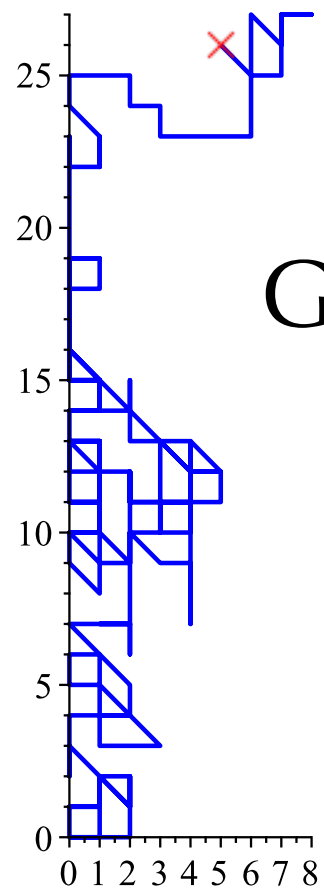
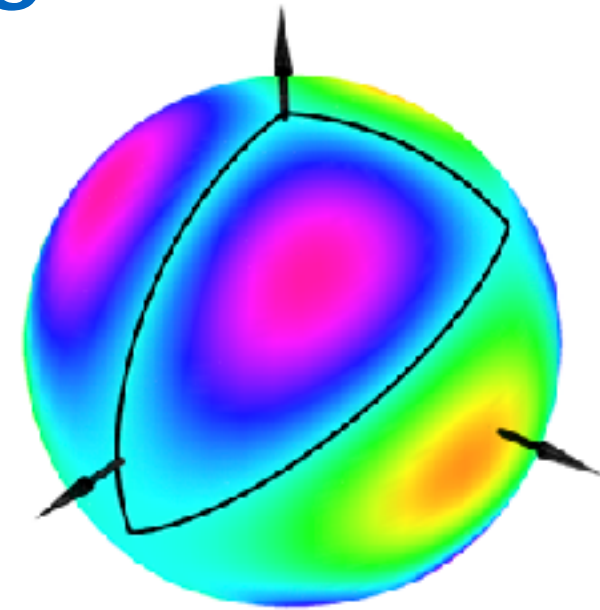


# Walks in Cones and Tight Enclosures of Laplacian Eigenvalues

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# **I. Long Introduction: Walks in Cones**

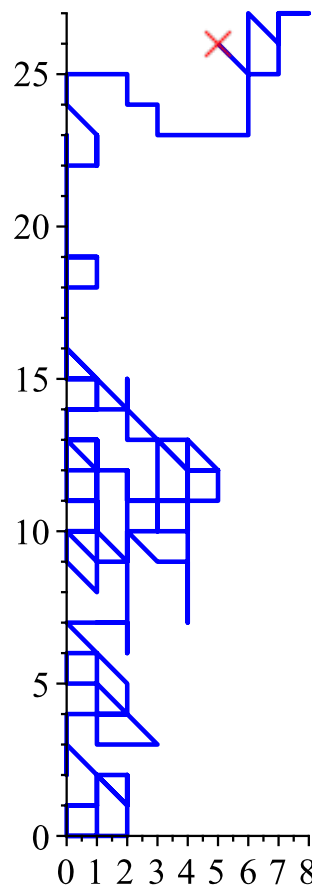
# Lattice Walks: a Mine of Linear Recurrences Waiting for Tools

Walks from 0 to  $P \in \mathbb{Z}^d$  staying in  $K \subset \mathbb{R}^d$   
using  $n$  steps in  $\mathcal{S} \subset \mathbb{Z}^d$

**Ex.:**  $d = 2$ ,  $\mathcal{S} = \{\uparrow, \downarrow, \rightarrow, \leftarrow, \nearrow\}$ ,  $K = \mathbb{N}^2$

$$u_{i,j,n} = u_{i-1,j,n-1} + u_{i,j-1,n-1} + u_{i+1,j,n-1} + u_{i,j+1,n-1} + u_{i+1,j+1,n-1}$$

$$u_{i,j,n} = 0 \quad \text{for} \quad (i,j) \notin K$$



Generating functions:

excursions

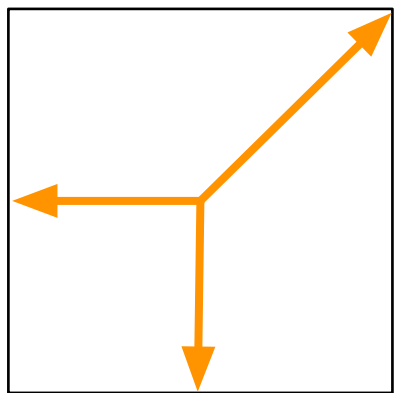
total number

$$U_K(x, y; z) := \sum_{i,j,n} u_{i,j,n} x^i y^j z^n, \quad U_K(0,0; z) = \sum_{n \geq 0} e_n z^n, \quad U_K(1,1; z) = \sum_{n \geq 0} u_n z^n.$$

**Applications:** queuing theory, statistical physics, combinatorics,...

**Questions:**  $\mathcal{S}, K \rightarrow$  asymptotics? nature of these series?

# Example: Kreweras Walks



$$\mathcal{S} := \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

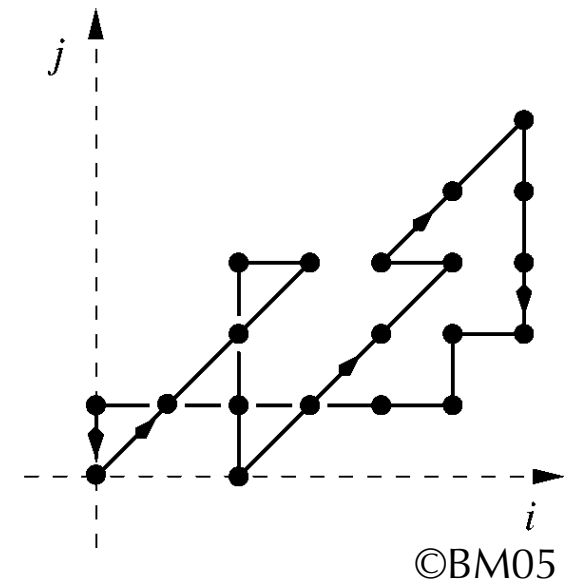
$$K = \mathbb{N}^2$$

Excursions:

$$e_{3n} = \frac{4^n (3n)!}{(n+1)!(2n+1)!} \sim C \frac{3^{3n}}{n^{5/2}}$$

$$\text{Total number: } u_n \sim C' \frac{3^n}{n^{3/2}}$$

$U_{\mathbb{N}^2}(x, y; z)$  is algebraic



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# Main Character: Generating Polynomial

$$\chi_{\mathcal{S}}(x_1, \dots, x_d) := \sum_{s \in \mathcal{S}} x_1^{s_1} \cdots x_d^{s_d}$$

For  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\chi_{\mathcal{S}}^k = \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}^d} c_{k,m} x_1^{m_1} \cdots x_d^{m_d}$

num. walks from 0  
to  $m$  in  $\mathbb{Z}^d$  in  $k$  steps

Summing over  $k$ ,  $\frac{1}{1 - z\chi_{\mathcal{S}}} = \sum_{k,m} c_{k,m} x^m z^k = U_{\mathbb{Z}^d}(x; z)$

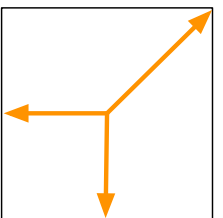
For an arbitrary cone  $K$ ,

Kernel  
equation

$$(1 - z\chi_{\mathcal{S}})U_K(x; z) = 1 + \text{correcting terms encoding } \partial K$$

Ex. Kreweras:

$$\chi := \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + xy$$



# A Mysterious Secondary Character: Group of the Walk

For *small-step* walks ( $\max_i |s_i| = 1$ , for all  $s \in \mathcal{S}$ )

For all  $i \in \{1, \dots, d\}$ ,  $\chi_{\mathcal{S}} = A_i^- x_i^{-1} + A_i^0 + A_i^+ x_i$ ,

$$A_i^-, A_i^0, A_i^+ \in \mathbb{Z}[x_1^{\pm 1}, \dots, x_{i-1}^{\pm 1}, x_{i+1}^{\pm 1}, \dots, x_d^{\pm 1}]$$

