

# Progress in solving noncommutative $\phi^4$ -theory in four dimensions

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# Introduction

- The **Standard Model** is a **perturbatively renormalisable quantum field theory**.
- Scattering amplitudes can be computed as **formal power series in coupling constants such as  $e^2 \approx \frac{1}{137}$** .  
The first terms agree to high precision with experiment.
- The **radius of convergence in  $e^2$  is zero!**

- Refined summation techniques (e.g. Borel) may establish **reasonable domains of analyticity**.
- Unfortunately, this also fails for QED due to the **Landau ghost problem**.

It is expected to work for **non-Abelian gauge theories** because of **asymptotic freedom**.

But these theories are too complicated.

QFT's on **noncommutative geometries** may provide toy models for **non-perturbative renormalisation** in four dimensions.

Due to noncommutativity, these models may have an **infinite number of Ward identities** which could make them **integrable**.

# General matrix models

- $I$  – set of indices (finite, countable or continuous)
- $\mathcal{M} = \{M = (M_{ab})_{a,b \in I}\}$  space of matrices (with topology)  
 product  $(MN)_{ab} = \sum_{c \in I} M_{ac} N_{cb}$ , trace  $\text{tr}(M) = \sum_{a \in I} M_{aa}$   
 for continuous  $I$  take  $(MN)_{ab} = \int_I d\mu(c) M_{ac} M_{cb}$   
 $\mathcal{M}_* = \{M = M^* \in \mathcal{M}\}$ , where  $(M^*)_{ab} = \overline{M_{ba}}$  adjoint
- **action** = non-linear functional  $S$  on  $\mathcal{M}_*$ . We consider

$$S[\phi] = \text{tr}(E\phi^2) + V[\phi], \quad V[\phi] = \text{tr}(P[\phi])$$

where  $E \in \mathcal{M}_*$  is a positive external matrix and  $P[\phi]$  an (e.g. even) polynomial in  $\phi$  with scalar coefficients.

# Euclidean quantum field theory

- action with source term  $\longrightarrow$  **partition function**

$$\mathcal{Z}[J] = \int \mathcal{D}\phi \exp(-S[\phi] + \text{tr}(\phi J))$$

where  $\mathcal{D}\phi = \prod_{a,b \in I} d\phi_{ab}$

- **connected correlation functions** obtained from  $\mathcal{W}[J] = \ln \mathcal{Z}[J]$  as

$$\langle \varphi_{a_1 b_1} \cdots \varphi_{a_n b_n} \rangle = \frac{\partial^n \mathcal{W}[J]}{\partial J_{b_1 a_1} \cdots \partial J_{b_n a_n}} \Big|_{J=0}$$

- unless  $I$  is finite, the resulting **index sums may diverge and require a renormalisation**

# Ward identity

- unitary transformation  $\phi \mapsto \tilde{\phi} = U\phi U^*$   
 $U \in \mathcal{M}''$  with  $UU^* = U^*U = \text{id}$ , leaves  $\mathcal{M}_*$  invariant:

$$\int \mathcal{D}\phi \exp(-S[\phi] + \text{tr}(\phi J)) = \int \mathcal{D}\tilde{\phi} \exp(-S[\tilde{\phi}] + \text{tr}(\tilde{\phi} J))$$

- measure unitarily invariant:  $\mathcal{D}\tilde{\phi} = \mathcal{D}\phi$ :

$$0 = \int \mathcal{D}\phi \left[ \exp(-S[\phi] + \text{tr}(\phi J)) - \exp(-S[\tilde{\phi}] + \text{tr}(\tilde{\phi} J)) \right]$$

note:  $[ ] \neq 0$  because  $\text{tr}(E\phi^2)$ ,  $\text{tr}(\phi J)$  not unitarily invariant!

