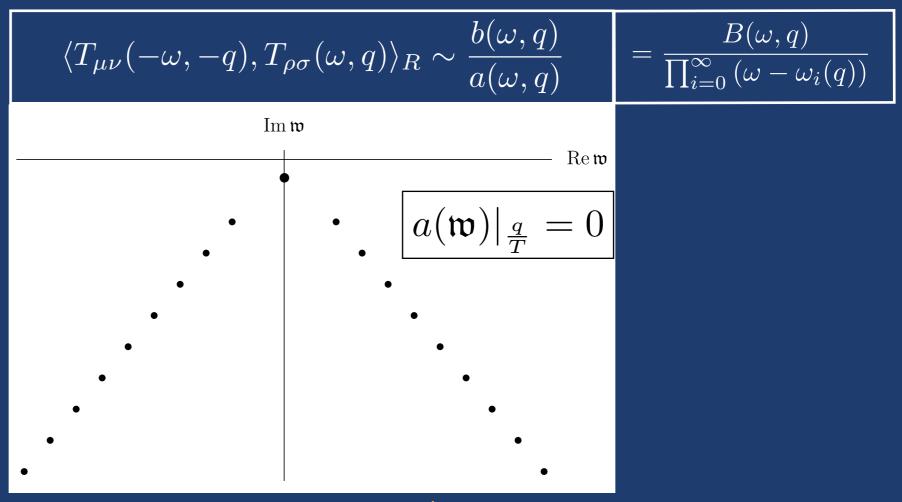


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SPECTRA, RECONSTRUCTIONS AND POLE-SKIPPING

ANALYTIC STRUCTURE OF CORRELATORS



momentum space correlator

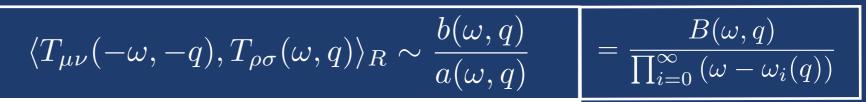
quantum field theory

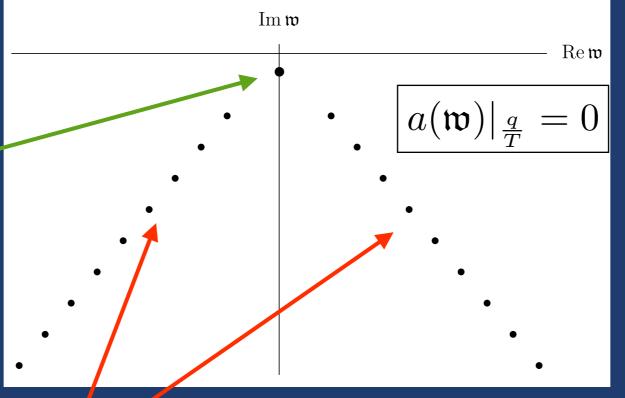
spectra of linear non-Hermitian operators

quasinormal mode spectrum of black holes

zeros of (algebraic) equations

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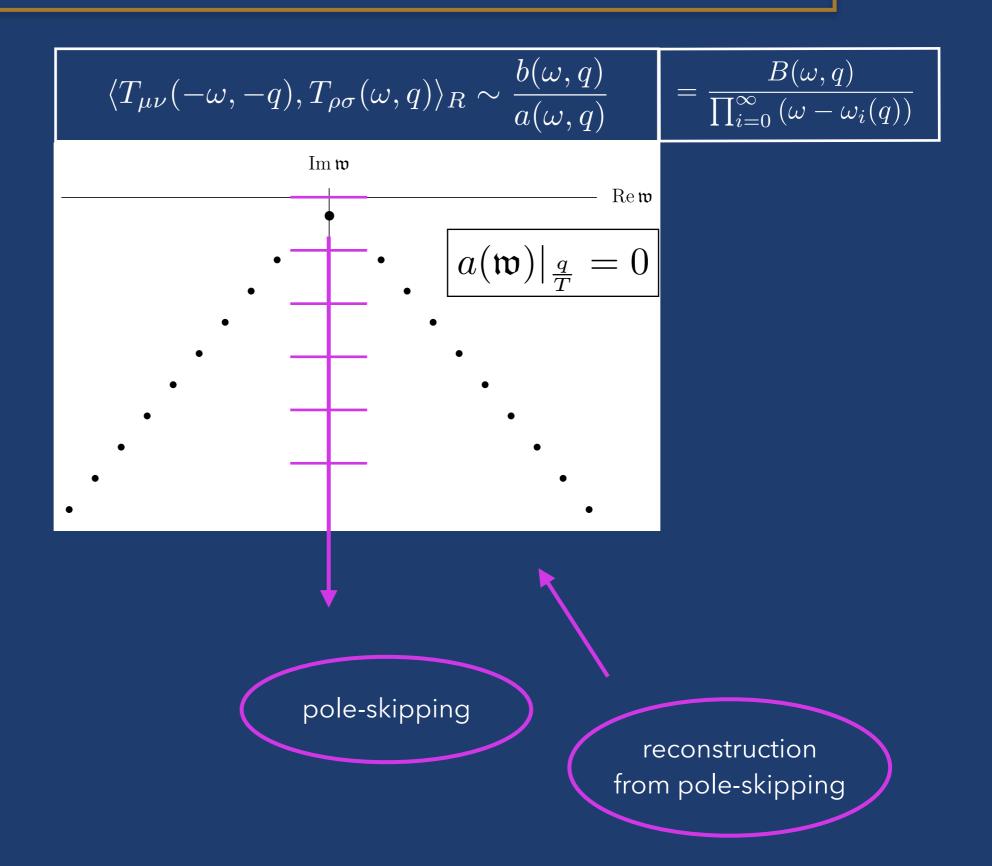




