

Path integral / Lefschetz thimbles.

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Decompose the integral into steepest descent integrals

$$\int_C d^n x e^{-\frac{S(x)}{\hbar}} = \sum_{\sigma: \text{saddles}} \langle \mathbb{1}_{\sigma}, e \rangle \int_{J_{\sigma}} d^n x e^{-\frac{S(x)}{\hbar}}$$
Motivation

i) Resurgence for exp. integrals:

$$\int_C d^n x e^{-\frac{S(x)}{\hbar}} = \sum_{\text{saddles}} e^{-\frac{S(x_{\text{sad}})}{\hbar}} \mathcal{P}_{\text{fluc.}}$$

Different sectors talk with each other.

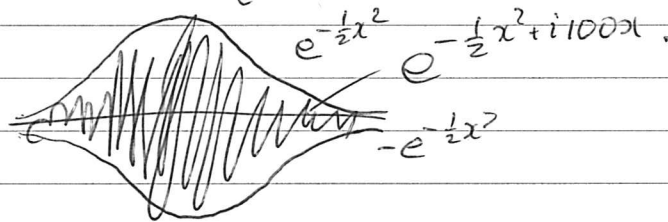
ii) Sign problem.

Consider

$$\sqrt{2\pi} e^{-10^4/2} = \int_{\mathbb{R}} dx e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2 + i \cdot 100x}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(x - i \cdot 100)^2 = \frac{1}{2}x^2 - i \cdot 100x - \frac{10^4}{2}$$

~~No!~~
~~Numerically?~~



~~If we can~~ Take the path through the saddle point $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} + i100i$
then

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} dx e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2 + i100x} = e^{-10^4/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} da e^{-\frac{1}{2}a^2}$$

much easier!
 $\Rightarrow \sqrt{2\pi}$

Big Dream: Apply this idea to finite-density QCD!

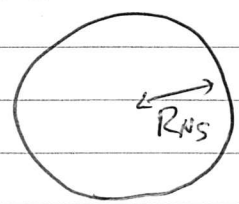
QCD partition functions:

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}A \text{Det} [\not{D}_A + \mu \gamma^0 - m] e^{-S_{\text{YM}}[A]}$$

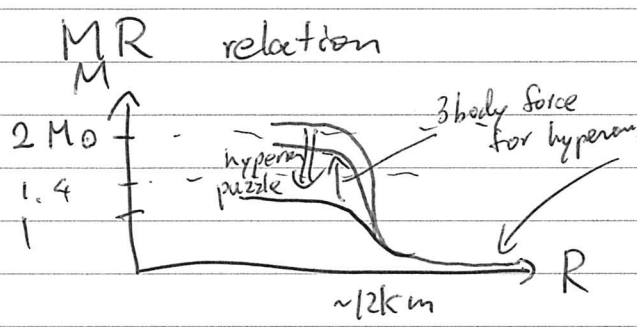
$\neq 0$ for $\mu \neq 0$.

Why are we interested in QCD_{μ} ? \Rightarrow NS

NS: very small, dense star.
mainly consists of neutrons.

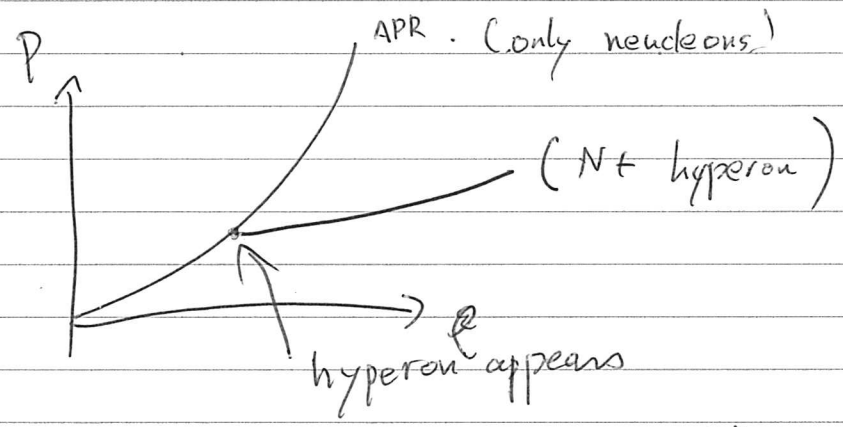


Very big "nucleus" bounded by gravity! $M_{NS} \sim 1.4 M_{\odot}$
 $R_{NS} \sim 12 \text{ km}$



How can we draw this curve?

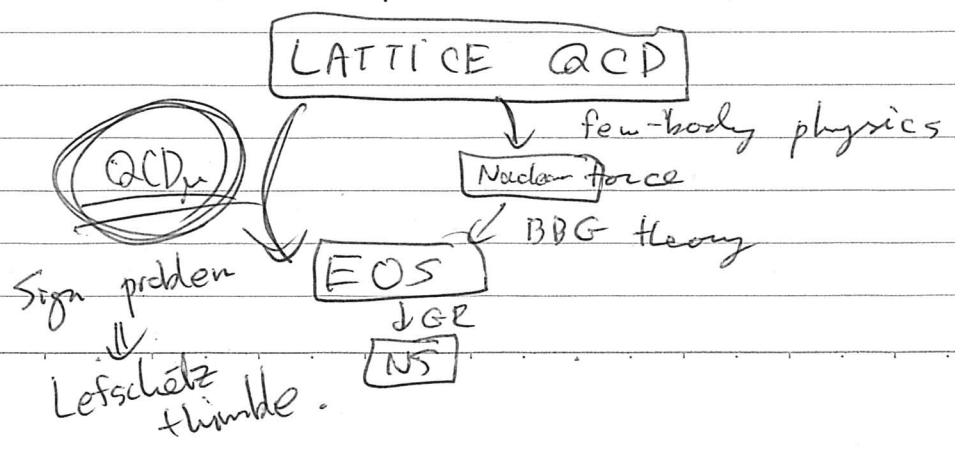
- Compute $P = P(E)$.
- Solve TOV eq. (hydrostatic + GR)



2010 \rightarrow ~~2M_sun~~ $2M_{\odot}$ NS!

EOS is more stiff. Can we explain?

1st principle comp. is Necessary!



Application of Picard-Lefschetz theory to exp. \int .
complex Morse theory

Let's understand what

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} dx e^{-\frac{S(x)}{\hbar}} = \sum_{\sigma \in \Sigma} \langle \mathbb{R}^n, K_\sigma \rangle \int_{J_\sigma} d^n z e^{-\frac{S(z)}{\hbar}}$$

means.

$$z = x + iy \in \mathbb{C}^n$$

$$\Sigma = \{z \in \mathbb{C}^n \mid \partial_i S|_{z_0} = 0\}$$

↑ set of critical points.

