

# Pollicott - Ruelle resonances

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## I. Correlations

### ① Anosov flows

- $M$  compact connected manifold
- $X \in C^\infty(M; TM)$   
nonvanishing vector field on  $M$
- $\varphi^t = e^{tX}$ :  $M \ni$  the flow of  $X$

Defn We say  $\varphi^t$  is an Anosov flow if there exists a  $\varphi^t$ -invariant continuous splitting

$$T_x M = E_o(x) \oplus E_u(x) \oplus E_s(x), \quad x \in M$$

such that  $\exists C, \theta > 0 \quad \forall (x, v) \in TM$

$$\boxed{\|d\varphi^t(x)v\| \leq C e^{-\theta|t|} \|v\|,} \quad \text{for}$$

$$v \in E_u(x) \text{ and } t \leq 0 \quad \text{or}$$

$$v \in E_s(x) \text{ and } t \geq 0$$

(flow / unstable / stable decomposition)

Fundamental example:

- $(\Sigma, g)$  compact Riemannian mfd
- $M = S\Sigma$  unit tangent bundle
- $\varphi^t: M \rightarrow M$  the geodesic flow on  $(\Sigma, g)$
- If  $(\Sigma, g)$  has negative sectional curvature then  $\varphi^t$  is an Anosov flow.

A simpler example:

a suspension  
(special case w/ constant roof function)

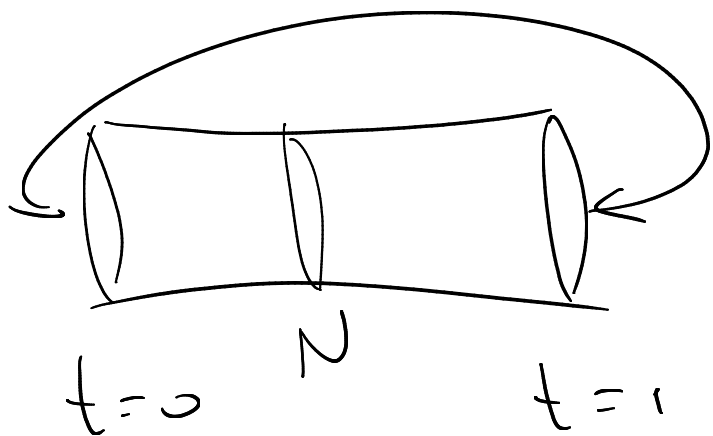
- $N$  compact mfd
- $\Phi: N \rightarrow N$  an Anosov map, i.e. a diffeomorphism with an unstable/stable decomposition (no flow direction)
- For example,  $N = \mathbb{T}^2 = \mathbb{R}^2 / \mathbb{Z}^2$  and  $\Phi(x) = Ax \pmod{\mathbb{Z}^2}$  where  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  (a "cat map")

• Put  $M := [0, 1]_s \times N_x / \sim$

where  $(1, x) \sim (0, \underline{\Phi}(x))$

That's a compact manifold  
which fibers over  $S^1 = \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$  via

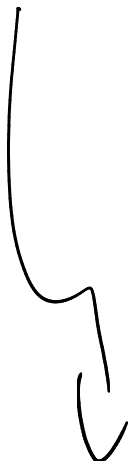
$$(s, x) \mapsto s \pmod{\mathbb{Z}}$$



glue via  $\underline{\Phi}$

•  $X = \partial_t$

• Then  $\varphi^t$  is an Anosov flow  
(suspension flow of  $\underline{\Phi}$ )



## ② Correlations

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Let  $\varphi^t: M \rightarrow M$  be an Anosov flow

We assume that it is

Volume preserving:

$\exists \mu$  a smooth probability measure on  $M$

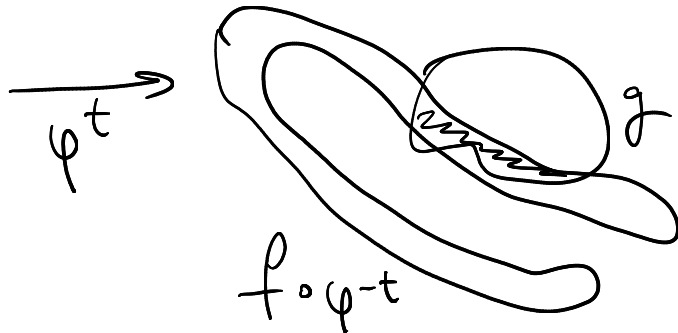
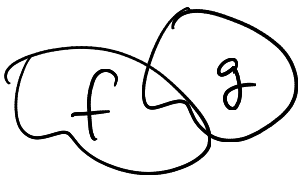
s.t.  $\mu(\varphi^t(A)) = \mu(A) \quad \forall t, A \subset M$

