

# Spectral analysis and new resolvent based methods

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**Answer [2]:** No! Best one can do is compute using three successive limits:

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400 year old problem



What's the best way to pack tennis balls (or if your Kepler, cannon balls) in 3D space?

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- (iv)  $\Delta_{m+1}$ , for  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ : problems that can be computed by using  $m$  limits, the SCI  $\leq m$ .

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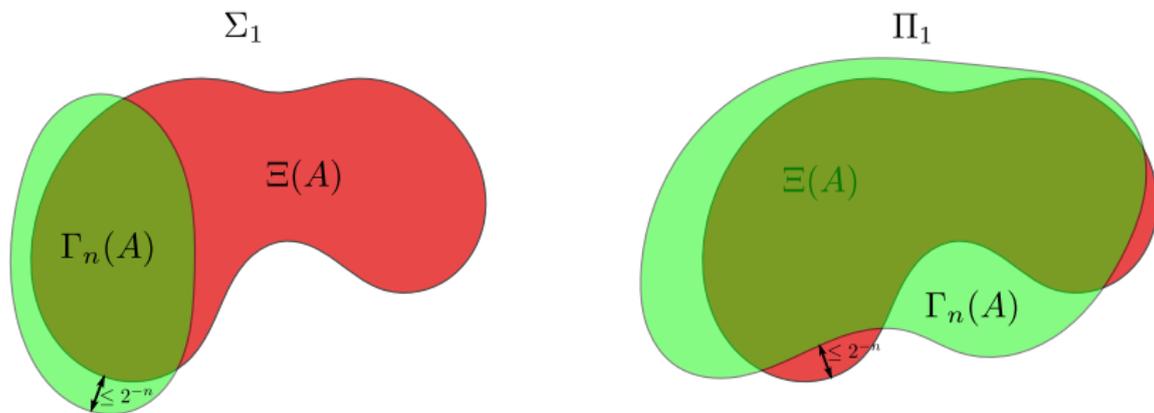
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What about other spaces such as Hausdorff metric?



**Figure:** Meaning of  $\Sigma_1$  and  $\Pi_1$  convergence for problem function  $\Xi$ . The red area represents  $\Xi(A)$  whereas the green areas represent the output of the algorithm  $\Gamma_n(A)$ .

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## Recall

$$\text{Sp}(A) := \{z \in \mathbb{C} : A - zI \text{ not invertible}\}.$$

$$\text{Sp}_\epsilon(A) := \overline{\{z \in \mathbb{C} : \|(A - zI)^{-1}\|^{-1} < \epsilon\}}.$$

Triple  $\{\Xi, \Omega, \mathcal{M}\}$  denotes a computational problem.

$\Xi : \Omega \rightarrow (\mathcal{M}, d)$  thing we want to compute

$\Omega$  class of objects we work on e.g. class of operators or potentials

$(\mathcal{M}, d)$  metric space

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$$d_{\text{AW}}(A, B) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} 2^{-i} \min \left\{ 1, \sup_{|x| < i} |d(x, A) - d(x, B)| \right\},$$

for non-empty closed  $A$  and  $B$  - generalises Hausdorff metric.

# Schrödinger operators: Bounded potential

$\phi : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  some increasing function.

- Controlled oscillation:  $BV_\phi(\mathbb{R}^d) = \{f : TV(f|_{[-a,a]^d}) \leq \phi(a)\}$
- Controlled resolvent growth near spectrum:  $g : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  continuous increasing function with  $g(x) \leq x$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g(x) = \infty$ .

$$g(\text{dist}(z, \text{Sp}(H))) \leq \|(H - zI)^{-1}\|^{-1}.$$

## Theorem 1 (Bounded potential [2])

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Same classification as  $\mathcal{K}(\ell^2(\mathbb{N}))$ , harder than previous problem!