- linearisation  $\longrightarrow$  **Ward identity** (matricial equation!)

$$0 = \int \mathcal{D}\phi \left[ E\phi\phi - \phi\phi E - J\phi + \phi J \right] \exp(-S[\phi] + \text{tr}(\phi J))$$

- choose a reference frame where  $E$  is diagonal (but  $J$  is not)
- use functional derivative  $\phi_{ab} = \frac{\partial}{\partial J_{ba}}$

## Proposition

The partition function  $\mathcal{Z}[J]$  of the matrix model defined by the external matrix  $E$  satisfies the  $|I| \times |I|$  **Ward identities**

$$0 = \sum_{n \in I} \left( (E_a - E_p) \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{Z}}{\partial a_n \partial J_{np}} + J_{pn} \frac{\partial \mathcal{Z}}{\partial J_{an}} - J_{na} \frac{\partial \mathcal{Z}}{\partial J_{np}} \right)$$

## Main assumption

- $m \mapsto E_m > 0$  **injective**

Note: always the case if we pass to equivalence classes  $[m]$  which have the same  $E_m$ ; then  $\sum_{m \in I} f(m) = \sum_{[m] \in [I]} \mu([m]) f([m])$

We will see: **These Ward identities and the choice of  $V[\phi]$  determine the QFT of the matrix model non-perturbatively!**

# Decomposition into cycles

From perturbative expansion into **ribbon graphs**: right index of  $J_{ab}$  is left index of another  $J_{bc}$ , or of the same  $J_{bb}$ .

Decomposition of  $\mathcal{W}[\mathcal{J}]$  for even  $V[\phi]$  into **J-cycles**:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{W}[\mathcal{J}] = & \mathcal{W}[0] + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{p,q \in I} G_{pq}(J_{pq}J_{qp}) + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{p,q \in I} G_{p|q}(J_{pp})(J_{qq}) \\ & + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{p,q,r,s \in I} G_{pqrs}(J_{pq}J_{qr}J_{rs}J_{sp}) + \frac{1}{3} \sum_{p,q,r,s \in I} G_{pqr|s}(J_{pq}J_{qr}J_{rp})(J_{ss}) \\ & + \frac{1}{8} \sum_{p,q,r,s \in I} G_{pq|rs}(J_{pq}J_{qp})(J_{rs}J_{sr}) + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{p,q,r,s \in I} G_{pq|r|s}(J_{pq}J_{qp})(J_{rr})(J_{ss}) \\ & + \frac{1}{24} \sum_{p,q,r,s \in I} G_{p|q|r|s}(J_{pp})(J_{qq})(J_{rr})(J_{ss}) + \mathcal{O}(\mathcal{J}^6) \end{aligned}$$

Attention:  $G_{pp}J_{pp}J_{pp}$  is topologically different from  $G_{p|p}J_{pp}J_{pp}$ !



# A new Ward identity for injective $E$

We turn the previous Ward identity

$$0 = \sum_{n \in I} \left( (E_a - E_p) \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{Z}}{\partial J_{an} \partial J_{np}} + J_{pn} \frac{\partial \mathcal{Z}}{\partial J_{an}} - J_{na} \frac{\partial \mathcal{Z}}{\partial J_{np}} \right)$$

for **injective  $E$**  into a formula for

$$\sum_{n \in I} \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{Z}[\mathcal{J}]}{\partial J_{an} \partial J_{np}} = \sum_{n \in I} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{W}[\mathcal{J}]}{\partial J_{an} \partial J_{np}} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{W}[\mathcal{J}]}{\partial J_{an}} \frac{\partial \mathcal{W}[\mathcal{J}]}{\partial J_{np}} \right) \mathcal{Z}[\mathcal{J}]$$

The  $J$ -cycle structure in  $\mathcal{W}[\mathcal{J}]$  creates

- **singular contributions**  $\sim \delta_{ap}$
- **regular contributions** present for all  $a, p$

## Main Theorem (Ward identity for injective $E$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{n \in I} \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{Z}[J]}{\partial J_{an} \partial J_{np}} \\
 &= \delta_{ap} \left( \sum_{n \in I} G_{an} + G_{a|a} \right. \\
 & \quad + \sum_{r, s \in I} \left\{ G_{a|r} G_{a|s} + \frac{1}{2} G_{a|a|r|s} + G_{rar|s} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n \in I} G_{r|s|an} \right\} J_{rr} J_{ss} \\
 & \quad + \sum_{r, s \in I} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} G_{a|a|rs} + G_{rars} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n \in I} G_{rs|an} \right\} J_{rs} J_{sr} + \mathcal{O}(J^4) \Big) \mathcal{Z}[J] \\
 & - \frac{1}{E_a - E_p} \sum_{n \in I} \left( J_{pn} \frac{\partial \mathcal{Z}[J]}{\partial J_{an}} - J_{na} \frac{\partial \mathcal{Z}[J]}{\partial J_{np}} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

