

Taming Discretization Challenges for Nonlinear Eigenvalue Problems!

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What is a nonlinear eigenvalue problem?

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1. Introduction

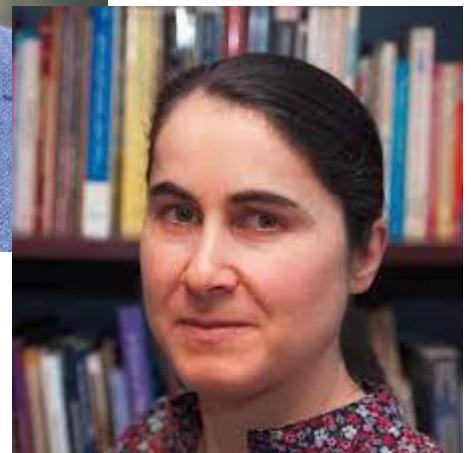
Nonlinear eigenvalue problems arise in many areas of computational science and engineering, including acoustics, control theory, fluid mechanics and structural engineering. The fundamental formulation of such problems is given in the following definition.

Definition 1.1. Given a non-empty open set $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ and a matrix-valued function $F : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$, the *nonlinear eigenvalue problem* (NEP) consists of finding scalars $\lambda \in \Omega$ (the *eigenvalues*) and nonzero vectors $v \in \mathbb{C}^n$ and $w \in \mathbb{C}^n$ (right and left *eigenvectors*) such that

$$F(\lambda)v = 0, \quad w^*F(\lambda) = 0^*.$$



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Nonlinear ~~eigenvalue~~ spectral problems (NEPs)

Many* NEPs are set in infinite-dimensional spaces.

Infinite-dimensional
Hilbert space

For every $\lambda \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{C}$, $T(\lambda): \mathcal{D}(T) \mapsto \mathcal{H}$

$\lambda \rightarrow T(\lambda)u$ holomorphic for all $u \in \mathcal{D}(T)$

$T(\lambda)$ linear
for fixed λ

Spectral sets

$$\text{Sp}(T) = \{\lambda \in \Omega : T(\lambda) \text{ is not invertible}\}$$

$$\text{Sp}_d(T) = \{\lambda \in \text{Sp}(T) : \lambda \text{ isolated, } T(\lambda) \text{ Fredholm}\}$$

$$\text{Sp}_{\text{ess}}(T) = \text{Sp}(T) \setminus \text{Sp}_d(T)$$

Fun fact: $\text{Sp}_{\text{ess}}(T)$ can exist in finite dimensions! This doesn't happen in the linear case.

* Most applications of NEPs involve differential operators.

NLEVP collection: a standard benchmark



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NLEVP: A Collection of Nonlinear Eigenvalue Problems

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We present a collection of 52 nonlinear eigenvalue problems in the form of a MATLAB toolbox. The collection contains problems from models of real-life applications as well as ones constructed specifically to have particular properties. A classification is given of polynomial eigenvalue problems according to their structural properties. Identifiers based on these and other properties can be used to extract particular types of problems from the collection. A brief description of each problem is given. NLEVP serves both to illustrate the tremendous variety of applications of nonlinear eigenvalue problems and to provide representative problems for testing, tuning, and benchmarking of algorithms and codes.

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25/52 problems from NLEVP collection are discretized infinite-dimensional problems!!!

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Example: One-dimensional acoustic wave

acoustic_wave_1d from NLEVP collection.

$$\frac{d^2p}{dx^2} + 4\pi^2\lambda^2 p = 0, \quad p(0) = 0, \quad \chi p'(1) + 2\pi i \lambda p(1) = 0$$

p corresponds to acoustic pressure.

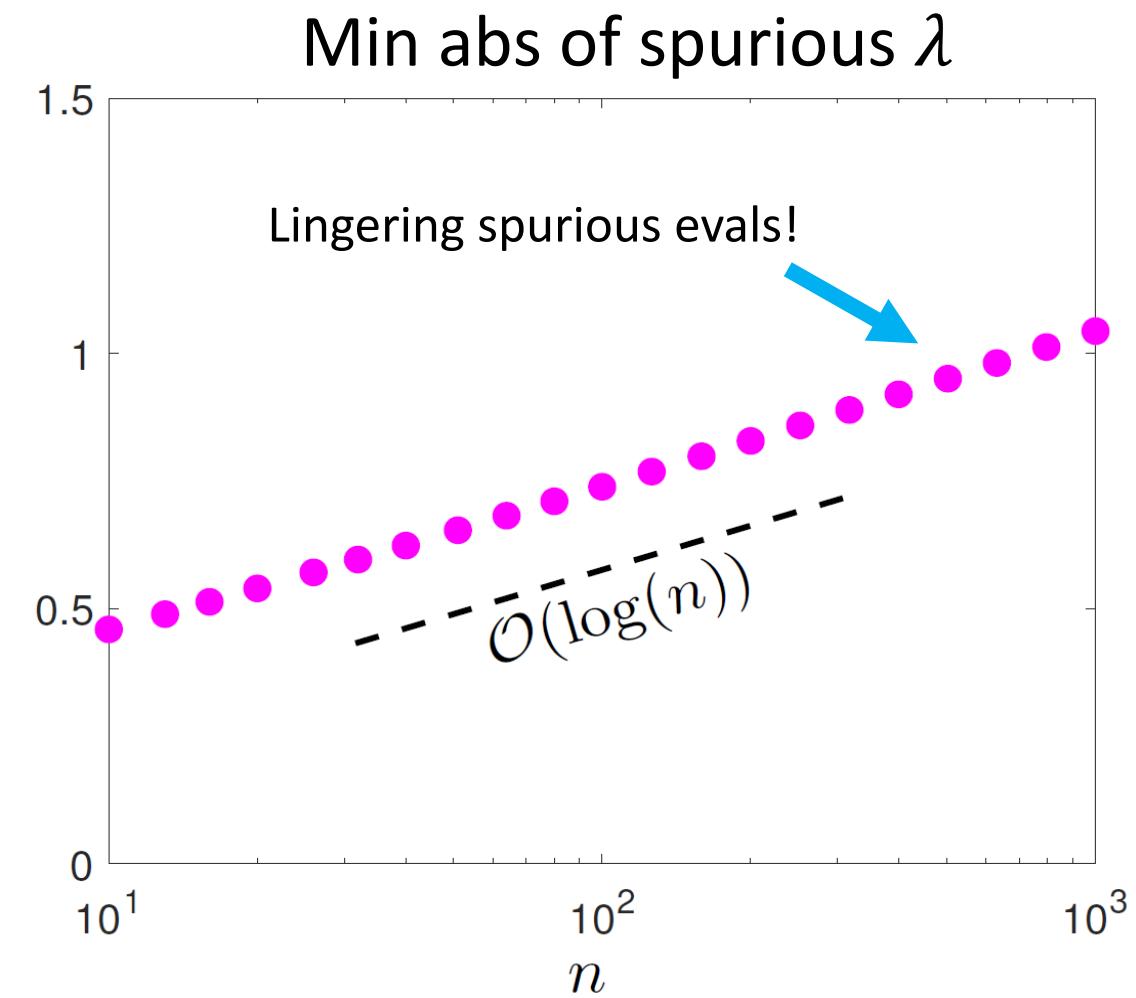
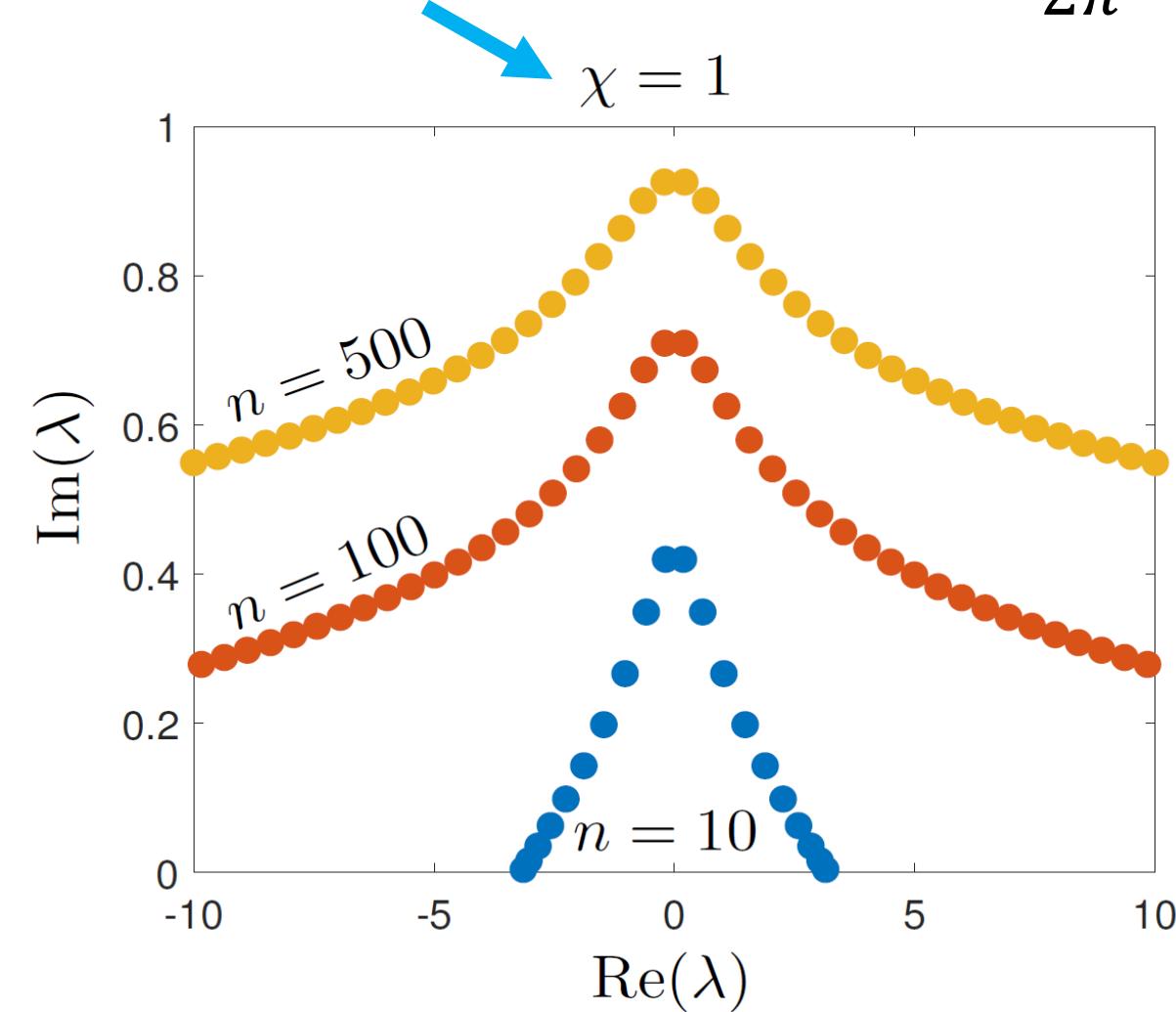
Resonant frequencies: $\lambda_k = \frac{\tan^{-1}(i\chi)}{2\pi} + \frac{k}{2}, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$

Discretized using FEM (n = discretization size)