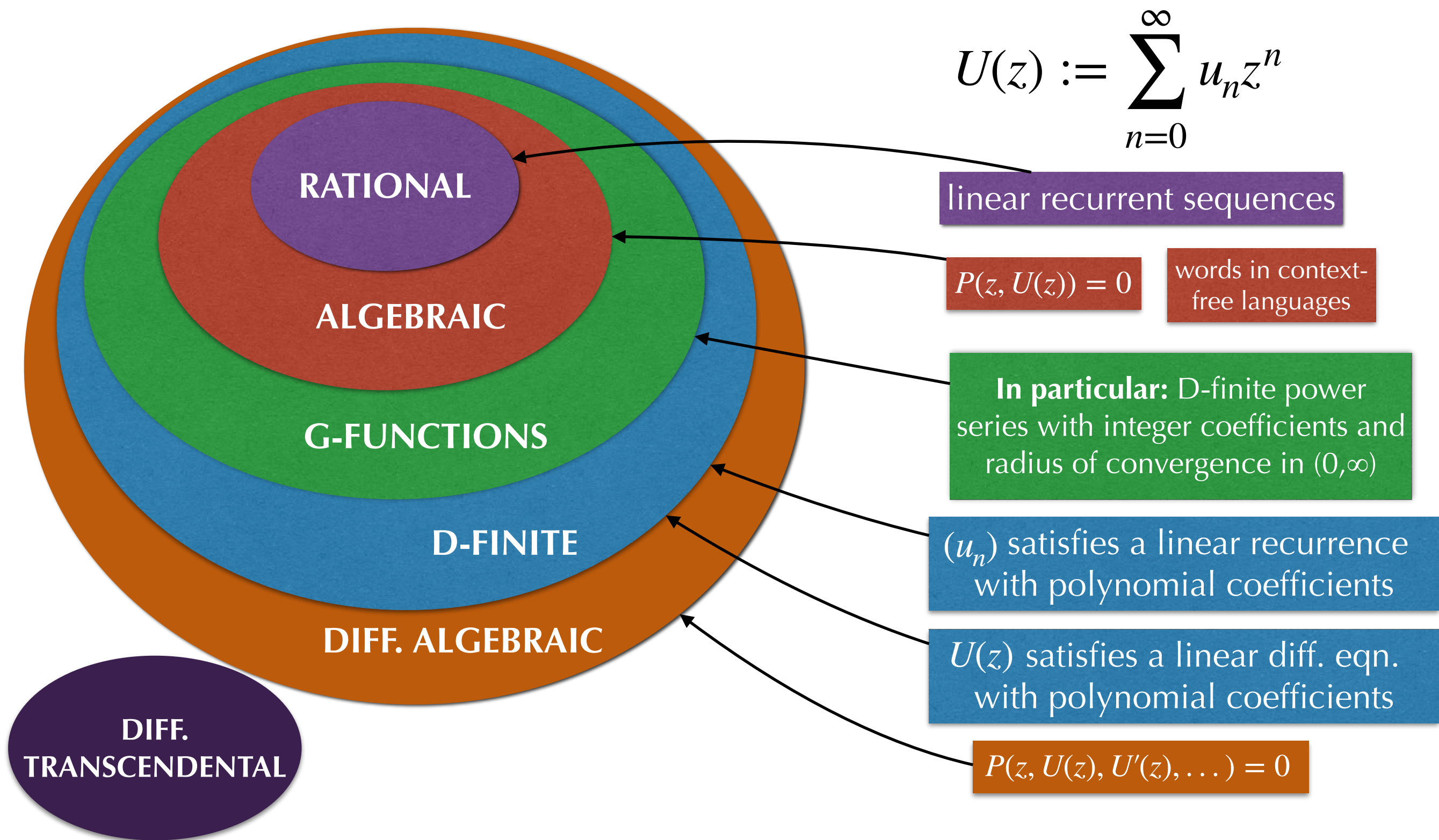
$$\psi_i : \left( x_j \mapsto x_j \text{ for } j \neq i, x_i \mapsto \frac{A_i^-}{A_i^+} \frac{1}{x_i} \right) \text{ fixes } \chi_{\mathcal{S}}$$

Group:  $\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{S}} := \langle \psi_1, \dots, \psi_d \rangle$  generated by the  $\psi_i$ .





# Classes of Univariate Power Series



Knowing where  $U(z)$  fits helps deduce properties of  $(u_n)$  . 5/32

# Generating Functions and Asymptotics

$$\text{For } U(z) := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} u_n z^n \in \mathbb{Q}[[z]]$$

$$\text{if } u_n \sim C \rho^n n^\alpha, \quad n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$U \text{ rational} \implies \rho \text{ algebraic}, \alpha \in \mathbb{N},$$

Fibonacci

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} U \text{ algebraic} \\ U \text{ G-function} \end{array} \right\} \implies \rho \text{ algebraic}, \alpha \in \mathbb{Q},$$

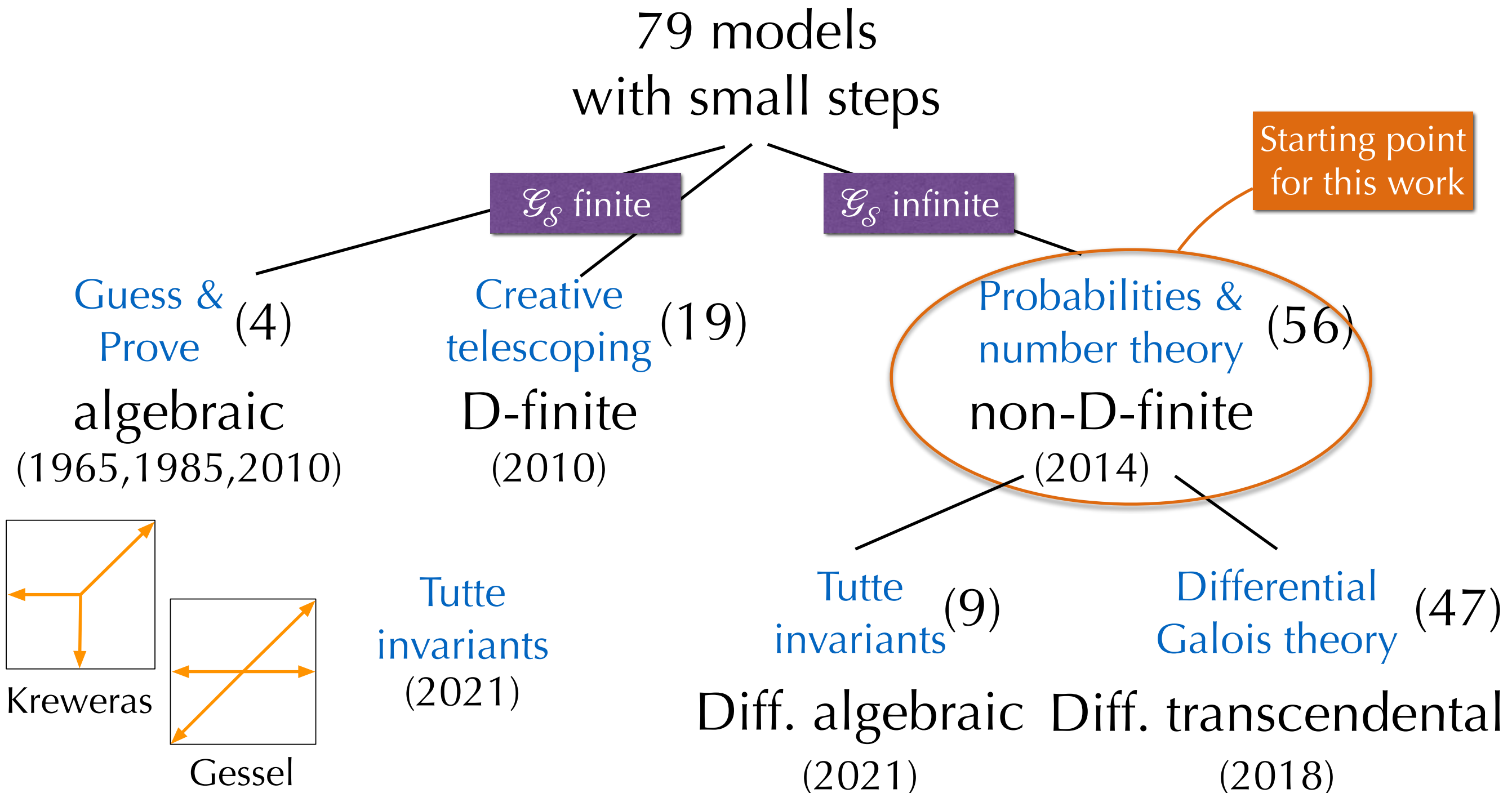
Catalan

$$U \text{ D-finite} \implies \rho \text{ algebraic}, \alpha \in \overline{\mathbb{Q}}.$$