(i.e.  $\mathcal{L}_X \mu = 0$ )

(example: geodesic flows,  $\mu =$  Liouville measure)

For  $f, g \in L^2(M)$ , define correlation

$$\rho_{f,g}(t) = \int_M (f \circ \varphi^{-t}) g \, d\mu, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$



# Thm. [Mixing]

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Assume that  $\varphi^t$  is an Anosov flow and is not a suspension.

Then  $\forall f, g \in L^2(M)$  we have

$$\rho_{f, g}(t) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} \int_M f d\mu \int_M g d\mu$$

( $f \circ \varphi^{-t}, g$  become independent as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ )

We'll give a scheme of the proof of the Mixing Theorem.

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## ③ Power spectrum

For  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda > 0$ , define the power spectrum

$$\hat{\rho}_{f, g}(\lambda) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\lambda t} \rho_{f, g}(t) dt$$

The integral converges since  $|\rho_{f, g}(t)| \leq C$  and  $\hat{\rho}_{f, g}(\lambda)$  is holomorphic in  $\{\operatorname{Re} \lambda > 0\}$

Define for  $f \in L^2(M)$ ,  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda > 0$  GASBAGS  
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the function

$$R(\lambda) f := \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\lambda t} (f \circ \varphi^{-t}) dt \in L^2(M)$$

Recall  $X$ , the generator of  $\varphi^t$ .

• We think of  $X$  as a 1st order differential operator on  $M$ .

• Since  $\mu$  is  $\varphi^t$ -invariant,

$P := -iX : C^\infty(M) \hookrightarrow$  extends to

an unbounded self-adjoint operator

on  $L^2(M) = L^2(M, d\mu)$

and  $f \circ \varphi^{-t} = e^{-tX} f$ ,

where  $e^{-tX}$  is defined using the functional calculus of  $P$

So  $R(\lambda) f = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\lambda t} e^{-tX} f dt = (X + \lambda)^{-1} f$

and  $\hat{P}_{f,g}(\lambda) = (R(\lambda) f, g)$

where  $(f, g) := \int_M f g d\mu$

We see that for  $\text{Re } \lambda > 0$ , GASBAGS  
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$R(\lambda) = (X + \lambda)^{-1}$   
is the  $L^2$  resolvent of  $X$ ,

namely  $u = R(\lambda)f$  is  
the only solution in  $L^2(M)$   
to the equation  $(X + \lambda)u = f$   
(understood in the sense of distributions)

For the next theorem, we briefly  
review distributions:

$\mathcal{D}'(M) =$  dual to  $C^\infty(M)$   
consisting of all continuous  
linear functionals  $C^\infty(M) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

We embed  $L^1(M) \subset \mathcal{D}'(M)$

by the rule

$$f(\varphi) := \int_M f \varphi \, d\mu \quad \text{for } \begin{array}{l} f \in L^1(M) \\ \varphi \in C^\infty(M) \end{array}$$

Write  $(u, \varphi) = \int_M u \varphi \, d\mu$  for  $\begin{array}{l} u \in \mathcal{D}'(M) \\ \varphi \in C^\infty(M) \end{array}$

# Thm [Meromorphic continuation]

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The operator  $R(\lambda) = (X + \lambda)^{-1} : L^2(M) \rightarrow L^2(M)$   
 $\text{Re } \lambda > 0$

has a meromorphic continuation  
with poles of finite rank

to an operator  $R(\lambda) : C^\infty(M) \rightarrow D'(M)$   
 $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$

In particular, if  $f, g \in C^\infty(M)$   
then  $\hat{\rho}_{f,g}(\lambda)$  continues to  
a meromorphic function of  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$ .

