

# Solve-then-discretise for nonlinear eigenvalue problems

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# Nonlinear ~~eigenvalue~~ spectral problems (NEPs)

Many\* NEPs are set in infinite-dimensional spaces.

Infinite-dimensional  
Hilbert space

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

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

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

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

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

\* 25/52 problems from NLEVP collection are discretized infinite-dimensional problems.

\* A vast majority of applications of NEPs involve differential operators.

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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.

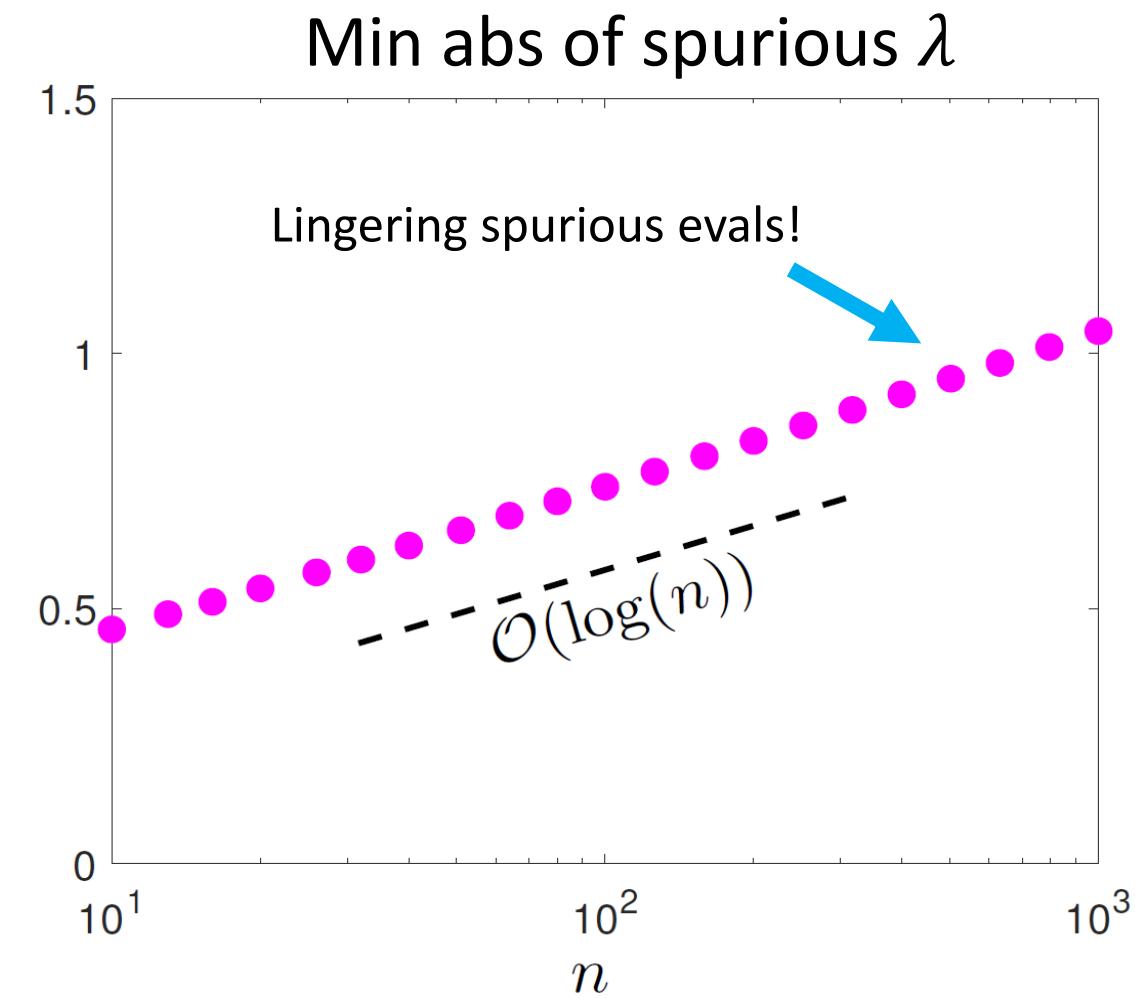
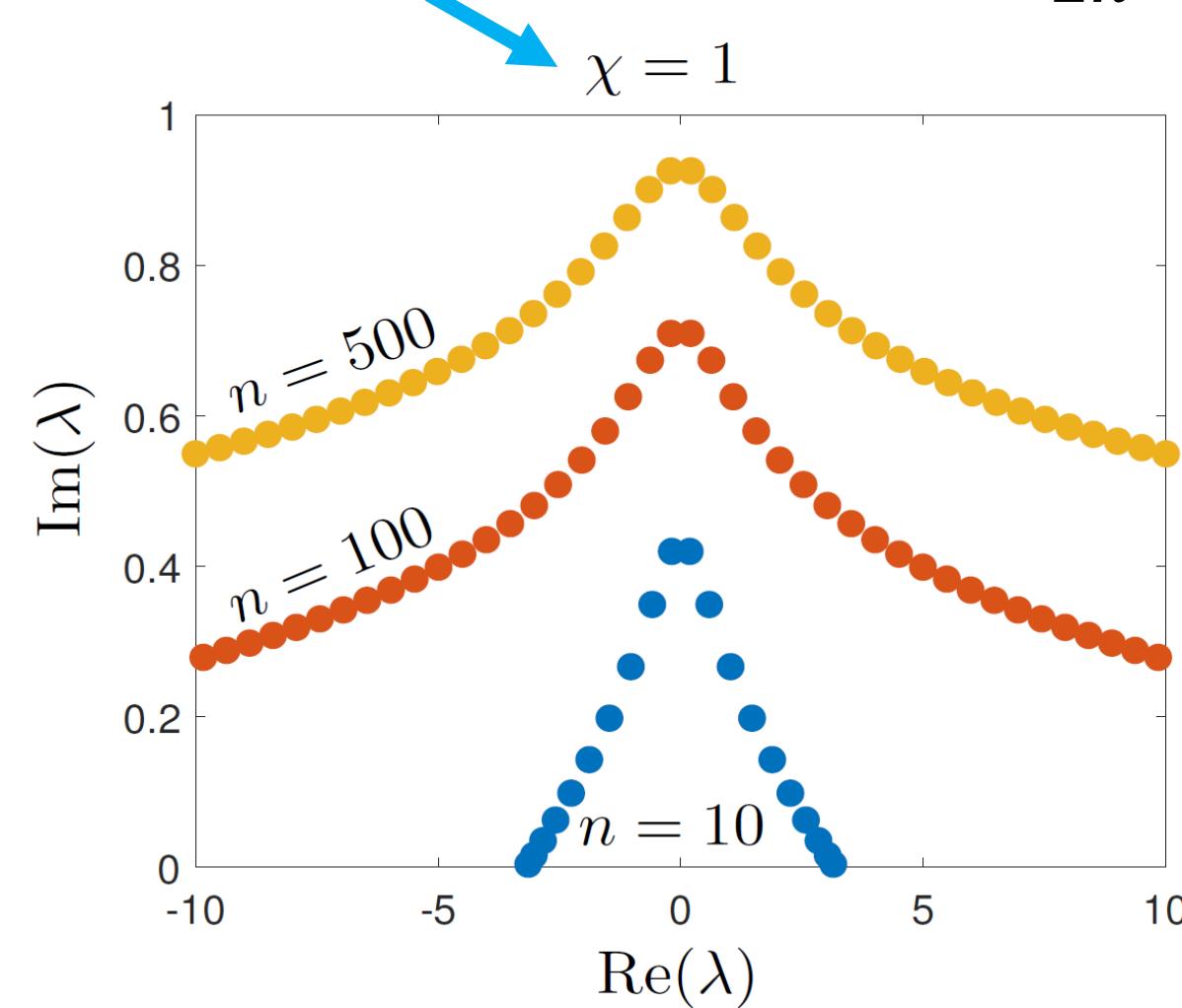
Resonant frequencies:  $\lambda_k = \frac{\tan^{-1}(i\chi)}{2\pi} + \frac{k}{2}, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$

Discretized using FEM ( $n$  = discretization size)

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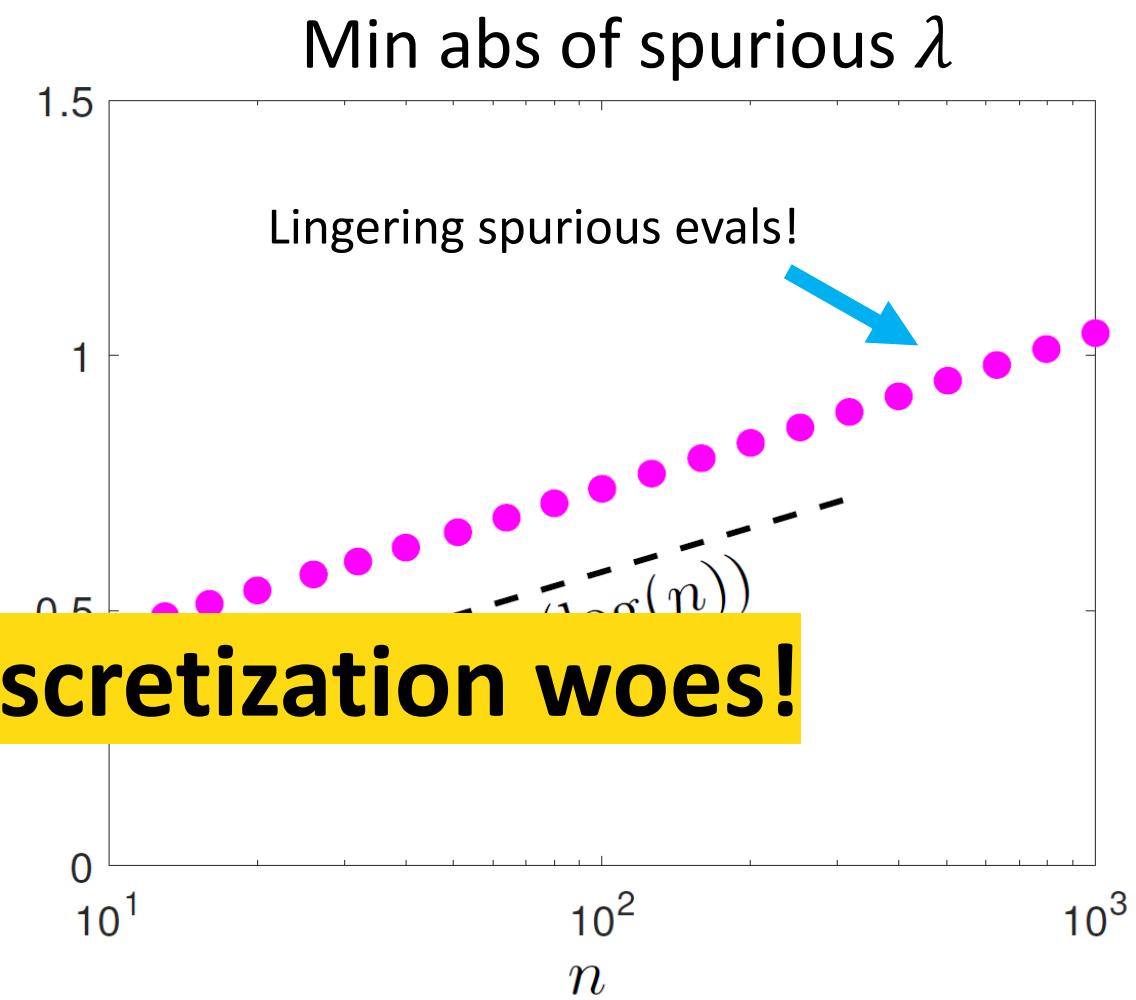
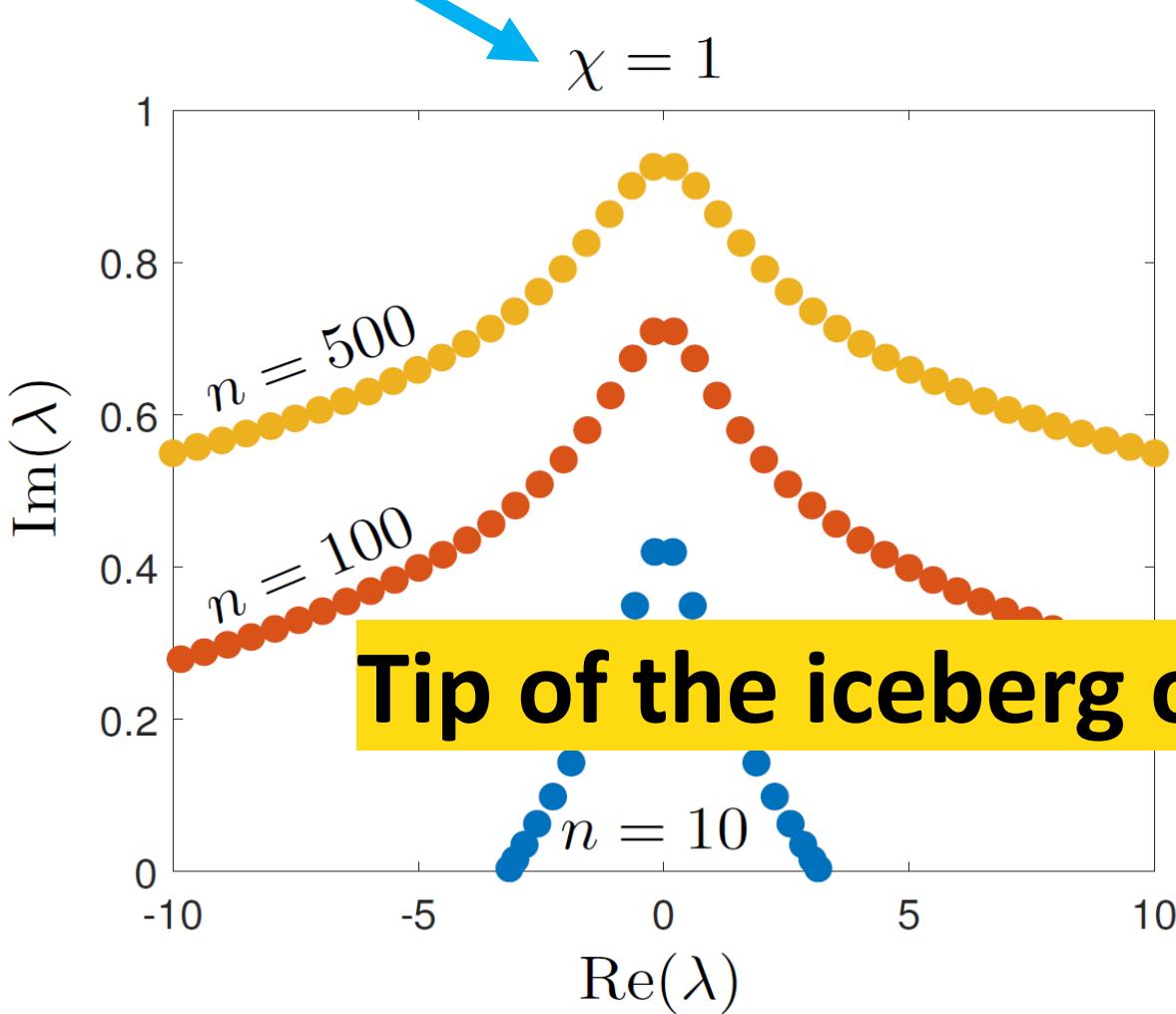
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# Discretization woes (examples later + bonus slides)

