

Resonances of the Laplacian on noncompact Riemannian symmetric spaces of low rank

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Statement of the problem

$X = G/K$ is a Riemannian symmetric space of the noncompact type, where:

G = connected noncompact real semisimple Lie group with finite center

K = maximal compact subgroup of G

Examples:

- $H^n(\mathbb{R}) = SO_0(1, n)/SO(n)$ real hyperbolic space
- $SU(p, q)/S(U(p) \times U(q))$, $q \geq p \geq 1$, Grassmannian of p subspaces of \mathbb{C}^{p+q}
(complex hyperbolic space if $p = 1$)

Δ = (positive) Laplacian on X , with continuous spectrum $\sigma(\Delta) = [\rho_X^2, +\infty[$ with $\rho_X^2 > 0$.

The **resolvent** of Δ

$$R_\Delta(u) = (\Delta - u)^{-1}$$

is a bdd operator on $L^2(X)$ depending holomorphically on $u \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \sigma(\Delta)$, i.e.

$$\mathbb{C} \setminus \sigma(\Delta) \ni u \longrightarrow R_\Delta(u) = (\Delta - u)^{-1} \in \mathcal{B}(L^2(X)).$$

is a holomorphic operator-valued function.

As operator on $L^2(X)$, the resolvent R_Δ has no extension across $\sigma(\Delta)$.

Letting R_Δ act on a smaller dense subspace of $L^2(X)$, e.g. $C_c^\infty(X)$, a meromorphic continuation of R_Δ across $\sigma(\Delta)$ is possible.

Theorem (Strohmaier, Mazzeo-Vasy, 2005)

Let X be an arbitrary Riemannian symmetric space of the noncompact type.
There are $\Omega \subsetneq \mathbb{C}$ open with $\sigma(\Delta) \subset \Omega$ and M Riemann surface above Ω such that

$$R_\Delta : \Omega \setminus \sigma(\Delta) \ni u \longrightarrow R_\Delta(u) \in \text{Hom}(C_c^\infty(X), C_c^\infty(X)')$$

admits *holomorphic* extension to M .

$\rightsquigarrow \Omega$ is not large enough to find resonances.

Special cases showing that there might be resonances are classical:

Theorem (Guillopé-Zworski, 1995)

For $X = H^n(\mathbb{R})$ and $\Omega = \mathbb{C}$, the resolvent R_Δ has:

- ◇ holomorphic extension, if n is odd
- ◇ meromorphic extension (with infinitely many poles) if n even.

Problem 1: For general $X = G/K$, does R_Δ admit a meromorphic extension to a Riemann surface above $\Omega = \mathbb{C}$?

If so: what are the poles? What are the residues?

The poles of the meromorphically extended R_Δ are called the **(quantum) resonances** of the Laplacian.

(Quantum) resonances

In physics:

- Quantum mechanical systems which are bound can only assume certain discrete values of energy (=energy levels) which are constant in time.
- Quantum mechanical systems which are unbound might have states with energy that at a certain starting time can assume certain discrete values, but are not constant in time, usually decreasing exponentially (=metastable states).
- Energy at a metastable state is described by a complex number ζ (a resonance):
Re ζ = energy at the starting time
Im ζ = rate of exponential time decreasing of the energy.
- The resonances are the poles of the meromorphic extension of the resolvent

$$\mathbb{C} \setminus \sigma(H) \ni u \longrightarrow R_H(u) = (H - u)^{-1}$$

of the Hamiltonian H , with continuous spectrum $\sigma(H)$, describing the unbound system.

In mathematics:

- **Classical situation:** Resonances for Schrödinger operators $H = \Delta_{\mathbb{R}^n} + V$ where:
 - ◇ $\Delta_{\mathbb{R}^n} = -\sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_j^2}$ is the positive Euclidean Laplacian
 - ◇ V is a potential
(V chosen so that H is s.a. and $\sigma(H) \subset [0, +\infty[$ is continuous; e.g. $V = 0$).
- **Geometric scattering:** Resonances for the Laplacian Δ of complete non-compact Riemannian manifolds (with bounded geometry).
Motivations: scattering, dynamical systems, spectral analysis...
Very active field of research.