## Generalisations to PDEs

$$Tu(x) = \sum_{|k| \leq N} a_k(x) \partial^k u(x), \quad T^*u(x) = \sum_{|k| \leq N} \tilde{a}_k(x) \partial^k u(x).$$

Formally defined on  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$  and assume

- 1  $C_0^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$  a core of  $T$  and  $T^*$ .
- 2 Exists a positive constant  $A_k$  and integer  $B_k$  such that a.e.

$$|a_k(x)|, |\tilde{a}_k(x)| \leq A_k(1 + |x|^{2B_k}).$$

- 3 Can access to functions  $\{g_m\}$  such that

$$g_m(\text{dist}(z, \text{Sp}(T))) \leq \|(T - zI)^{-1}\|^{-1}, z \in B_m(0).$$

Coefficients of bounded total variation  $\Rightarrow$  can compute  $\text{Sp}$  and  $\text{Sp}_\epsilon$  with  $\Sigma_1$  error control.

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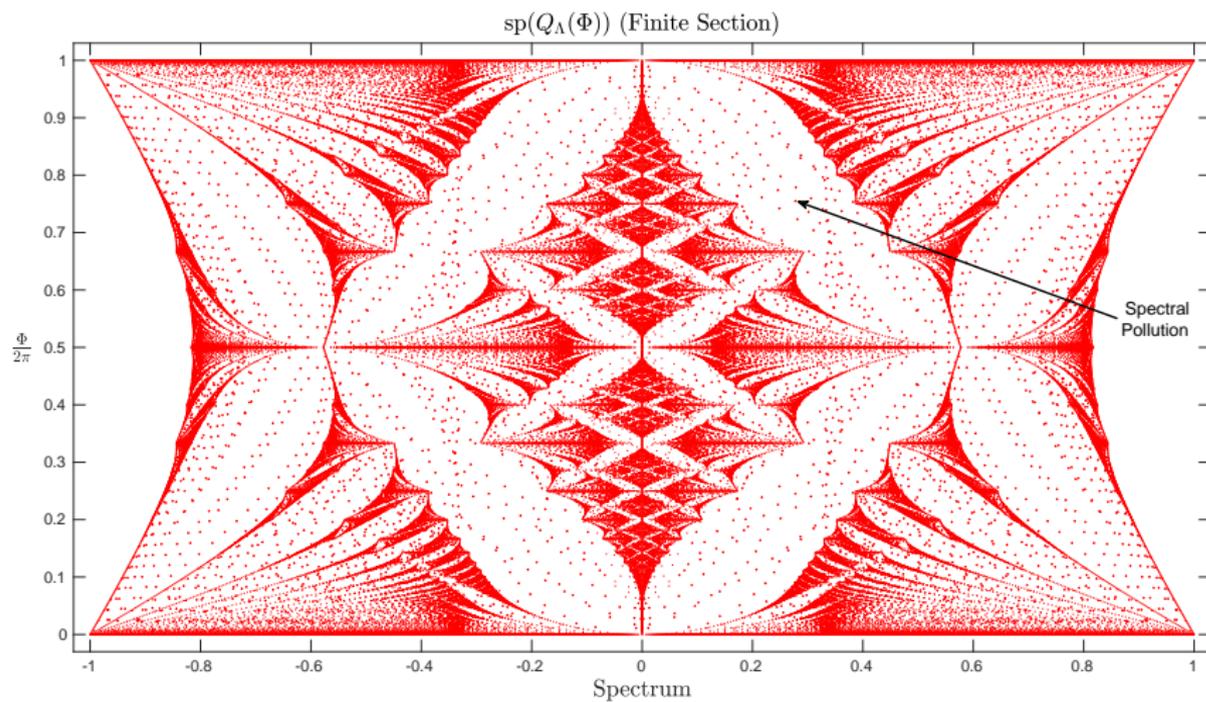


Figure: Finite section.