Often, we discretize to a matrix NEP

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

But can cause serious issues:

- Spectral pollution (spurious eigenvalues).
- Spectral invisibility.
- Super-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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**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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butterfly from NLEVP collection

$$T(\lambda) = F(\lambda, S)$$

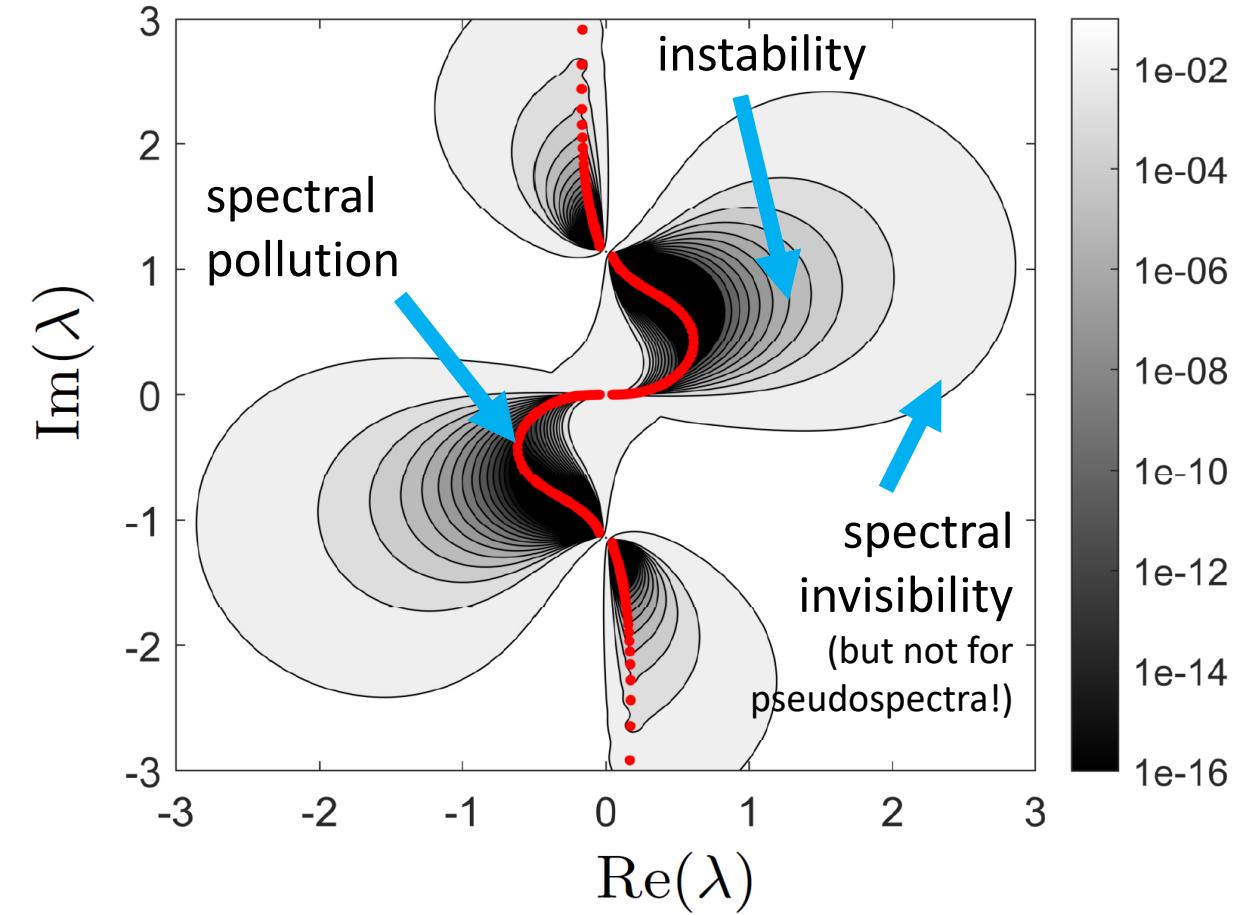
$S$  bilateral shift on  $l^2(\mathbb{Z})$

$F$  a rational function

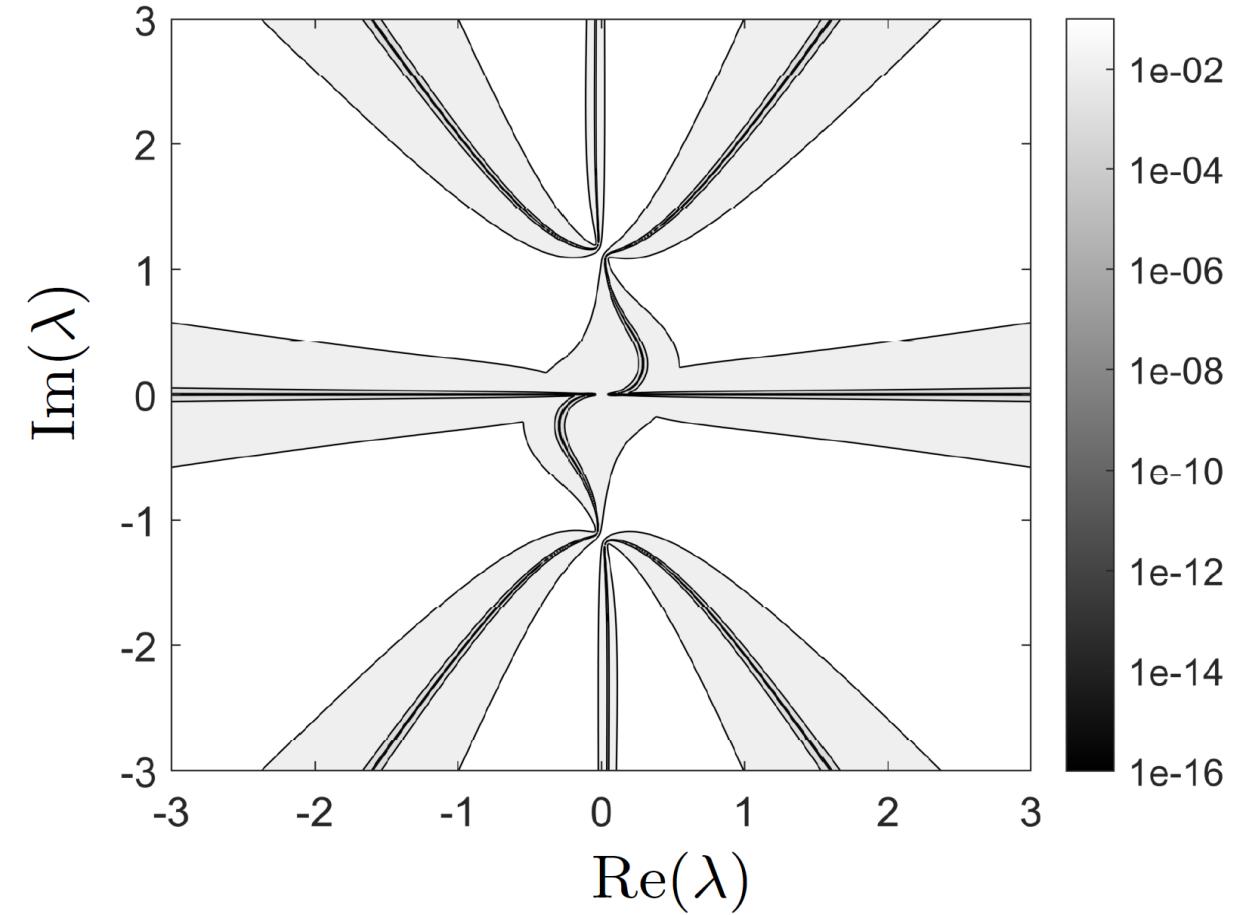
# Example: Butterfly

$$\{\lambda \in \Omega : \gamma_n(\lambda) < \varepsilon\} \subset \text{Sp}_\varepsilon(T)$$

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



Method based on  $\gamma_n$



# Computational tool #2: Contour methods

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

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

- $m$  is sum of all algebraic multiplicities of eigenvalues inside  $\Omega$ .
- $V$  &  $W$  are quasimatrices with  $m$  cols of right & left generalized eigenvectors.
- $J$  consists of Jordan blocks.
- $R(z)$  is a bounded holomorphic remainder.

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

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- Keldysh, “On the characteristic values and characteristic functions of certain classes of non-self-adjoint equations,” **Dokl. Akad. Nauk**, 1951.
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# InfBeyn algorithm

Let  $\Gamma \subset \Omega$  be a contour enclosing  $m$  eigenvalues (and 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 through quadrature to obtain  $\tilde{A}_0$  and  $\tilde{A}_1$ .

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

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

Form the 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).

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# Stability and convergence result

**Keldysh:**  $T(z)^{-1} = V(z - J)^{-1}W^* + R(z)$ , let  $M = \sup_{z \in \Omega} \|R(z)\|$ .

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!)

- C., Townsend, "Avoiding discretization issues for nonlinear eigenvalue problems", preprint. ← Stability bound
- Horning, Townsend, "FEAST for differential eigenvalue problems," *SIAM J. Math. Anal.*, 2020. ← How to control quad error
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# Proof sketch (if time!)

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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: Planar waveguide

planar\_waveguide from NLEVP collection.

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

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

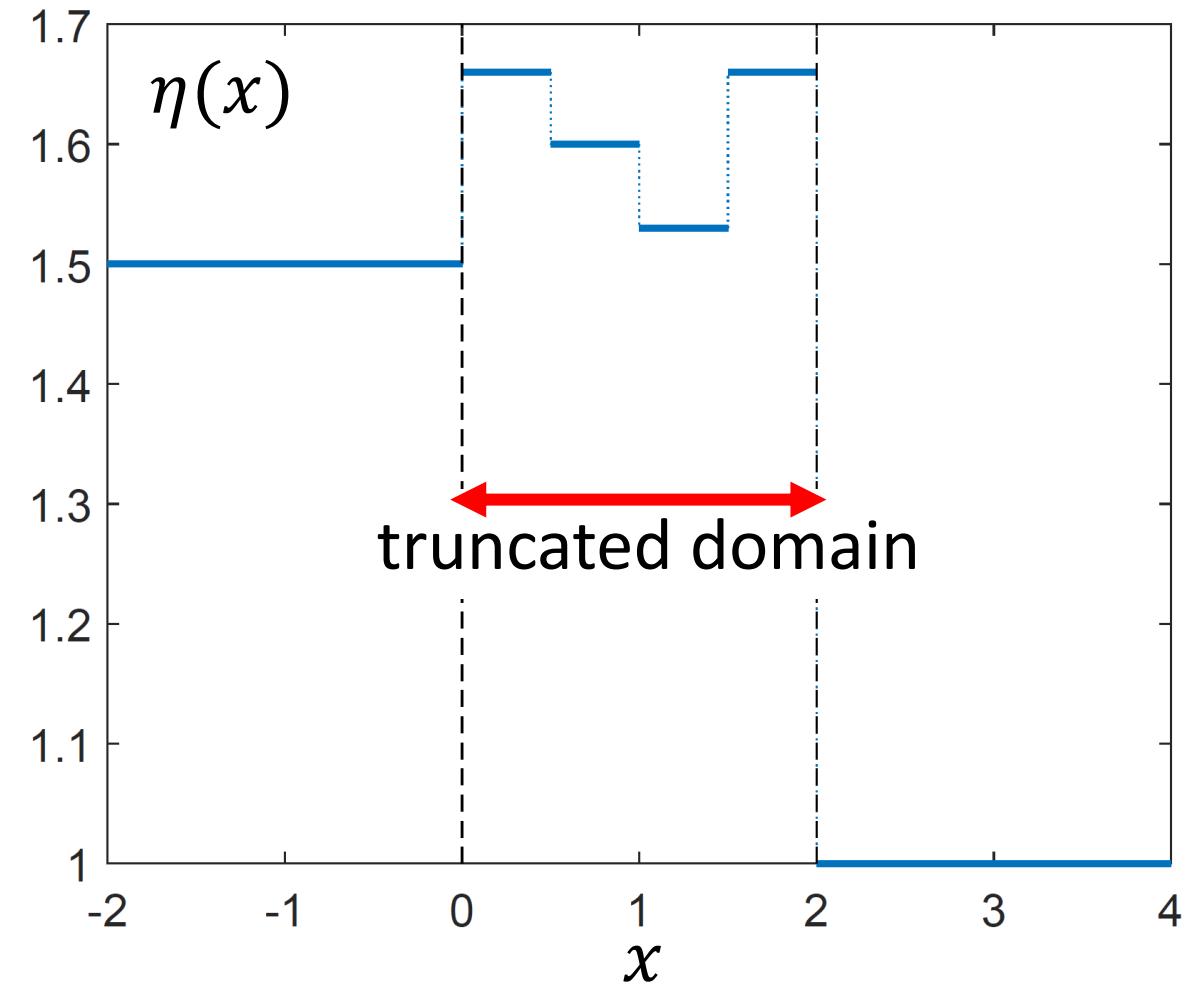
$$\frac{d\phi}{dx}(0) + \left(\frac{\delta_-}{2\lambda} - \lambda\right)\phi(0) = 0$$