Why studying resonances on symmetric spaces?

- ◇ well understood geometry
- ◇ well developed Fourier analysis: HF (=Helgason-Fourier) transform
- ◇ radial part of Δ on a Cartan subspace is a Schrödinger operator
- ◇ tools from representation theory

Some usual renormalizations

$X = G/K$ Riemannian symmetric space of the noncompact type.

- Translate the spectrum $[\rho_X^2, +\infty)$ to $[0, +\infty)$
i.e. consider $\Delta - \rho_X^2$ instead of Δ
- Change variables $u = z^2 \rightsquigarrow$ choice of square root: $\sqrt{-1} = i$
 $u \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [0, +\infty[$ corresponds to $z \in \mathbb{C}^+ = \{w \in \mathbb{C} : \text{Im } w > 0\}$.
- Define

$$R(z) = R_{\Delta - \rho_X^2}(z^2) = (\Delta - \rho_X^2 - z^2)^{-1}$$

So $R : \mathbb{C}^+ \rightarrow \mathcal{B}(L^2(X))$ is a holomorphic operator-valued function.

Goal:

Meromorphic continuation across \mathbb{R} of $R : \mathbb{C}^+ \rightarrow \text{Hom}(C_c^\infty(X), C_c^\infty(X)')$

\Downarrow

$C^\infty(X)$ instead of $C_c^\infty(X)'$
for $X = G/K$ symmetric
(Paley-Wiener theorem)

Residue operators

Suppose we have a meromorphic continuation of $R : \mathbb{C}^+ \rightarrow \text{Hom}(C_c^\infty(X), C^\infty(X))$ across \mathbb{R} , i.e.

- a Riemann surface $\begin{array}{c} M \\ \downarrow \pi \\ \Omega \end{array}$ with $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}$ open, $\Omega \cap \mathbb{R} \neq \emptyset$

- $\tilde{R} : M \rightarrow \text{Hom}(C_c^\infty(X), C^\infty(X))$ meromorphic and extending a lift of R to M :

$$\begin{array}{ccc} M & \xrightarrow{\tilde{R}} & \text{Hom}(C_c^\infty(X), C^\infty(X)) \\ \uparrow & \nearrow R & \\ \Omega \cap \mathbb{C}^+ & & \end{array}$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \forall f, g \in C_c^\infty(X): \\ \langle \tilde{R}(\cdot)f, g \rangle_{L^2(X)} \text{ lifts and extends} \\ \text{to } M \text{ the function } \langle R(\cdot)f, g \rangle_{L^2(X)}$$

- z_0 is a resonance (=pole of \tilde{R}).

The **residue operator at z_0** is the linear operator

$$\text{Res}_{z_0} \tilde{R} : C_c^\infty(X) \rightarrow C^\infty(X)$$

“defined” for $f \in C_c^\infty(X)$ by

$$\text{Res}_{z_0} \tilde{R}(f) : X \ni y \longrightarrow \text{Res}_{z=z_0} [\tilde{R}(z)(f)](y) \in \mathbb{C}$$

[“defined”: residues are computed wrt charts in M , so up to nonzero constant multiples]

Well-defined: the subspace $\text{Res}_{z_0} := \tilde{R}(C_c^\infty(X))$ of $C^\infty(X)$.

The **rank** of the residue operator at z_0 is $\dim(\text{Res}_{z_0})$.

Problem 2: Find image and rank of the residue operator at z_0 .

Additional properties appear as X is endowed with a G -invariant Riemannian metric.

The Laplacian Δ of X is G -invariant

- $\rightsquigarrow R(z)$ and its mero extension $\tilde{R}(z)$ are G -invariant
- \rightsquigarrow the residue operator at a resonance z_0 is a G -invariant operator $C_c^\infty(X) \rightarrow C^\infty(X)$
- \rightsquigarrow its image $\text{Res}_{z_0} \subset C^\infty(X)$ is a G -module
(a K -spherical representation of G in our case)

Problem 3: Which (spherical) representations of G do we obtain?