The  $\mathcal{O}(J^4)$  terms are explicitly known. **Injectivity of  $E$  is crucial!**

# How to use the Ward identity

Functional integration yields, up to irrelevant constant,

$$\mathcal{Z}[\mathcal{J}] = e^{-V[\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathcal{J}}]} e^{\frac{1}{2}\langle \mathcal{J}, \mathcal{J} \rangle_E}, \quad \langle \mathcal{J}, \mathcal{J} \rangle_E := \sum_{m,n \in I} \frac{J_{mn} J_{nm}}{E_m + E_n}$$

Example:  $G_{ab}$  (for  $a \neq b$ )

$$\begin{aligned} G_{ab} &= \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}[0]} \frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{Z}[\mathcal{J}]}{\partial J_{ba} \partial J_{ab}} \Big|_{\mathcal{J}=0} = \frac{1}{\mathcal{Z}[0]} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial J_{ba}} e^{-V[\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathcal{J}}]} \frac{\partial}{\partial J_{ab}} e^{\frac{1}{2}\langle \mathcal{J}, \mathcal{J} \rangle_E} \right\} \Big|_{\mathcal{J}=0} \\ &= \frac{1}{E_a + E_b} + \frac{1}{(E_a + E_b) \mathcal{Z}[0]} \left\{ \left( \phi_{ab} \frac{\partial(-V)}{\partial \phi_{ab}} \right) \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathcal{J}} \right] \right\} \mathcal{Z}[\mathcal{J}] \Big|_{\mathcal{J}=0} \end{aligned}$$

$\frac{\partial(-V)}{\partial \phi_{ab}}$  contains, for any  $V$ , the twofold derivative  $\sum_n \frac{\partial^2}{\partial J_{an} \partial J_{np}}$

# Results for $V[\phi] = \frac{\lambda_4}{4} \text{tr}(\phi^4)$

$$G_{ab} = \frac{1}{E_a + E_b} - \frac{\lambda_4}{E_a + E_b} \left( G_{ab} \sum_{p \in I} G_{ap} + G_{ab} G_{a|a} \right. \\ \left. + G_{aaab} + G_{abab} + \sum_{p \in I} G_{ap|ab} + G_{a|a|ab} \right) \\ + \frac{\lambda_4}{E_a + E_b} \left( \sum_{p \in I} \frac{G_{pb} - G_{ab}}{E_p - E_a} + \frac{G_{b|b} - G_{a|b}}{E_b - E_a} \right)$$

$$G_{a|b} = -\frac{\lambda_4}{E_a + E_a} \left( G_{a|b} \sum_{p \in I} G_{ap} + 3G_{a|b} G_{a|a} \right. \\ \left. + G_{b|aaa} + G_{a|bab} + \sum_{p \in I} G_{a|b|ap} + G_{a|a|a|b} \right) \\ + \frac{\lambda_4}{E_a + E_a} \left( \frac{G_{bb} - G_{ab}}{E_b - E_a} + \sum_{p \in I} \frac{G_{p|b} - G_{a|b}}{E_p - E_a} \right)$$

# Genus expansion

- Perturbatively, a **ribbon graph** is a **simplicial complex** which topologically describes a **genus- $g$**  Riemann surface on which it can be drawn.
- Our connected functions  $G_{ab}$ ,  $G_{a|b}$ ,  $G_{abcd}$ , etc., involve all these topologies. Accordingly, we expand
 
$$G_{ab} = \sum_{g=0}^{\infty} G_{ab}^g, \quad G_{a|b} = \sum_{g=0}^{\infty} G_{a|b}^g, \quad G_{abcd} = \sum_{g=0}^{\infty} G_{abcd}^g,$$
 etc.
- The operations leading to the Ward identities **increase the genus by 1 whenever two  $J$ -cycles are connected by a bridge.**