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

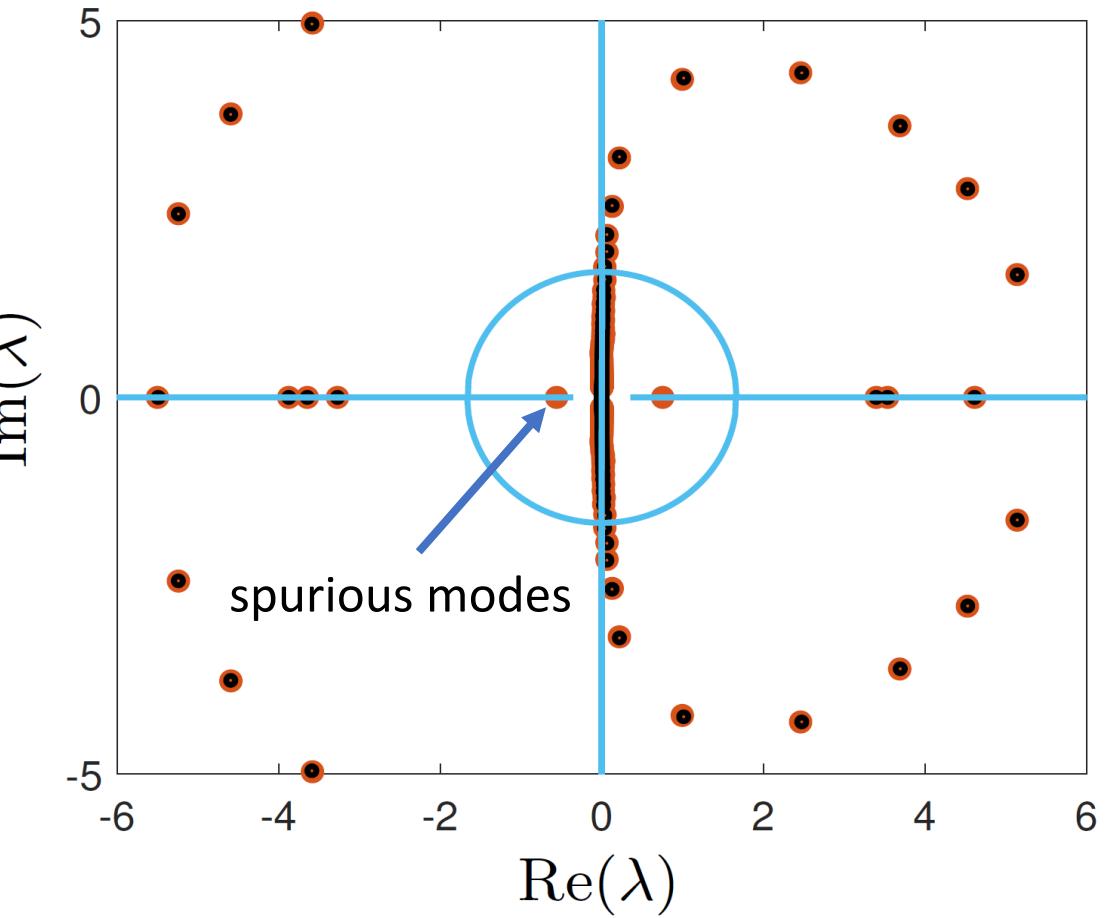
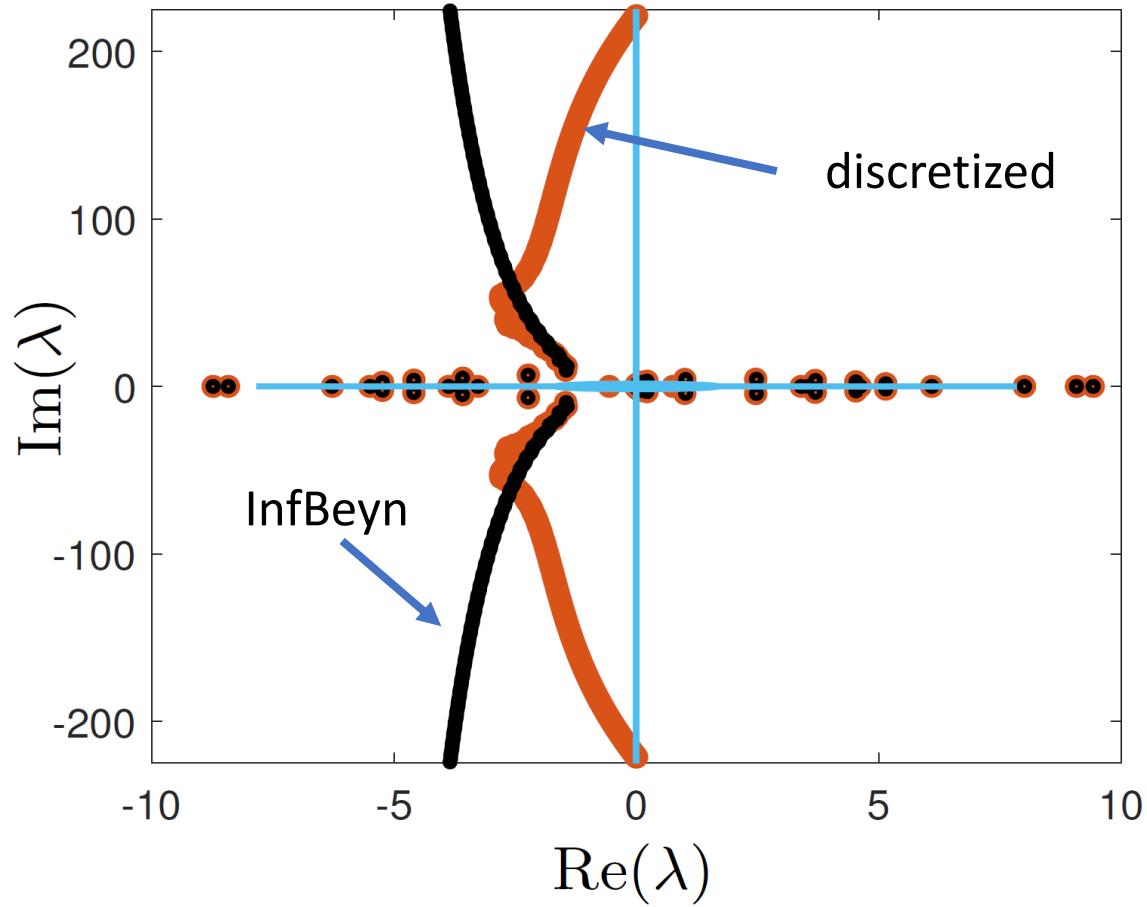
$\eta$  corresponds to refractive index.

$\lambda$  correspond to guided and leaky modes.

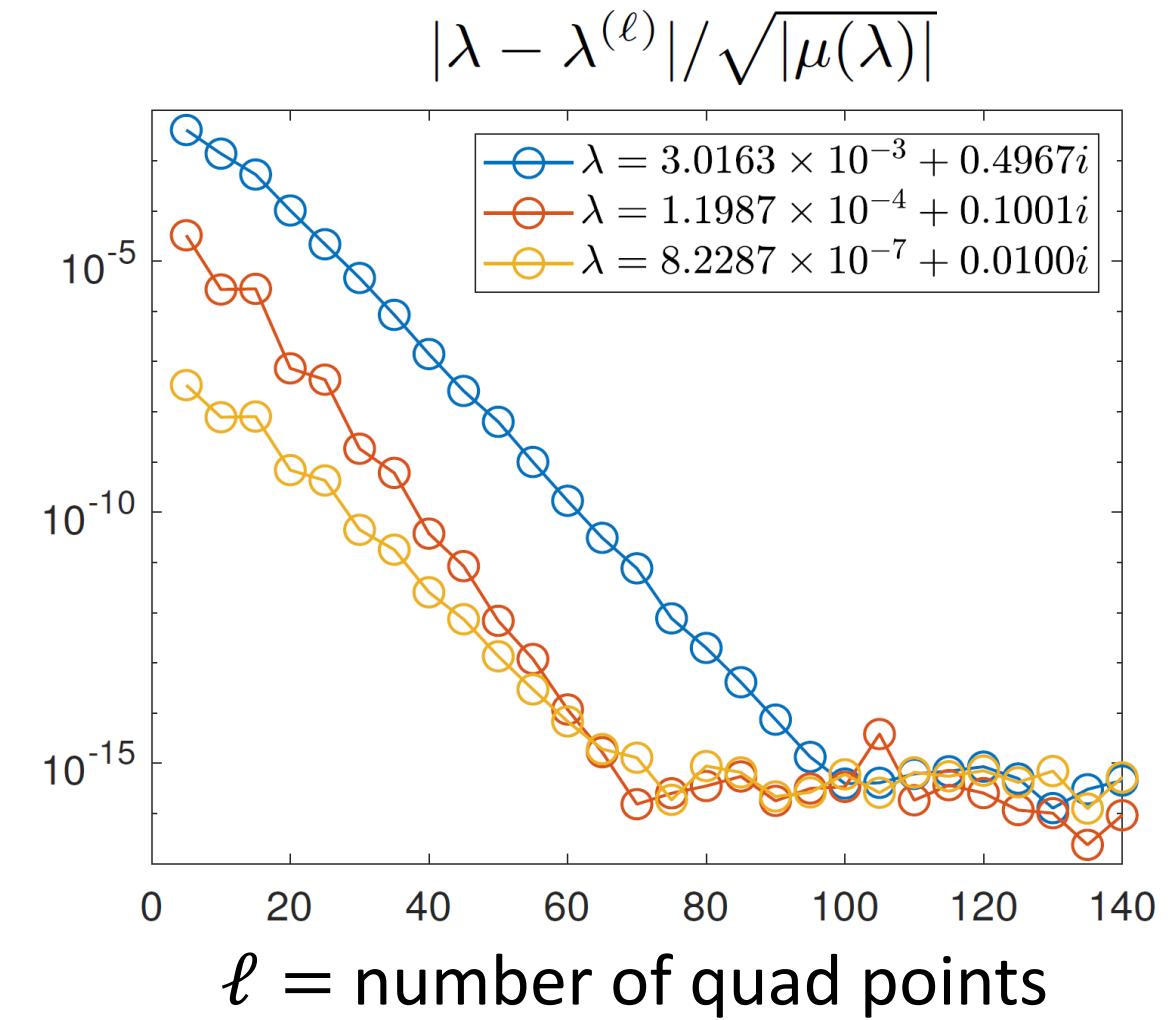
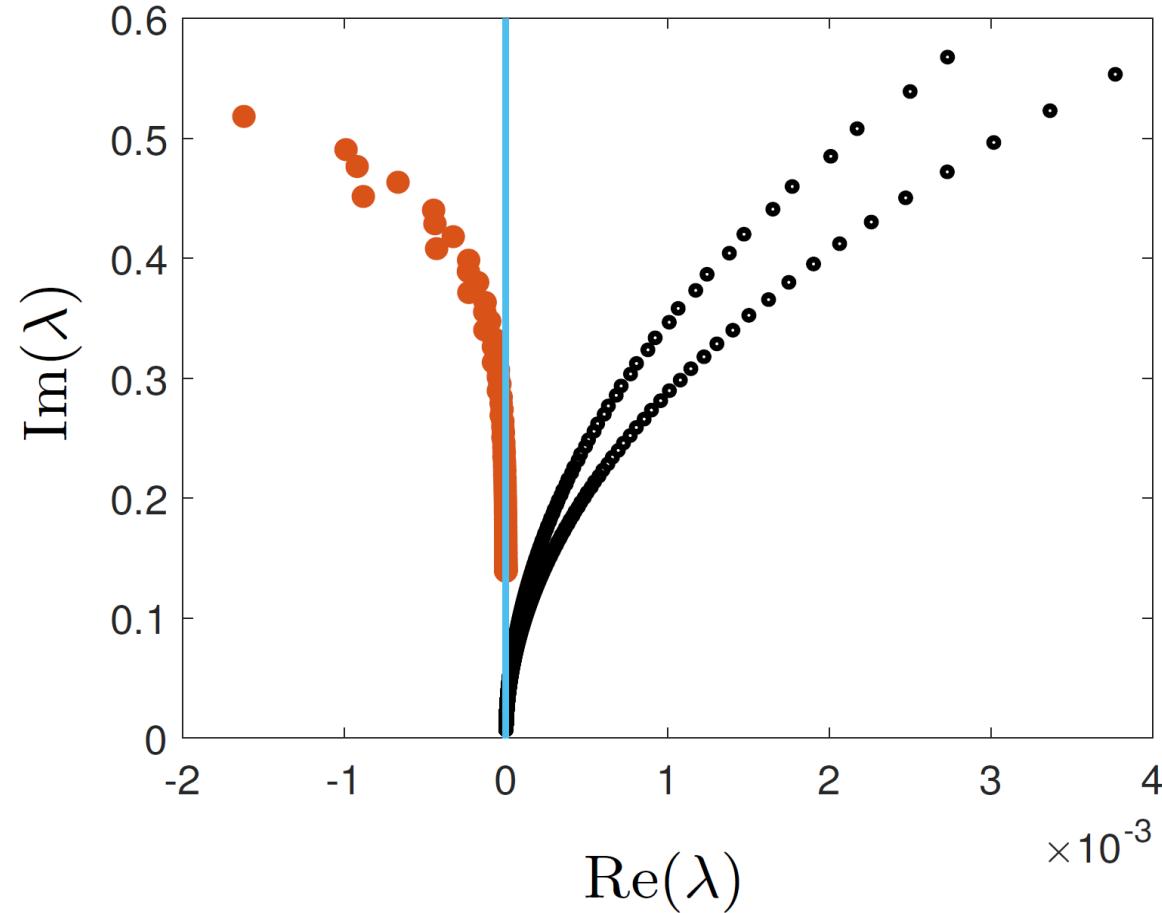
Discretized using FEM ( $n = 129$ , default)