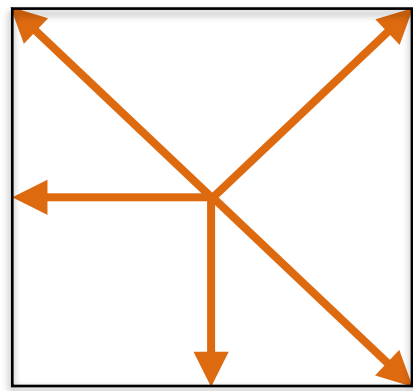
**Conversely**, asymptotics help classify.



# Walks in $\mathbb{N}^2$ : Recent Progress



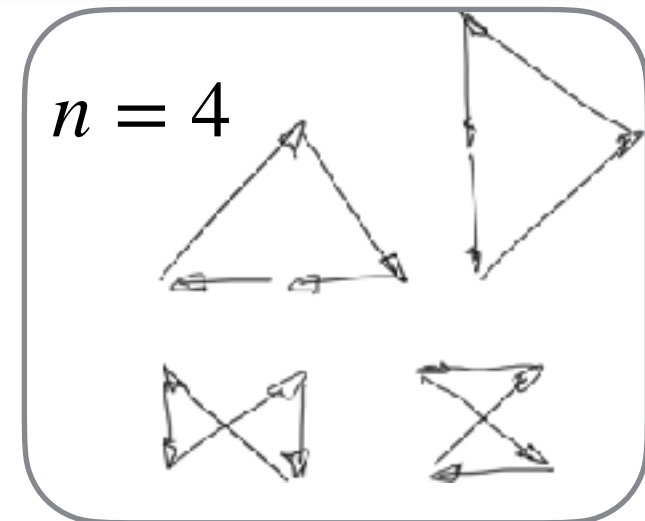
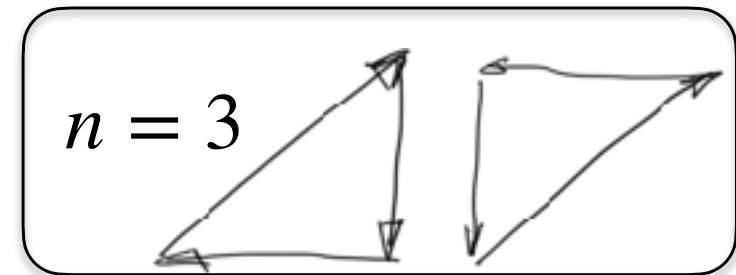
# Example in $\mathbb{N}^2$



$\mathcal{S}$

Excursions:

$$(e_n) = 1, 0, 0, 2, 4, 8, 28, 108, \dots$$



Asymptotics:  $e_n \sim C 5^n n^\alpha$  with  $\alpha = -1 - \frac{\pi}{\arccos(1/4)}$

Next 2  
slides

$$\alpha \notin \mathbb{Q}$$

$\Rightarrow U(0,0,z)$  not D-finite

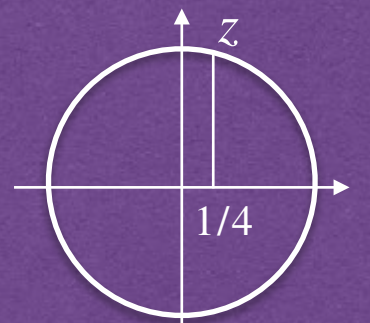
$\Rightarrow U(x,y,z)$  not D-finite

**Proof:**  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}$

$\Rightarrow z$  root of unity, with

$$\frac{z + 1/z}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$\Rightarrow 2z^2 - z + 2$  divisible by a cyclotomic pol.  
Contradiction.



# Asymptotics from Probabilities (1/2)

Hyp.

$$\mathcal{S} := \{s_1, \dots, s_N\} \subset \mathbb{Z}^d$$

+ non-degeneracy conditions

$K$  a cone with apex at 0

+ regularity conditions on  $\partial K$

No drift:  $\sum_i s_i = 0$

Normalized:  $\left( \sum_{k=1}^d s_i^{(k)} s_j^{(k)} \right)_{i,j} = \mathbf{Id}$

Conclusion

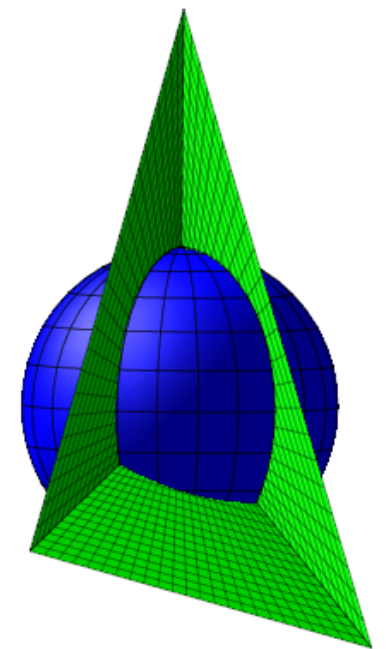
$$\# \text{excursions} \sim C |\mathcal{S}|^n n^{-\alpha_{\mathcal{S}}},$$

$$\alpha_{\mathcal{S}} := \sqrt{\lambda_1 + (d/2 - 1)^2} + 1,$$

$\lambda_1$ : fundamental eigenvalue of  $\Delta_{\mathbb{S}^{d-1}}$  on  $\mathbb{S}^{d-1} \cap K$ .

Principle: reduce to Brownian motion in  $K$

def soon



# Asymptotics from Probabilities (2/2)

Reduce cases with drifts and covariance by

1. Adding weights  $1/w_i, w_i$  to the steps in direction  $i$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, d$
2. A linear change  $M$  of coordinates