We find:

$$\begin{aligned}
 G_{ab}^g &= \frac{\delta_{g0}}{E_a + E_b} - \frac{\lambda_4}{E_a + E_b} \left( \sum_{g'+g''=g} G_{ab}^{g'} \sum_{p \in I} G_{ap}^{g''} + \sum_{g'+g''=g-1} G_{ab}^{g'} G_{a|a}^{g''} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + G_{aaab}^{g-1} + G_{abab}^{g-1} + \sum_{p \in I} G_{ap|ab}^{g-1} + G_{a|a|ab}^{g-1} \right) \\
 &\quad + \frac{\lambda_4}{E_a + E_b} \left( \sum_{p \in I} \frac{G_{pb}^g - G_{ab}^g}{E_p - E_a} + \frac{G_{b|b}^{g-1} - G_{a|b}^{g-1}}{E_b - E_a} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

## Theorem

The (unrenormalised!) planar regular two-point function of the  $(E, \phi^4)$ -QFT satisfies, and is determined by, the **non-linear self-consistency equation**

$$G_{ab}^0 = \frac{1}{E_a + E_b} - \frac{\lambda_4}{E_a + E_b} \sum_{p \in I} \left( G_{ab}^0 G_{ap}^0 - \frac{G_{pb}^0 - G_{ab}^0}{E_p - E_a} \right)$$

- There is a hierarchy such that **all other equations are affine in the top degree function**.
- Some of them **need renormalisation** of  $E$ ,  $\phi$ , and  $\lambda_n$ .

# The renormalised noncommutative $\phi_4^4$ -theory

Example:  $\phi^4$  on 4D-Moyal space w/ harmonic oscillator potential

$$S[\phi] = \int d^4x \left( \frac{Z}{2} \phi \star (-\Delta + \Omega^2 \tilde{x}^2 + \mu_0^2) \phi + \frac{\lambda_0 Z^2}{4} \phi \star \phi \star \phi \star \phi \right) (x)$$

Moyal product  $\star$  defined by  $\Theta$  and  $\tilde{x} := 2\Theta^{-1} \cdot x$   
parameters:  $\mu_0^2, \lambda_0, Z \in \mathbb{R}_+$  and  $\Omega \in [0, 1]$

- **renormalisable as formal power series** in  $\lambda$  [Grosse-W.]  
means: well-defined **perturbative** quantum field theory
- **$\beta$ -function vanishes to all orders** in  $\lambda$  for  $\Omega = 1$   
[Disertori-Gurau-Magnen-Rivasseau]  
conjecture: model is **integrable**

Up to the sign of  $\mu_0^2$ , this model arises from a **spectral triple**.

# Rewriting as a matrix model

- Moyal algebra has a basis in which  $\star$ -product becomes matrix product for  $I = \mathbb{N}^2$  (in  $d$  dimensions:  $I = \mathbb{N}^{\frac{d}{2}}$ )
- The kinetic term is of non-local form  $\text{Tr}(\mathcal{E}(\phi \otimes \phi))$ . For  $\Omega = 1$  it reduces to  $\text{tr}(E\phi\phi)$ , with

$$E_{mn} = \delta_{m_1 n_1} \delta_{m_2 n_2} Z(|m| + \frac{1}{2}\mu_0^2), \quad \begin{cases} m = (m_1, m_2) \in I \\ |m| := m_1 + m_2 \end{cases}$$

only  $|m| \mapsto E_m$  is injective, not  $(m_1, m_2) \mapsto E_m$

- But  $G_{mn}$ , etc. only depend on  $|m|$ , and each sum over  $m_1, m_2$  with  $|m| = m_1 + m_2$  yields a measure factor  $|m|+1$ .

$$\left[ \text{In } d \text{ dimensions, the measure is } \binom{|m| + \frac{d}{2} - 1}{\frac{d}{2} - 1} \right]$$



With cut-off  $N$  and  $a \equiv |a|$ , the unrenormalised equation becomes

$$G_{ab}^0 = \frac{1}{Z(a+b+\mu_0^2)} - \frac{\lambda}{(a+b+\mu_0^2)} \sum_{p=0}^N (p+1) \left( Z G_{ab}^0 G_{ap}^0 - \frac{G_{pb}^0 - G_{ab}^0}{p-a} \right)$$

- We pass to 1PI functions  $G_{ab}^0 =: (Z(a+b+\mu_0^2) - \Gamma_{ab})^{-1}$  and Taylor-expand  $\Gamma_{ab} = Z\mu_0^2 - \mu^2 + (Z-1)(a+b) + \Gamma_{ab}^{ren}$
- normalisation conditions:  $\Gamma_{00}^{ren} = 0$  and  $(\partial\Gamma^{ren})_{00} = 0$  determine  $\mu_0^2$  and  $Z$
- no renormalisation of  $\lambda = \lambda_0$  because of  $\beta_\lambda = 0$