Gradient flow.

$$\frac{dz^i}{dt} = \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial z^i} \right) \left(= 2 \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z^i} \right) \text{Re} S \right) \begin{pmatrix} \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{\partial \text{Re} S}{\partial x} \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{\partial \text{Re} S}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix}$$

Lefschetz thimble (& dual)

$$\left(\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z^i} + \sqrt{-1} \frac{\partial}{\partial y^i} \right) \right)$$

$$J_\sigma = \{z(0) \in \mathbb{C}^n \mid \lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} z(t) = z_\sigma\} \leftarrow \text{Lefschetz thimble}$$

$$K_\sigma = \{z(0) \in \mathbb{C}^n \mid \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} z(t) = z_\sigma\}$$

Claim. J_σ, K_σ are n -dim manifolds.

Assume $z \approx z_\sigma$, then

$$S(z) = S(z_\sigma) + \sum_{i=1}^n (z^i - z_\sigma^i)^2$$

in appropriate coord.

$$\text{Re}(S(z) - S(z_\sigma)) = \sum_{i=1}^n \{ (x^i - x_\sigma^i)^2 - (y^i - y_\sigma^i)^2 \}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{locally, } J_\sigma = \{y^i - y_\sigma^i = 0\}$$

$$K_\sigma = \{x^i - x_\sigma^i = 0\}$$

← n conditions.

$$\dim J = 2n - n = n$$

Claim For $z \in J_\sigma \cup K_\sigma$,

$$\text{Im} S(z) = \text{Im} S(z_\sigma)$$

$$\left(\because \frac{d}{dt}(S - \bar{S}) = \frac{\partial S}{\partial z} \frac{dz}{dt} - \frac{\partial \bar{S}}{\partial \bar{z}} \frac{d\bar{z}}{dt} = \frac{\partial S}{\partial z} \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial z} \right) - \frac{\partial \bar{S}}{\partial \bar{z}} \frac{\partial S}{\partial z} = 0 \right)$$

Def. A, B : n -dim mfd \mathbb{C}^n , $\langle A, B \rangle = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \text{Re} \langle \pm 1 \rangle$

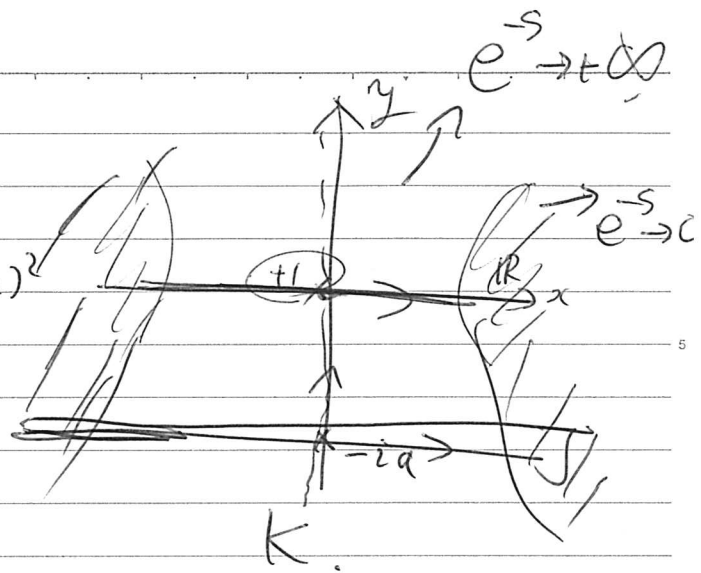
It depends on relative orientation

Theorem For nice S ,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} dx e^{-\frac{S(x)}{\hbar}} = \sum_{\sigma \in \Sigma} \langle \mathbb{R}^n, K_\sigma \rangle \int_{J_\sigma} d^n z e^{-\frac{S(z)}{\hbar}}$$

Gaussian $\int dx e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x+ia)^2}$

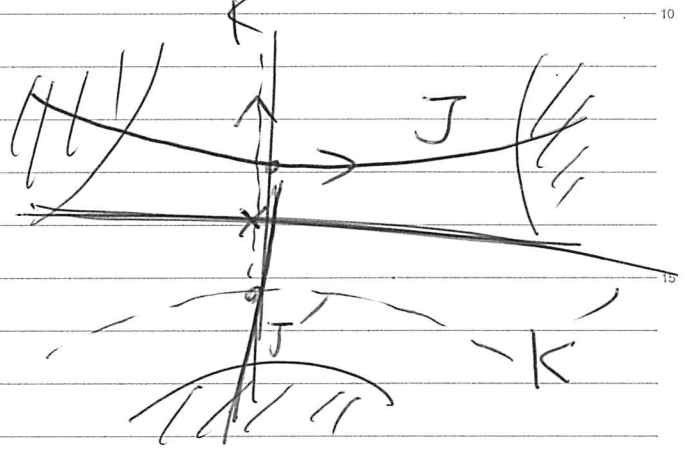
$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} dx e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x+ia)^2} = \underbrace{\langle \mathbb{R} | K \rangle}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \mathbb{J} = \mathbb{R} - ia \\ \uparrow \\ 1}} \int_{\mathbb{J}} dx e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x+ia)^2} = \int_{\mathbb{R}} dx e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2}$$



Airy integral $\int_{\mathbb{R}} dx e^{i(\frac{x^3}{3} + ax)}$

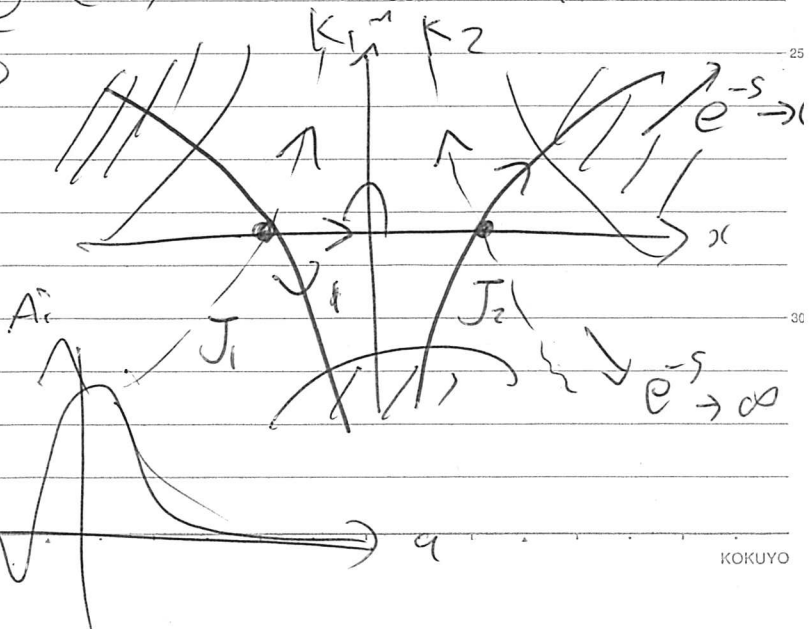
a=1
 $\frac{\partial S}{\partial x} = -i(x^2+1) = 0$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{i(\frac{x^3}{3} + x)} = \underbrace{\langle \mathbb{R} | K \rangle}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \mathbb{J}}} \int_{\mathbb{J}} dz e^{i(\frac{z^3}{3} + z)} + \underbrace{\langle \mathbb{R} | K \rangle}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \mathbb{J}}} \int_{\mathbb{J}} dz e^{i(\frac{z^3}{3} + z)} = \int_{\mathbb{J}} dz e^{i(\frac{z^3}{3} + z)} \sim e^{-\frac{2}{3}\pi^{3/2}}$$