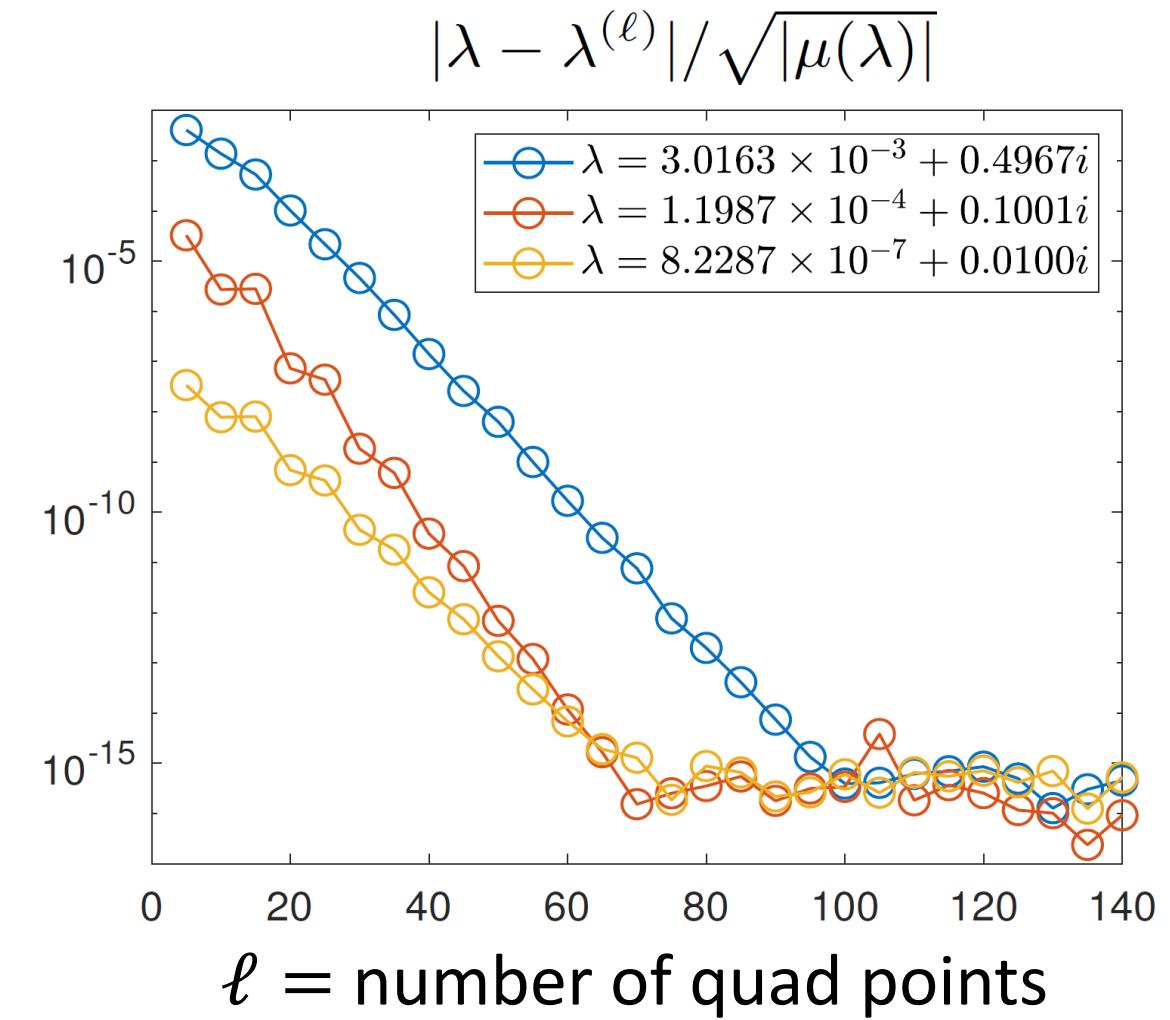
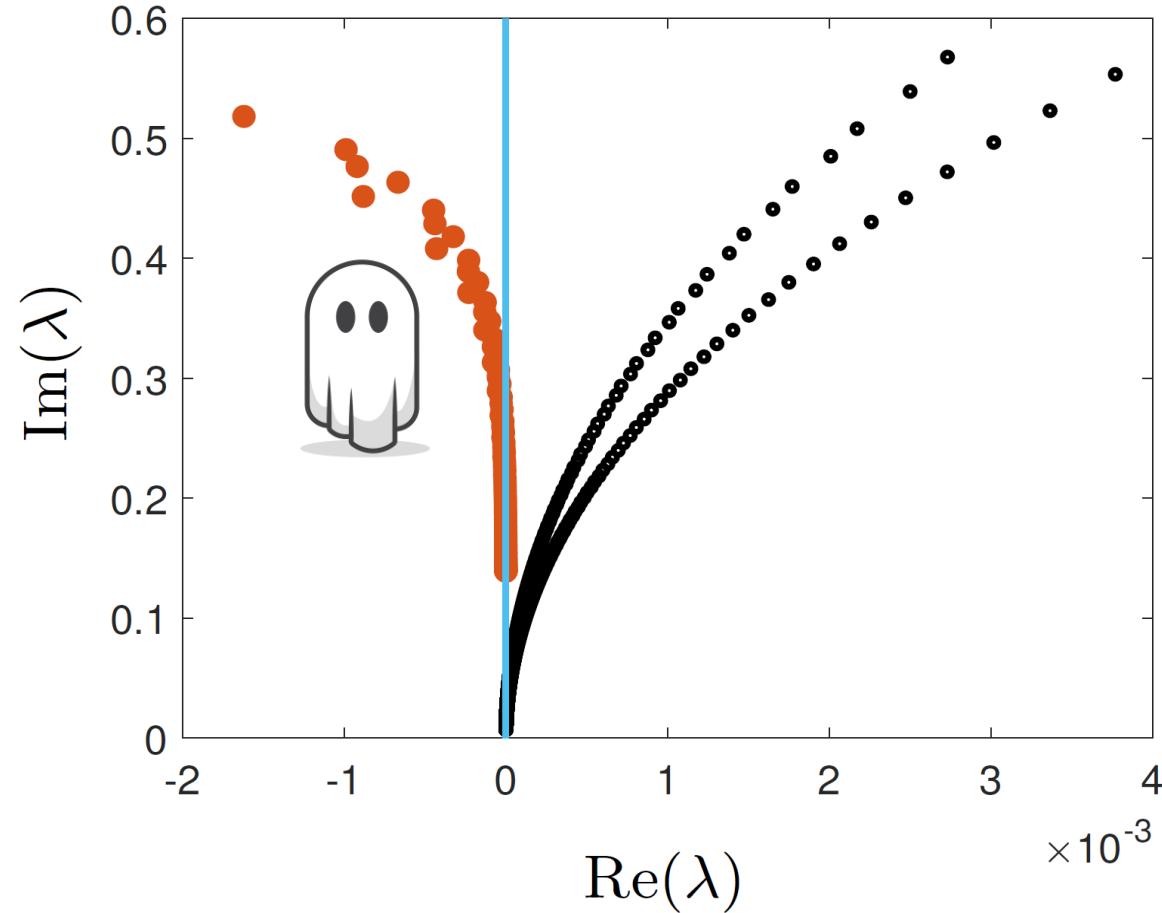
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# Bigger picture

- **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.

# 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](http://www.damtp.cam.ac.uk/user/mjc249/home.html)

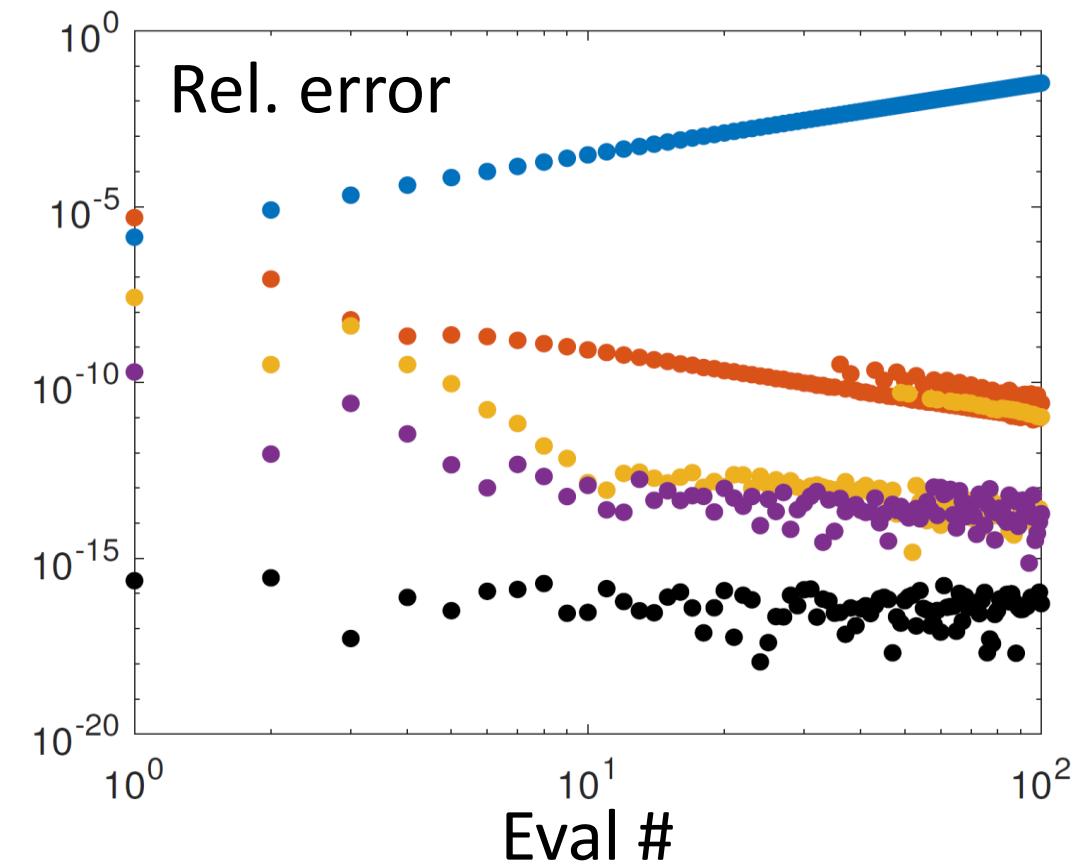
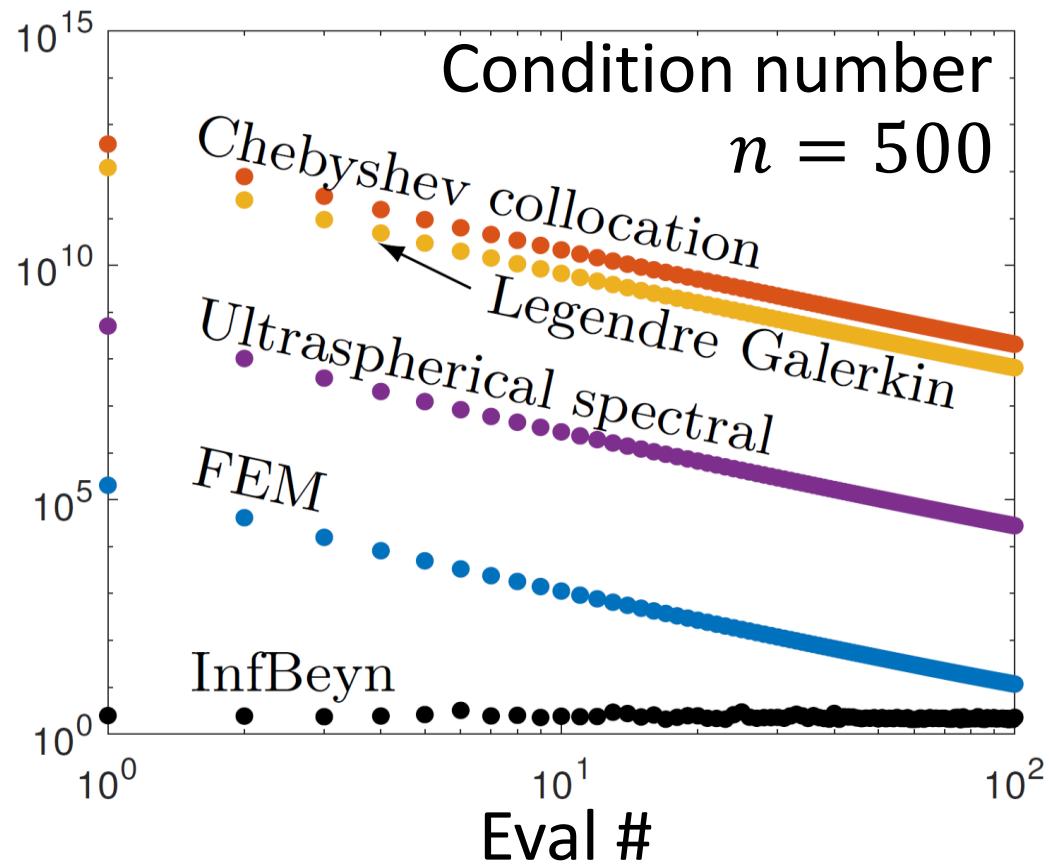
Code: <https://github.com/MColbrook/infNEP>

# Example: Loaded string

damped\_beam from NLEVP collection.