hydrodynamics

rest of the spectrum

ANALYTIC STRUCTURE OF CORRELATORS



OUTLINE

hydrodynamics

reconstruction of spectra

pole-skipping and the reconstruction

summary and future directions

HYDRODYNAMICS

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- low-energy limit of QFTs a Schwinger-Keldysh effective field theory [SG, Polonyi (2013); Crossley, Glorioso, Liu (2015); Haehl, Loganayagam, Rangamani (2015); ...]
- conservation laws (equations of motion) of globally conserved operators

$$\nabla_{\mu}T^{\mu\nu} = 0 \qquad \nabla_{\mu}J^{\mu} = 0 \qquad \dots \nabla_{\mu}J^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

$$\dots \nabla_{\mu} J^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

higher-form currents in MHD [SG, Hofman, Iqbal, PRD (2017)]

tensor structures (symmetries, gradient expansions) and transport coefficients (QFT)

$$T^{\mu\nu} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left[\sum_{i}^{N} \lambda_{i}^{(n)} \mathcal{T}_{(n)}^{\mu\nu} \right] \qquad \frac{\nabla_{\mu} T^{\mu\nu} = 0}{u^{\mu} \sim T \sim e^{-i\omega t + iqz}}$$

$$\nabla_{\mu} T^{\mu\nu} = 0$$

$$u^{\mu} \sim T \sim e^{-i\omega t + iqz}$$

$$\omega(q) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \alpha_n q^n$$

$$\partial u^{\mu} \sim \partial T \ll 1$$

$$\omega/T \sim q/T \ll 1$$

dispersion relations:

shear diffusion sound $\omega = -iDq^2 \qquad \omega = \pm v_s q - i\Gamma q^2$

$$\displaystyle \sqrt{\displaystyle egin{array}{l} {
m equilibrium} \ {
m temperature} \ q = \sqrt{{f q}^2} \end{array} }$$

HYDRODYNAMICS FROM HOLOGRAPHY

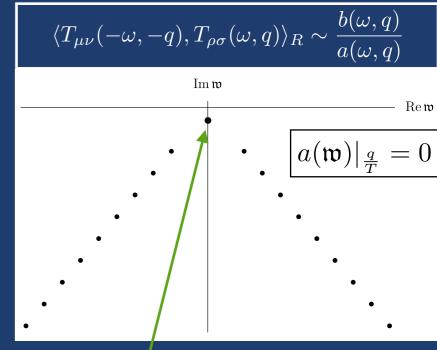
- duality: theory A = theory B
- a result of string theory (quantum gravity) [Maldacena (1997)]

strongly coupled quantum theory (extremely hard)

weakly coupled gravity

(much easier)

- perturbations of black holes (quasinormal modes) give spectra of QFT operators for $\mathfrak{w}\equiv rac{\omega}{2\pi T}\in\mathbb{C}$
- invaluable explicit (toy) models: the $\mathcal{N}=4$ supersymmetric Yang-Mills theory [SG, Kovtun, Starinets, Tadić, JHEP (2019)]



sound:

shear diffusion:

$$\omega = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} q - \frac{i}{6\pi T} q^2 \pm \frac{3 - 2\ln 2}{24\sqrt{3}\pi^2 T^2} q^3 - \frac{i(\pi^2 - 24 + 24\ln 2 - 12\ln^2 2)}{864\pi^3 T^3} q^4 \pm \cdots$$

$$\omega = -\frac{i}{4\pi T} q^2 - \frac{i(1 - \ln 2)}{32\pi^3 T^3} q^4 - \frac{i(24\ln^2 2 - \pi^2)}{96(2\pi T)^5} q^6$$

$$-\frac{i\left[2\pi^2(\ln 32 - 1) - 21\zeta(3) - 24\ln 2(1 + \ln 2(\ln 32 - 3))\right]}{384(2\pi T)^7} q^8 + \cdots$$

COMPLEX SPECTRAL CURVES

spectral curves are solutions to

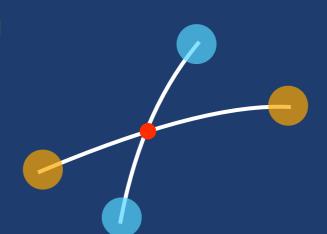
$$P(x,y) = 0 \implies y(x); \ x,y \in \mathbb{C}$$

- simple example: $P(x, y) = x^2 + y^2 1 = 0$
- local analysis
 - regular point $P(x_r,y_r)=0,\ \partial_y P(x_r,y_r)\neq 0$ Taylor series around $(x_r,y_r)=(0,1)$ $y=y^{(T)}(x)=1-\frac{x^2}{2}-\frac{x^4}{8}+\cdots$
 - critical point (order 2) $P(x_*,y_*)=0,\ \partial_y P(x_*,y_*)=0,\ \partial_y^2 P(x_*,y_*)\neq 0$ Puiseux series around each $(x_*,y_*)=(\pm 1,0)$ has 2 branches

at
$$(x_*, y_*) = (1, 0)$$
: $y = y_1^{(P)}(x) = i\sqrt{2}(x - 1)^{\frac{1}{2}} + i2^{-\frac{3}{2}}(x - 1)^{\frac{3}{2}} + \cdots$
 $y = y_2^{(P)}(x) = -i\sqrt{2}(x - 1)^{\frac{1}{2}} - i2^{-\frac{3}{2}}(x - 1)^{\frac{3}{2}} + \cdots$

