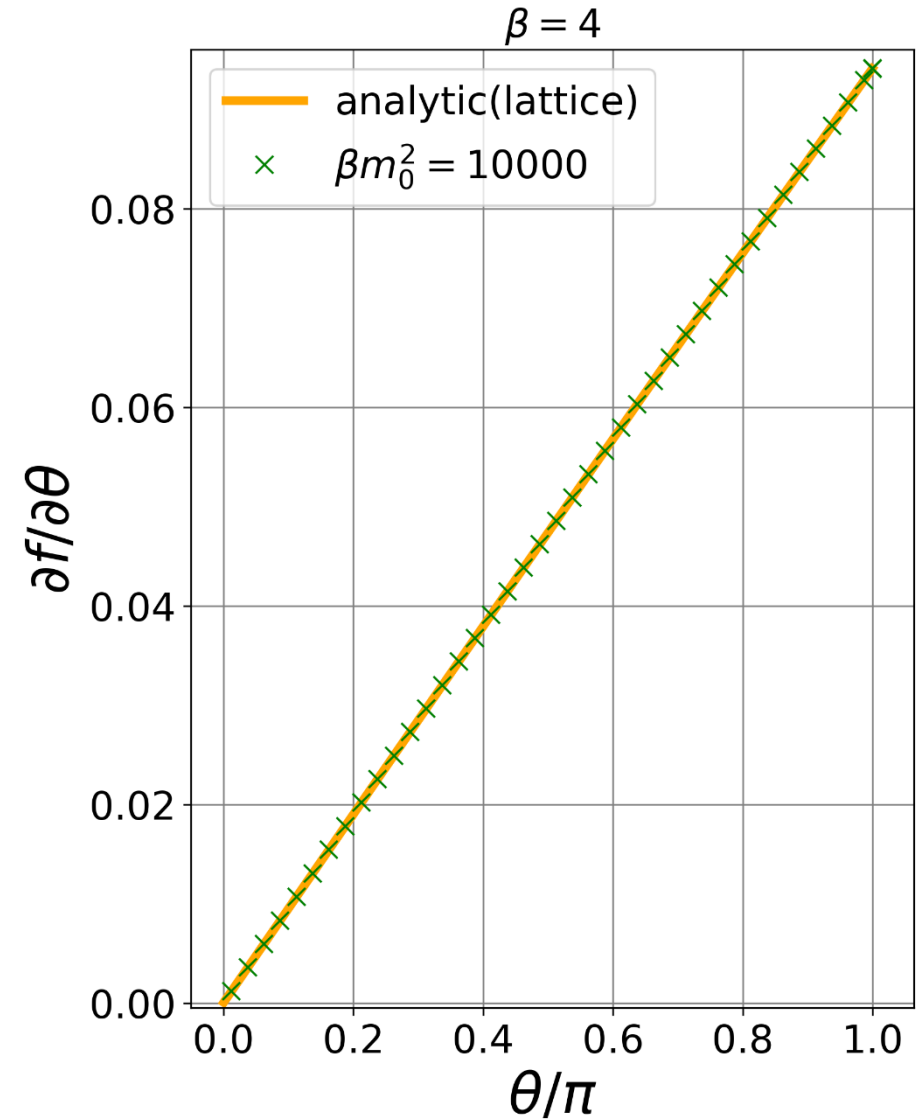
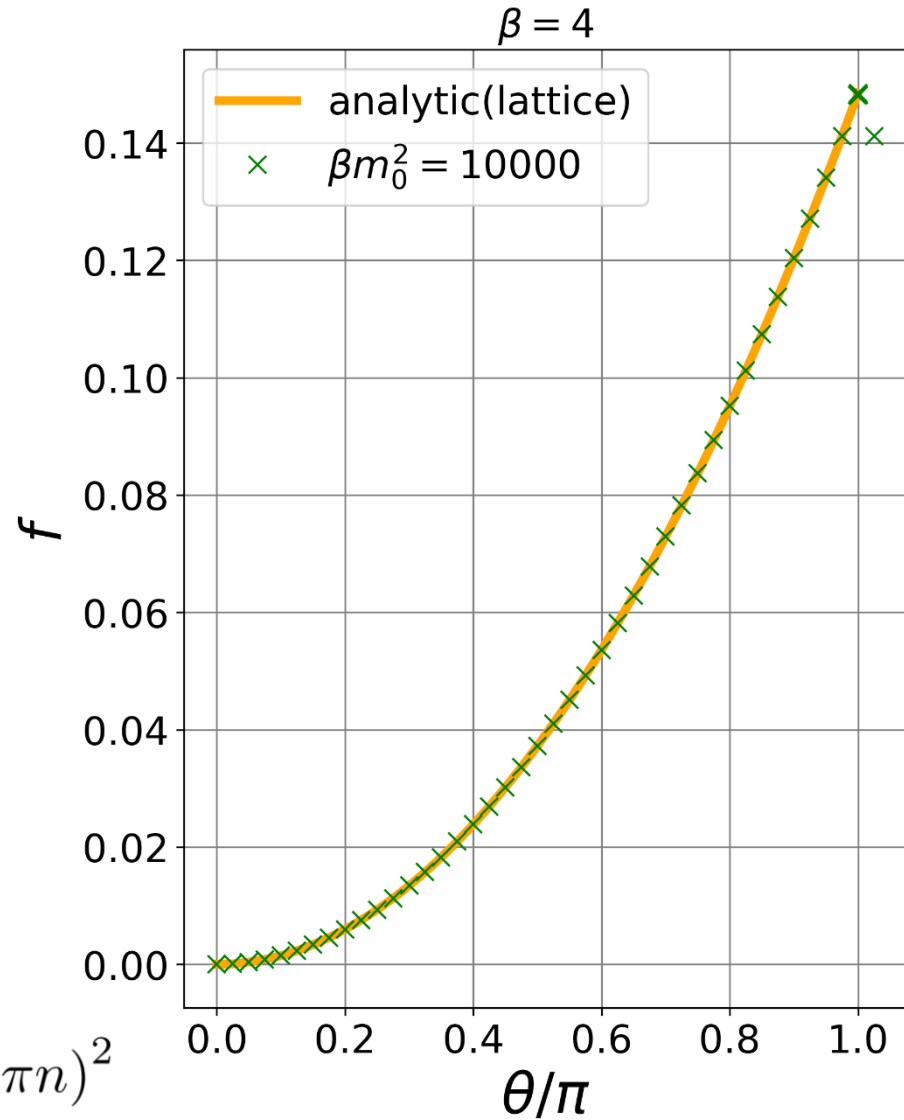


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fermion mass  $m$



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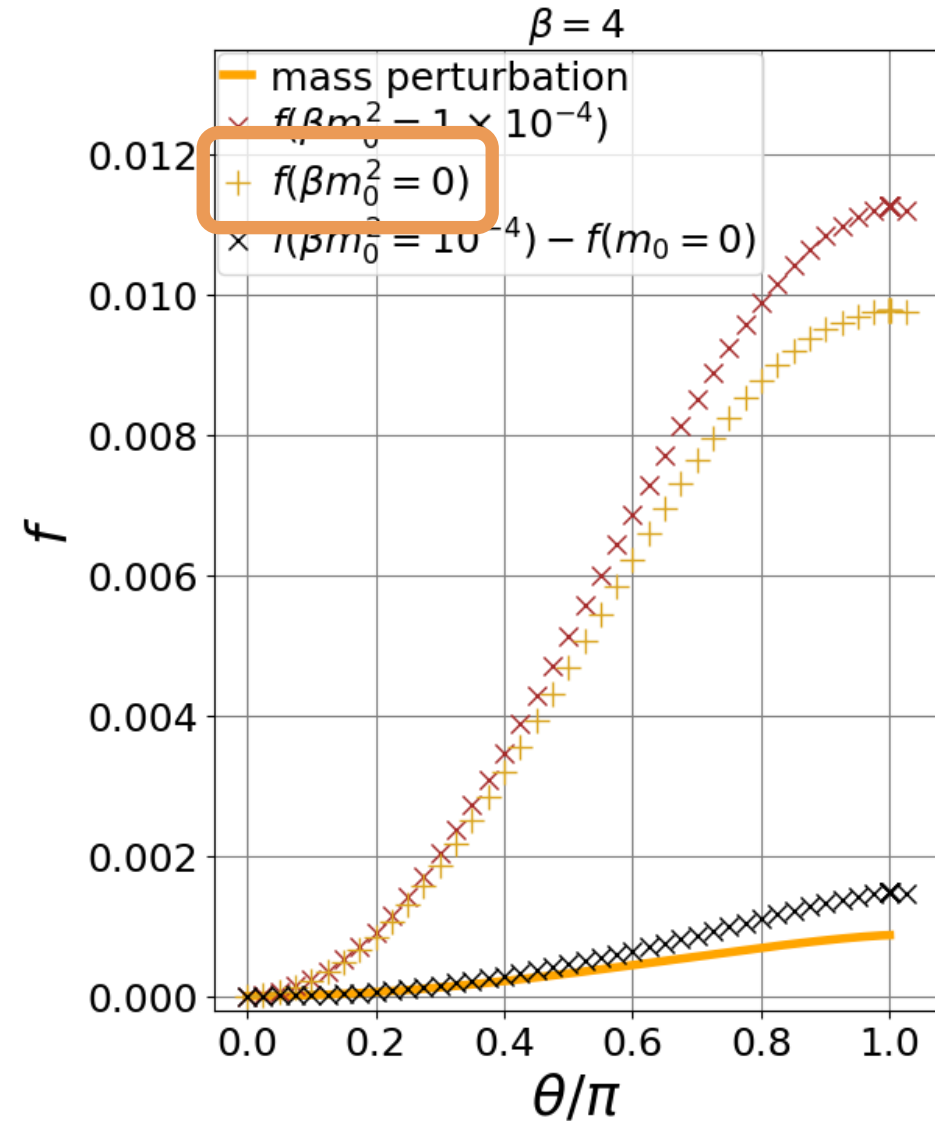
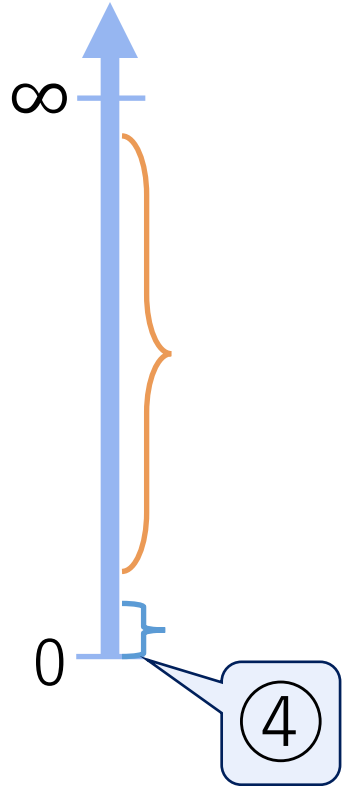