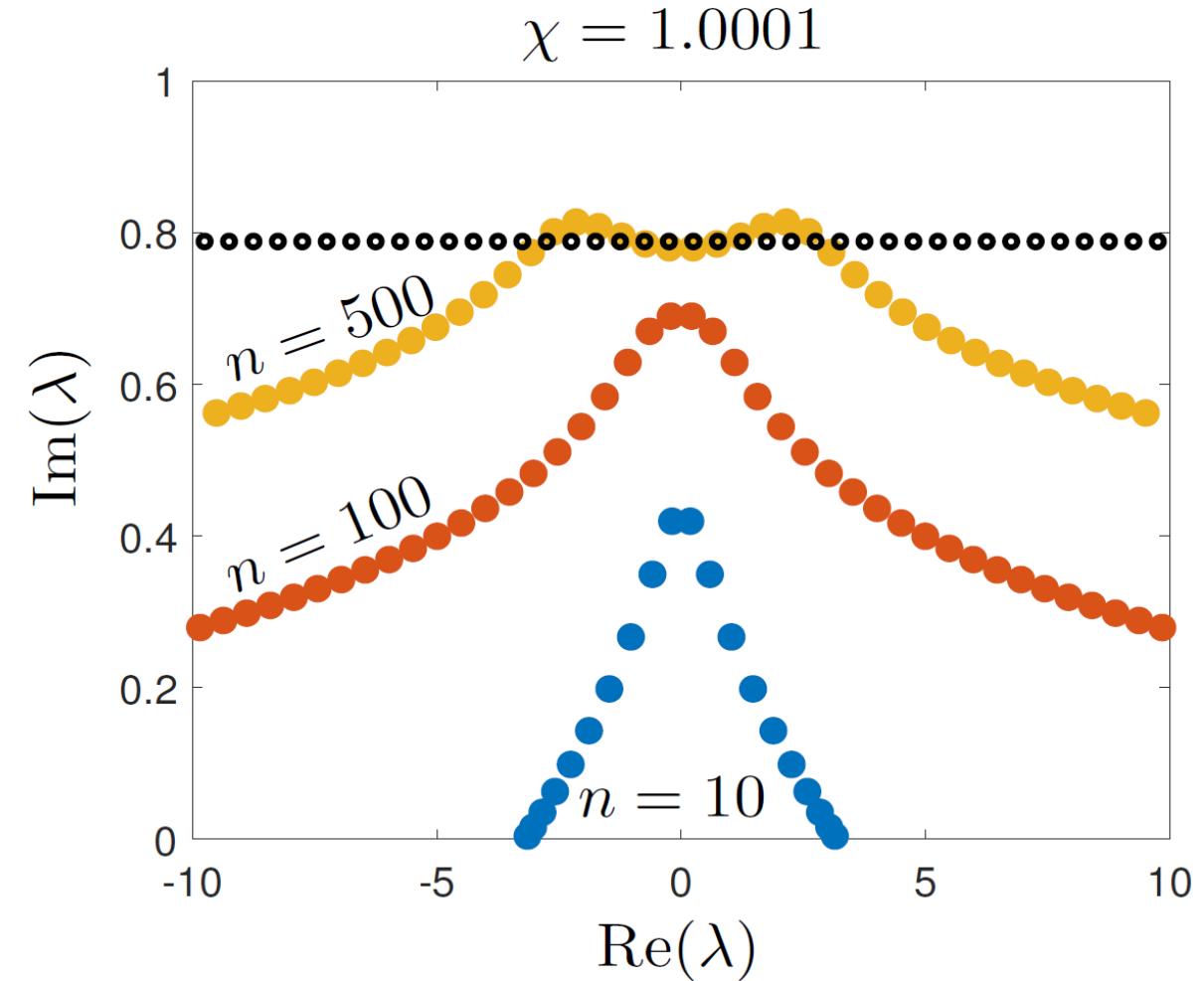
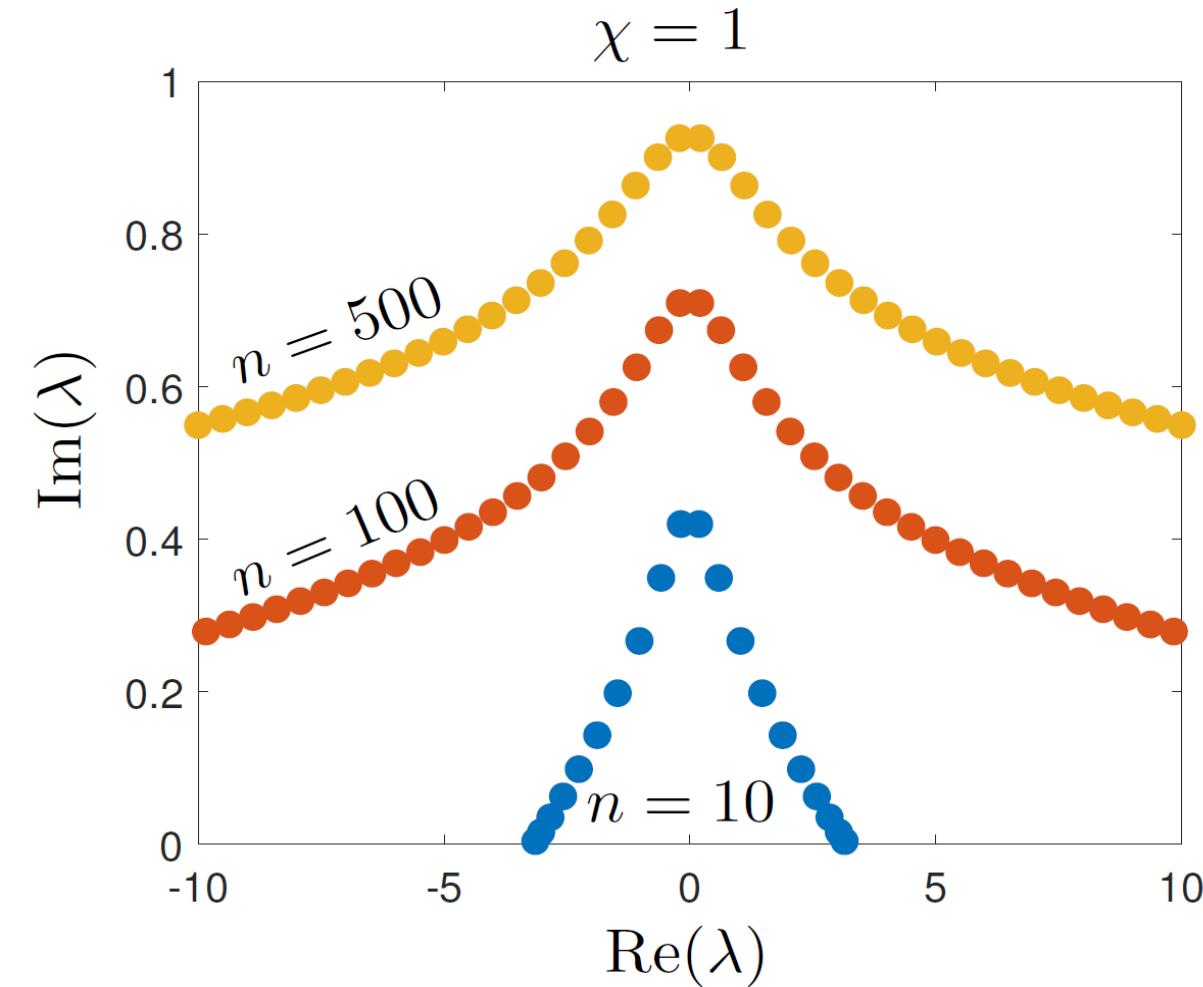
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$$u'(1) + \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - 1} u(1) = 0.$$



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acoustic\_wave\_2d from NLEVP collection.

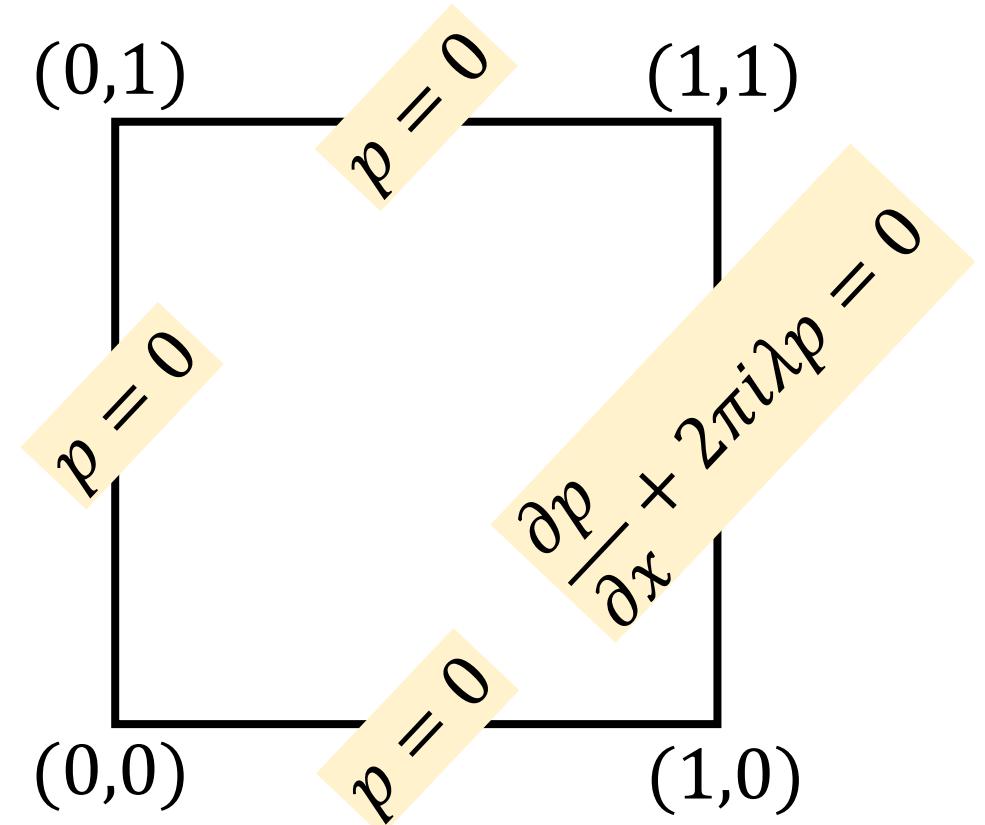
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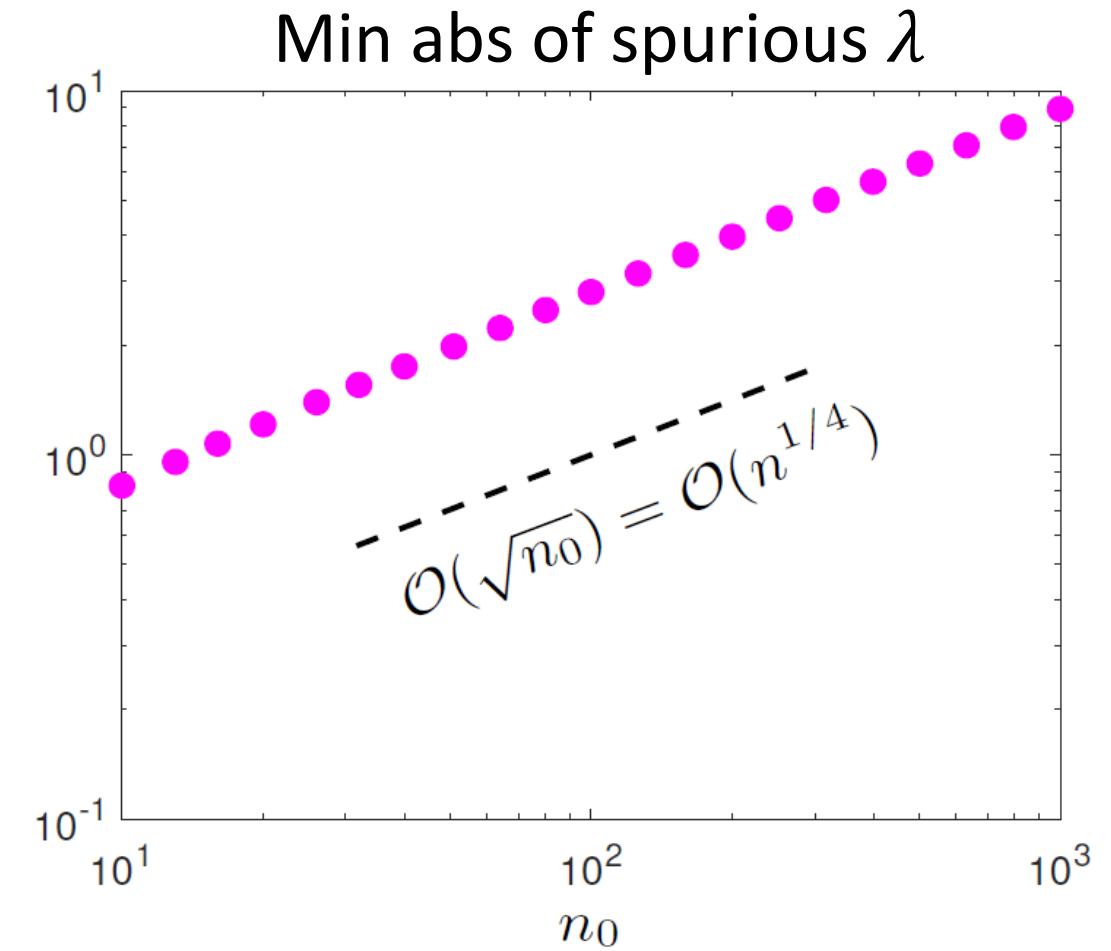
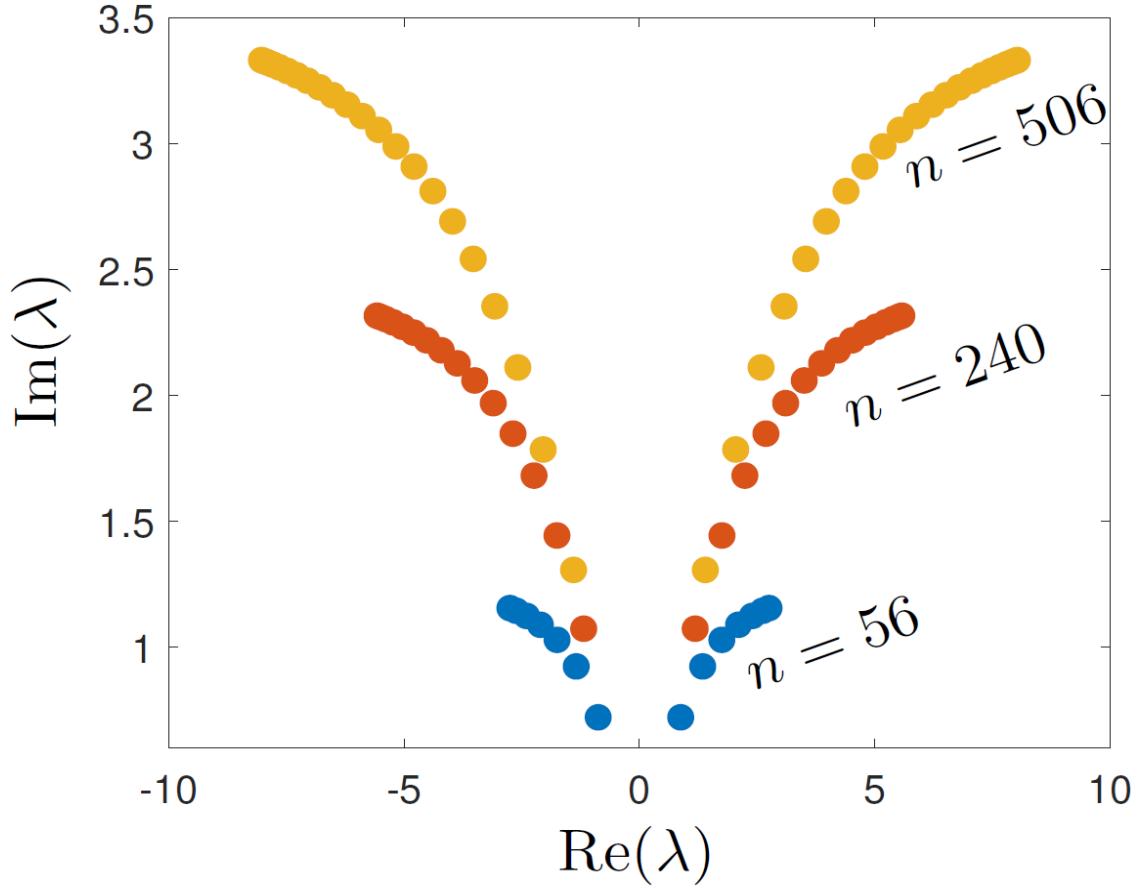
$\lambda$  correspond to resonant frequencies.

