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## Bias in the representative volume element method: periodize the ensemble instead of its realizations

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**Goal:** Compute ( $d = 3$ )

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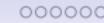
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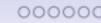
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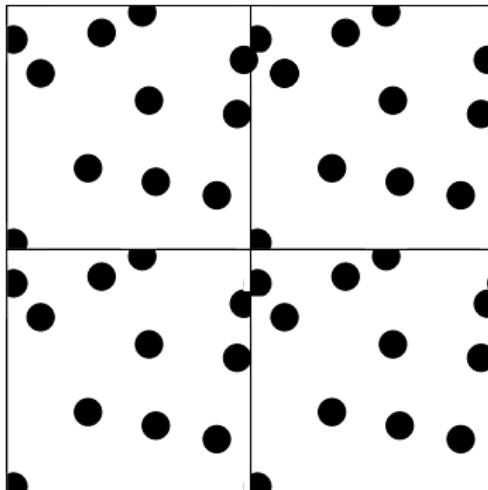
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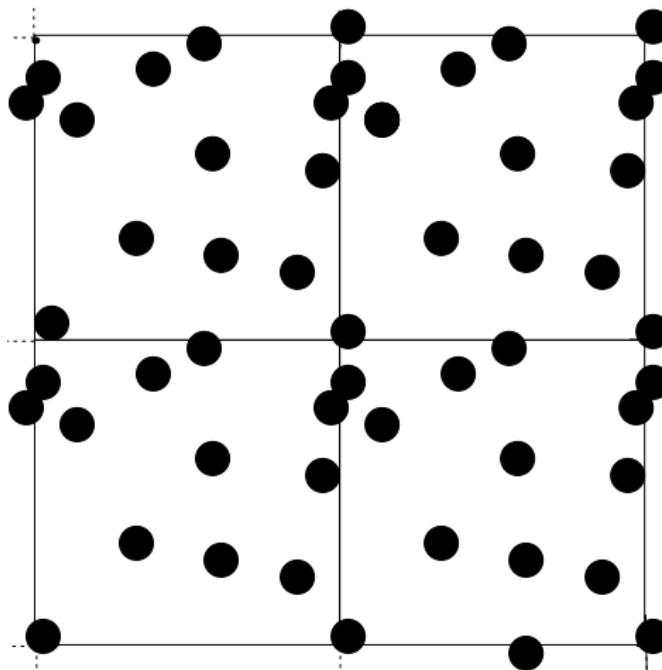
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$$\approx L^{-d-1} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} dz \mathbb{E}_L \left[ (\mathcal{Q}_{ijn_1 n_2}^{(1)}(z) z_{n_3} + \mathcal{Q}_{ijn_1 n_2 n_3}^{(2)}(z)) \left( \sum_{k \neq 0} k_n \partial_{n_1 n_2 n_3}^3 \bar{G}(k) \right) \right] \partial_n c(z)$$

Finally

- We let  $L \uparrow \infty$

$$\frac{d}{dL} \mathbb{E}_L[F]$$

$$= - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} dz \mathbb{E}_L \left[ (e_i + \nabla \phi_{e_i})(0) \cdot \right.$$

$$\left. \times A'(0) \left( \sum_{k \neq 0} k_n \nabla \nabla G(0, z + kL) \right) A'(z) (e_i + \nabla \phi_{e_i})(z) \right] \partial_n c(z)$$

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- We let  $L \uparrow \infty$
- Need a regularization :  $-\nabla \cdot a \nabla \rightsquigarrow \frac{1}{T} - \nabla \cdot a \nabla$  and a re-summation

The problem

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The approach

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A rigorous proof of the asymptotic

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Thank you for your attention