- convergence at least up to nearest critical point (branch point): $R_x^{(T)}=1,\ R_x^{(P)}=2$
- level-crossing

vs. level-touching



HYDRODYNAMICS FROM COMPLEX SPECTRAL CURVE

hydrodynamic modes as complex spectral curves
 [SG, Kovtun, Starinets, Tadić, PRL (2019) and JHEP (2019)]

hydro:
$$\det \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{q}^2, \omega) = 0$$

ONM: $a(\mathbf{q}^2, \omega) = 0$
 $P(\mathbf{q}^2, \omega) = 0$
 $\Longrightarrow \omega_i(\mathbf{q}^2)$
 $\mathfrak{w} = \frac{\omega}{2\pi T}, \, \mathfrak{q} = \frac{|\mathbf{q}|}{2\pi T} \in \mathbb{C}$

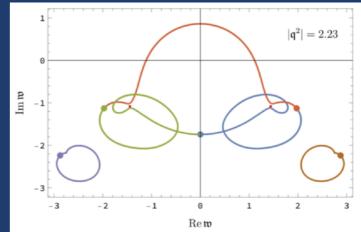
- factorisation
- e.g., first-order hydrodynamics: $P_1({f q}^2,\omega)=\left(\omega+iD{f q}^2\right)^2\left(\omega^2+i\Gamma\omega{f q}^2-v_s^2{f q}^2\right)=0$
- Puiseux theorem: there exists a convergent series around a critical point of any order

$$P(\mathbf{q}_*^2, \omega_*) = 0, \, \partial_{\omega} P(\mathbf{q}_*^2, \omega_*) = 0, \, \dots, \, \partial_{\omega}^p P(\mathbf{q}_*^2, \omega_*) \neq 0$$

- convergence guaranteed up to the nearest level-crossing critical point (branch point)
- radius of convergence of $\mathfrak{w}(\mathfrak{q})=\sum_{i=1}^n c_n\mathfrak{q}^n$, $|\mathfrak{q}|<\mathfrak{q}_*$, is set by the lowest momentum at

which the hydro pole collides (level-crossing):

$$\mathfrak{q}_* = \min\left[|\mathfrak{q}_{\text{collision}}|\right]$$



HYDRODYNAMICS FROM COMPLEX SPECTRAL CURVE

• hydrodynamic series are convergent Puiseux series (shear p=1, sound p=2) [SG, Kovtun, Starinets, Tadić, PRL (2019); ...; see also Withers; JHEP (2018); Heller, et.al. (2020, ...)]

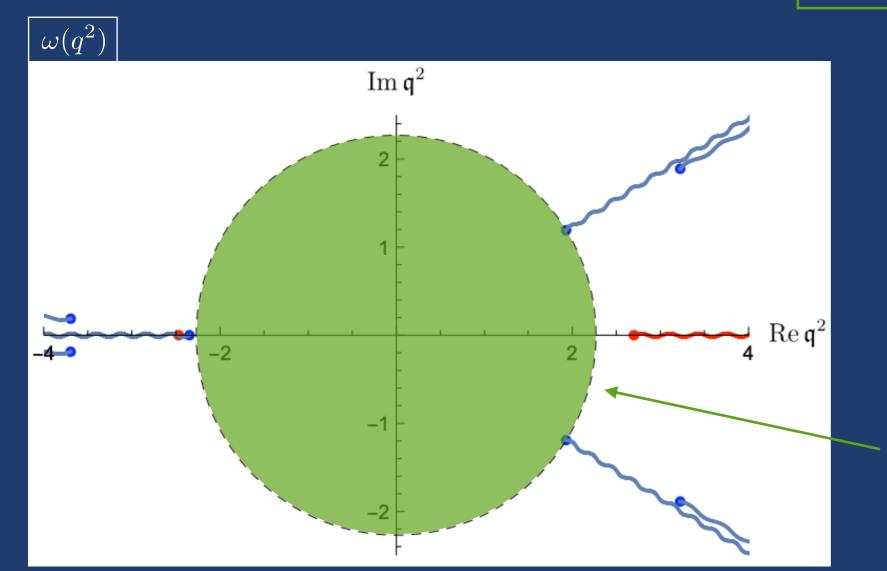
$$\mathfrak{w}_{\mathrm{shear}} = -i\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \left(\mathfrak{q}^2\right)^n = -i\mathfrak{D}\mathfrak{q}^2 + \dots$$

$$\mathfrak{w}_{\text{sound}} = -i \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n e^{\pm \frac{i\pi n}{2}} \left(\mathfrak{q}^2\right)^{n/2} = \pm v_s \mathfrak{q} - \frac{i}{2} \mathfrak{G} \mathfrak{q}^2 + \dots$$

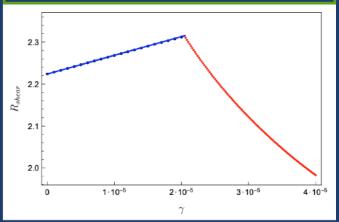
 dispersion relations are holomorphic in a disk

$$R_{\text{shear}}(\lambda) = 2.22 \left(1 + 674.15 \,\lambda^{-3/2} + \cdots \right)$$