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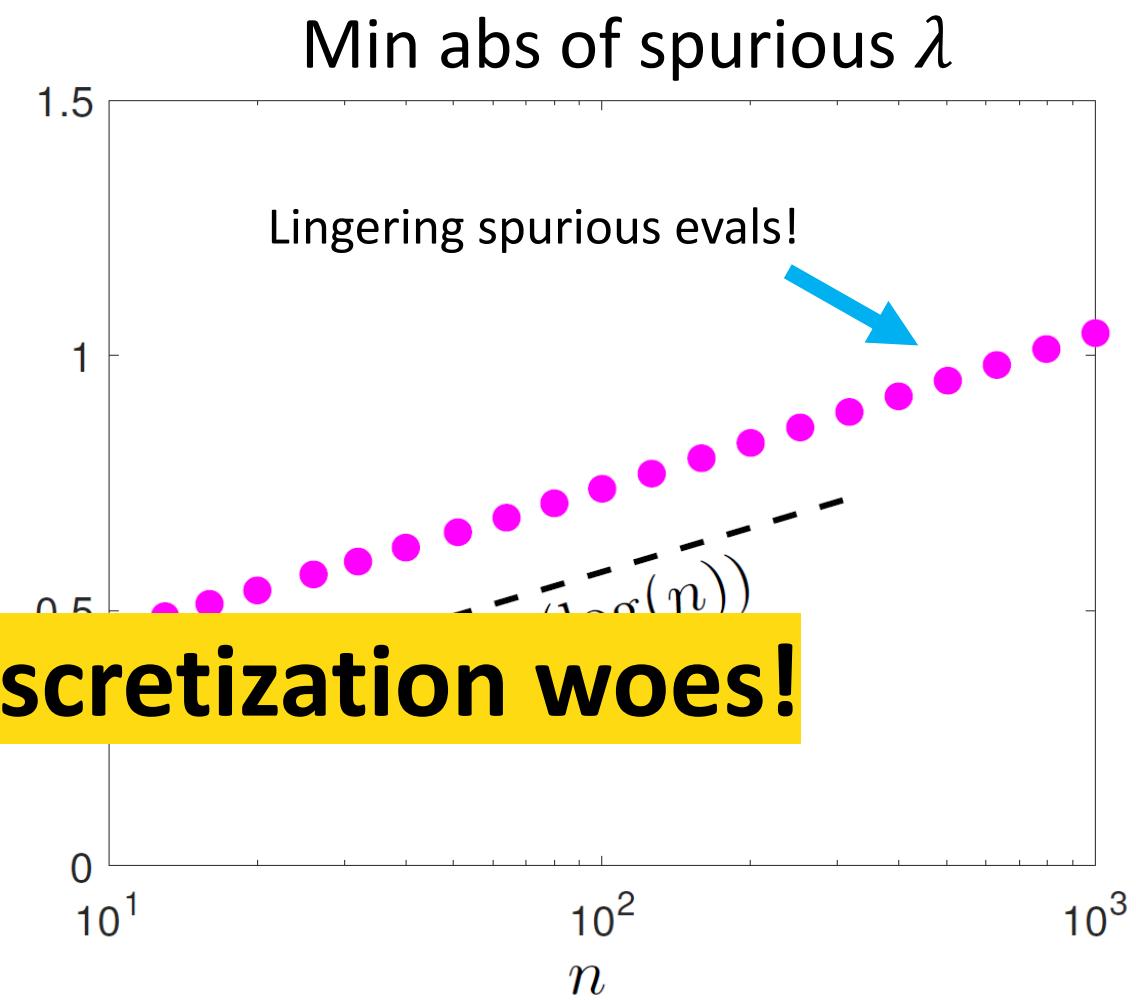
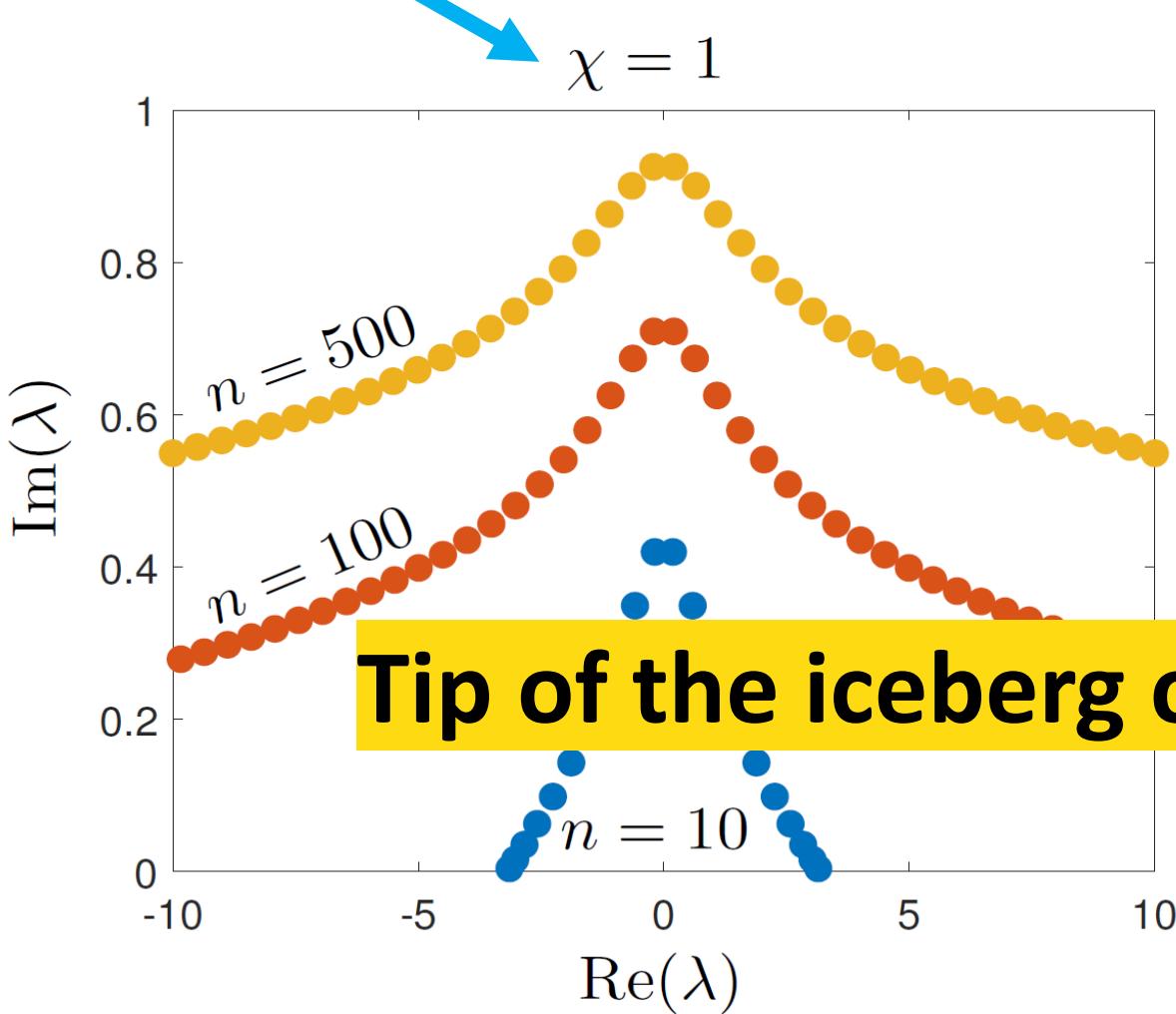
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Discretization woes

Often, we discretize to a matrix NEP

$$\lambda \mapsto F(\lambda) \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}, \quad \lambda \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{C}$$

Can cause serious issues:

- Spectral pollution (spurious eigenvalues).
- Spectral invisibility.
- Logarithmically slow convergence (nonlinearity can make this even worse!)
- Ill-conditioning, even if $T(\lambda)$ is well-conditioned.
- Essential spectra, accumulating eigenvalues etc.
- Ghost essential spectra.



Some inf-dim comp. spec. problems cannot be solved, regardless of computational power, time or model.

Computational tool #1: Pseudospectra

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Stability of spectrum



Characterization through resolvent

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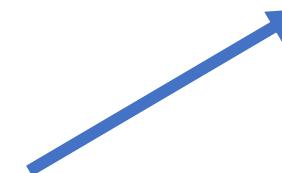
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\mathcal{P}_n : projection onto n -dimensional space

Assume: converge strongly to identity + an operator core condition

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Rectangular sections
 $\sigma_{\inf}(\mathcal{P}_{f(n)} T(\lambda) \mathcal{P}_n^*)$



Folding
 $\sqrt{\sigma_{\inf}(\mathcal{P}_n T(\lambda)^* T(\lambda) \mathcal{P}_n^*)}$

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THEOREM: Let $\Gamma_n(T, \varepsilon) = \{\lambda \in \Omega: \gamma_n(\lambda) < \varepsilon\}$, then (in the Attouch-Wets metric)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Gamma_n(T, \varepsilon) = \text{Sp}_\varepsilon(T), \quad \Gamma_n(T, \varepsilon) \subset \text{Sp}_\varepsilon(T).$$

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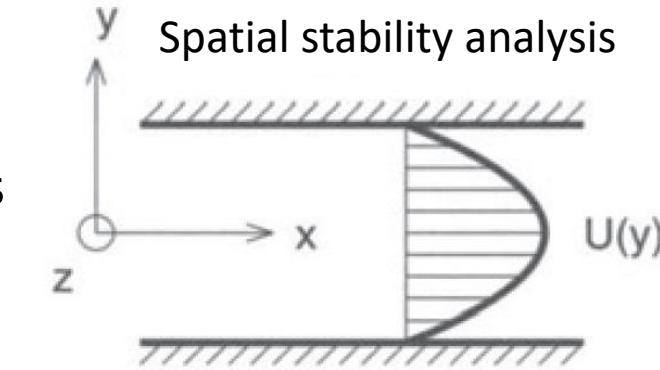
Example of verification: Orr-Sommerfeld

Poiseuille flow: $U(y) = 1 - y^2, y \in [-1,1]$

$R = 5772.22, \omega = 0.264002$  Critical parameters

$$A(\lambda)\phi = \left[\frac{1}{R} B(\lambda)^2 + i(\lambda U(y) - \omega)B(\lambda) + i\lambda U''(y) \right] \phi$$

$$B(\lambda)\phi = -\frac{d^2\phi}{dy^2} + \lambda^2\phi, \langle \phi, \psi \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 \phi \bar{\psi} + \frac{d\phi}{dy} \frac{d\bar{\psi}}{dy} dy, T(\lambda) = B(\lambda)^{-1} A(\lambda)$$



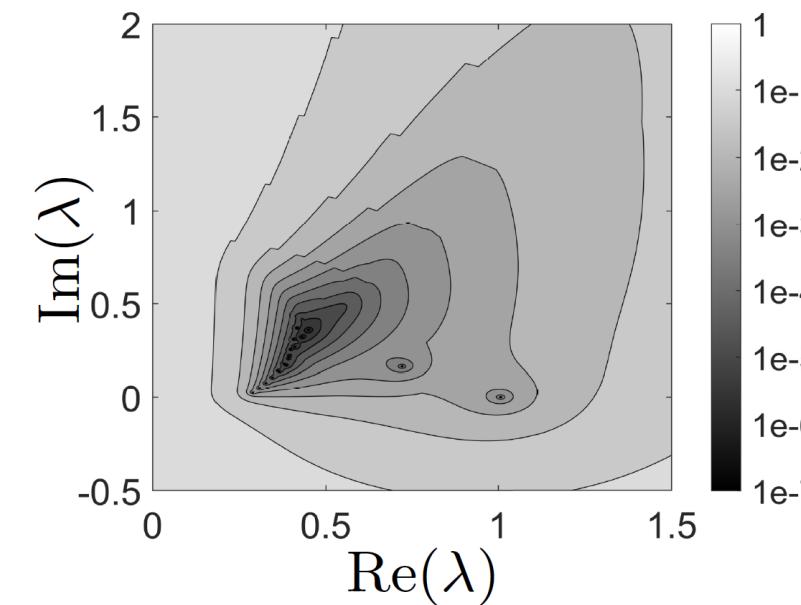
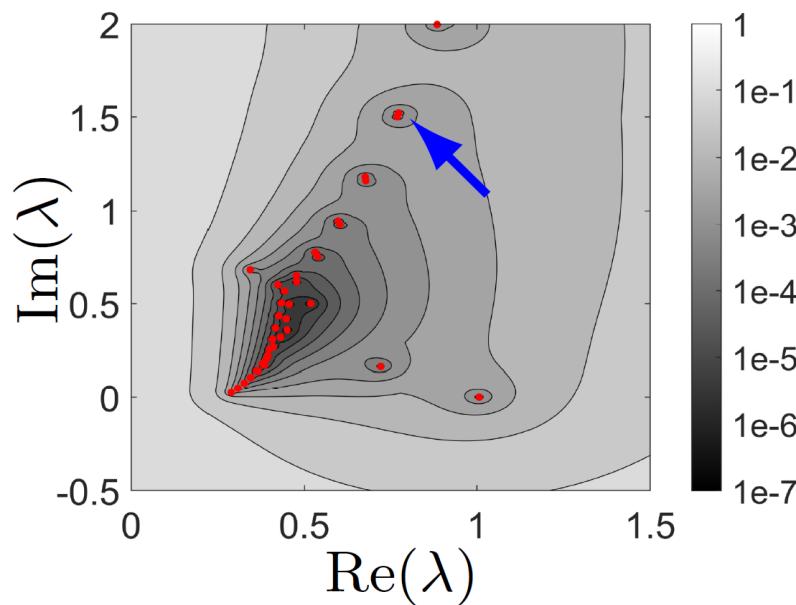
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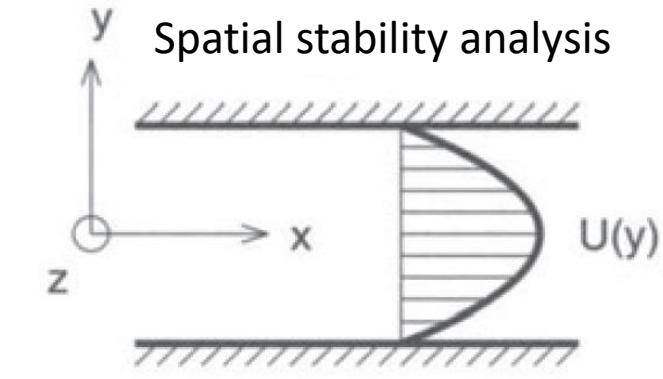
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Cheb. Col., $n = 64$



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Which do we trust?