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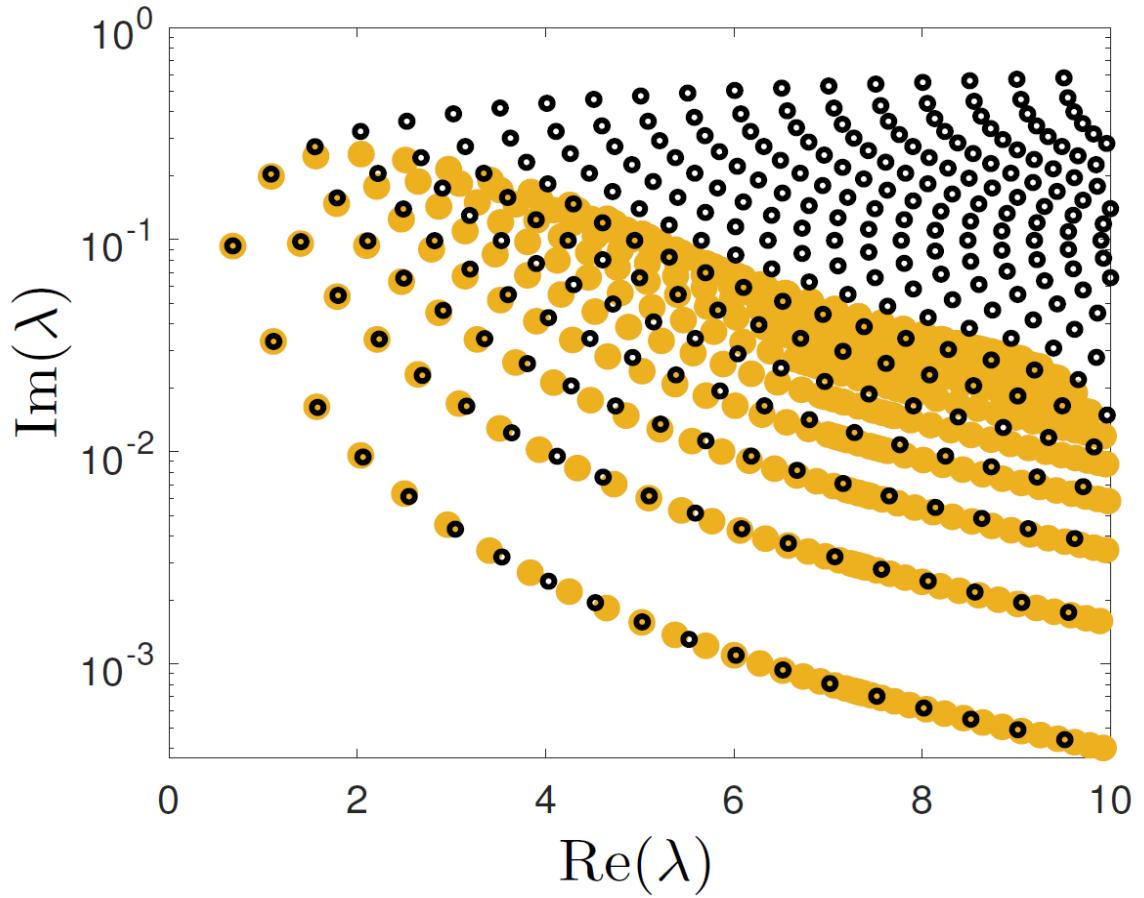
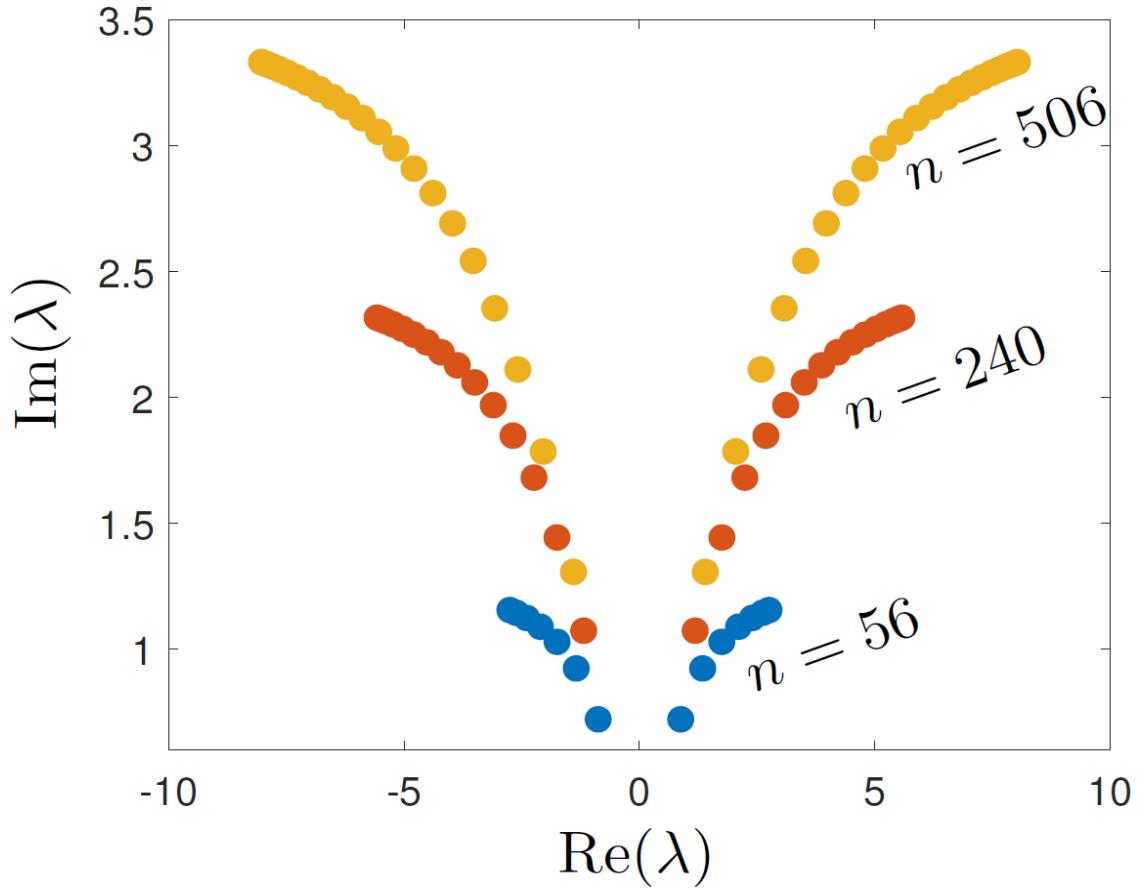
( $n = n_0(n_0 - 1)$  = discretization size).



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# Example: Damped beam

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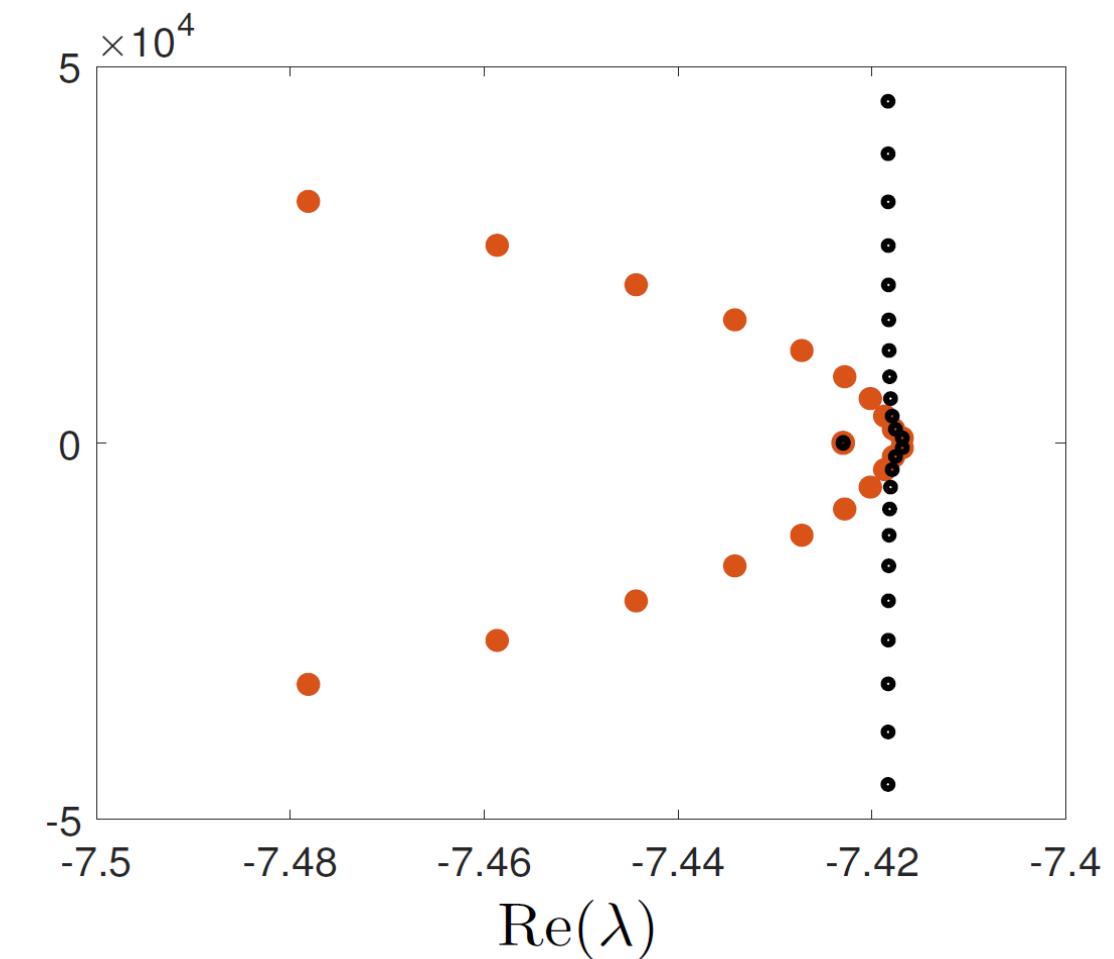
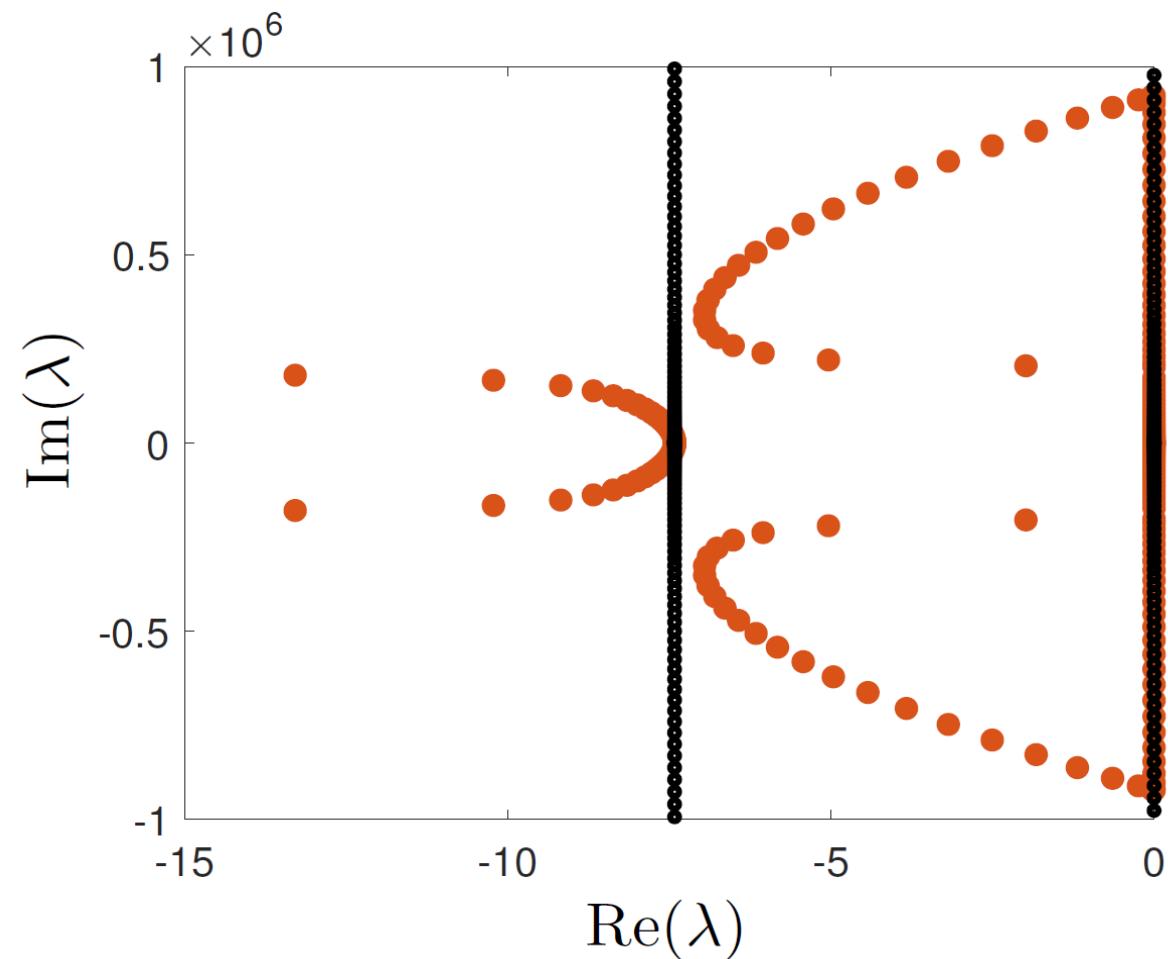
$v$  corresponds to transverse displacement of beam.