After introduction of continuous variables  $a = \mu^2 \frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}$  and elimination of  $Z, \mu_0$ , the limit  $N \rightarrow \infty$  exists:

## Theorem [Grosse-W., 2009]

The renormalised planar connected two-point function  $G_{\alpha\beta}$  of self-dual n.c.  $\phi_4^4$ -theory satisfies (and is determined by)

$$\begin{aligned}
 G_{\alpha\beta} = & 1 - \lambda \left( \frac{1-\alpha}{1-\alpha\beta} (\mathcal{M}_\beta - \mathcal{L}_\beta - \beta\mathcal{Y}) + \frac{1-\beta}{1-\alpha\beta} (\mathcal{M}_\alpha - \mathcal{L}_\alpha - \alpha\mathcal{Y}) \right. \\
 & + \frac{(1-\alpha)(1-\beta)}{1-\alpha\beta} (G_{\alpha\beta} - 1)\mathcal{Y} - \frac{\alpha(1-\beta)}{1-\alpha\beta} (\mathcal{L}_\beta + \mathcal{N}_{\alpha\beta} - \mathcal{N}_{\alpha 0}) \\
 & \left. + \frac{1-\beta}{1-\alpha\beta} (G_{\alpha\beta} - G_{\alpha 0}) \frac{\mathcal{M}_\alpha - \mathcal{L}_\alpha + \alpha\mathcal{N}_{\alpha 0}}{G_{\alpha 0}} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

with  $\alpha, \beta \in [0, 1)$  and

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}_\alpha &:= \int_0^1 d\rho \frac{G_{\alpha\rho} - G_{0\rho}}{1-\rho} & \mathcal{M}_\alpha &:= \int_0^1 d\rho \frac{\alpha G_{\alpha\rho}}{1-\alpha\rho} \\
 \mathcal{N}_{\alpha\beta} &:= \int_0^1 d\rho \frac{G_{\rho\beta} - G_{\alpha\beta}}{\rho-\alpha} & \mathcal{Y} &= \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \frac{\mathcal{M}_\alpha - \mathcal{L}_\alpha}{\alpha}
 \end{aligned}$$

## Theorem

The **renormalised planar 1PI four-point function**  $\Gamma_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}$  of self-dual n.c.  $\phi^4$ -theory satisfies (and is determined by)

$$\Gamma_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta} = \lambda \cdot \frac{\left(1 - \frac{(1-\alpha)(1-\gamma\delta)(G_{\alpha\delta} - G_{\gamma\delta})}{G_{\gamma\delta}(1-\delta)(\alpha-\gamma)} + \int_0^1 \rho d\rho \frac{(1-\beta)(1-\alpha\delta)G_{\beta\rho}G_{\delta\rho}}{(1-\beta\rho)(1-\delta\rho)} \frac{\Gamma_{\rho\beta\gamma\delta} - \Gamma_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}}{\rho-\alpha}\right)}{G_{\alpha\delta} + \lambda \left( (\mathcal{M}_\beta - \mathcal{L}_\beta - \mathcal{Y})G_{\alpha\delta} + \int_0^1 d\rho \frac{G_{\alpha\delta}G_{\beta\rho}(1-\beta)}{(1-\delta\rho)(1-\beta\rho)} + \int_0^1 \rho d\rho \frac{(1-\beta)(1-\alpha\delta)G_{\beta\rho}}{(1-\beta\rho)(1-\delta\rho)} \frac{(G_{\rho\delta} - G_{\alpha\delta})}{(\rho-\alpha)} \right)}$$

This equation is **linear** in the top degree function. There are standard methods to solve it (see later).

# Progress in solving our equation

- These integral equations determine the  $\phi^{*4}$ -Euclidean QFT non-perturbatively. The main difficulty is the **non-linearity** of the equation for  $G_{\alpha\beta}$ .
- We were able to solve the non-linearity perturbatively up to order  $\lambda^3$ . There appear **iterated integrals which evaluate to polylogarithms and  $\zeta$ -functions**.
- At order  $n$  there are  **$(\log(1 - \alpha))^n$**  contributions and a huge number of terms. A resummation will not work: We have to study the equation non-perturbatively.