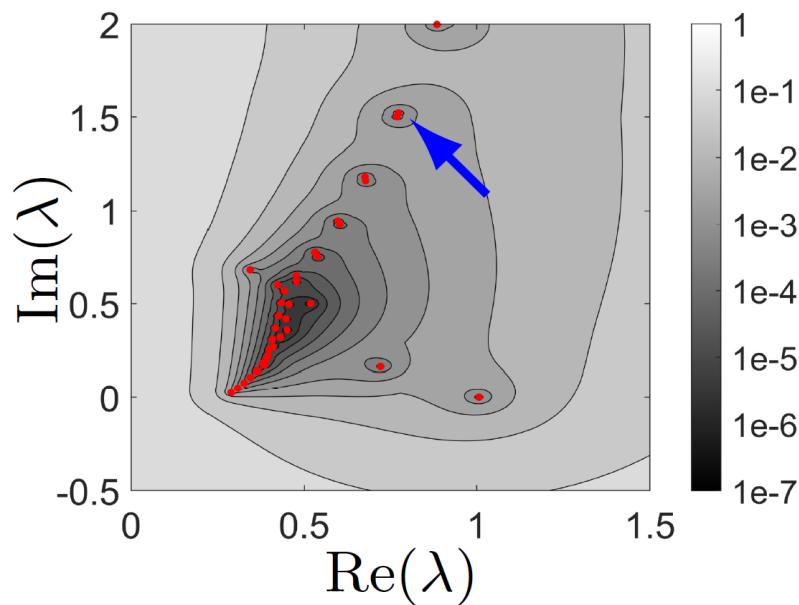
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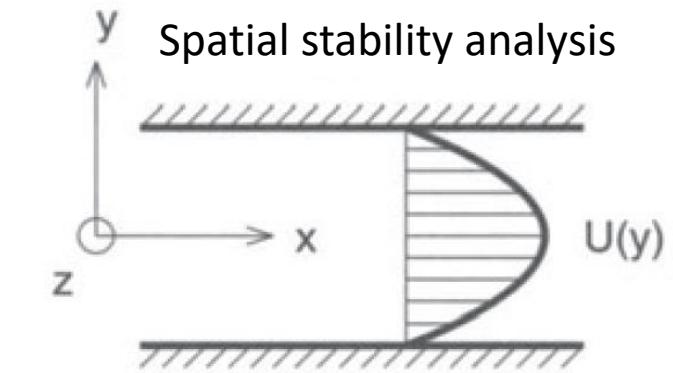
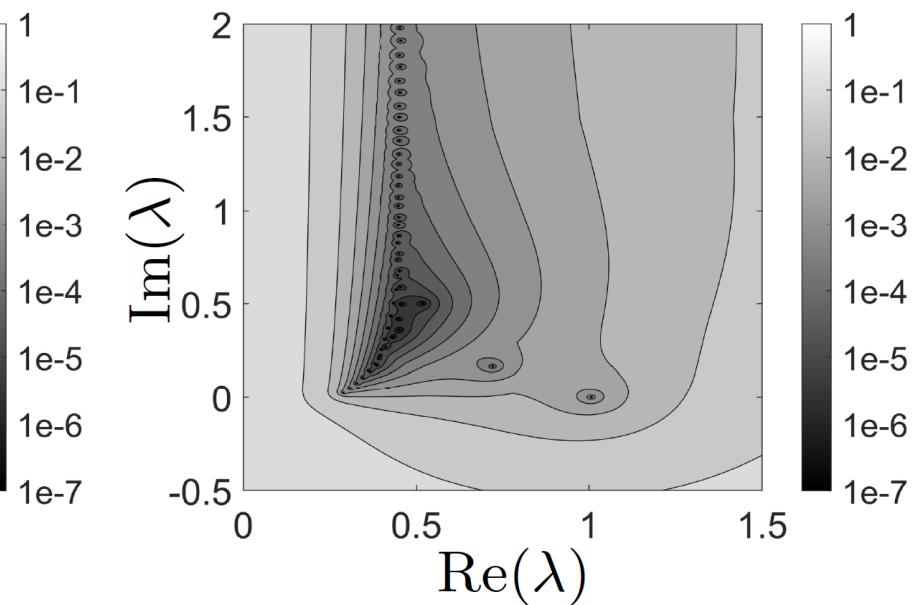
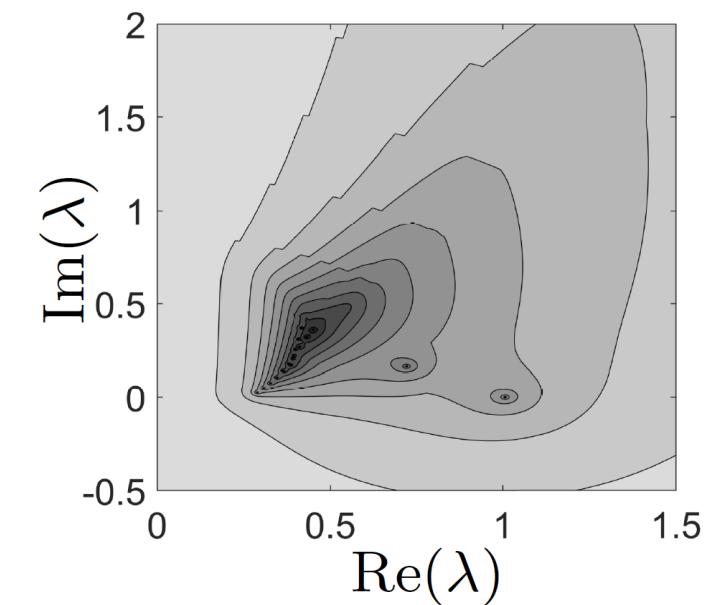
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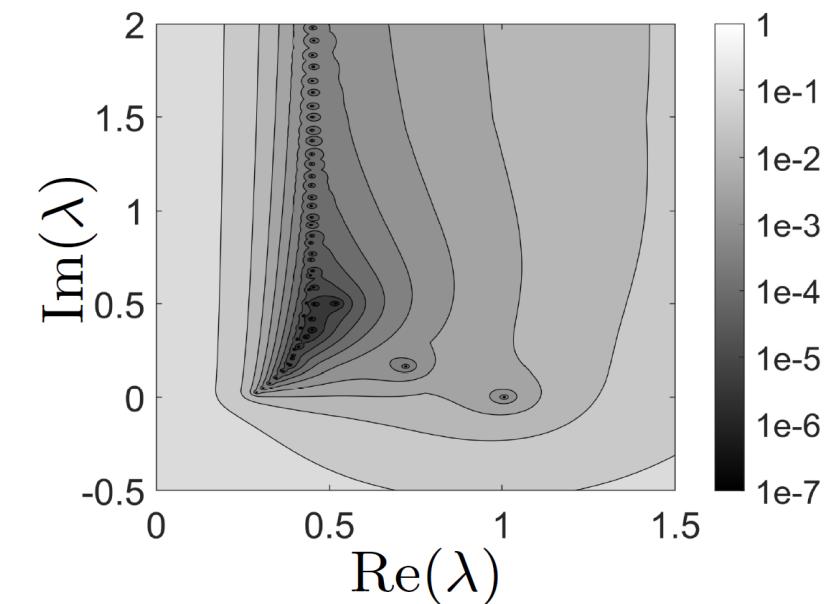
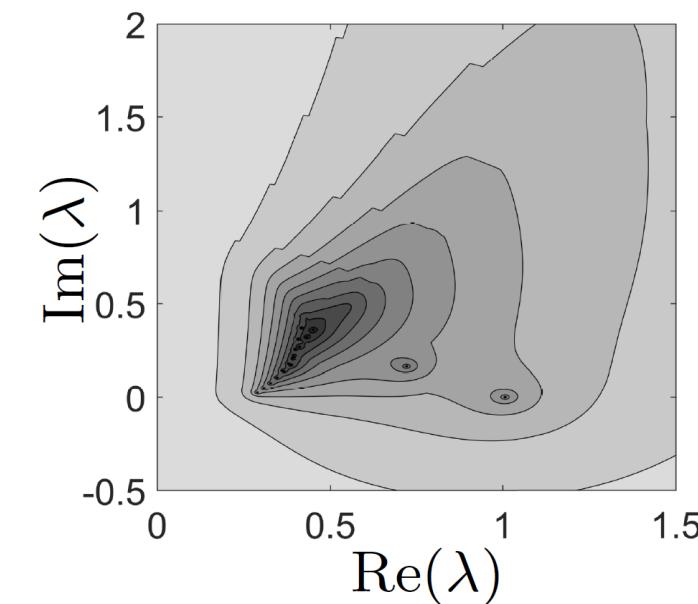
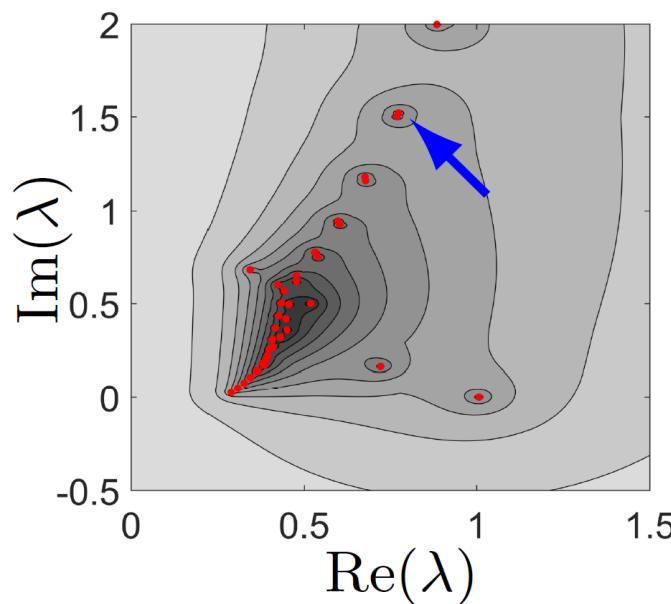
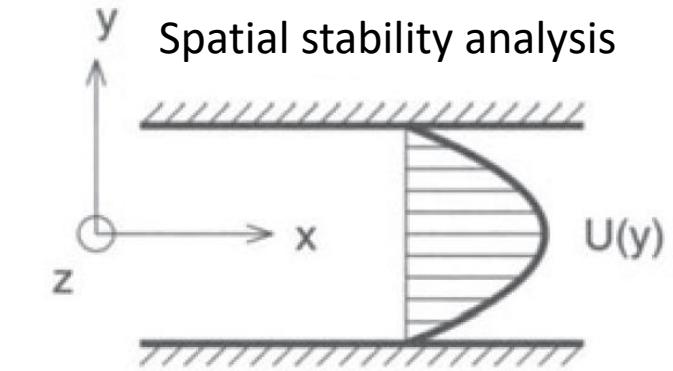
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NB: Standard method converges in this case but doesn't have verification.

Computational tool #2: Contour methods

KELDYSH's THEOREM: Suppose $\text{Sp}_{\text{ess}}(T) \cap \Omega = \emptyset$. Then for $z \in \Omega \setminus \text{Sp}(T)$

$$T(z)^{-1} = V(z - J)^{-1}W^* + R(z)$$

- m : sum of all algebraic multiplicities of eigenvalues inside Ω .
- V & W : quasimatrices with m cols of right & left gen. eigenvectors.
- J : Jordan blocks.
- $R(z)$: bounded holomorphic remainder.

⇒ use contour integration to convert to a linear pencil...

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CANNOT OVERSTATE: Much easier for discretization to converge for solving linear systems than computing spectra!
This holds in theory and in practice.

InfBeyn algorithm

$\Gamma \subset \Omega$ contour enclosing m eigenvalues (not touching $\text{Sp}(T)$).

$$A_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} T(z)^{-1} \mathcal{V} dz, \quad A_1 = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} z T(z)^{-1} \mathcal{V} dz$$

Random vectors drawn from a Gaussian process

Computed with adaptive discretization sizes (e.g., ultraspherical spectral method)

Approximate via quadrature: \tilde{A}_0, \tilde{A}_1 .

Truncated SVD: $\tilde{A}_0 \approx \tilde{\mathcal{U}} \Sigma_0 \tilde{\mathcal{V}}_0^*$.

Linear pencil: $\tilde{F}(z) = \tilde{\mathcal{U}}^* \tilde{A}_1 \tilde{\mathcal{V}}_0 - z \tilde{\mathcal{U}}^* \tilde{A}_0 \tilde{\mathcal{V}}_0 \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$.

NB: $m = \text{Trace} \left(\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Gamma} T'(z) T(z)^{-1} dz \right)$ can compute this (another story).

Eigenpairs (λ_j, x_j)
The eigenvectors of original problem are $\approx \mathcal{U} \Sigma_0 x_j$

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Stability and convergence result

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Suppose that $\|\tilde{A}_j - A_j\| \leq \varepsilon$.

THEOREM: For sufficiently oversampled \mathcal{V} , with overwhelming probability,

$$|\sigma_{\inf}(F(z)) - \sigma_{\inf}(\tilde{F}(z))| \leq 2(\varepsilon + \|VJW^*\|\varepsilon/\sigma_m(VW^*) + |z|\varepsilon) \text{ (quad. err.)}$$

$$\text{Sp}_{\frac{\varepsilon}{\|VW^*\|\|VW^*\mathcal{V}\|+M\varepsilon}}(T) \subset \text{Sp}_\varepsilon(F) \subset \text{Sp}_{\frac{\varepsilon}{\sigma_m(VW^*)\sigma_m(VW^*\mathcal{V})-M\varepsilon}}(T).$$

⇒ **converges**
no spectral pollution
no spectral invisibility
method is stable

NOT a statement on computing $\text{Sp}_\varepsilon(T)$
(the other algorithm does that!)

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Proof sketch

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Introduce: $L_1 = (VW^*)^\dagger$, $L_2 = (VW^*\mathcal{V}V_0)^\dagger$.

$$T(z)^{-1}L_1F(z) = -VW^*\mathcal{V}V_0 + R(z)L_1F(z)$$

$$\sigma_{\inf}(F(z)) < \varepsilon \Rightarrow \|T(z)^{-1}\| > \frac{\sigma_m(VW^*)\sigma_m(VW^*\mathcal{V})}{\varepsilon} - M$$

$$F(z)L_2[T(z)^{-1} - R(z)] = -VW^*$$

$$\|T(z)^{-1}\| > \varepsilon \Rightarrow \sigma_{\inf}(F(z)) < \frac{\|VW^*\| \|VW^*\mathcal{V}\|}{1 - M\varepsilon} \varepsilon$$

Use results from inf dim randomized NLA to bound terms with a \mathcal{V} .

Example: Two-dimensional acoustic wave

acoustic_wave_2d from NLEVP collection.

