

The QCD sign problem as a total derivative

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What QCD at non-zero quark chemical potential $r e^{i\theta} = \det(D + \mu\gamma_0 + m)$

Ensembles with θ fixed

Why Understand the histogram method

Z and n_B build up as $\int d\theta$

How General arguments, hadron resonance gas model, strong coupling

Sign problem = total derivatives wrt θ

What is a sign problem?

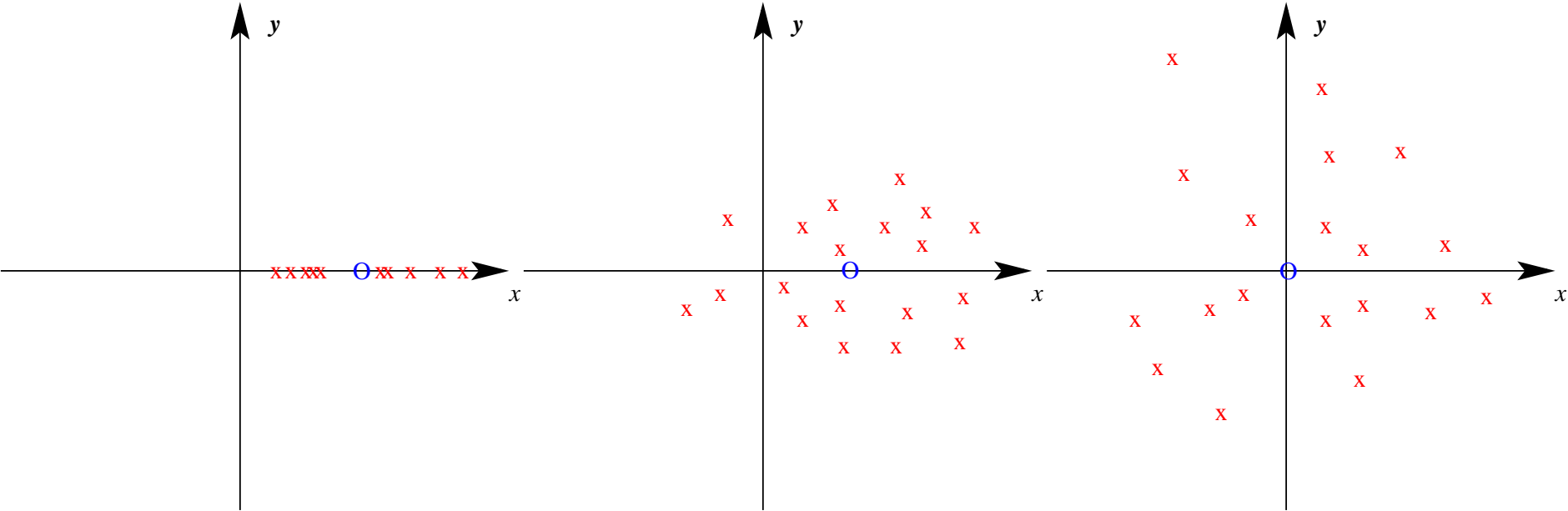
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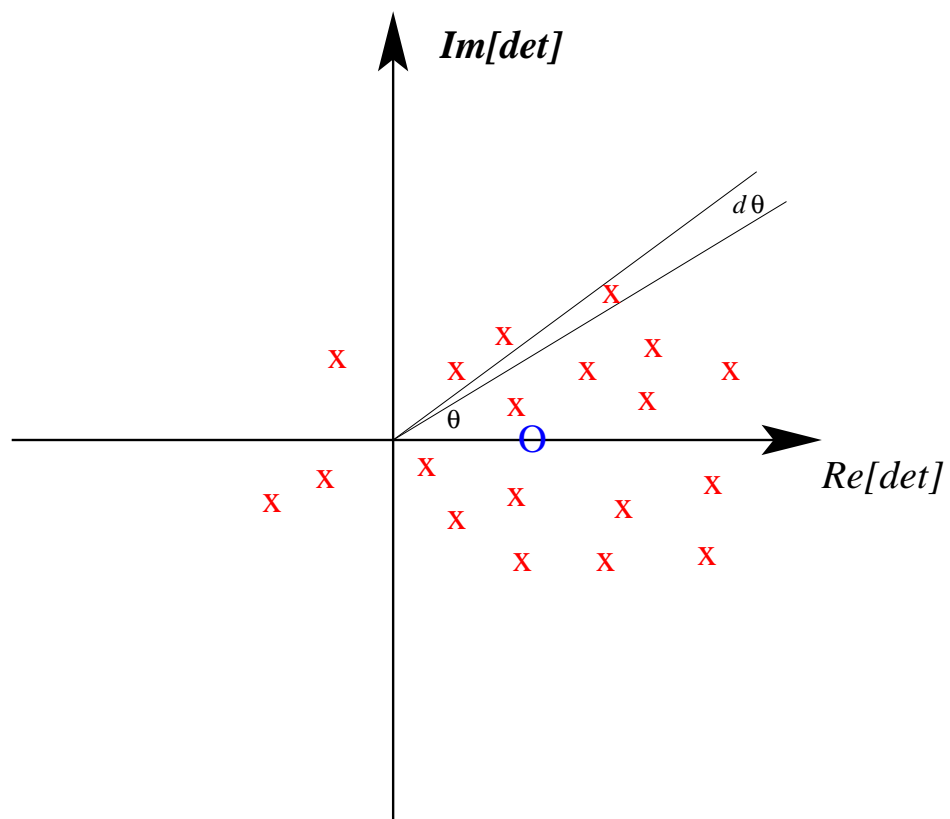
lattice QCD not applicable