## Main step

Three coupled equations for  $G_{\alpha 0}$ ,  $G_{\alpha\beta} - G_{\alpha 0}$  and  $\mathcal{Y}$ .

The equation for  $G_{\alpha\beta} - G_{\alpha 0}$  is a **linear singular integral equation of Carleman type**. It is solved by the **finite Hilbert transform**.

## The finite Hilbert transform

$$\mathcal{H}[f](x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \mathcal{P} \int_{-1}^1 dt \frac{f(t)}{t-x} \quad (\text{Cauchy principal value})$$

- $\mathcal{H} : L^p([-1, 1]) \rightarrow L^p([-1, 1])$  linear+continuous for  $p > 1$  (but not for  $p = 1$ ) [Riesz]
- $\mathcal{H} : C([-1, 1]) \rightarrow C([-1, 1])$  not continuous
- $\mathcal{H} : L^p \cap H_{loc}^\gamma \rightarrow L^p \cap H_{loc}^\gamma$  lin+cont's for  $p > 1$ ,  $0 < \gamma < 1$  [Okada-Elliott]

$H^\gamma([a, b])$  – Hölder space,  $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq C|x - y|^\gamma$

$H_{loc}^\gamma(a, b)$  – Hölder on every compact subinterval of  $(a, b)$

# The Carleman equation

## Theorem [Carleman, Tricomi]

The singular linear integral equation

$$a(x)y(x) + \lambda\pi\mathcal{H}[y](x) = f(x), \quad x \in [-1, 1]$$

is for  $a(x)$  continuous + Hölder near  $\pm 1$  and  $f \in L^q$  solved by

$$y(x) = \frac{a(x)f(x)}{a^2(x) + \lambda^2\pi^2} + \lambda\pi A(x)\mathcal{H}[A^*f](x) + C\frac{A(x)}{1-x} \in L^p$$

where  $A(x) = \frac{\exp\left(\mathcal{H}\left[\arctan\frac{\lambda\pi}{a}\right](x)\right)}{\sqrt{a^2(x) + \lambda^2\pi^2}}$ ,  $A^*(x) = \frac{\exp\left(-\mathcal{H}\left[\arctan\frac{\lambda\pi}{a}\right](x)\right)}{\sqrt{a^2(x) + \lambda^2\pi^2}}$

- Our equations for  $G_{\alpha\beta} - G_{\alpha 0}$  and  $G_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}$  are of this type.  
 $C = 0$  matches the perturbative solution.
- The solution expresses:
  - $G_{\alpha\beta}$  in terms of  $G_{\alpha 0}$  and  $G_{\beta 0}$
  - $G_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}$  in terms of  $G_{\alpha\beta}$

**Consequence:** Solving the equation for the two-point function (in some  $L^p \cap H_{loc}^\gamma$ -space) amounts to solve the entire model!

# The equation for $G_{\alpha 0}$

Main challenge is to solve

$$G_{\alpha 0} + \lambda \int_0^1 d\rho \frac{G_{\rho 0}}{1 - \alpha\rho} = 1 + \lambda \Psi_\alpha(G_{\bullet 0}, G_{\bullet\bullet}[G_{\bullet 0}, \mathcal{Y}], \mathcal{Y}, \lambda)$$

where  $\Psi_\alpha$  is **non-linear but bounded** for bounded  $G_{\alpha 0}$ ,  $G_{\alpha\beta}$

- The integral kernel  $\frac{1}{1-\alpha\rho}$  is **not square-integrable** so that perturbative iteration does not converge.
- equation transformed into

$$y(x) + \lambda \int_1^\infty dt \frac{y(t)}{t+x} = f(x)$$

- solved by **Mehler-Fock transform**

## Mehler-Fock transform

- for appropriate function  $f$  on  $[1, \infty)$ , define

$$\mathcal{F}[f](\tau) := \int_1^\infty dx P_{-\frac{1}{2}+i\tau}(x) f(x), \quad t \in [0, \infty)$$

$P_{-\frac{1}{2}+i\tau}(x)$  – Legendre spherical function of first kind

- $\mathcal{F}: L^p([1, \infty)) \rightarrow L^q(e^{-\alpha\tau}; \mathbb{R}_+)$  bounded [Yakubovich-Saigo]
- $\mathcal{F}^{-1}[\tilde{f}](x) := \int_0^\infty d\tau \tau \tanh(\pi\tau) P_{-\frac{1}{2}+i\tau}(x) \tilde{f}(\tau)$

