

Reflection positivity in large-deformation limits of noncommutative field theories

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What makes reflection positivity in 4D QFT difficult?

Euclidean QFT and axioms for Schwinger functions need no introduction. They are natural. Problem is to give **examples**.

Schwinger 2-point function in 4D momentum space

$$\hat{S}_2(p) \propto \frac{1}{(p^2+m^2)^{1-\eta/2}}, \quad \eta - \text{anomalous dimension}$$

- **reflection positivity requires $\eta \geq 0$**
- ... but convergence in 4D needs $\eta \leq 0$

proposed way out: require decay of effective vertex functions with $p_i \rightarrow \infty$ (**asymptotic freedom**)

- **Yang-Mills theory** expected to have asymptotic freedom
- tendency to produce **infrared problems** (\rightarrow confinement), no solution so far, Millenium Prize Problem for Yang-Mills

Question

Can one circumvent convergence via **exactly solvable models**?

Plan

- We will produce candidate Schwinger functions via detour into **noncommutative geometry**.
- Action functional essentially defines **matrix models** with $U(\infty)$ -group action.
- Derive **exact explicit formulae for any correlation function**, analytic in coupling constant (hope to do it for other models).
- With some ansatz (to be discussed), get projection to Schwinger functions.
- Explicit formulae permit **direct verification of reflection positivity**.
It holds in some sector, but (for chosen ansatz) not for everything.
- Future: understand freedom which goes into ansatz

Matricial quantum field theory

... is the marriage of

- ① matrix models for 2D quantum gravity
- ② QFT on noncommutative spaces
- ① **Kontsevich model** (1992)
designed to prove **Witten's conjecture** that **hermitean one-matrix model** computes **intersection numbers of stable cohomology classes** on the moduli space of complex curves
- ② Space-time should become a **noncommutative manifold** at short distances.
 - Euclidean scalar field $\phi \in \mathcal{A}$ (noncommutative algebra)
 - \mathcal{A} often has finite-dimensional approximations (matrices)
 - **infinitely many constraints from $U(\infty)$ -group action** make the models almost solvable

Two models

$$\textcircled{4} \quad S(\Phi) = V \operatorname{tr}(ZE\Phi^2 + \frac{Z^2\lambda}{4}\Phi^4)$$

$$\text{for } E = \left(\frac{\mu_{bare}^2}{2} + \mu^2 \mathbf{e} \left(\frac{|n|}{\mu^2 V^{2/D}} \right) \delta_{mn} \right), \quad m, n \in \mathbb{N}^{D/2}$$

suggested the method, solved up to fixed-point problem

$$\textcircled{3} \quad S(\Phi) = V \operatorname{tr}(ZE\Phi^2 + (\kappa + \nu E + \zeta E^2)\Phi + \frac{\lambda_{bare} Z^{\frac{3}{2}}}{3} \Phi^3)$$

completely solved thanks to relation to Kontsevich model

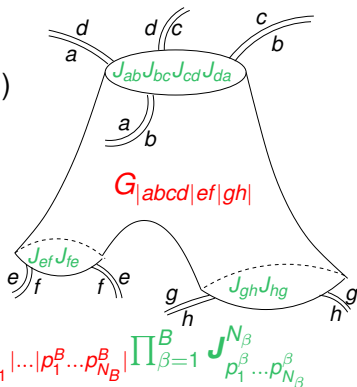
Strategy

- partition function meaningless for $\textcircled{3}$ and $\lambda_{bare} \in \mathbb{R}$
- use (Fourier transform of) partition function
 $\hat{Z}(J) := \frac{1}{Z} \int D\Phi \exp(-S(\Phi) + i \sum \Phi_{mn} J_{mn})$ only as a **tool to derive equations of motion (Schwinger-Dyson eq.)**
- declare SD-equations as exact, try to solve them

limit $V \rightarrow \infty$ is (in examples) a **large-deformation limit**

Topological expansion

- Riemann surfaces with B boundary components (avoid genus expansion)
- k^{th} boundary component carries a cycle $\mathbf{J}_{p_1 \dots p_{N_k}}^{N_k} := i^{N_k} \prod_{j=1}^{N_k} \mathbf{J}_{p_j p_{j+1}}$ of N_k external sources, $N_k + 1 \equiv 1$