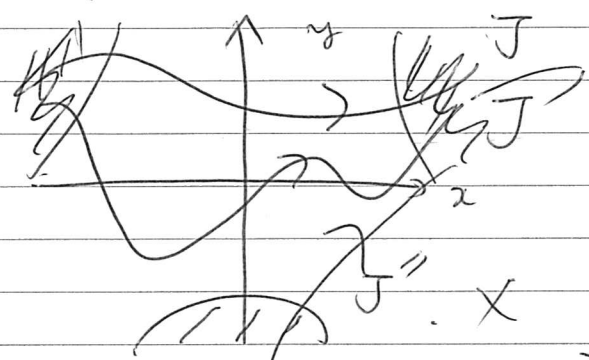


a=-1 $\frac{\partial S}{\partial z} = -i(x^2-1) = 0$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{i(\frac{x^3}{3} - x)} = \int_{\mathbb{J}_1} dz e^{i(\frac{z^3}{3} - z)} + \int_{\mathbb{J}_2} dz e^{i(\frac{z^3}{3} - z)} \sim \omega(a^{3/2} - a)$$



Idea of the proof

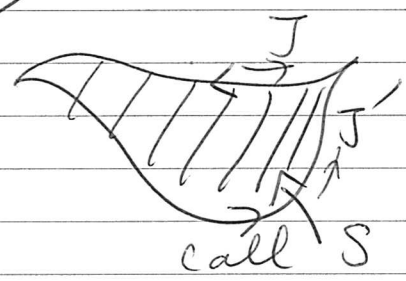


$$\int_J dx e^{-S(x)} = \int_{J'} dx e^{-S(x)} \neq \int_{J''} dx e^{-S(x)}$$

\Rightarrow J and J' must be identified
 $J \sim J'$ and J'' must be distinguished

Let us

① Find all possible paths for $\int e^{-S} dx$ without overcounting



boundary of S ,
 $\partial S = J' - J$.

call $S \Rightarrow$ If $J - J'$ is a boundary of something, $J \sim J'$.

• Homology.

(Homology).

Def X : m -dim. compact mfd.

$$H_n(X) = \frac{\{A \subset X \mid A: n\text{-dim. submanifold, } \partial A = \emptyset\}}{\partial \{S \subset X \mid S: (n+1)\text{-dim. submanifold, } \partial S = \emptyset\}}$$

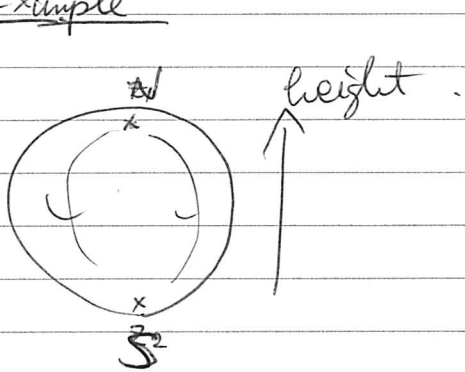
Def. (Relative Homology) X : m -dim. mfd, Y : n -dim. mfd $Y \subset X$.

$$H_k(X, Y) = \frac{\{A \subset X \mid A: k\text{-dim. submfd, } \partial A \subset Y\}}{\partial \{B \subset X \mid B: (k+1)\text{-dim. submfd, } \partial B \subset Y\}}$$

$H_n(\mathbb{C}^n, \{e^{-S} \ll 1\})$ is important for us!

How to compute $H_n(X)$? \Rightarrow Gradient flow.

Example



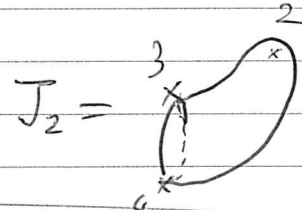
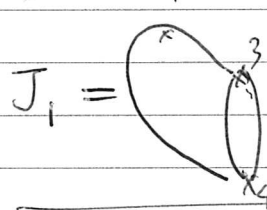
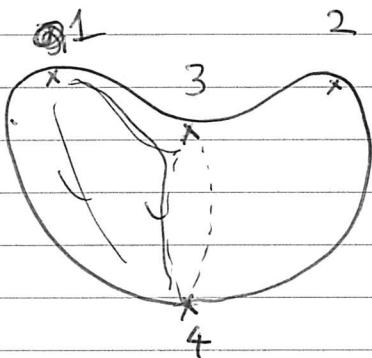
$S = -\text{height}$.

$J_N = S^2$ $J_S = \{S\}$

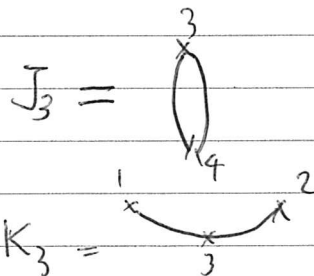
$K_N = \{N\}$, $K_S = S^2$.

$\partial J_N = \emptyset$, $\partial J_S = \emptyset$.

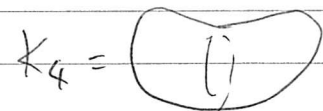
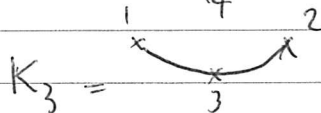
$\Rightarrow H_2(S^2) = \mathbb{R} J_N \cong \mathbb{R}$ $H_1(S^2) = 0$, $H_0(S^2) = \mathbb{R} J_S \cong \mathbb{R}$



$K_1 = \{1\}$, $K_2 = \{2\}$



$J_4 = \{4\}$



$\partial J_1 = -\partial J_2 = J_3$.

$\partial J_3 = 0$, $\partial J_4 = 0$.

$H_2 = \mathbb{R}(J_1 + J_2) \cong \mathbb{R}$, $H_1 = \frac{\mathbb{R} J_3}{\mathbb{R} \partial J_1 \oplus \mathbb{R} \partial J_2} = \frac{\mathbb{R} J_3}{\mathbb{R} J_3} = 0$,

$H_0 = \mathbb{R} J_4 \cong \mathbb{R}$.

For complex case.

$S(x)$: real generic, $\Sigma = \left\{ \frac{\partial S}{\partial x} = 0 \right\}$

$H_n(\mathbb{C}^n; \{e^{-S} \ll 1\}) = \sum_{\sigma \in \Sigma} \mathbb{Z} \langle J_\sigma \rangle$

$H_n(\mathbb{C}^n; \{e^{-S} \gg 1\}) = \sum_{\sigma \in \Sigma} \mathbb{Z} \langle K_\sigma \rangle$

$H_\ell(\mathbb{C}^n; \{ \}) = \emptyset$ for $\ell \neq n$.

(∵ All J_σ and K_σ are n -dim.)

We've now understood that all possible of paths are generated by J_σ 's i.e.

$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} d^n x e^{-S} = \sum_{\sigma} \langle K_\sigma \rangle \int_{J_\sigma} d^n z e^{-S}$

What's this?