Rank of residue operator \equiv dimension of the corresponding representation

Irreducible? Unitary?

Overview of results

General X of real rank one:

- R. Miatello and C. Will (2000): meromorphic continuation of the resolvent (in the context of Damek-Ricci spaces).
- J. Hilgert and A.P. (2009): meromorphic continuation of the resolvent (using HF transform).
 - ◇ no resonances if $X = H^n(\mathbb{R})$ with n odd.
 - ◇ (infinitely many) resonances for $X \neq H^n(\mathbb{R})$ with n odd.
 - ◇ **Finite rank** residue operators, image: irreducible finite dim K -spherical reps of G .

General X of real rank ≥ 2 : (R. Mazzeo and A. Vasy (2005), A. Strohmaier (2005))

- ◇ analytic continuation of the resolvent of Δ from \mathbb{C}^+ across \mathbb{R}
 - to an open domain in \mathbb{C} , if the real rank of X is odd
 - to a logarithmic cover of an open domain in \mathbb{C} , if the real rank of X is even

The open domain is **not large enough** to find resonances.

- ◇ **If any**, resonances are along the negative imaginary axis.
- ◇ **No resonances** in the even multiplicity case (= Lie algebra of G has one conjugacy class of Cartan subalgebras)

Specific $X = G/K$ of real rank 2: (J. Hilgert, A.P., T. Przebinda)

Complete answers to the three problems:

- ◇ for almost all rank 2 irreducible X
- ◇ for direct products $X = X_1 \times X_2$, with X_1, X_2 of rank one.

The resolvent of Δ on $X = G/K$

Explicit formula for the resolvent $R(z)$ of Δ on $C_c^\infty(X)$ via **HF transform**:

For $z \in \mathbb{C}^+$

$$R(z) = (\Delta - \rho_X^2 - z^2)^{-1} : C_c^\infty(X) \ni f \rightarrow R(z)f \in C^\infty(X)$$

is given by

$$[R(z)f](y) \asymp \int_{\mathfrak{a}^*} \frac{1}{\langle \lambda, \lambda \rangle - z^2} (f \times \varphi_{i\lambda})(y) \frac{d\lambda}{c(i\lambda)c(-i\lambda)} \quad (y \in X),$$

where

\mathfrak{a}^* = dual of a Cartan subspace \mathfrak{a} \rightsquigarrow real rank of $X := \dim \mathfrak{a}^*$

$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ = inner product on \mathfrak{a}^* induced by the Killing form of the Lie algebra of G

\rightsquigarrow extend $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ to the complexification $\mathfrak{a}_{\mathbb{C}}^*$ of \mathfrak{a}^* by \mathbb{C} -bilinearity

φ_λ = spherical function on X of spectral parameter $\lambda \in \mathfrak{a}_{\mathbb{C}}^*$

\rightsquigarrow spherical functions = (normalized) K -invariant joint eigenfunctions of the commutative algebra of G -invariant diff ops on X

$f \times \varphi_{i\lambda}$ = convolution on X of f and $\varphi_{i\lambda}$

\rightsquigarrow by the Paley-Wiener thm for the HF-transform: entire and rapidly decreasing in $\lambda \in \mathfrak{a}_{\mathbb{C}}^*$

$c(\lambda)$ = Harish-Chandra's c -function

$\frac{1}{c(i\lambda)c(-i\lambda)}$ = Plancherel density for the HF-transform

The Plancherel density $[c(i\lambda)c(-i\lambda)]^{-1}$

\mathfrak{a} (=Cartan subspace) \curvearrowright \mathfrak{g} (=Lie algebra of G) by adjoint action $\text{ad } H$ with $H \in \mathfrak{a}$

Σ = roots of $(\mathfrak{g}, \mathfrak{a})$

Σ^+ = choice of positive roots in Σ

$\mathfrak{g}_\alpha = \{X \in \mathfrak{g} : \text{ad } H(X) = \alpha(H)X \text{ for all } H \in \mathfrak{a}\}$ = root space of $\alpha \in \Sigma$