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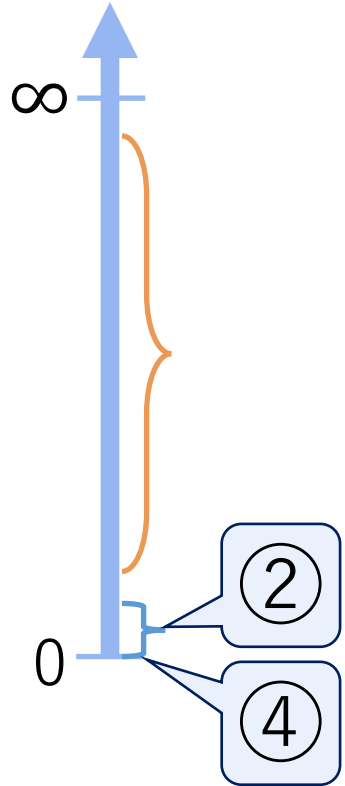
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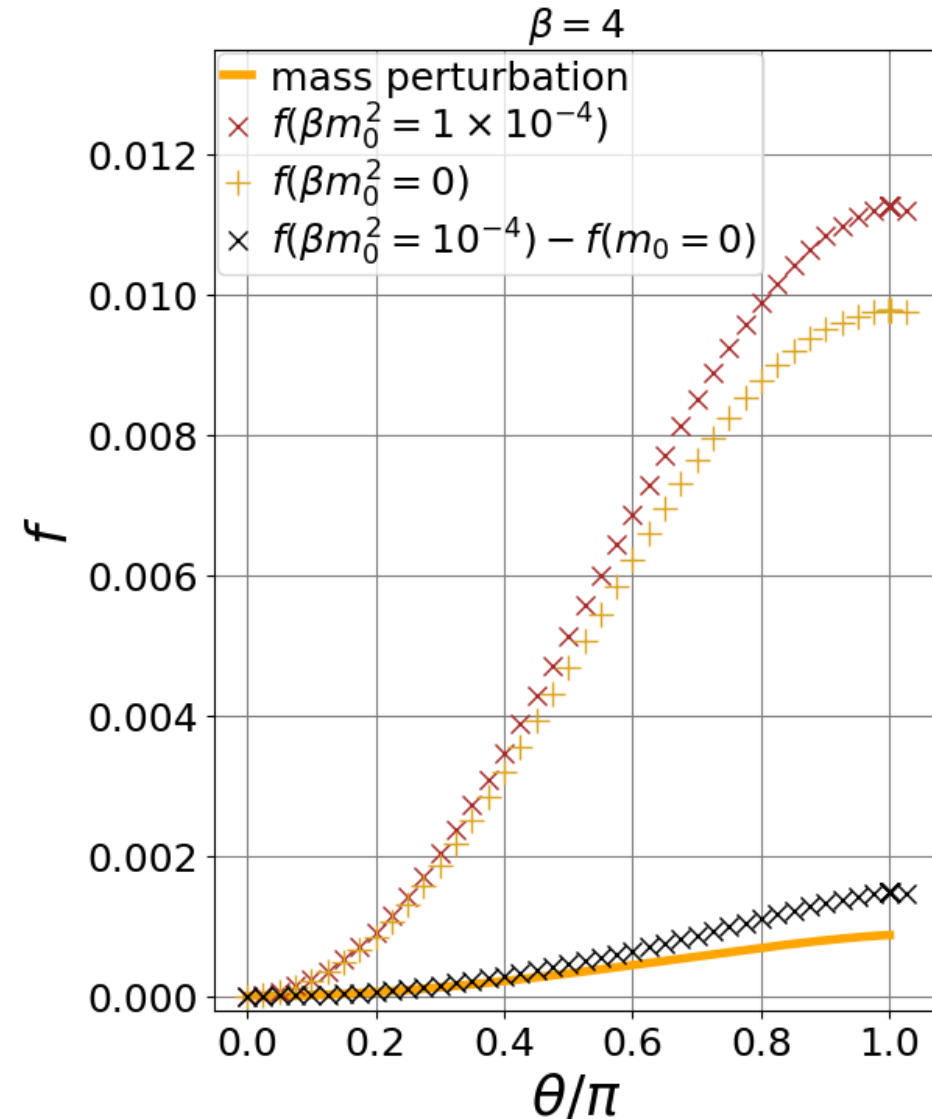
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- We calculate  $\beta m_0^2 = 10^{-4}$ . (**Brown plots**)
- We **subtract** the lattice artifact from small mass results.

$$f(m_0) - f(m_0 = 0)$$

(**Black plots**)

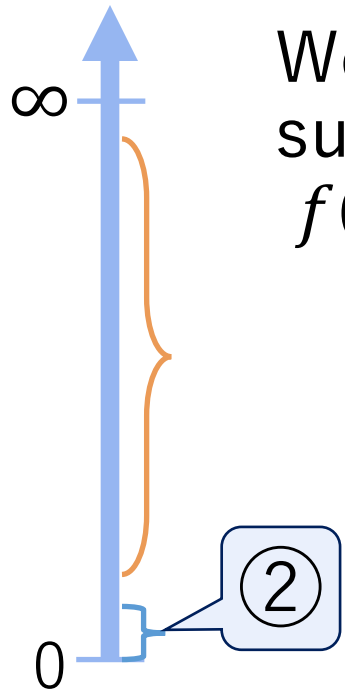


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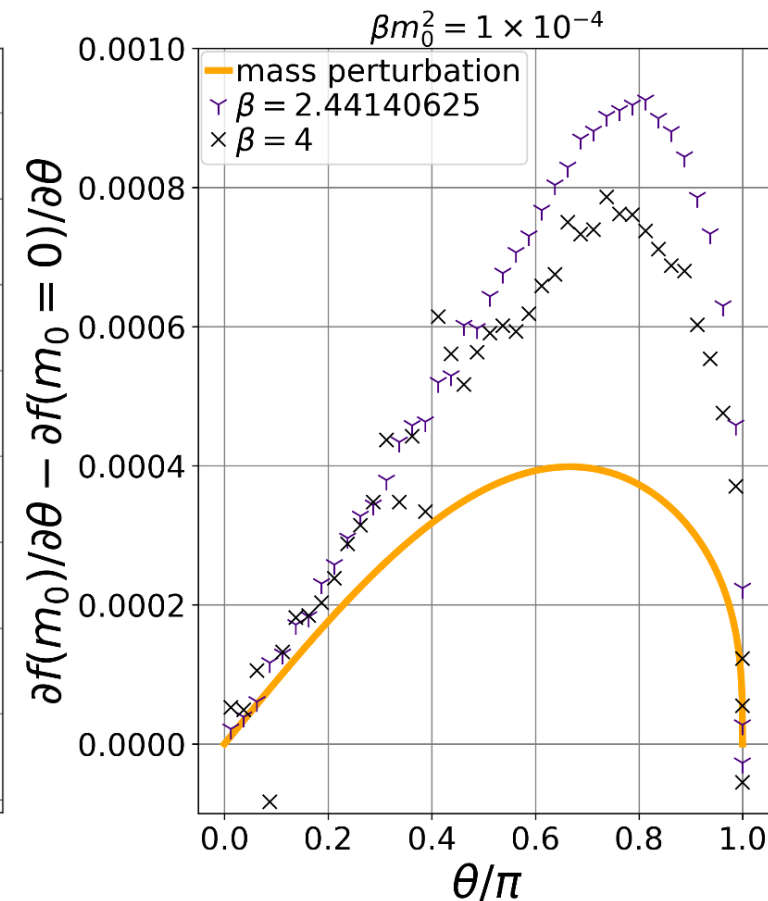