Can be turned into this

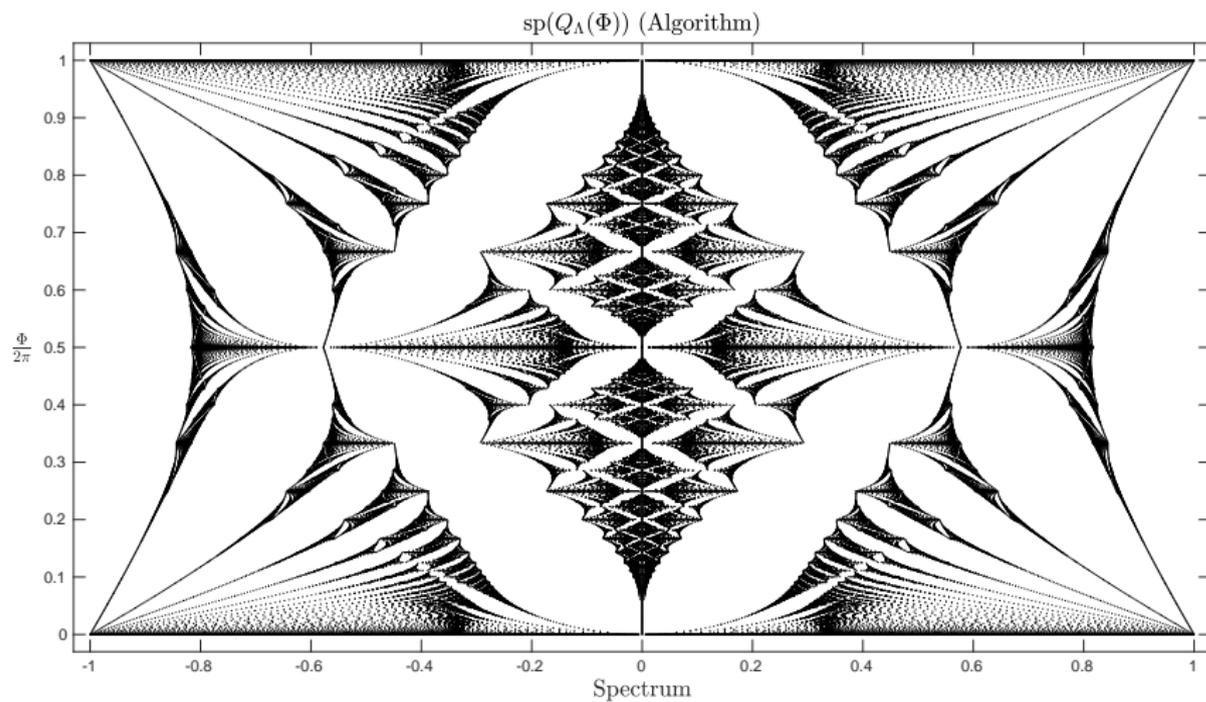


Figure: Guaranteed error bound of  $10^{-5}$ .

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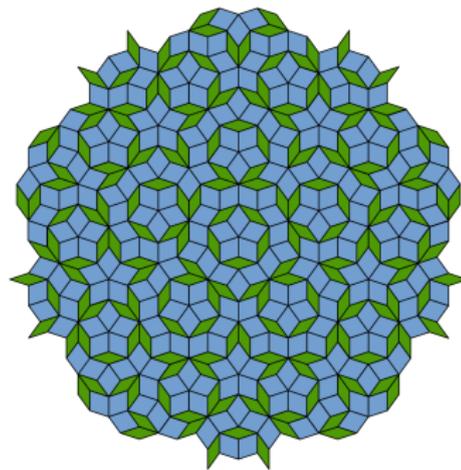
**Idea:** can we approximate the quantity  $\|(A - zI)^{-1}\|^{-1}$  locally? Then gain an upper bound:

$$\|(A - zI)^{-1}\|^{-1} \leq \text{dist}(z, \text{Sp}(A)) \leq g^{-1}(\|(A - zI)^{-1}\|^{-1}).$$

Compute  $E(n, z)$  with  $\text{dist}(z, \text{Sp}) \leq E(n, z)$ ,  $E(n, z) \downarrow \text{dist}(z, \text{Sp})$ .

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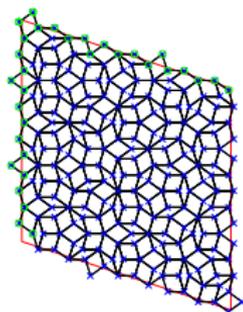
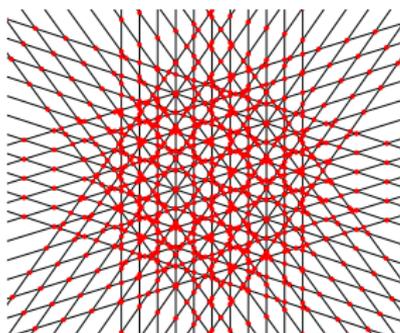