 $R_{\text{sound}}(\lambda) = 2 \left(1 + 481.68 \,\lambda^{-3/2} + \cdots \right)$



N=4 SYM radius convergence [SG, Starinets, Tadić, JHEP (2021)]

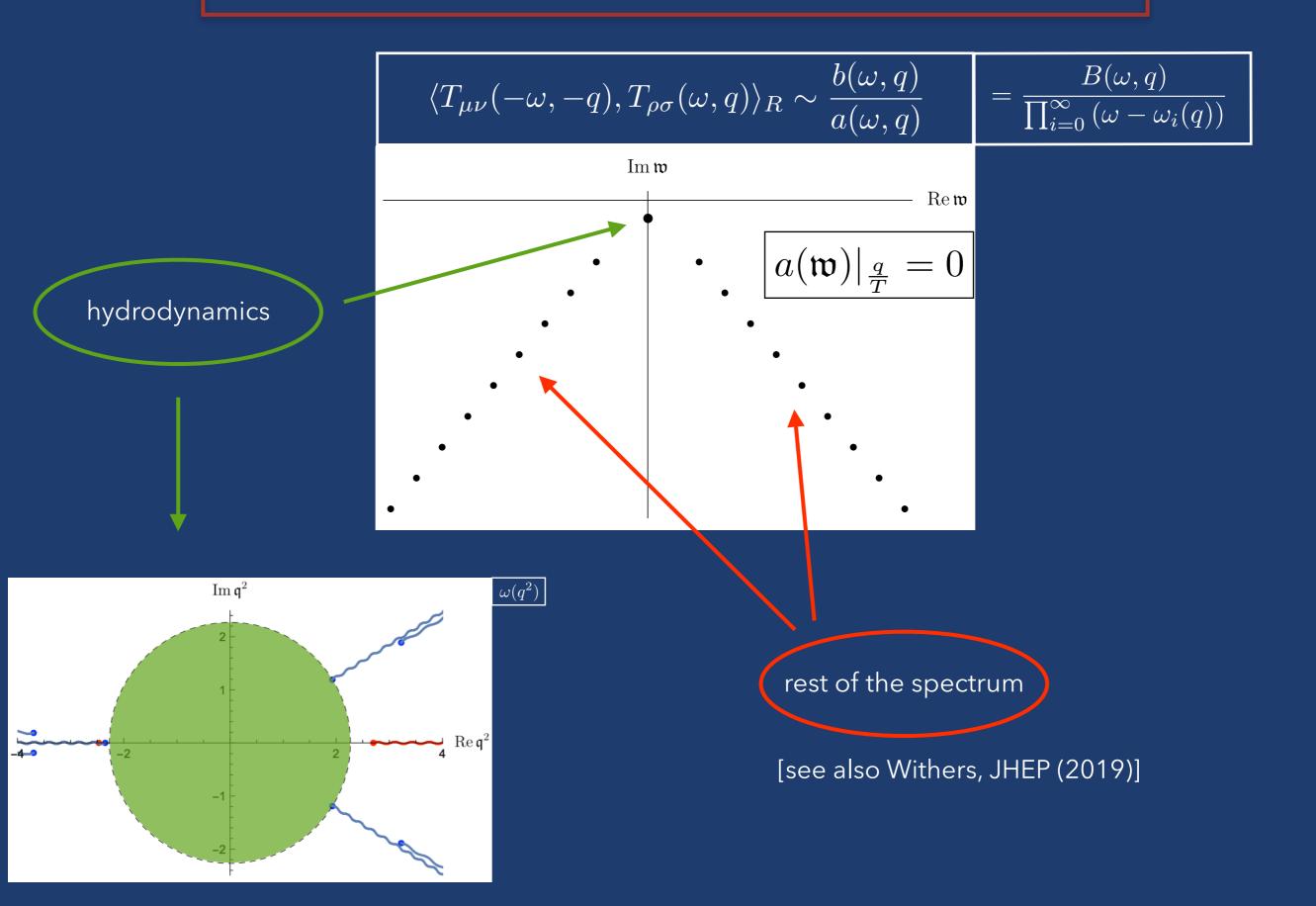


holomorphic disk

RECONSTRUCTION OF SPECTRA

[SG, Lemut, JHEP (2023)]

RECONSTRUCTION OF SPECTRA



Puiseux theorem

Around a critical point of order p, we expect p branches of solutions

$$f(x_* = 0, y_* = 0) = 0, \ \partial_y f(0, 0) = 0, \ \dots, \ \partial_y^p f(0, 0) \neq 0$$

$$y = Y_j(x) = \sum_{k \ge k_0}^{\infty} a_k x^{k/m_j}, \quad j = 1, \dots, p$$

If some $\,m_j>1$, we necessarily have a family of $\,m_j$ solutions

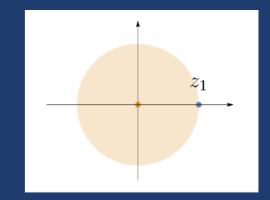
$$y = Y_l(x) = \sum_{k \ge k_0}^{\infty} a_k \left(e^{\frac{2\pi i l}{m_j}} \right)^k x^{k/m_j}, \quad l = 0, 1, \dots, m_j - 1$$

recall: sound

$$\mathfrak{w}_{\text{sound}} = -i\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n e^{\pm \frac{i\pi n}{2}} \left(\mathfrak{q}^2\right)^{n/2} = \pm v_s \mathfrak{q} - \frac{i}{2}\mathfrak{G}\mathfrak{q}^2 + \dots$$