- expand $\log \hat{\mathcal{Z}}(\mathbf{J}) = \sum \frac{1}{S} V^{2-B} G_{|p_1^1 \dots p_{N_1}^1| \dots |p_1^B \dots p_{N_B}^B|} \prod_{\beta=1}^B \mathbf{J}_{p_1^{\beta} \dots p_{N_{\beta}}^{\beta}}^{N_{\beta}}$ according to the cycle structure
- QFT of matrix models determines the **weights of Riemann surfaces** with **decorated boundary components** compatible with
 - 1 gluing (of fringes, not boundaries!)
 - 2 covariance (under $\Phi \mapsto U^* \Phi U$, which is not a symmetry!)

Schwinger-Dyson equations

1-point function in dimension $D \leq 6$, $\underline{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_{D/2})$:

$$G_{|\underline{a}|} = \frac{1}{2ZE_{\underline{a}}} \left\{ -\kappa - \nu E_{\underline{a}} - \zeta E_{\underline{a}}^2 - \lambda_{bare} Z^{\frac{3}{2}} \left(G_{|\underline{a}|}^2 + \frac{1}{V} \sum_{m \in \mathbb{N}_{\mathcal{N}}^{D/2}} G_{|\underline{a}m|} + \frac{G_{|\underline{a}|\underline{a}|}}{V^2} \right) \right\}$$

- typical feature: SD-equation for n -point function depends on $(m > n)$ -point function
- Here we are rescued:
 - 1 $G_{|\underline{a}|\underline{a}|}$ comes with $\frac{1}{V^2}$, goes away in limit $V \rightarrow \infty$
 - 2 $G_{|\underline{a}m|}$ expressible in terms of $G_{|\underline{a}|}$, $G_{|m|}$ thanks to **Ward-Takahashi identity for $U(\infty)$ -group action:**

Theorem (Disertori-Gurau-Magnen-Rivasseau 2006)

$$\sum_n \frac{\partial^2 \hat{\mathcal{Z}}(J)}{i^2 \partial J_{bn} \partial J_{na}} = \sum_n \frac{V}{Z(E_a - E_b)} \left(J_{an} \frac{\partial}{\partial J_{bn}} - J_{nb} \frac{\partial}{\partial J_{na}} \right) \hat{\mathcal{Z}}(J) - \frac{V}{Z} (\nu + \zeta(E_a + E_b)) \frac{\partial \hat{\mathcal{Z}}(J)}{i \partial J_{ba}} \quad (\text{for } a \neq b)$$

Limit to integral equations

SD-equations resulting from $\hat{\mathcal{Z}}(J)$ involve sums over matrix indices

- take a limit $\mathcal{N} \rightarrow \infty$, $V \rightarrow \infty$ with $\frac{\mathcal{N}}{V^2/D}$ fixed
in which these converge to **integral equations** for functions of ‘continuous matrix indices’
- standard in matrix models where $V \equiv \mathcal{N}$,
large-deformation limit on certain noncommutative geometries
- usual QFT-divergences arise, but better tools to cure them:
have exact equations for renormalisation constants
 $Z, \kappa, \nu, \zeta, \mu_{bare}, \lambda_{bare}$: **renormalisation without expansion**
- additionally the **limit decouples equations** into:
 - (a) one non-linear (difficult) equation for simplest function
 - (b) a hierarchy of affine equations for all other functions
(iteratively solvable)

The non-linear integral equations for $\lambda\phi^{3,4}$

$$\textcircled{4} \quad f(x, y)f(x, z) + \frac{f(x, y) - f(x, z)}{y - z} = \lambda \int dt \rho(t) \frac{f(x, y)f(t, z) - f(x, z)f(t, y)}{(x - t)(y - z)}$$

(with $f(x, y) = f(y, x)$, $f(0, 0) = 1$)

- via **singular integral equations** reducible to fixed point equation (for which solution exists!)