Discretized using cubic Hermite polynomials ( $n = 100$ ).

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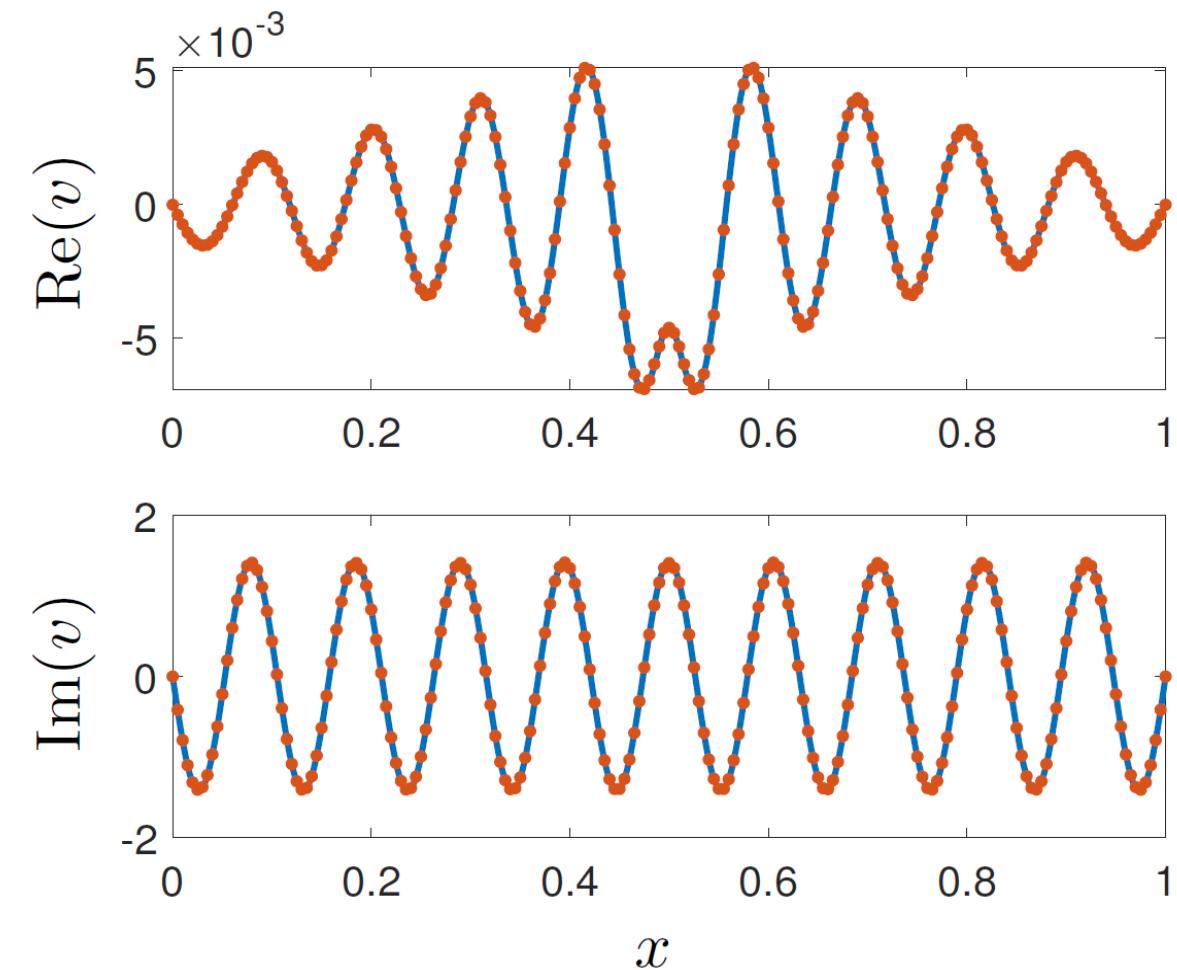
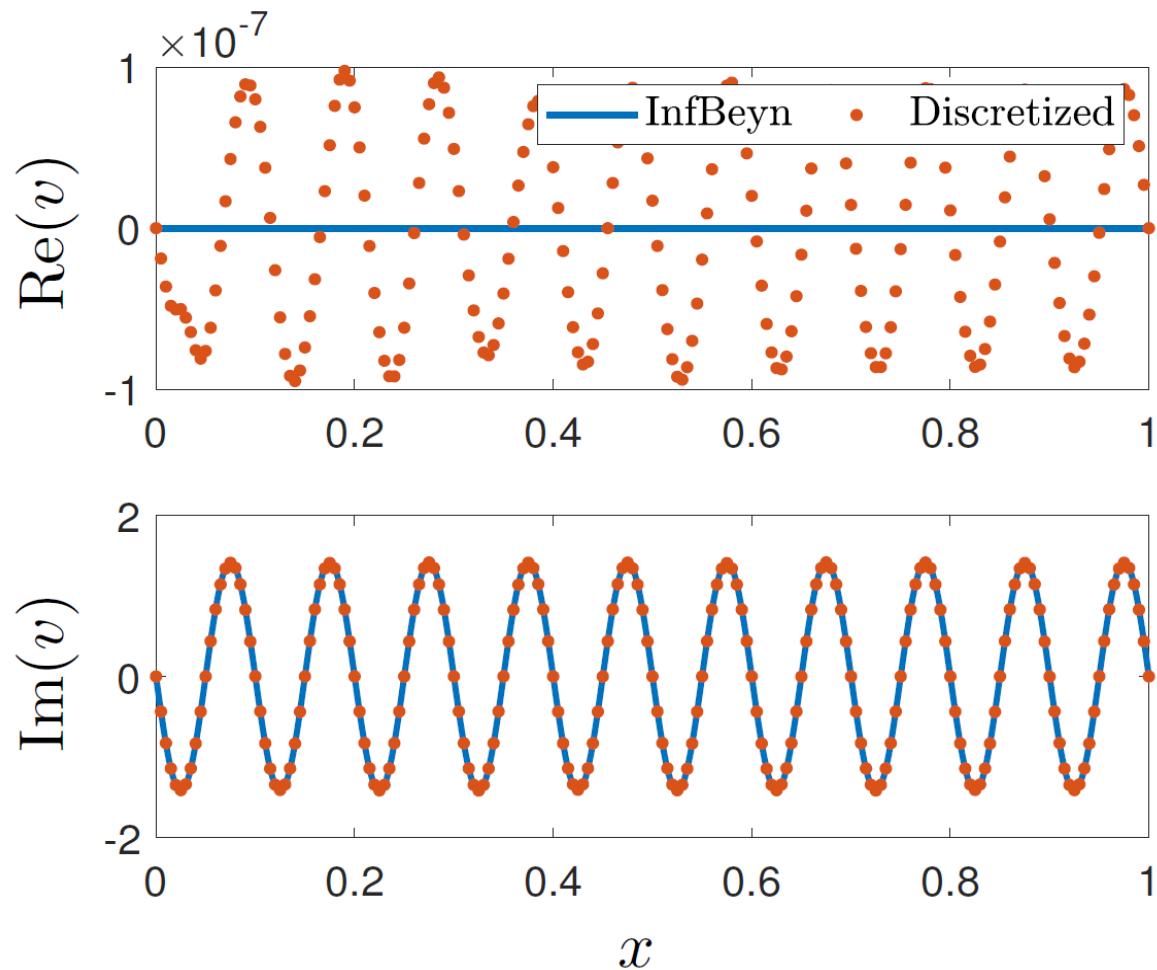
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e-vector subspace error  $\approx 0.001$ , e-val error  $\approx 40$  (InfBeyn error  $< 10^{-12}$ )



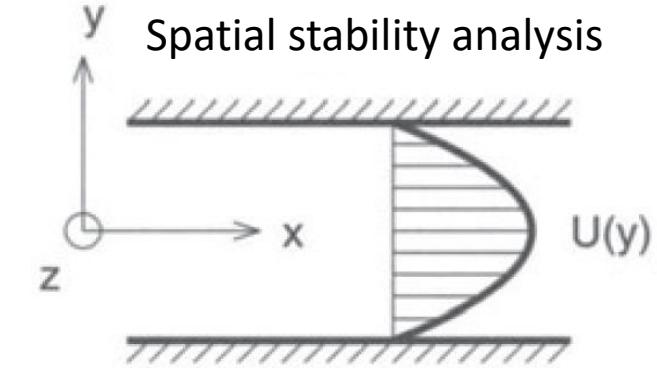
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Poiseuille flow:  $U(y) = 1 - y^2, y \in [-1,1]$

$R = 5772.22, \omega = 0.264002$

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

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



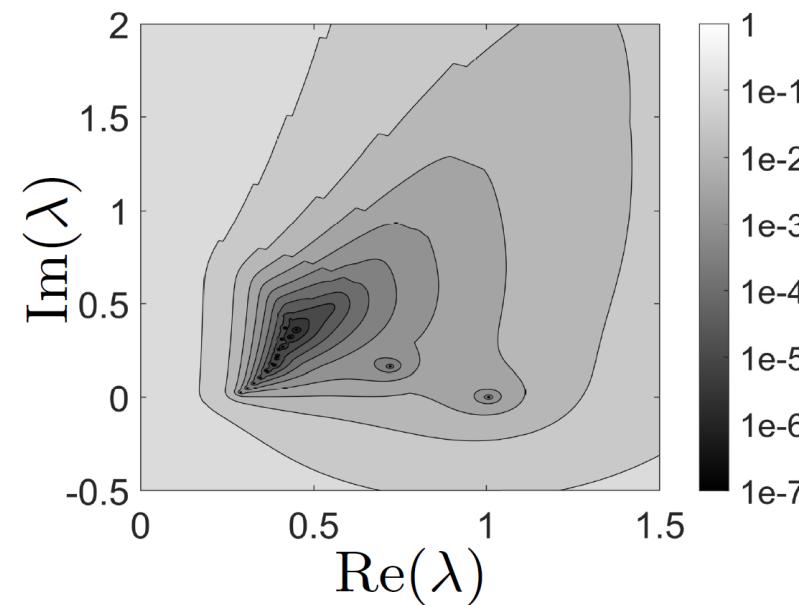
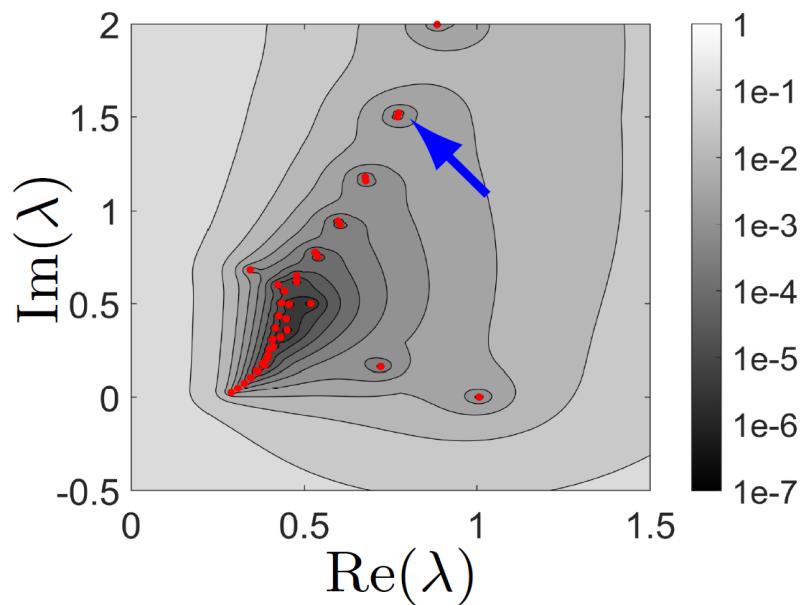
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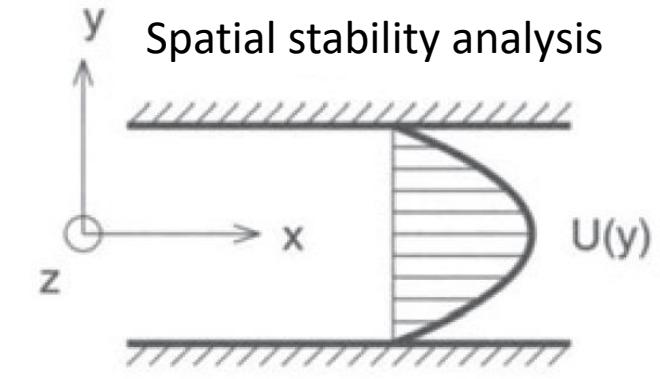
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Cheb. Col.,  $n = 64$



$$\{\lambda \in \Omega : \gamma_n(\lambda) < \varepsilon\} \subset \text{Sp}_\varepsilon(T)$$

$\gamma_n, n = 64$



Which do we trust?

