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Monte-Carlo method

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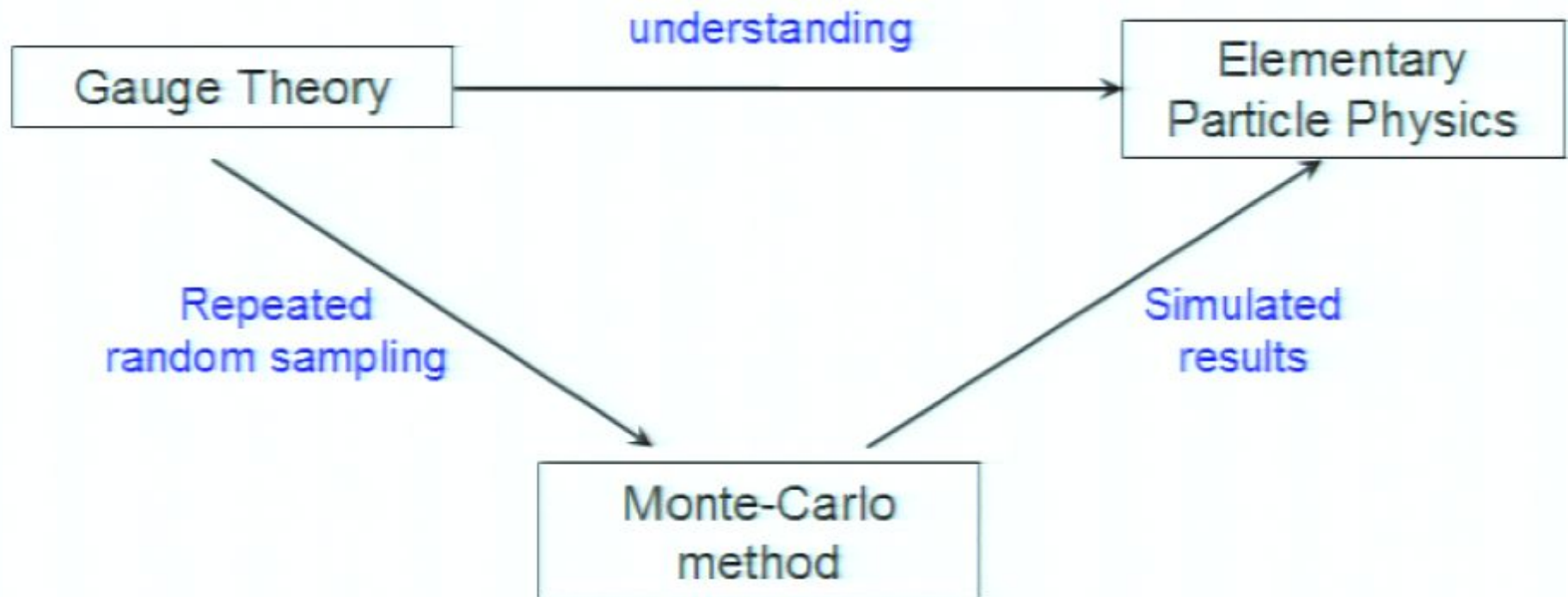
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Motivation



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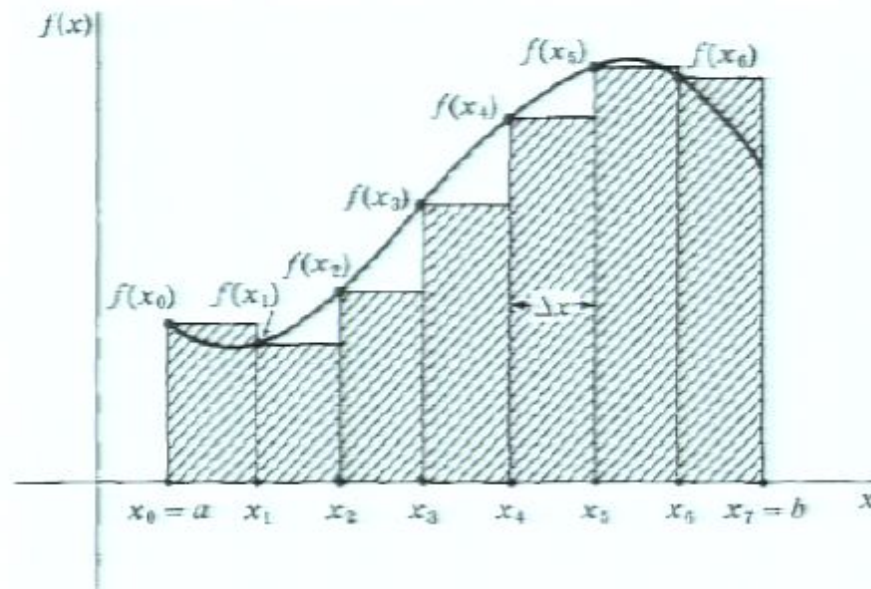
A simple example of Monte-Carlo Method

Little History

- Can be seen in Buffon's needle experiment
- Monte-Carlo integrals
 - poorly-behaved functions
 - high-dimensional spaces

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Area of a region bounded by a graph using Riemann Integral



Define $I = \int_0^1 f(x) dx$, which is the area of the region bounded by the axis and the curve $f(x)$.

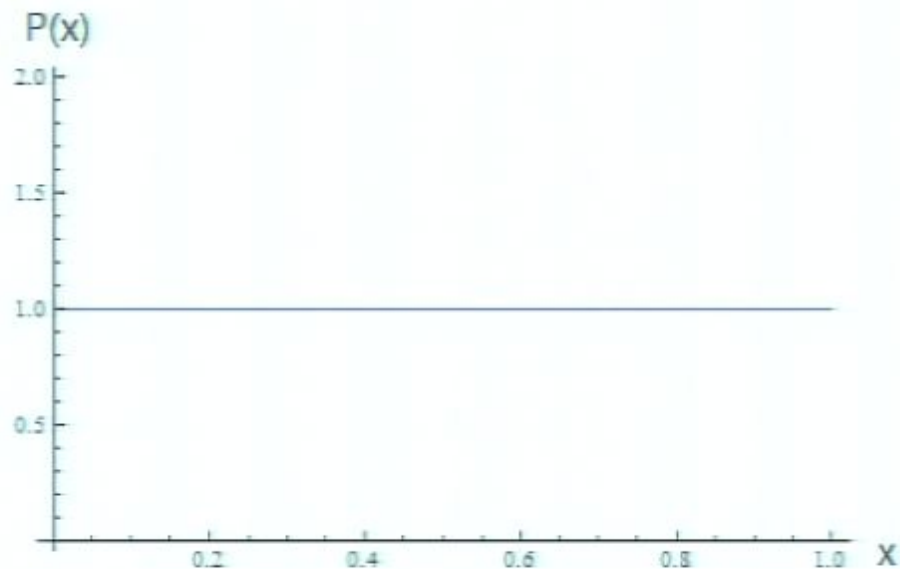
Then, according to the definition of Riemann Integral,

$$I = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^N \Delta x f(x_i)$$

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Area of a region bounded by a graph using Monte-Carlo

Introduce a random uniform distribution,



then by arranging the integral $I = \int_0^1 f(x)P(x) dx = \langle f \rangle$.

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Area of a region bounded by a graph using Monte-Carlo

So the idea is we can simply take some sample points from the range, then

Important Relation

$$I = \langle f \rangle \approx \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N f(x_i) = f_N \quad (\text{estimator})$$

Basically, the difference between these two methods is just one getting samples regularly while the other getting samples randomly.

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Error

In d -dimension space, if we both get $M = N^d$ samples of f , we can prove that the error of the first method is proportional to $\frac{1}{\sqrt{dM}}$ whereas the error of Monte Carlo Method dies as $\frac{1}{\sqrt{M}}$.

Conclusion

when $d > 2$, Monte Carlo Methods provide us more precise results with less effort! Thus, especially in higher dimensional problems, Monte Carlo Methods are extremely useful tricks.

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Importance Sampling

Furthermore, we still can rearrange the integral this way:

$$I = \int_0^1 f(x) dx = \int_0^1 \frac{f(x)}{P(x)} P(x) dx = \left\langle \frac{f(x)}{P(x)} \right\rangle$$

where x is random variable with arbitrary probability distribution $P(x)$ with

$$\int_0^1 P(x) dx = 1$$

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Importance Sampling

Again, define

$$I_N = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{f(x_i)}{P(x_i)}$$

Since

$$\langle I_N \rangle = \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{f(x_i)}{P(x_i)} \right\rangle = \frac{1}{N} N \left\langle \frac{f(x)}{P(x)} \right\rangle = \left\langle \frac{f(x)}{P(x)} \right\rangle = I$$

so I_N is a good estimator.

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And

$$\Delta I_N = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sqrt{\left\langle \frac{f^2(x)}{P^2(x)} \right\rangle - \left\langle \frac{f(x)}{P(x)} \right\rangle^2}$$

Question

What distribution $P(x)$ minimizes ΔI_N ?

Answer: If $\frac{f(x)}{P(x)} = \text{constant} \implies \Delta I_N = 0$.

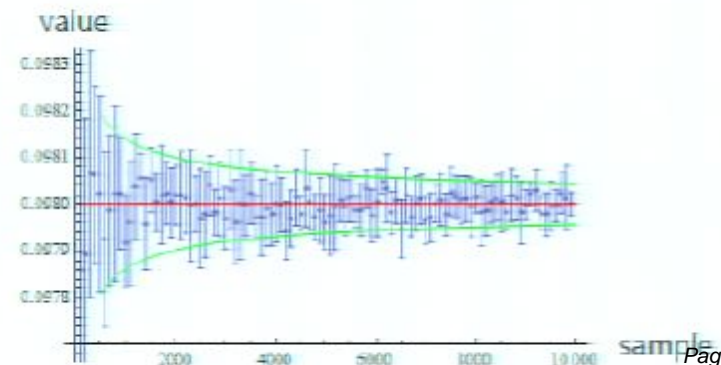
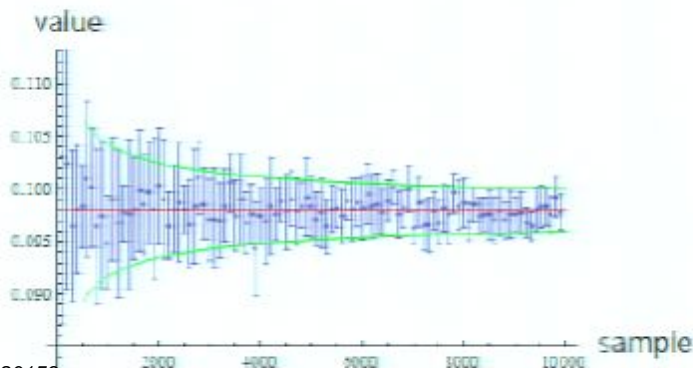
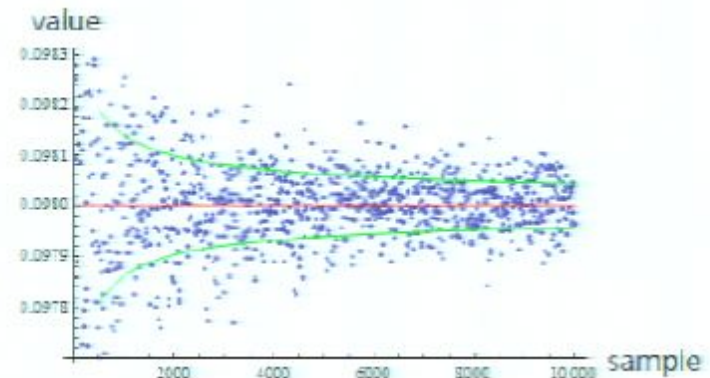
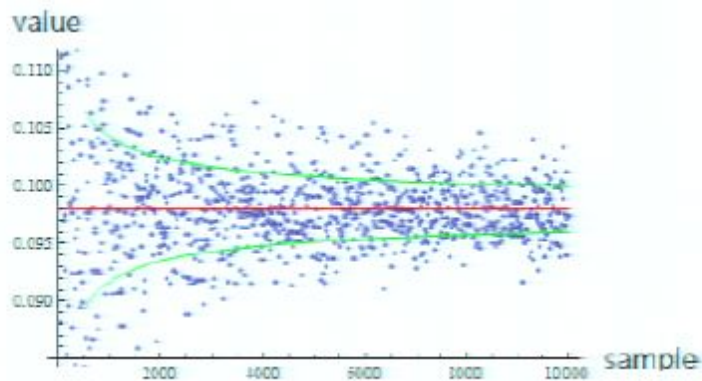
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For the uniform distribution:

For the $P(x) \propto e^{-ax} (a = 10)$:



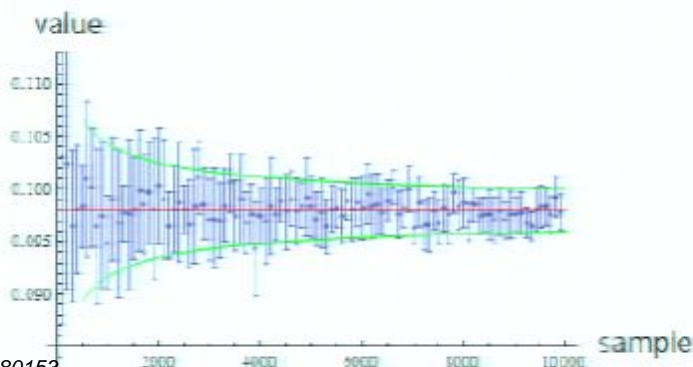
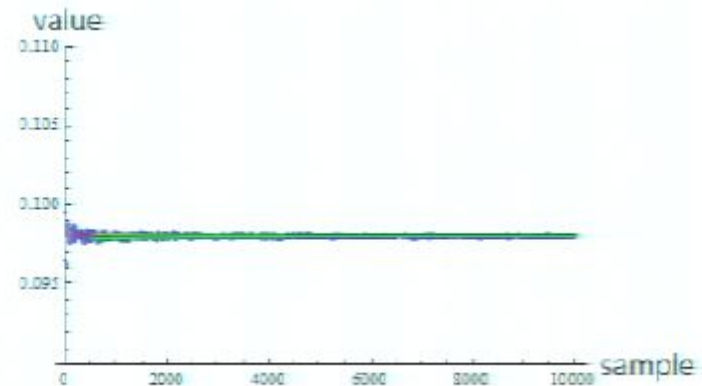
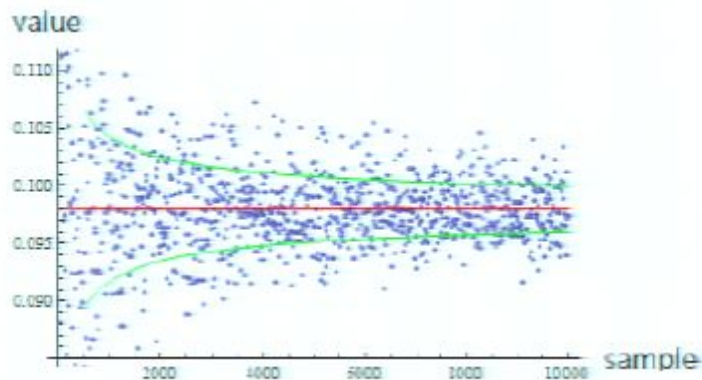
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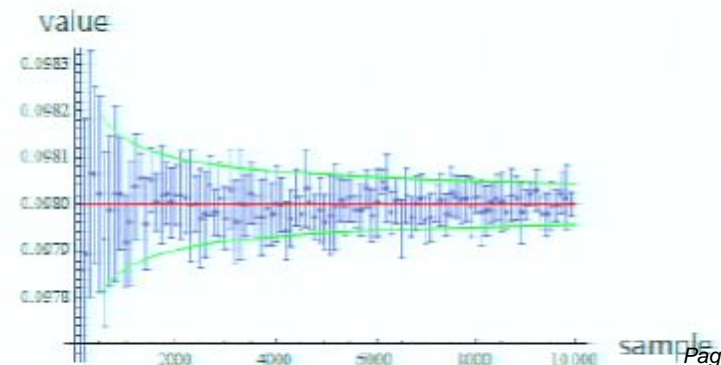
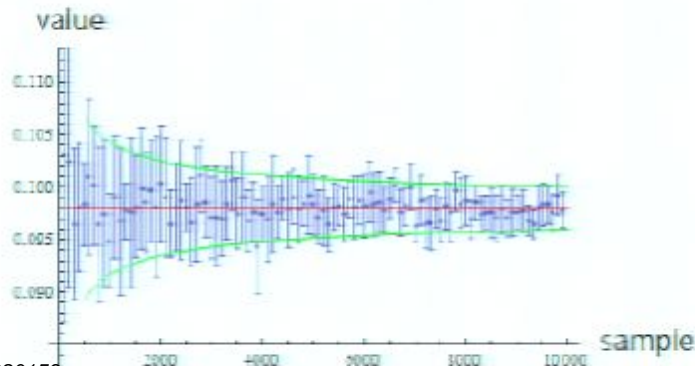
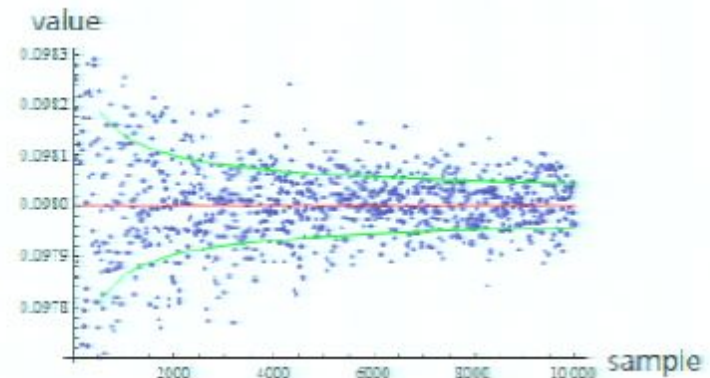
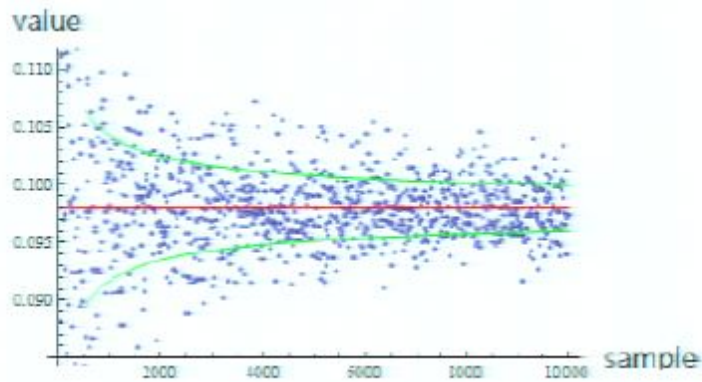
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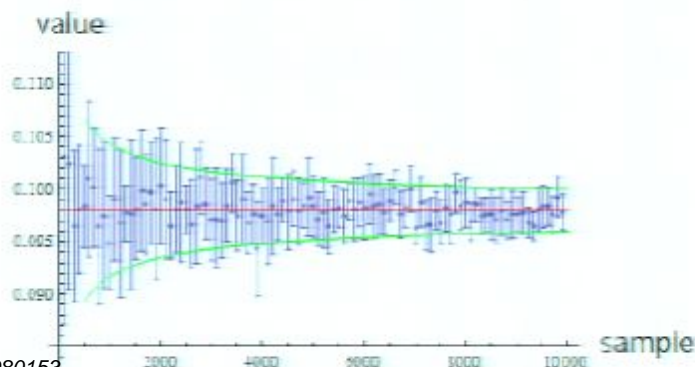
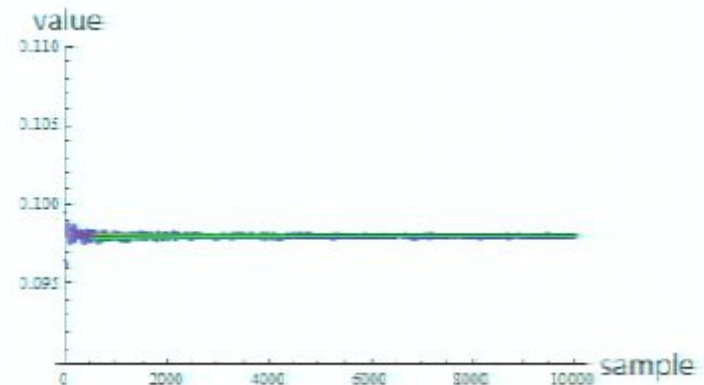
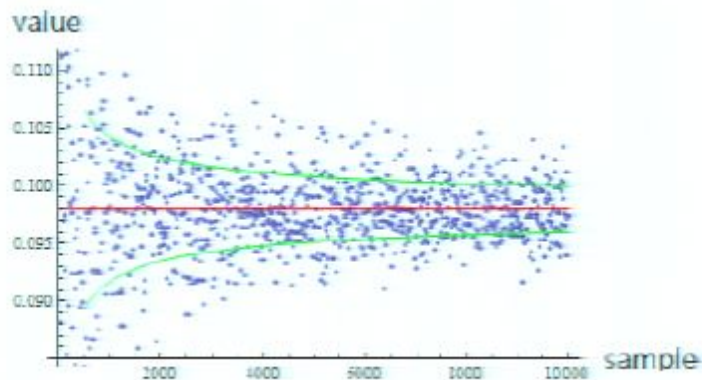
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General procedure of Monte-Carlo Method

The basic idea

- simulate the random thermal fluctuation of the system
- expectation value \longrightarrow averaging over the states passing through

General procedure of Monte-Carlo Method

- Markov processes
- Dynamics
- Detailed Balance
- The Metropolis algorithm

General procedure of Monte-Carlo Method

Markov processes

Markov process



Transition probabilities are
time-independent

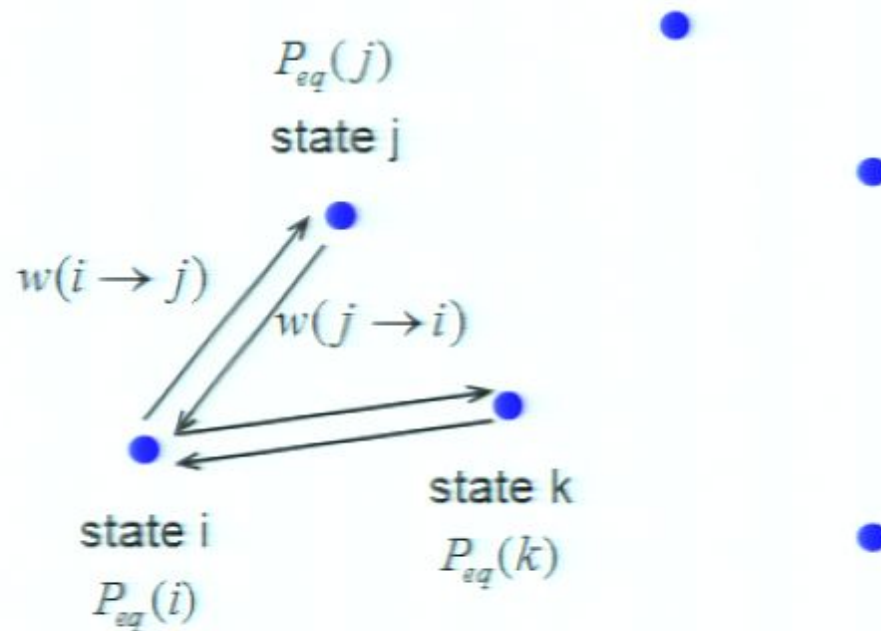
Markov chain

(with desired distribution)