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x} \exp \left(-\lambda \int_0^x dt \int_0^\infty \frac{dp}{(\lambda\pi p)^2 + \left(t + \frac{1 + \lambda\pi p \mathcal{H}_\rho[f(\bullet)]}{f(p)}\right)^2} \right)$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad f^2(x) + \lambda^2 \int_a^b dt \rho(t) \frac{f(x) - f(t)}{x - t} = x$$

solved by $f(x) = \sqrt{x + c} + \frac{\lambda^2}{2} \int_a^b \frac{dt \rho(t)}{(\sqrt{x+c} + \sqrt{t+c})\sqrt{t+c}}$ plus consistency condition on c [Makeenko-Semenoff, 1991]

Remark: both equations viewed as describing **boundary values of holomorphic functions**

The beta-function

- ④ $\lambda\Phi_4^4$ has, for any dynamical matrix E , **vanishing β -function**
more precisely for \mathcal{N} , $V \rightarrow \infty$:

$$G(x, y, z, w) = (-\lambda_{bare}) \frac{G(x, y)G(z, w) - G(x, w)G(z, y)}{(e(x) - e(z))(e(y) - e(w))}$$

(perturbative proof by [Disertori et al] initiated this work)

- ③ for Φ_6^3 (at cut-off Λ):

$$\beta_\lambda := \Lambda^2 \frac{d\lambda_{bare}(\Lambda)}{d\Lambda^2} = \frac{2\lambda_r^3 \Lambda^6}{(\sqrt{1+c} + \sqrt{(2e(\Lambda^2)+1)^2+c})^2 \sqrt{(2e(\Lambda^2)+1)^2+c}}$$

- **positive** for $\lambda_r \in \mathbb{R}$, **negative** for $\lambda_r \in i\mathbb{R}$
- nonetheless for $\lambda_r \in \mathbb{R}$ **no Landau ghost or triviality**:

$$\lambda_{bare} = \frac{\lambda_r}{\sqrt{Z}}, Z \in [0, 1] \text{ for } \lambda_r \in \mathbb{R}$$

Explicit solution of Φ_6^3

Theorem [Grosse-Sako-W, 2016]

Given coupling constant λ , eigenvalue function $e(x)$ of 6D degeneracy. Then the **renormalised 1-point function of $\lambda\Phi_6^3$** is

$$G(x) = \frac{\sqrt{(X+c)(1+c)} - c - \sqrt{X}}{2\lambda} + \frac{\lambda}{4} \int_1^\infty \frac{dT (e^{-1}(\frac{\sqrt{T}-1}{2}))^2 (\sqrt{X+c} - \sqrt{1+c})^2}{\sqrt{T} e'(e^{-1}(\frac{\sqrt{T}-1}{2})) (\sqrt{X+c} + \sqrt{T+c}) (\sqrt{1+c} + \sqrt{T+c})^2 \sqrt{T+c}}$$

where $\sqrt{X} := 2e(x) + 1$ and $c(\lambda)$ is implicit solution of

$$-c = \lambda^2 \int_1^\infty \frac{dT (e^{-1}(\frac{\sqrt{T}-1}{2}))^2}{\sqrt{T} e'(e^{-1}(\frac{\sqrt{T}-1}{2})) (\sqrt{1+c} + \sqrt{T+c})^3 \sqrt{T+c}}$$

- explicit integrals for Moyal space with $e(x) = x$ (later)
- matches perfectly renormalised Feynman graph calculation