Intersection pairing:

$\langle H_n(\mathbb{C}^n, \{e^{-S} \ll 1\}), H_n(\mathbb{C}^n, \{e^{-S} \gg 1\}) \rangle \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$
 $(A, B) \mapsto \sum_{\sigma \in A \cap B} (\pm 1)$

$\langle J_\sigma, K_\sigma \rangle = 1$ (∵ $\forall z \in K_\sigma \setminus \{z_\sigma\} \forall w \in J_\sigma \setminus \{z_\sigma\}$
 $\text{Re } S(z) \neq \text{Re } S(z_\sigma) \neq \text{Re } S(w) \Rightarrow J_\sigma \cap K_\sigma = \{z_\sigma\}$)

$\sigma \neq \tau \Rightarrow \langle J_\sigma, K_\tau \rangle = 0$ (∵ For generic cases, $\text{Im } S(z_\sigma) \neq \text{Im } S(z_\tau)$
 $\text{Im } S(z) \neq \text{Im } S(w)$
 $\forall z \in J_\sigma \forall w \in K_\tau$
 $\therefore J_\sigma \cap K_\tau = \emptyset$)

$[\mathbb{R}^n] = \sum_{\sigma} c_\sigma \langle J_\sigma \rangle \in H_n(\mathbb{C}^n, \{e^{-S} \ll 1\})$
 $\langle \mathbb{R}^n, K_\sigma \rangle = \sum c_\tau \langle J_\tau, K_\sigma \rangle = c_\sigma$

→ We got the formula

Sign problem of QCD_n, 1-dim. fermion model.

Review of 1st Lecture

X : n -dim. real affine variety ($= \mathbb{R}^n, SU(N), SO(N), \dots$)

vol: volume form of X ($= d^n x$, Haar measure, ...)

S : \mathbb{C} -valued polynomial on X , s.t. $\text{Re } S \rightarrow +\infty$ as $|X| \rightarrow \infty$ in X .

Consider $\int_X \text{vol } e^{-S}$

Complexification $X \subset X_{\mathbb{C}} (= \mathbb{C}^n, SL(N, \mathbb{C}), SO(N, \mathbb{C}), \dots)$

Kähler mfd.

\Rightarrow $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Riemannian } ds^2 = \frac{1}{2} g_{i\bar{j}} (dz^i \otimes d\bar{z}^{\bar{j}} + d\bar{z}^{\bar{j}} \otimes dz^i) \\ \text{Symplectic } \omega = \frac{1}{2} g_{i\bar{j}} dz^i \wedge d\bar{z}^{\bar{j}} \end{array} \right.$ (z^i : local coord)

Gradient flow $\frac{dz^i}{dt} = g^{i\bar{j}} \partial_{\bar{j}} \bar{S}$, \iff Hamilton eq. $\frac{dz^i}{dt} = \{ \text{Im } S, z^i \}$ Poisson.

$\text{Re } S$ monotonically increases. $\text{Im } S$ conserved.

$\Sigma = \{ \nabla S = 0 \}$.

$J_{\sigma} = \{ z(0) \mid z(t) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} z_{\sigma} \}$, $K_{\sigma} = \{ z(0) \mid z(t) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} z_{\sigma} \}$.

Then, If S is "nice" (Morse-Smale, no saddles at ∞),

$\int_X \text{vol } e^{-S} = \sum_{\sigma \in \Sigma} \langle X, K_{\sigma} \rangle \int_{J_{\sigma}} \text{vol } e^{-S}$.

To relate this formula with the Borel sum, consider

$\gamma_{\sigma}^t := \{ z \in J_{\sigma} \mid \text{Re}(S(z) - S(z_{\sigma})) = t \}$,

and use the equality

$\int_{J_{\sigma}} \text{vol } e^{-S} = \int_0^{\infty} dt e^{-t} \int_{\gamma_{\sigma}^t} \left[\frac{\text{vol}}{dS|_t} \right]$ ($\frac{\text{vol}}{dS|_t} = dS_{\mathbb{C}} \wedge \left[\frac{\text{vol}}{dS_{\mathbb{C}}} \right]$)

(Check Nevanlinna criterion) \approx BE perturbative series around z_{σ}

- $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Stokes constants} \rightarrow \text{jump of } \langle X, K_{\sigma} \rangle \\ \text{Stokes line} \rightarrow \exists \sigma \neq \tau \quad \text{Im } S(z_{\sigma}) = \text{Im } S(z_{\tau}) \\ \text{Anti-Stokes line} \rightarrow \exists \sigma \neq \tau \quad \text{Re } S(z_{\sigma}) = \text{Re } S(z_{\tau}) \end{array} \right.$

* S is assumed to be very "nice".

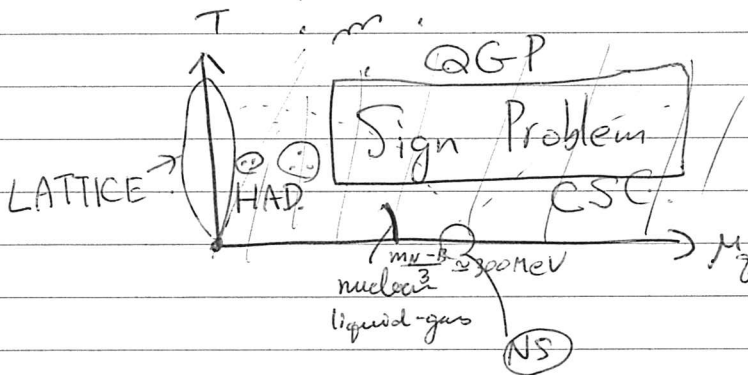
Sign problem of QCD_μ

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}A \text{Det} [\not{D}_A - \mu \gamma^0 + m] e^{-S_{\text{YM}}[A]}$$

- $(\not{D}_A)^\dagger = -(\not{D}_A)$. $\{\gamma_5, \not{D}_A\} = 0$.
- ⇒ Spectrum of $\not{D}_A \in \mathbb{C} \text{ i } \mathbb{R}$, and form pairs $\pm i\lambda_n$.
- ⇒ At $\mu=0$

$$\text{Det} [\not{D}_A + m] = \prod_n (\lambda_n^2(A) + m^2) > 0.$$

- Anti-Hermiticity is lost at $\mu \neq 0$.



Silver Blaze problem

Consider $\lim_{T \rightarrow 0} Z_{\text{QCD}}(T, \mu) = Z_{\text{QCD}}(T=0, \mu)$.

For $0 < \mu < \frac{m_N - B}{3}$,

$$Z(T=0, \mu) = Z(T=0, \mu=0).$$

Show it,

"Easy" part: $0 < \mu < \frac{m_N}{2}$.

Compute $Z_{\text{QCD}}(0, \mu)$ as

$$Z(0, \mu) = \int \mathcal{D}A \text{Det} [\not{D}_A + m] e^{-S_{\text{YM}}[A]} \frac{\text{Det} [\not{D}_A - \mu \gamma^0 + m]}{\text{Det} [\not{D}_A + m]}$$

i.e.

$$\frac{Z(0, \mu)}{Z(0, 0)} = \left\langle \frac{\text{Det} [\not{D}_A - \mu \gamma^0 + m]}{\text{Det} [\not{D}_A + m]} \right\rangle_{T=0, \mu=0}$$

Dimensionally-reduced expression.