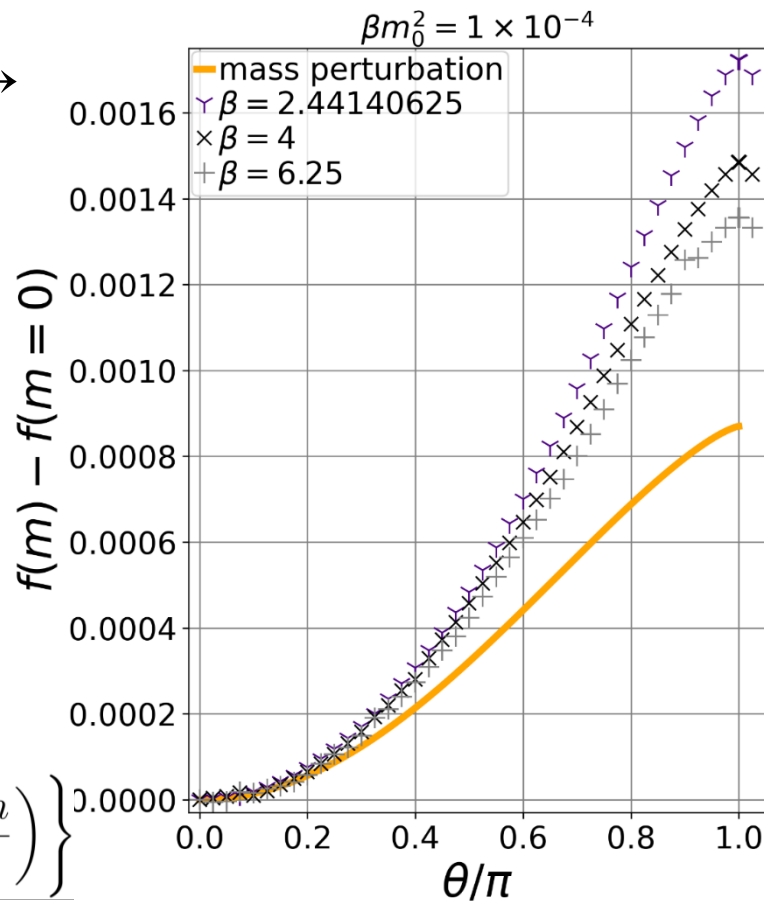
## Check of the finite $\beta$ effect

- In  $\beta = 4$ , we found discrepancy from the mass perturbation.
- Larger  $\beta$  calculations are required.

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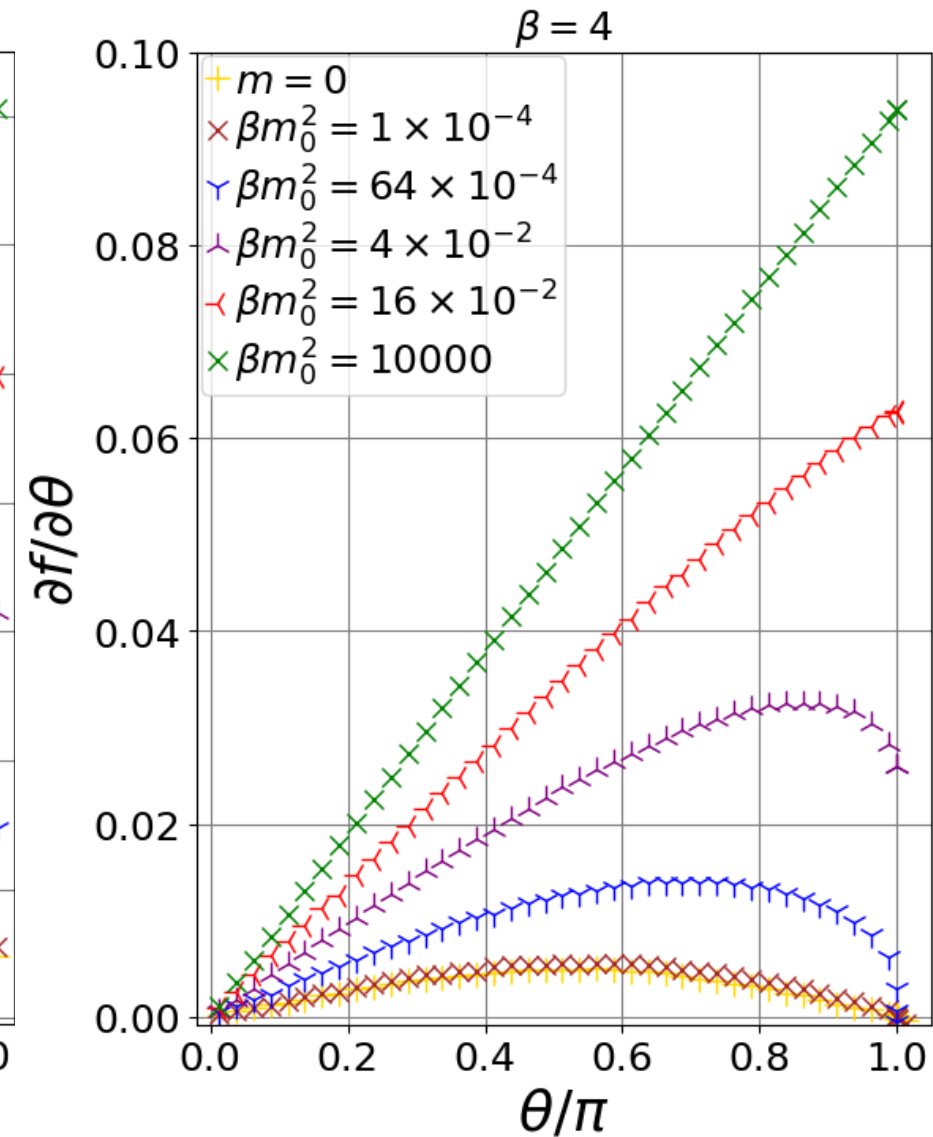