Remark If we had exponential mixing,

i.e.  $\rho_{f,g}(t) = \int_M f d\mu \int_M g d\mu + r(t)$ ,  $r(t) = O(e^{-\delta t})$   
for some  $\delta > 0$

then we would get meromorphic continuation to  $\{\text{Re } \lambda > -\delta\}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\rho}_{f,g}(\lambda) &= C_{f,g} \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} dt + \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} r(t) dt \\ &= \frac{C_{f,g}}{\lambda} + \hat{r}(\lambda), \quad \hat{r} \text{ holomorphic in } \{\text{Re } \lambda > -\delta\} \end{aligned}$$

So then  $R(\lambda) = \frac{1 \otimes 1}{\lambda} + (\text{holomorphic in } \{\text{Re } \lambda > -\delta\})$ ,  $(1 \otimes 1)^{\#} = (\int f d\mu) 1$

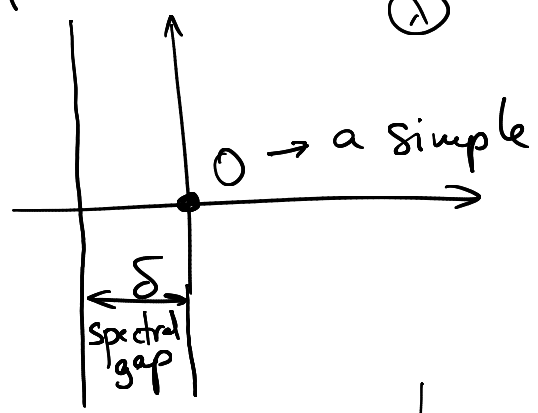


But typically in proofs of exponential mixing (e.g. Liverani '04 for geodesic flows) one uses meromorphic continuation as an ingredient in the proof

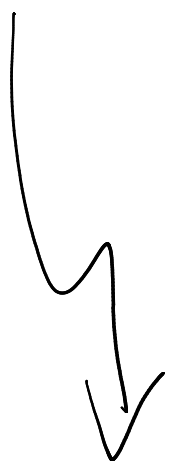
Defn. We call the poles of  $R(\lambda)$  the Pollicott-Ruelle resonances

They are all in  $\{\text{Re } \lambda \leq 0\}$   
(as  $R(\lambda)$  is holomorphic in  $\{\text{Re } \lambda > 0\}$ )

If there's exponential mixing, then we have the following picture



0 → a simple resonance  
No  $\neq 0$  resonances in  $\{\text{Re } \lambda > -\delta\}$



④ From meromorphic continuation  
to mixing

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Thm ("Limiting Absorption Principle" / LAP  
Dyatlov-Zworski '17)

Assume that  $\lambda$  is a Pollicott-Ruelle  
resonance and  $\boxed{\operatorname{Re} \lambda = 0}$ .  $u$  called a  
← resonant state

Then  $\exists u \in C^\infty(M)$ ,  $u \neq 0$ ,  
such that  $(X + \lambda)u = 0$ .

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We now give a sketch of the proof that

Meromorphic Continuation + LAP  $\Rightarrow$  Mixing

Step 1: Assume that  $\varphi^t$  is an Anosov  
flow & it is not a suspension flow.

We claim that

- ①  $\lambda = 0$  is a simple resonance, where  
the only resonant state is  $u = \text{const}$
- ② there are no other resonances  
with  $\operatorname{Re} \lambda = 0$ .

Proof of (a):

by LAP we have  $u \in C^\infty(M)$   
and  $Xu=0$ , so  $u = u \circ \varphi^t$ .

Apply the Chain Rule:

$$\forall x \in M \quad \forall v \in T_x M$$

$$du(x) \cdot v = du(\varphi^t(x)) \cdot d\varphi^t(x) \cdot v$$

Now

$$v \in E_s(x) \Rightarrow |d\varphi^t(x) \cdot v| \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

$$\Rightarrow du(x) \cdot v = 0$$

$$v \in E_u(x) \Rightarrow |d\varphi^t(x) \cdot v| \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow -\infty} 0$$

$$\Rightarrow du(x) \cdot v = 0$$

$$v \in E_0(x) \Rightarrow du(x) \cdot v = 0 \text{ as}$$

$$Xu=0, \quad E_0(x) = \mathbb{R}X(x)$$

Since  $T_x X = E_0(x) \oplus E_u(x) \oplus E_s(x)$ , get

$$\boxed{du=0}$$

$\Rightarrow u = \text{const}$  (as  $M$  is connected)

