

Bootstrapping some continuous families of conformal field theories

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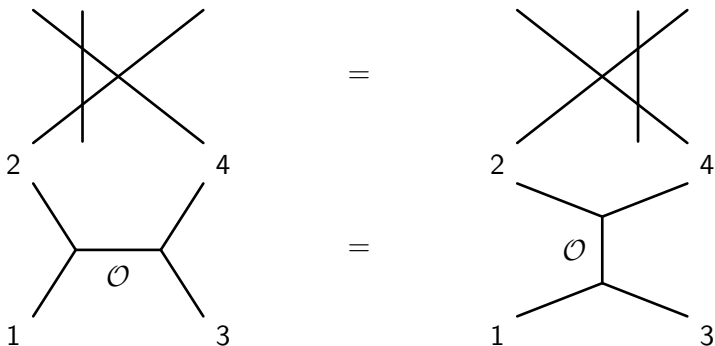
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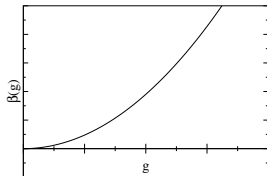
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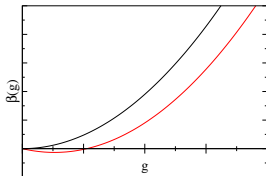
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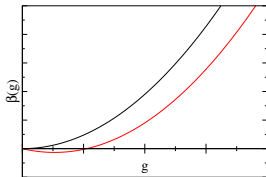
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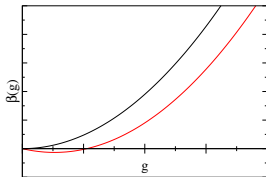
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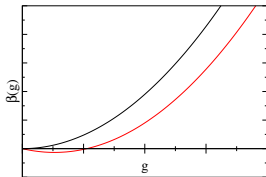
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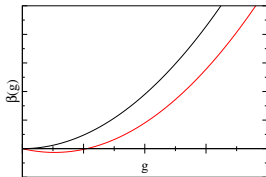
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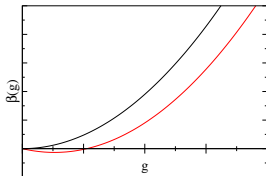
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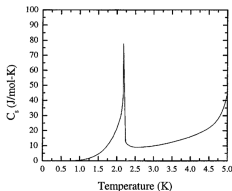
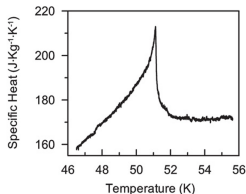
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[Oleaga, Salazar, Bunkov; 2014]

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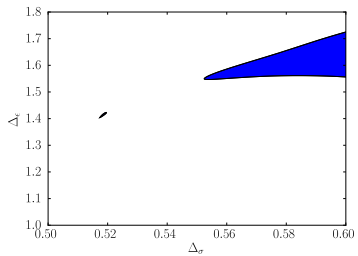
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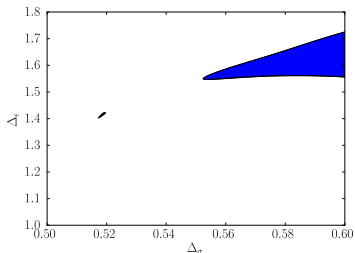
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Look for functionals that are positive on all the blocks of a trial spectrum [Rattazzi, Rychkov, Tonni, Vichi; 0807.0004].

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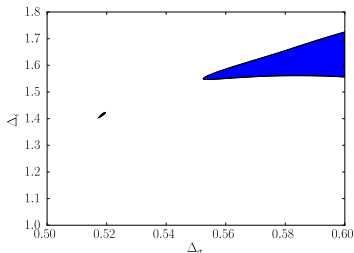
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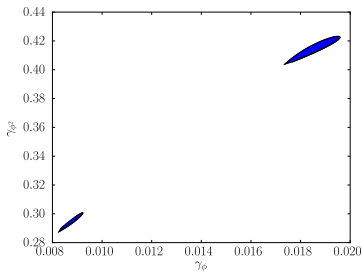
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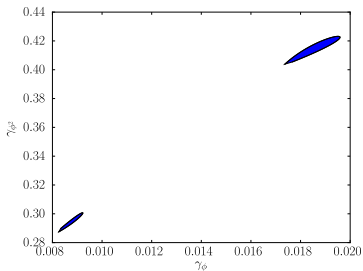
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- What is different?
- Bounds are “rigorous”.
- Separation between “external” and “internal” information:
 - Hard to impose vs easy to impose.
 - Analytic vs non-analytic effect on the bounds.
 - Specify what a theory contains vs what it does **not** contain.

