

Consistent Perturbative Fixed Point Calculations in Gauge Theories

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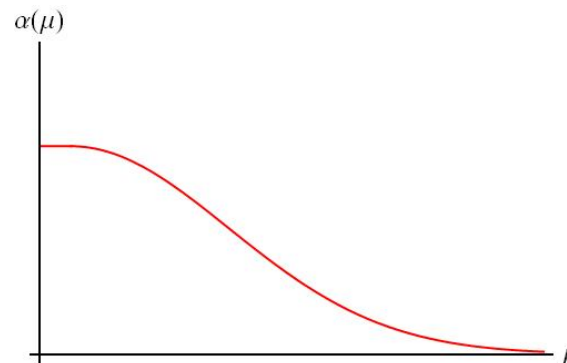
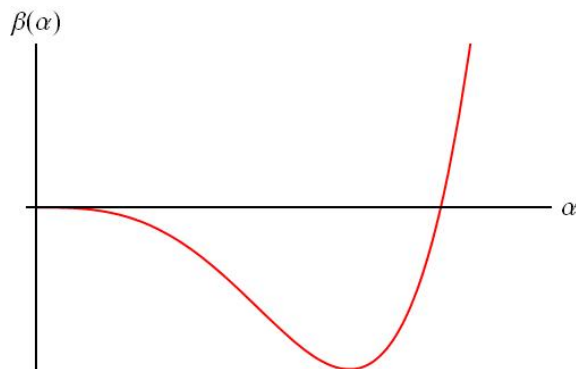
Thomas A. Ryttov – CP3-Origins

QCD in conformal window

- I will discuss QCD in a phase in which it is conformal in the deep infrared.
- In other words I will imagine taking the number of flavors to be sufficiently large such that the first two beta function coefficients have opposite signs.

W. E. Caswell, Phys. Rev. Lett. **33** (1974) 244
T. Banks & A. Zaks, Nucl. Phys. B **196**, 189 (1982)

	$[SU(N_c)]$	$SU(N_f)$	$SU(N_f)$	$U(1)_B$
ψ	N_c	N_f	1	1
$\tilde{\psi}$	$\overline{N}_c$	1	$\overline{N}_f$	-1



For $N_c = 3$
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 $8.05 < N_f < 16.5$
 $\infty \leftarrow \alpha_{IR} \rightarrow 0$

SQCD in the conformal window

	$[SU(N_c)]$	$SU(N_f)$	$SU(N_f)$	$U(1)_B$	$U(1)_R$
Φ	N_c	N_f	1	1	$\frac{N_f - N_c}{N_f}$
$\tilde{\Phi}$	$\overline{N}_c$	1	$\overline{N}_f$	-1	$\frac{N_f - N_c}{N_f}$

- In SQCD the extend of the conformal window is known exactly (duality checks, NSVZ beta function, etc)

N. Seiberg, Nucl. Phys. B **435**, 129 (1995)

$$\frac{3}{2}N_c < N_f < 3N_c$$

$$\infty \leftarrow \alpha_{IR} \rightarrow 0$$

Observables in the IR conformal phase

- At an IR conformal fixed point a set of natural physical quantities are the anomalous dimensions of various operators.
- The scaling equation of some (gauge invariant) operator O is

$$\frac{dO}{d \ln \mu} = -d_O O$$

- where $d_O = d_{classical} - \gamma_O$ and γ_O is the anomalous dimension.

- Two schemes S and S' :

$$\beta'(\alpha') = \frac{\partial \alpha'}{\partial \alpha} \beta(\alpha)$$

$$\gamma'_O(\alpha') = \gamma_O + \frac{\partial \ln F}{\partial \alpha} \beta(\alpha)$$

$$F = \frac{Z_{\bar{\psi}\psi}}{Z'_{\bar{\psi}\psi}}$$

- The existence of a fixed point is scheme independent.
- The anomalous dimension at the fixed point is scheme independent.

Observables in the IR conformal phase

- Initially we will focus on the anomalous dimension of the (mass) operator

$$O = \bar{\psi}\psi$$

Flavor non-singlet $\bar{\psi}T^a\psi$
and flavor singlet $\bar{\psi}\psi$
have equal anomalous dimensions

J. A. Gracey, Phys. Lett. B **488**, 175 (2000)

- Unitarity at the fixed point implies

$$d_{\bar{\psi}\psi} = 3 - \gamma_{\bar{\psi}\psi} > 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \gamma_{\bar{\psi}\psi} < 2$$

G. Mack, Commun. Math. Phys. **55**, 1 (1977)

- In the case of SQCD

$$O = \tilde{\Phi}\Phi, \quad d_{\tilde{\Phi}\Phi} = 2 - \gamma_{\tilde{\Phi}\Phi} > 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \gamma_{\tilde{\Phi}\Phi} < 1$$

- Later we will also extend our analysis to include the anomalous dimension of several other operators....

Let us face it head on....

5-loop beta function and anomalous dimension

- 5-loop beta function and anomalous dimension are known in $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme

F. Herzog et al., JHEP **1702**, 090 (2017)

P. A. Baikov et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. **118**, 082002 (2017)

$$\frac{2\pi}{\alpha^2}\beta(\alpha) = -\beta_1 - \beta_2 \left(\frac{\alpha}{2\pi}\right) - \beta_3 \left(\frac{\alpha}{2\pi}\right)^2 - \beta_4 \left(\frac{\alpha}{2\pi}\right)^3 - \beta_5 \left(\frac{\alpha}{2\pi}\right)^4 + O(\alpha^5)$$

$$\gamma_{\bar{\psi}\psi} = \gamma_1 \left(\frac{\alpha}{2\pi}\right) + \gamma_2 \left(\frac{\alpha}{2\pi}\right)^2 + \gamma_3 \left(\frac{\alpha}{2\pi}\right)^3 + \gamma_4 \left(\frac{\alpha}{2\pi}\right)^4 + \gamma_5 \left(\frac{\alpha}{2\pi}\right)^5 + O(\alpha^6)$$

T. Luthe et al., JHEP **1701**, 081 (2017)

P. A. Baikov et al., JHEP **1410**, 076 (2014)

- Strategy:

Solve $\beta(\alpha_{IR}) = 0$

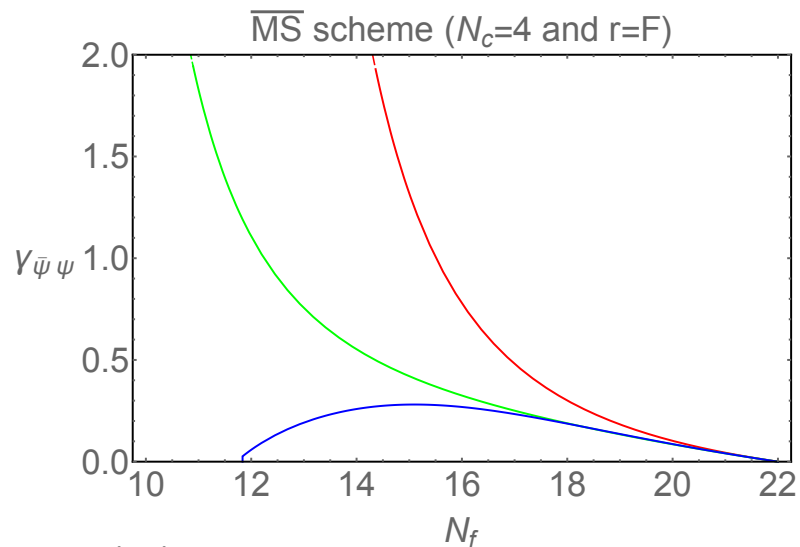
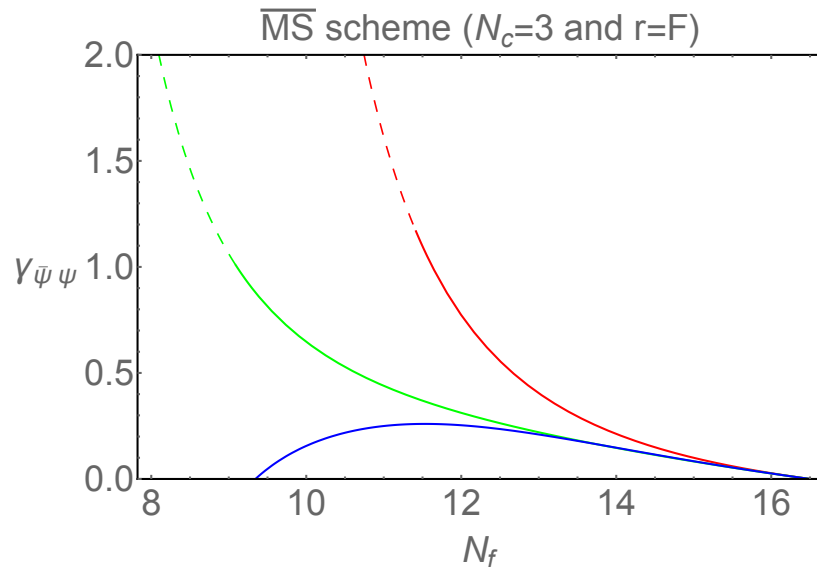
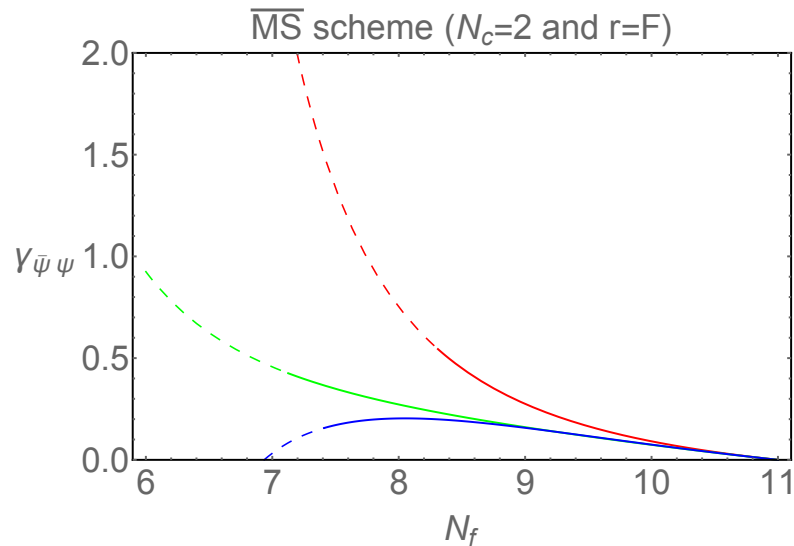
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Take α_{IR} closest to the origin

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Evaluate $\gamma_{\bar{\psi}\psi}(\alpha_{IR})$