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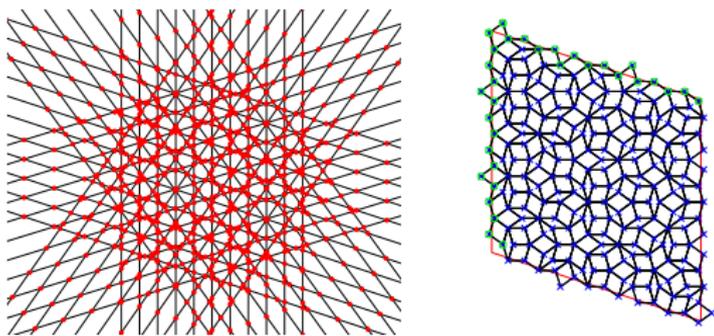
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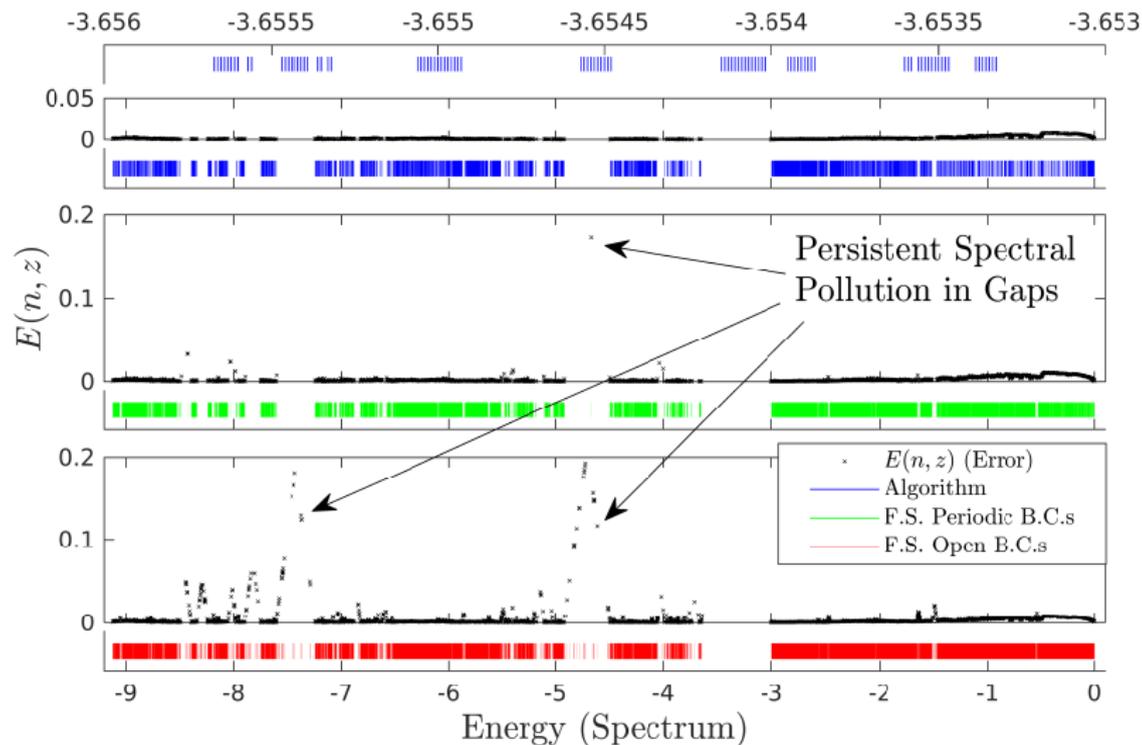
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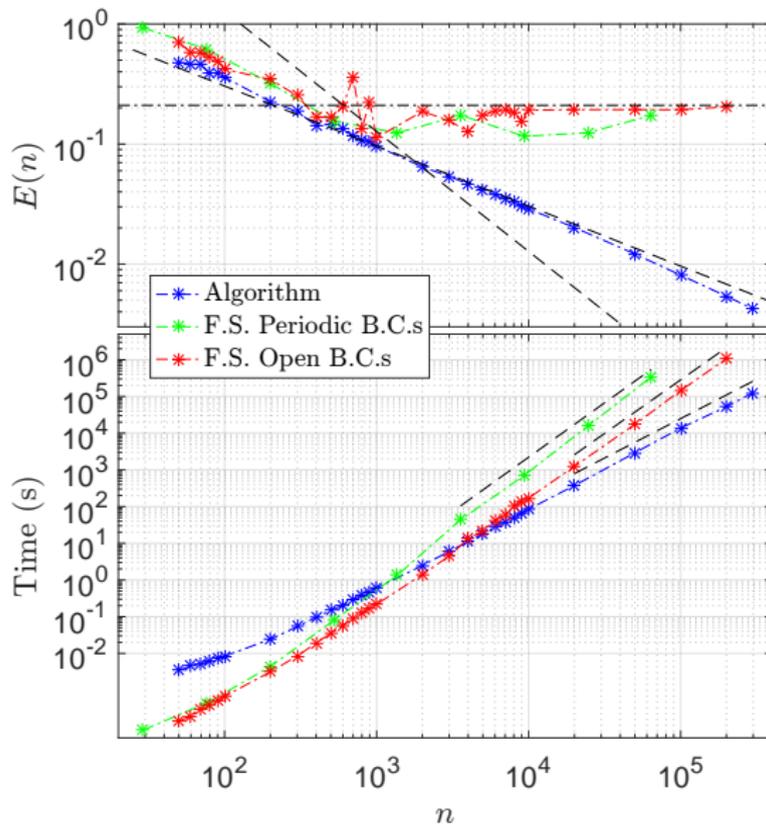