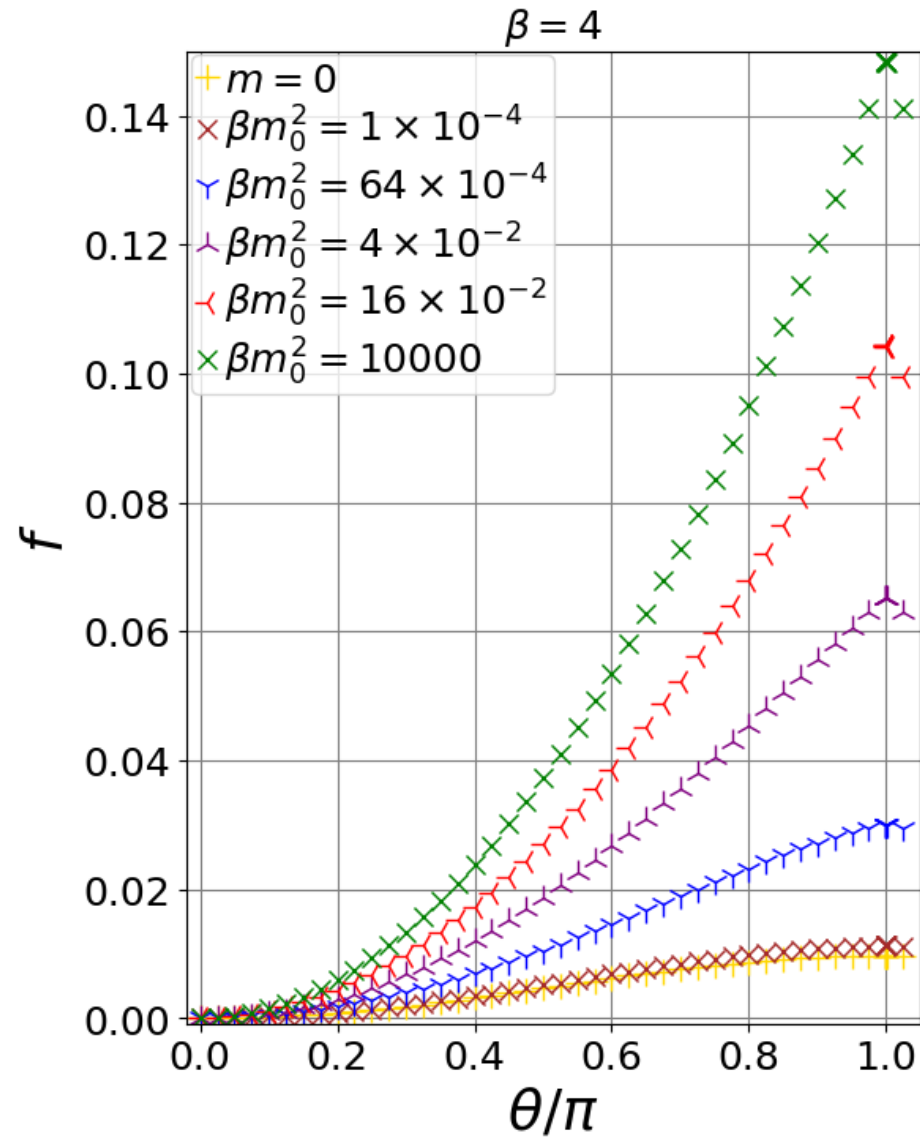
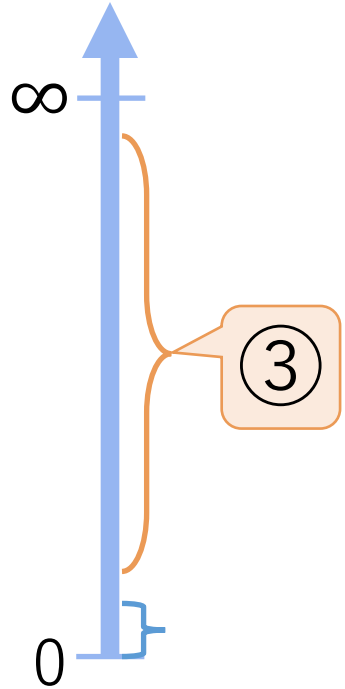
We analyze the subtracted plots  $\rightarrow$   
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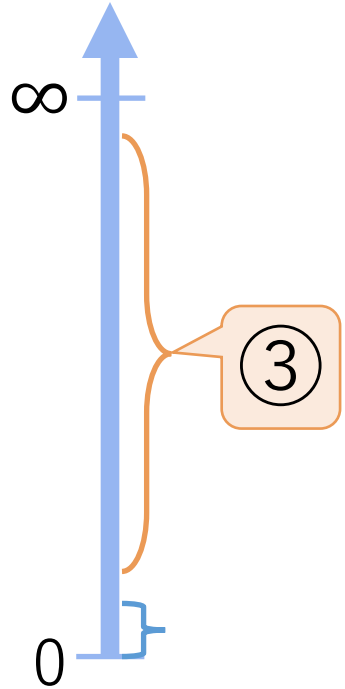