2, 3 and 4 loops



Solid: $\alpha_{IR} < 1$

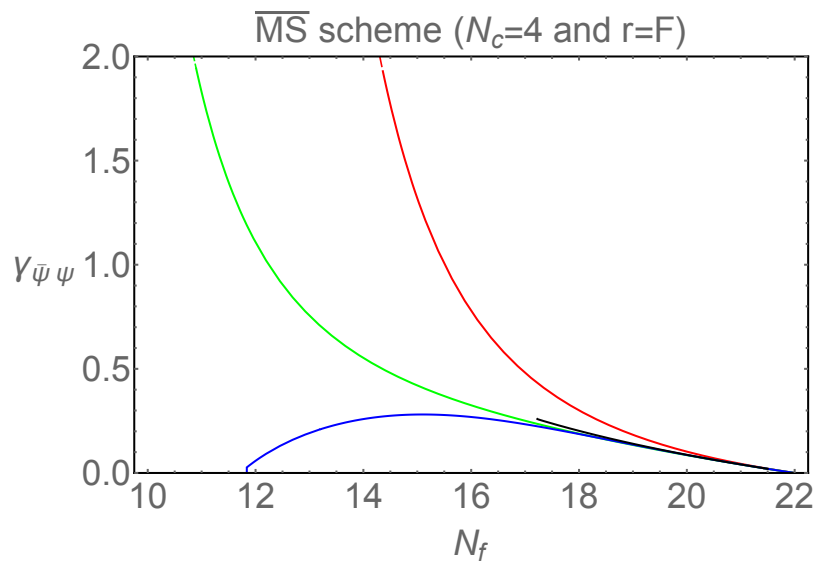
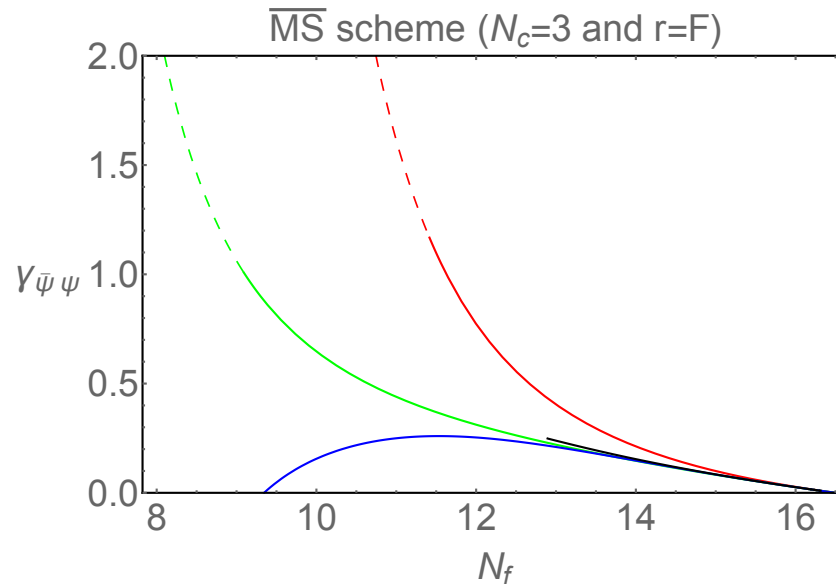
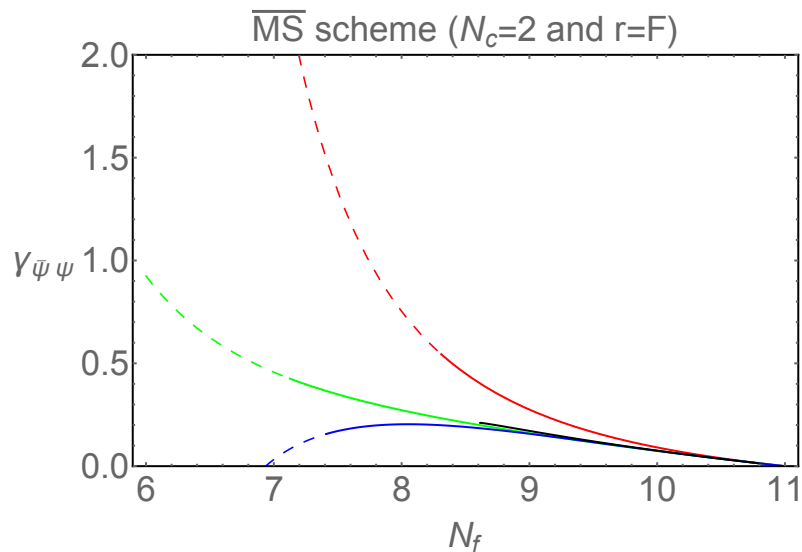
Dashed: $\alpha_{IR} > 1$

— : 2-loop

— : 3-loop

— : 4-loop

5-loops



Solid: $\alpha_{IR} < 1$
 Dashed: $\alpha_{IR} > 1$

—: 2-loop
 - - : 3-loop
 . . : 4-loop
 - - - : 5-loop

TAR & R. Shrock, Phys. Rev. D **94**, 105015 (2016)

Supersymmetric QCD (SQCD)

- In SQCD the anomalous dimension is known exactly (from the NSVZ beta function)

$$\gamma_{\Phi\tilde{\Phi}} = \frac{3C_2(G) - 2T(r)N_f}{2T(r)N_f}$$

V. A. Novikov et al., Phys. Lett. **B166**, 329 (1986)

- The 4-loop beta function and 3-loop anomalous dimension are known in $\overline{\text{DR}}$ scheme

W. Siegel, Phys. Lett. B **84**, 193 (1979)

W. Siegel, Phys. Lett. B **94**, 37 (1980)

D. M. Capper, D. R. T. Jones & P.

van Nieuwenhuizen, Nucl. Phys. B **167**, 479 (1980)

$$\frac{2\pi}{\alpha^2}\beta(\alpha) = -\beta_1 - \beta_2 \left(\frac{\alpha}{2\pi}\right) - \beta_3 \left(\frac{\alpha}{2\pi}\right)^2 - \beta_4 \left(\frac{\alpha}{2\pi}\right)^3 + O(\alpha^4)$$

$$\gamma_{\Phi\tilde{\Phi}} = \gamma_1 \left(\frac{\alpha}{2\pi}\right) + \gamma_2 \left(\frac{\alpha}{2\pi}\right)^2 + \gamma_3 \left(\frac{\alpha}{2\pi}\right)^3 + O(\alpha^4)$$

I. Jack et al., Phys. Lett. B **435**, 61 (1998)

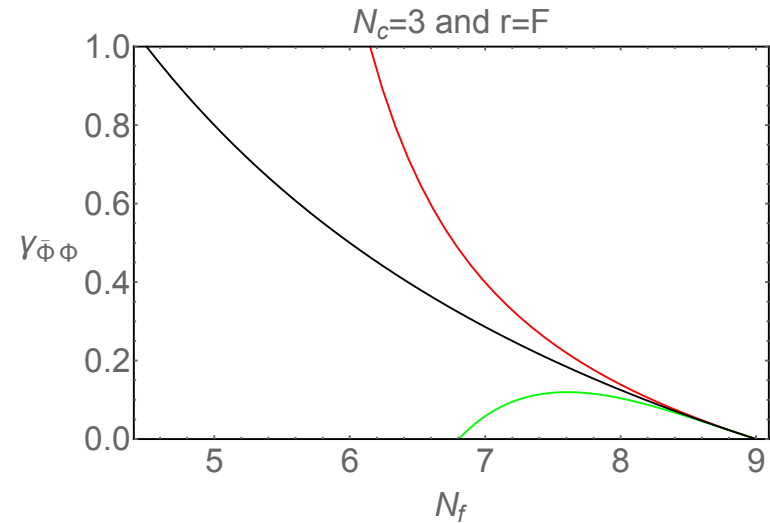
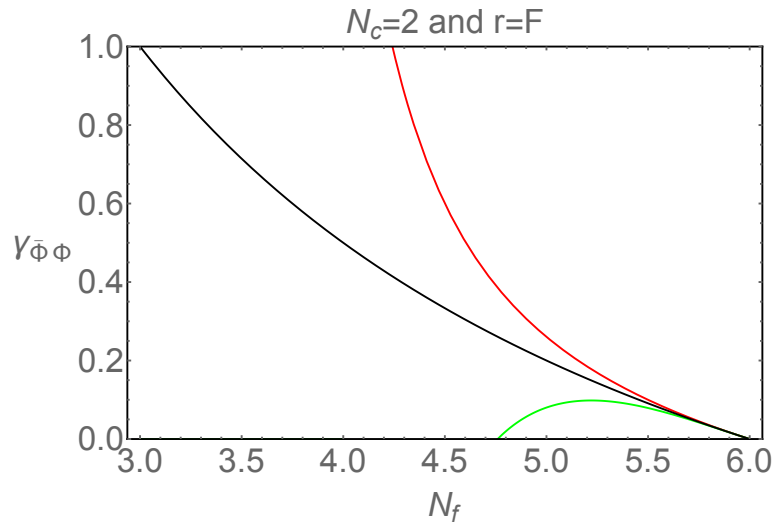
I. Jack et al., Phys. Lett. B **386**, 138 (1996)

A. G. M. Pickering et al., Phys. Lett. B **510**, 347 (2001)

R. V. Harlander et al. Eur. Phys. J. C **63**, 383 (2009)

- Same procedure as before and then compare to the exact result...

2 and 3 loops vs exact result



—: 2-loop
—: 3-loop
—: exact

$$\gamma_{\bar{\Phi}\Phi} < 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{3}{2}N_c < N_f < 3N_c$$

At 4-loops α_{IR} turns complex just below $3N_c$

TAR & R. Shrock, Phys. Rev. D **85**, 076009 (2012)

Usual statement:

Electric (magnetic) theory weakly (strongly) coupled for $2N_c < N_f < 3N_c$

Electric (magnetic) theory strongly (weakly) coupled for $\frac{3}{2}N_c < N_f < 2N_c$

Brief summary and outline

- Before we send perturbation theory to the grave we should remember that there are two sources of error in the calculation:

TAR & R. Shrock, Phys. Rev. D **86**, 085005 (2012)

TAR & R. Shrock, Phys. Rev. D **86**, 065032 (2012)

TAR, Phys. Rev. D **91**, 039906 (2015)

Truncation of perturbative expansion + scheme dependence

- Can we rinse the value obtained so far for scheme dependent contamination?
- There should be some scheme independent information hidden in the perturbative calculation. How can we extract it?
- At higher and higher loop order, more and more scheme independent information should be hidden in the perturbative calculation.
- Goal: Find a way to calculate which is scheme independent and exact order by order.

An advance

- We suggest to follow Banks and Zaks and calculate

T. Banks & A. Zaks, Nucl. Phys. B **196**, 189 (1982)
E. Gardi et al., JHEP **9807**, 007 (1998)
E. Gardi & G. Grunberg, JHEP **9903**, 024 (1999)
P. M. Stevenson, Mod. Phys. Lett. A **31**, 1650226 (2016)

$$\gamma = \sum_{i=1} c_i \Delta_f^i, \quad \Delta_f = \bar{N}_f - N_f$$

- This expansion has several nice properties
 - The coefficients c_i are scheme independent since Δ_f is.
 - The coefficient c_i is exactly determined from the $i + 1$ loop beta function and i loop anomalous dimension. It receives no corrections from higher orders!
- In this way the anomalous dimension can be calculated with only perturbation theory as an error to the finite order indicated.

An advance

- The usual procedure for finding α_{IR} is not very elegant and efficient.
- Instead: we are interested in

$$\frac{\alpha_{IR}}{2\pi} = \sum_{i=1} a_i \Delta_f^i$$

- Evaluate the beta function at α_{IR} and expand

$$0 = \beta(\alpha_{IR}) = \sum_{i=1} \beta_i \left(\sum_{j=1} a_j \Delta_f^j \right)^i = k_1 \Delta_f + k_2 \Delta_f^2 + k_3 \Delta_f^3 + O(\Delta_f^4)$$

- where

$$k_1 = a_1 \bar{\beta}_2^{(0)} - \bar{\beta}_1^{(1)}$$

$$k_2 = a_2 \bar{\beta}_2^{(0)} - a_1 \bar{\beta}_2^{(1)} + a_1^2 \bar{\beta}_3^{(0)}$$

$$k_3 = a_3 \bar{\beta}_2^{(0)} + 2a_1 a_2 \bar{\beta}_3^{(0)} - a_2 \bar{\beta}_2^{(1)} - a_1^2 \bar{\beta}_3^{(1)} + a_1^3 \bar{\beta}_4^{(0)}$$

$$\bar{\beta}_i^{(n)} = \frac{\partial^n \beta_i}{\partial N_f^n} \Big|_{N_f = \bar{N}_f}$$

- Setting $k_1 = 0$, $k_2 = 0$, $k_3 = 0$ allows to solve for a_1 , a_2 , a_3 ,
- a_1 depends on the 2-loop beta function,
- a_2 depends on the 3-loop beta function,
- a_3 depends on the 4-loop beta function, etc....