$m_\alpha = \dim_{\mathbb{R}} \mathfrak{g}_\alpha$ = multiplicity of the root α

$\rho = 1/2 \sum_{\alpha \in \Sigma^+} m_\alpha \alpha \in \mathfrak{a}^*$

Notation: For $\lambda \in \mathfrak{a}_{\mathbb{C}}^*$ and $\alpha \in \Sigma$ set $\lambda_\alpha = \frac{\langle \lambda, \alpha \rangle}{\langle \alpha, \alpha \rangle}$

Harish-Chandra c -function:

$\Sigma_*^+ = \{\beta \in \Sigma^+ : 2\beta \notin \Sigma\}$ (the unmultipliable positive roots)

$$c_\beta(\lambda) = \frac{2^{-2\lambda_\beta} \Gamma(2\lambda_\beta)}{\Gamma(\lambda_\beta + \frac{m_\beta/2}{4} + \frac{1}{2}) \Gamma(\lambda_\beta + \frac{m_\beta/2}{4} + \frac{m_\beta}{2})} \quad \text{for } \beta \in \Sigma_*^+$$

$$c(\lambda) = c_0 \prod_{\beta \in \Sigma_*^+} c_\beta(\lambda)$$

where c_0 is a normalizing constant so that $c(\rho) = 1$.

Many rules: e.g. if both β and $\beta/2$ are roots, then $m_{\beta/2}$ is even and m_β is odd.

Many simplifications using classical formulas for Γ : e.g. $\Gamma(ix)\Gamma(-ix) = \frac{i\pi}{x \sinh(\pi x)}$.

Example: If G/K of even multiplicities, then $[c(i\lambda)c(-i\lambda)]^{-1}$ is a polynomial

$$\tilde{\rho}_\beta = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{m_\beta/2}{2} + m_\beta \right)$$

Lemma

Set:

$$\Pi(\lambda) = \prod_{\beta \in \Sigma_*^+} \lambda_\beta,$$

$$P(\lambda) = \prod_{\beta \in \Sigma_*^+} \left(\prod_{k=0}^{(m_\beta/2)/2-1} [i\lambda_\beta - (\frac{m_\beta/2}{4} - \frac{1}{2}) + k] \prod_{k=0}^{2\tilde{\rho}_\beta-2} [i\lambda_\beta - (\tilde{\rho}_\beta - 1) + k] \right),$$

$$Q(\lambda) = \prod_{\substack{\beta \in \Sigma_*^+ \\ m_\beta \text{ odd}}} \coth(\pi(\lambda_\beta - \tilde{\rho}_\beta)).$$

(empty products are equal to 1)

Then:

$$[c(\lambda)c(-\lambda)]^{-1} \asymp \Pi(\lambda)P(\lambda)Q(\lambda).$$

Hence: $[c(i\lambda)c(-i\lambda)]^{-1}$ has at most first order singularities along the hyperplanes

$$\mathcal{H}_{\beta,k,\pm} = \{ \lambda \in \mathfrak{a}_\mathbb{C}^* : \lambda_\beta = \pm i(\tilde{\rho}_\beta + k) \}$$

where $\beta \in \Sigma_*^+$ has multiplicity m_β **odd** and $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$.

$$\Sigma_{*,\text{odd}}^+ = \{ \alpha \in \Sigma_*^+ : m_\alpha \text{ is odd} \}$$

Extension of the resolvent of Δ on $X = G/K$

Suppose: real rank of $X = \dim \mathfrak{a}^* =: n \geq 2$.

Let $f \in C_c^\infty(X)$ and $y \in X$ be fixed.