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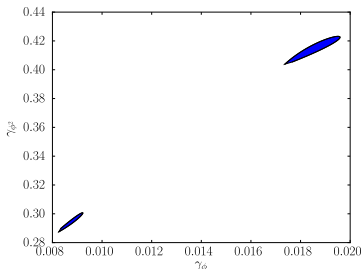
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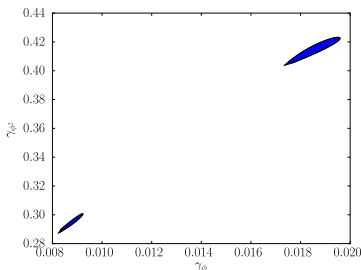
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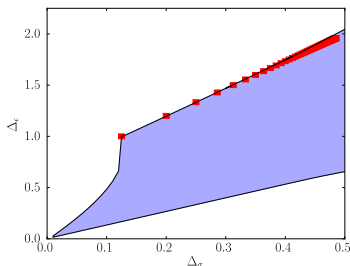
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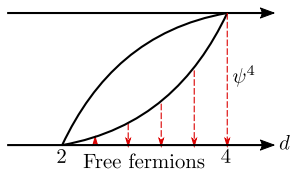
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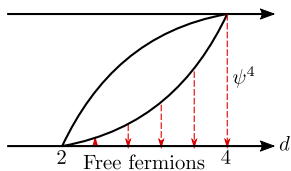
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Potentially many CFTs in $d = 2 + \epsilon$ (nice for a single $T(m)$).

$$\begin{aligned} S &= \int \bar{\psi} \not{\partial} \psi - \frac{1}{2} g [(\bar{\psi}_i \psi^j)(\bar{\psi}_j \psi^i) - (\bar{\psi}_i \psi^j)(\bar{\psi}_i \psi^j)] dx \\ &\neq \int \bar{\psi} \not{\partial} \psi - \frac{1}{2} g \left[\frac{1}{2} (\bar{\psi}_i \psi^i)(\bar{\psi}_j \psi^j) + \frac{1}{2} (\bar{\psi}_i \gamma^\mu \psi^i)(\bar{\psi}_j \gamma_\mu \psi^j) \right] \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} g \left[\frac{1}{4} (\bar{\psi}_i \gamma^{\mu\nu} \psi^i)(\bar{\psi}_j \gamma_{\mu\nu} \psi^j) + (\bar{\psi}_i \psi^i)(\bar{\psi}_i \psi^i) \right] dx \end{aligned}$$

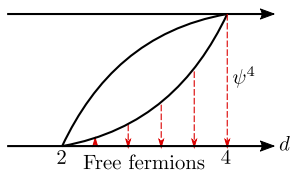
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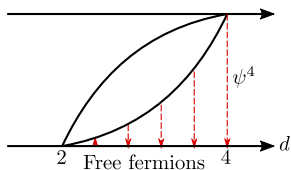


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- From pure thought: T-duality, 1D and 2D bosonization.
- QCD in $d < 4$ from $U(N_f) \times SU(N_c)$ Thirring [Hasenfratz²; 9207017].
- Seiberg duality is $N_c \leftrightarrow N_f - N_c$ in $\mathcal{N} = 1$ Super-QCD [Seiberg; 9411149].
- Argyres-Douglas CFTs in $\mathcal{N} = 2$ [Argyres, Plesser, Seiberg, Witten; 9511154].