These represent state of art in (vast physics/maths) literature. Can we beat this?

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Answer [4]:  $\Sigma_4$  (but  $\Sigma_3$  for Schrödinger case). Non trivial and uses ideas from descriptive set theory (Baire/Borel hierarchies).

## What about spectral measures?

- If  $T$  normal (commutes with adjoint) then has associated projection-valued measure (resolution of the identity)  $E^T$  s.t.

$$Tx = \int_{\text{Sp}(T)} \lambda dE^T(\lambda)x, \quad \forall x \in \mathcal{D}(T),$$

- View this as diagonalisation - allows computation of functional calculus, has interesting physics etc.
- We can compute  $\text{Sp}(T)$  but not the measure. Thus the current state of affairs in infinite dimensional spectral computations is analogous in finite dimensions to being able to compute the location of eigenvalues but not eigenvectors!

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But impossible to gain any form of error control, even for discrete Schrödinger operators.

# Extensions

Can extend this to get SCI classifications for:

- Pure point, absolutely continuous, singular continuous parts of measure.
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- Functional calculus.
- Radon–Nikodym derivative of absolutely continuous part (very useful in physics).

## Example 1

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 & a_1 & 0 & \cdots \\ a_1 & b_2 & a_2 & \cdots \\ 0 & a_2 & b_3 & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}.$$

Measure associated with the orthonormal polynomials. Jacobi polynomials defined for  $\alpha, \beta > -1$  which have

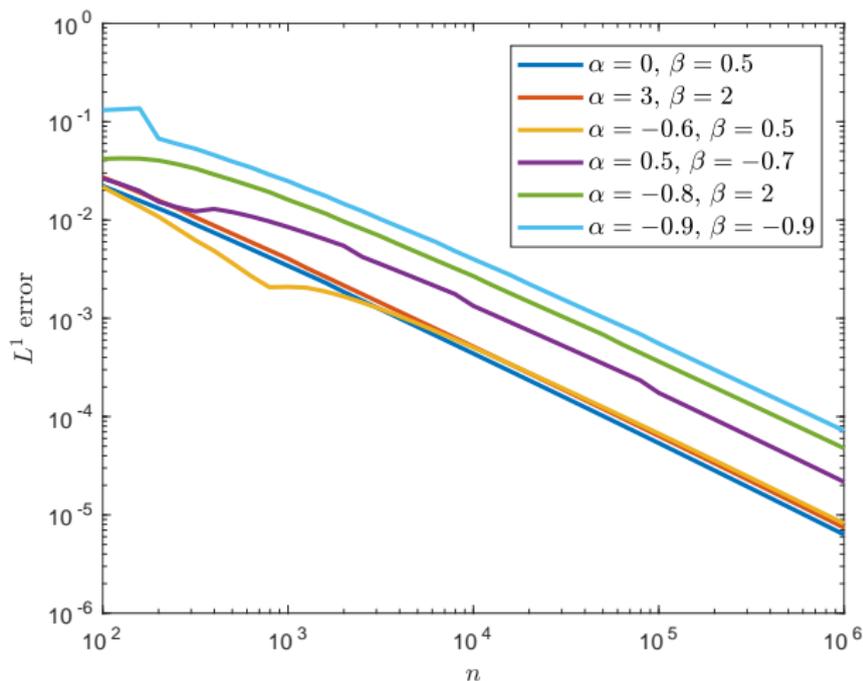
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$$b_k = \frac{\beta^2 - \alpha^2}{(2k+\alpha+\beta)(2k-2+\alpha+\beta)}.$$