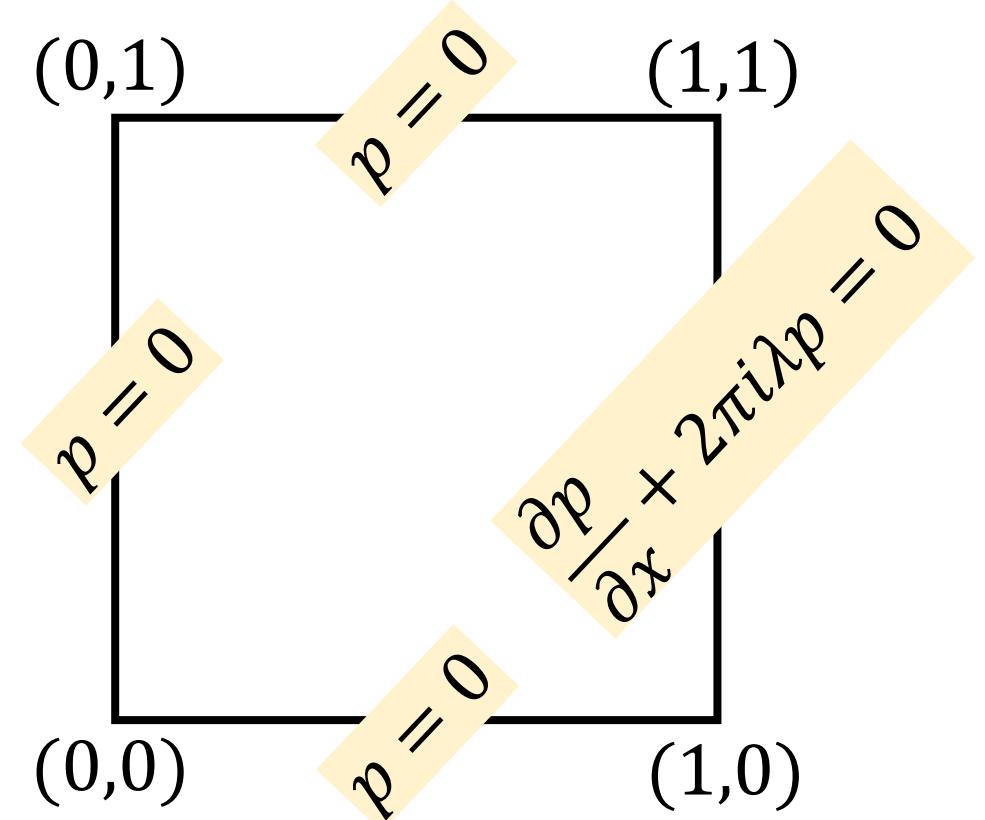
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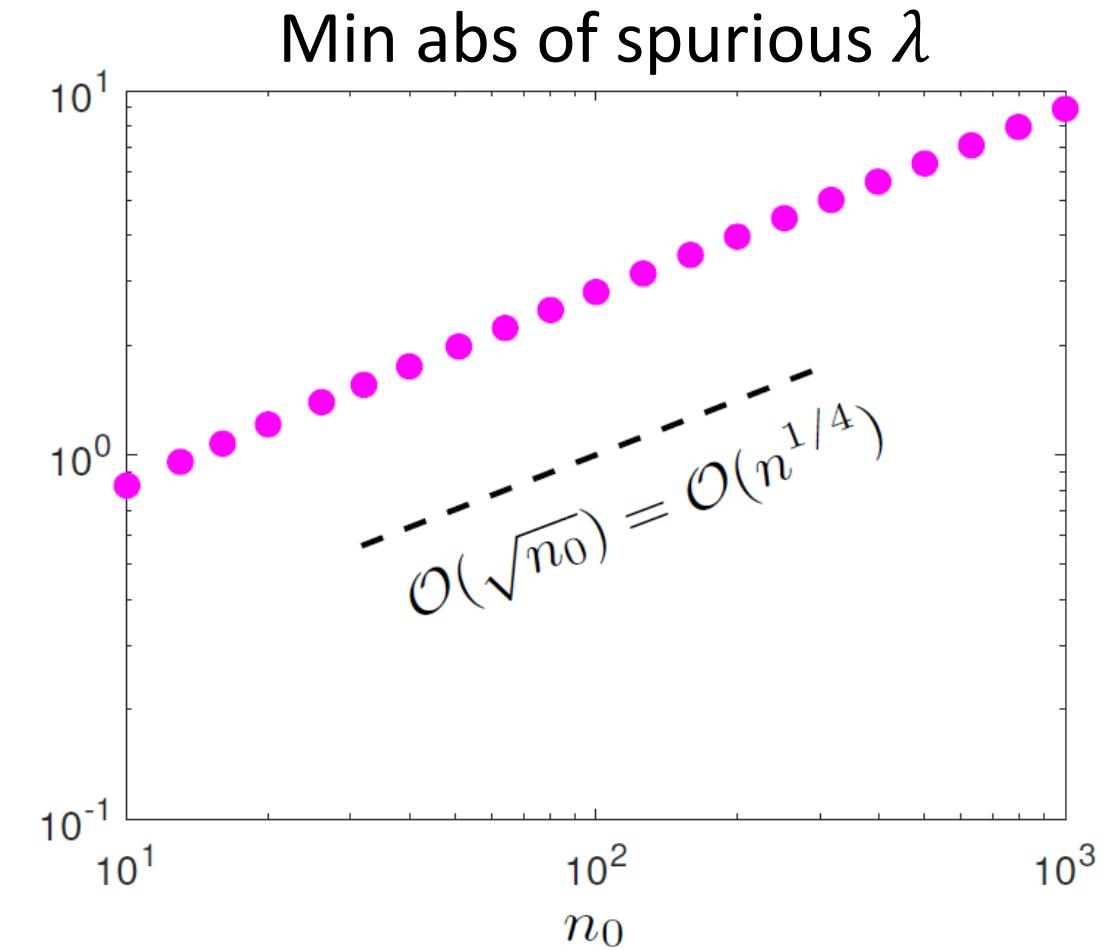
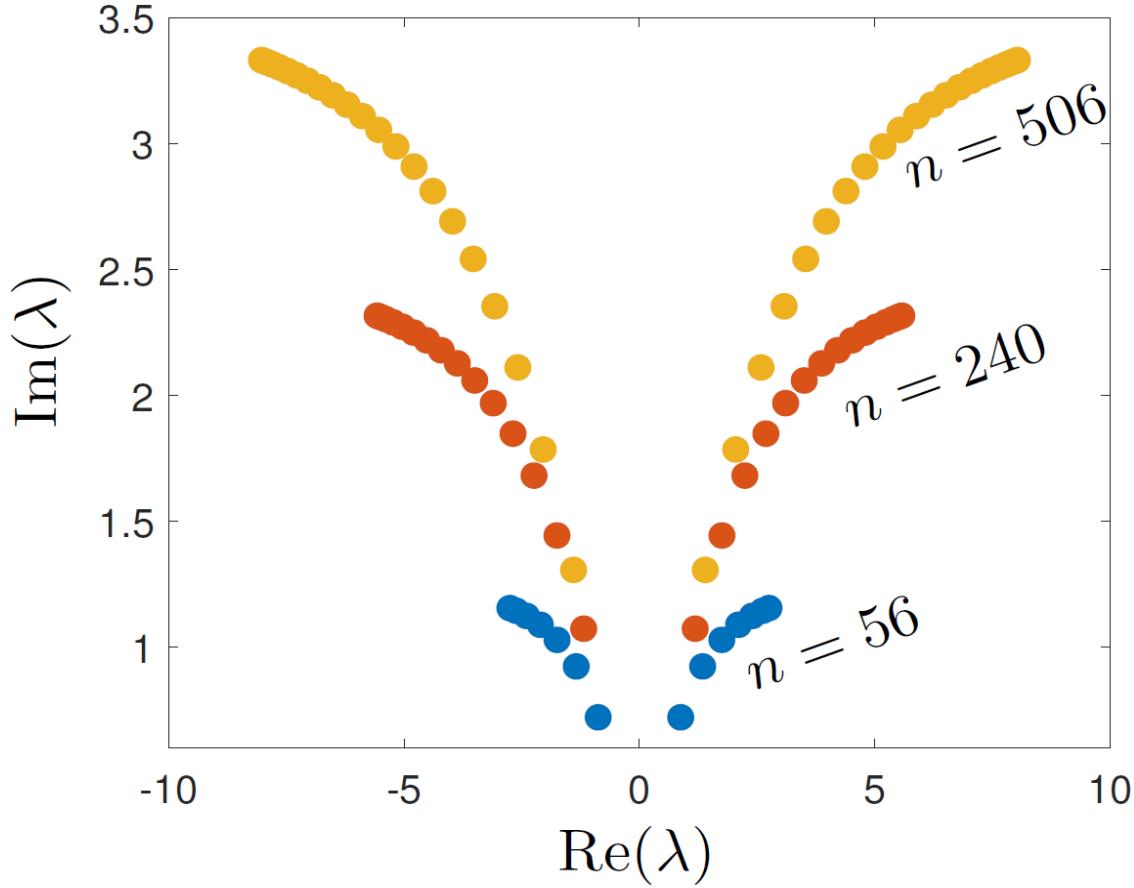
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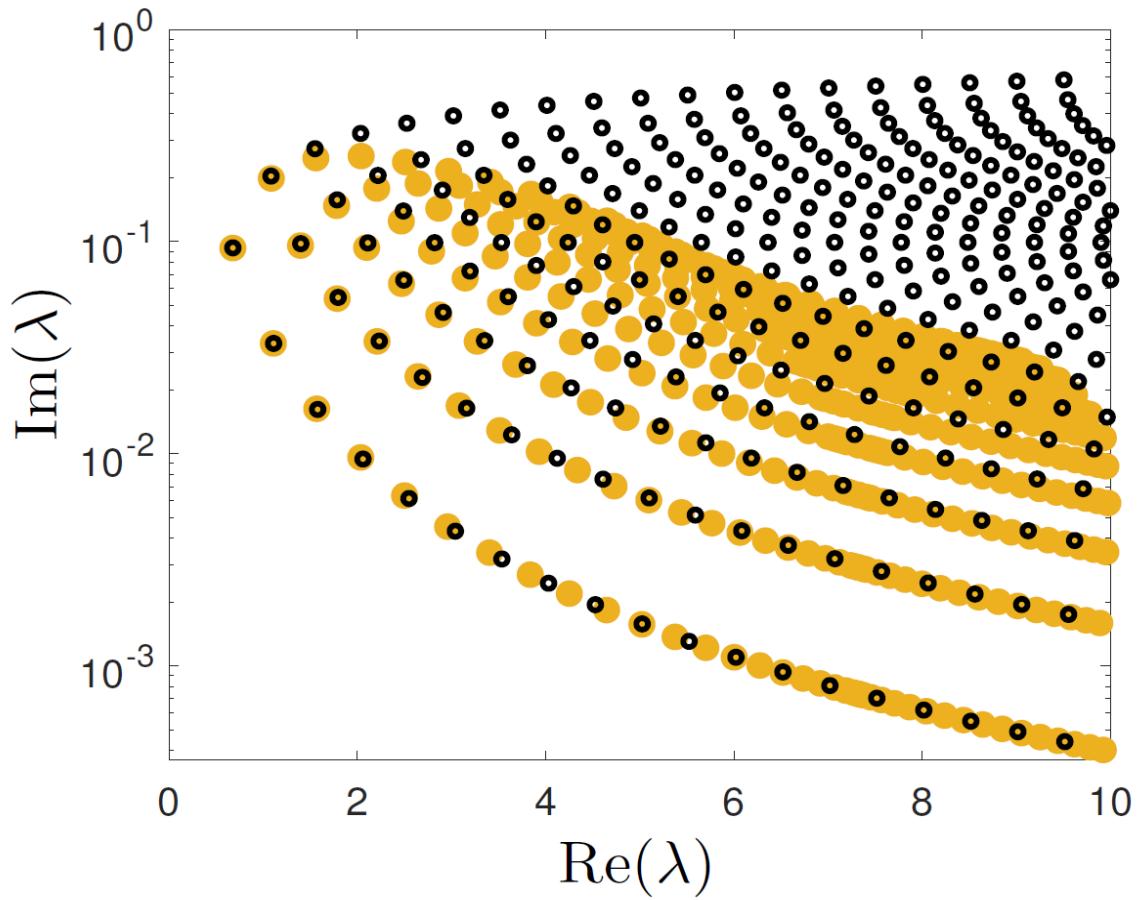
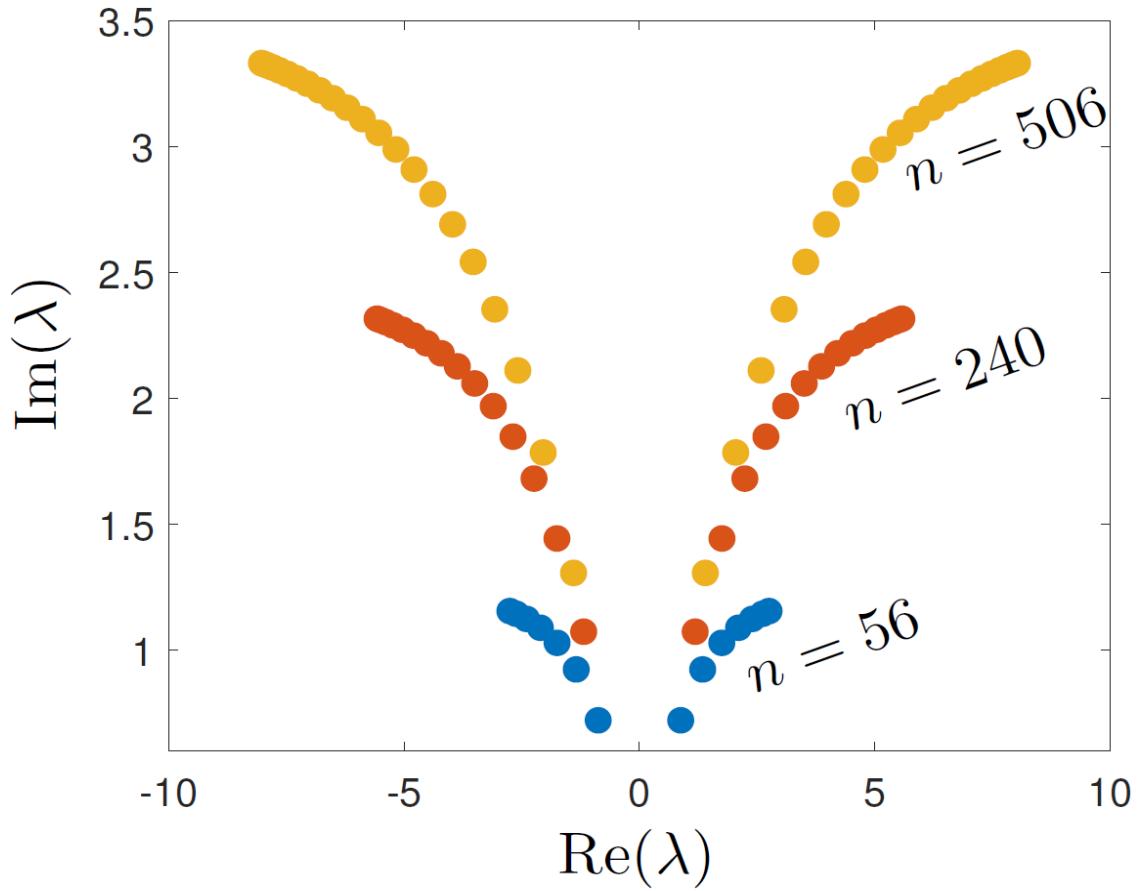
($n = n_0(n_0 - 1)$ = discretization size).