An advance

- Now that we have solved for the fixed point value we can evaluate the anomalous dimension

$$\gamma(\alpha_{IR}) = \sum_{i=1} \gamma_i \left(\sum_{j=1} a_j \Delta_f^j \right)^i = c_1 \Delta_f + c_2 \Delta_f^2 + c_3 \Delta_f^3 + O(\Delta_f^4)$$

$$c_1 = a_1 \bar{\gamma}_1^{(0)}$$

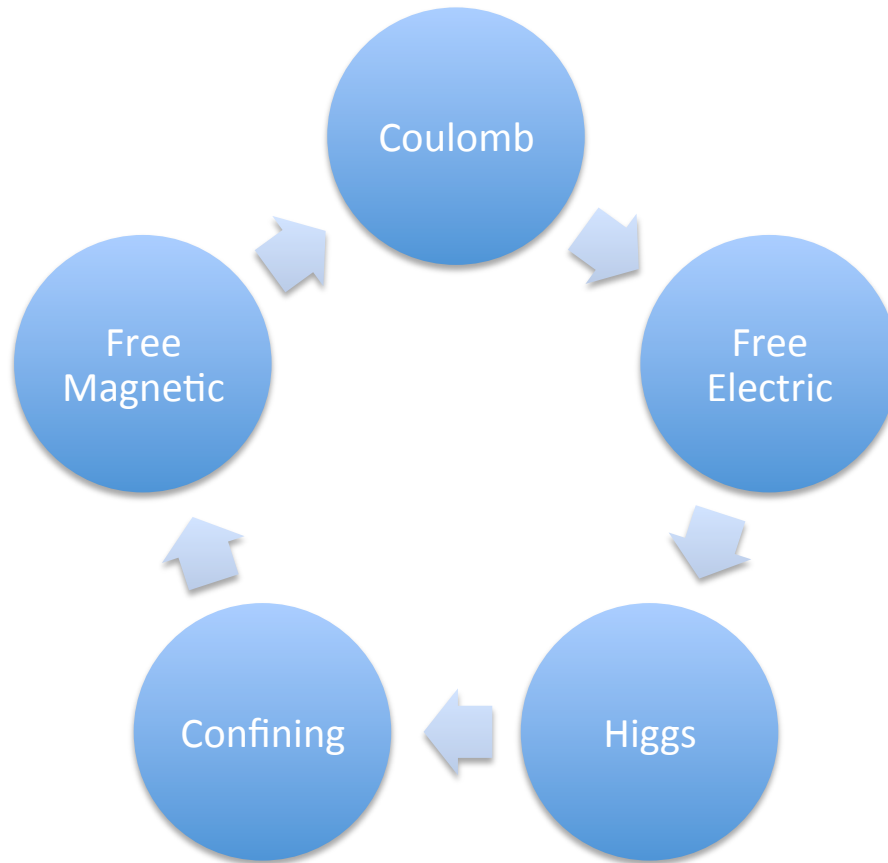
$$c_2 = a_2 \bar{\gamma}_1^{(0)} + a_1^2 \bar{\gamma}_2^{(0)} - a_1 \bar{\gamma}_1^{(1)}$$

$$c_3 = a_3 \bar{\gamma}_1^{(0)} + 2a_1 a_2 \bar{\gamma}_2^{(0)} + a_1^3 \bar{\gamma}_3^{(0)} - a_1^2 \bar{\gamma}_2^{(1)}$$

$$\bar{\gamma}_i^{(n)} = \frac{\partial^n \gamma_i}{\partial N_f^n} \Big|_{N_f = \bar{N}_f}$$

- c_1 depends on the 2-loop beta function and 1-loop anomalous dimension,
 c_2 depends on the 3-loop beta function and 2-loop anomalous dimension,
 c_3 depends on the 4-loop beta function and 3-loop anomalous dimension.

Supersymmetric QCD (SQCD)



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- In SQCD we know the beta function to 4-loops and the anomalous dimension to 3-loops in the $\overline{\text{DR}}$ scheme. So:

I. Jack et al., Phys. Lett. B **435**, 61 (1998)
 I. Jack et al., Phys. Lett. B **386**, 138 (1996)
 A. G. M. Pickering et al., Phys. Lett. B **510**, 1 (2001)
 R. V. Harlander et al. Eur. Phys. J. C **63**, 38 (2002)

$$\gamma_{\Phi\tilde{\Phi}} = \frac{2T(r)}{3C_2(G)}\Delta_f + \left(\frac{2T(r)}{3C_2(G)}\right)^2 \Delta_f^2 + \left(\frac{2T(r)}{3C_2(G)}\right)^3 \Delta_f^3 + O(\Delta_f^4)$$

TAR, Phys. Rev. Lett. **117**, 071601 (2016)
 TAR & R. Shrock, Phys. Rev. D **95**, 085012 (2017)

- The exact result (via NSVZ) is:

$$\gamma_{\Phi\tilde{\Phi}} = \frac{\frac{2T(r)}{3C_2(G)}\Delta_f}{1 - \frac{2T(r)}{3C_2(G)}\Delta_f} = \frac{2T(r)}{3C_2(G)}\Delta_f + \left(\frac{2T(r)}{3C_2(G)}\right)^2 \Delta_f^2 + \dots \left(\frac{2T(r)}{3C_2(G)}\right)^i \Delta_f^i + \dots$$

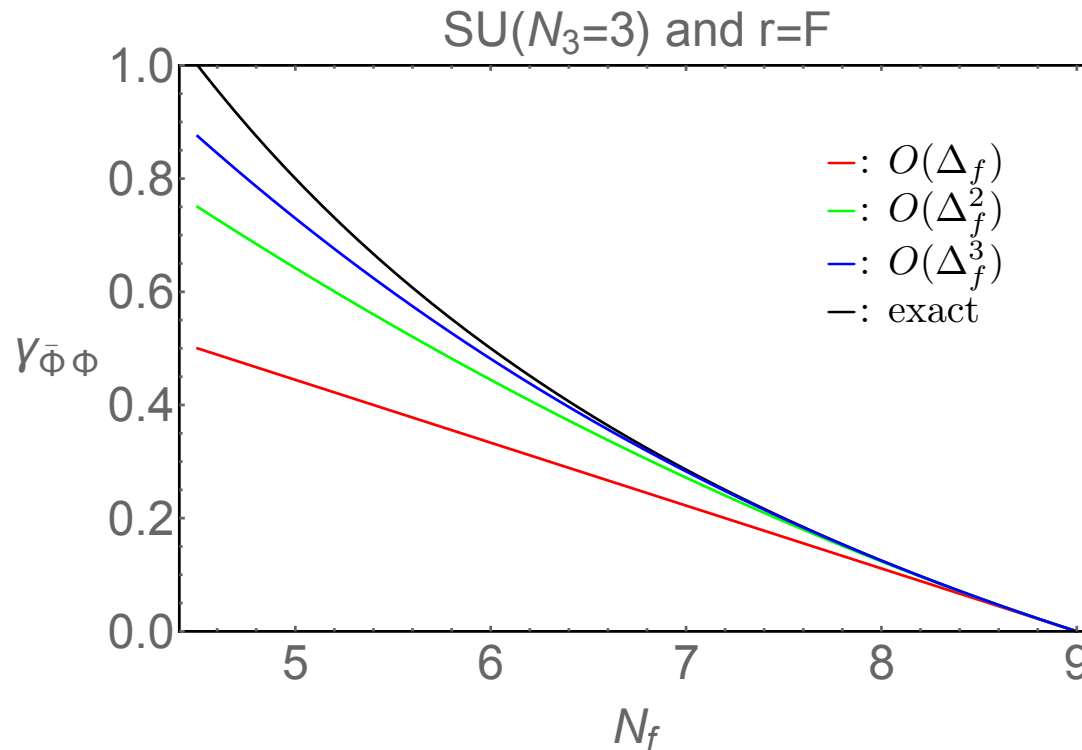
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- Exact agreement to the order we can calculate.
- Confidence in $\overline{\text{DR}}$ as a viable consistent scheme.
- How well does perturbation theory do and how fast does the series converge?

$$N_c = 3, \text{ Fundamentals : } \gamma_{\Phi\tilde{\Phi}} = \frac{1}{9}\Delta_f + \left(\frac{1}{9}\right)^2 \Delta_f^2 + \left(\frac{1}{9}\right)^3 \Delta_f^3 + \dots$$

- Note: We would have been able to guess the entire series (exact result) correctly....

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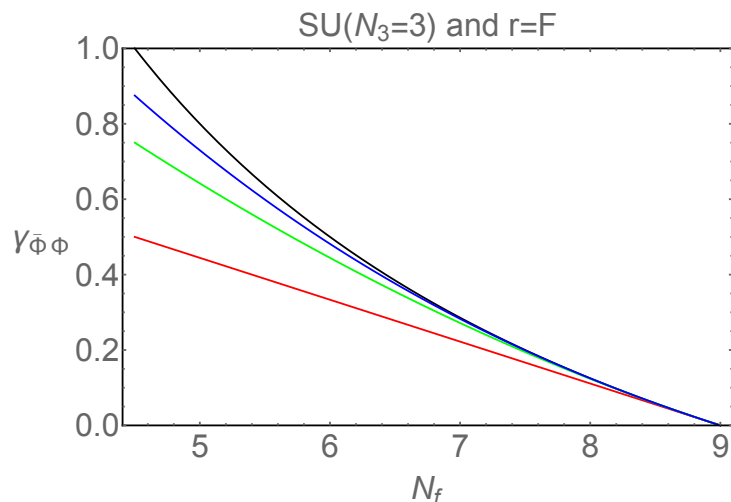


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TAR & R. Shrock, Phys. Rev. D **95**, 085012 (2017)

- The perturbative result converges quickly to the exact result. High level of accuracy of perturbation theory throughout the entire conformal window.
- With perturbation theory + unitarity we would have nailed down the conformal window.

What is the relative error?



—: $O(\Delta_f)$
—: $O(\Delta_f^2)$
—: $O(\Delta_f^3)$
—: exact

TAR, Phys. Rev. Lett. **117**, 071601 (2016)

TAR & R. Shrock, Phys. Rev. D **95**, 085012 (2017)

$$\sum_{j=1}^s x^j = \frac{x(x^s - 1)}{x - 1}$$

• Relative error at order s :
$$\epsilon_s = \frac{\gamma_{exact} - \gamma_s}{\gamma_{exact}} = \frac{\frac{\frac{\Delta_f}{3N_c}}{1 - \frac{\Delta_f}{3N_c}} - \sum_{j=1}^s \left(\frac{\Delta_f}{3N_c}\right)^j}{\frac{\frac{\Delta_f}{3N_c}}{1 - \frac{\Delta_f}{3N_c}}} = \left(\frac{\Delta_f}{3N_c}\right)^s$$

- Example at bottom of window:

$$\Delta_f = 3N_c - \frac{3}{2}N_c = \frac{3}{2}N_c \quad \Rightarrow \quad \epsilon_s = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^s = e^{-(\ln 2)s}$$

- So: $O(\Delta_f^4) : \epsilon_s = 6.25\%$, $O(\Delta_f^5) : \epsilon_s = 3.125\%$, $O(\Delta_f^6) : \epsilon_s = 1.56\%$

- If one is not happy with the relative error in the computation the full exact result can just be guessed.

