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$M^{\text{latt}} = R_i^{-1}$  ( $m^{\text{phys}} = r_i^{-1}$ ) are such examples:  $r_i$  at physical quark masses or at some other well-defined point in the quark mass plane.

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- At short distances  $\alpha_s^{(N_f=4)}(r^{-1}) > \alpha_s^{(N_f=3)}(r^{-1})$  if these theories are matched in the infrared. (The  $N_f = 3$  coupling runs faster towards small values.) This means  $f^{(N_f=4)}(r) > f^{(N_f=3)}(r)$  and, therefore,  $r_i^{(N_f=4)} < r_i^{(N_f=3)}$ . This effect should be bigger for  $r_1$  than for  $r_0$ ? How big is it?