From here one can show that near  $\lambda=0$

$$R(\lambda) = \frac{1 \otimes 1}{\lambda} + (\text{holomorphic})$$

## Proof of (b):

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Assume that  $\lambda = -is$ ,  $s \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$  is a resonance. By LAP, there exists  $u \in C^\infty(M)$ ,  $u \neq 0$ ,  $Xu = isu$

Put  $v = |u|^2 \in C^\infty(M)$ , then  $Xv = 0$

By part (a)  $v = \text{const}$ , so WLOG

$$|u| \equiv 1.$$

Thus  $u = e^{i\theta}$  for some  $\theta \in C^\infty(M; \mathbb{S}^1)$  and  $X\theta \equiv s$ , a nonzero constant.

So  $d\theta \neq 0$  everywhere, i.e.

$\theta: M \rightarrow \mathbb{S}^1$  is a fibration,  
and  $\varphi^t = e^{tX}$  is a suspension  
of the map  $\varphi^{2\pi/s}$  on the fiber  $N := \theta^{-1}(0)$ .

Remark: it was crucial for both (a) & (b)

that resonant states are smooth.

For  $\lambda$  with  $\text{Re } \lambda < 0$ ,  
resonant states will never be smooth.

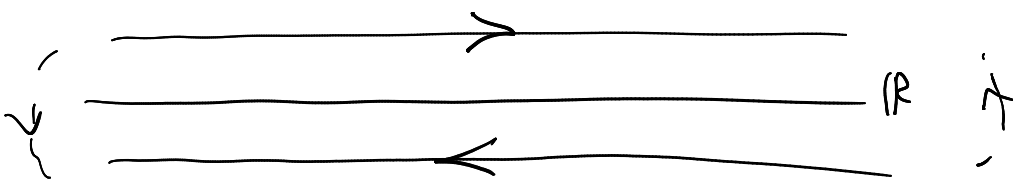
Step 2: use spectral theory  
for the self-adjoint operator  
 $P := -iX$  on  $L^2(M)$

$\forall f \in L^2(M)$ , the  
spectral measure  $\nu_f$   
is a finite Borel measure on  $\mathbb{R}$   
such that  $\forall$  bounded measurable  $F$ ,

$$\langle F(P)f, f \rangle_{L^2} = \int_{\mathbb{R}} F(\omega) d\nu_f(\omega)$$

By analogy to  
Cauchy's Integral formula we expect  
that if  $F$  were holomorphic near  $\mathbb{R}$  then

$$F(P) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \left[ \int_{\mathbb{R}+i\varepsilon} F(\omega) (P-\omega)^{-1} d\omega - \int_{\mathbb{R}-i\varepsilon} F(\omega) (P-\omega)^{-1} d\omega \right]$$



For general  $F \in C^0(\mathbb{R})$  bdd  
 we have Stone's Formula:

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$$F(P) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{\mathbb{R}} (P - \omega - i\varepsilon)^{-1} - (P - \omega + i\varepsilon)^{-1} d\omega.$$

Since  $P^* = P$ , we have  $(P - \omega + i\varepsilon)^{-1} = ((P - \omega - i\varepsilon)^{-1})^*$

So if  $f \in L^2(M)$  then

$$\langle F(P)f, f \rangle_{L^2} = \frac{1}{\pi} \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{\mathbb{R}} F(\omega) \operatorname{Im} \langle (P - \omega - i\varepsilon)^{-1} f, f \rangle_{L^2} d\omega$$

Recall that  $P = -iX$ , so

$$(P - \omega - i\varepsilon)^{-1} = i(X - i\omega + \varepsilon)^{-1} = iR(-i\omega + \varepsilon). \text{ So}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{\mathbb{R}} F(\omega) d\nu_f(\omega) &= \langle F(P)f, f \rangle_{L^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{\mathbb{R}} F(\omega) \operatorname{Re} \langle R(-i\omega + \varepsilon)f, f \rangle_{L^2} d\omega \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{\mathbb{R}} F(\omega) \operatorname{Re} \hat{P}_{f,f}(-i\omega + \varepsilon) d\omega$$