Recall

$$[R(z)f](y) \asymp \int_{\mathfrak{a}^*} \underbrace{\frac{1}{\langle \lambda, \lambda \rangle - z^2}}_{\text{singularities along } \mathbb{C}\text{-spheres radius } \pm z} (f \times \varphi_{i\lambda})(y) \underbrace{\frac{d\lambda}{c(i\lambda)c(-i\lambda)}}_{\text{singularities along hyperplanes } \mathcal{H}_{\beta, k, \pm}}$$

Polar coordinates in \mathfrak{a}^* give

$$R(z) := [R(z)f](y) = \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{r^2 - z^2} F(r) r \, dr$$

where

$$F(r) = F_{f,y}(r) = r^{n-2} \int_{S^{n-1}} (f \times \varphi_{ir\sigma})(y) \frac{\omega(\sigma)}{c(ir\sigma)c(-ir\sigma)}$$

and

$\omega(\sigma)$ = pullback to S^{n-1} of the $\text{SO}(n)$ -invariant $(n-1)$ -form

$$\omega(z) = \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{j-1} z_j \, dz_1 \cdots \widehat{dz_j} \cdots dz_n, \quad z = (z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n \equiv \mathfrak{a}_\mathbb{C}^*$$

Set $a = \min\{\tilde{\rho}_\beta|\beta| : \beta \in \Sigma_{*,\text{odd}}^+\}$

(and $a = +\infty$ if m_β even for all $\beta \in \Sigma_+^*$)

Lemma

• For every fixed $\sigma \in \mathfrak{a}^*$ with $|\sigma| = 1$, the function $r \mapsto [c(ir\sigma)c(-ir\sigma)]^{-1}$ is holomorphic on $\mathbb{C} \setminus i] - \infty, -a] \cup [a, +\infty[$.

• The function

$$\mathbb{C} \setminus i] - \infty, -a] \cup [a, +\infty[\ni w \rightarrow F(w) \in \mathbb{C}$$

is holomorphic.

• Let $U = \mathbb{C}^- \cup \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Re} z > 1, 0 \leq \operatorname{Im} z < 1\}$, where $\mathbb{C}^- = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \operatorname{Im} z < 0\}$.

Then \exists holo function $H = H_{f,y} : U \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ such that

$$R(z) = H(z) + i\pi F(z) \quad \text{for } z \in U \cap \mathbb{C}^+$$

Corollary

• The mero extension of R across the negative imaginary axis (where the resonances could be) is equivalent to that of F .

• If any, the resonances are located on $i] - \infty, -a]$.

The set $\Sigma_{*,\text{odd}}^+$

Let Σ be an irreducible root system in \mathfrak{a}^* such that $\Sigma_{*,\text{odd}}^+ \neq \emptyset$.

- Σ_* is a reduced and irreducible root system. So it has at most two root lengths.
- Roots of same length form a unique Weyl group orbit and have therefore same root multiplicity m_β .
- If there is a unique root length, then m_β is constant and $\Sigma_{*,\text{odd}}^+ = \Sigma_*^+$. (This happens for $\Sigma = \Sigma_*$ of type A, D or E)
- If there are two root lengths (i.e. for Σ_* of type B, C, F or G), then $\Sigma_*^+ = \Phi_1 \sqcup \Phi_2$, where roots in Φ_j have same length, and $\Sigma_{*,\text{odd}}^+ \in \{\Sigma_*^+, \Phi_1, \Phi_2\}$.
 $\Sigma_*^+ = \Phi_1 \sqcup \Phi_2$ is obtained from the following decompositions:

$$B_n = (A_1)^n \sqcup D_n \quad C_n = (A_1)^n \sqcup D_n \quad F_4^+ = D_4^+ \sqcup D_4^+ \quad G_2^+ = A_2^+ \sqcup A_2^+$$

Consequences: If $\Sigma_{*,\text{odd}}^+ \neq \emptyset$, then:

- ◇ The hyperplane arrangement $\mathcal{H} = \{\ker \beta : \beta \in \Sigma_{*,\text{odd}}^+\}$ is simplicial (= every connected component of $\mathfrak{a}^* \setminus \cup \mathcal{H}$ is the intersection of $n = \dim \mathfrak{a}^*$ open halfspaces, i.e. is the positive linear span of n lin. indep. vectors).
- ◇ For some Σ of types B, C or BC, we have $\Sigma_{*,\text{odd}}^+ = (A_1)^n$.