General procedure of Monte-Carlo Method

Detailed Balance

- ensures it is the correct distribution

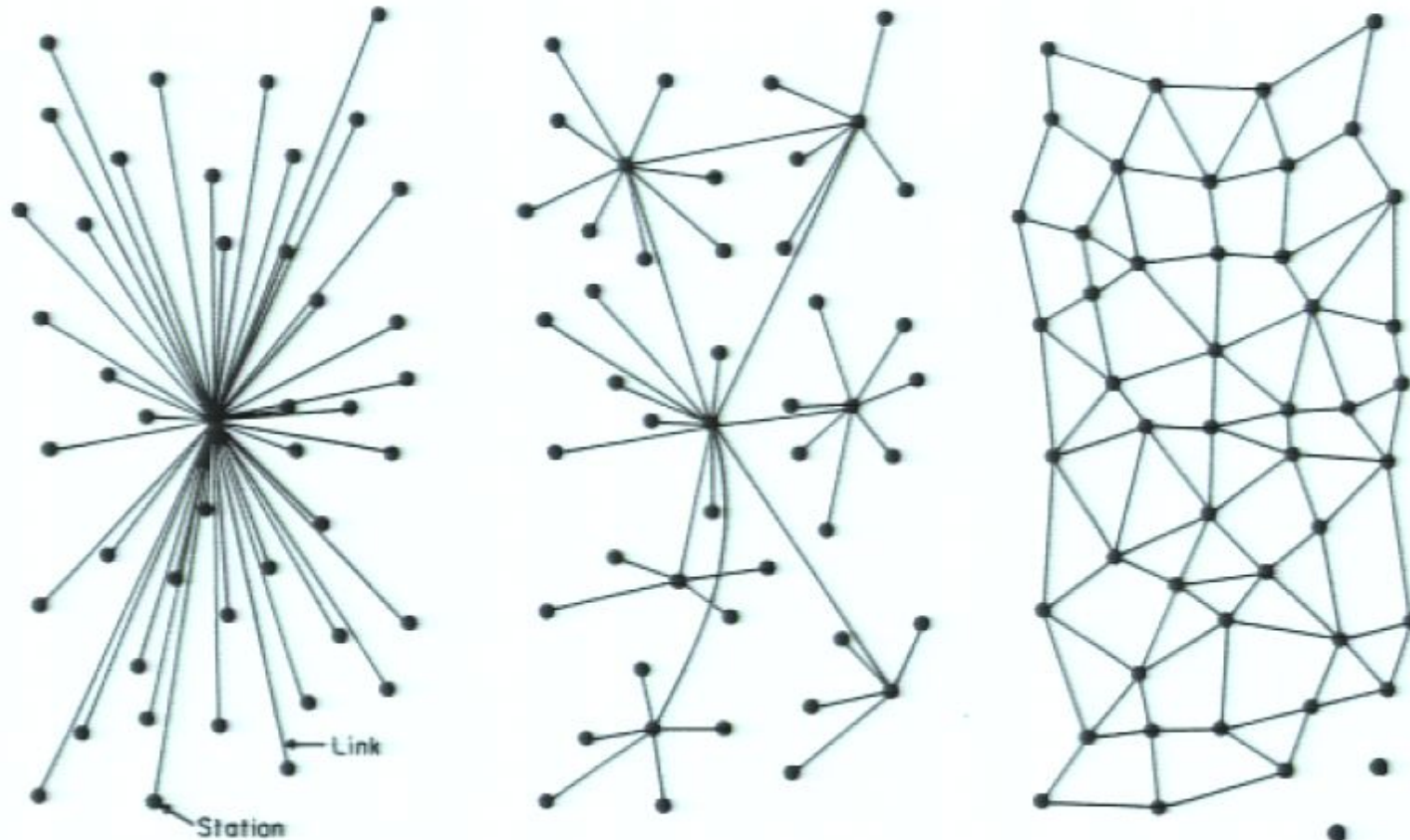


Detailed Balance

$$P_{eq}(i)w(i \rightarrow j) = P_{eq}(j)w(j \rightarrow i)$$

General procedure of Monte-Carlo Method

Dynamics

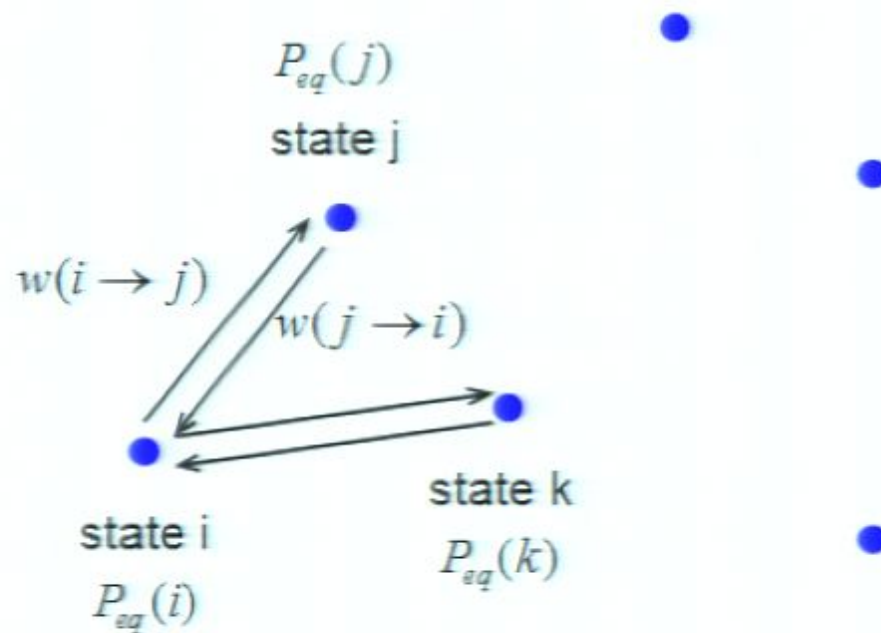


Ergodicity

General procedure of Monte-Carlo Method

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General procedure of Monte-Carlo Method

The Metropolis algorithm

- If we want Boltzmann distribution: $P_{eq}(i) \propto e^{-s(i)}$.
- The Metropolis algorithm requires

$$w(i \rightarrow j) = \frac{1}{q} \min \left\{ 1, \frac{P_{eq}(j)}{P_{eq}(i)} \right\}$$

where q is the number of "nearest neighbors" to which particles can jump directly from state i .

- That is, we let

$$w(i \rightarrow j) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{q} e^{-\Delta s} & \text{if } \Delta s = s(j) - s(i) > 0 \\ \frac{1}{q} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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The Ising Model

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- Hamiltonian

$$\hat{H} = -J \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} S_i S_j$$

- $S_i = \pm 1$ is the state of the atom at site i
- $\sum_{\langle i,j \rangle}$ denotes a sum over nearest-neighbor sites i and j
- J is interpreted as the exchange constant in magnetism
- Task: compute the desired average properties from H , e.g.

$$E = \frac{\langle H \rangle_T}{N}, \quad \mathbf{M} = \frac{\langle \sum_i \vec{S}_i \rangle_T}{N}$$

The Ising Model

The Ising Model

Generally, the thermal average of any observable $A(x)$ is defined in the canonical ensemble by

$$\langle A(x) \rangle_T = \frac{1}{Z} \int e^{\frac{-H(\vec{x})}{k_B T}} A(\vec{x}) d\vec{x}$$

$$Z = \int e^{\frac{-H(\vec{x})}{k_B T}} d\vec{x}$$

The normalized Boltzmann factor $p(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{Z} e^{\frac{-H(\vec{x})}{k_B T}}$ plays the role of a probability density describing the statistical weight with which the configuration \vec{x} occurs in thermal equilibrium.

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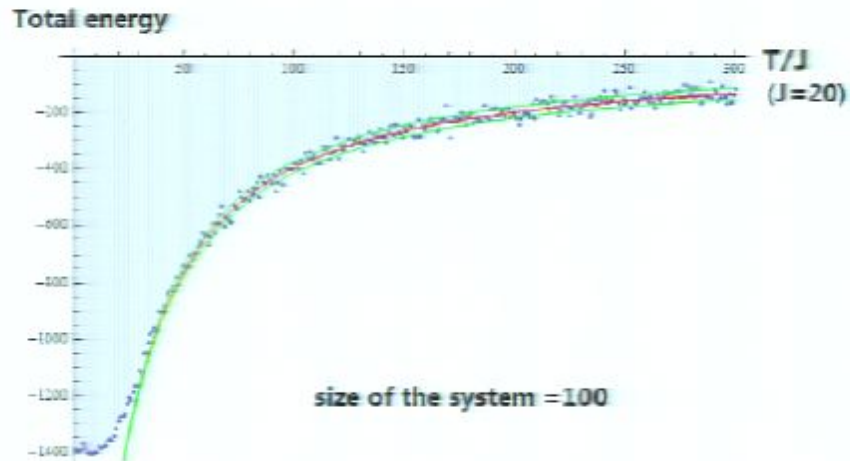
Monte Carlo Scheme

- (1) Choose an initial state.
- (2) Choose a site i randomly.
- (3) Calculate the energy change ΔH which results if the spin at site i is overturned.
- (4) Generate a random number z such that $0 < z < 1$.
- (5) If $z < e^{-\frac{\Delta H}{k_B T}}$, flip the spin.
- (6) Analyze the resulting configuration as desired, store its properties to calculate the necessary averages.
- (7) Go to (2).

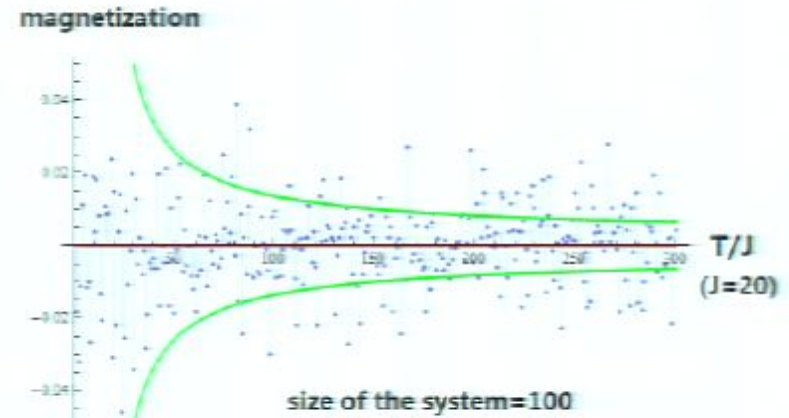
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Internal Energy



Magnetization



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The Ising Model

Considerations

- Auto-correlation time
- Acceptance ratio

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Auto-correlation time



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Auto-correlation time

Let us take the example if the energy E of our Ising model.

- **time-displaced autocorrelation** $\chi(t)$

$$\begin{aligned}\chi(t) &= \int [E(t') - \langle E \rangle] [E(t' + t) - \langle E \rangle] dt' \\ &= \int [E(t')E(t' + t) - \langle E \rangle^2] dt'\end{aligned}$$

where $E(t)$ is the instantaneous value if the energy at time t and $\langle E \rangle$ is the average value.

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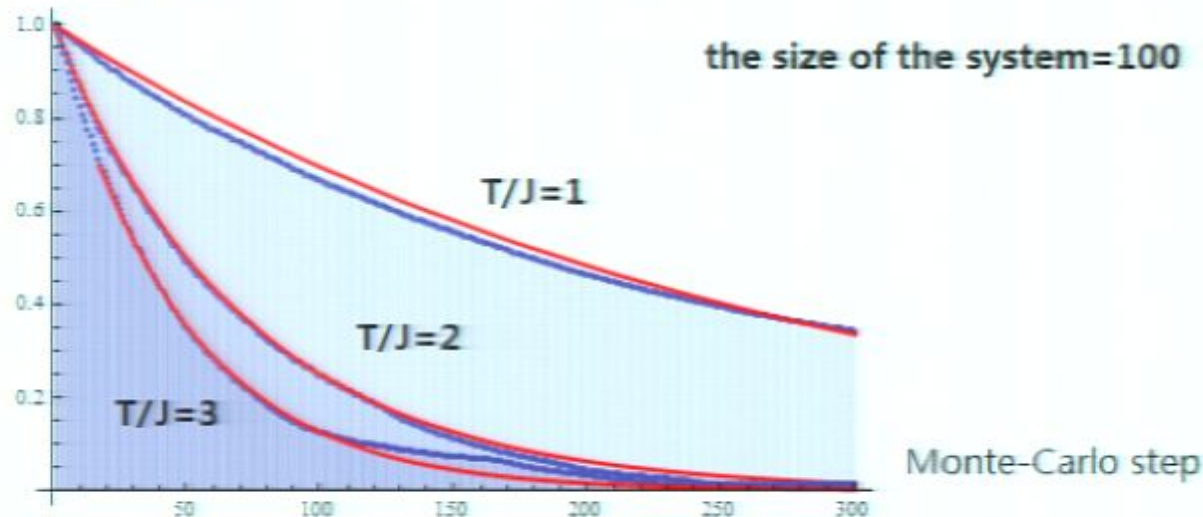
Auto-correlation time

The typical time-scale on which it falls off is a measure of the correlation time τ of the simulation.

$$\chi(t) \sim e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}$$

For our Metropolis simulation of the Ising model

Energy correlation



The Ising Model

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Acceptance ratio

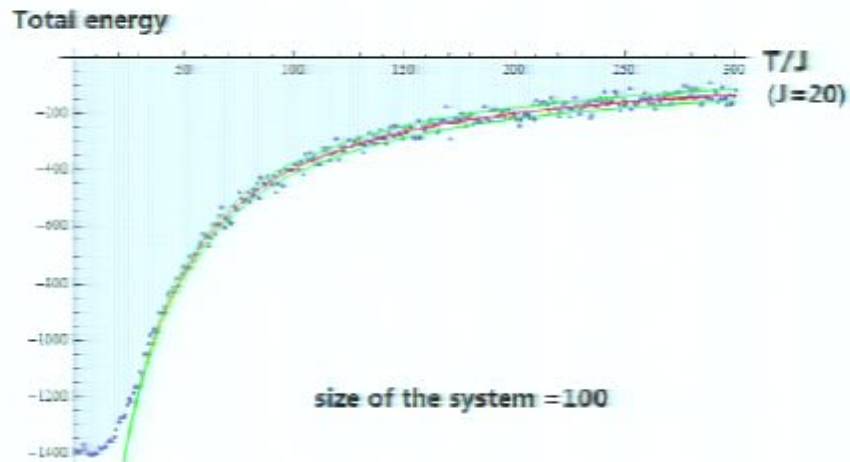
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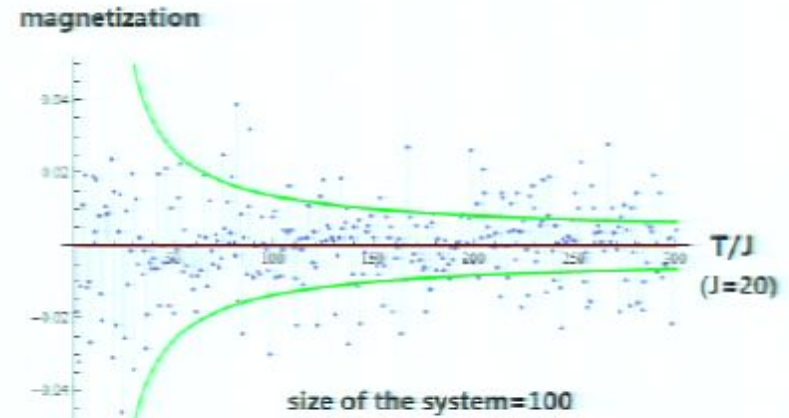
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At low temperature,

- ⇒ $\frac{J}{T}$ is very large.
- ⇒ Δs tends to be very large.
- ⇒ $e^{-\Delta s}$ is extremely small
- ⇒ Acceptance ratio tends to be very small.
- ⇒ the state does not move.
- ⇒ Auto-correlation time is large.
- ⇒ The statistical result is not reliable.