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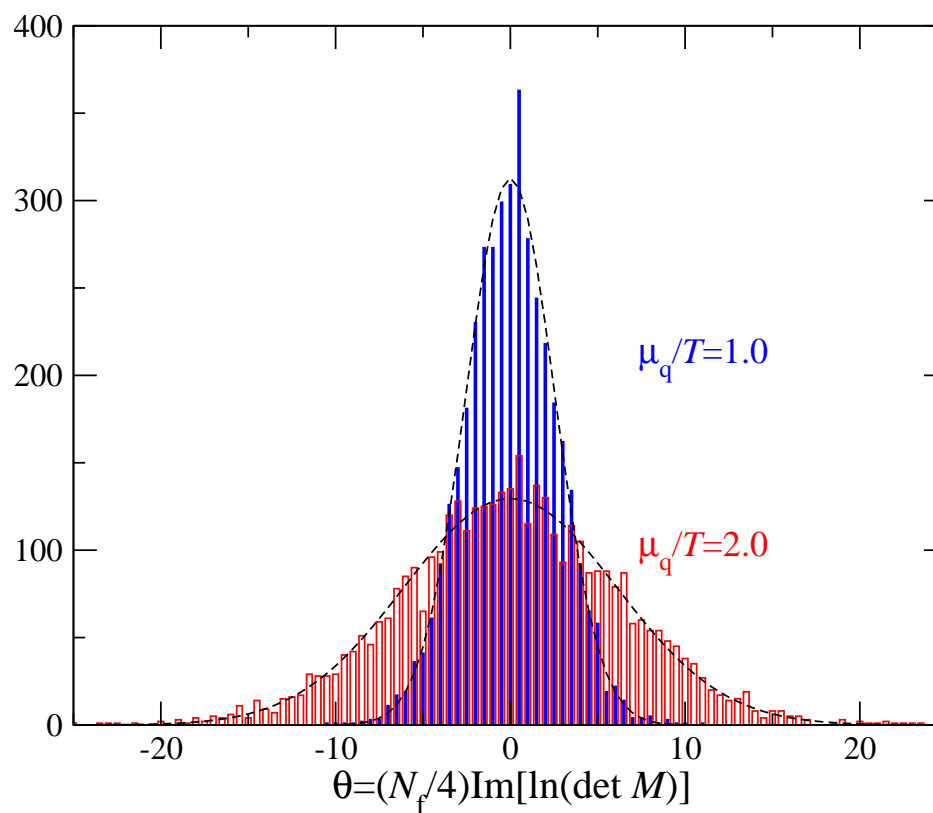
$$\mu < m_\pi/2 \quad \text{VS} \quad \mu > m_\pi/2$$