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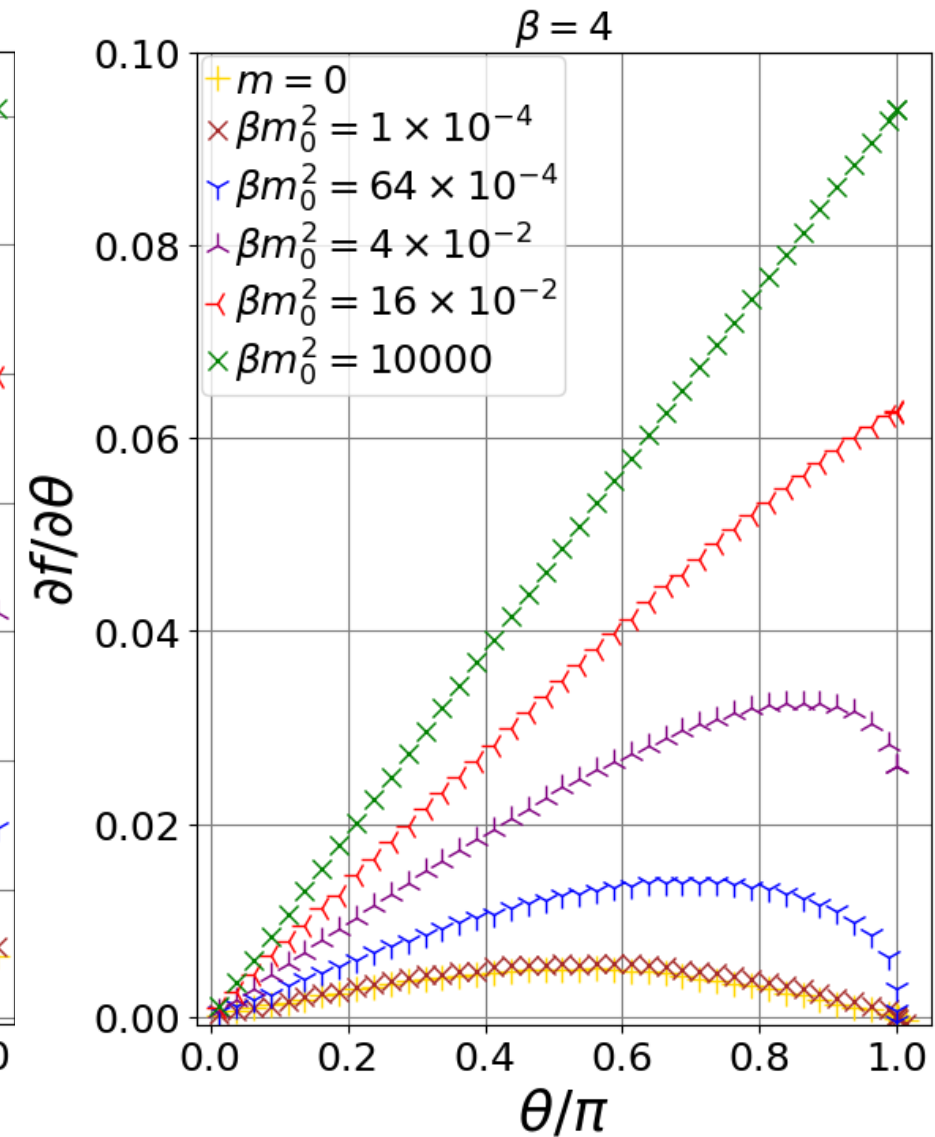
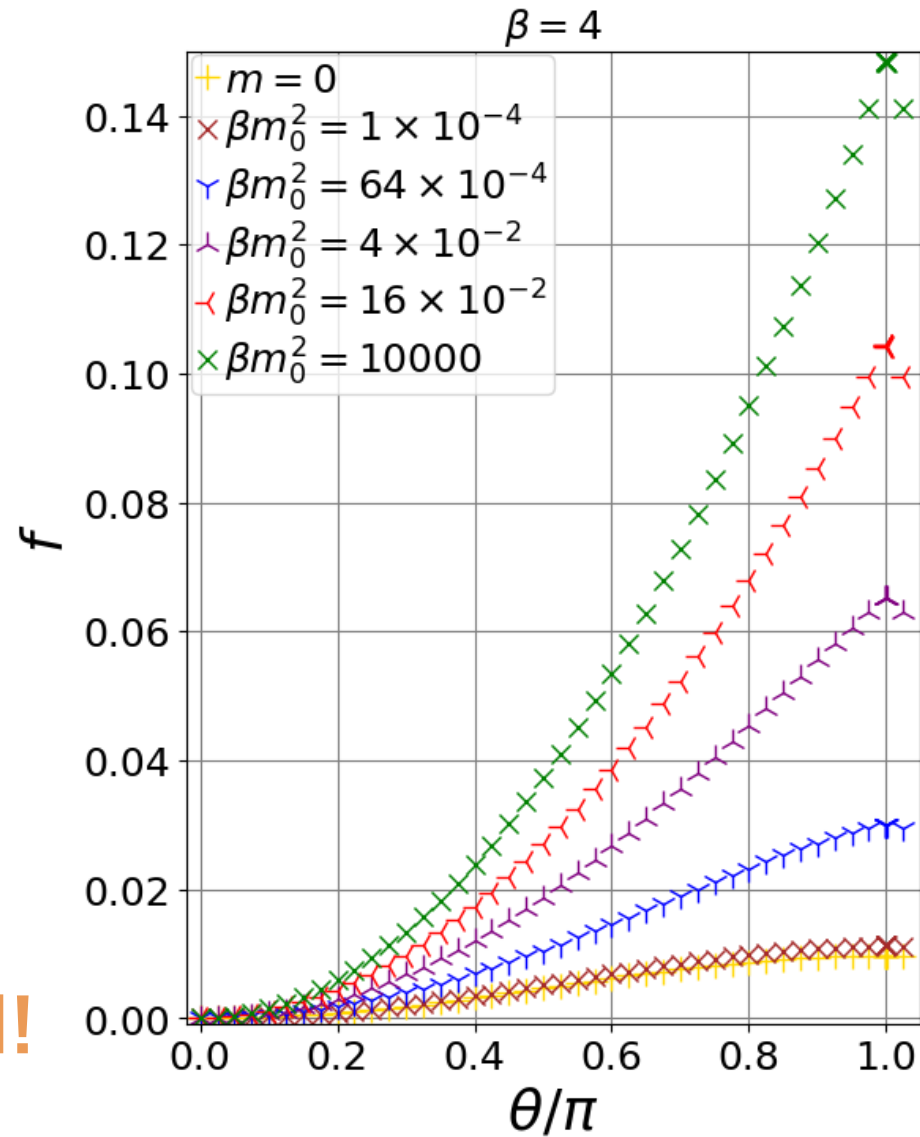


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# Conclusion

## $N_f = 2$ Schwinger model in TRG

- Schwinger model : 2dim QED
  - 4dim QCD-like theory (chiral sym, vacuum structure, ...)
  - **$\theta$  dependence of free energy** is also similar.
  - Good to calculate by TRG (Smaller d.o.f. than 4dim theory)
- We calculated  $\theta$  dependence of the free energy by Grassmann-TRG.
  - **$2\pi$  periodicity** of  $\theta$  is obvious.
  - Large mass region is consistent.
  - Small mass region is not consistent enough. (finite  $\beta$  effect)
  - **Finite mass effects** for the intermediate mass regime. (smoothly changed)
- Future directions
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