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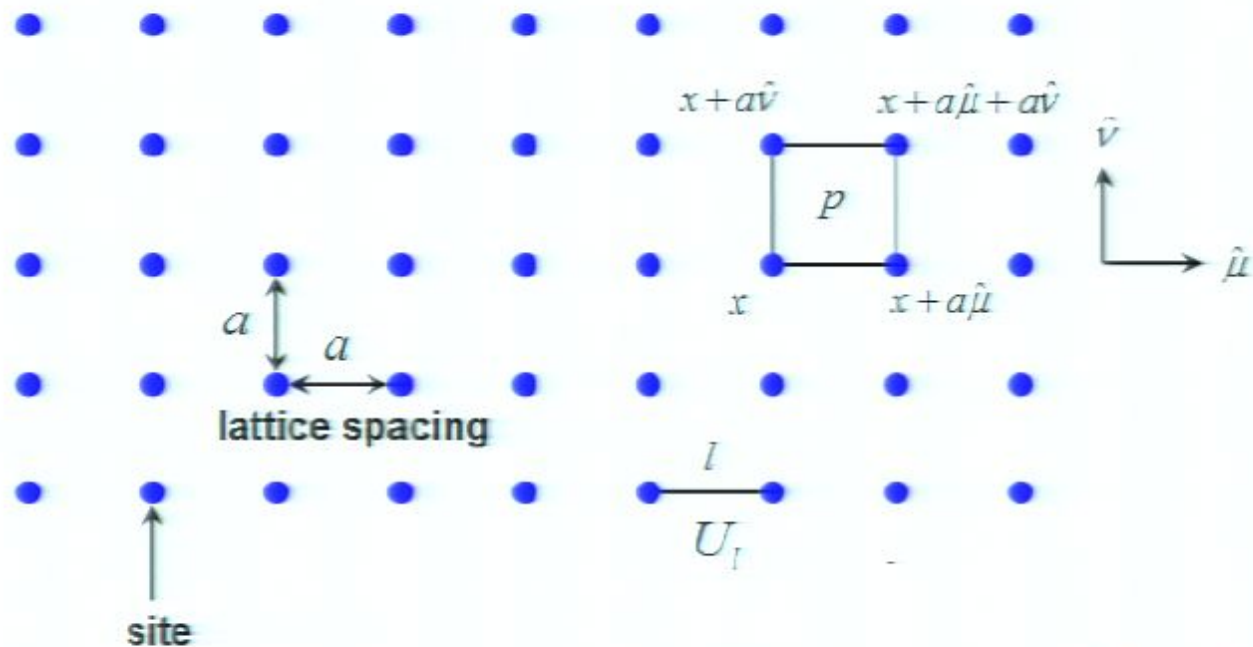
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Application in Lattice Gauge Theories

In computer simulations for a lattice gauge theory,

- the link is represented by unitary matrices U_l
- the state of a lattice is represented by the values of the link variables U_l

hypercubic lattice



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Application in Lattice Gauge Theories

One matrix in $SU(N)$

Example(One-matrix model)

Suppose there is a partition function:

$$Z = \int dU e^{\frac{N}{\lambda} \text{Re}(\text{Tr}U)}$$

where $U \in SU(N)$. Note that λ is the 't Hooft coupling. It is the analogue of temperature in Ising model. Define an observable to compute:

$$W_k = \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr}(U^k)$$

Then

$$\langle W_k \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int dU \frac{\text{Tr}(U^k)}{N} e^{\frac{N}{\lambda} \text{Re}(\text{Tr}U)}$$

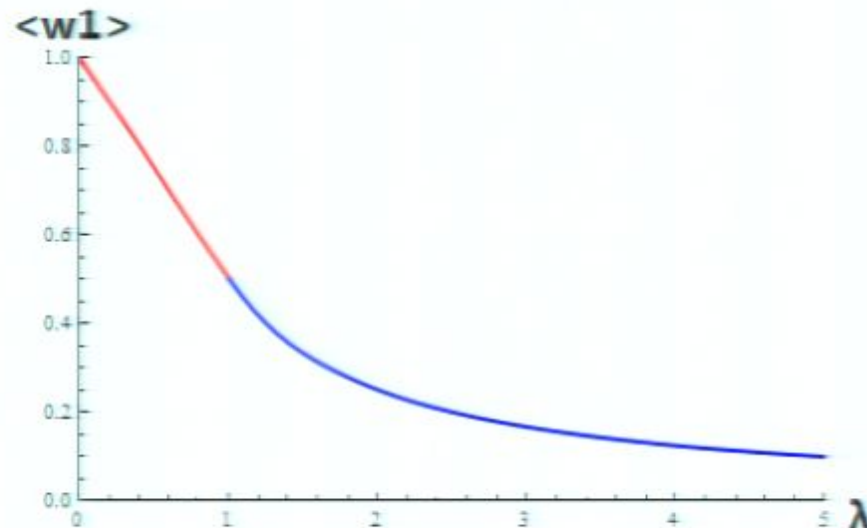
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One matrix in SU(N)

We have the analytical result about $\langle W_1 \rangle$:

when $N \rightarrow \infty$

$$\langle W_1 \rangle = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2\lambda}, & \lambda > 1 \\ 1 - \frac{\lambda}{2}, & \lambda < 1 \end{cases}$$



Application in Lattice Gauge Theories

One matrix in $SU(N)$

Metropolis Monte-Carlo method in $SU(N)$

Topology

1. Pick a matrix $G \in SU(N)$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & U & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix}}_{N \times N} \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & i & \cdot & j & \cdot \\ \cdot & \circ & \cdot & \circ & \cdot i \\ \cdot & \cdot & G & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \circ & \cdot & \circ & \cdot j \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{N \times N}$$

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(a). Pick up two random integers i and j , where $1 \leq i < j \leq N$.

(b). Replace $\begin{pmatrix} \bigcirc & \bigcirc \\ \bigcirc & \bigcirc \end{pmatrix}$ by an arbitrary $SU(2)$ matrix $\equiv g$.

① Choose a_0 from uniform distribution between $[\gamma, 1]$, where $\gamma \sim 1$, which makes g not very far away from \mathbb{I} .

② Choose a_1, a_2, a_3 uniformly from the sphere $a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2 = 1 - a_0^2$.

① $|\vec{a}|^2 = 1 - a_0^2$

② $\vec{a} = |\vec{a}| (\sin \theta \cos \phi, \sin \theta \sin \phi, \cos \theta)$

③ Make sure the distribution is uniform on area element $dA = \sin \theta d\theta d\phi$.

- ϕ uniformly in $[0, 2\pi]$.

- θ with distribution $p(\theta) \propto \sin \theta$.

③ Construct the unitary matrix g with identity determinant:

$$g = a_0 \sigma_0 + i \sum_{i=1}^3 a_i \sigma_i.$$

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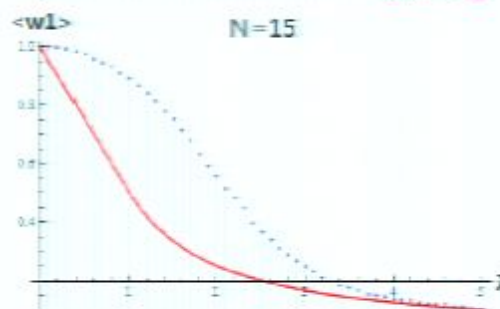
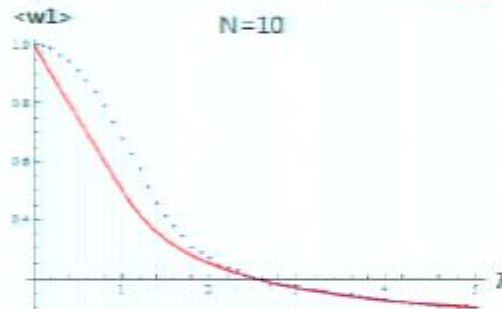
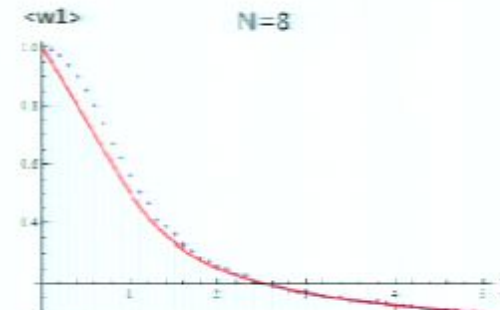
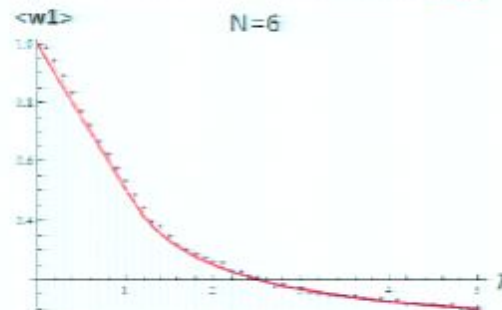
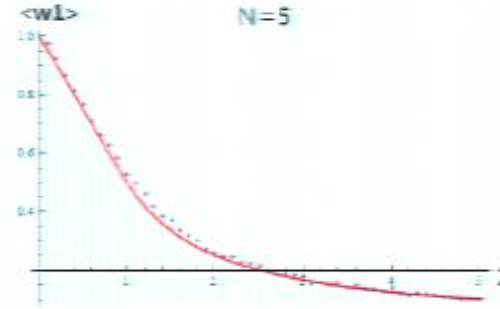
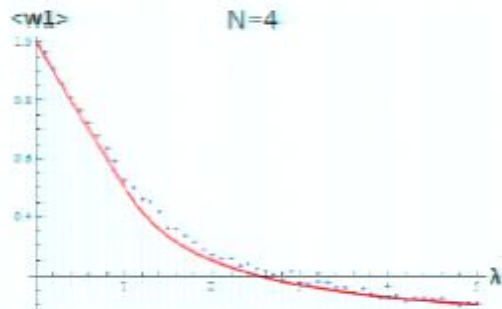
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Heat bath Monte-Carlo method in $SU(N)$ [Creutz 80'] [Cabibbo & Marinari 82']

Topology

1. Pick a matrix

$$A \in SU(N)$$

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \circ & \cdot & \circ & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & A & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \circ & \cdot & \circ & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & 1 \end{bmatrix}}_{N \times N}$$

2. Change U to

$$U(t+1) = U(t) \cdot A.$$

- Pick up two random integers i and j , where $1 \leq i < j \leq N$.
- Read of $k \in \mathbb{R}, v \in SU(2)$.