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$$\gamma_{\Phi\tilde{\Phi}} = \frac{\frac{2T(r)}{3C_2(G)}\Delta_f}{1 - \frac{2T(r)}{3C_2(G)}\Delta_f} = \frac{2T(r)}{3C_2(G)}\Delta_f + \left(\frac{2T(r)}{3C_2(G)}\right)^2 \Delta_f^2 + \dots \left(\frac{2T(r)}{3C_2(G)}\right)^i \Delta_f^i + \dots$$

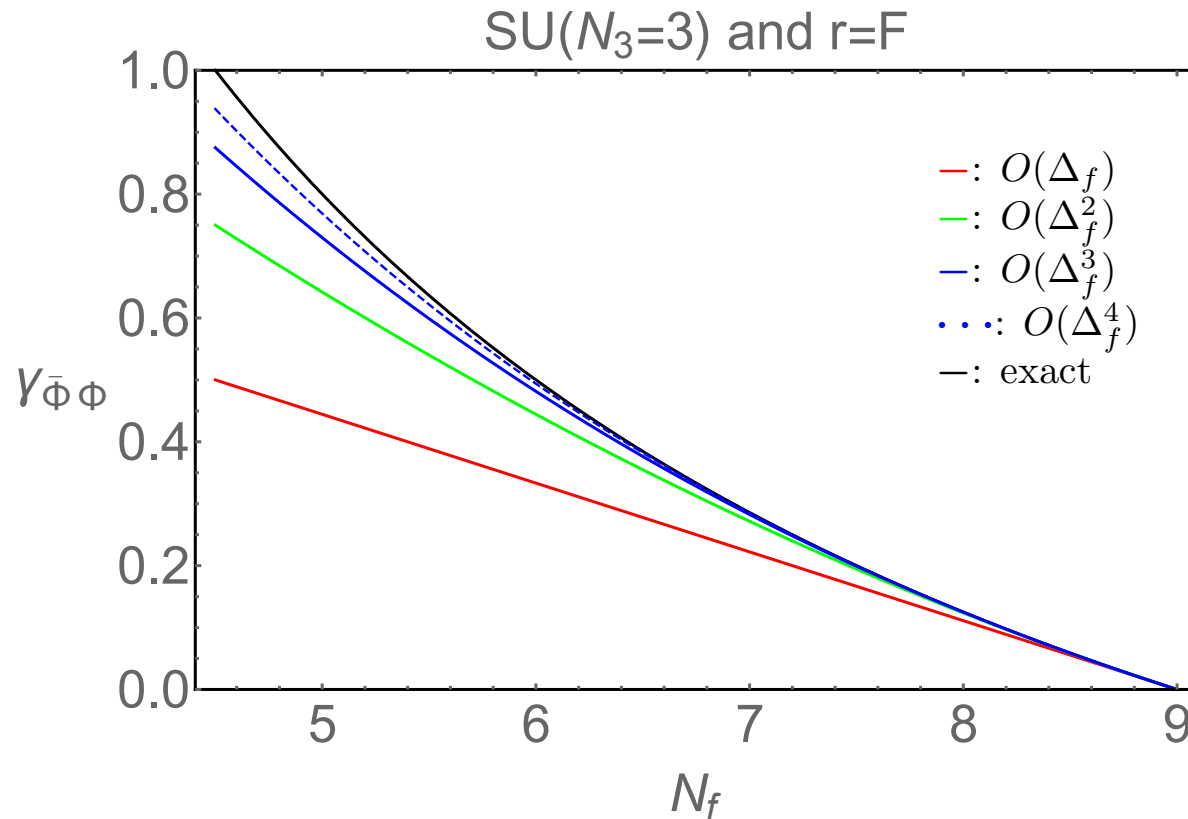
- Having the exact result in hand we can also turn it around:
- If somebody, some day, calculates the $i + 1$ loop beta function and i loop anomalous dimension then at a fixed point they *must* find

$$c_i = \left(\frac{2T(r)}{3C_2(G)}\right)^i$$

- This shows how the exact NSVZ result emerges order by order in perturbation theory.
- It also enables us to understand how well perturbation theory does order by order to *any* order without making a single loop calculation.

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- This is the order to which we can calculate in QCD

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- How about anomalous dimensions of other operators?

- In SQCD
$$D_O = \frac{3}{2} R_O$$

- For baryons and antibaryons

$$B^{f_1 \dots f_{N_c}} = \epsilon_{a_1 \dots a_{N_c}} \Phi^{a_1, f_1} \dots \Phi^{a_{N_c}, f_{N_c}}$$

$$\tilde{B}_{f_1 \dots f_{N_c}} = \epsilon^{a_1 \dots a_{N_c}} \tilde{\Phi}_{a_1, f_1} \dots \tilde{\Phi}_{a_{N_c}, f_{N_c}}$$

- We find

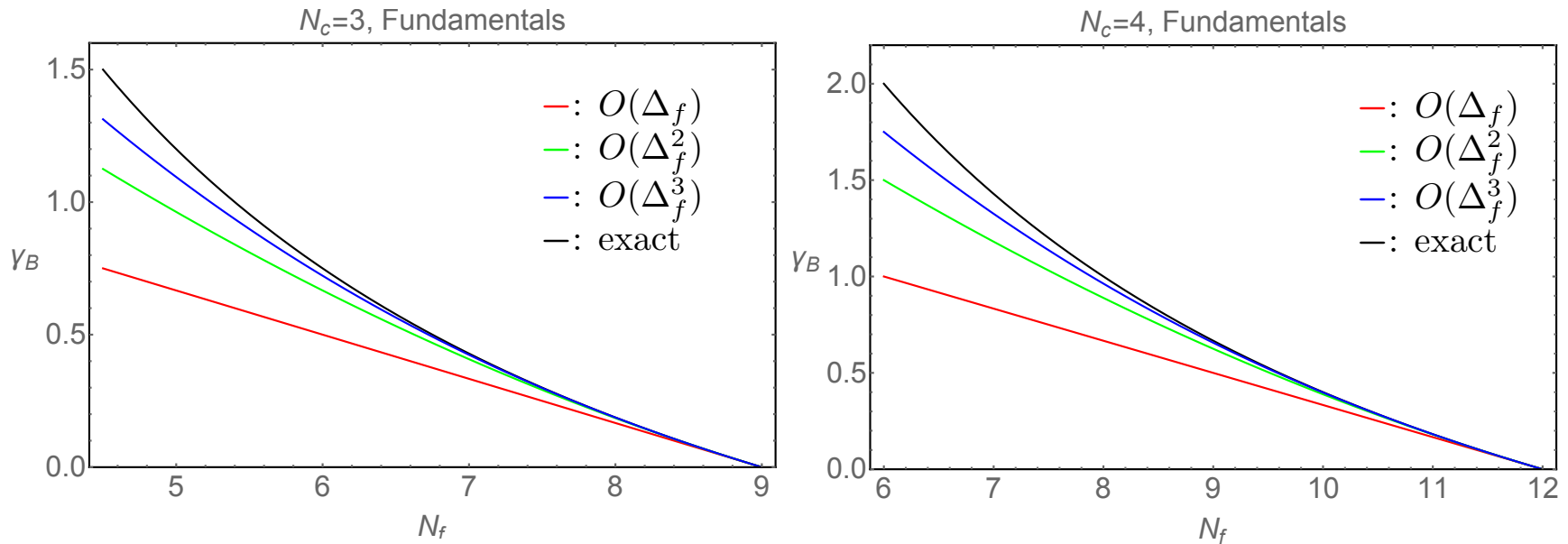
TAR & R. Shrock, arXiv:1706.06422, PRD in press

$$\gamma_B = \gamma_{\tilde{B}} = \frac{N_c}{2} \left(\frac{3N_c}{N_f} - 1 \right) = \frac{1}{6} \Delta_f + \frac{1}{18N_c} \Delta_f^2 + \frac{1}{54N_c^2} \Delta_f^3 + \dots \quad \Delta_f = 3N_c - N_f$$

- Or more generally

$$\Phi_{\text{prod}} = M^{n_M} B^{n_B} \tilde{B}^{n_{\tilde{B}}} \quad \gamma_{\Phi_{\text{prod}}} = \left[n_M + \frac{n_B + n_{\tilde{B}}}{2} N_c \right] \left(\frac{3N_c}{N_f} - 1 \right)$$

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TAR & R. Shrock, Phys. Rev. D96 (2017), 105018

- In all cases is perturbation theory remarkably accurate.
- Note: all coefficients are always positive for all anomalous dimensions

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$$M_f^{f'} = \text{Tr} \left(\tilde{\Phi}_f \Phi^{f'} \right)$$

$$B^{f_1 \dots f_k} = \frac{1}{2^k k!} \epsilon_{a_1 \dots a_{2k}} \Phi^{a_1 a_2 f_1} \dots \Phi^{a_{2k-1} a_{2k} f_k}, \quad N_c = 2k$$

$$B^{f_1 \dots f_{N_c}} = \frac{1}{N_c!} \epsilon_{a_1 \dots a_{N_c}} \epsilon_{a'_1 \dots a'_{N_c}} \Phi^{a_1 a'_1 f_1} \dots \Phi^{a_{N_c} a'_{N_c} f_{N_c}}, \quad N_c = 2k + 1$$

$$\gamma_B = \frac{N_c}{4} \left[\frac{3N_c}{N_f(N_c - 2)} - 1 \right], \quad N_c = 2k$$

$$\gamma_B = \frac{N_c}{2} \left[\frac{3N_c}{N_f(N_c - 2)} - 1 \right], \quad N_c = 2k + 1$$

- Again, in all cases perturbation theory is remarkably accurate!
- Note: all coefficients are always positive for all anomalous dimensions

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Adjoint

$$M_{ff'} = B_{ff'} = \tilde{B}_{ff'} = \text{Tr} (\Phi_f \Phi_{f'})$$

$$\gamma_M = \frac{3}{2N_f} - 1$$

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$$M_f^{f'} = \text{Tr} \left(\tilde{\Phi}_f \Phi^{f'} \right)$$

$$B^{f_1 \dots f_{N_c}} = \frac{1}{N_c!} \epsilon_{a_1 \dots a_{N_c}} \epsilon_{a'_1 \dots a'_{N_c}} \Phi^{a_1 a'_1 f_1} \dots \Phi^{a_{N_c} a'_{N_c} f_{N_c}}$$

$$\tilde{B}_{f_1 \dots f_{N_c}} = \frac{1}{N_c!} \epsilon^{a_1 \dots a_{N_c}} \epsilon^{a'_1 \dots a'_{N_c}} \Phi_{a_1 a'_1 f_1} \dots \Phi_{a_{N_c} a'_{N_c} f_{N_c}}$$

$$\gamma_M = \frac{3N_c}{N_f(N_c + 2)} - 1$$

$$\gamma_B = \gamma_{\tilde{B}} = \frac{N_c}{2} \left[\frac{3N_c}{N_f(N_c + 2)} - 1 \right]$$

Central charges: a & c

- In the presence of a curved background the trace of the energy-momentum tensor is

$$T^\mu{}_\mu = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} (cW_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}W^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} - aE_4)$$

- Where $W_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma}$ is the Weyl tensor and E_4 is the Euler density.
- Their values in the IR are known exactly