Consider

$$\gamma^0 (\not{D}_A - \mu \gamma^0 + m) = \not{\partial}_t - iA^0 + \gamma^0 \not{D}_{A_i} + \gamma^0 m - \mu.$$

instead of $\not{D}_A - \mu \gamma^0 + m$.

$$\text{Spec}(\gamma^0 \not{D}_A + m) =: \{ \lambda_{j,n} \}_n.$$

where

$$\lambda_{j,n} = \epsilon_j(A) + i\phi_j(A) + (2n+1)i\pi T.$$

(KK)
↳ Matsubara freq.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Det}[\not{D}_A - \mu \gamma^0 + m] &= \prod_{j,n} \pi (\lambda_{j,n} - \mu) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{quark} \\ \text{anti-quark} \end{array} \right. \\ &= N(A) \prod_{\epsilon_j > 0} (1 + e^{-\beta(\epsilon_j + i\phi_j - \mu)}) \\ &\quad \times (1 + e^{-\beta(\epsilon_j - i\phi_j + \mu)}) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\frac{\text{Det}[\not{D}_A - \mu \gamma^0 + m]}{\text{Det}[\not{D}_A + m]} = \prod_{\epsilon_j > 0} \frac{(1 + e^{-\beta(\epsilon_j + i\phi_j - \mu)})(1 + e^{-\beta(\epsilon_j - i\phi_j + \mu)})}{(1 + e^{-\beta(\epsilon_j + i\phi_j)})(1 + e^{-\beta(\epsilon_j - i\phi_j)})}$$

$$\xrightarrow{\beta \rightarrow \infty} 1 \quad \text{for } 0 < \mu < \min_{\epsilon_j > 0} (\epsilon_j).$$

(∴) The same logic applies for μ_{I} .

In this case $\mu_{\text{I}} = m\pi/2$ is the critical value.

ii
 $m\pi/2$.

"Difficult" part: $\frac{m\pi}{2} < \mu < \frac{m_N - \beta}{3}$.

• Totally unknown.

• At each gauge config. at $\mu=0$, pion condensation occurs

i.e. $\langle \pi^+ \rangle(A) \neq 0$ for $\mu > m\pi/2$.

This must be killed by the ensemble average of A .

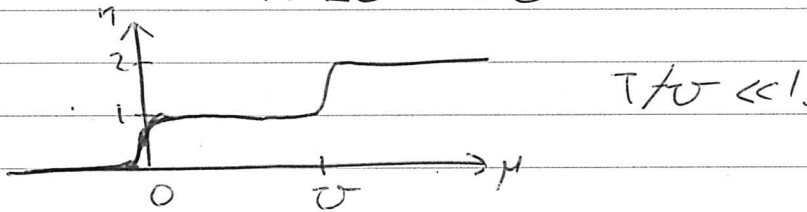
(0+1) - dim. fermion model & Silver Blaze problem

One-site Hubbard model:

$$\hat{H} = U \hat{n}_\uparrow \hat{n}_\downarrow - \mu (\hat{n}_\uparrow + \hat{n}_\downarrow), \quad (\hat{n}_\sigma = \hat{c}_\sigma^\dagger \hat{c}_\sigma)$$

This is 4-level QM.

$$\langle \hat{n}_\uparrow + \hat{n}_\downarrow \rangle = \frac{2(e^{\beta\mu} + e^{\beta(2\mu-U)})}{1 + 2e^{\beta\mu} + e^{-\beta(U-2\mu)}}$$



Lagrangian:

$$S_{\text{eff}} = \int_0^\beta d\tau \left[\psi^\dagger \left(\partial_\tau - \left(\mu + \frac{U}{2} \right) - i\phi \right) \psi + \frac{\phi^2}{2U} \right]. \quad (\text{Im} \langle \phi \rangle / U = n)$$

$$Z = \int \mathcal{D}\phi e^{-\int_0^\beta d\tau \frac{\phi^2}{2U}} \underbrace{\text{Det} \left[\partial_\tau + \mu + \frac{U}{2} - i\phi \right]}_{\text{dimensionally-reduced expression}}$$

$$= \left(1 + e^{-\beta \left(\frac{U}{2} - \mu + i\phi \right)} \right)^2$$

$$\left(\varphi = \frac{1}{\beta} \int_0^\beta d\tau \phi, \quad \lambda_n = -\frac{U}{2} + i\varphi + (2n+1)\pi i T \right)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\varphi e^{-\frac{\beta}{2U} \varphi^2 + \ln \left[1 + e^{-\beta \left(\frac{U}{2} - \mu + i\varphi \right)} \right]^2}$$

↑
origin of the "sign problem."

• Silver Blaze Problem of 1-site Hubbard model
Show that $Z(T=0, \mu) = Z(T=0, \mu=-\infty)$ for $\mu < 0$.

• Easy part: For $\mu < -\frac{U}{2}$, then for any $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

$$\text{Re}(\lambda_n - \mu) = -\mu - \frac{U}{2} > 0.$$

This means that $\text{Det} \left[\left(\partial_\tau + \frac{U}{2} + i\varphi \right) + \mu \right] = \left(1 + e^{-\beta \left(-\frac{U}{2} - \mu + i\varphi \right)} \right)^2 \xrightarrow{\beta \rightarrow \infty} 1$

Then, Sign Problem is "exponentially weak" at $T \rightarrow 0$.

• Difficult part: $-\frac{U}{2} < \mu < 0$.

Lets' understand the Sign Problem of this model w/ Lefschetz thimbles.

$$S(\phi) = \frac{\beta}{2U} \phi^2 - 2 \ln [1 + e^{-\beta(-\frac{U}{2} + i\phi - \mu)}]$$

Classical eom:

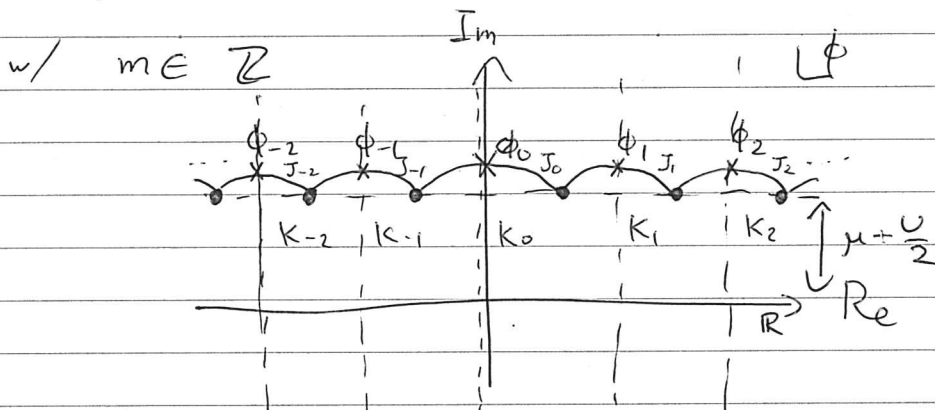
$$0 = \frac{\partial S}{\partial \phi} \iff i\phi = - \frac{2U}{1 + e^{-\beta(i\phi + \mu + \frac{U}{2})}}$$