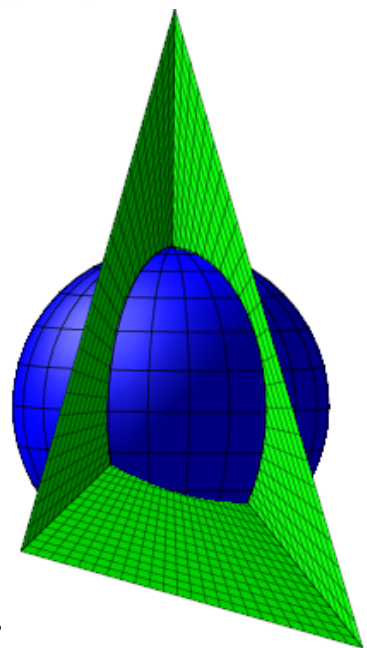
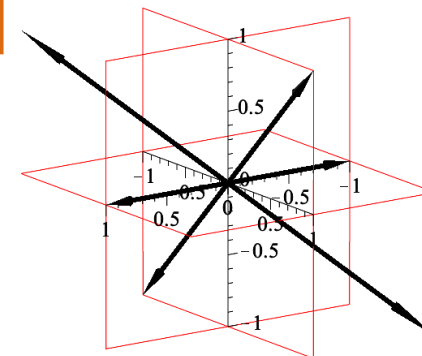
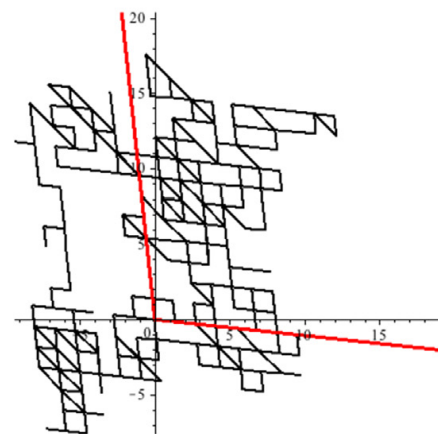
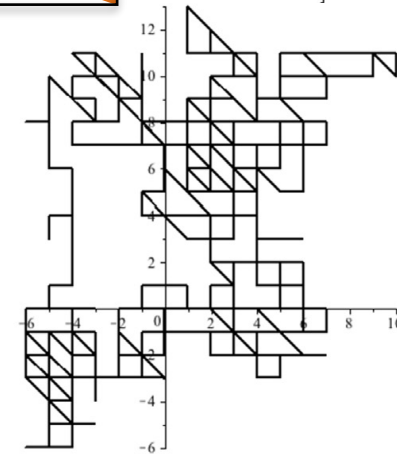
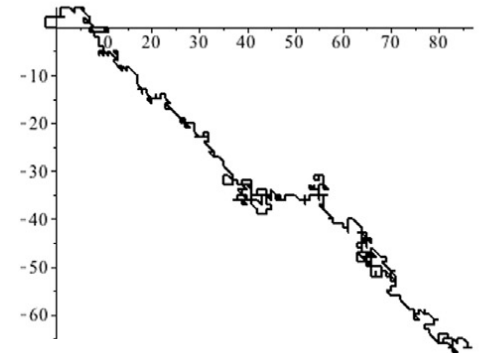
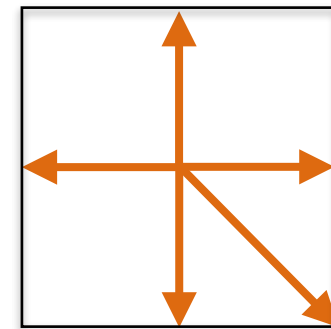
Conclusion

$$\# \text{excursions} \sim C \rho^n n^{-\alpha_S},$$

$$\rho := |\mathcal{S}| \min_{(x_1, \dots, x_d) \in \mathbb{R}_+^d} \chi(x_1, \dots, x_d)$$

$$\alpha := \sqrt{\lambda_1 + (d/2 - 1)^2} + 1,$$

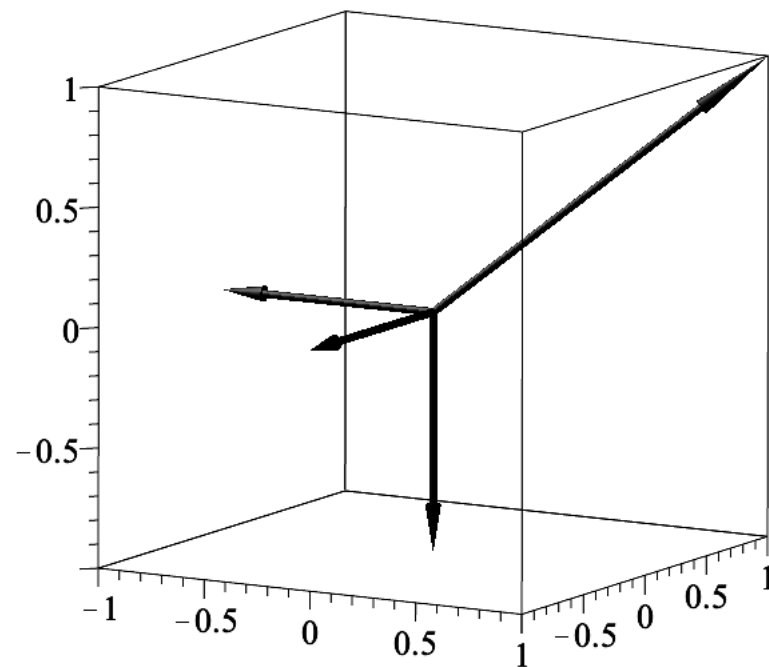
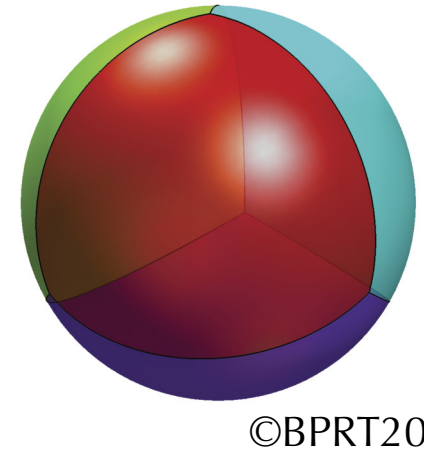
$\lambda_1$ : fundamental eigenvalue of  $\Delta_{\mathbb{S}^{d-1}}$  on  $\mathbb{S}^{d-1} \cap MK$ .



Partial  
combinatorial  
explanation for  $\rho$

# Example: Kreweras 3D

*The group of the walk is finite*



Excursions:  $e_n \sim C 4^n n^{-\alpha_K}$

Previous estimates lead to:

$\alpha_K \in [3.323, 3.326]$  (Costabel, 2008)

$\alpha_K \simeq 3.32572$  (Ratzkin, Treibergs, 2009)

$\alpha_K \simeq 3.3261$  (Balakrishna, 2013)

$\alpha_K \simeq 3.325757004174456$  (Guttmann, 2015)

$\alpha_K \simeq 3.3257569$  (Bacher et al., 2016)

$\alpha_K \simeq 3.325757004175$  (Bogosel et al., 2020)

$$\mathcal{S} = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$$

Initial  
goal of  
this work

**New:** If  $\alpha_K = p/q \in \mathbb{Q}$ , then  $q > 10^{51}$ .

D-finiteness  
more and more  
doubtful



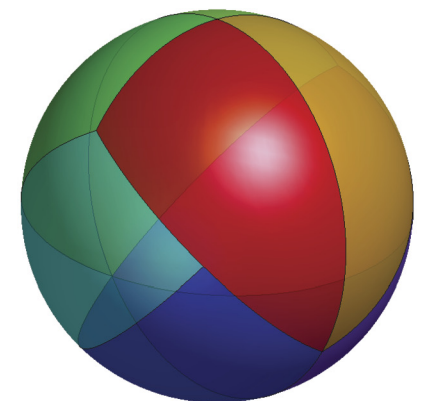
# Walk-mining in $\mathbb{N}^3$

(Bogosel, Perrollaz, Raschel, Trotignon 2020)

17 spherical triangles associated to finite groups

+ computation of the corresponding angles  
(all in  $\{\pi/4, \pi/3, \pi/2, 2\pi/3, 3\pi/4\}$ )

+ exact or estimated value of the exponent



$(\pi/3, \pi/2, 2\pi/3)$

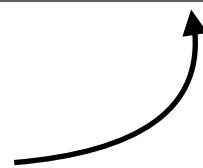
They all correspond to  
tilings of the sphere



# Results

Angles	BPRT	new
$(3\pi/4, \pi/3, \pi/2)$	12.400051	$12.400051652843377905... \pm 10^{-47}$
$(2\pi/3, \pi/3, \pi/2)$	13.744355	$13.744355213213231835... \pm 10^{-84}$
$(2\pi/3, \pi/4, \pi/2)$	20.571973	$20.571973537984730557... \pm 10^{-30}$
$(2\pi/3, \pi/3, \pi/3)$	21.309407	$21.309407630190445260... \pm 10^{-206}$
$(3\pi/4, \pi/4, \pi/3)$	24.456913	$24.456913796299111694... \pm 10^{-73}$
$(2\pi/3, \pi/4, \pi/4)$	49.109945	$49.109945263284609920... \pm 10^{-153}$
$(2\pi/3, 3\pi/4, 3\pi/4)$	4.261734	$4.2617347552939870857... \pm 10^{-22}$
$(2\pi/3, 2\pi/3, 2\pi/3)$	5.159145	$5.1591456424665417112... \pm 10^{-104}$
$(\pi/2, 2\pi/3, 3\pi/4)$	6.241748	$6.2417483307263342368... \pm 10^{-20}$
$(\pi/2, 2\pi/3, 2\pi/3)$	6.777108	$6.7771080545983009573... \pm 10^{-35}$

finite elements &  
convergence acceleration



Next: How do we do it?  
and why are the precisions so different?