Measure on  $[-1, 1]$ :

$$d\mu_J = \frac{(1-x)^\alpha(1+x)^\beta}{N(\alpha, \beta)} dx = f_{\alpha, \beta}(x) dx.$$

# Example 1



**Figure:** Convergence in  $L^1$  for various parameters  $\alpha, \beta$  as we increase the matrix size  $n$ . Fast  $\mathcal{O}(n)$  solver!

## Example 2: Point Spectrum

Charlier polynomials are generated by

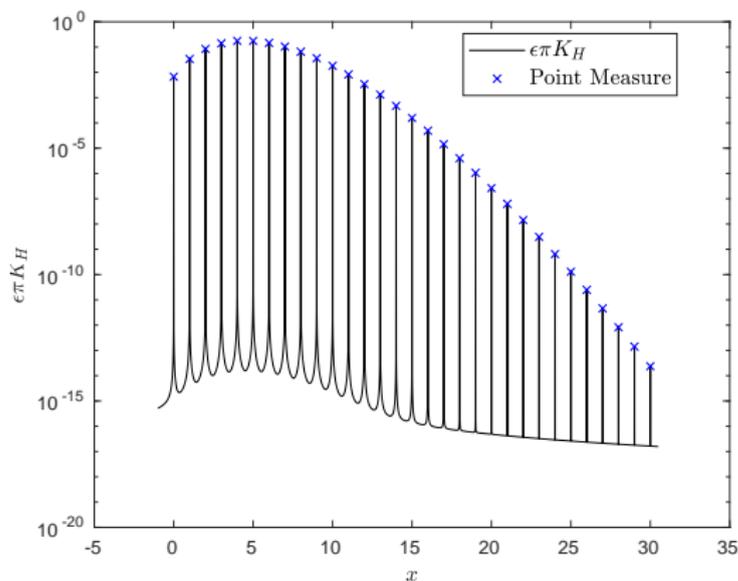
$$a_k = \sqrt{\alpha k}, \quad b_k = k + \alpha - 1$$

for  $\alpha > 0$  and have measure

$$d\mu_J = \exp(-\alpha) \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha^m}{m!} \delta_m,$$

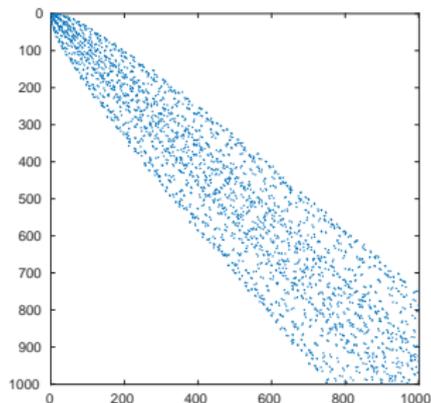
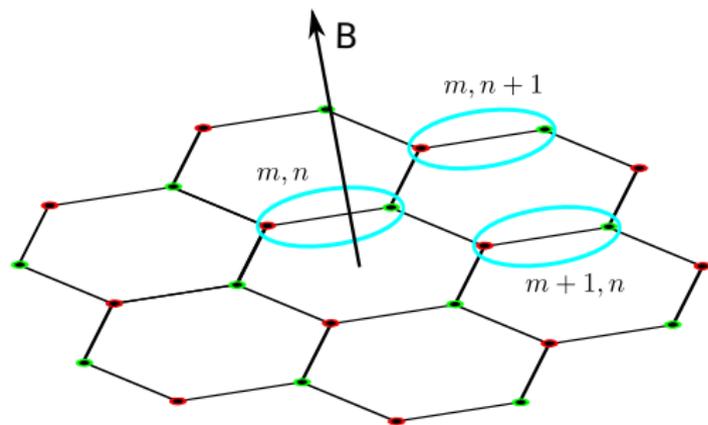
where  $\delta_x$  denotes a Dirac measure located at the point  $x$ .