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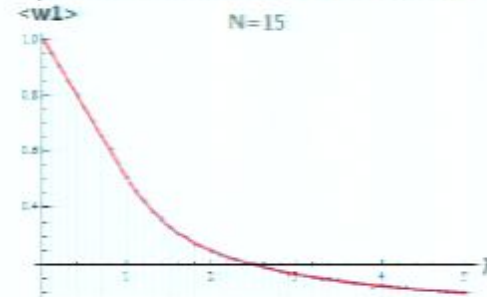
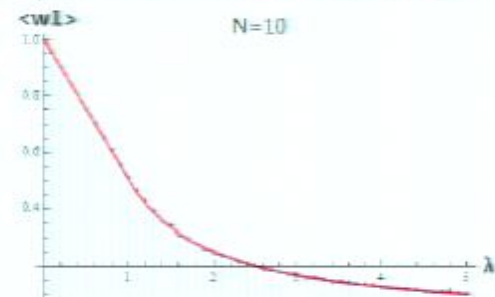
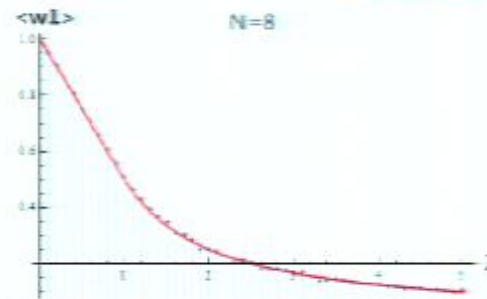
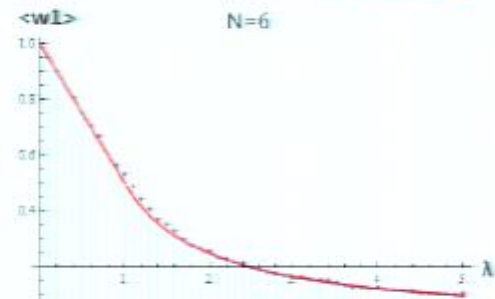
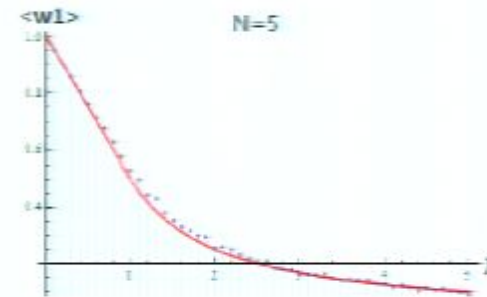
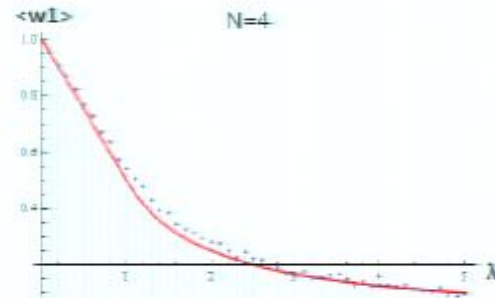
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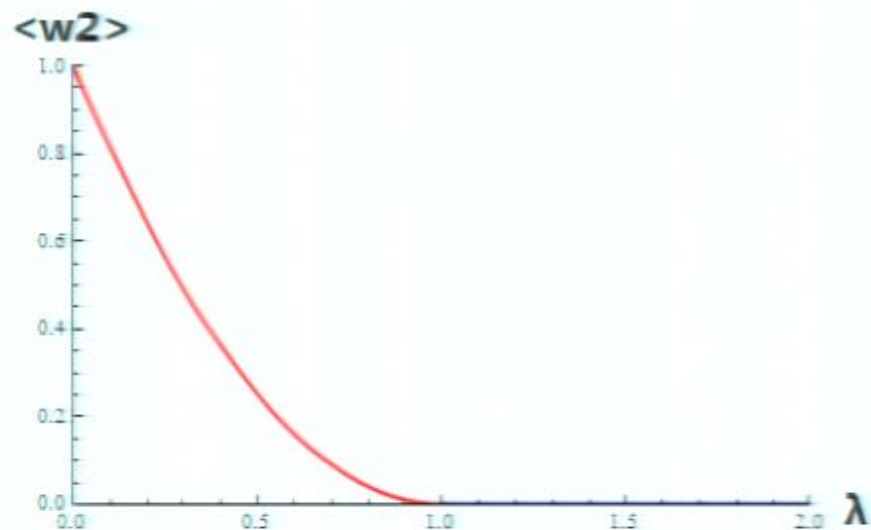
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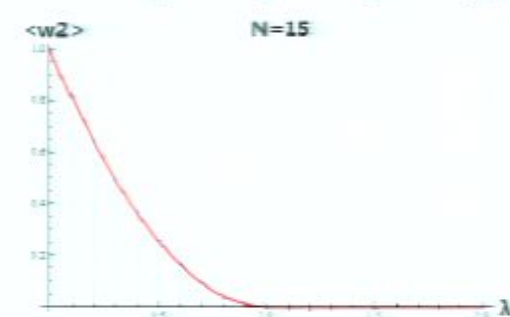
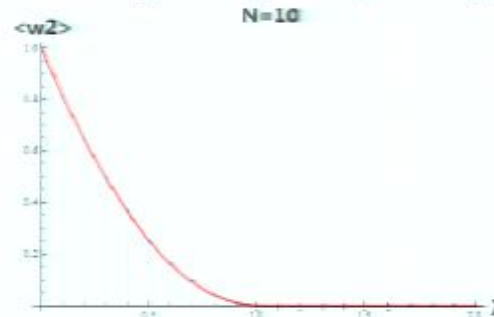
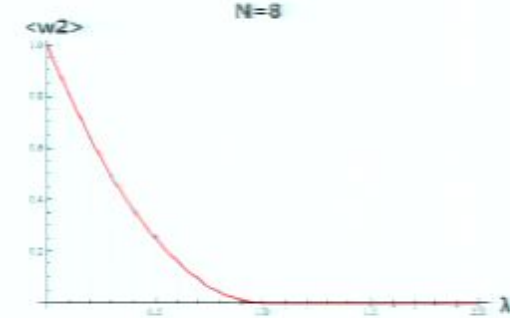
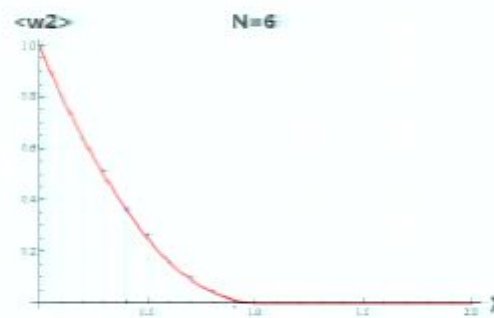
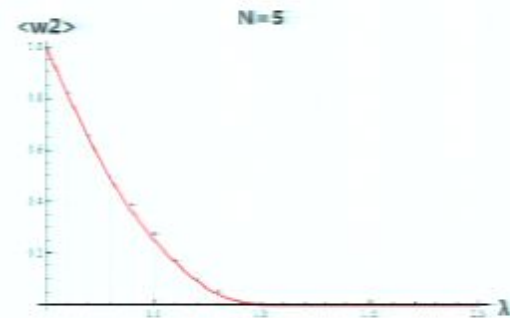
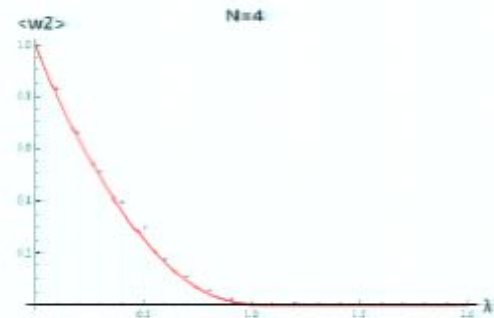
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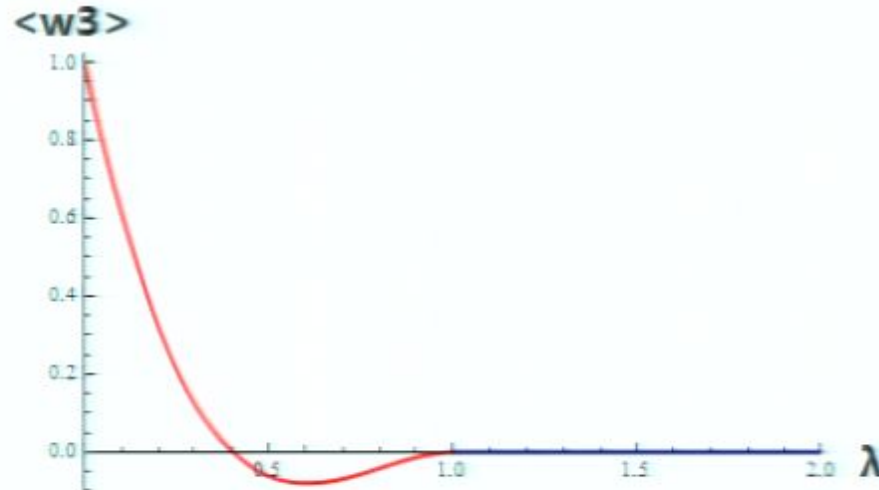
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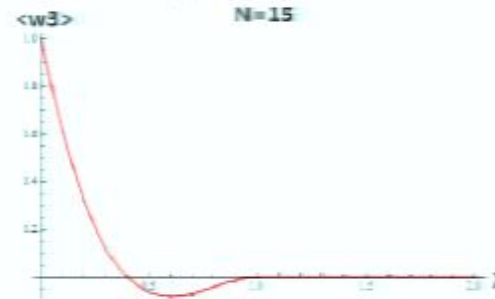
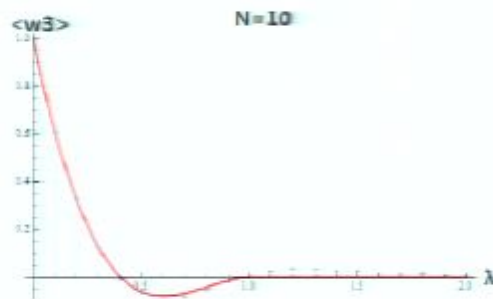
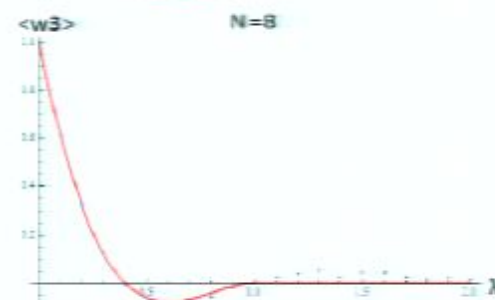
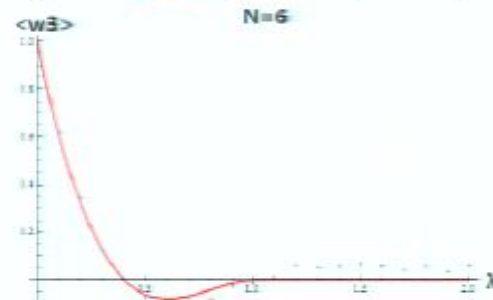
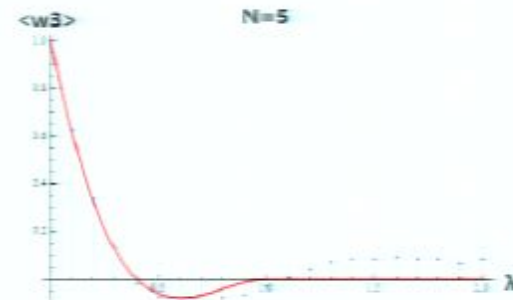
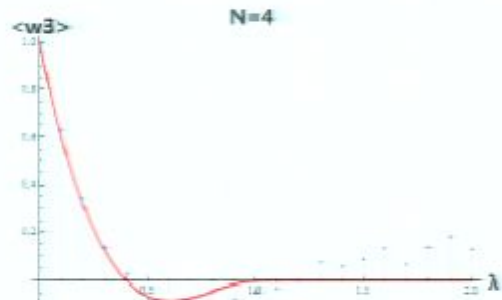
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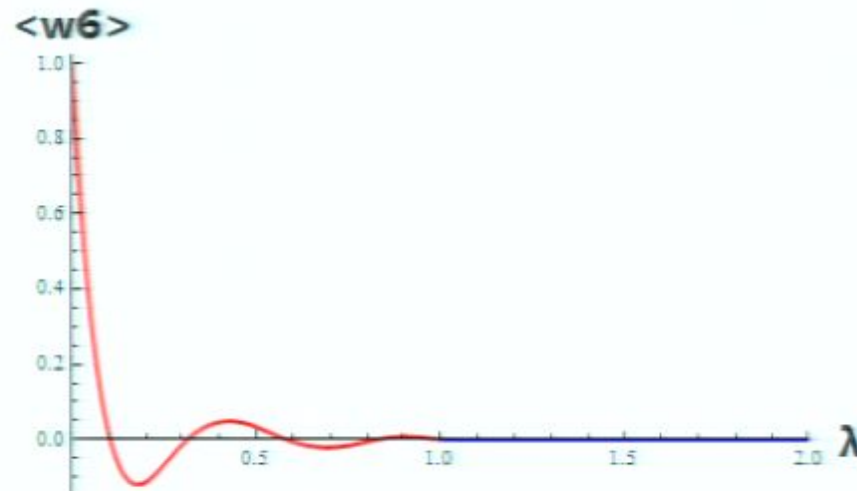
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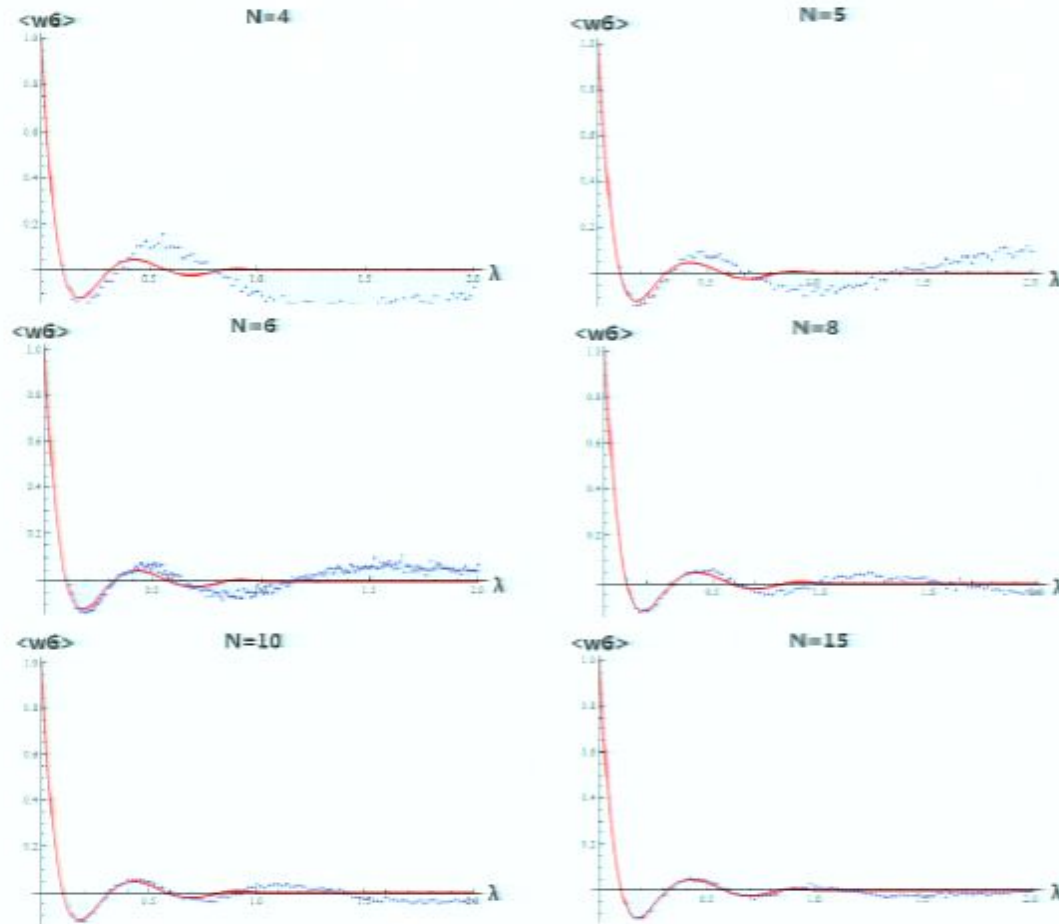
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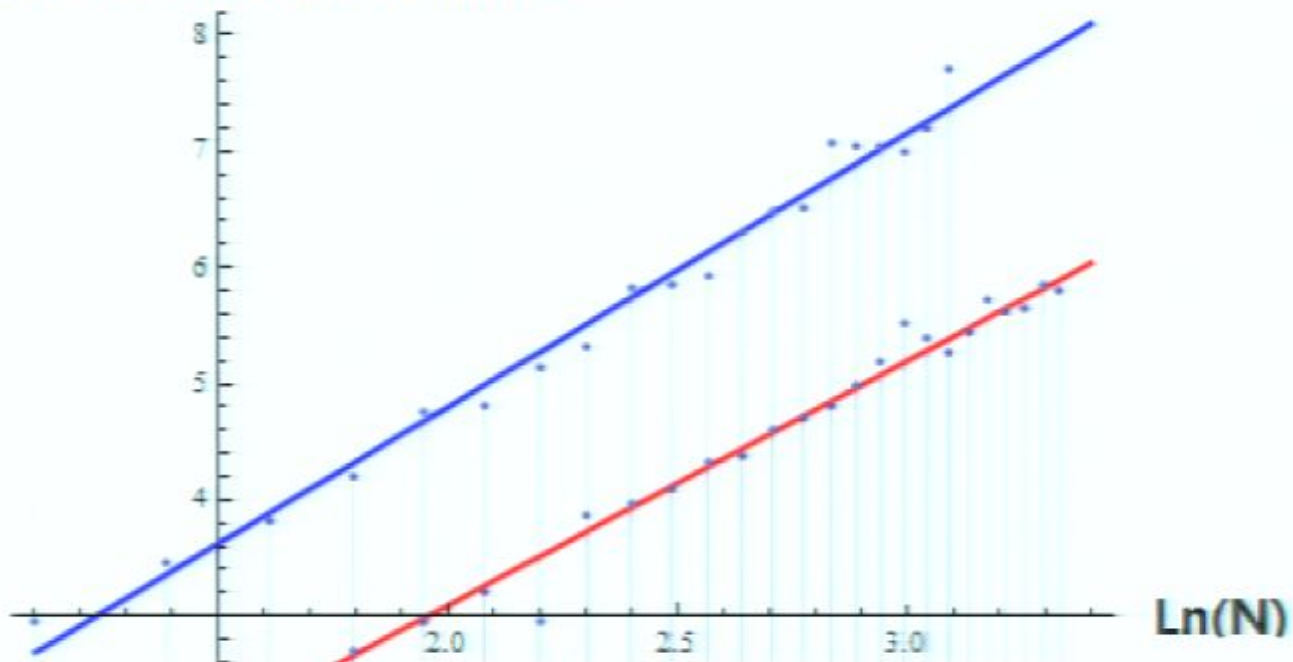
- Metropolis