- For $\mu < -\frac{U}{2}$, $\phi = 0$ satisfies eom with exponential accuracy. Indeed,

$$\eta = \text{Im} \langle \phi \rangle / U \approx 0.$$

- $-\frac{U}{2} < \mu < \frac{3U}{2}$

$$\phi_m = i\left(\mu + \frac{U}{2}\right) + T \left(2\pi m + i \ln \frac{\frac{3}{2}U - \mu}{\frac{1}{2}U + \mu}\right) + O(T^2) \quad (T/U \ll 1)$$



- x saddles
- Zeros of $\text{Det}[\partial^2 \dots]$

$$\Rightarrow \langle R, k_m \rangle = 1 \text{ for all } m \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

$$Z = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{\beta}{2\pi U} d\phi e^{-S(\phi)} = \sqrt{\frac{\beta}{2\pi U}} \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \int_{J_m} d\phi e^{-S(\phi)}.$$

To find an impact of $\frac{T}{U}$, lets' simplify Z as

$$Z \Rightarrow Z' = \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{-S(\phi_m)} = e^{-S(\phi_0)} \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{-(S(\phi_m) - S(\phi_0))}$$

where

$$S(\phi_0) = -\beta \cdot \frac{U}{2} \left(\frac{\mu}{U} + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \quad (= -\beta \cdot (\text{mean-field free energy}))$$

$$S(\phi_m) - S(\phi_0) = \frac{2\pi^2}{\beta U} m^2 + 2\pi i m \left(\frac{\mu}{U} + \frac{1}{2}\right) + O(T).$$

at low temperatures.

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
 Z' &= e^{\frac{\beta U}{2} \left(\frac{\mu}{U} + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2} \sum_m e^{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(2\pi m)^2}{\beta U} - 2\pi i m \left(\frac{\mu}{U} + \frac{1}{2}\right)} \\
 &= e^{\frac{\beta U}{2} \left(\frac{\mu}{U} + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2} \sqrt{\frac{\beta U}{2\pi}} \sum_l e^{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{\beta U}{(2\pi)^2} \left(2\pi \left(\frac{\mu}{U} + \frac{1}{2}\right) - 2\pi l\right)^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

Poisson
summation
formula

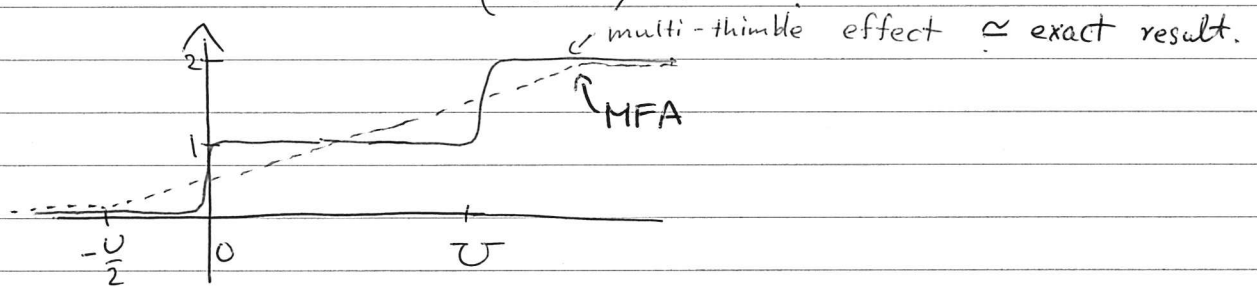
$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} l=0 & \text{is important for } 0 < \frac{\mu}{U} + \frac{1}{2} < \frac{1}{2} \\ l=1 & \text{is important for } \frac{1}{2} < \frac{\mu}{U} + \frac{1}{2} < \frac{3}{2} \\ & \vdots \end{cases}$$

That is,

$$F' = -\frac{1}{\beta} \ln Z' \approx \begin{cases} 0 & \left(-\frac{U}{2} < \mu < 0\right) \\ -\mu & \left(0 < \mu < U\right) \end{cases}$$

and

$$n = \begin{cases} 0 & \left(-\frac{U}{2} < \mu < 0\right) \\ 1 & \left(0 < \mu < U\right) \end{cases}$$



In the "Difficult" Silver Blaze region, there's a BIG impact of interference among multiple Lefschetz thimbles.

About simulations of LATTICE FIELD THEORY

- Goal: Evaluate

$$\langle O \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int \mathcal{D}\phi e^{-S[\phi]} O[\phi]$$

numerically for observables O . " ∞ -dim." integral.

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} S[\phi] &= \int d^4x \left[\frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \phi)^2 + V(\phi) \right] \\ &\Rightarrow a^4 \sum_{x \in \Lambda} \left[\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^4 \left(\frac{\phi(x+ae_i) - \phi(x-ae_i)}{2a} \right)^2 + V(\phi(x)) \right]. \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$\int \mathcal{D}\phi \Rightarrow \prod_{x \in \Lambda} \int d\phi(x).$$

$$\Lambda \subset (a\mathbb{Z})^4 \subset \mathbb{R}^4. \quad a \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow (a\mathbb{Z})^4 \text{ is "good approx." of } \mathbb{R}^4.$$

Direct ~~numerical comp.~~ $\mathcal{O} \left(\overset{\text{cost of each } \int d\phi(x)}{\downarrow} \# |\Lambda| \right)$

\Rightarrow Monte Carlo integration.

- Importance Sampling $\propto |\Lambda| a^4 = \text{volume}$

$$\text{Integrand} = \frac{1}{Z} e^{-S[\phi]} \times O$$

Boltzmann factor Observables
 \Rightarrow Full field space is unimportant.

(For a moment, assume $S[\phi] \in \mathbb{R}$.)

Most configs ϕ are exponentially suppressed, $\mathcal{O}(e^{-\text{volume}\#})$.

Efficient numerical method should pay attention mainly
(entropy for similar configs)

to regions $\wedge \times e^{-S} \ll 1$.

- Generate $\{\phi_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ obeying $P_{\text{eq}}[\phi] = \frac{1}{Z} e^{-S[\phi]}$, then

$$\langle O \rangle = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N O(\phi_n).$$

How to generate sequences $\{\phi_n\}_n$ obeying $P_{eq} \propto e^{-S}$?

Update configs ϕ stochastically.