Consider a power series

$$f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n z^n$$



that converges up to a critical point of order $\nu = -1/p$, which can be computed

$$f(z) \sim (z - z_1)^{-\nu} [=1/2] r(z) + q(z)$$

$$\nu = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left[z_1(n+1) \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} - n \right]$$

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as well as all coefficients in the expansion and subleading (non-singular) terms

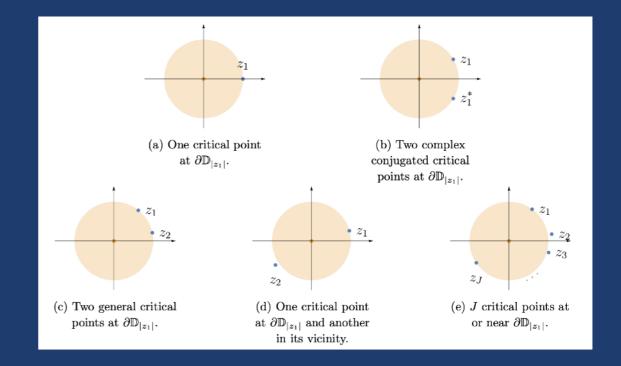
$$r(z) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} r_m \left(z - z_1\right)^m$$

$$r_m = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left[\frac{(-1)^{m-\nu} n! z_1^{n-m+\nu} a_n}{(\nu - m)_n} - \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \frac{(-1)^{m-k} (\nu - k)_n r_k}{(\nu - m)_n z_1^{m-k}} \right]$$

$$q_m = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left[\sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-1)^{n+m-k} n! (\nu)_{n-k} a_k}{(-\nu - m)_n (n-k)! z_1^{m-k}} - \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \frac{(-1)^{k-m} (-\nu - k)_n q_k}{(-\nu - m)_n z_1^{m-k}} \right]$$

Darboux theorem

Need generalisation to different configurations of critical points



- Potential problem: need to know either location of the critical point or exponent... but this is resolved by following Hunter and Guerrieri (1980), which we generalise
- ullet Moreover, assume we only know a finite number of coefficients: $\,a_n,\,\,n=0,\ldots,N$

$$X_n^0(\nu, z_1) = a_n$$

$$X_n^{m+1}(\nu, z_1) = X_n^m(\nu, z_1) - \frac{(n + \nu - 2m - 1)}{nz_1} X_{n-1}^m(\nu, z_1), \text{ for } m \ge 0$$

$$X_n^m(\nu, z_1) \sim \sum_{k=m}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+m-\nu} k! (\nu - k)_{n-m} r_k}{n! (k-m)! z_1^{n+\nu-k}} \sim O(n^{\nu-2m-1})$$

$$X_N^1 = 0, \ X_{N-1}^1 = 0 \stackrel{\text{iteration}}{\longrightarrow} X_N^m = 0, \ X_{N-1}^m = 0$$

 $z_1, \ \nu$

- Darboux theorem
- Similarly, define

$$Y_{\ell,n}^{0}(\nu, z_{1}) = a_{n}$$

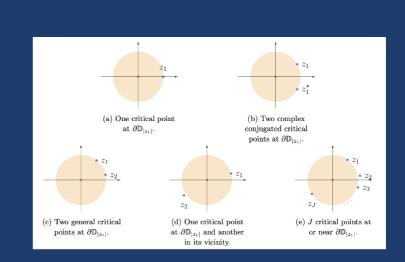
$$Y_{\ell,n}^{m+1}(\nu, z_{1}) = Y_{\ell,n}^{m}(\nu, z_{1}) - \frac{(n + \nu - 2m - \ell - 2)}{nz_{1}} Y_{\ell,n-1}^{m}(\nu, z_{1}), \text{ for } m \ge 0$$

$$Y_{\ell,n}^m \sim \sum_{k=0}^{\ell} \frac{(-1)^{k-\nu} (m+\ell-k)! (\nu-k)_{n-m} r_k}{n! (\ell-k)! z_1^{n+\nu-k}} + \mathcal{O}(n^{\nu-2m-\ell-2})$$

$$r_{\ell} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left[\frac{(-1)^{\ell - \nu} n! z_1^{n + \nu - \ell}}{m! (\nu - \ell)_{n - m}} Y_{\ell, n}^m - \sum_{k = 0}^{\ell - 1} {m + \ell - k \choose m} \frac{(-1)^{\ell - k} (\nu - k)_{n - m} r_k}{(\nu - \ell)_{n - m} z_1^{\ell - k}} \right]$$

subleading parts of the function (recall: q) follow in an analogous way

We also extended this algorithm to several critical points in different configurations



RECONSTRUCTION OF 'ALL' UV MODES

claim: systematic reconstruction of *all* modes connected via *level-crossing* is possible by exploration (analytic continuations) of the Riemann surface connecting physical modes

- momentum space analogue of resurgence in position space everything is convergent!
- see related papers by Bender, et.al; Dunne, et.al.; Withers, JHEP (2019); ...