Example: G/K or rank 3 and root system Σ of type BC , B or C

$\Sigma^+ = \Sigma_s^+ \sqcup \Sigma_m^+ \sqcup \Sigma_1^+$, where:

$\Sigma_s^+ = \{e_j; 1 \leq j \leq n\}$, multiplicity m_s ,

$\Sigma_m^+ = \{e_i \pm e_j; 1 \leq i < j \leq n\}$, multiplicity m_m ,

$\Sigma_1^+ = \{2e_j; 1 \leq j \leq n\}$, multiplicity m_1 .

G/K	Σ	m_α	$\Sigma_{*,\text{odd}}^+$
$SL(4, \mathbb{R})/SO(3)$	A_3	1	Σ^+
$SU^*(8)/Sp(8)$	A_3	4	\emptyset
$SU(3, q)/S(U(3) \times U(q))$ ($q \geq 3$)	C_3 ($q = 3$) BC_3 ($q > 3$)	$(2(q-3), 2, 1)$	Σ_1^+
$SO_0(3, q)/SO(3) \times SO(q)$ ($q > 3$)	B_3	$(q-3, 1, 0)$	Σ_m^+ (q odd) $\Sigma_s^+ \sqcup \Sigma_m^+$ (q even)
$SO^*(12)/U(6)$	BC_3	$(4, 4, 1)$	Σ_1^+
$Sp(6, \mathbb{R})/U(3)$	C_3	$(0, 1, 1)$	$\Sigma_m^+ \sqcup \Sigma_1^+$
$Sp(3, q)/Sp(3) \times Sp(q)$ ($q \geq 3$)	BC_3	$(4(q-3), 4, 3)$	Σ_1^+
$e_{7(-25)}/(e_6 + \mathbb{R})$	C_3	$(0, 8, 1)$	Σ_1^+

When $\Sigma_{*,\text{odd}}^+ = \Sigma_1^+$, the mero extension of F for G/K can be deduced from that for a direct product of rank-one symmetric spaces.

Direct products of rank-one symmetric spaces

$X = X_1 \times \cdots \times X_n$ where $X_j = \text{rank-one Riemannian symmetric noncompact type}$

(the index j indicates objects associated with X_j)

$$\mathfrak{a}^* = \mathfrak{a}_1^* \oplus \cdots \oplus \mathfrak{a}_n^*, \quad \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle = \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_n$$

$$\Sigma = \Sigma_1 \times \cdots \times \Sigma_n \quad \text{with} \quad \Sigma_j \in \{A_1, BC_1\}$$

$$\Delta = \sum_{j=1}^n (\text{id} \otimes \cdots \otimes \Delta_j \otimes \cdots \otimes \text{id}), \quad \sigma(\Delta) = [\rho_X^2, +\infty[, \quad \rho_X^2 = \rho_{X_1}^2 + \cdots + \rho_{X_n}^2$$

$$c(\lambda) = c_1(\lambda_1) \cdots c_n(\lambda_n), \quad \lambda = \lambda_1 \cdots + \lambda_n \in \mathfrak{a}_\mathbb{C}^* \quad \text{with} \quad \lambda_j \in \mathfrak{a}_{j\mathbb{C}}^*$$

- The Plancherel density of X_j is singular iff $X_j \neq H^n(\mathbb{R})$ with n odd.
- The Plancherel density of X is the product of the Plancherel densities of the X_j 's. It has first order singularities along N mutually orthogonal families of hyperplanes parallel to the coordinate axes, where $N = \#\{j \in \{1, \dots, n\} : X_j \neq H^n(\mathbb{R}), n \text{ odd}\}$.