Alford Kapustin Wilczek PRD 59 (1999) 054502
Splittorff, Verbaarschot PRL 98 (2007) 031601

Dorota Grabowska, David Kaplan, Amy Nicholson PRD 87, 014504 (2013)

The θ -distribution from the lattice

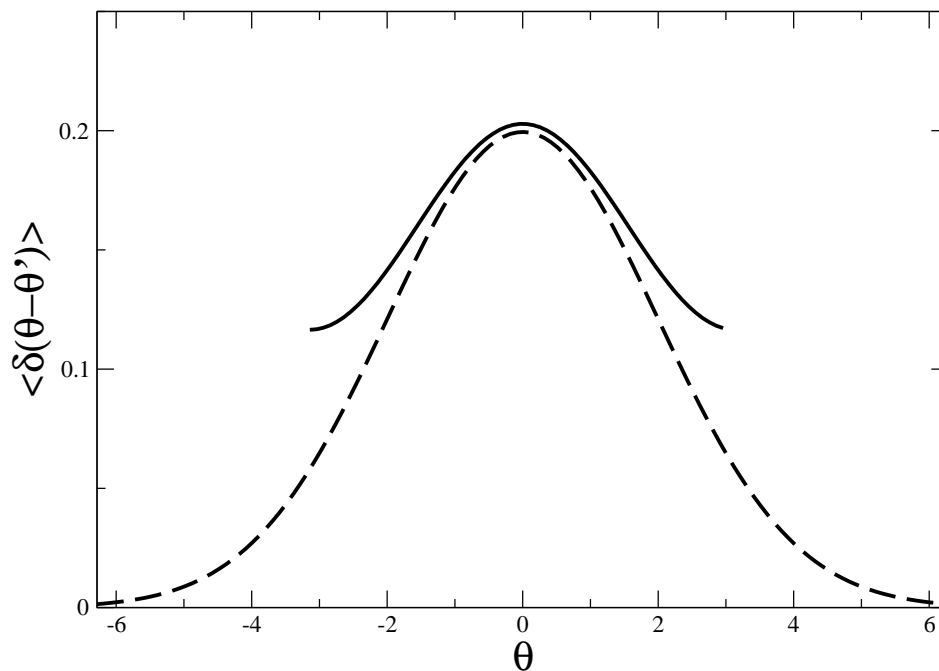
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Central limit theorem \rightarrow Gaussian