$$\omega_0(z) = \sum_{n=0}^\infty a_n z^n$$

$$\omega_0(z) = -i \sum_{n=0}^\infty e^{i \frac{\pi n}{2}} b_n (z - z_1)^{n/2}$$

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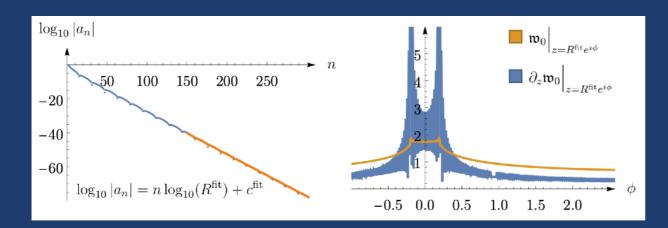
conceptually fascinating! all UV modes one IR mode

EXAMPLE: MOMENTUM DIFFUSION OF M2 BRANES

start from 300 coefficients

$$\mathfrak{w}_0(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{N_0 = 300} a_n z^n, \quad z \equiv \mathfrak{q}^2 \equiv q^2 / 4\pi^2 T^2$$

analyse convergence and get a non-rigorous hint for the number of critical points



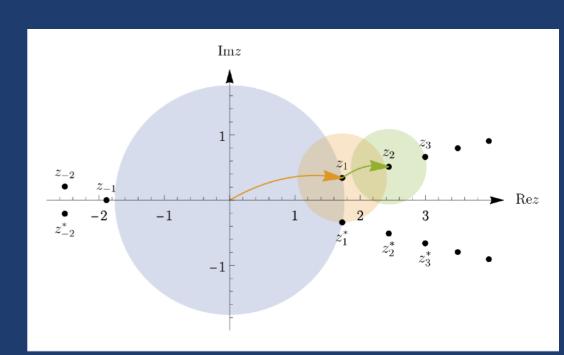
use algorithm with 2 complex conjugate critical points and 'recover' 12 coefficients

$$\mathfrak{w}_1(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{(N_1=12)-1} b_n (z-z_1)^{n/2}$$

 the gap: analytic continuation within the same sheet (e.g. Padé approximant, conformal maps...)

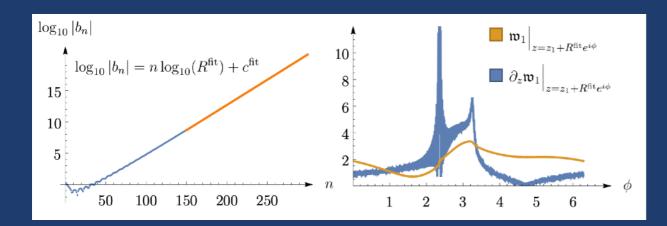
$$\mathfrak{w}_1^{\text{calc}}(0) = 1.23506 - 1.76338i$$

$$\mathfrak{w}(0) = 1.23455 - 1.77586i$$



EXAMPLE: MOMENTUM DIFFUSION OF M2 BRANES

- this is *not* good enough to continue; as a proof of principle, we (re)compute the first 300 coefficients b_n
 - analyse convergence and get a non-rigorous hint for the number of critical points



using algorithm with 2 general critical points and 'recover' 12 coefficients

$$\mathfrak{w}_2(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{(N_2=12)-1} c_n (z-z_2)^{n/2}$$

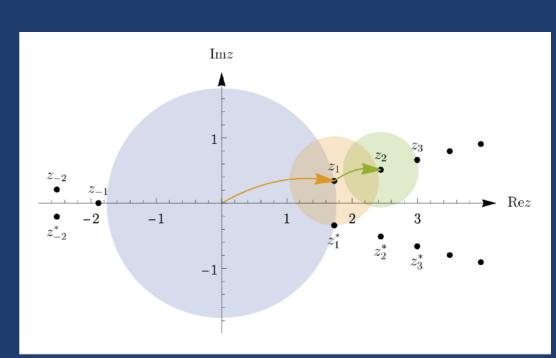
the gap: analytic continuation within the same sheet

$$\mathfrak{w}_2^{\text{calc}}(0) = 2.16275 - 3.25341i$$

$$\mathfrak{w}_2(0) = 2.12981 - 3.28100i$$

... exploration continues ...





EXAMPLE: MOMENTUM DIFFUSION OF M2 BRANES

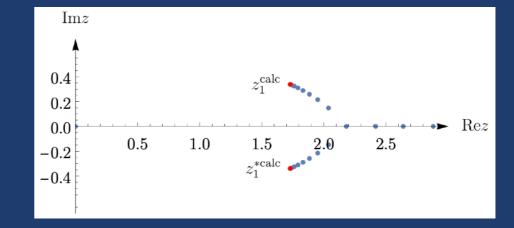
comparison with a Padé approximant from 300 coefficients [see also Withers, JHEP (2019)]

Darboux appears to be superior in recovering the location of critical points and subsequent

expansions

Darboux: z_1 to 18 significant figures

Padé: z_1 to 3 significant figures



Padé appears to be superior in recovering the location of the gap

Darboux: $w_1(0)$ to 2 significant figures

Padé: $w_1(0)$ to 17 significant figures

Note: we used Padé within the same sheet

• if exact critical point is used, then Padé works spectacularly

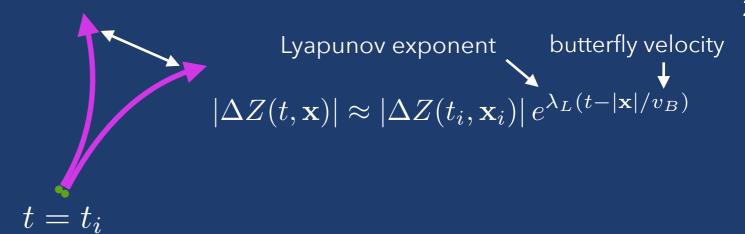
Padé: $w_1(0)$ to 26 significant figures and 80 coefficients b_n to at least 10 significant figures

- unsurprising conclusion: combination of numerical methods is best
- is this useful for a reconstruction? conceptually yes, practically not quite (yet)...

