

# Entanglement Entropy and RG Flow

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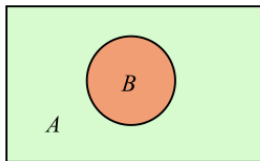
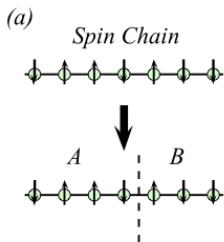
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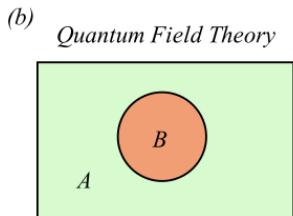
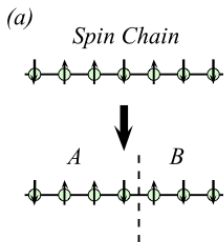


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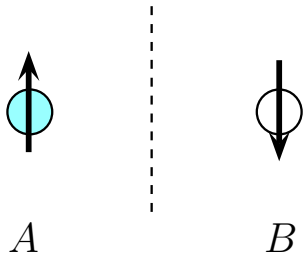
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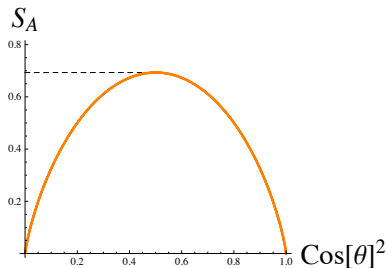
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- ▶  $\cos^2 \theta = 0, 1$ : No entanglement,  $S_A = 0$





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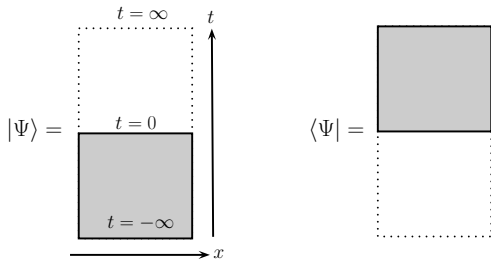
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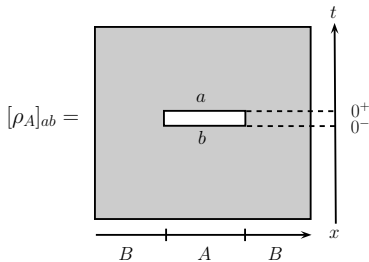
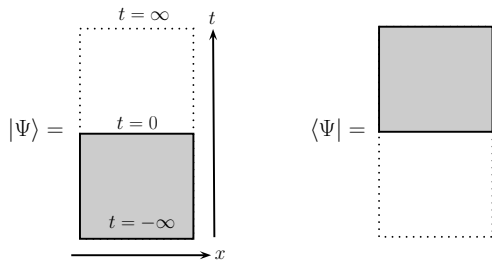
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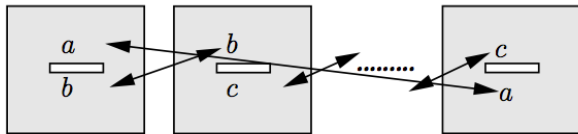


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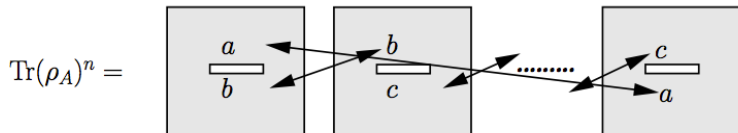