## **II. Laplacian on Spherical Triangles**

# Fundamental Eigenvalue of the Laplace-Beltrami Operator on the Unit Sphere

Laplace operator in spherical coordinates in  $\mathbb{R}^d$

$$\Delta f = r^{1-d} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r^{d-1} \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} \right) + r^{-2} \Delta_{\mathbb{S}^{d-1}} f$$

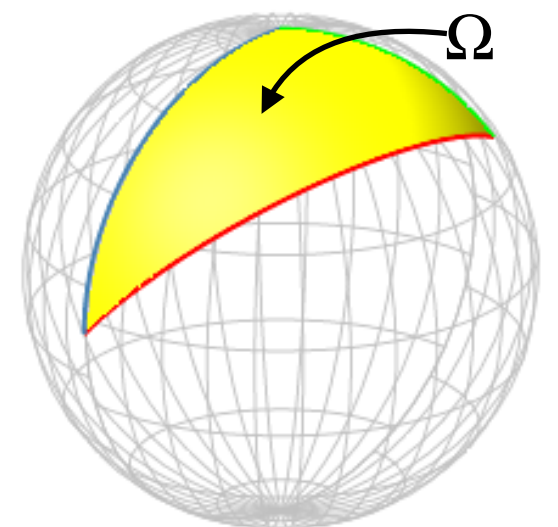
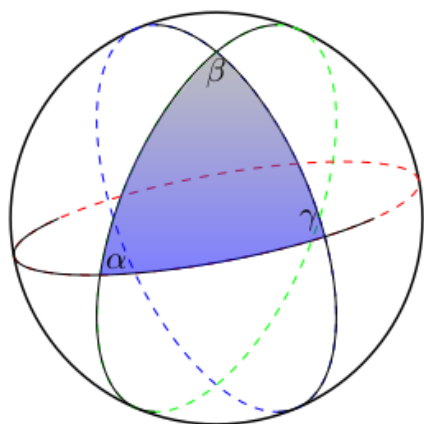
Laplace-Beltrami on the sphere

Eigenvalue problem for  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{S}^{d-1}$ :  
 $\Delta_{\mathbb{S}^{d-1}} f + \lambda f = 0$  in  $\Omega$ ,  $f|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$ .

Dirichlet  
condition

spherical  
triangle

$\Omega$



**Goal:**  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) \mapsto \lambda_1$  with high precision  
(dimension  $d=3$ )

# Basic Properties of the Laplacian over a Bounded Domain $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$

Hold also  
for  $\Delta_{\mathbb{S}^{d-1}}$

$$(u, v) := \frac{1}{\text{Vol } \Omega} \int_{\Omega} uv \, d\sigma$$

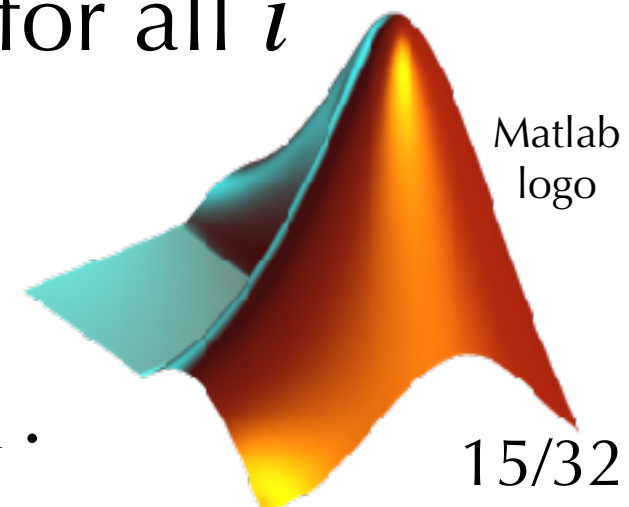
- . self-adjoint:  $(\Delta u, v) = (u, \Delta v)$  on  $\{f \in C^2(\Omega), f|_{\partial\Omega} = 0\}$
- . discrete spectrum with no accumulation point

fundamental  
eigenvalue

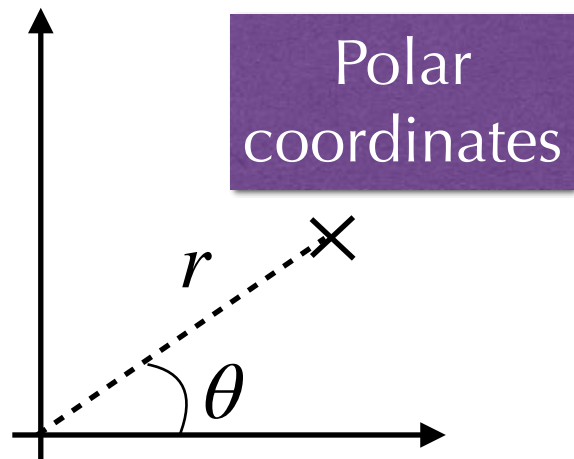
$$0 < \lambda_1 < \lambda_2 \leq \dots, \quad \lambda_n \rightarrow \infty$$

- . corresponding eigenfunctions  $(u_n)$  Hilbert basis of  $L_2(\Omega)$
- . maximum principle:  $\Delta u \geq 0$  in  $\Omega \Rightarrow \sup_{x \in \Omega} u(x) \leq \sup_{x \in \partial\Omega} u(x)$
- . monotonicity:  $\Omega \subset \Omega' \Rightarrow \lambda_i(\Omega) \geq \lambda_i(\Omega')$ , for all  $i$
- . Faber-Krahn inequality:  $\lambda_1(\Omega) \geq \lambda_1(\Omega^*)$ ,

$$\Omega^* = \begin{cases} \text{ball with the same volume for } \Delta, \\ \text{spherical cap with the same area for } \Delta_{\mathbb{S}^{d-1}}. \end{cases}$$

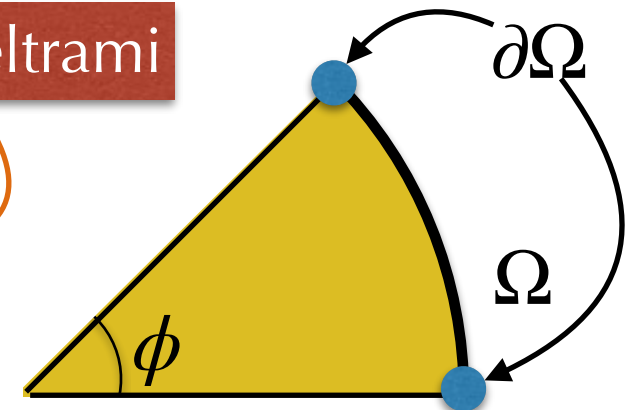


# Planar Case



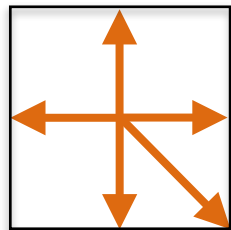
$$\Delta f(r, \theta) = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial f}{\partial r} \right) + \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial \theta^2}$$

Laplace-Beltrami



Eigenfunctions:  $\sin(\sqrt{\lambda}\theta + c)$

Boundary: 
$$\begin{cases} \theta = 0 \rightarrow c = 0 \\ \theta = \phi \rightarrow \lambda = \lambda_k := \left( \frac{k\pi}{\phi} \right)^2, k \in \mathbb{N}^*. \end{cases}$$



**Ex.**  $\mathcal{S} = \{\uparrow, \downarrow, \rightarrow, \leftarrow, \searrow\}$ ,  $\phi = \arccos(u)$ ,  $\mu_u(u) = 0$ ,  $\mu_u = 8t^3 - 8t^2 + 6t - 1$

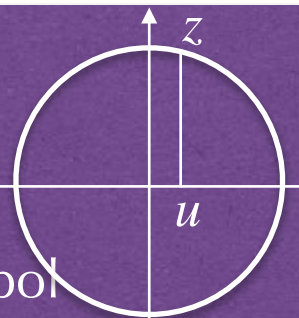
exponent  $\alpha = 1 + \frac{\pi}{\arccos(u)} \notin \mathbb{Q} \Rightarrow U$  not D-finite.