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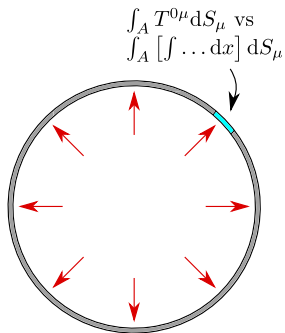
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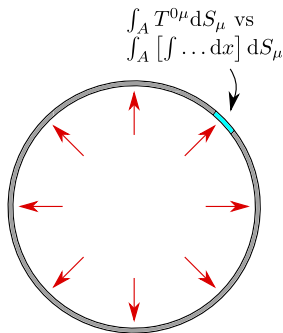


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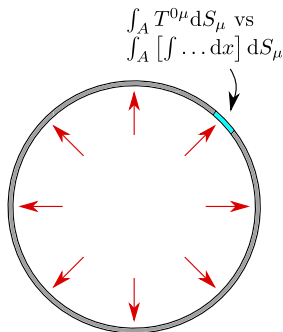
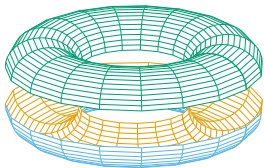


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Consistency of 2D CFT on a torus guarantees consistency for any Riemann surface [Moore, Seiberg; 89].

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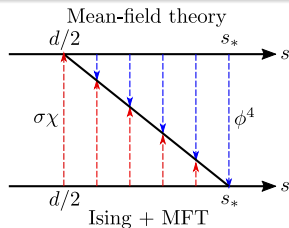
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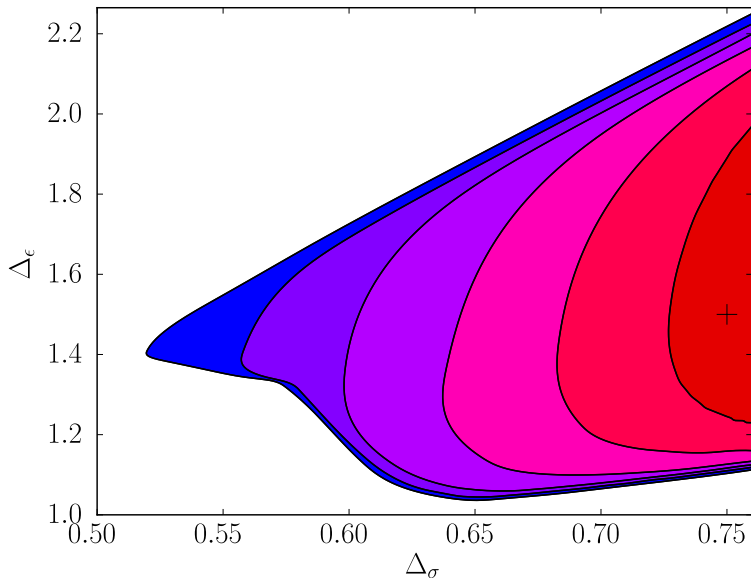
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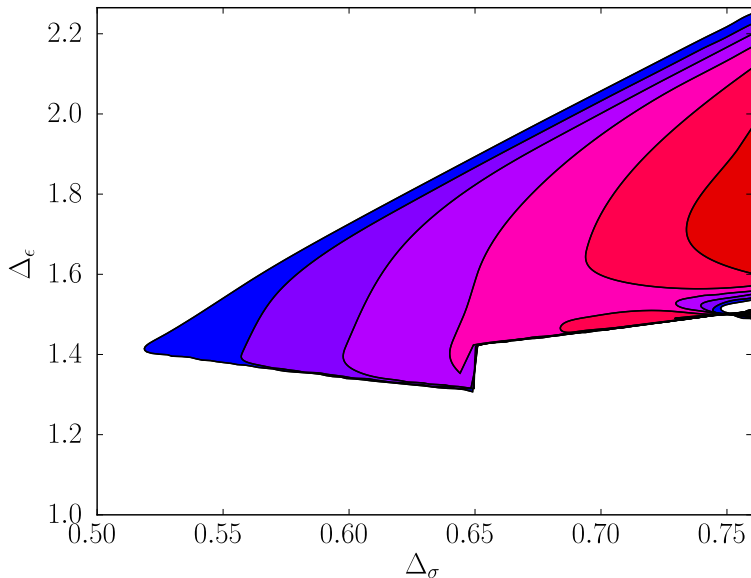
- Odd spin: $[\sigma\chi]_{n,\ell}$ cannot leave the pole by Bose symmetry.
- Even spin: $\lambda_{\sigma\sigma\mathcal{O}} \lambda_{\chi\chi\mathcal{O}} G_{\mathcal{O}}^{0,0}(u, v)$ and $\lambda_{\sigma\chi\mathcal{O}}^2 G_{\mathcal{O}}^{\Delta_{\chi\sigma}, \Delta_{\sigma\chi}}(u, v)$ combine into a **superblock**.