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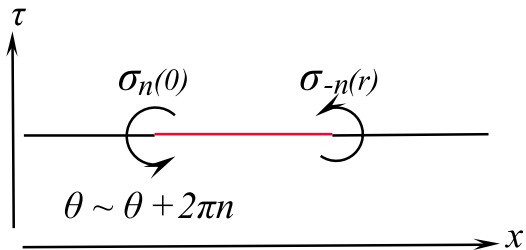
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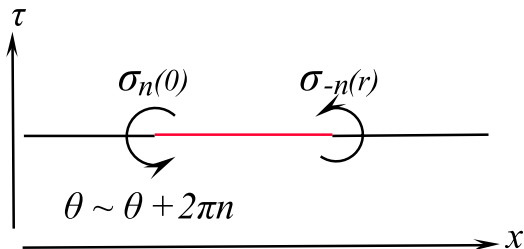
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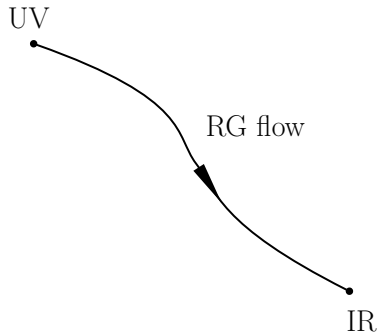
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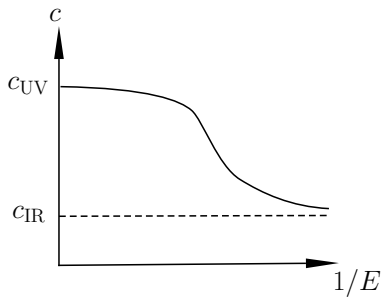
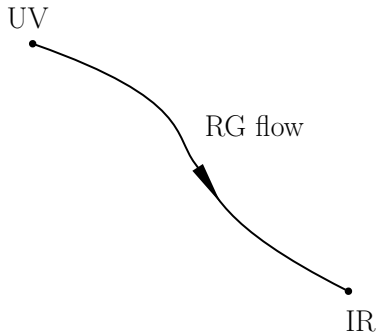
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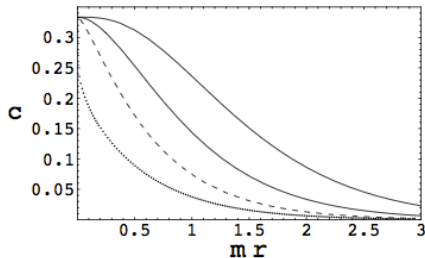
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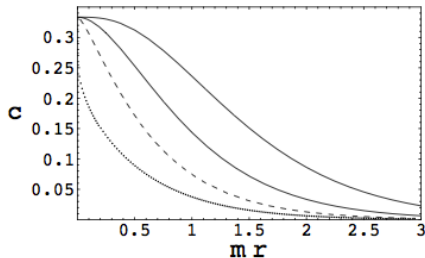
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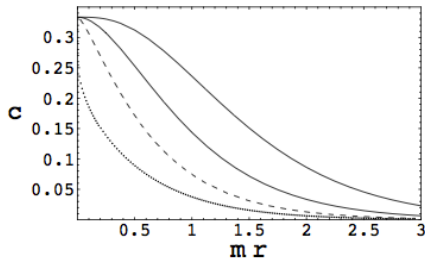
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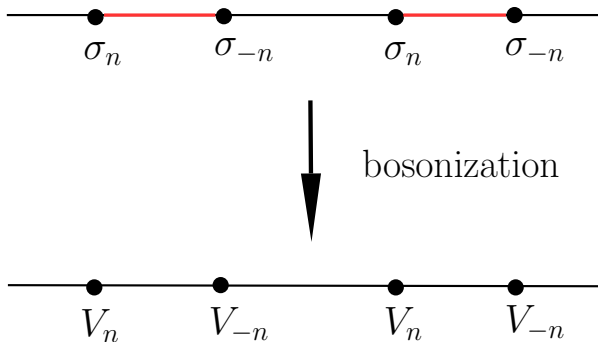
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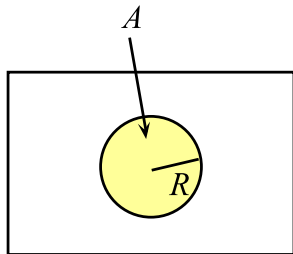
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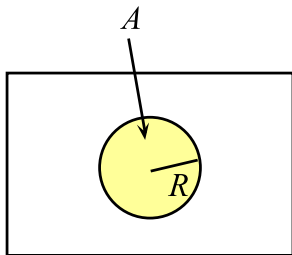
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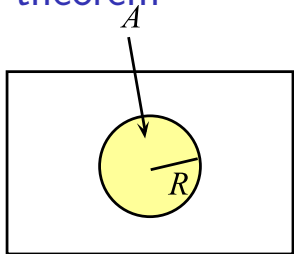
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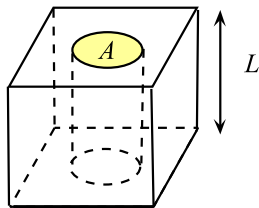
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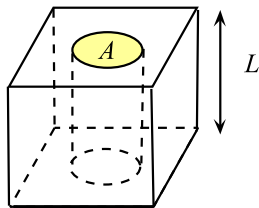


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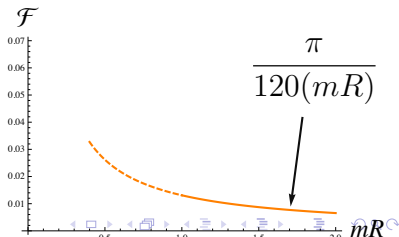
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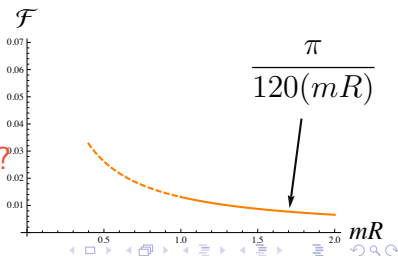
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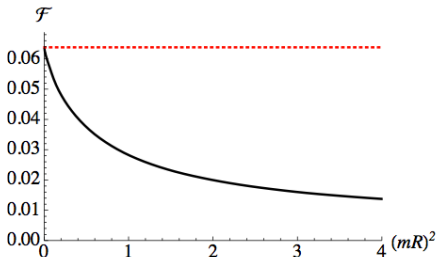
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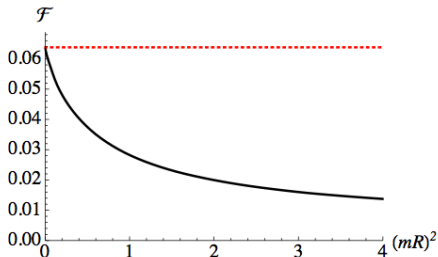
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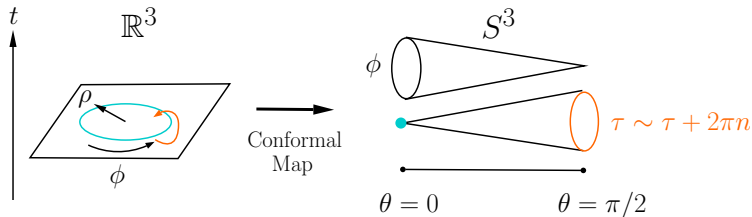




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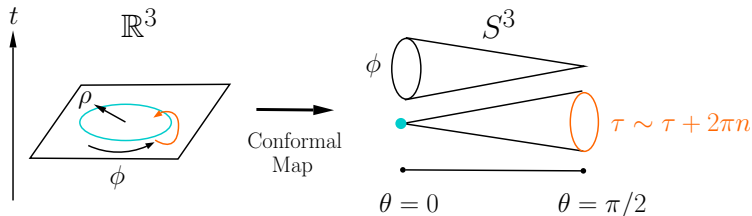
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