Higher correlation functions

... satisfy linear integral equations, easily reduced to $(1 + \dots + 1)$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & G(x_1^1, \dots, x_{N_1}^1 | \dots | x_1^B, \dots, x_{N_B}^B |) \\
 &= \frac{1}{\lambda^B} \sum_{k_1=1}^{N_1} \dots \sum_{k_B=1}^{N_B} G(x_{k_1}^1 | \dots | x_{k_B}^B |) \prod_{\beta=1}^B \prod_{\substack{l_\beta=1 \\ l_\beta \neq k_\beta}}^{N_\beta} \frac{4\lambda}{x_{k_\beta}^\beta - x_{l_\beta}^\beta} \\
 & \quad (\lambda G(x_k^1) + \sqrt{x_k^1}/2) \text{ if } B=1 \qquad x_k^\beta = (2e(x_k^\beta) + 1)^2
 \end{aligned}$$

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Theorem [Grosse-Sako-W 2016]

$$G(x|y) = \frac{4\lambda^2}{\sqrt{X+c} \cdot \sqrt{Y+c} \cdot (\sqrt{X+c} + \sqrt{Y+c})^2} \quad \text{where } X = (2(e(x)+1))^2$$

$$G(x^1 | \dots | x^B) = \frac{d^{B-3}}{dt^{B-3}} \left(\frac{(-2\lambda)^{3B-4}}{(R(t))^{B-2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{X^1+c-2t^3}} \dots \frac{1}{\sqrt{X^B+c-2t^3}} \right) \Big|_{t=0}$$

$$R(T) = \lim_{\tilde{\Lambda} \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{Z(\tilde{\Lambda})}} - \int_1^{\tilde{\Lambda}} \frac{dT \rho(T)}{\sqrt{T+c} (\sqrt{T+c} + \sqrt{T+c-2t}) \sqrt{T+c-2t}} \right)$$

Proof: ansatz for recursion and experience with **Bell polynomials**

QFT on noncommutative geometries

Example: Moyal algebra = Rieffel deformation of $C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2)$

$$(f \star g)(\xi) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2} \frac{d\eta dk}{(2\pi)^2} f(\xi + \frac{1}{2}\Theta k) g(\xi + \eta) e^{i\langle k, \eta \rangle} \quad \Theta = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \theta \\ -\theta & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- matrix basis $\phi(\xi) = \sum_{\underline{m}, \underline{n} \in \mathbb{N}^{D/2}} \Phi_{\underline{m}\underline{n}} \prod_{i=1}^{D/2} f_{m_i n_i}(\xi_{2i-1}, \xi_{2i})$

$$f_{mn}(\xi) = 2(-1)^m \sqrt{\frac{m!}{n!}} \left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{\theta}} \xi_1 + i \xi_2 \right)^{n-m} L_m^{n-m} \left(\frac{2\|\xi\|^2}{\theta} \right) e^{-\frac{\|\xi\|^2}{\theta}}$$

- satisfies $f_{\underline{m}\underline{n}} \star f_{\underline{k}\underline{l}} = \delta_{\underline{n}\underline{k}} f_{\underline{m}\underline{l}}$ and $\int \frac{d\xi}{(8\pi)^{D/2}} f_{\underline{m}\underline{n}}(\xi) = \left(\frac{\theta}{4}\right)^{D/2} \delta_{\underline{m}\underline{n}}$

- consider scalar field theories on Moyal space

$$S(\phi) := \frac{1}{(8\pi)^{D/2}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^D} d\xi \left(\frac{1}{2} \phi \star (-\Delta + 4\Omega^2 \|\Theta^{-1} \xi\|^2) \star \phi + \text{tr}(\text{pol}(\phi)) \right)$$

- f_{mn} -expansion at $\Omega = 1$ yields matrix model

$$S(\Phi) = V \text{tr}(E\Phi^2 + \text{pol}(\Phi)), \quad E = \left(\left(\frac{\mu^2}{2} + \frac{n}{2} \right) \delta_{mn} \right), \quad V = \left(\frac{\theta}{4} \right)^{D/2}$$