Automatic proof of 51 of the 56 non-Dfinite cases

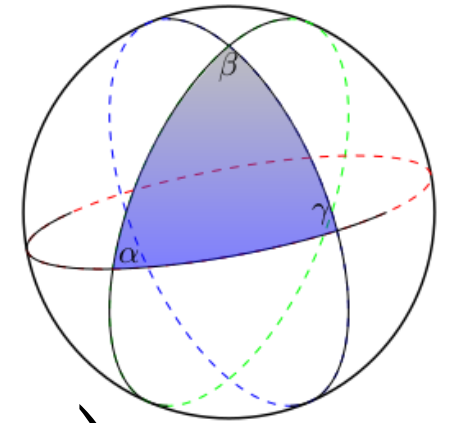
**Proof:**  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}$

$\Rightarrow$  numer  $\mu_u \left( \frac{z + 1/z}{2} \right)$

divisible by a cyclotomic pol  
Contradiction.



# Spherical Triangles



Eigenvalues known when  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = \left( \frac{\pi}{p}, \frac{\pi}{q}, \frac{\pi}{r} \right)$

Only possible  $(p, q, r)$  that give triangles:

- .  $(2,3,3) \longrightarrow \lambda = k(k+1), k \in 6 + 3\mathbb{N} + 4\mathbb{N}$
- .  $(2,3,4) \longrightarrow \lambda = k(k+1), k \in 9 + 6\mathbb{N}$
- .  $(2,3,5) \longrightarrow \lambda = k(k+1), k \in 15 + 6\mathbb{N} + 10\mathbb{N}$
- .  $(2,2,r) \longrightarrow \lambda = k(k+1), k \in r+1 + 2\mathbb{N} + r\mathbb{N}$

This solves 7 of the 17 triangles with finite groups for 3D walks

$$\alpha := \sqrt{\lambda_1 + (d/2 - 1)^2} + 1 \in \mathbb{Q}$$

No other value known  $\longrightarrow$  turn to numerical computation

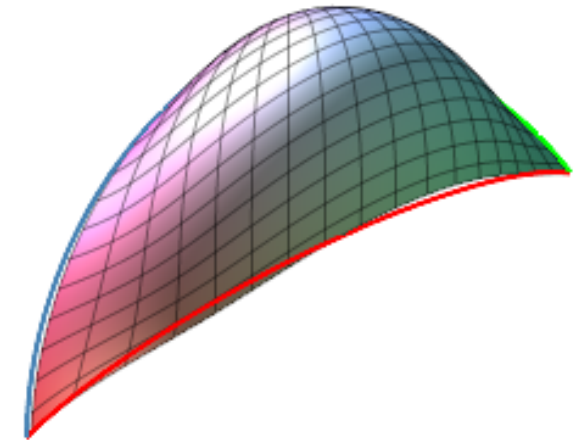


# Bounds from an Approximate Eigenvalue

Eigenvalue problem for  $\Omega$  :

$$\Delta f + \lambda f = 0 \text{ in } \Omega, \quad f|_{\partial\Omega} = 0.$$

replace by  $f$  small



**Thm.** If  $\Delta f^\star + \lambda^\star f^\star = 0$  in  $\Omega$ , then there exists  $\lambda$  s.t.

$$\frac{|\lambda - \lambda^\star|}{\lambda} \leq \frac{\sup_{x \in \partial\Omega} |f^\star(x)|}{\|f^\star\|_2}.$$

Method:

1. Find a good approximate pair  $(f^\star, \lambda^\star)$
2. Compute the bound in a certified way
3. Certify the index

Cost of  
certification:  
not large

$$\frac{|\lambda - \lambda^*|}{\lambda} \leq \frac{\sup_{x \in \partial\Omega} |f^*(x)|}{\|f^*\|_2}.$$

# Proof

Use

$(u_n)$  orthonormal basis, with  $\Delta u_n = \lambda_n u_n$ ,  $u_n|_{\partial\Omega} = 0$

$w$  solution of  $\Delta w = 0$ ,  $w|_{\partial\Omega} = f^*|_{\partial\Omega}$

If small,  
 $\|w\|$  small

Coefficients of  $w$ :  $(w, u_n) = (w - f^*, u_n) + (f^*, u_n) = \frac{1}{\lambda_n}(w - f^*, \Delta u_n) + (f^*, u_n),$

$\Delta$  self-adjoint

$$= \frac{1}{\lambda_n}(\Delta w - \Delta f^*, u_n) + (f^*, u_n) = \left(1 - \frac{\lambda^*}{\lambda_n}\right)(f^*, u_n).$$

Take  $\lambda$  where  
min is reached

$$|(w, u_n)| \geq \left|1 - \frac{\lambda^*}{\lambda}\right| |(f^*, u_n)|,$$

discrete spectrum with  
no accumulation point

Square  
and sum

$$\left(\sup_{x \in \partial\Omega} f^*\right)^2 \geq \|w\|^2 \geq \left|1 - \frac{\lambda^*}{\lambda}\right|^2 \|f^*\|^2.$$

Orthonormality  
and completeness

max. ppl

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## Step 1. Find a good approximate pair $(f^\star, \lambda^\star)$

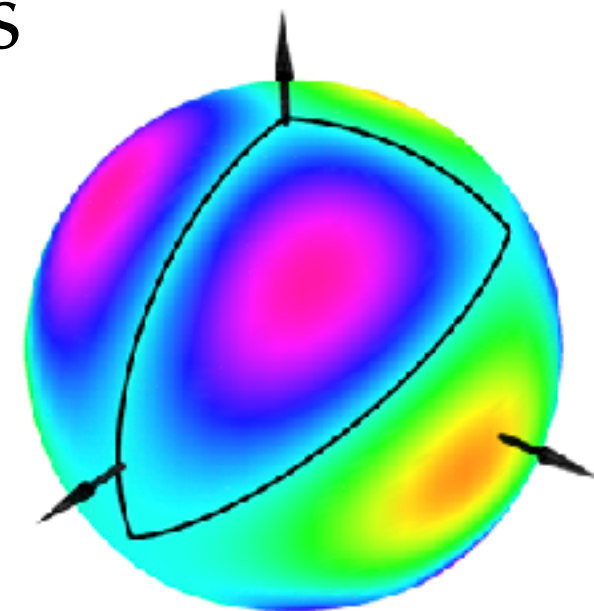
$$\frac{|\lambda - \lambda^\star|}{\lambda} \leq \frac{\sup_{x \in \partial\Omega} |f^\star(x)|}{\|f^\star\|_2}.$$

High precision needed,  
and no guarantee

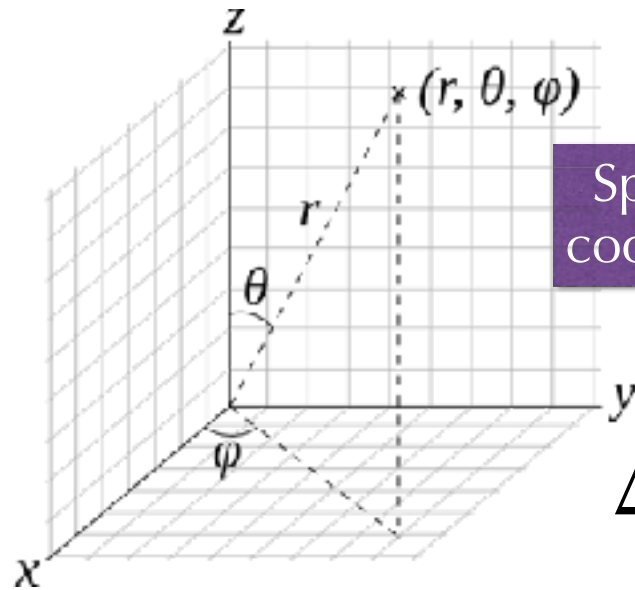
# Method of Particular Solutions

Target:  $\Delta f^\star + \lambda^\star f^\star = 0$  in  $\Omega$ ,  $\sup_{x \in \partial\Omega} |f^\star|$  small.