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butterfly from NLEVP collection

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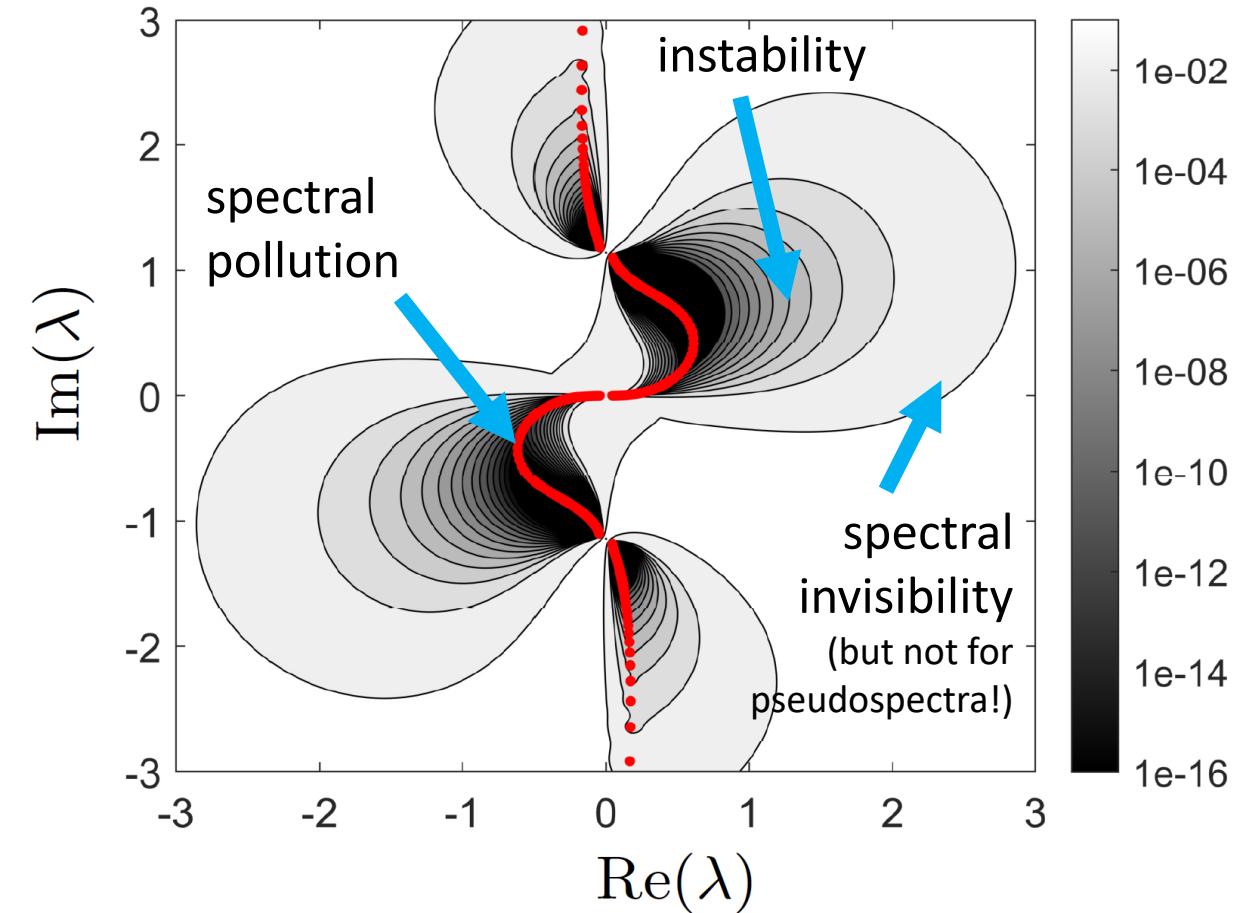
S bilateral shift on $l^2(\mathbb{Z})$

F a rational function

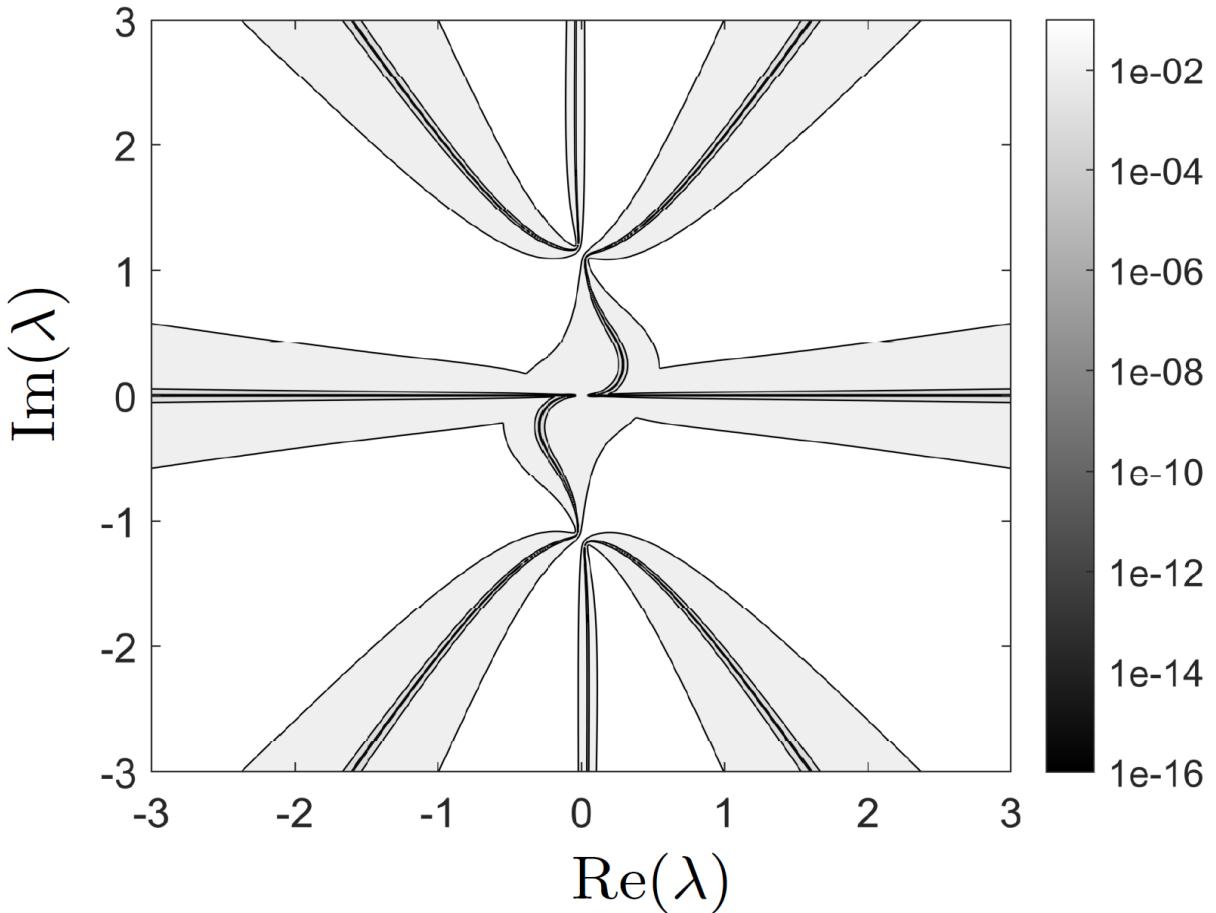
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Discretized $\mathcal{P}_n T(\lambda) \mathcal{P}_n^*$ ($n = 500$)



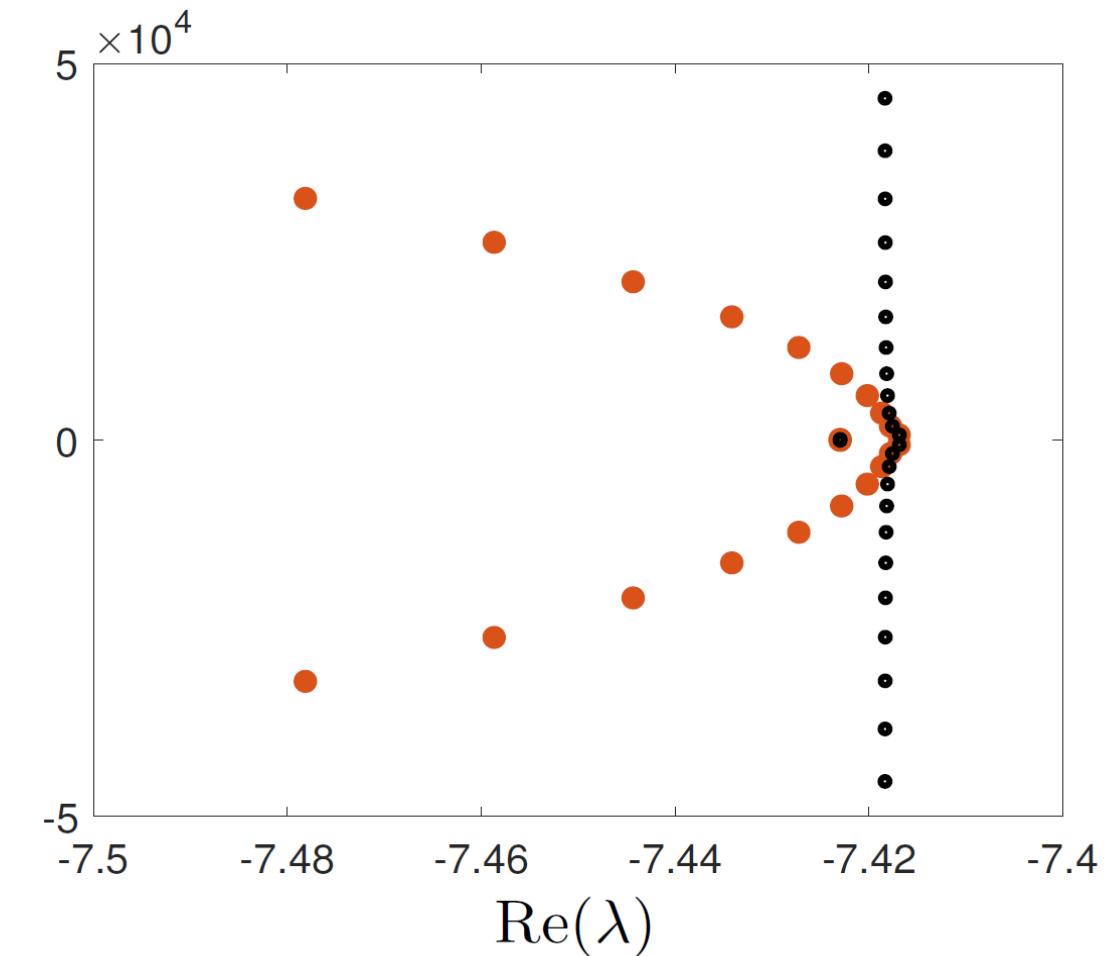
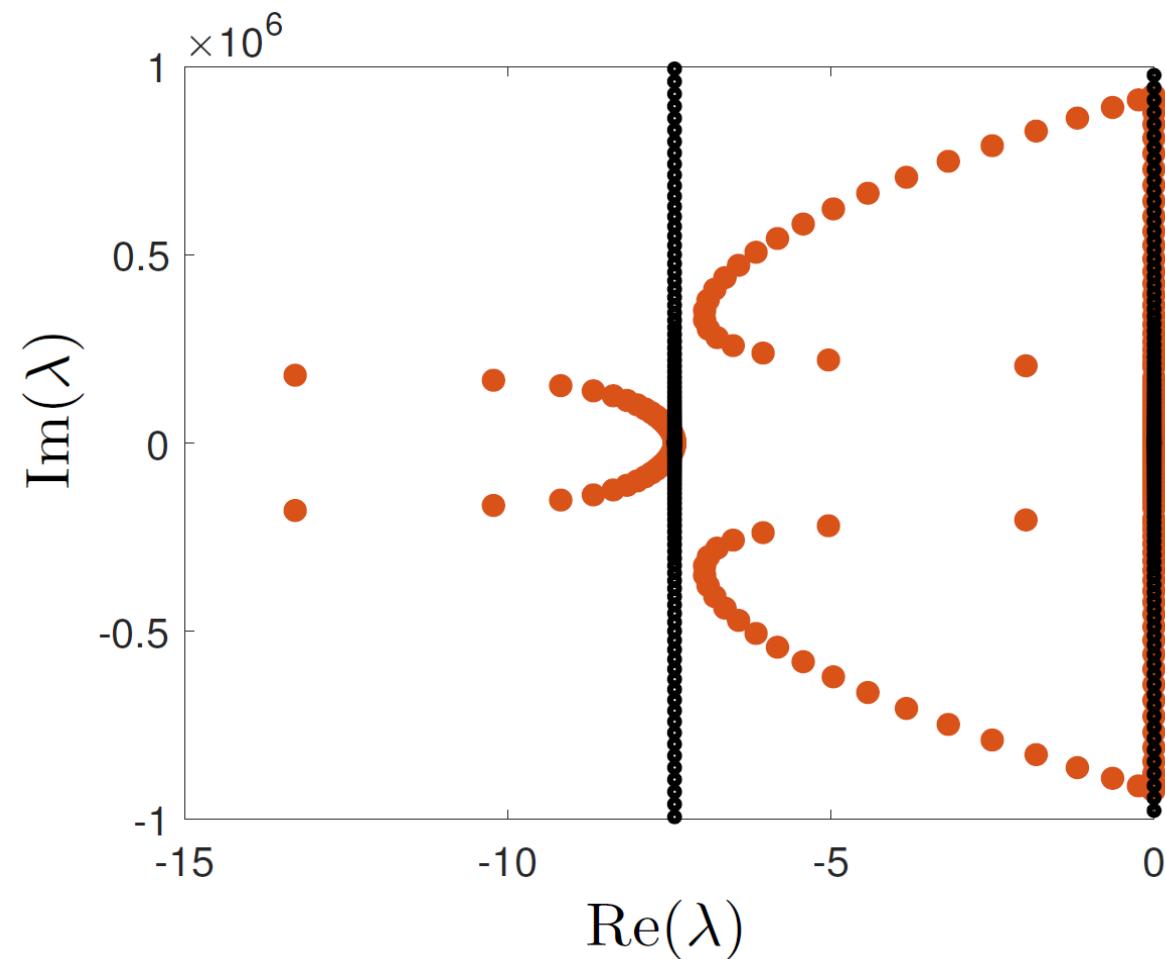
Method based on γ_n