Schwinger functions on standard \mathbb{R}^D

from matricial moments $G(x_1^1 \dots x_{N_1}^1 | \dots | x_1^B \dots x_{N_B}^B)$ via f_{mn} to \mathbb{R}^D :

Definition/Theorem: *connected* Schwinger functions

$$\begin{aligned}
 & S_N^c(\mu\xi_1, \dots, \mu\xi_N) \\
 & := \lim_{V\mu^D \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{m_i, n_i=0}^{\infty} f_{m_1 n_1}(\xi_1) \cdots f_{m_N n_N}(\xi_N) \frac{(V\mu^D)^{-2} \mu^{\frac{N(D+2)}{2}} \partial^N \log \hat{Z}(J) \Big|_{J=0}}{i^N \langle \rho_\beta, \sum_{i=1}^N (-1)^{i-1} m_{N_1 \dots N_N} \xi_{\sigma(N_1 + \dots + N_{\beta-1} + i)} \rangle} \\
 & = \sum_{\substack{N_1 + \dots + N_B = N \\ N_\beta \text{ even}}} \sum_{\sigma \in S_N} \left(\prod_{\beta=1}^B \frac{2^{\frac{DN_\beta}{2}}}{N_\beta} \int_{\mathbb{R}^D} \frac{dp_\beta}{(2\pi\mu^2)^{\frac{D}{2}}} e^{i \langle \rho_\beta, \sum_{i=1}^N (-1)^{i-1} m_{N_1 \dots N_N} \xi_{\sigma(N_1 + \dots + N_{\beta-1} + i)} \rangle} \right) \\
 & \quad \times \frac{1}{(8\pi)^{\frac{D}{2}} S_{N_1 \dots N_B}} G \left(\underbrace{\left\| \frac{p_1}{2\mu^2} \right\|^2, \dots, \left\| \frac{p_1}{2\mu^2} \right\|^2}_{N_1} \mid \dots \mid \underbrace{\left\| \frac{p_B}{2\mu^2} \right\|^2, \dots, \left\| \frac{p_B}{2\mu^2} \right\|^2}_{N_B} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Confinement of noncommutativity: have internal interaction of matrices; commutative subsector propagates to outside world

- Schwinger functions are symmetric and **invariant under full Euclidean group** (completely unexpected for NCQFT!)
- remains: **reflection positivity** (... and non-triviality)

Remarks

- **momenta** of Euclidean particles **individually preserved** (no production, not even momentum transfer, much less than factorising S -matrices)
- known from some classical integrable models [Moser 1975], extended to quantum fields by Kulish [1976]
- **clustering is always violated**
- expect very many vacua, S -matrix a constant phase in each of them

All this relies on the preliminary definition of Schwinger functions, which might change in future.

On the other hand, we can answer reflection positivity:

Reflection positivity $\mathcal{S}(\bar{f}^r \otimes f) \geq 0$

- f stands for sequences of test functions of special support
- $f_1^r(\tau, \vec{\xi}) = f_1(-\tau, \vec{\xi})$ is time reflection

Implies for very special f :

The temporal Fourier transform of \hat{S} (in all independent energies) is, for any spatial momenta, a positive definite function.

Theorem [Hausdorff-Bernstein-Widder, 1921-1912/28-1941]

For continuous/smooth function F on $(\mathbb{R}_+)^N \ni t = (t^1, \dots, t^N)$ are equivalent:

- 1 F is positive definite, i.e. $\sum_{i,j=1}^K \bar{c}_i c_j F(t_i + t_j) \geq 0$
- 2 F is the joint Laplace transform of a positive measure
- 3 F is completely monotonic, $(-1)^{k_1 + \dots + k_N} \partial_{t^1}^{k_1} \dots \partial_{t^N}^{k_N} F(t) \geq 0$

property 2 needed for Osterwalder-Schrader, 3 is what we check

Stieltjes functions

Prototype for $N = 1$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{e^{ip^0 t}}{(p^0)^2 + \vec{p}^2 + m^2} = \left(\frac{2\pi t}{\sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + m^2}} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} K_{\frac{1}{2}}(t\sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + m^2}) = \frac{\pi e^{-t\sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + m^2}}}{\sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + m^2}}$$

Lemma

Up to integration in m^2 with positive measure, $\frac{1}{(p^0)^2 + \vec{p}^2 + m^2}$ is the only function with positive definite Fourier transform for $N = 1$.