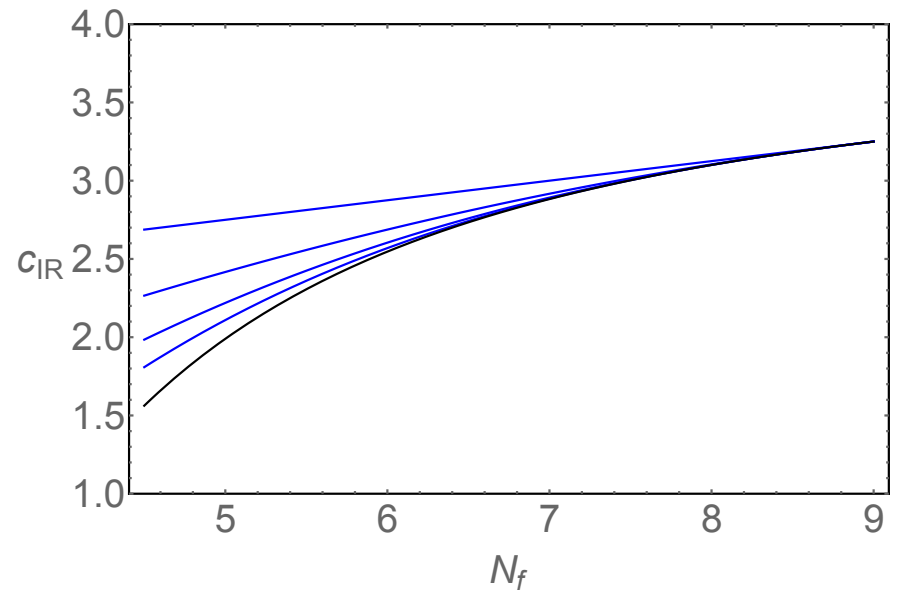
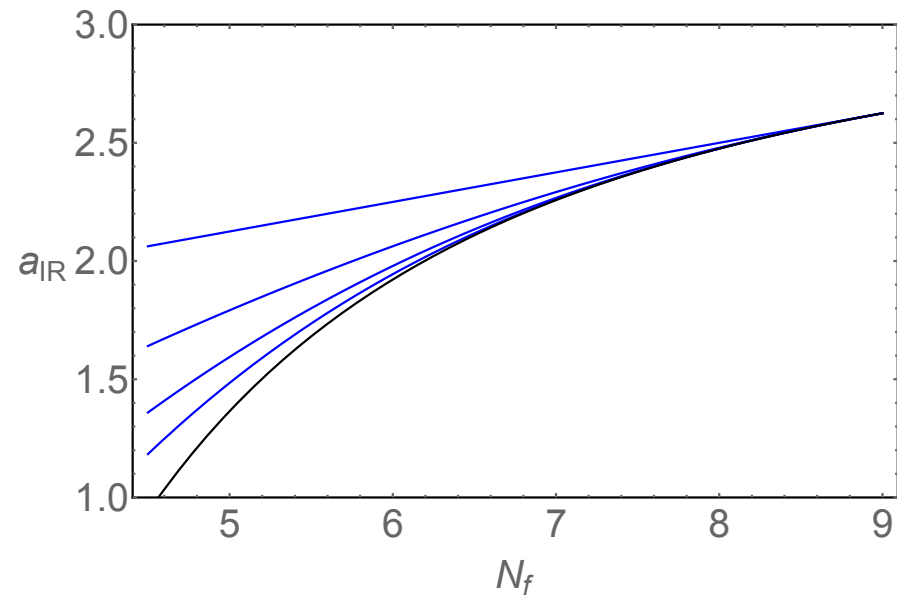
D. Anselmi et al., Nucl. Phys. B526 (1998) 543-571

$$a_{IR} = a_{UV} - \frac{1}{144} \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \frac{j+1}{(3N_c)^{n-2}} \Delta_f^n, \quad a_{UV} = \left(-\frac{3}{16} + \frac{5N_c^2}{16} \right) - \frac{N_c}{24} \Delta_f$$

$$c_{IR} = c_{UV} + \frac{N_c}{48} \left(2\Delta_f - \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \frac{j+1}{(3N_c)^{j-1}} \Delta_f^j \right), \quad c_{UV} = \left(-\frac{1}{8} + \frac{3N_c^2}{8} \right) - \frac{N_c}{12} \Delta_f$$

TAR & R. Shrock, arXiv:1711.01116, Submitted for pub.

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TAR & R. Shrock, arXiv:1711.01116, Submitted for pub.

One last important quantity...

- The slope, $\beta'(\alpha_{IR})$, is a scheme independent quantity

D. Anselmi et al., Nucl. Phys. B **491**, 221 (1997)

E. Gardi et al., JHEP **9903**, 024 (1999)

$$\beta' = d_2 \Delta_f^2 + d_3 \Delta_f^3 + d_4 \Delta_f^4 + \dots$$

with

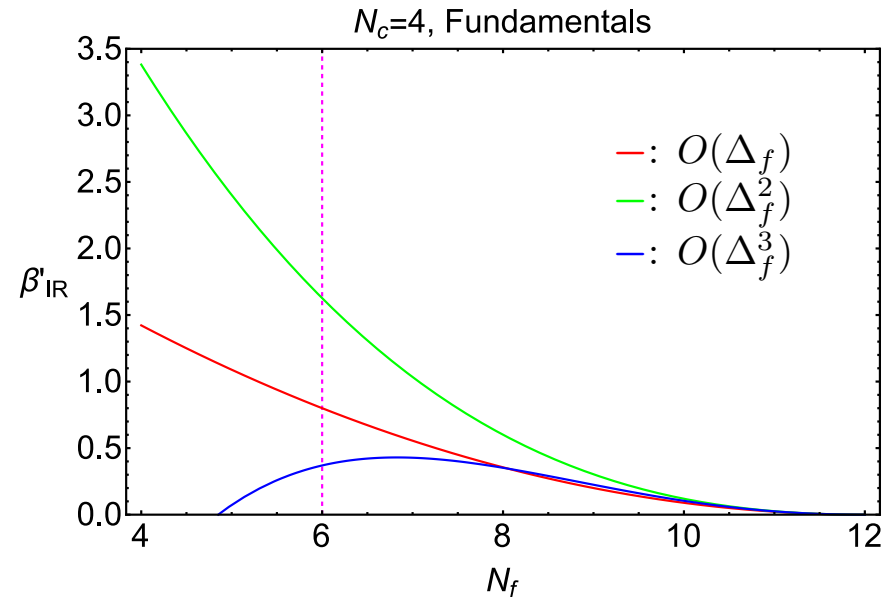
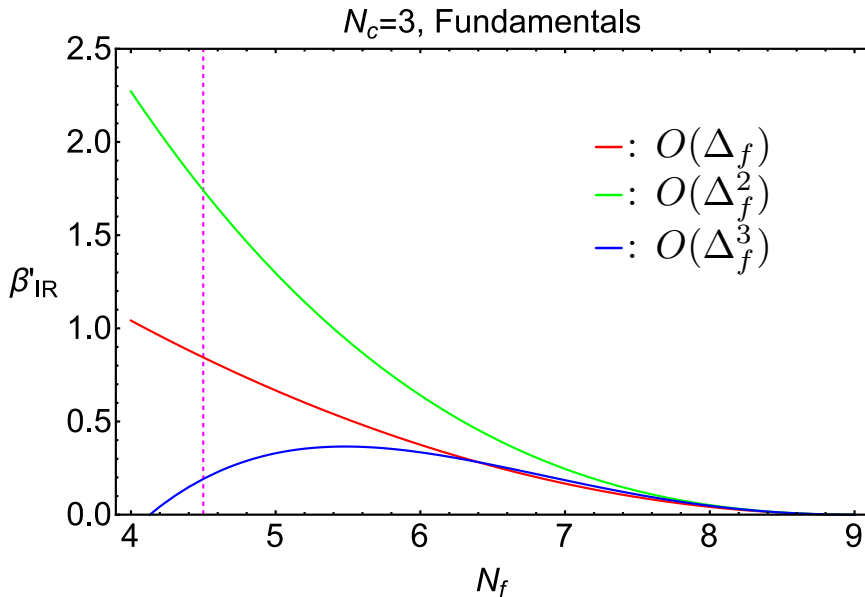
$$d_2 = \frac{2T(r)^2}{3C_2(G)C_2(r)} \quad d_3 = \frac{2T(r)^3(C_2(G) + 2C_2(r))}{(3C_2(G)C_2(r))^2}$$
$$d_4 = \frac{(N_c^4 - 2N_c^2 + 5) - 18N_c^2(N_c^2 + 1)\zeta_3}{108N_c^2(N_c^2 - 1)^3}$$

TAR & R. Shrock, arXiv:1706.06422, PRD in press

- It is not known exactly and guessing it would be difficult.
- An example:

$$N_c = 3 : \quad \beta' = 4.17 \times 10^{-2} \Delta_f^2 + 9.83 \times 10^{-3} \Delta_f^3 - 3.78 \times 10^{-3} \Delta_f^4$$

One last important quantity...



- Duality dictates: $\beta' \left(N_f = \frac{3}{2} N_c \right) = 0$
- Interesting behavior despite seemingly slow convergence.

D. Anselmi et al., Nucl. Phys. B **491**, 221 (1997)
E. Gardi et al., JHEP **9903**, 024 (1999)
TAR & R. Shrock, Phys. Rev. D **96** (2017), 105018

How about QCD.....?

QCD

- In QCD we know the 5-loop beta function and 5-loop (mass) anomalous dimension, so we can calculate

$$\gamma_{\bar{\psi}\psi} = c_1\Delta_f + c_2\Delta_f^2 + c_3\Delta_f^3 + c_4\Delta_f^4 + \dots$$

$$\beta' = d_2\Delta_f^2 + d_3\Delta_f^3 + d_4\Delta_f^4 + d_5\Delta_f^5 + \dots = -\gamma_{F^2}$$

TAR & R. Shrock, Phys. Rev. D **94**, 105014 (2016)

TAR & R. Shrock, Phys. Rev. D **94**, 125005 (2016)

TAR & R. Shrock, Phys. Rev. D **95**, 085012 (2017)

TAR & R. Shrock, Phys. Rev. D **95**, 105004 (2017)