Therefore, we have (in the sense of weak limit)

$$d\nu_f(\omega) = \frac{1}{\pi} \lim_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \operatorname{Re} \hat{P}_{f,f}(-i\omega + \varepsilon) d\omega.$$

Step 3: putting it together

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By density etc. it suffices to show that  $\forall f \in C^\infty(M), \int f d\mu = 0$

$$P_{f,f}(t) \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} 0.$$

We have  $(P = -iX)$

$$P_{f,f}(t) = \langle e^{-tX} f, f \rangle_{L^2} = \langle e^{-itP} f, f \rangle_{L^2} \\ = \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-itw} d\nu_f(w).$$

By Step 1, we see that

$\hat{P}_{f,f}(\lambda)$  is holomorphic in  $\{\operatorname{Re} \lambda \geq 0\}$ .

So by Step 2, we have

$$d\nu_f(w) = \frac{1}{\pi} \operatorname{Re} \hat{P}_{f,f}(-iw) dw = G(w) dw$$

where  $G \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  and, since  $\nu_f$  is a finite measure,

$G \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ . Now

$P_{f,f}(t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-itw} G(w) dw \xrightarrow{t \rightarrow \infty} 0$  by the Riemann-Lebesgue Lemma.  $\square$

# ⑤ Meromorphic continuation on an example

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Our example will have  $M$  non-compact.  
The theorem actually still applies  
but we have to replace  $C^\infty$  by  $C_c^\infty$

Here's the example:

$$M = \mathbb{R}^2_{x,y} \times \mathbb{S}^1_\theta, \quad \mathbb{S}^1 = \mathbb{R}/2\pi$$

$$X = x\partial_x - y\partial_y + \partial_\theta$$

$$\varphi^t(x, y, \theta) = (e^t x, e^{-t} y, \theta + t)$$

$$E_u = \mathbb{R}\partial_x \quad (\text{really only make sense at } x=y=0)$$

$$E_s = \mathbb{R}\partial_y$$

Let us take

$f, g \in C_c^\infty(M)$  and decompose  
into Fourier series:

$$f(x, y, \theta) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} f_k(x, y) e^{2\pi i k \theta}, \quad g(x, y, \theta) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} g_k(x, y) e^{2\pi i k \theta}$$

General references:

Liverani '04

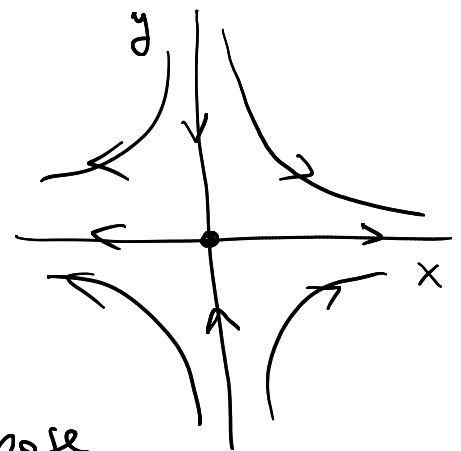
Butterley-Liverani '07

Baladi-Tsuji '07

Faure-Sjöstrand '11

Dyatlov-Zworski '16

Dyatlov-Guillemin '16





We compute the correlation

$$\rho_{f, \bar{g}}(t) = \langle f \circ \varphi^{-t}, g \rangle_{L^2}$$

$$= \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f_k(e^{-t}x, e^t y) e^{-2\pi i k t} \overline{g_k(x, y)} dx dy$$

$$= \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \rho_k(t) e^{-2\pi i k t} \quad \text{where}$$

$$\rho_k(t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f_k(e^{-t}x, e^t y) \overline{g_k(x, y)} dx dy.$$

We write an asymptotic expansion

of  $\rho_k(t)$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  using

the Taylor expansions of  $f, g$ :  $\forall N$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_k(t) &= e^{-t} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f_k(e^{-t}x, y) \overline{g_k(x, e^{-t}y)} dx dy \\ &= \sum_{\substack{j, \ell \geq 0 \\ j+\ell < N}} \frac{1}{j! \ell!} e^{-(j+\ell+1)t} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} \partial_x^j f_k(0, y) x^j \partial_y^\ell \overline{g_k(x, 0)} y^\ell dx dy \\ &\quad + O(e^{-(N+1)t}) \end{aligned}$$