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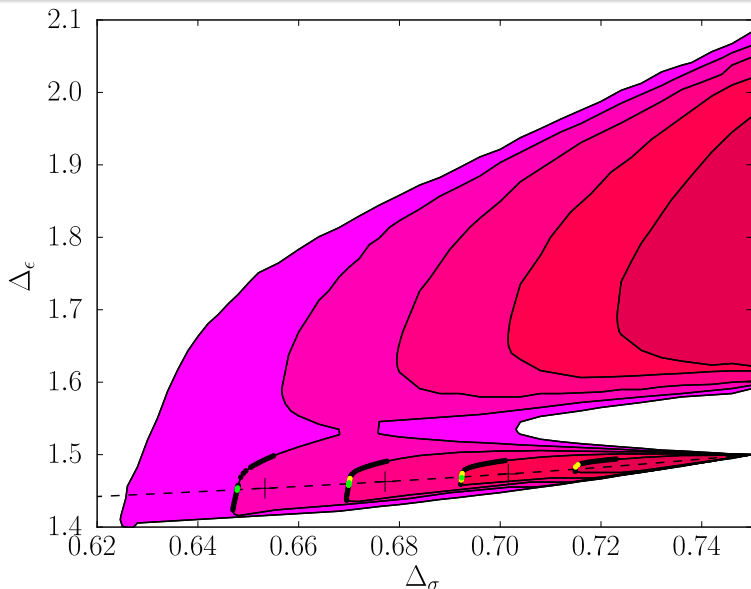
Mysterious regions with $\langle \sigma\sigma\sigma\sigma \rangle$, $\langle \epsilon\epsilon\epsilon\epsilon \rangle$, $\langle \sigma\sigma\epsilon\epsilon \rangle$.

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More interesting after adding $\langle \chi\chi\chi\chi \rangle$, $\langle \sigma\sigma\chi\chi \rangle$, $\langle \chi\chi\epsilon\epsilon \rangle$.

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Higher precision with spin-2 gaps of 3.25, 3.3, 3.35, 3.4, 3.45.

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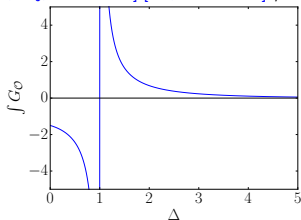
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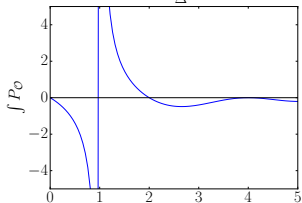
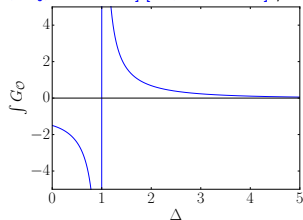
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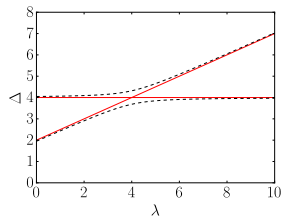
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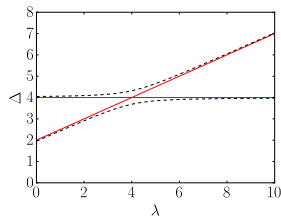
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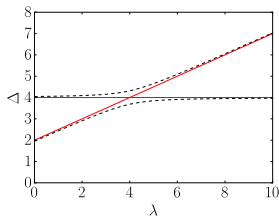
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