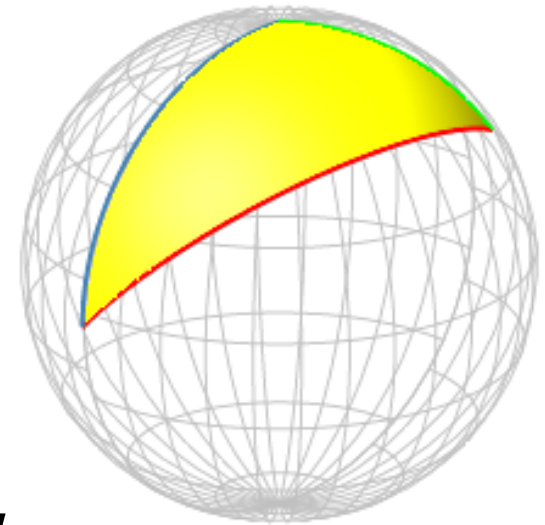
1. Fix  $\lambda$
2. Find a set  $(u_\lambda^{(k)})_{k=1}^N$  of solutions of  $\Delta f + \lambda f = 0$  in  $\Omega$
3. Find a linear combination  $\sum_{k=1}^N c_k u_\lambda^{(k)}$  that is
  - . small on  $\partial\Omega$
  - . *not too small* on  $\Omega$
4. Repeat to minimize  $\sup_{x \in \partial\Omega}$  over  $\lambda$



## 2. Set of Eigenfunctions



Spherical coordinates



$$\Delta_{\mathbb{S}^2} u(\theta, \phi) = \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \sin \theta \frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta} \right) + \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial \phi^2}$$

Separation of variables:  $u = f(\phi)g(\theta)$  gives

$$\frac{g''(\phi)}{g(\phi)} + \sin^2 \theta \frac{f''(\theta)}{f(\theta)} + \sin \theta \cos \theta \frac{f'(\theta)}{f(\theta)} + \lambda \sin^2 \theta = 0$$

$$g(\phi) = \sin(\mu\phi + c), \quad f(\theta) = P_{\nu}^{\mu}(\cos \theta) \quad (\mu \leq 0)$$

with  $\lambda = \nu(\nu + 1)$ .

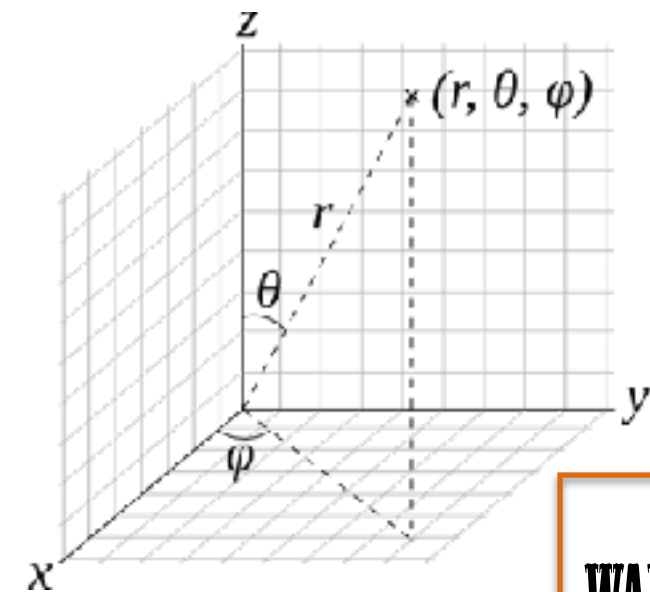
Ferrers function of the 1st kind (D-finite; generalize the Legendre functions)

First 2 boundaries: 
$$\begin{cases} \phi = 0 & \rightarrow c = 0 \\ \phi = \phi_{\max} & \rightarrow \mu = \mu_k := -\frac{k\pi}{\phi_{\max}}, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}. \end{cases}$$

$$u_{\lambda}^{(k)}(\theta, \phi) = \sin(\mu_k \phi) P_{\nu}^{\mu_k}(\cos \theta)$$



# 3. Small on $\partial\Omega$ , Not too Small on $\Omega$



$$u_\lambda(\phi) := \sum_{k=1}^N c_k \sin(\mu_k \phi) P_\nu^{\mu_k}(\cos \theta(\phi))$$

with  $\lambda = \nu(\nu + 1)$

satisfies  
 $\Delta u_\lambda + \lambda u_\lambda = 0$

**WANTED:**  $c_k$  s.t.  $u_\lambda|_{[0, \phi_{\max}]} \approx 0$ ,  $\|u_\lambda\|_\Omega \approx 1$ .

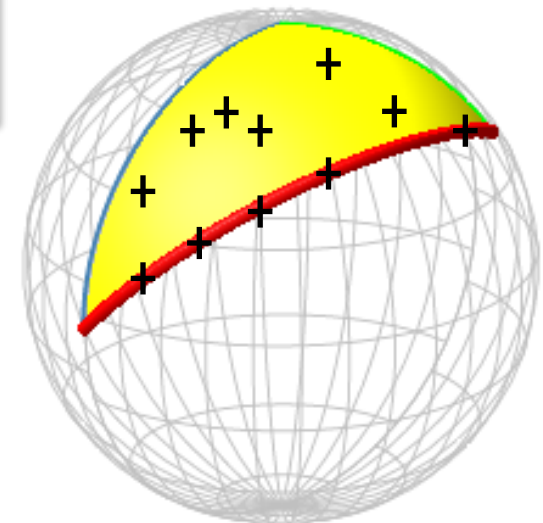
Choose  $x_1, \dots, x_{m_b}$  on  $\partial\Omega$ ,  $y_1, \dots, y_{m_i}$  inside  $\Omega$ ;

Form a matrix  $A := \begin{pmatrix} u_\lambda^{(k)}(x_i) \\ u_\lambda^{(k)}(y_i) \end{pmatrix}$

Compute its QR factorization  $A = \begin{pmatrix} Q_{\partial\Omega} \\ Q_\Omega \end{pmatrix} R$

$\sigma := \min_{\|v\|=1} \|Q_{\partial\Omega} v\|$  found together with  $v$  by SVD (least squares)