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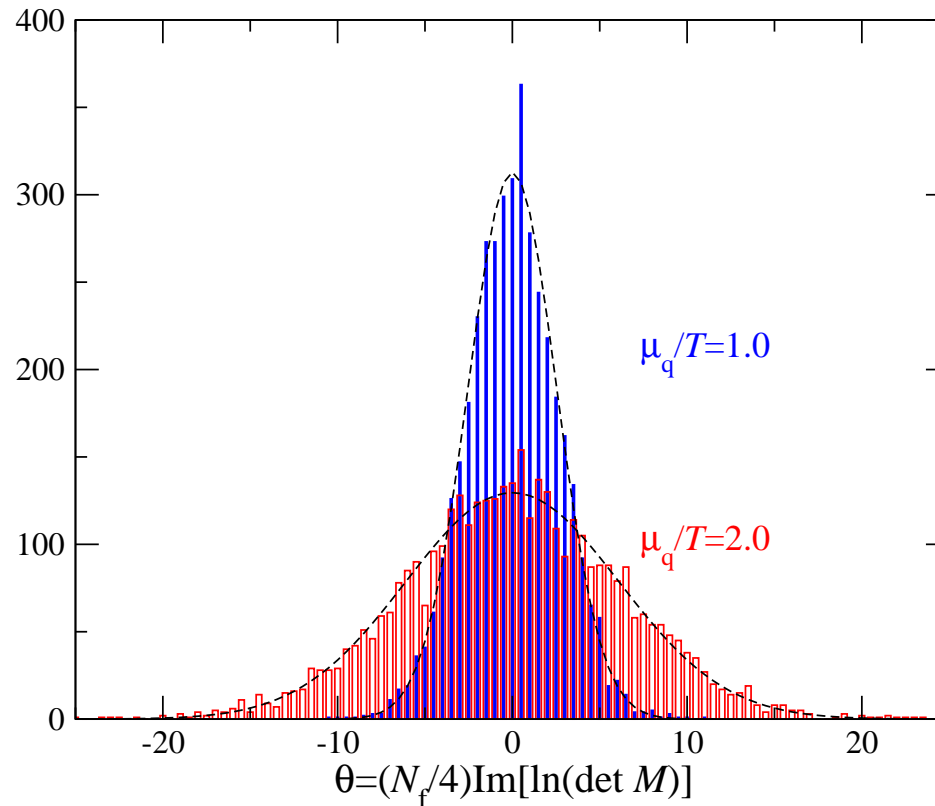
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Multiply by $e^{2i\theta}$ to get $\langle \delta(\theta - \theta') \rangle_{1+1}$

Histogram method

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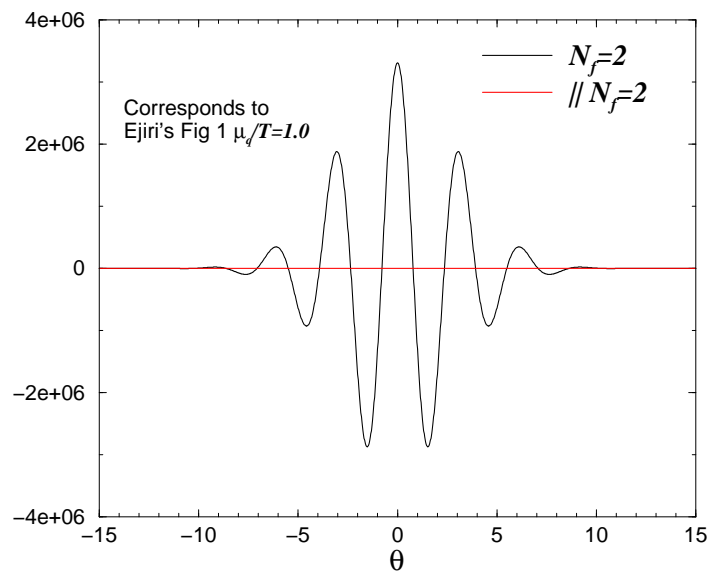
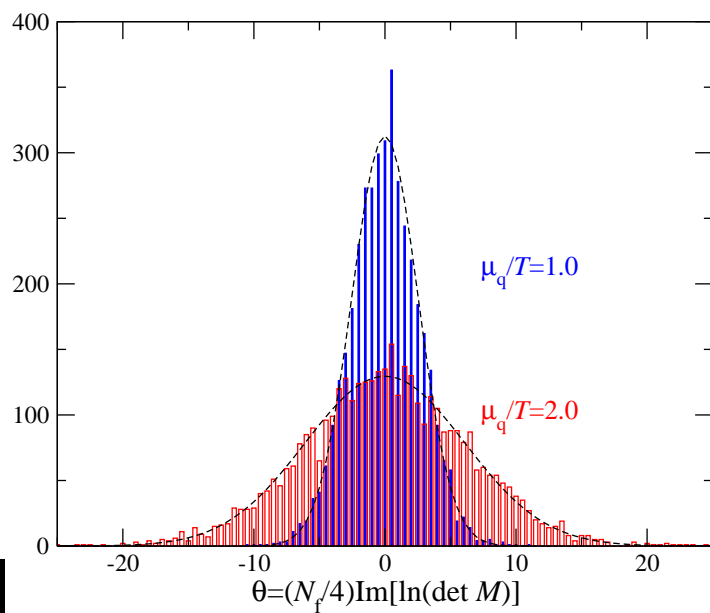
Measure the width of the Gaussian and do the θ integral analytically.