- $p^2 \mapsto \int_0^\infty \frac{\varrho(m^2) dm^2}{p^2 + m^2}$ forms the class of **Stieltjes functions**
- in QFT, $\varrho(m^2)$ is the **Källén-Lehmann spectral measure**

Is $G\left(\frac{\|p\|^2}{2\mu^2}, \frac{\|p\|^2}{2\mu^2}\right)$ Stieltjes?

- We work on this for Φ_4^4 since 2013. Have some analytic evidence, confirmed by computer, but no complete proof.
- For Φ_D^3 we have the answer:

Reflection positivity of the 2-point function

Theorem (Grosse-Sako-W 2016)

- 1 The Φ_D^3 -matricial QFT is **not reflection positive** for $\lambda \in i\mathbb{R}$.
- 2 The Φ_D^3 two-point function **is reflection positive** for $D \in \{4, 6\}$ and some range of $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$, but not in $D = 2$.

measure supported on **broadened mass shell** plus **scattering part**:

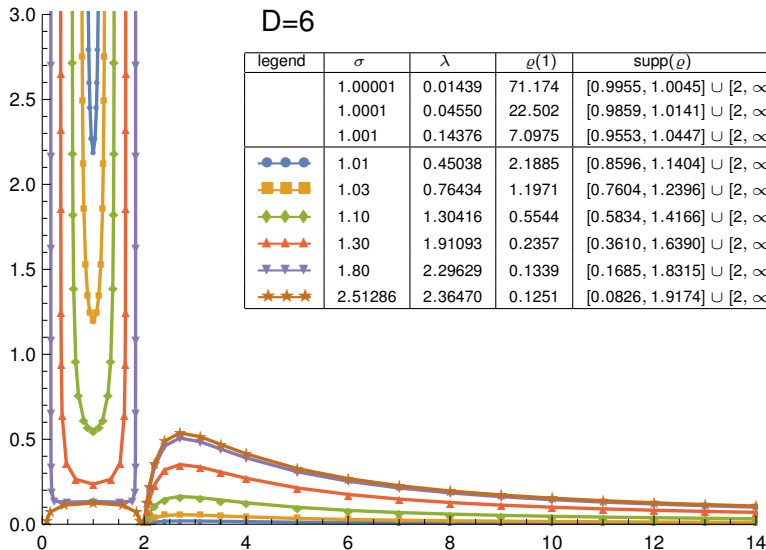
$$G\left(\frac{\|p\|^2}{2\mu^2}, \frac{\|p\|^2}{2\mu^2}\right) \stackrel{6D}{=} \frac{\lambda^2}{4\pi(\sigma^2-1)} \int_0^\pi d\phi \frac{\left\{ 2^{\frac{\log(1+\sigma)}{\sigma}} - 1 + \sigma(\sigma-1) \tan^2 \phi - \tan \phi (1 + \sigma^2 \tan^2 \phi) (\arctan_{[0,\pi]}(\sigma \tan \phi) - \phi) \right\}}{1 - \frac{\sqrt{\sigma^2-1}}{\sigma} \cos \phi + \frac{\|p\|^2}{\mu^2}}$$

$$+ \frac{\lambda^2}{4} \int_2^\infty dt \frac{t(t-2)/(t-1)^3}{t + \frac{\|p\|^2}{\mu^2}},$$