$$\ln \tau = 0.109184 + 2.34945 \ln N$$

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$$\ln \tau = -1.09774 + 2.09913 \ln N$$

Autocorrelation time τ



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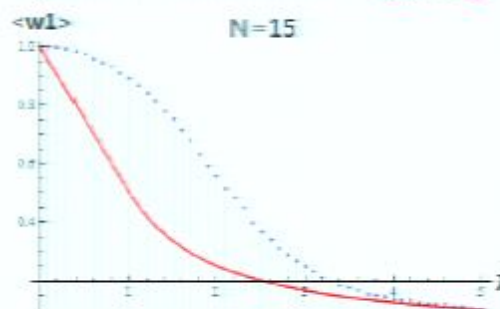
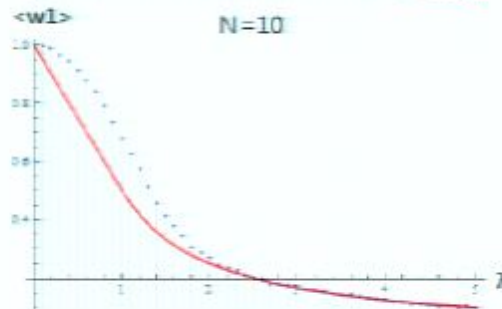
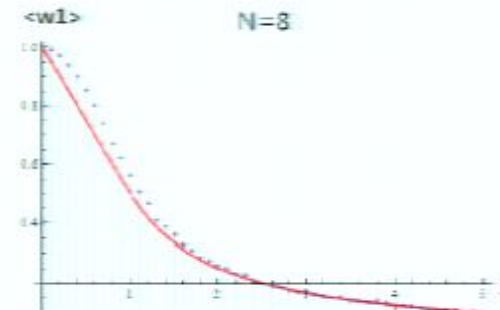
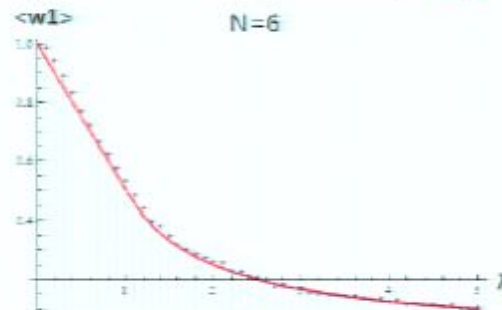
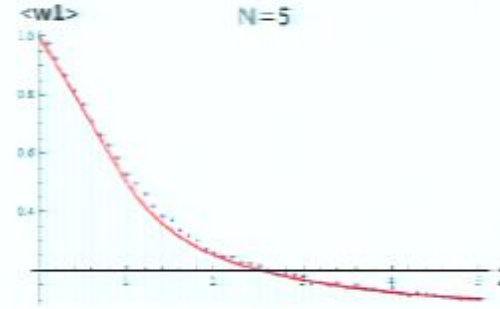
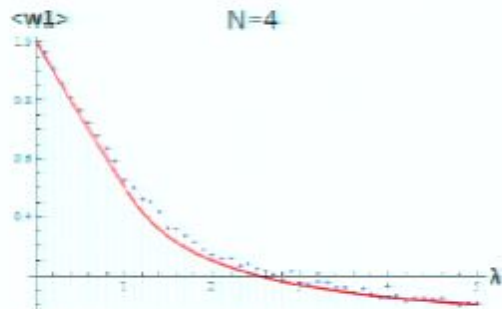
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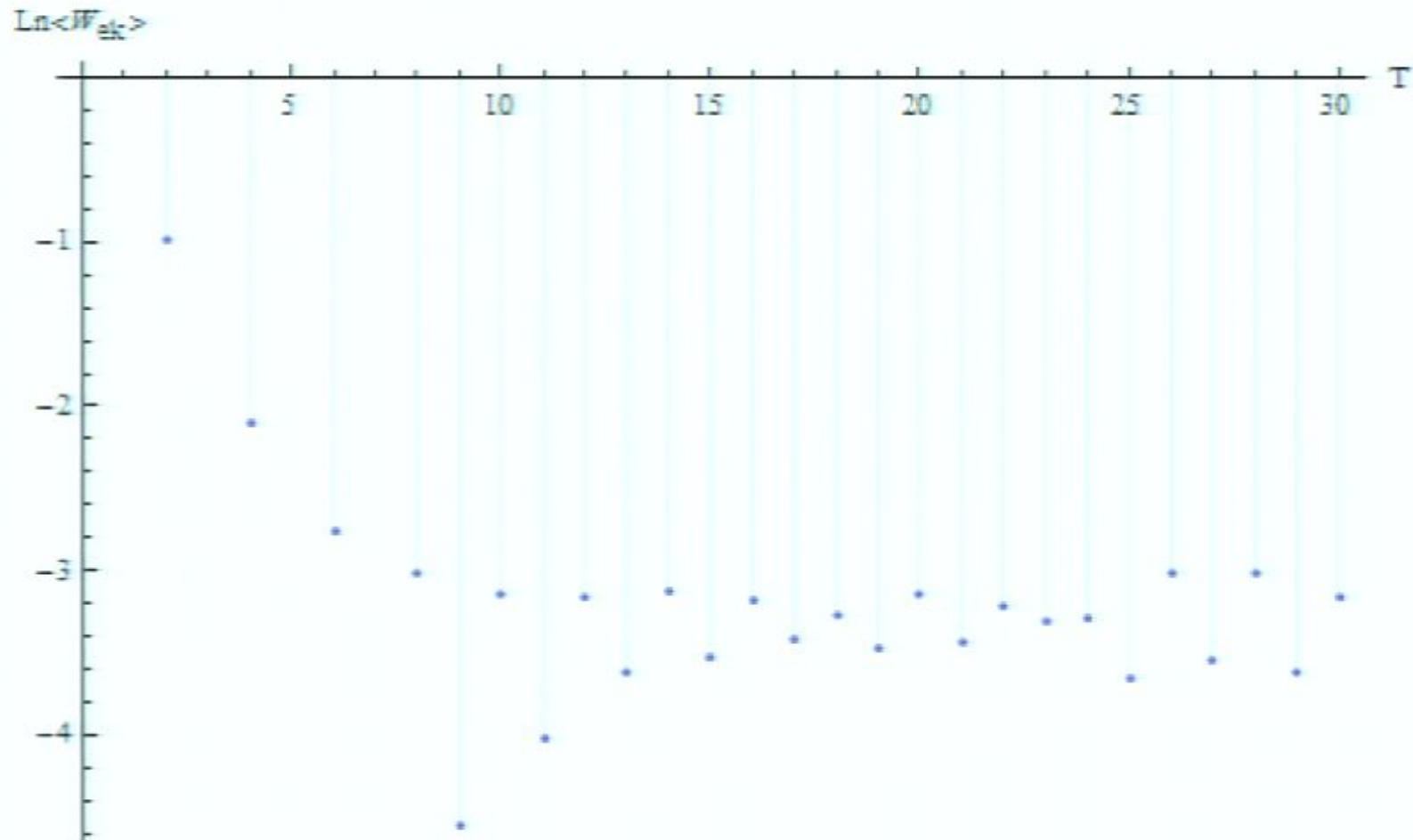
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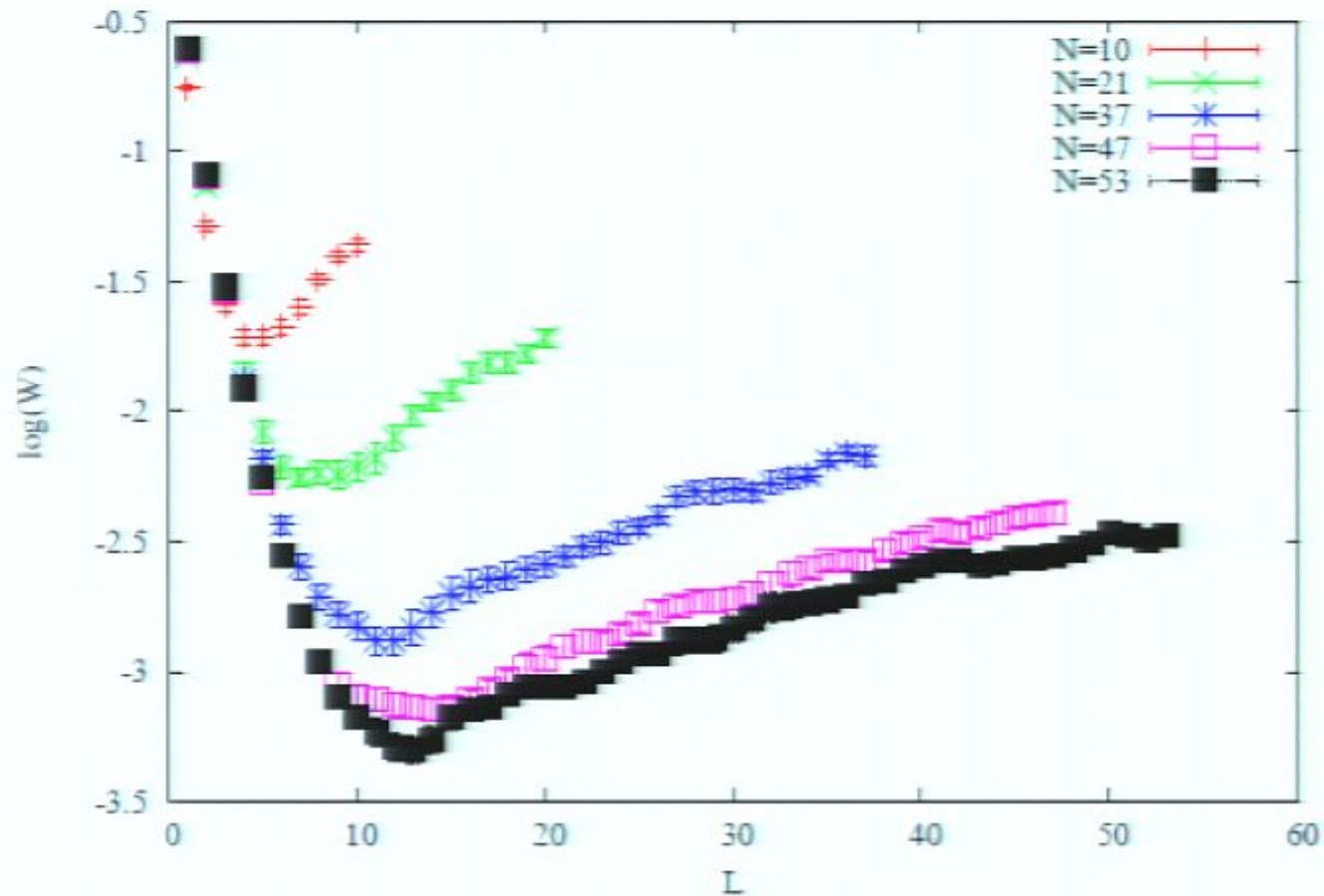