Example: product of two rank-one Riemannian symmetric spaces

J. Hilgert, A.P. and T. Przebinda (2017):

- ◇ meromorphic continuation of R to suitable Riemann surfaces over \mathbb{C}
 - ◇ No resonances if **one** of the two spaces is $H^n(\mathbb{R})$ with n odd,
 - ◇ infinitely many resonances in the other cases
 - ◇ residue operators with **finite rank**
 - ◇ range of the residue operators realized by finite direct sums of tensor products of finite dim irr K -spherical reps of G_1 and G_2
- (where $X_1 = G_1/K_1$ and $X_2 = G_2/K_2$ are the symm spaces)

The integral defining F for $X = X_1 \times \cdots \times X_n$

Suppose $X_j \neq H^n(\mathbb{R})$, n odd, exactly for $j = 1, \dots, N$ with $N \leq n$.

For $j = 1, \dots, N$ define:

$$p_j : \mathbb{C}^n \ni z = (z_1, \dots, z_n) \rightarrow z_j \in \mathbb{C},$$

$$L_j = (a_j + b_j \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}) \cup (-a_j - b_j \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}) \text{ with } a_j > 0, b_j > 0$$

$$L = \bigcup_{j=1}^N p_j^{-1}(L_j) = \bigcup_{j=1}^N \bigcup_{l_j \in L_j} \{z \in \mathbb{C}^n : z_j = l_j\}$$

$$a = \min\{a_1, \dots, a_N\}.$$

$$S^{n-1}(\mathbb{C}) = \{z = (z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n : z_1^2 + \cdots + z_n^2 = 1\} \quad (\text{the complex sphere})$$

$$\omega(z) = \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{j-1} z_j dz_1 \cdots \widehat{dz_j} \cdots dz_n, \quad z = (z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \mathbb{C}^n$$

Let $\mathbf{f} : \mathbb{C}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be meromorphic on \mathbb{C}^n and holomorphic on $\mathbb{C}^n \setminus iL$.

Since $\mathbf{f}(z)\omega(z)$ is a closed form of top complex dimension on $S^{n-1}(\mathbb{C}) \setminus iL$ the function

$$\mathbb{C} \setminus i((-\infty, -a] \cup [a, \infty)) \ni w \rightarrow F(w) = \int_{S^{n-1}} \mathbf{f}(wz)\omega(z) \in \mathbb{C}$$

is well defined and holomorphic.

Remark: For the study of the resolvent on X , one chooses

$$\mathbf{f}(wz) = w^{n-2} (f \times \varphi_{iwz})(y) [c(iwz)c(-iwz)]^{-1}, \text{ having identified } a_{\mathbb{C}}^* \ni \lambda \equiv z \in \mathbb{C}^n.$$

Fix $v_0 \in]-\infty, -a] \cup [a, \infty[$. Then $S^{n-1}(\mathbb{R}) \cap \frac{1}{v_0}L \neq \emptyset$ is possible and therefore the integral $\int_{S^{n-1}} \mathbf{f}(wz)\omega(z)$, with $w = iv_0$, might diverge.

- Suppose $C_{iv_0} \subseteq S^{n-1}(\mathbb{C}) \setminus \frac{1}{v_0}L$ is a cycle homologous to S^{n-1} in $S^{n-1}(\mathbb{C})$.

$\rightsquigarrow C_{iv_0}$ is a "deformation" of S^{n-1} within $S^{n-1}(\mathbb{C})$ which is disjoint with $\frac{1}{v_0}L$

Since L is a locally finite family of hyperplanes, \exists an open neighborhood $W \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ of iv_0 such that $C_{iv_0} \subseteq S^{n-1}(\mathbb{C}) \setminus \frac{i}{W}L$. So

$$W \ni w \rightarrow \int_{C_{iv_0}} \mathbf{f}(wz)\omega(z) \in \mathbb{C}$$

is well defined and is holomorphic.

- Fix $w_0 \in W \cap \mathbb{C}_{\text{Re}>0}$. Suppose we have found finitely many cycles

$$C_k \subseteq S^{n-1}(\mathbb{C}) \setminus \frac{i}{w_0}L \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots, M)$$

such that $[S^{n-1}] = [C_{iv_0}] + \sum_k [C_k]$ in $H_{n-1}(S^{n-1}(\mathbb{C}) \setminus \frac{i}{w_0}L)$.