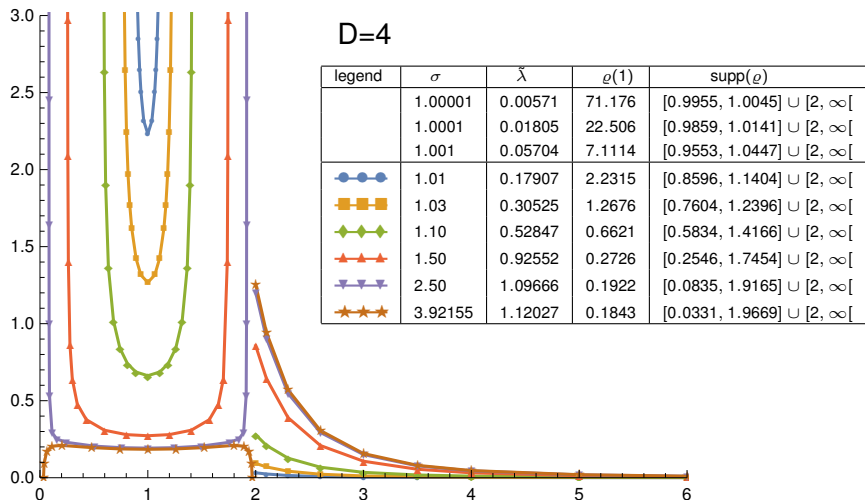
where $\sigma := \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+c}} \in [1, -2W_{-1}(-\frac{1}{2\sqrt{e}}) - 1]$ is the

inverse solution of $\lambda^2 = \frac{4(\sigma^2-1)}{\sigma^2-2\sigma+2\log(1+\sigma)} \in [0, \frac{8W_{-1}(-\frac{1}{2\sqrt{e}})}{1+2W_{-1}(-\frac{1}{2\sqrt{e}})}]$

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Reflection positivity of higher Schwinger functions?

No, they are too much localised in p -space!

Φ_4^4 slightly better $G\left(\frac{\|p\|^2}{2\mu^2}, \frac{\|p\|^2}{2\mu^2}\right) \propto \frac{C}{(\|p\|^2 + \mu^2)^{1 - \frac{1}{\pi} \arcsin(|\lambda|\pi)}}$

but will not solve the problem

Way out?

- We have a nice exactly solvable matricial theory with explicit formulae for everything.
- To obtain a QFT on commutative \mathbb{R}^D we take a limit which brutally projects to diagonals, loosing most information
- Can we build reasonable/natural states on matrices

$$\omega_{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_N}(\mathbf{e}_{m_1 n_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbf{e}_{m_N n_N})$$

which keep the non-diagonal information?

- In other words: it is the state which translates matrices to space-time functions

States

More general definition of connected Schwinger functions

$$S_N^c(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_N) := \lim_{V, \mathcal{N} \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{m_i, n_i=0}^{\infty} \omega_{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_N}(\mathbf{e}_{m_1 n_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbf{e}_{m_N n_N}) \frac{\partial^N \log \hat{Z}(J)}{i^N \partial J_{m_1 n_1} \dots \partial J_{m_N n_N}} \Big|_{J=0}$$

- so far $\omega_{\xi_1, \dots, \xi_N}(\mathbf{e}_{m_1 n_1} \otimes \dots \otimes \mathbf{e}_{m_N n_N}) = \frac{\mu^{3N}}{(V\mu^D)^2} f_{m_1 n_1}(\xi_1) \cdots f_{m_N n_N}(\xi_N)$
- maybe **quantum diagonal map** (removes center of motion) [Bahns-Doplicher-Fredenhagen-Piacitelli, 2003]
- simple integration over $\xi_1 + \dots + \xi_N$ considerably weakens p -space localisation (but probably not enough)
- future project: systematic investigation of this freedom, and **whether this rescues reflection positivity**
- Can this be generalised to much larger classes of noncommutative geometries, e.g. all AF-algebras?