We can rewrite this as

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$$P_k(t) = \sum_{\substack{j, l \geq 0 \\ j+l \leq N}} \frac{e^{-(j+l+1)t}}{j!l!} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} y^l \partial_x^j f_k(0, y) dy \right) \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}} x^j \partial_y^l \bar{g}_k(x, 0) dx \right) + O(e^{-(N+1)t})$$

$$= \sum_{\substack{j, l \geq 0 \\ j+l \leq N}} \frac{e^{-(j+l+1)t}}{j!l!(-1)^{j+l}} \langle f_k, \partial_x^j \delta_0 \otimes y^l \rangle_{L^2} \langle x^j \otimes \partial_y^l \delta_0(y), g_k \rangle_{L^2} + O(e^{-(N+1)t})$$

$$= \sum_{\substack{j, l \geq 0 \\ j+l \leq N}} \frac{e^{-(j+l+1)t}}{j!l!(-1)^{j+l}} \langle f, \partial_x^j \delta_0(x) \otimes y^l \otimes e^{2\bar{u}ik\theta} \rangle_{L^2} \cdot \langle x^j \otimes \partial_y^l \delta_0(y) \otimes e^{-2\bar{u}ik\theta}, g \rangle_{L^2} + O(e^{-(N+1)t})$$

Summing over  $k$ , we set

$$P_{f, \bar{g}}(t) = \sum_{\substack{k \in \mathbb{Z} \\ j+l \leq N}} \frac{e^{-(j+l+1)t} e^{-2\bar{u}ikt}}{j!l!(-1)^{j+l}} \langle f, \dots \rangle \langle \dots, g \rangle + O(e^{-(N+1)t})$$

Now,  $\hat{P}_{f, \bar{g}}(\lambda) = \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t} P_{f, \bar{g}}(t) dt$ .

The  $O(e^{-(N+1)t})$  piece gives something holomorphic in  $\{\operatorname{Re} \lambda > -N-1\}$

And each  $e^{-(j+l+1)t - 2\bar{u}ikt}$  (...) piece GASBAGS  
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gives  $\int_0^{\infty} e^{-(j+l+1)t - 2\bar{u}ikt - \lambda t} dt$  (...)

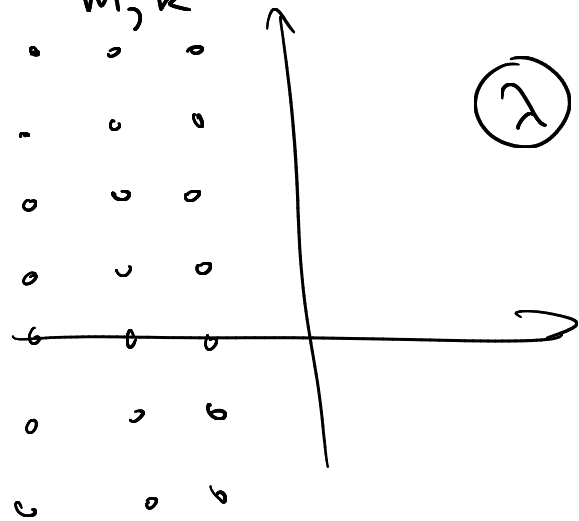
$$= \frac{(\dots)}{\lambda + (j+l+1) + 2\bar{u}ik}$$

So  $\hat{P}_{f, \bar{g}}(\lambda)$  continues meromorphically

to  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  with poles at

$$\lambda_{m, k} = -m - 2\bar{u}ik, \quad m, k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$m \geq 1$$



⑥ Some remarks on  
meromorphic continuation  
in general

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There are several proofs,

I am unsurprisingly biased  
towards a microlocal proof by Dyatlov-Zworski  
2016

(which followed the strategy of Faure-Sjöstrand 2011)

The general strategy is to  
find spaces  $\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{D}$  such that

$X + \lambda: \mathcal{D} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  is a Fredholm  
operator