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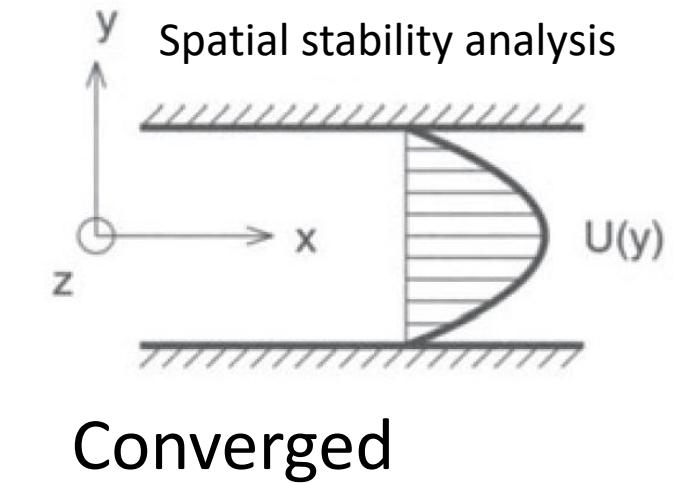
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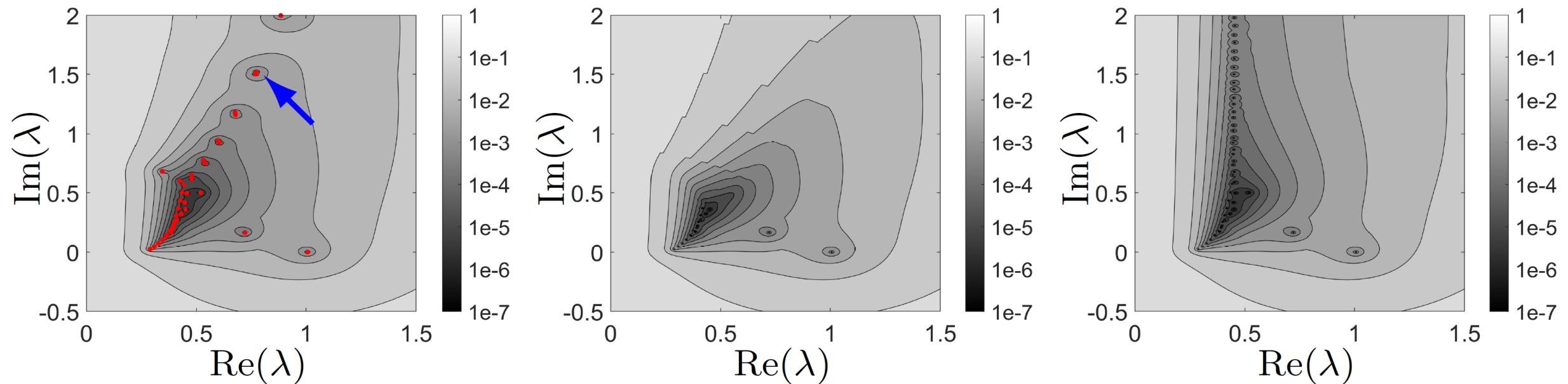
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$$\{\lambda \in \Omega : \gamma_n(\lambda) < \varepsilon\} \subset \text{Sp}_\varepsilon(T)$$

$\gamma_n, n = 64$



Converged



# Example of verification: Orr-Sommerfeld

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

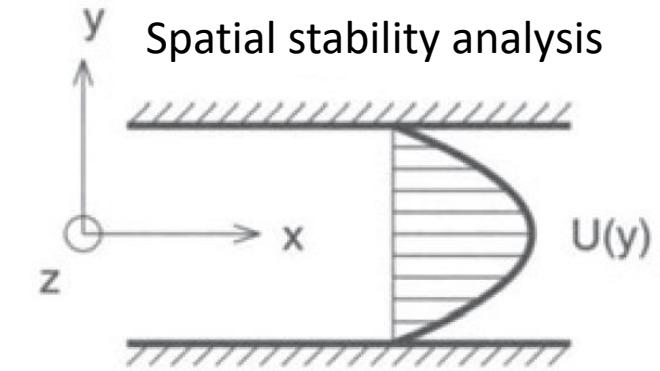
$R = 5772.22, \omega = 0.264002$

$T(\lambda) = B(\lambda)^{-1}A(\lambda)$

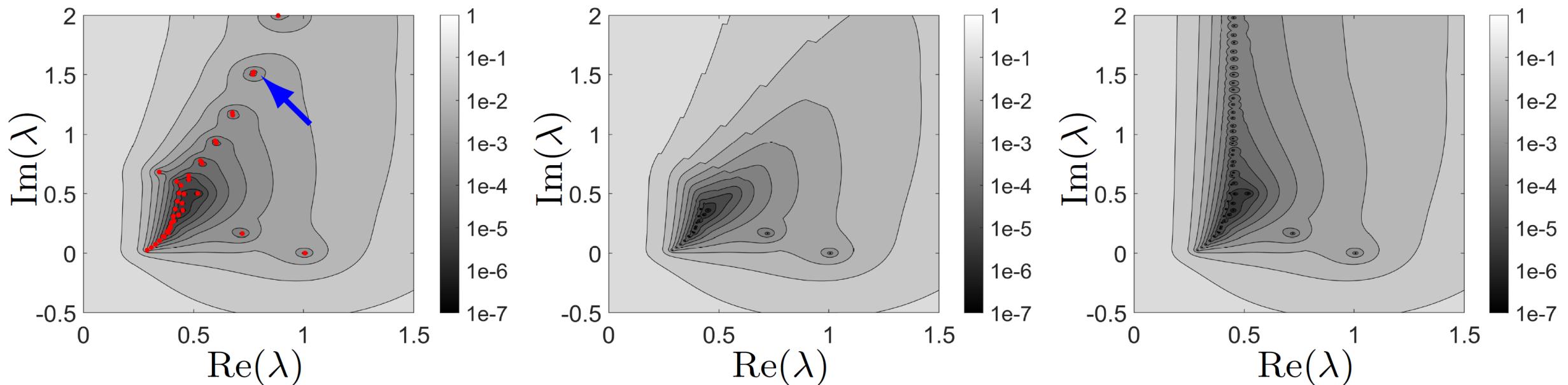
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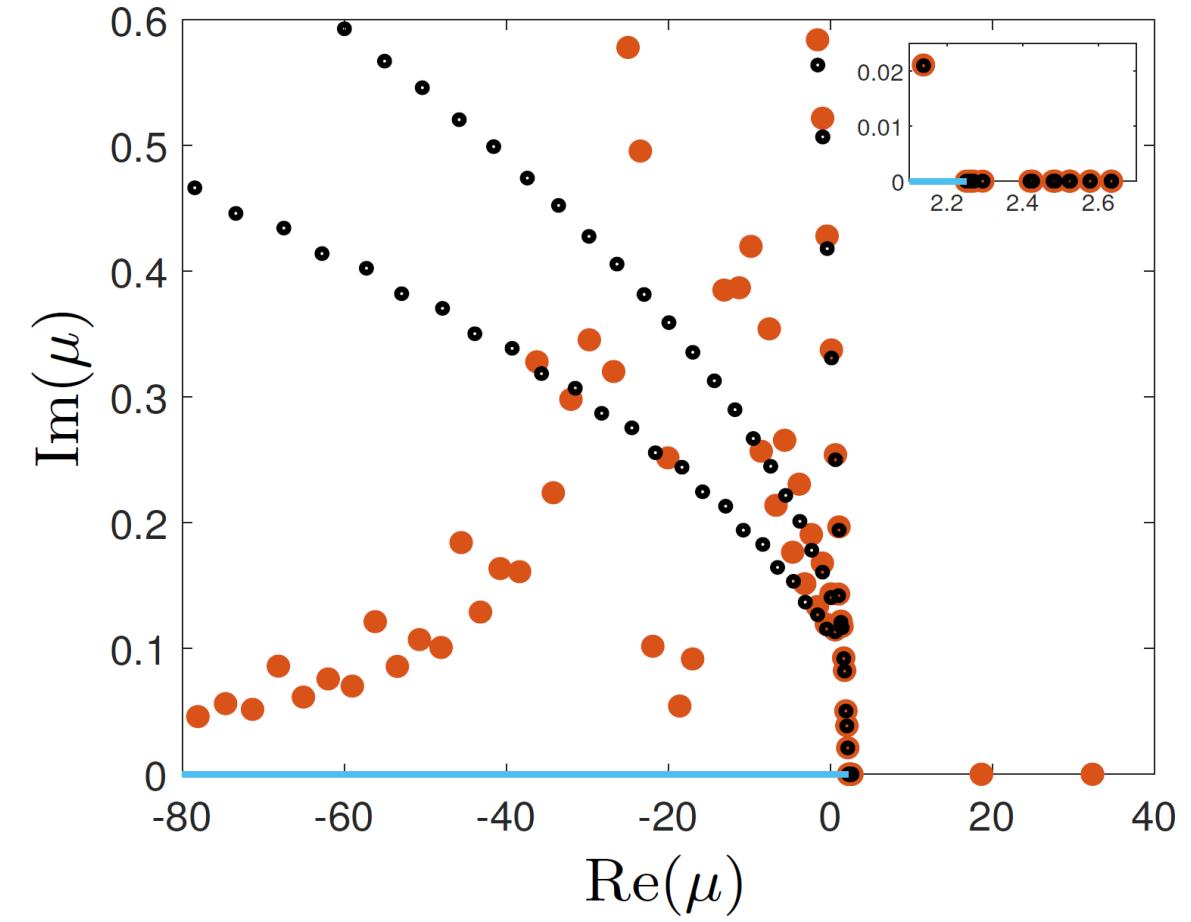
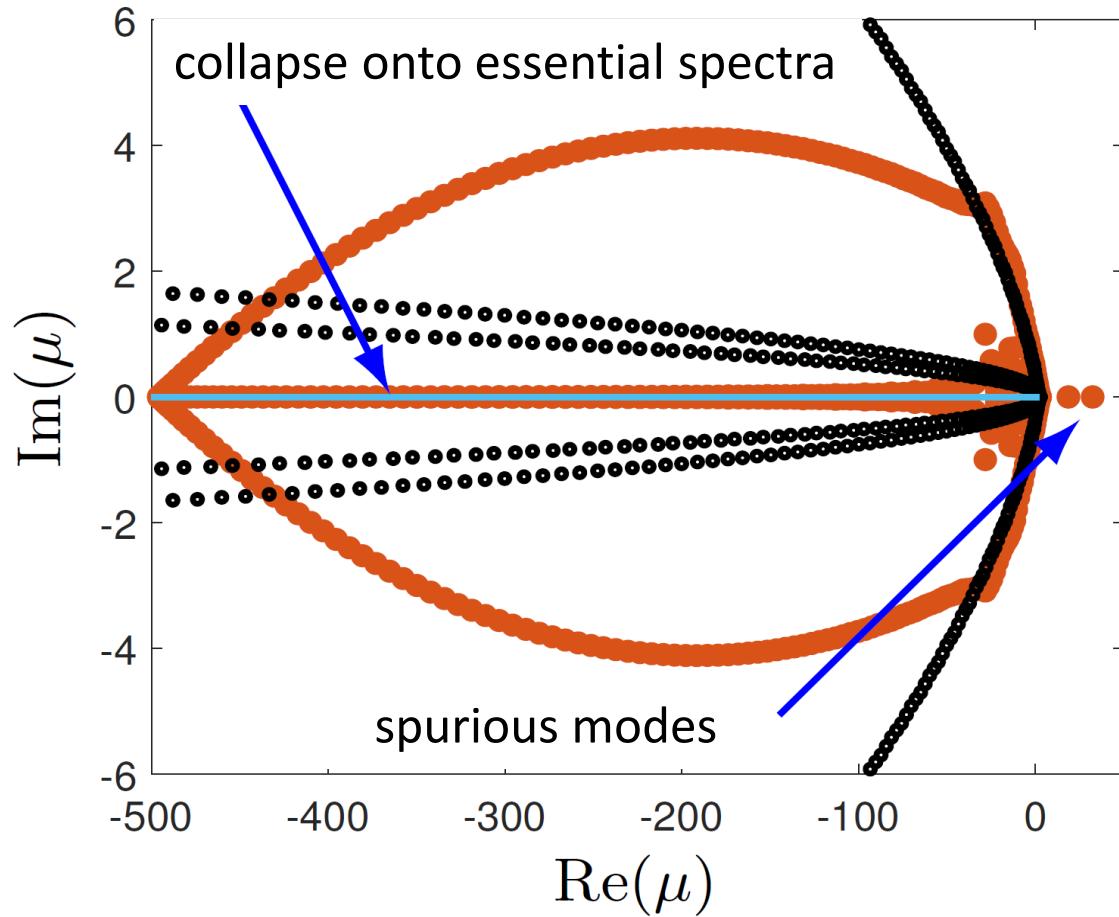


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NB: Standard method converges in this case but doesn't have verification.

# Example: Planar waveguide



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