$$\begin{aligned}
c_1 &= \frac{8T_r C_r}{C_A(7C_A + 11C_r)}, \quad c_2 = \frac{4T_r^2 C_r(35C_A^2 + 636C_A C_r + 352C_r^2)}{3C_A^2(7C_A + 11C_r)^3} \\
c_3 &= \frac{4T_r C_r}{81C_A^4(7C_A + 11C_r)^5} \left(-55419T_r^2 C_A^5 + 432012T^2 C_A^4 C_r + 5632T_r^2 C_r \frac{d^{abcd}_A d^{abcd}_A}{d_A} (-5 + 132\zeta_3) \right. \\
&\quad + 16C_A^3 \left(122043T_r^2 C_r^2 + 6776 \frac{d^{abcd}_F d^{abcd}_F}{d_A} (-11 + 24\zeta_3) \right) \\
&\quad + 704C_A^2 \left(1521T_r^2 C_r^3 + 112T_r \frac{d^{abcd}_F d^{abcd}_A}{d_A} (4 - 39\zeta_3) + 242C_r \frac{d^{abcd}_F d^{abcd}_F}{d_A} (-11 + 24\zeta_3) \right) \\
&\quad \left. + 32T_r C_A \left(53361T_r C_r^4 - 3872C_r \frac{d^{abcd}_F d^{abcd}_A}{d_A} (-4 + 39\zeta_3) + 112T_r \frac{d^{abcd}_A d^{abcd}_A}{d_A} (-5 + 132\zeta_3) \right) \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
c_4 &= \frac{T_f^2}{3^5 C_A^5 D^7} \left[C_A C_f T_f^2 \left(19515671C_A^6 - 131455044C_A^5 C_f + 1289299872C_A^4 C_f^2 + 2660221312C_A^3 C_f^3 \right. \right. \\
&\quad + 1058481072C_A^2 C_f^4 + 6953709312C_A C_f^5 + 1275715584C_f^6 \Big) + 2^{10} C_f T_f^2 D \left(5789C_A^2 - 4168C_A C_f - 6820C_f^2 \right) \frac{d^{abcd}_A d^{abcd}_A}{d_A} \\
&\quad - 2^{10} C_A C_f T_f D \left(41671C_A^2 - 125477C_A C_f - 53240C_f^2 \right) \frac{d^{abcd}_R d^{abcd}_A}{d_A} \\
&\quad - 2^8 \cdot 11^2 C_A^2 C_f D (2569C_A^2 + 18604C_A C_f - 7964C_f^2) \frac{d^{abcd}_R d^{abcd}_R}{d_A} \\
&\quad - 2^{14} \cdot 3C_A T_f^2 D^3 \frac{d^{abcd}_R d^{abcd}_A}{d_R} + 2^{13} \cdot 33C_A^2 T_f D^3 \frac{d^{abcd}_R d^{abcd}_R}{d_R} \\
&\quad + 2^8 D \left[-3C_A C_f T_f^2 D \left(4991C_A^4 - 17606C_A^3 C_f + 33240C_A^2 C_f^2 - 30672C_A C_f^3 + 9504C_f^4 \right) \right. \\
&\quad - 2^4 C_f T_f^2 \frac{d^{abcd}_A d^{abcd}_A}{d_A} \left(17206C_A^2 - 60511C_A C_f - 45012C_f^2 \right) + 40C_A C_f T_f \frac{d^{abcd}_R d^{abcd}_A}{d_A} \left(35168C_A^2 - 154253C_A C_f - 88572C_f^2 \right) \\
&\quad - 88C_A^2 C_f \frac{d^{abcd}_R d^{abcd}_R}{d_A} \left(973C_A^2 - 93412C_A C_f - 56628C_f^2 \right) + 1440C_A T_f D^2 \frac{d^{abcd}_R d^{abcd}_A}{d_R} - 7920C_A^2 T_f D^2 \frac{d^{abcd}_R d^{abcd}_R}{d_R} \Big] \zeta_3 \\
&\quad + \frac{4505600C_A C_f D^2}{d_A} \left[-4T_f^2 d_A^{abcd} d_A^{abcd} + 2T_f d_R^{abcd} d_A^{abcd} (10C_A + 3C_f) + 11C_A d_R^{abcd} d_R^{abcd} (C_A - 3C_f) \right] \zeta_5 \Big]. \quad (3.5)
\end{aligned}$$

$$d_2 = \frac{2^5 T_f^2}{3^2 C_A D}$$

$$d_3 = \frac{2^7 T_f^3 (5C_A + 3C_f)}{3^3 C_A^2 D^2}$$

$$d_4 = -\frac{2^3 T_f^2}{3^6 C_A^4 D^5} \left[-3C_A T_f^2 \left(137445C_A^4 + 103600C_A^3 C_f + 72616C_A^2 C_f^2 + 951808C_A C_f^3 - 63888C_f^4 \right) \right. \\ - 5120T_f^2 D \frac{d_A^{abcd} d_A^{abcd}}{d_A} + 90112C_A T_f D \frac{d_R^{abcd} d_A^{abcd}}{d_A} - 340736C_A^2 D \frac{d_R^{abcd} d_R^{abcd}}{d_A} \\ \left. + 8448D \left[C_A^2 T_f^2 \left(21C_A^2 + 12C_A C_f - 33C_f^2 \right) + 16T_f^2 \frac{d_A^{abcd} d_A^{abcd}}{d_A} - 104C_A T_f \frac{d_R^{abcd} d_A^{abcd}}{d_A} + 88C_A^2 \frac{d_R^{abcd} d_R^{abcd}}{d_A} \right] \zeta_3 \right]$$

$$d_5 = \frac{2^4 T_f^3}{3^7 C_A^5 D^7} \left[-C_A T_f^2 \left(39450145C_A^6 + 235108272C_A^5 C_f + 1043817726C_A^4 C_f^2 + 765293216C_A^3 C_f^3 \right. \right. \\ - 737283360C_A^2 C_f^4 + 730646400C_A C_f^5 - 356750592C_f^6 \left. \right) - 2^9 T_f^2 D \frac{d_A^{abcd} d_A^{abcd}}{d_A} (6139C_A^2 + 2192C_A C_f - 3300C_f^2) \\ + 2^9 C_A T_f D \frac{d_R^{abcd} d_A^{abcd}}{d_A} (43127C_A^2 - 28325C_A C_f - 2904C_f^2) + 15488C_A^2 D \frac{d_R^{abcd} d_R^{abcd}}{d_A} (2975C_A^2 + 8308C_A C_f - 12804C_f^2) \\ + 2^7 D \left[3C_A T_f^2 D \left(6272C_A^4 - 49823C_A^3 C_f + 40656C_A^2 C_f^2 + 13200C_A C_f^3 + 2112C_f^4 \right) \right. \\ + 2^4 T_f^2 \frac{d_A^{abcd} d_A^{abcd}}{d_A} (19516C_A^2 - 18535C_A C_f - 21780C_f^2) - 2^3 C_A T_f \frac{d_R^{abcd} d_A^{abcd}}{d_A} (182938C_A^2 - 297649C_A C_f - 197472C_f^2) \\ - 88C_A^2 \frac{d_R^{abcd} d_R^{abcd}}{d_A} (245C_A^2 + 62524C_A C_f + 42108C_f^2) \left. \right] \zeta_3 \\ + 2^{10} \cdot 55C_A D^2 \left[9C_A T_f^2 D (C_A + 2C_f)(C_A - C_f) + 160T_f^2 \frac{d_A^{abcd} d_A^{abcd}}{d_A} \right. \\ \left. - 80T_f (10C_A + 3C_f) \frac{d_R^{abcd} d_A^{abcd}}{d_A} - 440C_A (C_A - 3C_f) \frac{d_R^{abcd} d_R^{abcd}}{d_A} \right] \zeta_5 \left. \right]. \quad (4.9)$$

QCD

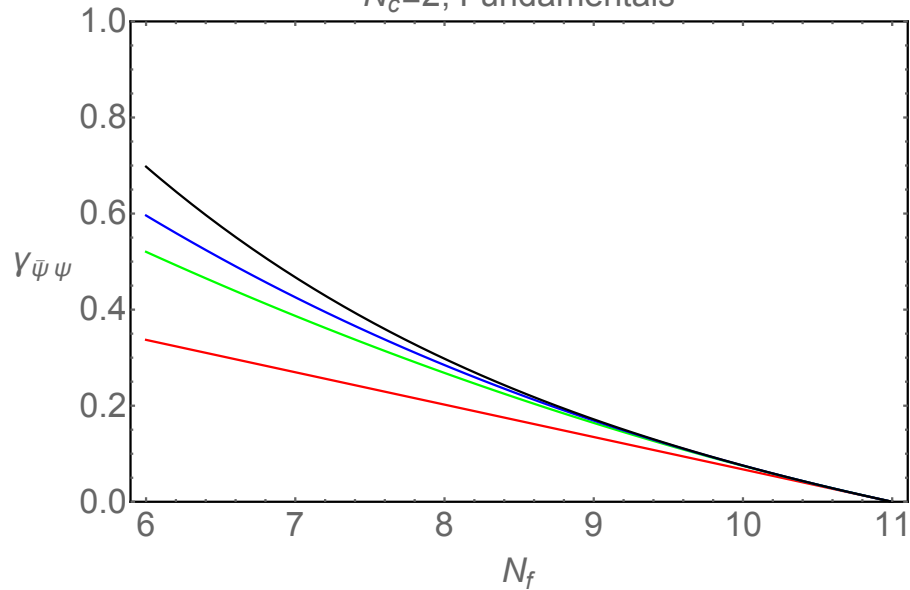
- Observations:
 - ζ_n appears. It is not a scheme artifact
 - Higher order group invariants $d_R^{abcd}d_R^{abcd}$, $d_R^{abcd}d_A^{abcd}$, $d_A^{abcd}d_A^{abcd}$ appear. They are not scheme artifacts
 - Very hard to guess the entire series (unfortunately)
- How about convergence? $(N_c = 3 \quad \text{and fundamentals})$

$$\gamma_{\bar{\psi}\psi} = 4.9 \times 10^{-2} \Delta_f + 3.8 \times 10^{-3} \Delta_f^2 + 2.4 \times 10^{-4} \Delta_f^3 + 3.7 \times 10^{-5} \Delta_f^4$$

$$\beta' = 8.3 \times 10^{-3} \Delta_f^2 + 9.8 \times 10^{-4} \Delta_f^2 - 4.6 \times 10^{-5} \Delta_f^3 - 5.6 \times 10^{-6} \Delta_f^4$$

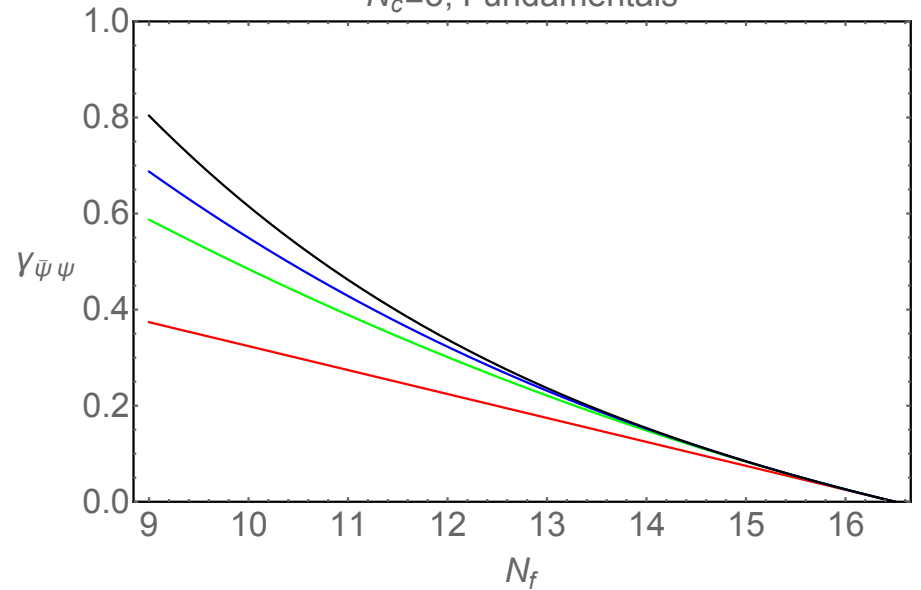
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$N_c=2$, Fundamentals