Then  $(X + \lambda)^{-1}: \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{D}$

is meromorphic and we show

that  $R(\lambda) = (X + \lambda)^{-1}, \operatorname{Re} \lambda > 0$

The spaces  $\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{D}$  used are  
anisotropic Sobolev spaces

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tailored to the stable/unstable  
decomposition for  $\varphi^t$

(in particular, these spaces work to  
study  $\varphi^t$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , but the "opposite"  
spaces are needed for  $t \rightarrow -\infty$ )

The proof of the Fredholm property  
uses a bunch of microlocal analysis,  
including

- Elliptic regularity
- Propagation of singularities (Hörmander)
- Radial point estimates (Melrose)

Instead of talking more about  
the proof, we look here at  
a few of its corollaries:

# Wavefront set

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For a distribution  $u \in \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  
we say a point  $(x_0, \xi_0) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times (\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\})$   
does not lie in the wavefront set

$\text{WF}(u)$ , if  $\exists$

- a cutoff fn  $\chi \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $\chi(x_0) \neq 0$ ,
  - an open conical set  $V \subset \mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $\xi_0 \in V$ ,
- such that  $\widehat{\chi u}(\xi) = O((1+|\xi|)^{-N}) \forall N$   
Fourier transform when  $\xi \in V$

The wavefront set  $\text{WF}(u) \subset \mathbb{R}^n \times (\mathbb{R}^n \setminus \{0\})$   
tells us at which points and frequencies  
 $(x)$   $(\xi)$

$u$  is not in  $C^\infty$ . In particular

$$\text{WF}(u) = \emptyset \Leftrightarrow u \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^n).$$

If  $M$  is a manifold and

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$u \in \mathcal{D}'(M)$  then one can define

$WF(u) \subset T^*M \setminus 0$   
cotangent bundle zero section  
which is a closed conic set.

## Resonant states

Assume  $\lambda \in \mathbb{C}$  is a pole of  $R(\lambda)$ ,  
i.e. a Pollicott-Ruelle resonance.

Then  $\exists$  a resonant state at  $\lambda$ ,  
which is a distribution  $u \in \mathcal{D}'(M)$   
such that  $u \neq 0$ ,  
 $(X + \lambda)u = 0$  (in the sense of distributions),

and  $WF(u) \subset E_u^*$ .

Here  $E_u^* = \{ (x, \xi) \in T^*M : \xi \perp E_0(x) \oplus E_u(x) \}$

NOTE:  $u$  lies in the range of the residue  $\text{Res}_\lambda R(\lambda)$

As an example, look at the flow  $\varphi^t(x, y, \theta) = (e^t x, e^{-t} y, \theta + t)$  studied before. Then resonant states

have the form  $u_{jke} = x^j \otimes \partial_y^k \delta_0(y) \otimes e^{-2\pi i k \theta}$

Each of these looks like a  $\delta$ -function on the weak unstable leaf

$$\{y=0\} \subset \mathbb{R}^2_{x,y} \times \mathbb{S}^1_\theta, \text{ so}$$

one can check directly that  $WF(u_{jke}) \subset$  conormal bundle of  $\{y=0\}$

$$= \{(x, y, \theta, \xi_x, \xi_y, \xi_\theta) \mid y=0, \xi_x=0, \xi_\theta=0\}$$

which does lie inside  $E_u^*$   
 (as  $E_0 = \mathbb{R} \partial_\theta, E_u = \mathbb{R} \partial_x$ )



# Cohomological equation

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Let's look at the equation

$$Xu = f \quad \text{where } f \in C^\infty(M).$$

$$\text{and } \int_M f d\mu = 0$$

What is the space in which we have a unique solution  $u$  (modulo  $\gamma + C$ )?

- $C^\infty(M)$ ? Usually no existence:  
need  $\int_\gamma f = 0$  on each closed trajectory  $\gamma$  of  $\varphi^t$
- $D'(M)$ ? No uniqueness:  
e.g.  $\gamma$  closed trajectory,  $u = \delta_\gamma \Rightarrow$   
 $\Rightarrow Xu = 0$
- Turns out  $u \in D'(M)$ ,  $WF(u) \subset E_u^*$  is the right requirement