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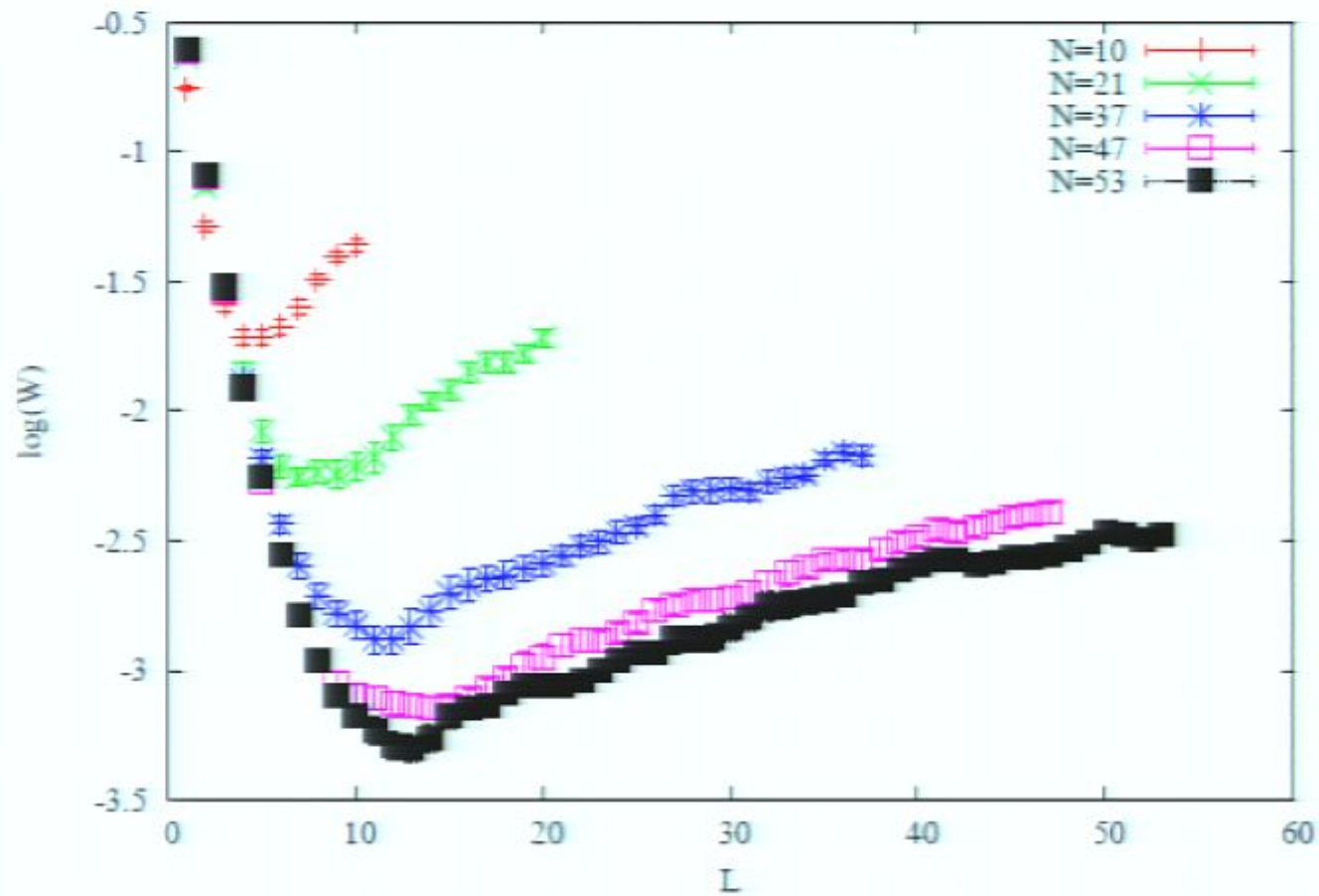
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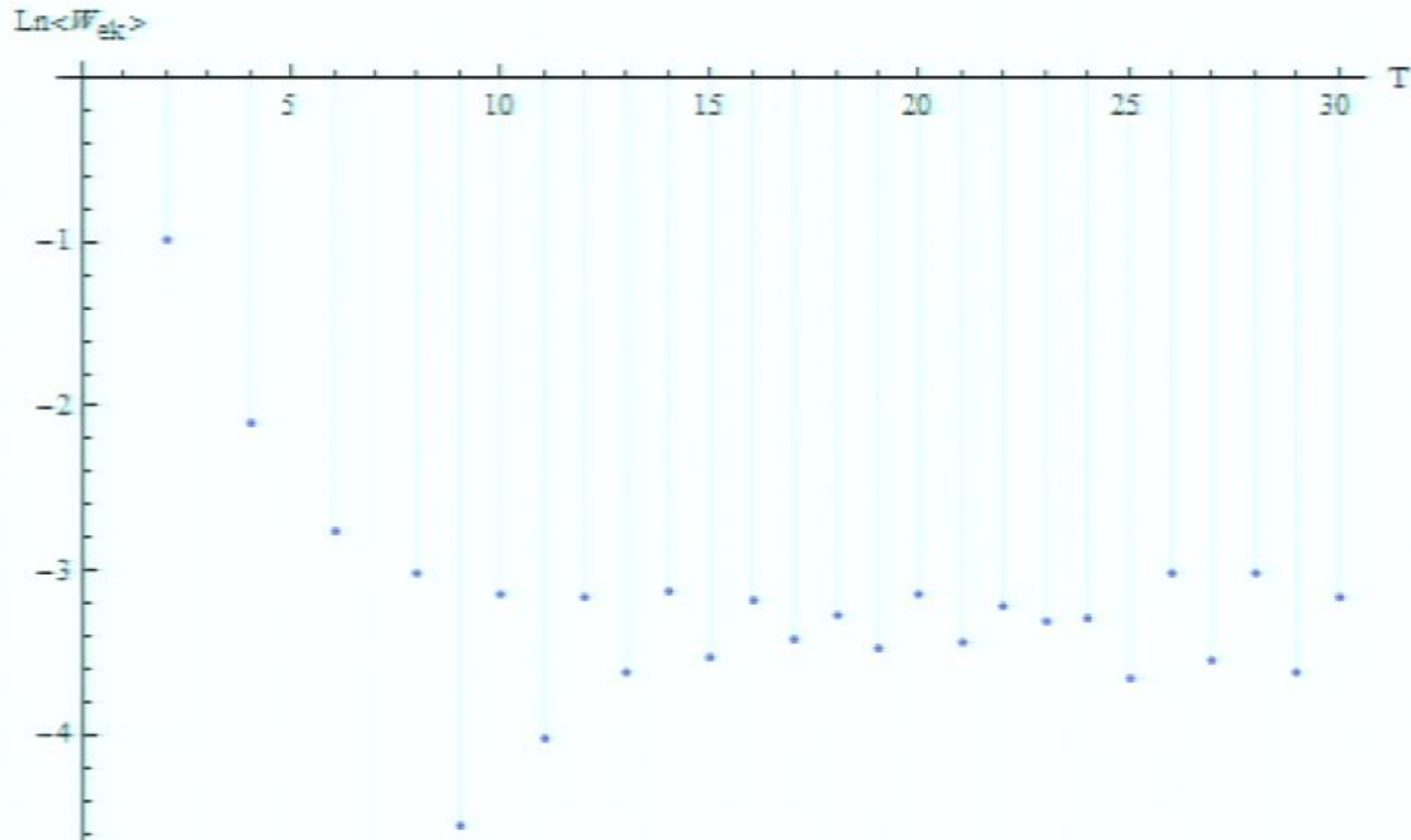
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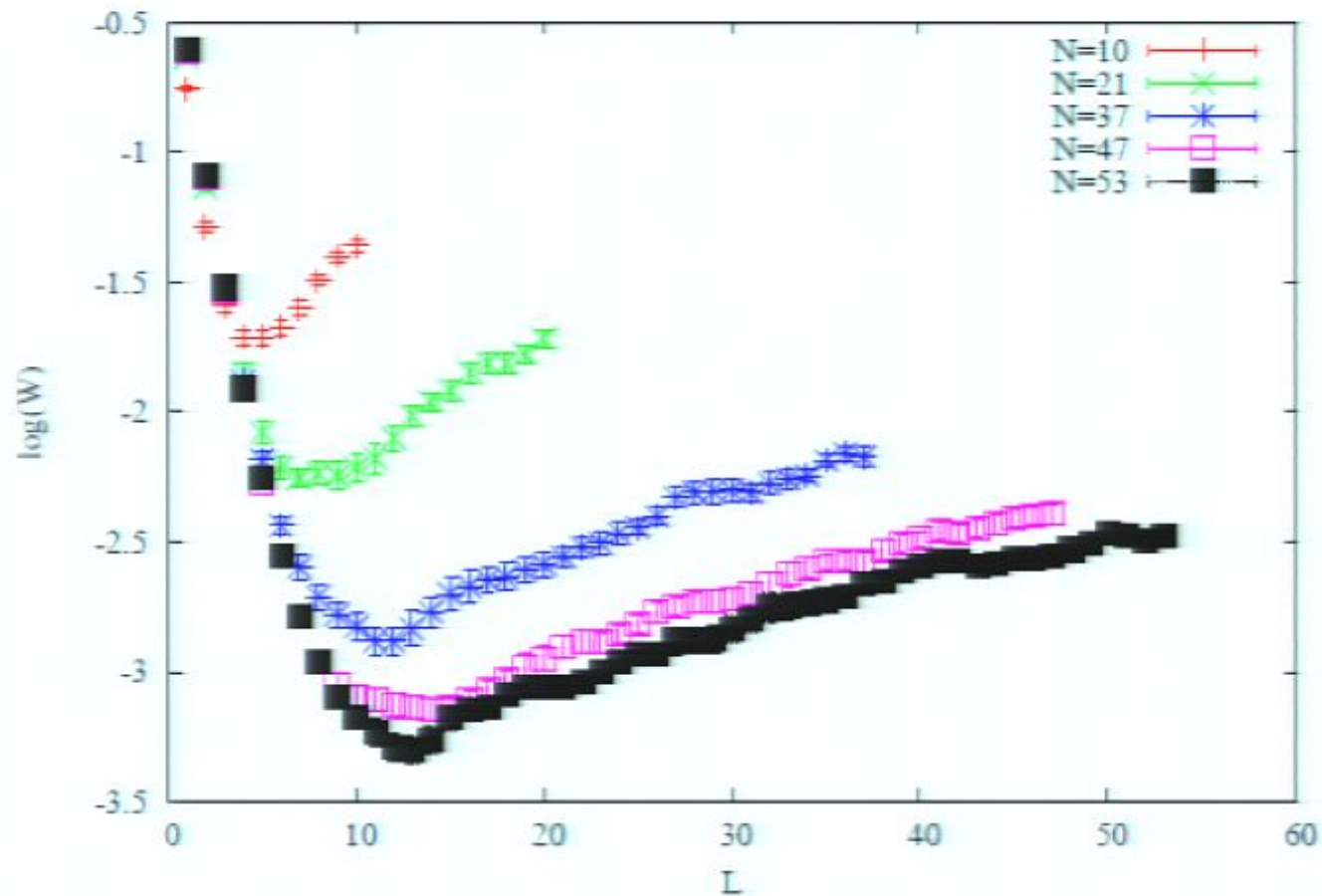
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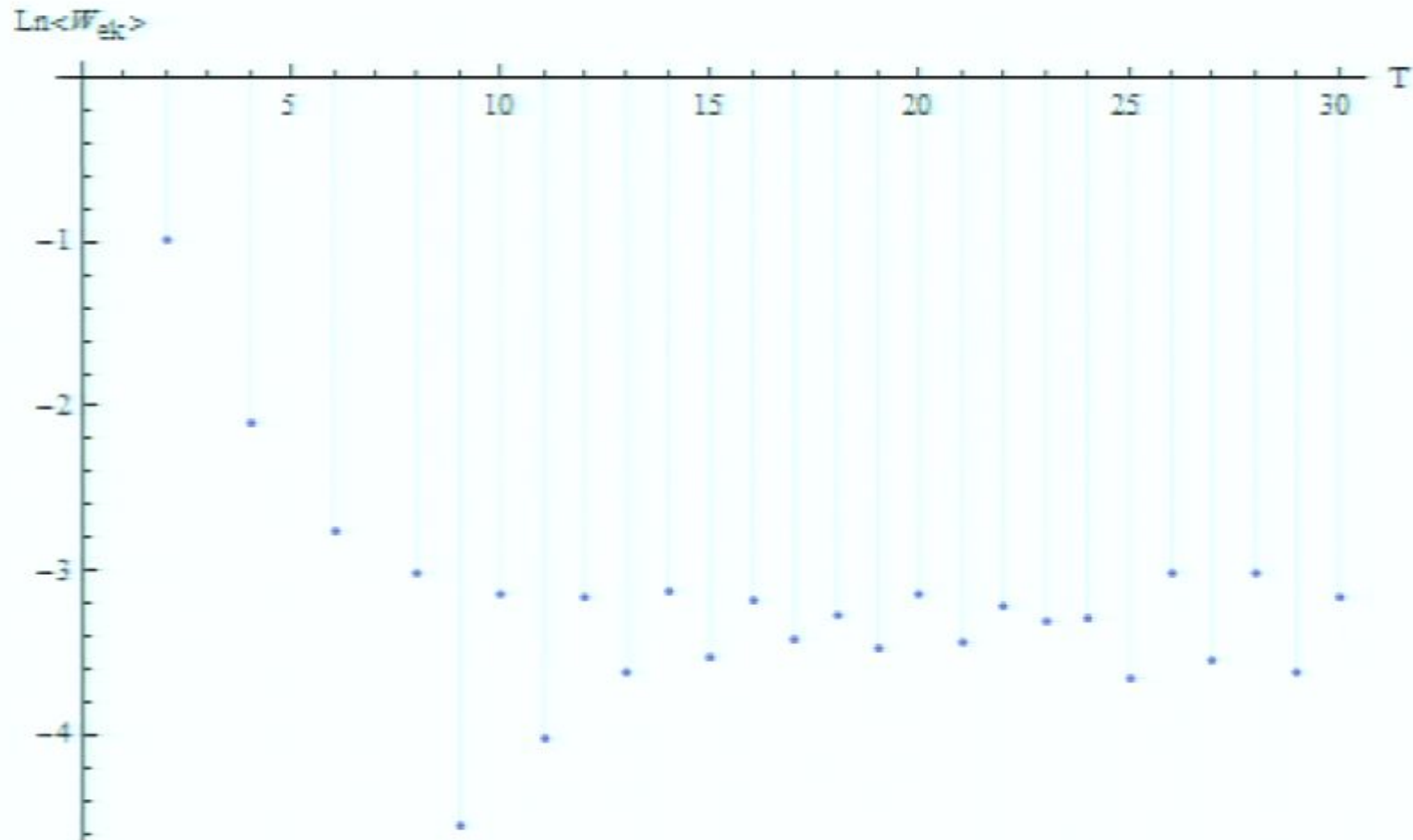
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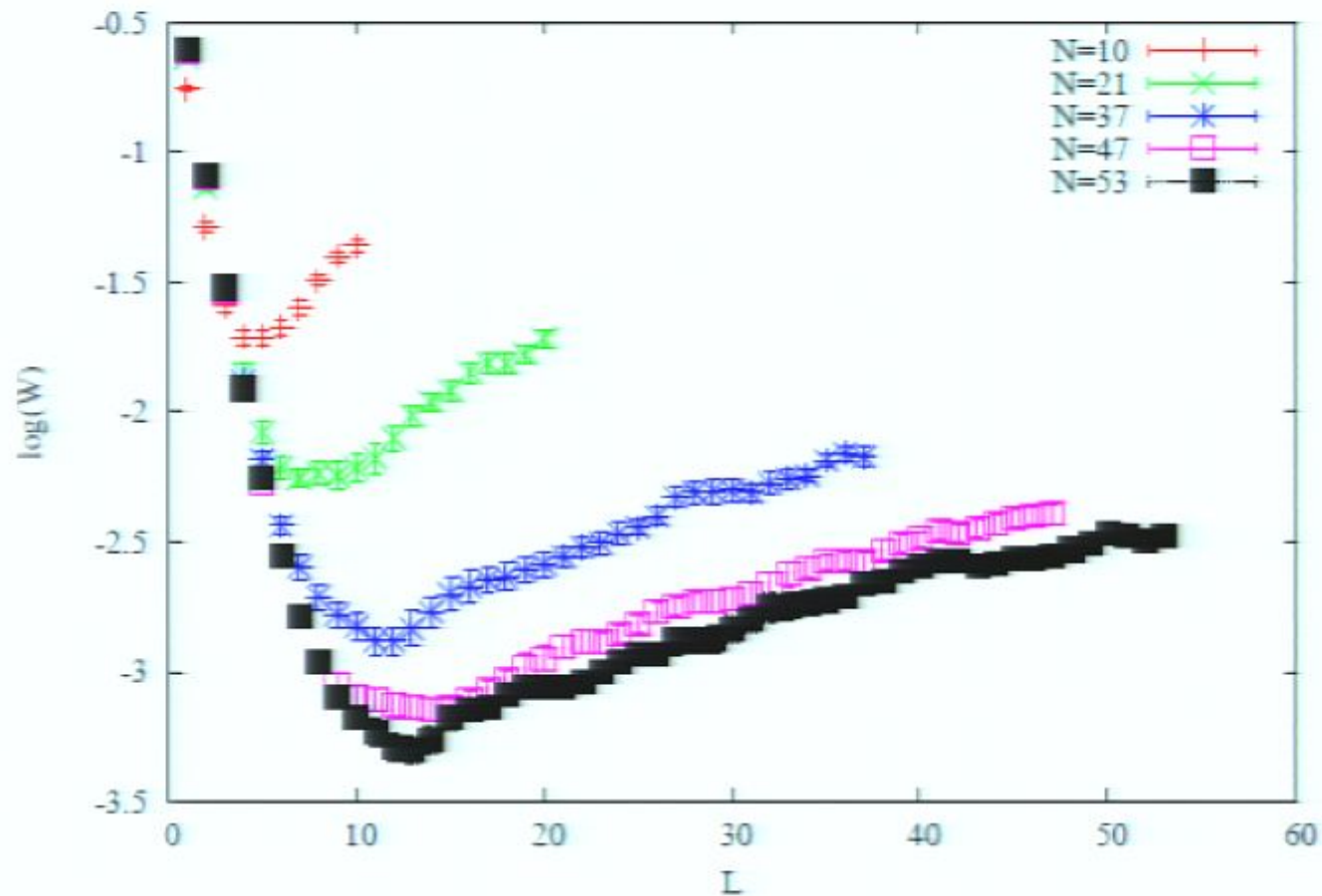
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$$s_{\text{gauge}}(\mathbf{U}) = \frac{2}{g^2} \sum_{\mu \neq \nu} (N - \text{ReTr} U_{\nu}^{\dagger} U_{\mu}^{\dagger} U_{\nu} U_{\mu})$$