Example: Damped beam

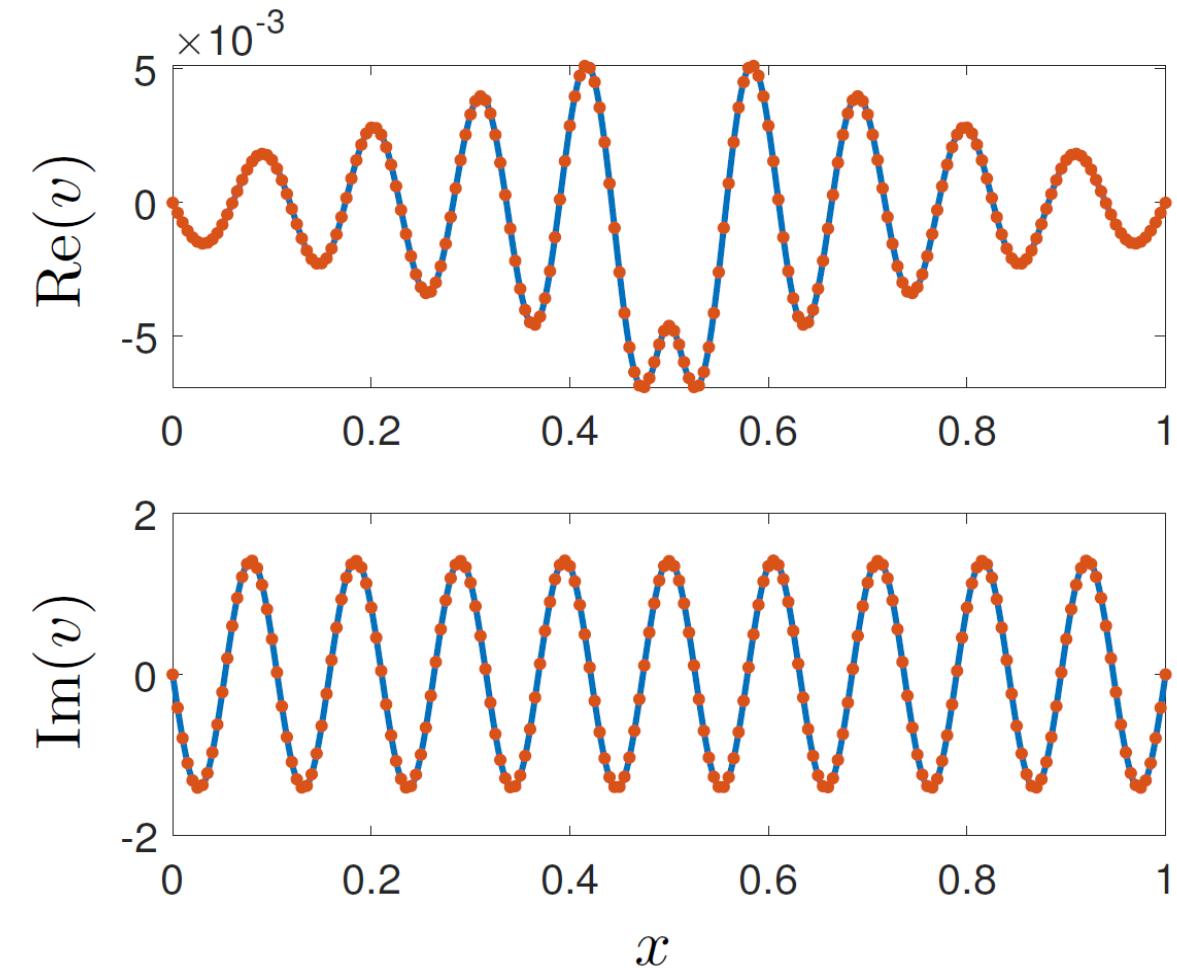
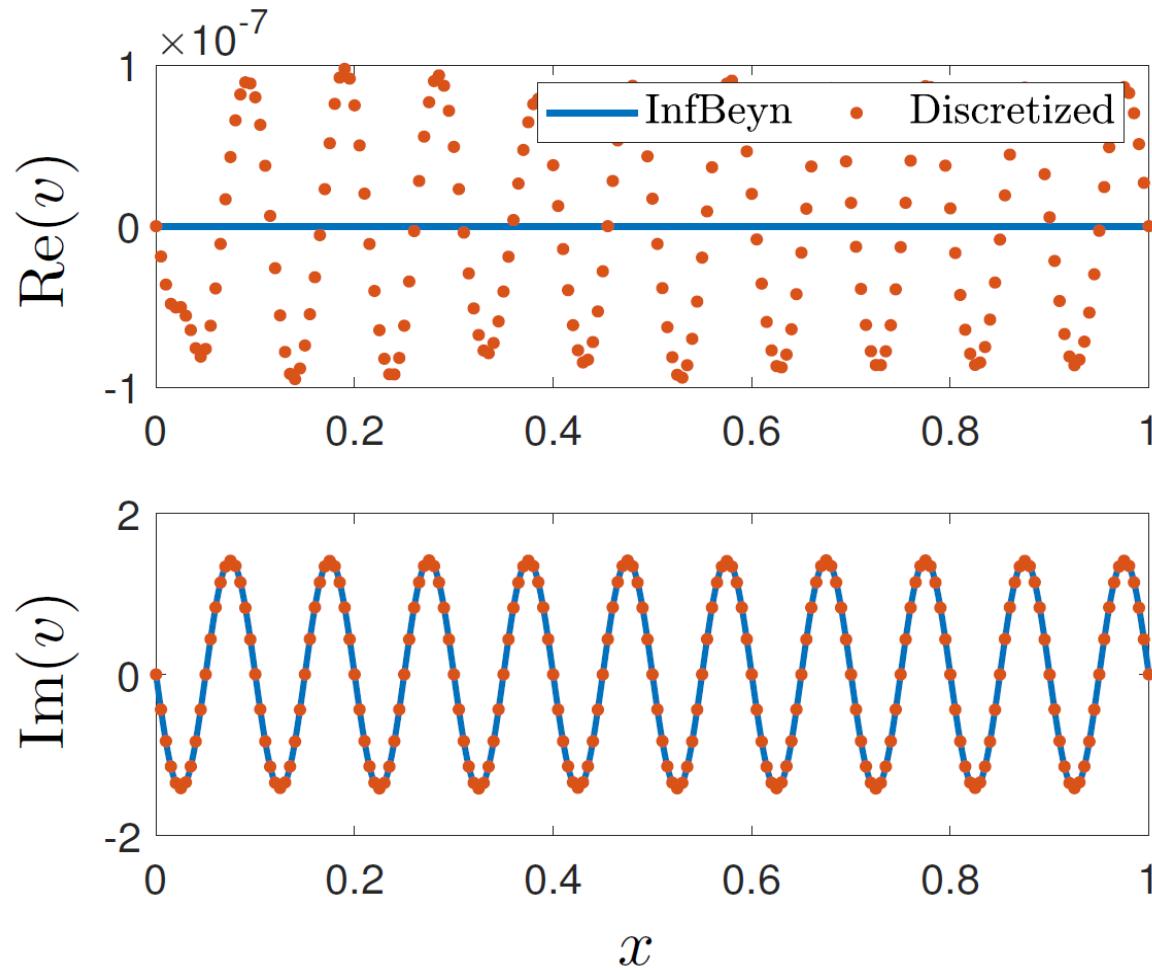
$$\frac{d^4v}{dx^4} - \alpha\lambda^2 v = \beta\lambda\delta(x - 1/2)v,$$

$$v(0) = v''(0) = v(1) = v''(1) = 0.$$



Example: Damped beam

e-vector subspace error ≈ 0.001 , e-val error ≈ 40 (InfBeyn error $< 10^{-12}$)

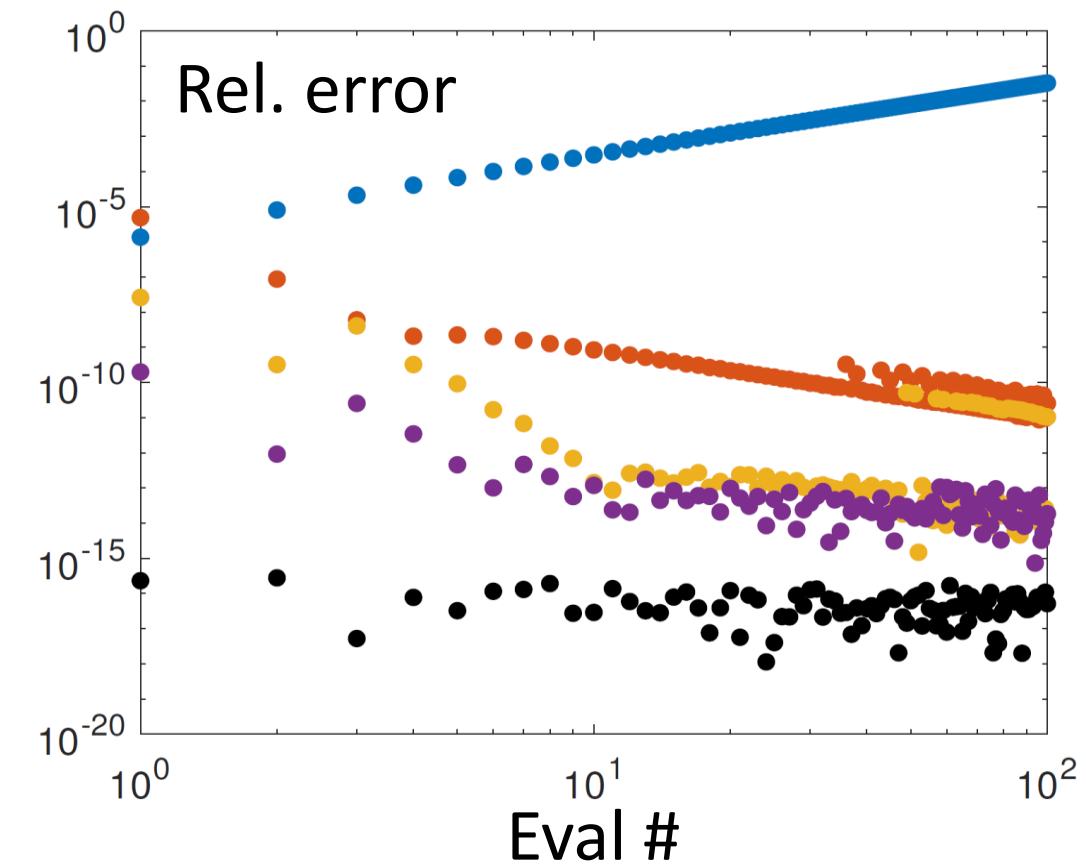
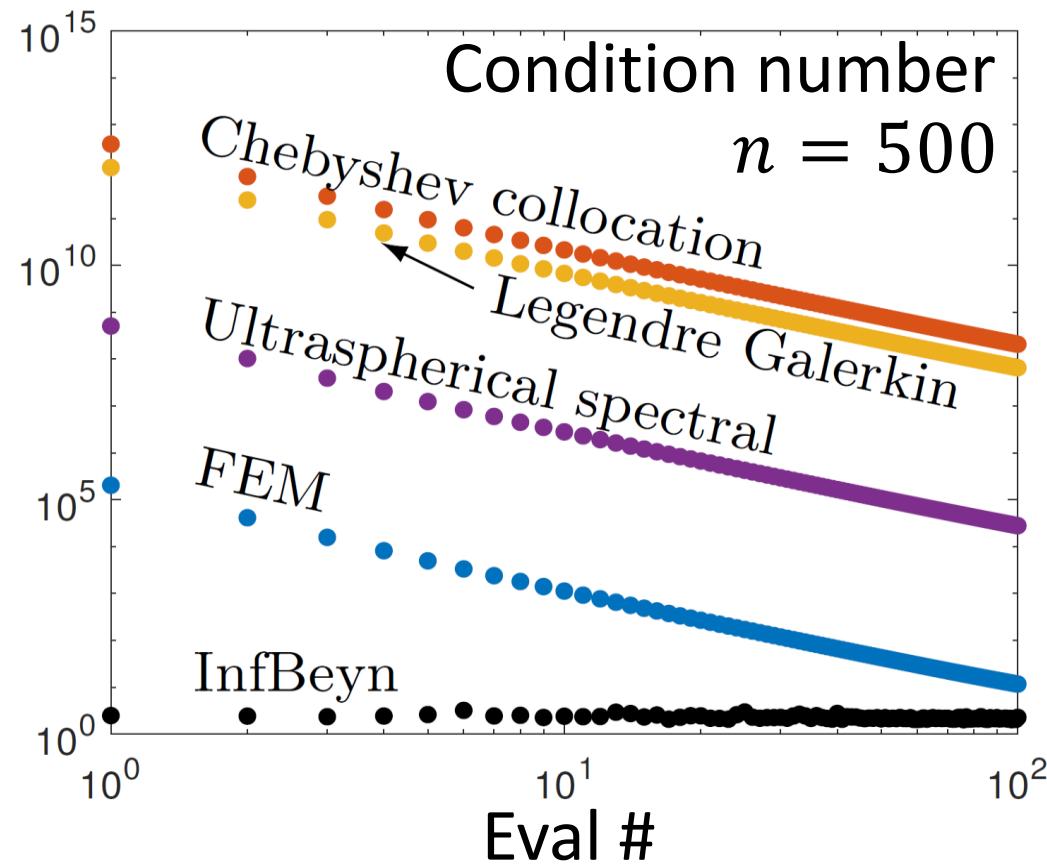


Example: Loaded string

damped_beam from NLEVP collection.

$$-\frac{d^2u}{dx^2} = \lambda u, \quad u(0) = 0,$$

$$u'(1) + \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - 1} u(1) = 0.$$



Example: Planar waveguide

planar_waveguide from NLEVP collection.

$$\frac{d^2\phi}{dx^2} + k^2(\eta^2 - \mu(\lambda))\phi = 0$$

$$\mu(\lambda) = \frac{\delta_+}{k^2} + \frac{\delta_-}{8k^2\lambda^2} + \frac{\lambda^2}{k^2}$$