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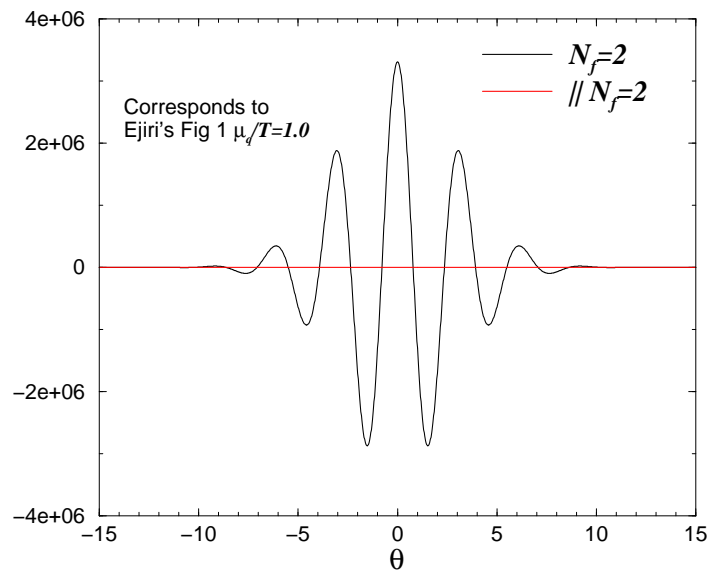
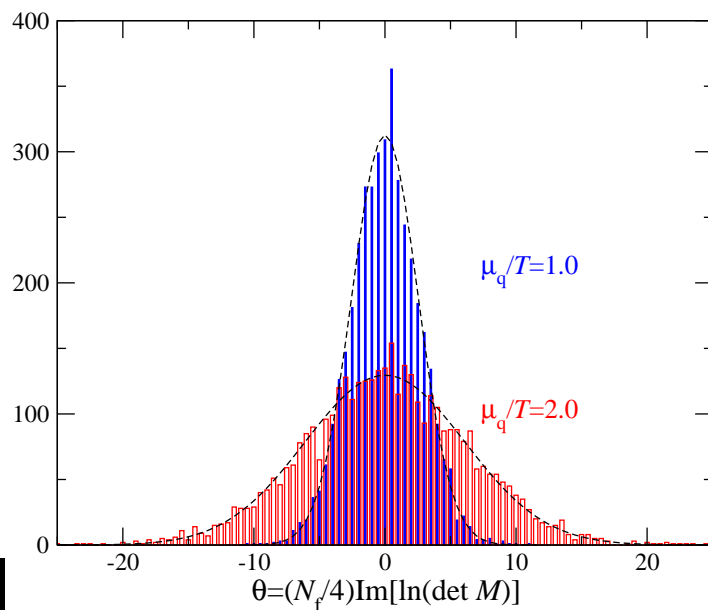
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The Gaussian fit needs to be good

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Check analytically!

Michael G. Endres, David B. Kaplan, Jong-Wan Lee, Amy N. Nicholson, PoS (Lattice 2011) Plenary
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Compute these moments for all p and pluck them back into

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Gaussian dist of $\theta \Leftrightarrow X_j = 0$ for all $j > 1$

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Challenge

Compute the moments of the phase factor

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in your favorite approach to QCD.