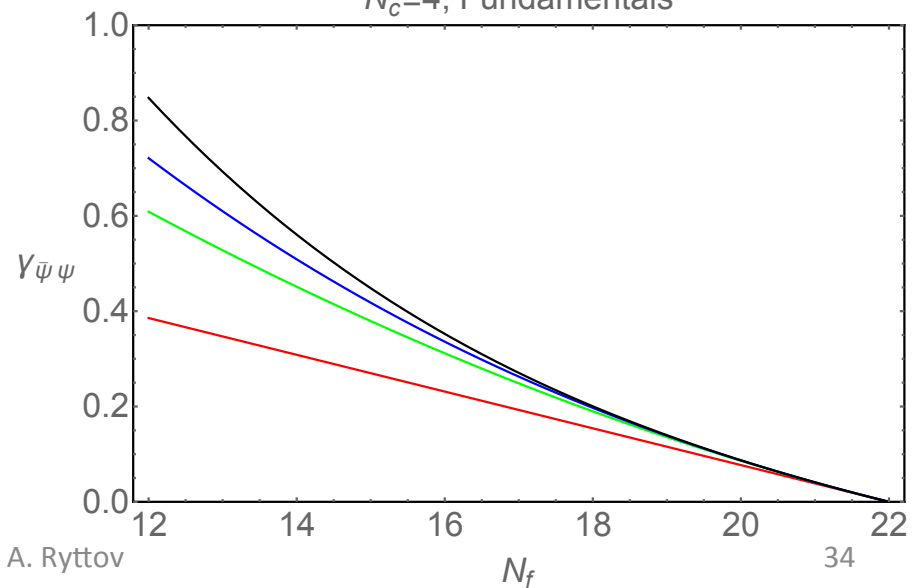


—: $O(\Delta_f)$
—: $O(\Delta_f^2)$
—: $O(\Delta_f^3)$
—: $O(\Delta_f^4)$

$N_c=3$, Fundamentals

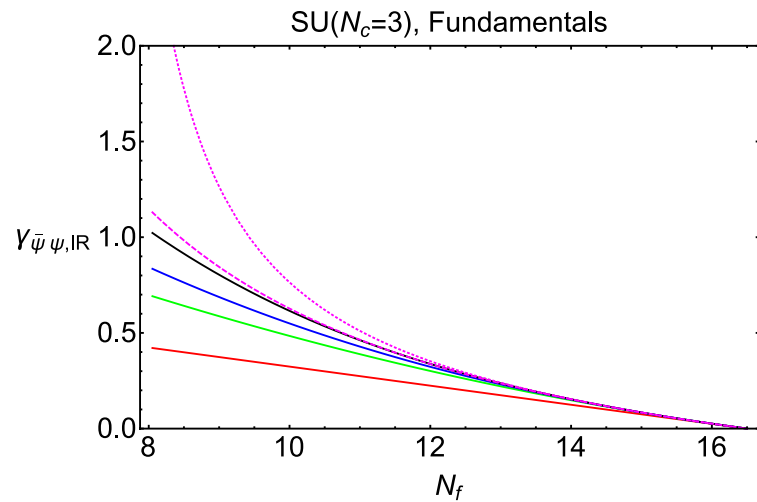
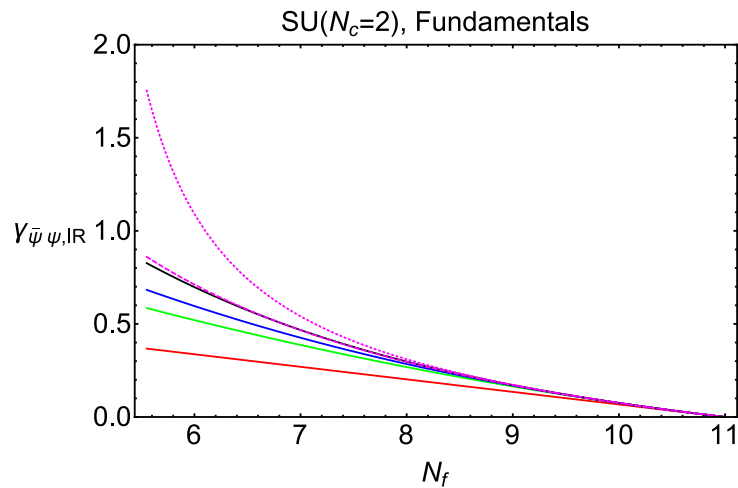


$N_c=4$, Fundamentals

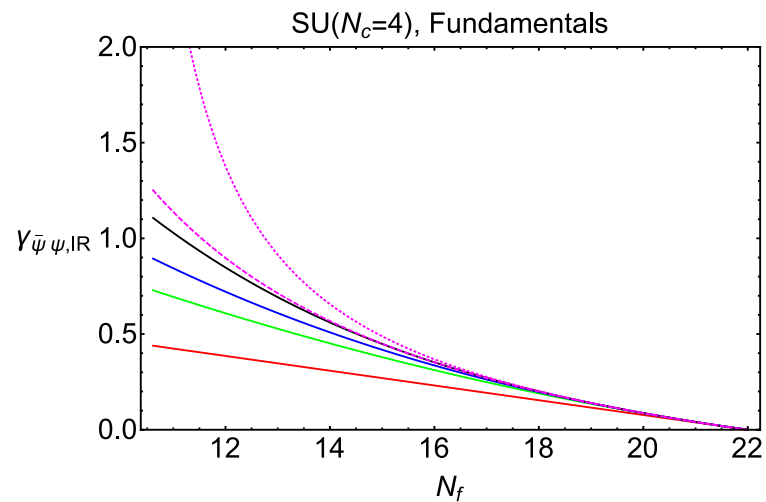


- Good convergence (similar to SQCD) up to $O(\Delta_f^4)$
- Coefficients are positive (also for $SO(N)$, $Sp(N)$)

Pade approximation

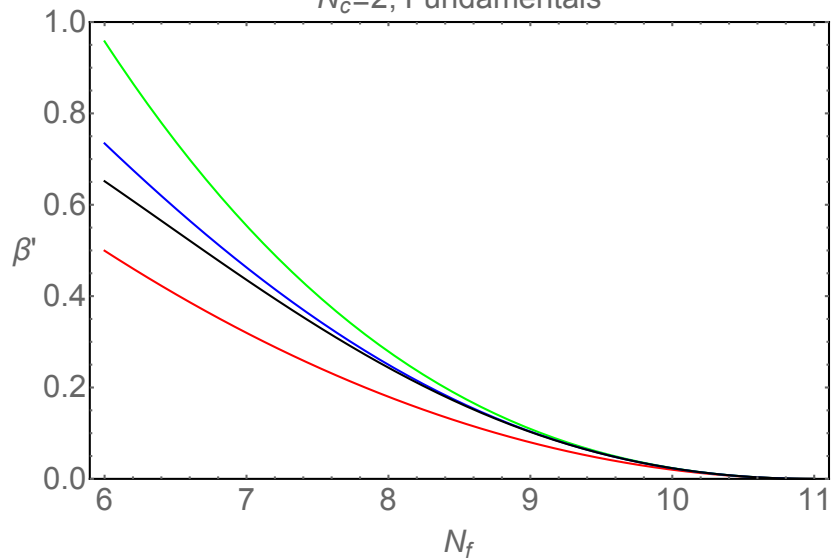


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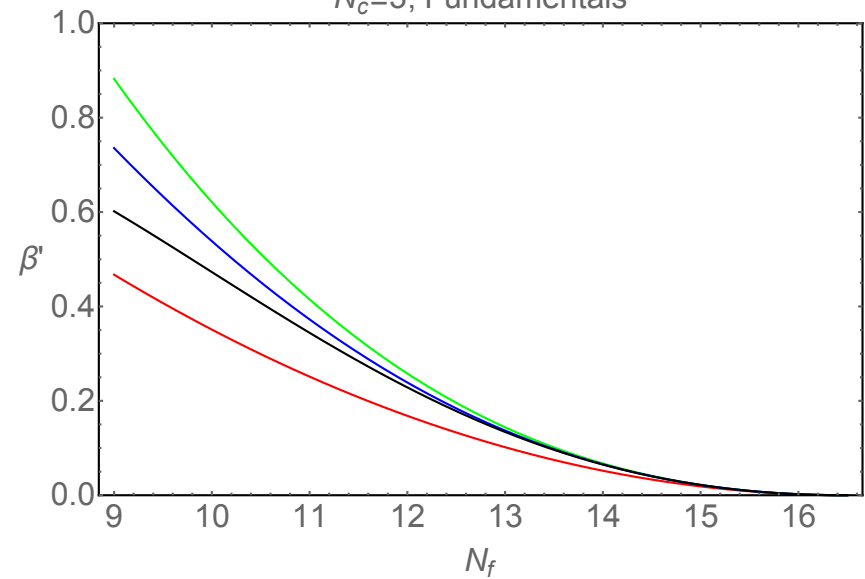
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$N_c=2$, Fundamentals

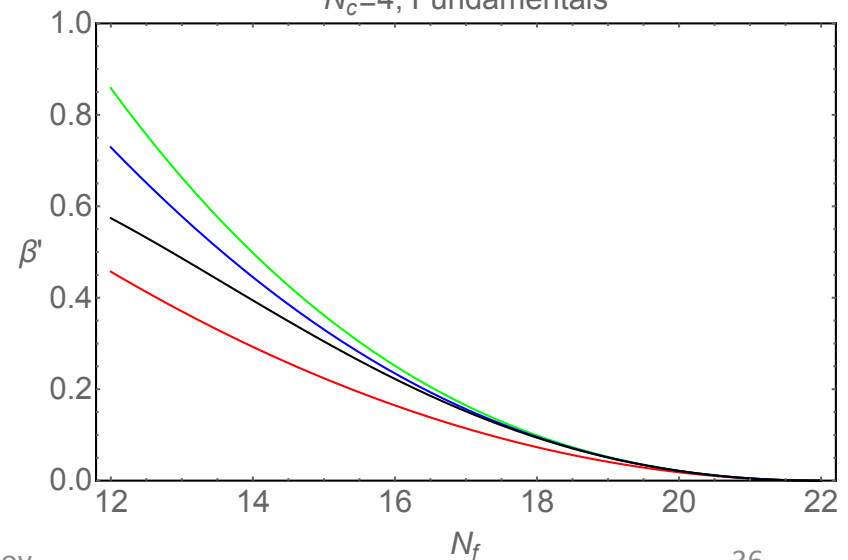


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—: $O(\Delta_f^3)$
—: $O(\Delta_f^4)$

$N_c=3$, Fundamentals



$N_c=4$, Fundamentals



- Implications for (possible) dualities?
- Where does it cross 0?

Adjoint QCD

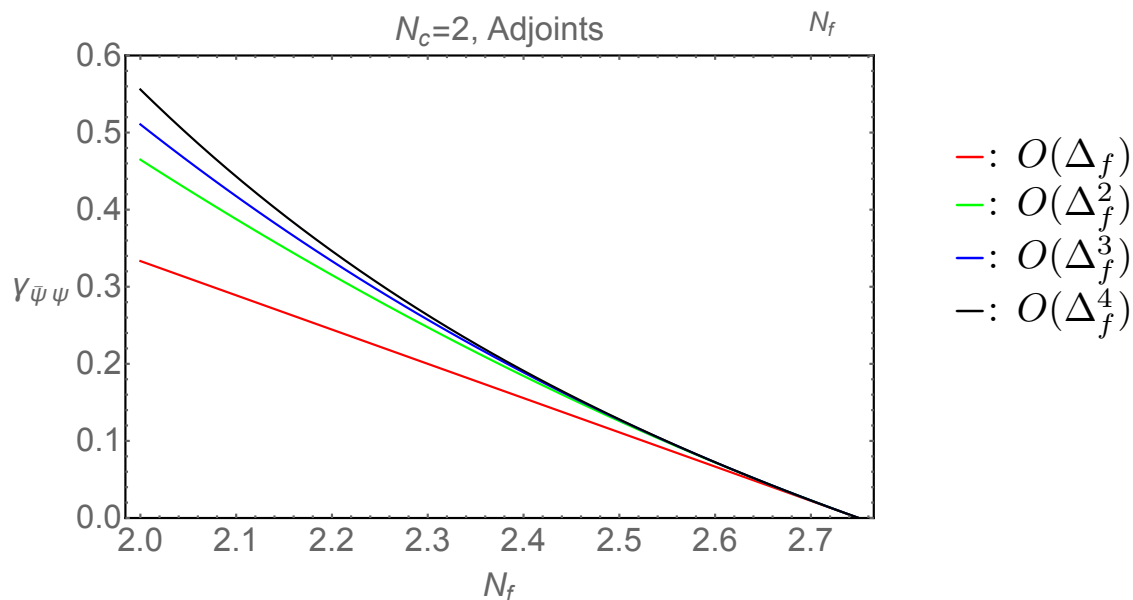
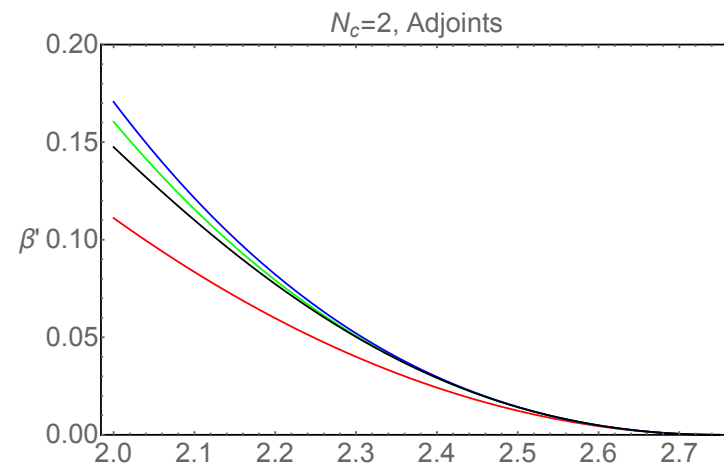
- Does it simplify for adjoint fermions? In SQCD the anomalous dimension is independent of the number of colors N_c .