POLE-SKIPPING AND THE RECONSTRUCTION

CHAOS

 classical chaos means extreme sensitivity to initial conditions



"what is quantum chaos?"
 a measure: "out-of-time-ordered" correlation functions [Larkin, Ovchinnikov; Kitaev]

$$C(t,\mathbf{x}) = \left\langle [W(t,\mathbf{x}),V(0,\mathbf{0})]^{\dagger}[W(t,\mathbf{x}),V(0,\mathbf{0})] \right\rangle_{T} \sim \epsilon \, e^{\lambda_{L}(t-|\mathbf{x}|/v_{B})}$$
 butterfly velocity 'quantum' Lyapunov exponent

• the Maldacena-Shenker-Stanford bound on exponential Lyapunov chaos

OTOC of
$$\mathcal{O}(t,x)$$

$$C(t,x) \sim \epsilon e^{\lambda_L(t-x/v_B)}$$

$$\lambda_L \le 2\pi T/\hbar$$

in finite-N systems, quantum chaos spreads polynomially with a bounded rate of growth – weak quantum chaos [Kukuljan, SG, Prosen, PRB (2017)]

OTOC of
$$\int d^dx\, \mathcal{O}(t,x)$$

$$c(t) \le At^{3d}$$

CHAOS FROM HYDRODYNAMICS: POLE-SKIPPING

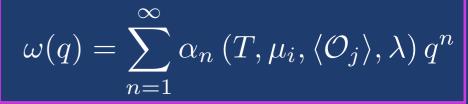
- precise analytic connection between 'low-energy' hydrodynamics and quantum chaos [SG, Schalm, Scopelliti, PRL (2017); Blake, Lee, Liu, JHEP (2018); Blake, Davison, SG, Liu, JHEP (2018); SG, JHEP (2019)]
- resumed all-order hydrodynamic series (e.g. sound)

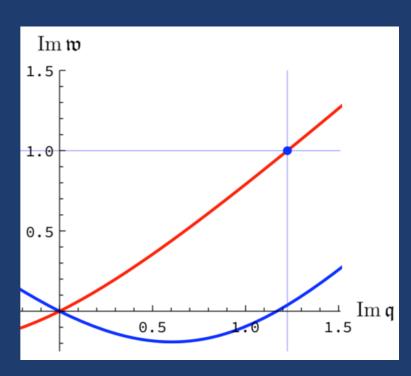
passes through a "chaos point" at imaginary momentum

$$\omega(q = i\lambda_L/v_B) = i\lambda_L = 2\pi Ti$$

where the associated 2-pt function is "0/0":

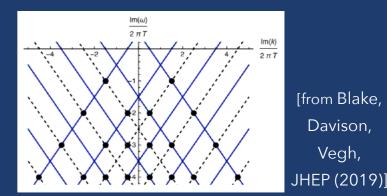
Res
$$G_R^{\varepsilon\varepsilon}$$
 ($\omega = i\lambda_L, q = i\lambda_L/v_B$) = 0





- triviality of Einstein's equations at the horizon [Blake, Davison, SG, Liu, JHEP (2018)]
- infinite constraints on correlators [SG, Kovtun, Starinets, Tadić, JHEP (2019); Blake, Davison, Vegh, JHEP (2019)]

$$\omega_n(q_n) = -2\pi T i n$$

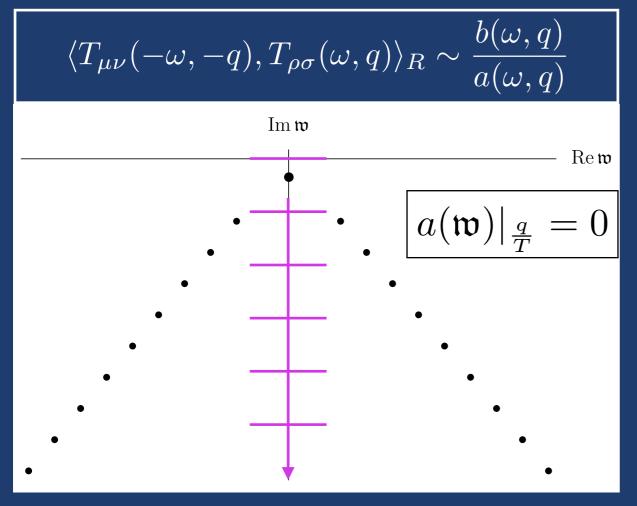


[from Blake, Davison, Vegh,

DIFFUSION AND SPECIAL POLE-SKIPPING POINTS

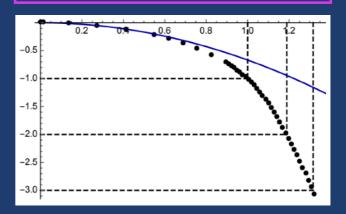
 \sim consider diffusion in a neutral 3d CFT dual to AdS₄-Schwarzschild

$$\mathfrak{w}_{\mathrm{shear}} = -i\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \left(\mathfrak{q}^2\right)^n = -i\mathfrak{D}\mathfrak{q}^2 + \dots$$



for increasing real q





[from Blake, Davison, Vegh, JHEP (2019)]

analytic result known for 4d bulk [Grozdanov, PRL (2021)]

$$q_n = \frac{4\pi T}{\sqrt{3}} n^{1/4}, \ n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

why not in 5d or higher?