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Error  $\approx 10^{-13}$ . Could be used to compute embedded eigenvalues (very hard problem).

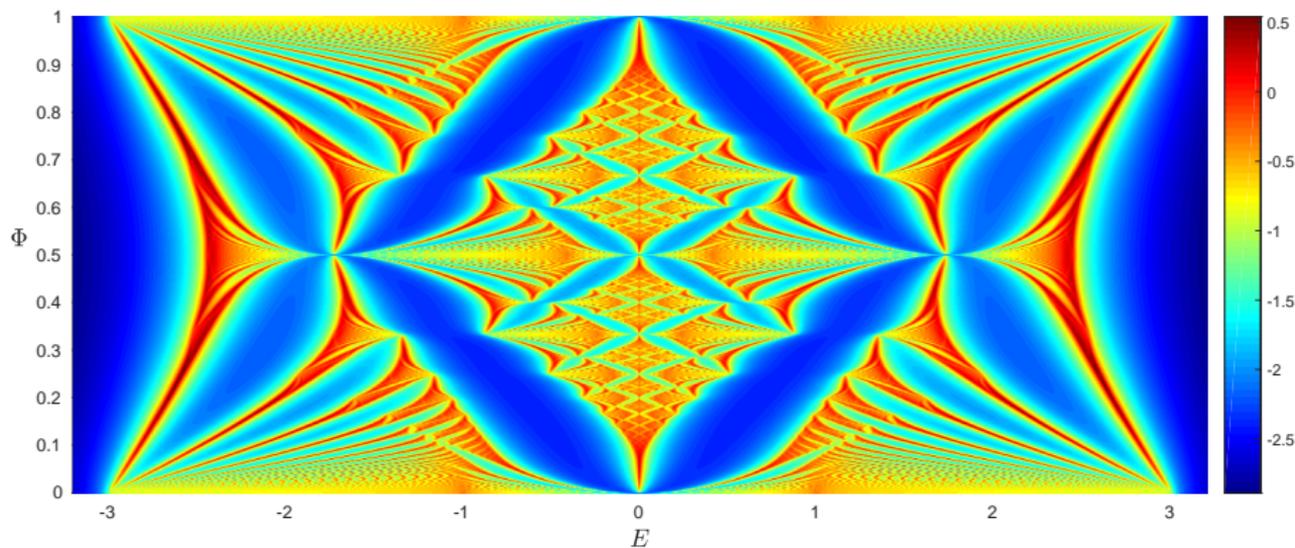
## Example 3: Back to Graphene



**Figure:** Left: Honeycomb structure of graphene with the spinor structure shown via the circled lattice vertices. Right: Sparsity structure of the first  $10^3 \times 10^3$  block of the infinite matrix.

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Beautiful fractal structure!



