

# Wilson loops in very high order lattice perturbation theory

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Wilson loop  $W_{NM}$  of size  $N \times M$ :

$$W_{NM}(n^*) = \sum_{n=0}^{n^*} W_{NM}^{(n)} g^n$$

( $n^*$  denotes the maximal order of LPT)

The coefficients  $W_{NM}^{(n)}$  are obtained as

$$W_{NM}^{(n)} = \left\langle \sum_{n_i} \left( \prod_{j=1}^{2(N+M)} U_{\mu_j}^{(n_i)}(x_j) \right) \delta_{(\sum n_i), n} \right\rangle$$

It must be  $W_{NM}^{(n)} = 0$  for  $n = \text{odd}$ .

We expand around the trivial vacuum  $U_{\mu}^{(0)}(x) = 1$ .

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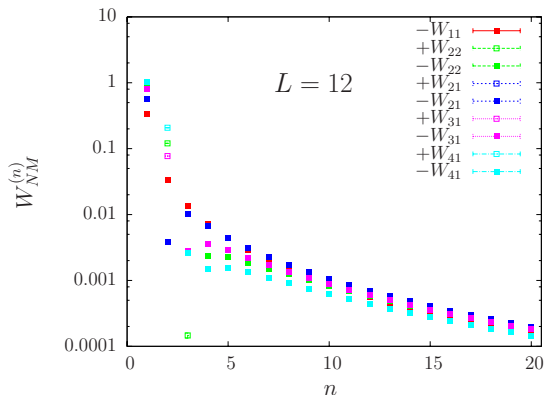
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# Perturbative coefficients for $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$

For  $L = 12$  we get for some moderate Wilsonloop sizes



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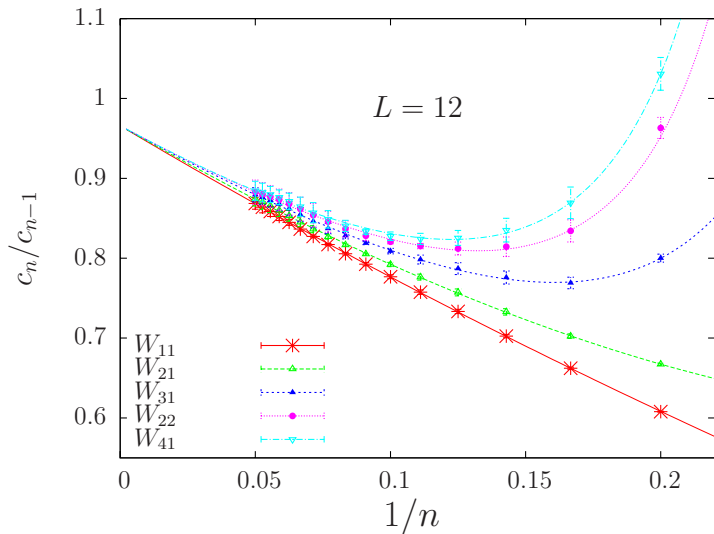
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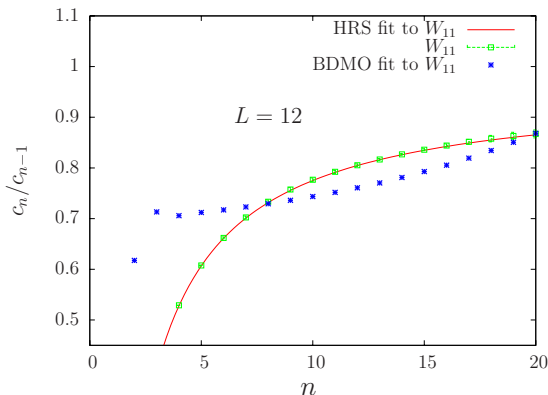


## Domb-Sykes plot



$r_n(n)$  plot

Speculation of factorial behaviour based on renormalon inspired model (Burgio et al. (1998), see also Y. Meurice (2006))



We do not observe a factorial growth, at least in the region  $n \leq 20$  and for our lattice sizes.