## Proposition [Lebedev]

$y(x) + \lambda \int_1^\infty dt \frac{y(t)}{t+x} = f(x)$  has the unique solution

$$y(x) = f(x) - \lambda\pi \mathcal{F}^{-1} \left[ \frac{\mathcal{F}[f](\bullet)}{\lambda\pi + \cosh(\pi\bullet)} \right] (x), \quad \lambda\pi \geq -1$$



## Proposition

The integral equation  $G_{\alpha 0} + \lambda \int_0^1 d\rho \frac{G_{\rho 0}}{1 - \alpha\rho} = 1$  can be solved for  $\lambda\pi \geq -1$  with unique solution

$$\begin{aligned} G_{\alpha 0} &= \frac{\arcsin(\lambda\pi)}{\lambda\pi} \left(1 - \frac{\arcsin(\lambda\pi)}{\pi}\right) (1-\alpha)^{\frac{\arcsin(\lambda\pi)}{\pi}} {}_2F_1\left(\frac{\arcsin(\lambda\pi)}{\pi}, 1 + \frac{\arcsin(\lambda\pi)}{\pi} \mid \alpha\right) \\ &= \frac{\pi^2 + 4(\operatorname{arcosh}(\lambda\pi))^2}{4\lambda\pi^2} {}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{2} - i\frac{\operatorname{arcosh}(\lambda\pi)}{\pi}, \frac{1}{2} + i\frac{\operatorname{arcosh}(\lambda\pi)}{\pi} \mid -\frac{\alpha}{1-\alpha}\right) \\ &= 1 - \frac{\log(1-\alpha)}{\alpha} + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^2) \end{aligned}$$

- $-1 \leq \lambda\pi < 0$ :  $G_{\alpha 0} \in L^{\frac{\pi}{\arcsin|\lambda\pi|} - \epsilon}$  but **unbounded at  $\alpha \rightarrow 1$** ,  
 $\mathcal{N}_{\alpha 0} = \int_0^1 d\rho \frac{G_{\rho 0} - G_{\alpha 0}}{\rho - \alpha} \in L^{\frac{\pi}{\arcsin|\lambda\pi|} - \epsilon}$  **unbounded**
- $0 < \lambda\pi < 1$ :  $G_{\alpha 0} \in H^{\frac{\arcsin(\lambda\pi)}{\pi}}([0, 1])$ , is positive,  
 vanishes for  $\alpha \rightarrow 1$ ,  $\mathcal{N}_{\alpha 0} \in H^{\frac{\arcsin(\lambda\pi)}{\pi}}([0, 1])$
- $1 \leq \lambda\pi$ :  $G_{\alpha 0} \in H^{\frac{1}{2} - \epsilon}([0, 1])$ , oscillating, vanishes for  $\alpha \rightarrow 1$

# Conclusion

The cases  $\lambda > 0$  and  $\lambda < 0$  differ drastically:

- For  $\lambda > 0$  the solution is Hölder-continuous on  $[0, 1]$ , i.e. we are in Banach space setting.
- For  $\lambda < 0$  solution unbounded but in  $(L^p \cap H_{loc}^\gamma)([0, 1])$  for some  $p > 1$  and  $\gamma > 0$ , i.e. we are in Fréchet space setting.

## Main problem

Prove that  $\mathcal{F}^{-1} \circ \frac{\mathcal{F}}{\lambda\pi + \coth(\pi\bullet)}$  (Mehler-Fock) is continuous endomorphism of  $H^\gamma([0, 1])$  resp.  $(L^p \cap H_{loc}^\gamma)([0, 1])$ .

- If so, and if  $G_{\alpha 0} \mapsto G_{\alpha\beta}$  (Carleman) is continuous, then existence of Hölder-continuous solution  $G_{\alpha\beta}$  (and  $G_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}$ ) is for  $0 \leq \lambda \leq \lambda_0$  achieved by Banach fixed-point theorem!
- No substitute in the Fréchet setting  $\lambda < 0$ ! The seminorms grow to  $\infty$ ; iteration is unlikely to converge for some  $\lambda < 0$ !