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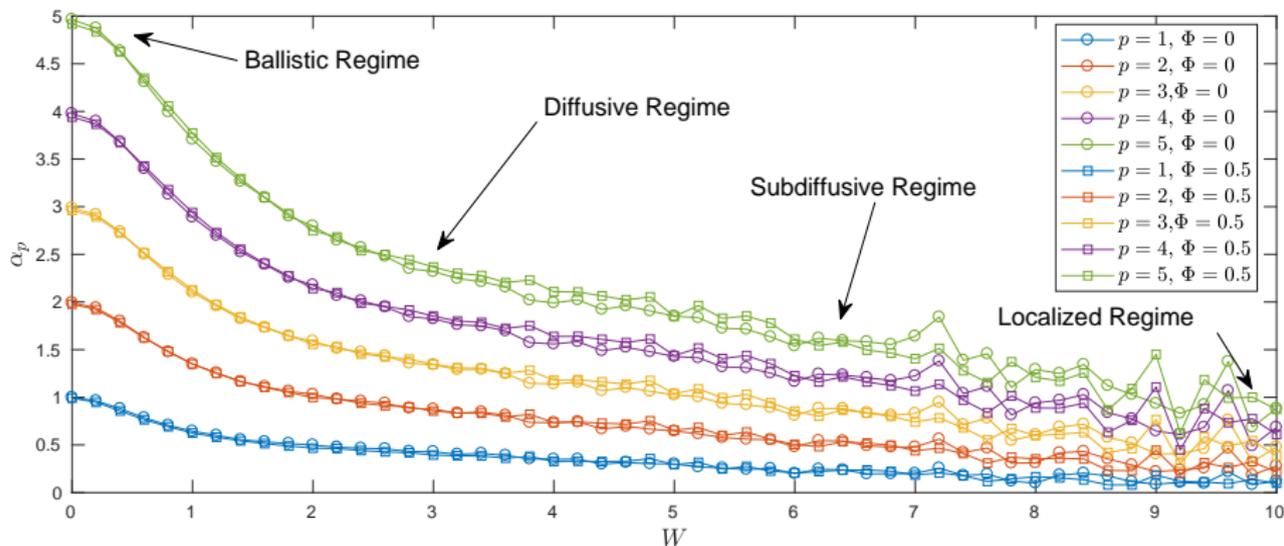
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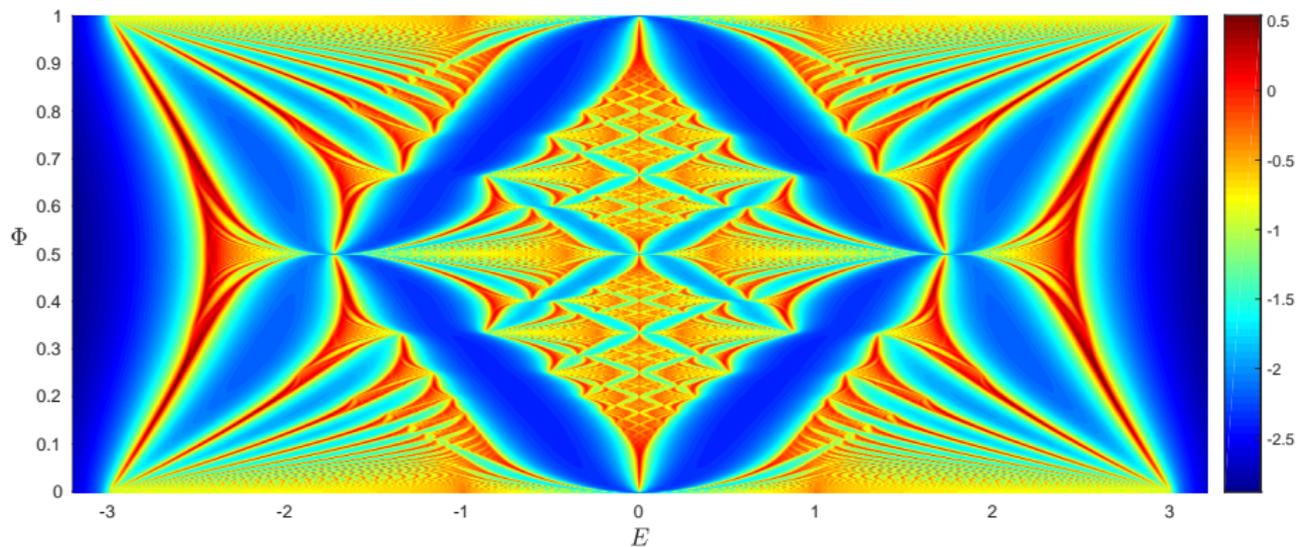
**Figure:** Exponent  $\alpha_p$  as a function of  $W$  for  $p = 1, 2, 3, 4$  and  $5$  with labelled the different transport regimes. Similar curves were noted for different values of  $\Phi$ .

# Open Problems

- How to compute 'g' in general - applications in rigorous numerics for resonances in arbitrary dimension etc.
- Non-linear eigenvalue problems, extensions to Banach spaces...
- Current work is looking at this framework applied to **rigorous** computability results for **stable** neural networks (this **can** be done).

Want to hear about problems like these that interest people like yourselves for future work!

Thank you for listening!





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