Masanori Hanada, Carlos Hoyos, Andreas Karch, Laurence G. Yaffe arXiv:1201.3718

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... looks pretty complicated ... but in fact ...

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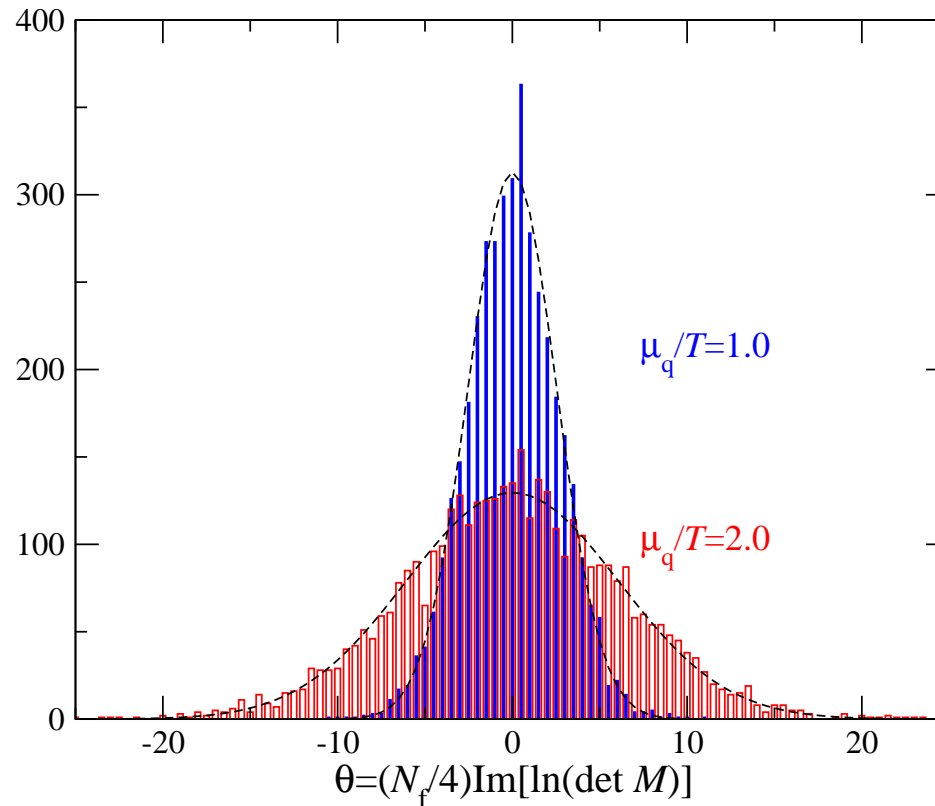
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Check the Gaussian carefully and check for total derivatives.

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Total derivatives and volume