Then, by Stokes Theorem, for $w \in \mathbb{C}_{\text{Re}>0}$ near w_0

$$\int_{S^{n-1}} \mathbf{f}(wz)\omega(z) = \int_{C_{iv_0}} \mathbf{f}(wz)\omega(z) + \sum_k \int_{C_k} \mathbf{f}(wz)\omega(z).$$

The first integral on the RHS is holo on W . One hopes to choose the C_k 's so that residue computations in z yield a mero function of $w \in W$.

- The homology of $S^{n-1}(\mathbb{C}) \setminus \{\text{hyperplane arrangement}\}$ is not known, unlike the case of $\mathbb{C}^n \setminus \{\text{hyperplane arrangement}\}$ (Goresky-MacPherson).
- **Useful description:** $S^{n-1}(\mathbb{C})$ can be identified with the tangent bundle

$$TS^{n-1} = \{(u, v) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n : |u| = 1, u \cdot v = 0\}$$

to S^{n-1} by means of the isomorphism

$$\tau : S^{n-1}(\mathbb{C}) \ni z = x + iy \rightarrow \left(\frac{x}{|x|}, y \right) \in TS^{n-1}$$

with inverse

$$\tau^{-1} : TS^{n-1} \ni (u, v) \rightarrow \sqrt{1 + |v|^2}u + iv \in S^{n-1}(\mathbb{C}).$$

- The general construction of the cycles is not yet achieved $C_{i\nu_0}$ and C_k , even in rank 3.
- **Easiest possible case of rank 3:** $X = X_1 \times X_2 \times X_3$ with $X_1 \neq H^n(\mathbb{R})$, n odd, and $X_2 = X_3 = \mathbb{S}^1$, n odd.

One family of parallel singular hyperplanes perpendicular to x_1 -axis.

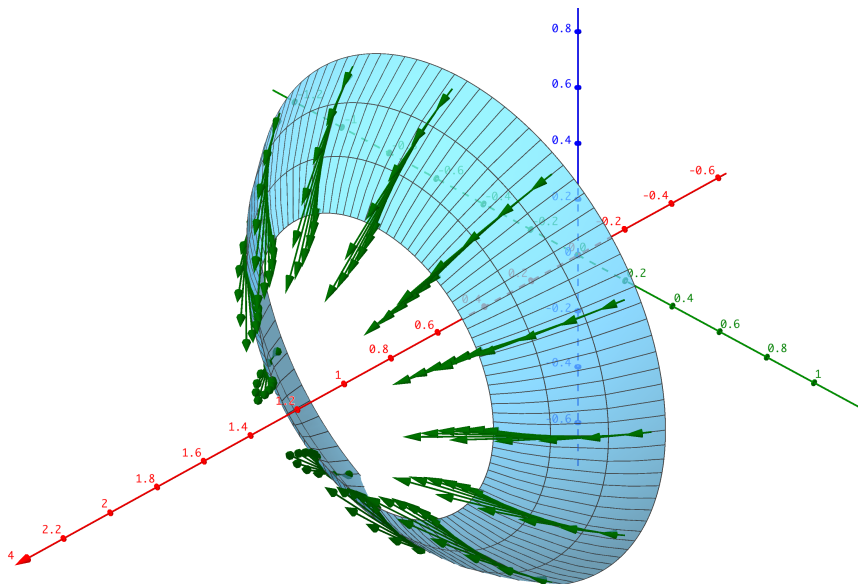
For $\nu_0 \in]-\infty, -a] \cup [a, \infty[$: $S^2 \cap \frac{1}{\nu_0}L \neq \emptyset$ if and only if $|\frac{1}{\nu_0}| \leq 1$, and

$|\frac{1}{\nu_0}| < 1 \Rightarrow$ intersection is a circle perpendicular to x_1 axis (generic case)

$|\frac{1}{\nu_0}| = 1 \Rightarrow$ intersection is a single point $\in \{(\pm 1, 0, 0)\}$.

Theorem. The resolvent R extends holomorphically to \mathbb{C} (no resonances).

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