

Making Big Lattices Bigger: Bloch's Theorem and The Lattice Gluon Propagator (Part II)

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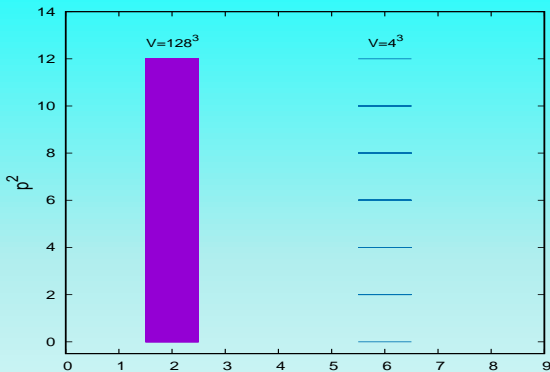
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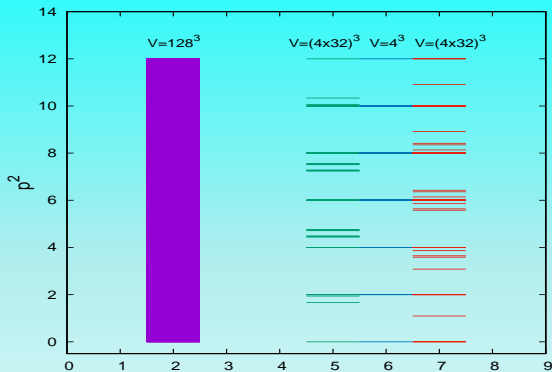


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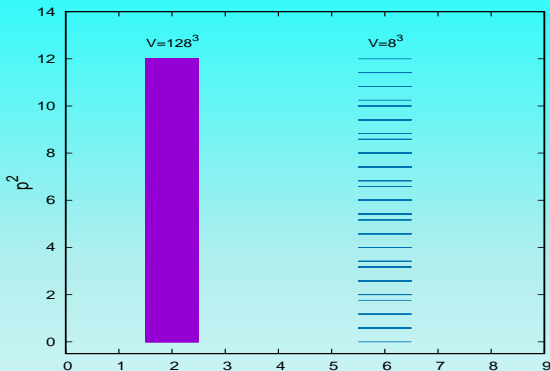


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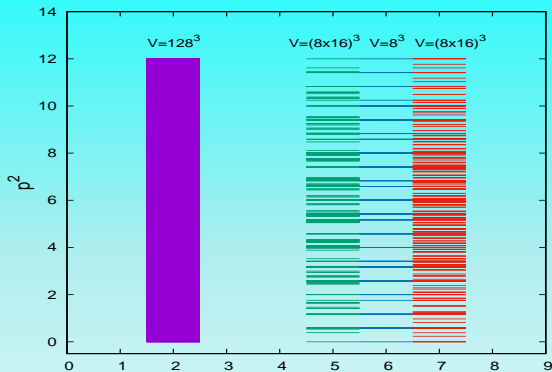


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The Fourier Transform (I)

We can now evaluate the **Fourier transform**

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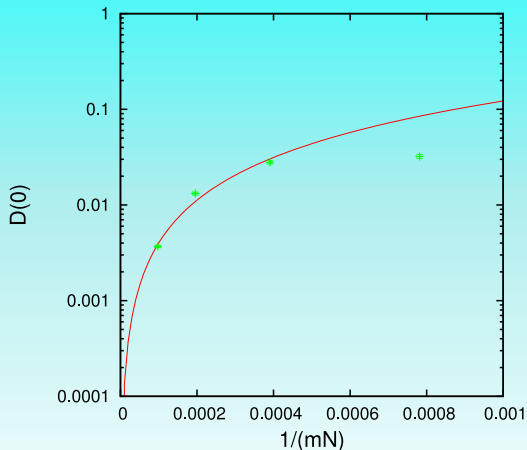
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