• Transition probability $P(\phi_j \rightarrow \phi_i) (= P_{ij})$

If $P(\phi_j \rightarrow \phi_i)$ satisfy

(Detailed Balance) $P(\phi \rightarrow \phi') P_{eq}[\phi] = P(\phi' \rightarrow \phi) P_{eq}[\phi']$

&

(Strong Ergodicity) $P(\phi \rightarrow \phi') > 0,$

then the sequence $\{\phi_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ obtained by this update

obeys P_{eq} for $n \gg 1,$

Proof. (SE) says $P_{ij} > 0$ for all $ij.$

\Rightarrow Perron-Frobenius says $(P_{ij})_{ij}$ has the unique maximal eigenvalue, 1, and eigenvector $\tilde{P}_{eq}.$

$$\sum_{\phi'} P(\phi' \rightarrow \phi) \tilde{P}_{eq}(\phi') = \tilde{P}_{eq}(\phi).$$

$\tilde{P}_{eq} = P_{eq},$ because

$$\sum_{\phi'} P(\phi' \rightarrow \phi) P_{eq}(\phi') \stackrel{(\text{DB})}{=} \sum_{\phi'} \underbrace{P(\phi \rightarrow \phi')}_{=1} P_{eq}(\phi) = P_{eq}(\phi).$$

(i.e. $P_{eq} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{\phi_1, \dots, \phi_k} \underbrace{P_{\text{initial}}[\phi_1]}_{\neq 0} P(\phi_1 \rightarrow \phi_2) P(\phi_2 \rightarrow \phi_3) \dots P(\phi_k \rightarrow \phi)$)

Let us show three examples:

1) Metropolis's method

Pick up a trial transition probability, P_{trial} , satisfying
 $P_{\text{trial}}(\phi \rightarrow \phi') = P_{\text{trial}}(\phi' \rightarrow \phi) \cdot (\gt 0)$,

(i) Suggest a new config. ϕ' according to $P_{\text{trial}}(\phi \rightarrow \phi')$.

(ii) $e^{-S(\phi')} > e^{-S(\phi)} \Rightarrow$ Accept ϕ' .

$e^{-S(\phi')} \leq e^{-S(\phi)} \Rightarrow$ Accept ϕ' with the probability
 $e^{-(S(\phi') - S(\phi))}$.

(DB) ✓

Typically, only good for local updates.
 update $\phi(x)$ for each x successively.

Assume $e^{-S(\phi)} \sim 1$.
 If one proposes $\phi_{\text{new}} = \{\phi_{\text{new}}(x) \mid x \in \Lambda \text{ for all } x \text{ randomly}\}$
 $S(\phi_{\text{new}}) \gg S(\phi)$. ($S(\phi_{\text{new}}) - S(\phi) \sim \#\Lambda$).
 ϕ_{new} will never be accepted.

2) Langevin method.

Introduce the stochastic time θ , and consider

$$\frac{d\phi(x, \theta)}{d\theta} = -\frac{\partial S}{\partial \phi(x, \theta)} + \underline{\eta(\theta)}$$

white noise $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle \eta(\theta) \rangle = 0 \\ \langle \eta(\theta) \eta(\theta') \rangle = 2\delta(\theta - \theta') \end{array} \right.$

(DB) ✓, (Global update) ✓.

↳ BUT, this is true ONLY for the contin. limit of θ
 (\Rightarrow Origin of systematic error).

3) Hybrid Monte Carlo (HMC) method -

- Metropolis test \Rightarrow (DB) is exactly satisfied.
- Proposal of ϕ_{new} using differential eqs. \Rightarrow Global update.

Notice the trivial equality:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \mathcal{O}[\phi] \rangle &= \frac{1}{Z} \int \mathcal{D}\phi e^{-S[\phi]} \mathcal{O}[\phi] \\ &= \frac{1}{Z'} \int \mathcal{D}\phi \mathcal{D}\pi e^{-\left[\int d^d x \frac{\pi^2}{2} + S[\phi] \right]} \mathcal{O}[\phi] \end{aligned}$$

π : new field, canonical momentum of ϕ .

$H[\phi, \pi] := \int d^d x \frac{\pi(x)^2}{2} + S[\phi]$: Hamiltonian.

Propose ϕ_{new} by solving molecular dynamics (MD),

$$\frac{d\phi}{d\theta} = \{H, \phi\}, \quad \frac{d\pi}{d\theta} = \{H, \pi\}. \quad (\text{MD})$$

(i) Choose an initial config. $\{\phi(x)\}_x$

(ii) Pick up $\{\pi(x)\}_x$ according to $\propto e^{-\int d^d x \frac{\pi(x)^2}{2}}$.

(iii) Solve (MD) for a certain time interval $\Delta\theta$ with the initial cond. $\{\phi(x), \pi(x)\}_x$.

Call the final result as $\{\phi', \pi'\}$.

(iv) Accept $\{\phi', \pi'\}$ according to $p = \text{MIN}\{1, \exp[-(H[\phi', \pi'] - H[\phi, \pi])]\}$

Repeat.

(DB) \checkmark , (Global update) \checkmark .

* So far, $S[\phi]$ is assumed to be real.

What happens if $S[\phi] \in \mathbb{C}$?

1), 3). Metropolis test says ϕ' should be accepted with $p = \min\{1, \exp\{-\underbrace{[S[\phi'] - S[\phi]]}_{\in \mathbb{C}}\}\}$

Historically, 2) gets much attention since there is no Metropolis test.
 \Rightarrow Complex Langevin method.

$\phi \in \mathbb{R} \rightarrow z \in \mathbb{C}$.

$$\frac{dz}{d\theta} = -\left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial z}\right) + \eta(\theta).$$

- Correct perturbative series.
- Sometimes works, but sometimes doesn't.
- (DB) is unknown, i.e. $P_{\text{eq}}^{(\text{CL})}$ is unknown.

Assuming

- Semiclassical approx. is good, and
- There are several saddles z_0 with $\langle R, k_0 \rangle \neq 0$ and $\text{Re}(S_0)$ are same and minimal, and $\text{Im} S_0 \neq \text{Im} S_1$.

we can "prove" CL is wrong.

"Proof"

$$\langle \mathcal{O}[z] \rangle_{\text{CL}} = \int dz d\bar{z} \underbrace{P_{\text{eq}}^{(\text{CL})}(z, \bar{z})}_{> 0} \mathcal{O}(z) \simeq \sum_{\sigma} \underbrace{C_{\sigma}}_{> 0} \mathcal{O}(z_{\sigma})$$

"If CL is correct" > 0 , should localize around z_0 's

$$\frac{1}{Z} \int_{\mathbb{R}} d\phi e^{-S(\phi)} \mathcal{O}(\phi) = \sum_{\sigma} \langle R, k_{\sigma} \rangle \int_{\mathcal{I}_{\sigma}} dz e^{-S(z)} \mathcal{O}(z) \simeq \frac{1}{Z_{\sigma}} \langle R, k_{\sigma} \rangle \underbrace{e^{-S(z_{\sigma})}}_{\sqrt{2\pi S''(z_{\sigma})}} \mathcal{O}(z_{\sigma})$$

• For dominant σ 's, they equally contribute with different complex phases.

• Positivity of $P_{\text{eq}}^{(\text{CL})}$ says $C_{\sigma} > 0 \Rightarrow$ Contradiction

> 2012, Lefschetz-thimble techniques are introduced to the sign problem.

$$\int_{C_R} \mathcal{D}\phi e^{-S[\phi]} \mathcal{O}(\phi) = \sum_{\sigma \in \Sigma} \langle C_R, K_\sigma \rangle \int_{J_\sigma} \mathcal{D}\phi e^{-S} \mathcal{O}(\phi)$$

$$= \sum_{\sigma \in \Sigma} \langle C_R, K_\sigma \rangle e^{-i \text{Im}(S_\sigma)} \int_{J_\sigma} \mathcal{D}\phi e^{-\text{Re}(S)} \mathcal{O}(\phi)$$

• Lefschetz thimble is defined by the flow

$$\frac{d\phi(x,t)}{dt} = \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial \phi(x,t)} \right)$$

⇒ Local update does not make sense.