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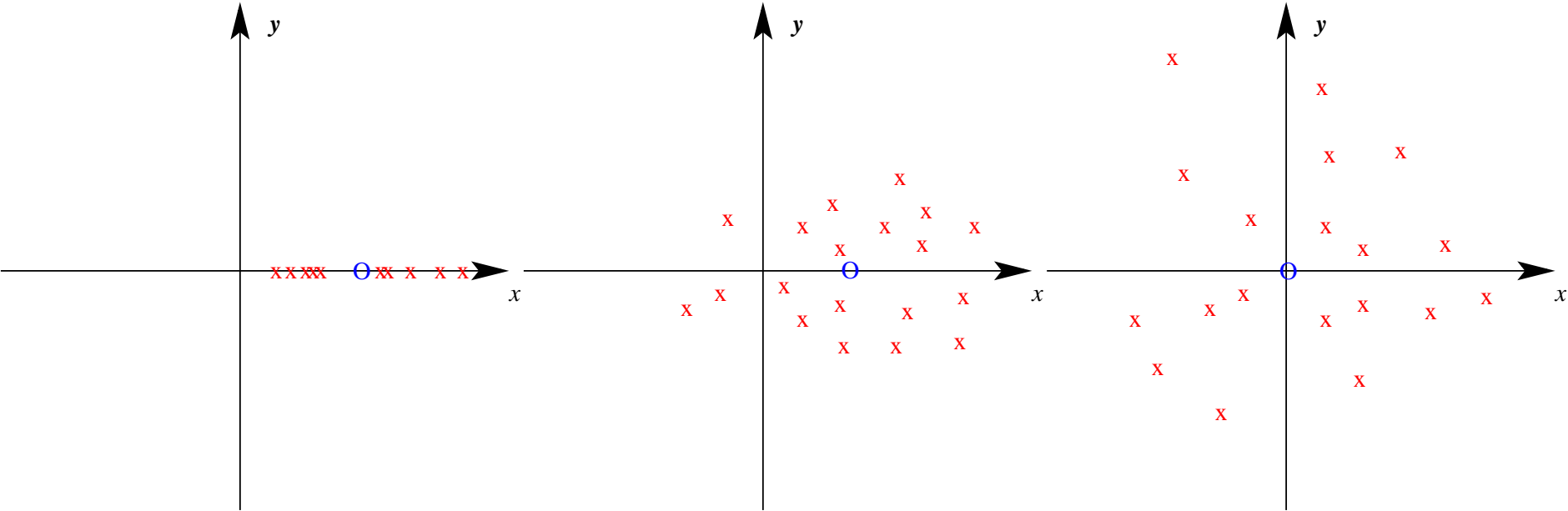
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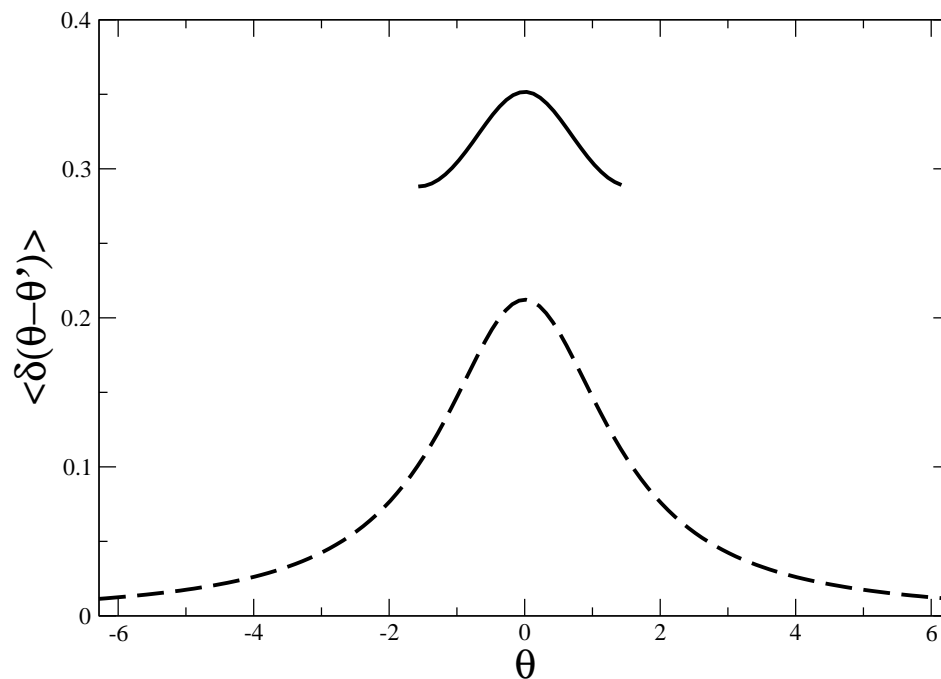
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Central limit theorem fails!

Lorentzian folded onto $[-\pi/2 : \pi/2]$



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