- In adjoint QCD

$$c_1 = \frac{4}{9} \quad c_2 = \frac{341}{1458} \quad c_3 = \frac{61873}{472392} - \frac{592}{6561} \frac{1}{N_c^2}$$

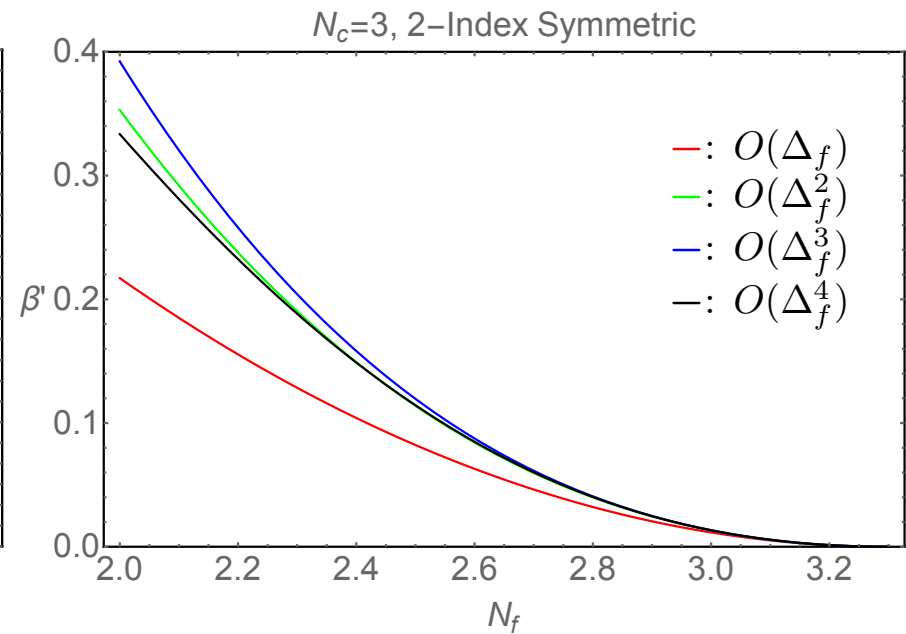
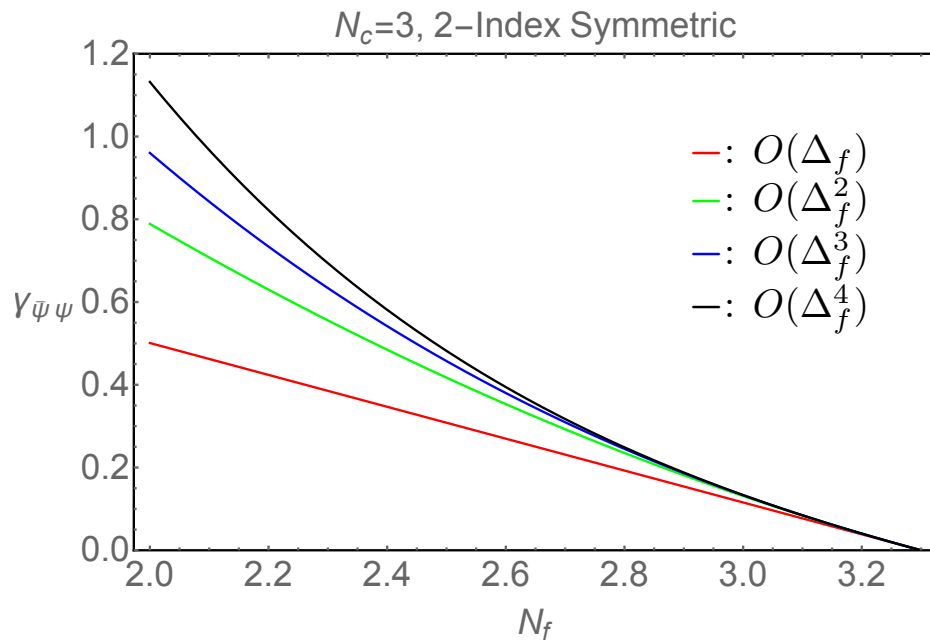
$$c_4 = \frac{53389393}{612220032} + \frac{368}{59049} \zeta_3 + \left(-\frac{2170}{59049} + \frac{33952}{177147} \zeta_3 \right) \frac{1}{N_c^2}$$

- There is a mild N_c dependence
- Also ζ_3 dependence



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2-Index Symmetric Representation



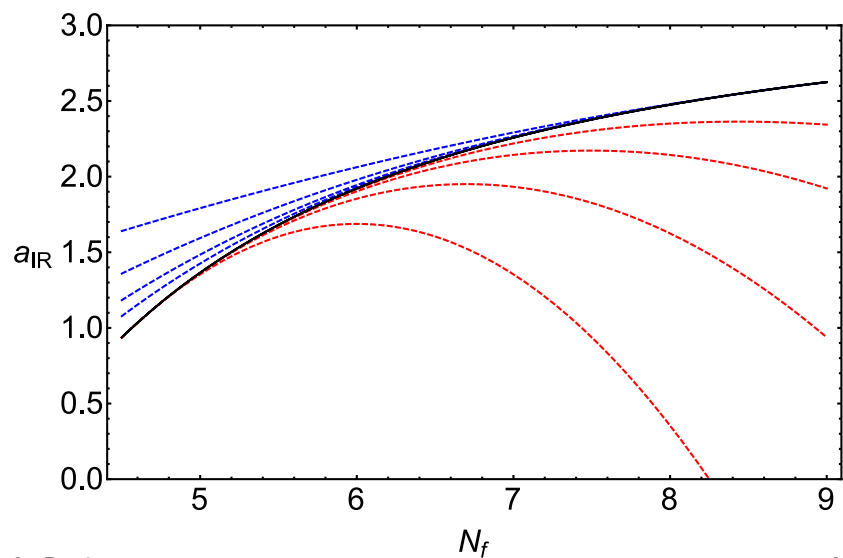
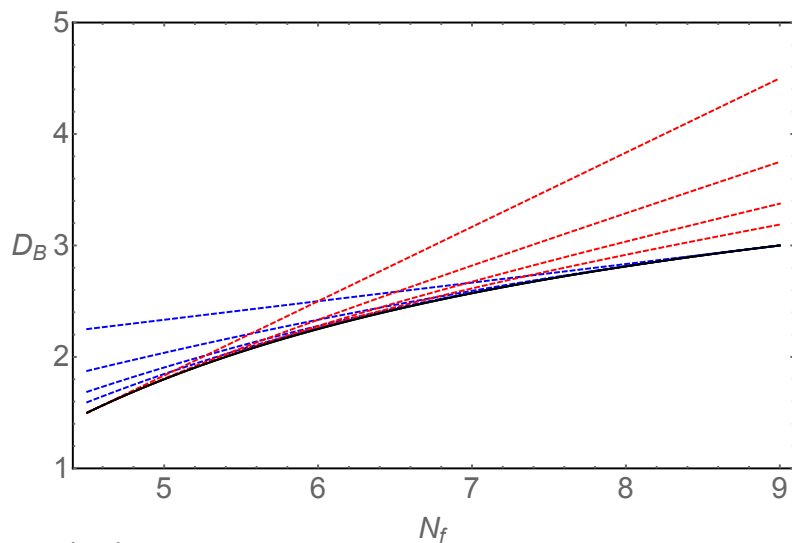
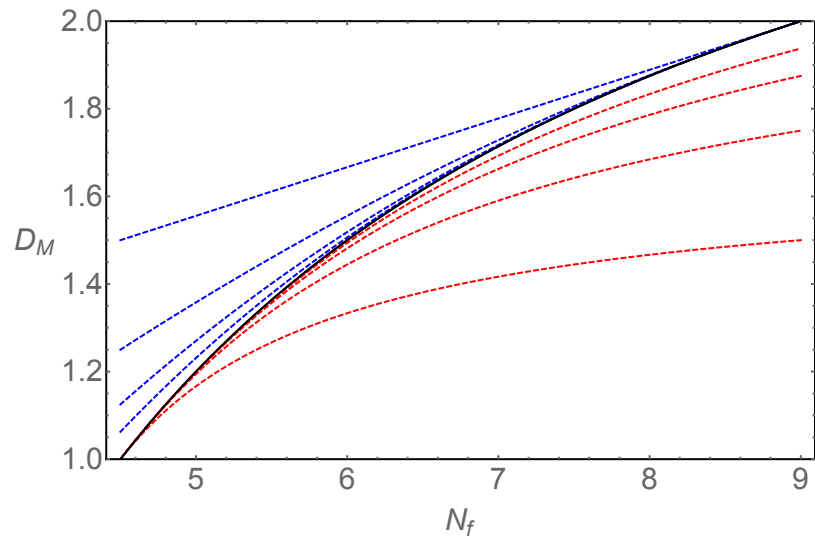
How about dualities.....?

SUSY Duality

	$SU(N_c)$	$SU(N_f)$	$SU(N_f)$	$U(1)_B$	$U(1)_R$
Q	N_c	N_f	1	1	$\frac{N_f - N_c}{N_f}$
$\tilde{Q}$	$\bar{N}_c$	1	$\bar{N}_f$	-1	$\frac{N_f - N_c}{N_f}$

	$SU(N_f - N_c)$	$SU(N_f)$	$SU(N_f)$	$U(1)_B$	$U(1)_R$
q	N_c	$\bar{N}_f$	1	$\frac{N_c}{N_f - N_c}$	$\frac{N_c}{N_f}$
$\tilde{q}$	$\bar{N}_c$	1	N_f	$-\frac{N_c}{N_f - N_c}$	$\frac{N_c}{N_f}$
ϕ	1	N_f	$\bar{N}_f$	0	$\frac{2(N_f - N_c)}{N_f}$

$$W = \lambda \phi q \tilde{q}$$



Work in progress.....

Viewing things from a distance

- We have found a tool that is readily available in both QCD and SQCD. It works remarkably well in SQCD and there is evidence that it works equally well in QCD.
- In fact: in SQCD the physics is controlled by the first (handful) of orders throughout the entire conformal window.
- We now have a tool to ask about possible dual descriptions of non-SUSY theories. To appear very soon..