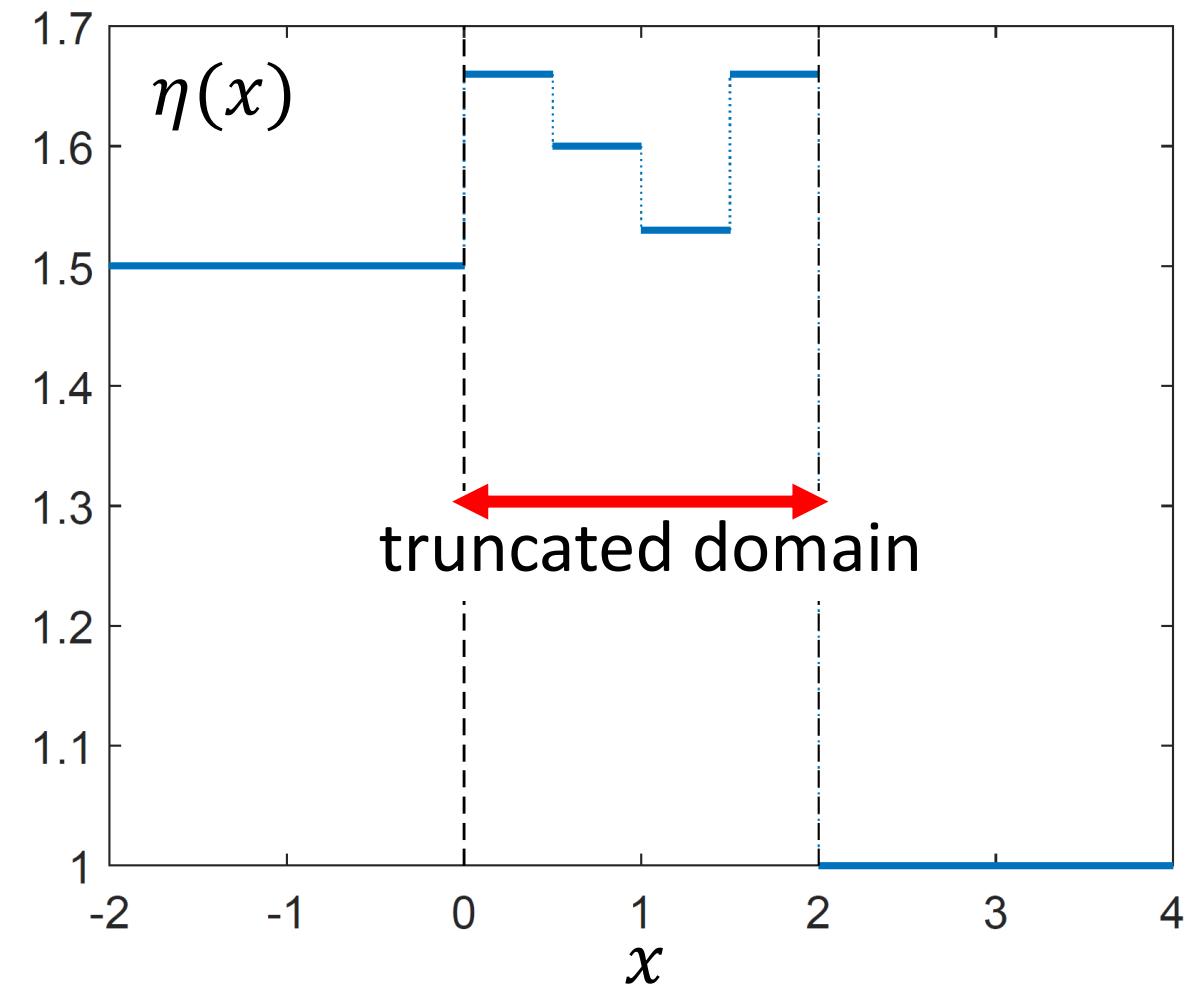
$$\frac{d\phi}{dx}(0) + \left(\frac{\delta_-}{2\lambda} - \lambda\right)\phi(0) = 0$$

$$\frac{d\phi}{dx}(2) + \left(\frac{\delta_-}{2\lambda} + \lambda\right)\phi(2) = 0$$

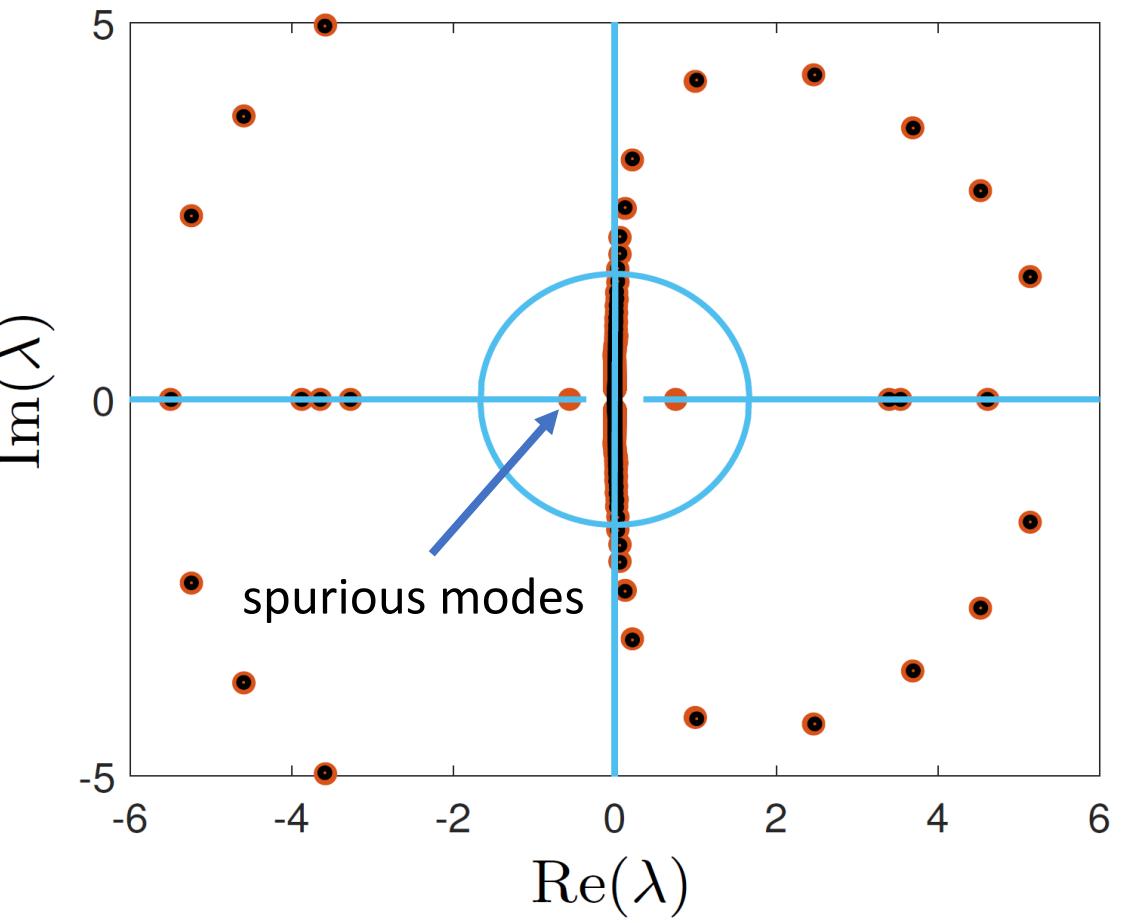
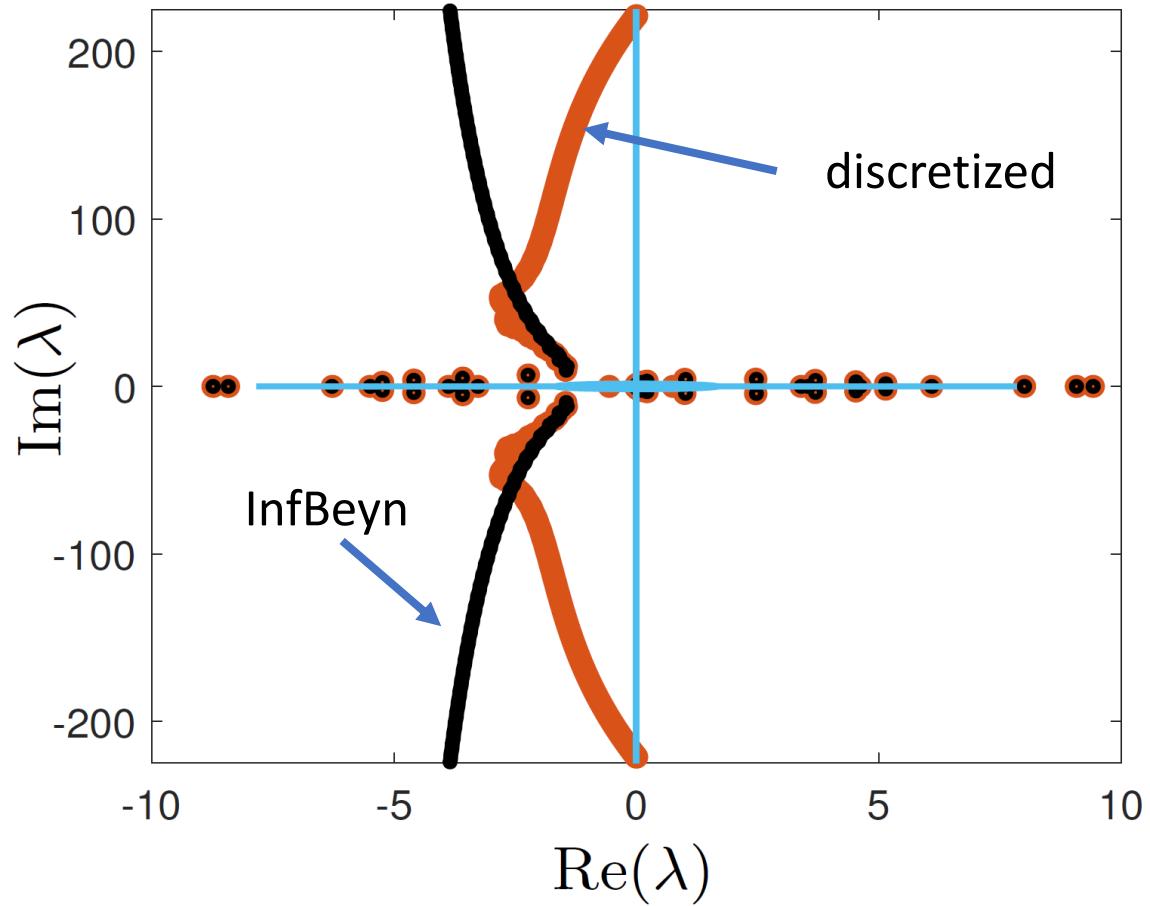
η corresponds to refractive index.

λ correspond to guided and leaky modes.

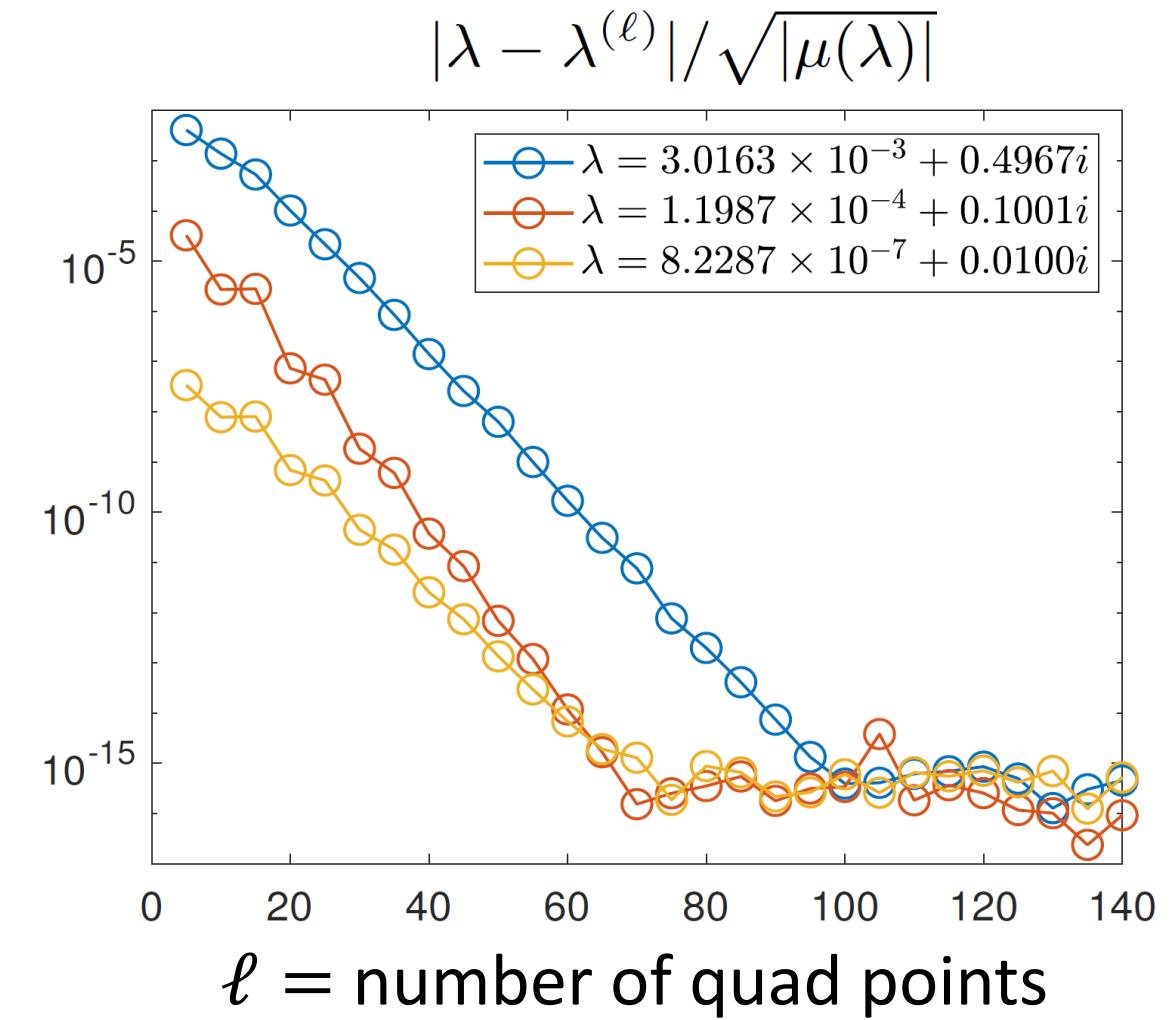
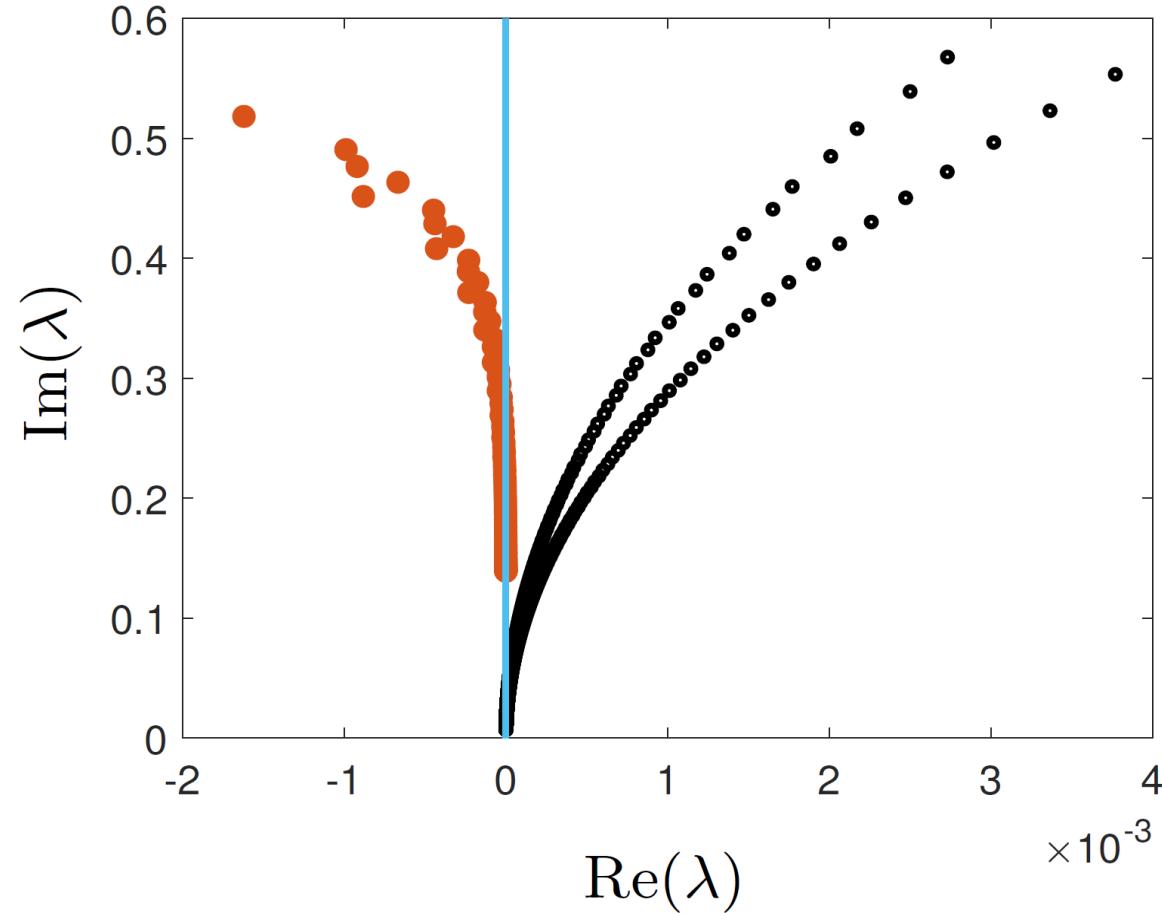
Discretized using FEM ($n = 129$, default)