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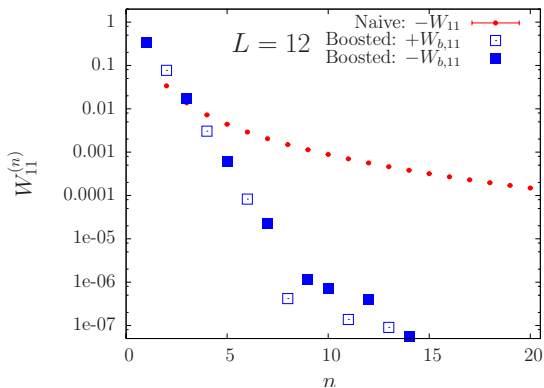
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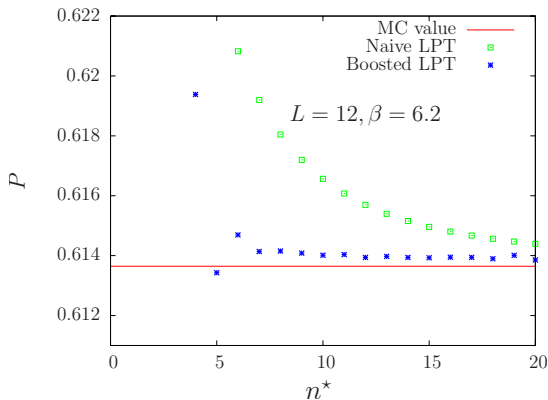


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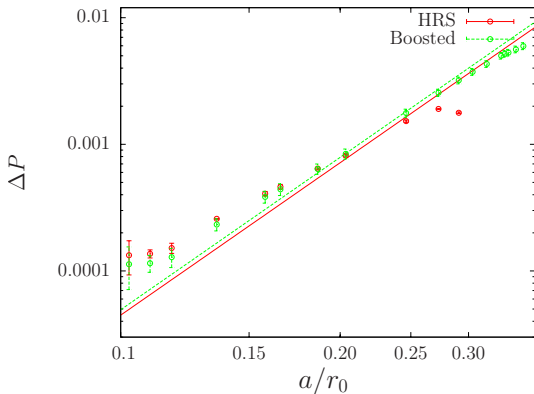
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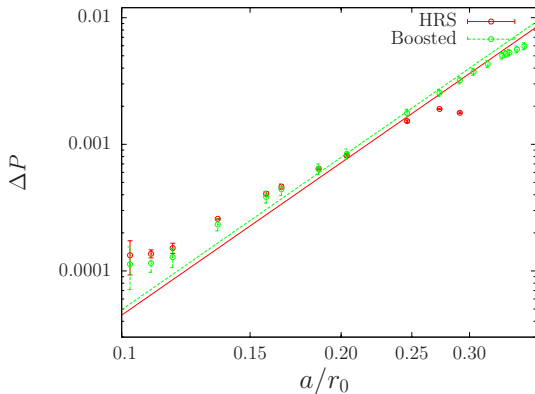
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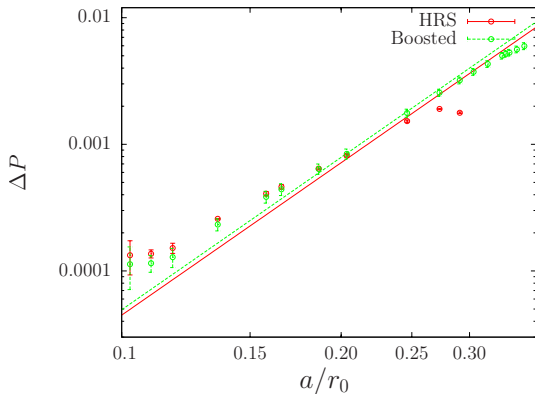
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