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Planar Casimir energy $E_0(L)$ from finite size effects in *(integrable)* boundary QFT





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Physics can be understood in I+1 D QFI \bowtie integrability helps to solve the problem even exactly \rightarrow large volume expansion in any D

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Minimal solutions: free boson $S = \pm 1$ sinh-Gordon $S(\theta) = \frac{\sinh \theta - i \sin \pi p}{\sinh \theta + i \sin \pi p}$, Lee-Yang $p = -\frac{1}{3}$





Very large volume spectrum

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Reflection factor of the IR degrees of freedom: semi infinite settings, easier to calculate, no divergences