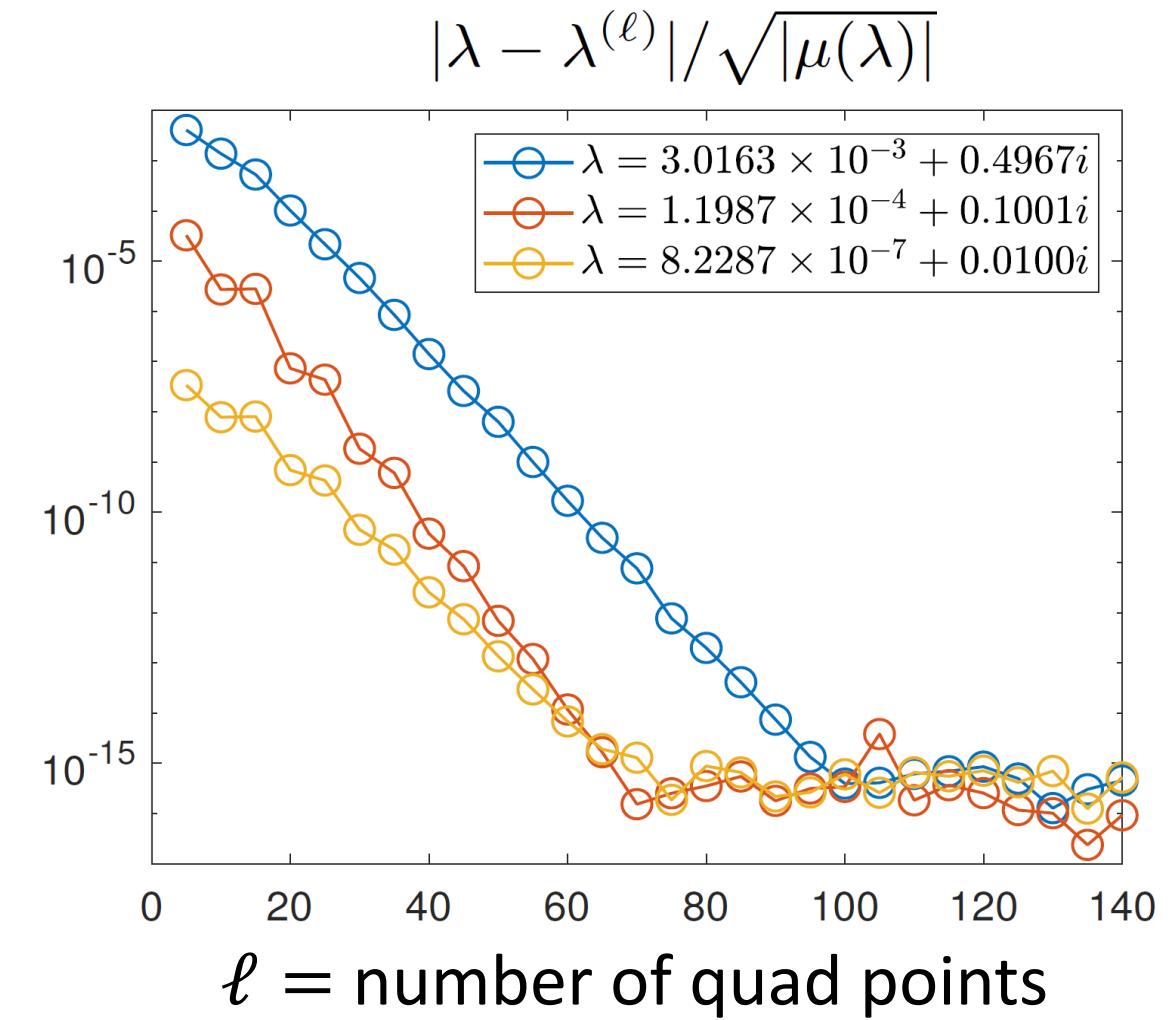
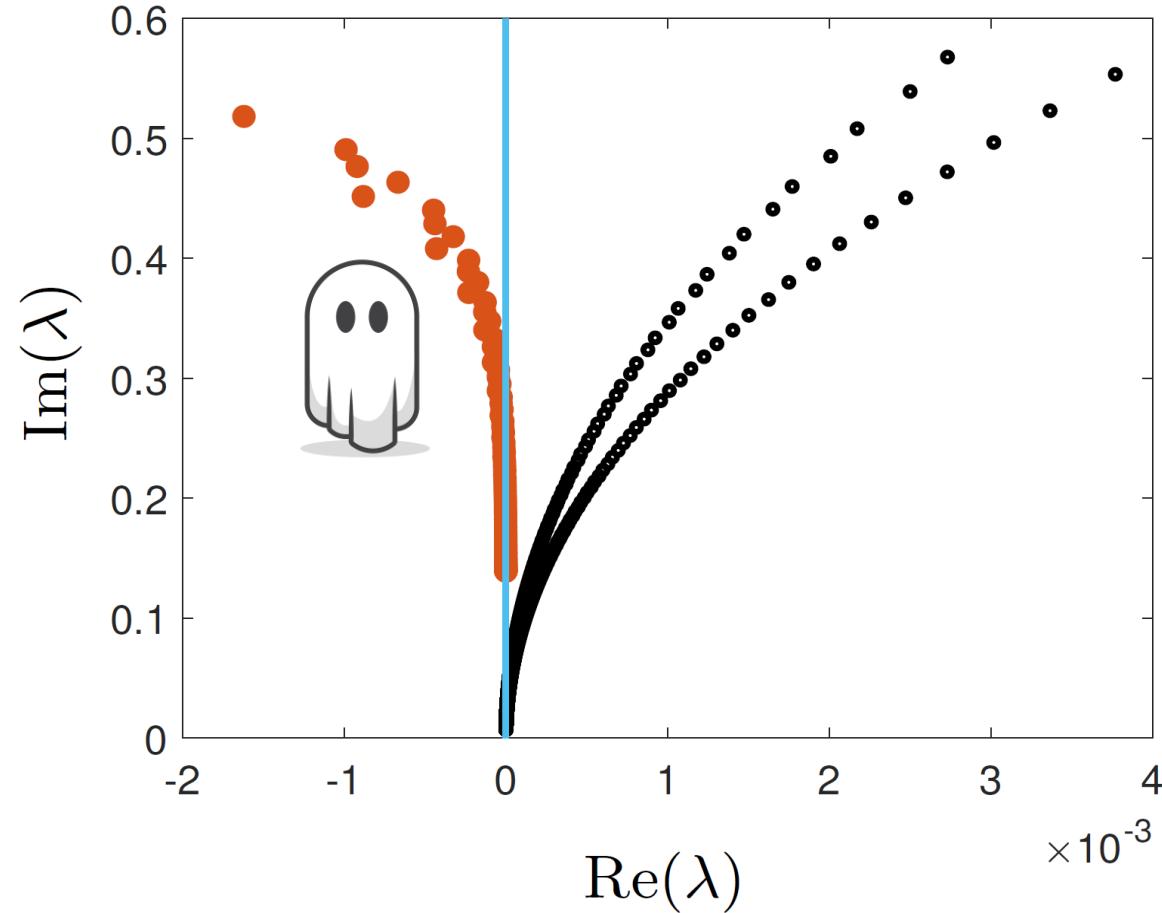
Example: Planar waveguide



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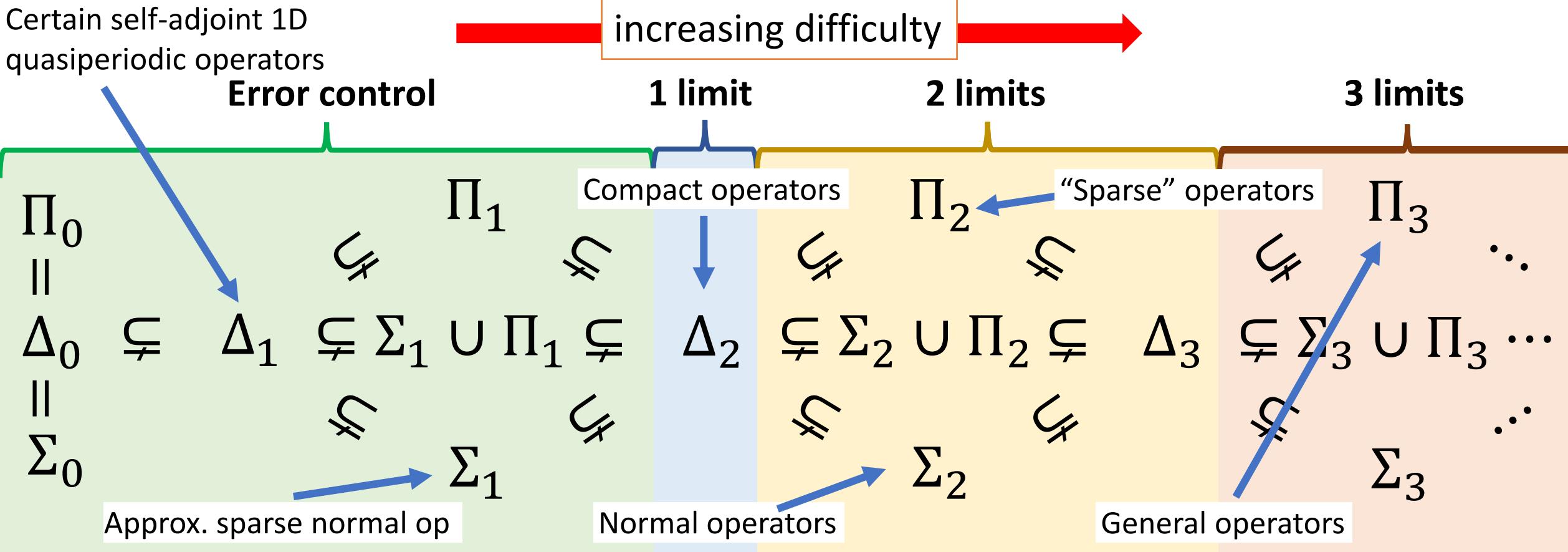
Example: Planar waveguide



Bigger picture

- **Foundations:** Classify difficulty of computational problems.
 - Prove that algorithms are optimal (in any given computational model).
 - Find assumptions and methods for computational goals.
- New suite of “infinite-dimensional” algorithms. **Solve-then-discretize.**
 - **Methods built on** $\sigma_{\inf}(T)$, e.g., compute $\sigma_{\inf}(T\mathcal{P}_n^*)$ or $\sqrt{\sigma_{\inf}(\mathcal{P}_n T^* T \mathcal{P}_n^*)}$
 - Spectra with error control (including essential spectrum).
 - Pseudospectra, stability bounds etc.
 - More exotic features such as fractal dimensions.
 - **Methods built on adaptively computing** $(A - zI)^{-1}$ or $T(z)^{-1}$
 - Contour methods: discrete spectra for linear and nonlinear pencils.
 - Convolution methods: spectral measures of self-adjoint and unitary operators.
 - Functions of operators with error control.

Sample: some results for linear problems



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Summary for NEPs

- Discretization can cause serious issues.
- **InfBeyn** overcomes these in regions of discrete spectra: **convergent, stable, efficient**.
- Compute pseudospectra with explicit **error control** (generic pencils, even with essential spectra!)



Example	Observed discretization woes
acoustic_wave_1d	spurious eigenvalues slow convergence
acoustic_wave_2d	spurious eigenvalues wrong multiplicity
butterfly	spectral pollution missed spectra wrong pseudospectra
damped_beam	slow convergence resolved eigenfunctions with inaccurate eigenvalues
loaded_string	ill-conditioning from discretization
planar_waveguide	collapse onto ghost essential spectrum failure for accumulating eigenvalues spectral pollution

More on this program: www.damtp.cam.ac.uk/user/mjc249/home.html

Code: <https://github.com/MColbrook/infNEP>

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