POLE-SKIPPING IN 4D GRAVITY

- gravity in 4d has a special duality structure between sound/shear (even/odd)
 channels of perturbations [Chandrasekhar (1983); ... SG, Vrbica (2023)]
- relation (Darboux transformation) between fluctuations of 4d black holes with arbitrary maximally symmetric horizon topology (spherical, flat, hyperbolic) and arbitrary cosmological constant (dS, Minkowski, AdS)

$$L_{+}L_{-}\psi_{+} = (\omega^{2} - \tilde{\omega}^{2}) \psi_{+}$$

$$L_{-}L_{+}\psi_{-} = (\omega^{2} - \tilde{\omega}^{2}) \psi_{-}$$

$$L_{\pm} = W(r) \pm \frac{d}{dr_*}, \quad \tilde{\omega} = i \frac{\mu (\mu - 2K)}{12M}$$

$$\mu(K = 1) = \ell(\ell + 1), \quad \mu(K = 0) = q^2$$

$$\psi_{-} = L_{-}\psi_{+}, \qquad \psi_{+} = L_{+}\psi_{-}$$

algebraically special solutions:

$$L_{-}\tilde{\psi}_{+} = 0, \quad L_{+}\tilde{\psi}_{-} = 0$$

$$\omega^{2} = \tilde{\omega}^{2}$$

pole-skipping points split into two categories:
 algebraically special and common

n	even channel	odd channel
-1	$\mu = K - \sqrt{K^2 + 3\tau}$	×
0	$\mu = 0$	$\mu = 2K$
1	$\mu = K + \sqrt{K^2 - 3\tau}$	$\mu = K + \sqrt{K^2 + 3\tau}$
	$\mu = K - \sqrt{K^2 - 3\tau}$	×
≥ 2	$\mu = K + \sqrt{K^2 - 3n\tau}$	$\mu = K + \sqrt{K^2 + 3n\tau}$
	$\mu = K - \sqrt{K^2 - 3n\tau}$	$\mu = K - \sqrt{K^2 + 3n\tau}$
	$n-2$ common pole-skipping points with $\mu < 0$	

RECONSTRUCTION FROM POLE-SKIPPING

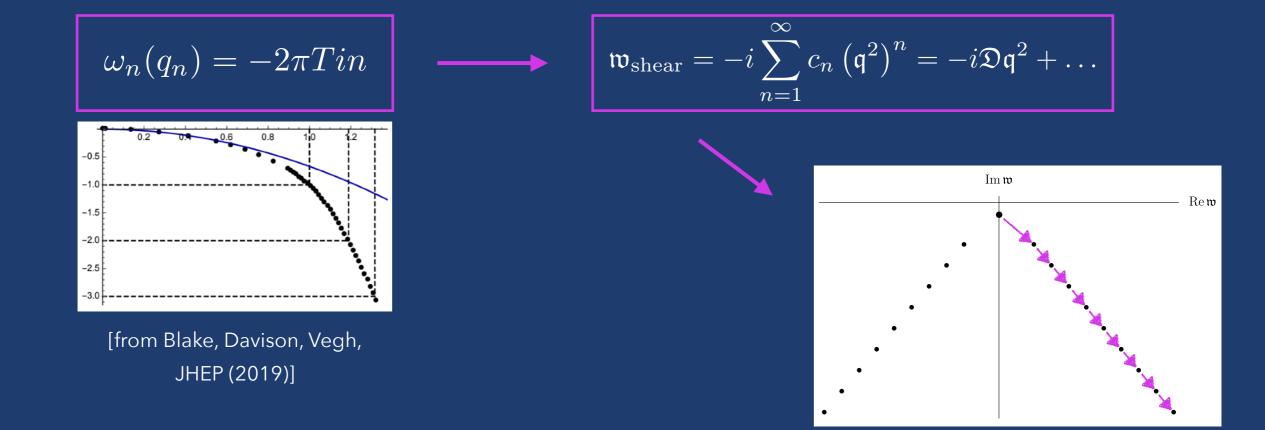
• how much information is required to reconstruct a QFT spectrum?

if all modes are connected via *level-crossing*, then just the knowledge of any one $\,\omega_i(q)$

in general, I do not know, but...

new claim: in holographic theories of the type discussed here (N=4 SYM, M2, M5, ...), the entire spectrum can be computed from only a discrete set of pole-skipping points

[SG, Lemut, Pedraza, to appear]



SUMMARY AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

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- complex analytic structures of transport are a powerful tool for exploring physics
- claim: in some QFTs reconstruction of a spectrum is possible all the way from IR to UV
- in momentum space we can deal with convergent series, but, 'morally', this is equivalent to resurgence in position space
- useful not only in QFTs but also for QNM reconstructions and other similar problems
- improve practical aspects of reconstructions given a limited number of known coefficient
- can these techniques be used in realistic QFTs (Euler-Heisenberg, chiral Lagrangian)?
- new 'classification' of pole-skipping points in 3d CFTs
- extensions to higher dimensions?
- claim: reconstruction is possible from a discrete set of pole-skipping points

THANK YOU!