In (1, 2, 3), 2) Langevin & 3) HMC does not rely on local updates.

- Langevin on thimbles (Aurora-algorithm)
- HMC
- Parma method contraction algorithm.

• Aurora-algorithm

Pick up a thimble J_0 , and try to compute

$$\langle \mathcal{O}(\phi) \rangle_{J_0} = \frac{1}{Z_0} e^{-i \text{Im} S_0} \int_{J_0} \mathcal{D}\phi e^{-\text{Re} S(\phi)} \mathcal{O}(\phi) \left(\frac{1}{Z_0} \int_{J_0} \mathcal{D}\phi e^{-\text{Re} S(\phi)} \mathcal{O}(\phi) \right)$$

(Dφ) · (Jacobian) = β [perturbation]

Langevin eq.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{d}{dt} \phi^{(R)} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \phi^{(R)}} \text{Re} S + \eta^{(R)}(\theta) \\ \frac{d}{dt} \phi^{(I)} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \phi^{(I)}} \text{Re} S + \eta^{(I)}(\theta) \end{array} \right.$$

$e^{T_\phi J_0}$

To prepare the noise η , we must know tangent space $T_\phi J_0$.

⇒ Take the deviation of flow eq:

$$\frac{d}{dt} \delta Z = \left(\frac{\partial^2 S}{\partial \phi^2} \right) \delta Z$$

⇒ Project the stochastic noise along @ each tangent space.

⇒ Reweight the Jacobian factor.

• HMC on Lefschetz thimbles

1) Generate a Lefschetz thimble J_0 including tangential directions, i.e. $TJ_0 = \{(z, V_z^\alpha)\}$.

2) Formulate MD:

Define the classical ~~MD~~ ^{dynamics} constrained on the Lefschetz thimble:

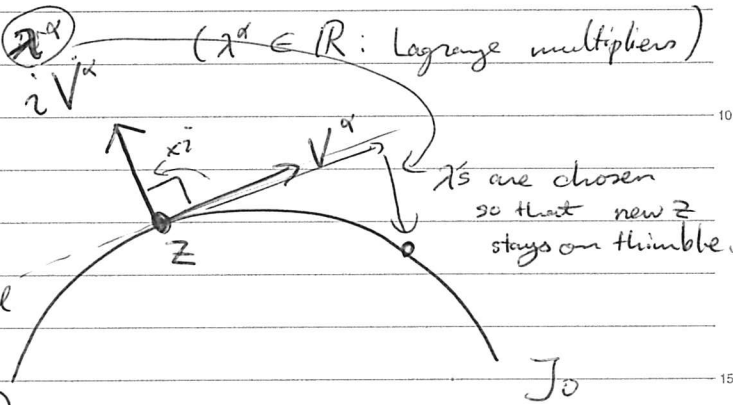
$$\frac{d}{dt} z_i = w_i$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} w_i = -\partial_i S - i V_{z_i}^\alpha \lambda^\alpha \quad (\lambda^\alpha \in \mathbb{R}: \text{Lagrange multipliers})$$

Constraints:

$$(z_i, w_i) \in TJ_0$$

$$V_i^\alpha \lambda^\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$$



This dynamics has a conserved Hamiltonian:

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \bar{w}_i w_i + \frac{1}{2} (S[z] + \overline{S[z]}).$$

3) HMC i) Generate an initial config. $z \in J_0$

ii) Refresh the momentum $w = V^\alpha w^\alpha$ by generating w^α in appropriate random way.

iii) Solve MD.

iv) Do Metropolis test by $H[z', w'] - H[w, z]$.
 → Repeat.

⇒ Reweight with the Jacobian factor, which gives $\langle O[\phi] \rangle_0$.

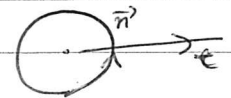
• Other possibilities

* Parma method 1: Use the fact that $J_0 \setminus \{z_0\} \simeq \mathbb{R} \times S^{n-1}$

Decompose $\int_{J_0} \mathcal{D}\phi(\cdot)$ as

$$\int d\vec{n} \int dt (\dots)$$

$$(\tau, \vec{n}) \quad \frac{d\tau}{(n-2)}$$



Do crude MC for \vec{n} integrals.

* Parma method 2: Assume that $J_0 \simeq T_0 J_0 \leftarrow$ flat space.

In this case, we need not care about difficulties of the flow eq.

⇒ Local update is possible. Apply heat-bath, etc.

◦ Contraction algorithm, Beyond thimbles

In 2nd Lecture, we've learned that it's impossible to kill the sign problem completely, when there's difficult Silver Blaze.

⇒ Compromise with milder sign problem, then we do not need to stay on thimbles.

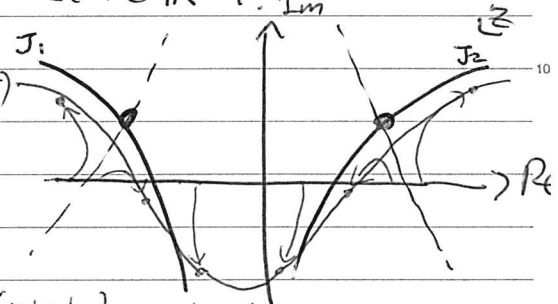
Gradient flow: $\frac{dz}{dt} = \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial z}\right)$.

$J(\tau) := \{z \in \mathbb{C}^n \mid z(\tau) = z, \text{ where } z(0) \in \mathbb{R}^n\}$. *Im*

$[J(\tau)] = [\mathbb{R}^n]$ in $H_n(\mathbb{C}^n, |e^{-S(z)}|)$,

and thus

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} d^n x e^{-S(x)} = \int_{J(\tau)} d^n z e^{-S(z)}$$



We can construct the map $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow J(\tau)$ (100%) explicitly as

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{R} & \longrightarrow & J(\tau) \\ \Psi \downarrow & & \downarrow \Psi \\ x & \longrightarrow & z(\tau, x), \end{array}$$

where

$$\frac{dz(\tau, x)}{dt} = \left(\frac{\partial S}{\partial z}\right), \quad z(0, x) = x,$$

Now, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} d^n x e^{-S(x)} &= \int_{J(\tau)} d^n z e^{-S(z)} \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} d^n x \det\left(\frac{\partial z(\tau, x)}{\partial x}\right) e^{-S(z(\tau, x))} \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} d^n x e^{-\underbrace{[S(z(\tau, x)) - \ln \det\left(\frac{\partial z(\tau, x)}{\partial x}\right)]}_{\text{Seff}(x)}} \end{aligned}$$

Thanks to the gradient flow, the sign problem of Seff is expected to be milder than S .

⇒ Apply MC + reweighting