- the observable

$$W_{\text{EK}}[C] = \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \text{Tr} \left[(U_2^{\dagger})^T (U_1^{\dagger})^R U_2^T U_1^R \right] \right\rangle$$

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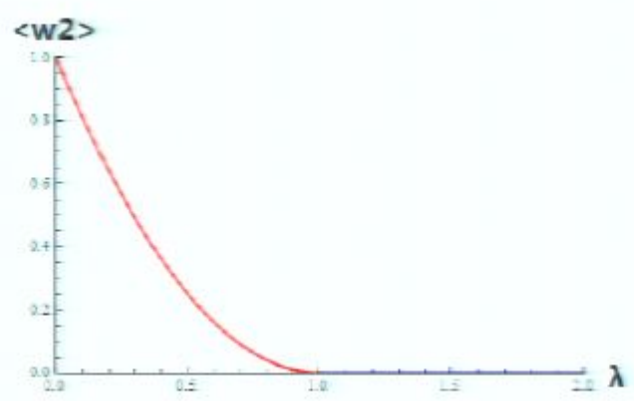
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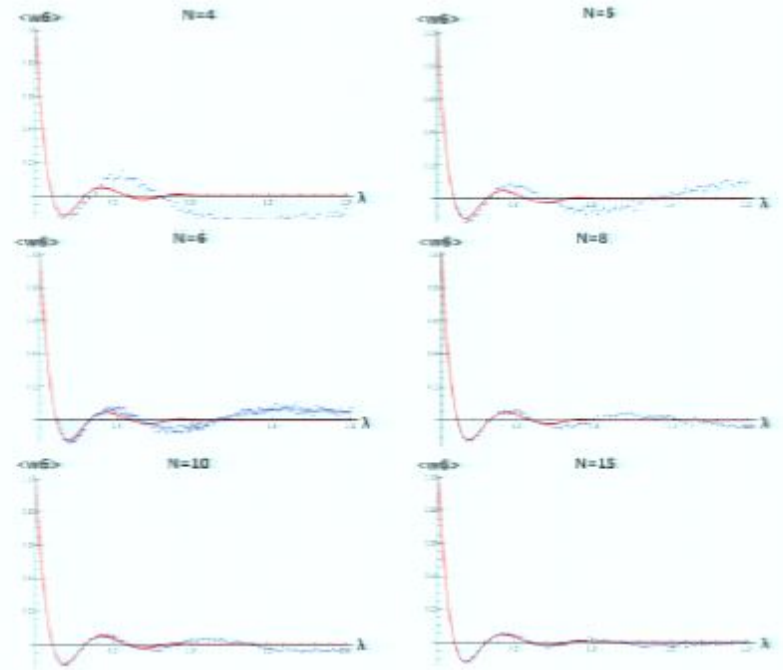
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The parameter γ in our program will affect the **acceptance ratio**,

$$\text{Acceptance ratio} = \frac{U \text{ is changed to a new state } U \cdot G}{U \text{ remains the same state } U}$$

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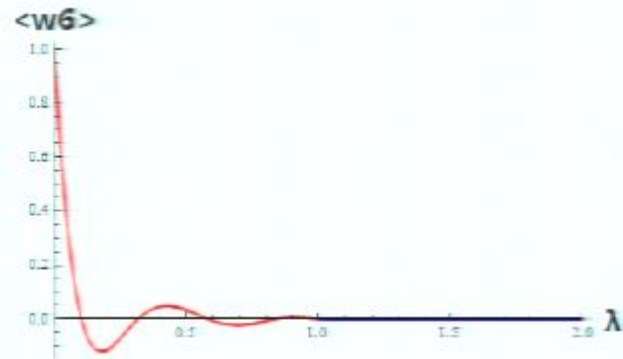
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$$\langle W_6 \rangle = \begin{cases} 0, & \lambda > 1 \\ (-1 + \lambda)^2(1 + 2\lambda(-8 + 3\lambda(12 + \lambda(-20 + 11\lambda))))), & \lambda < 1 \end{cases}$$



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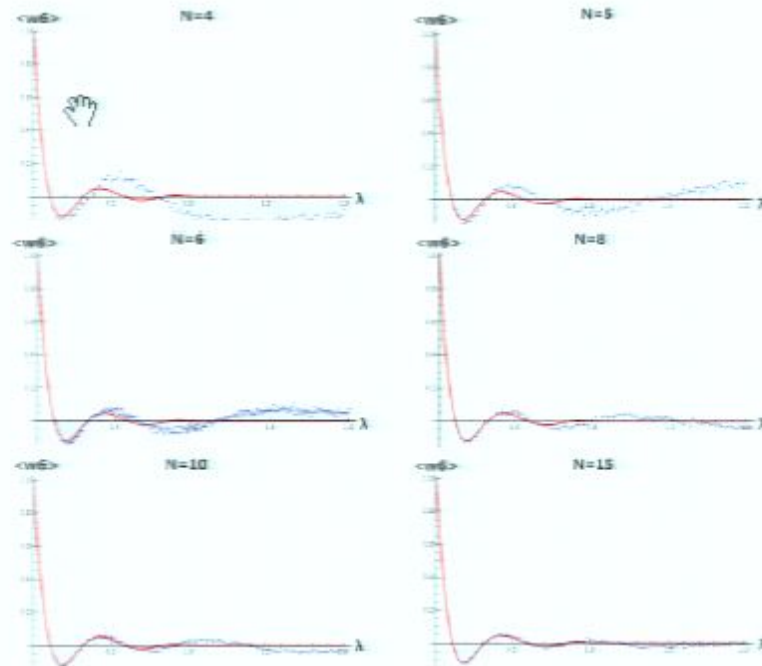
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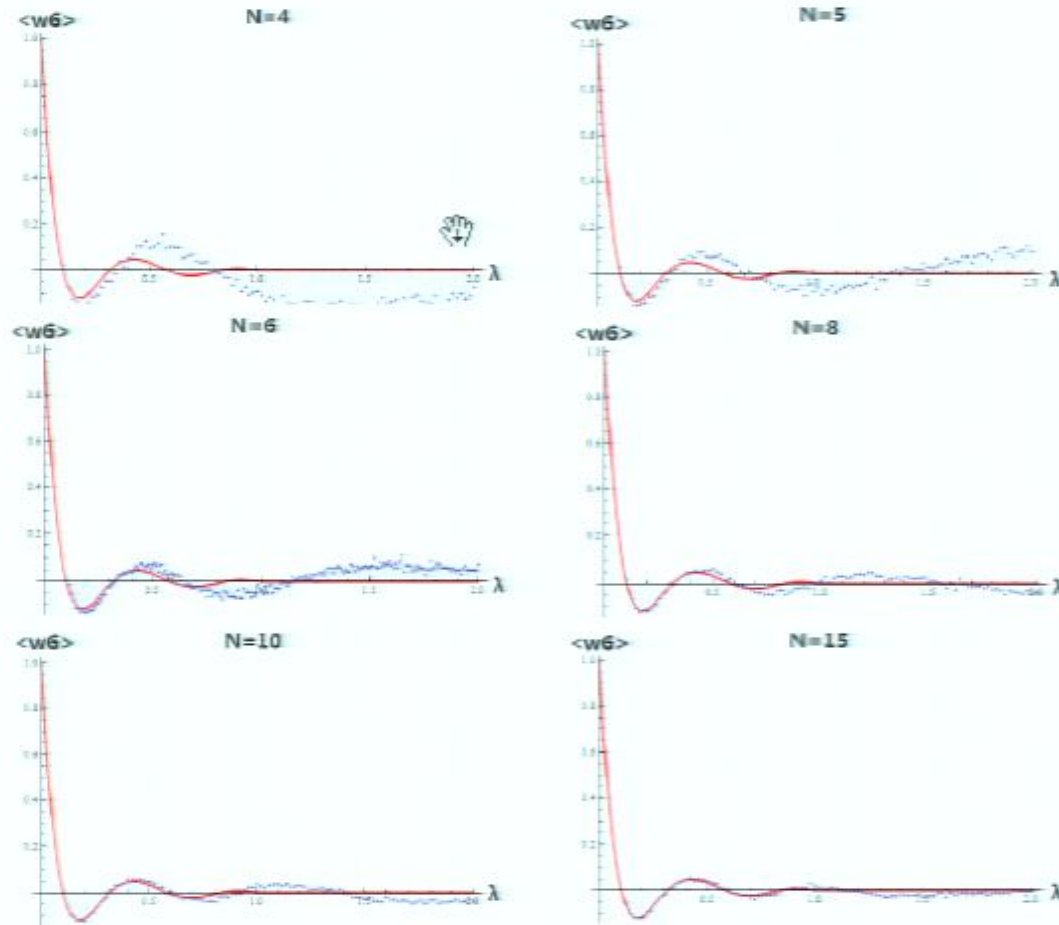
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