Orthonormal  
basis of  $\text{Im } A$



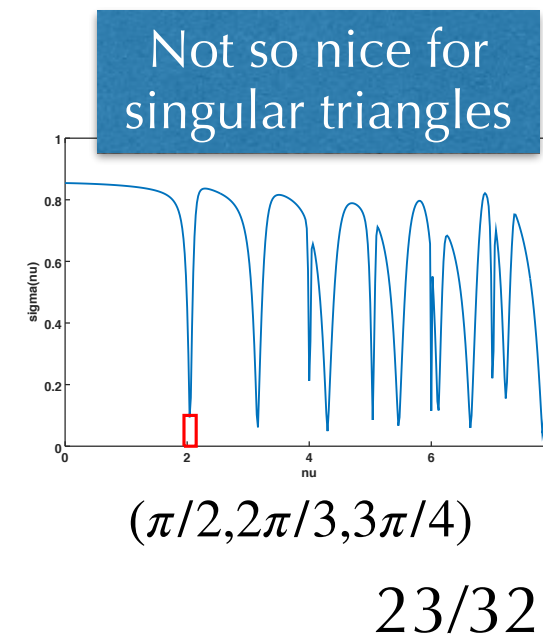
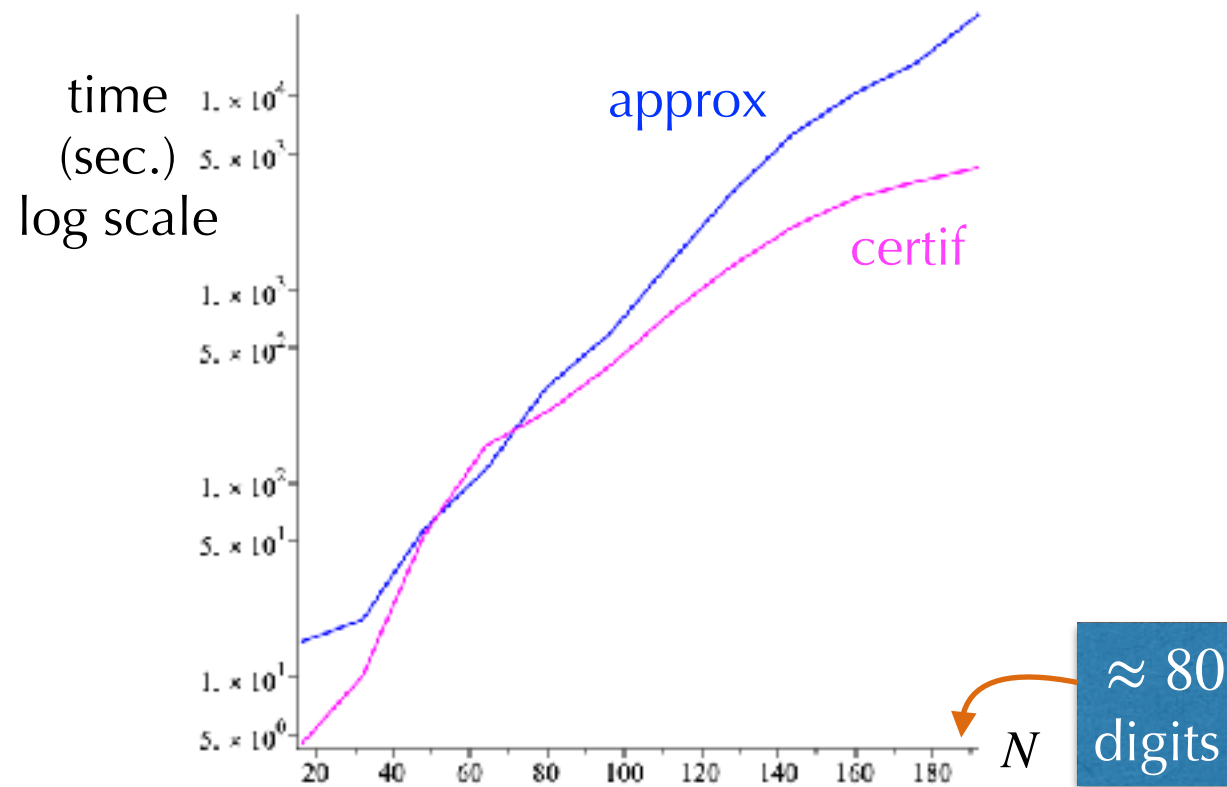
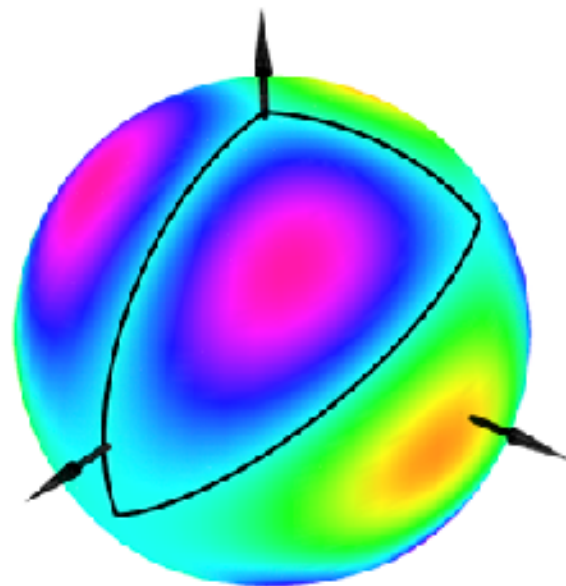
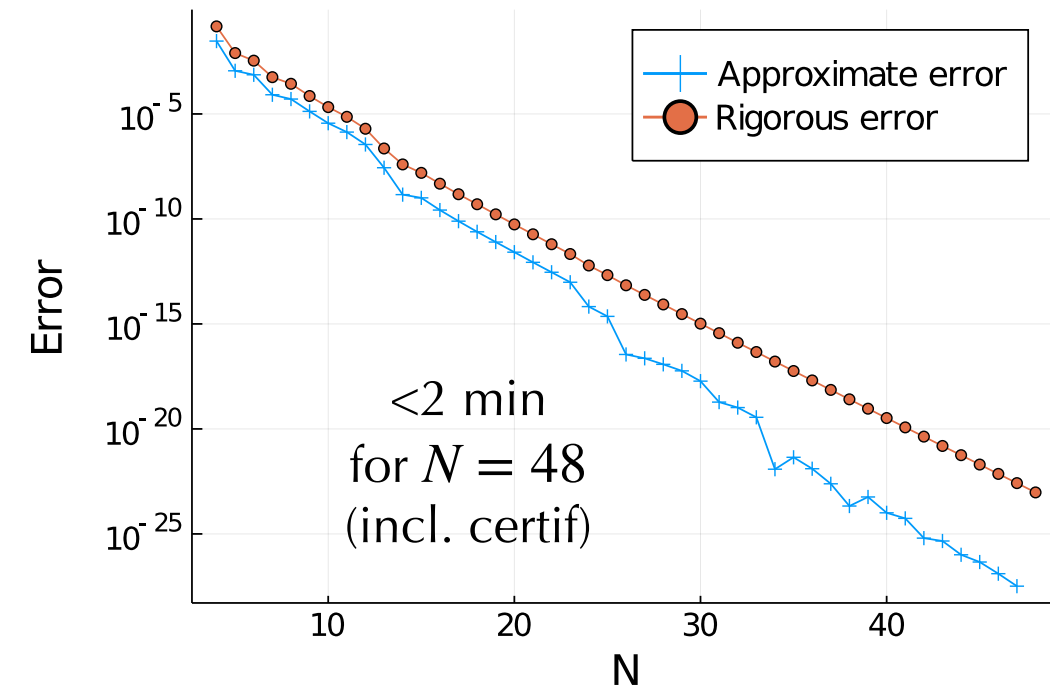
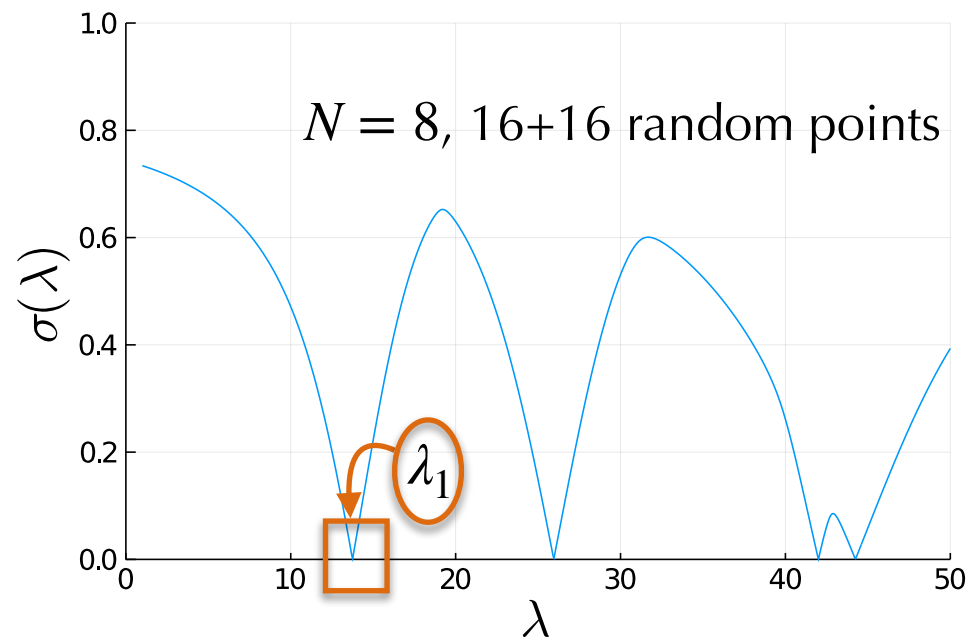
Then  
 $\|Q_\Omega v\|^2 = 1 - \sigma^2$   
not too small

Recover  $c$  by solving  $Rc = v$ .

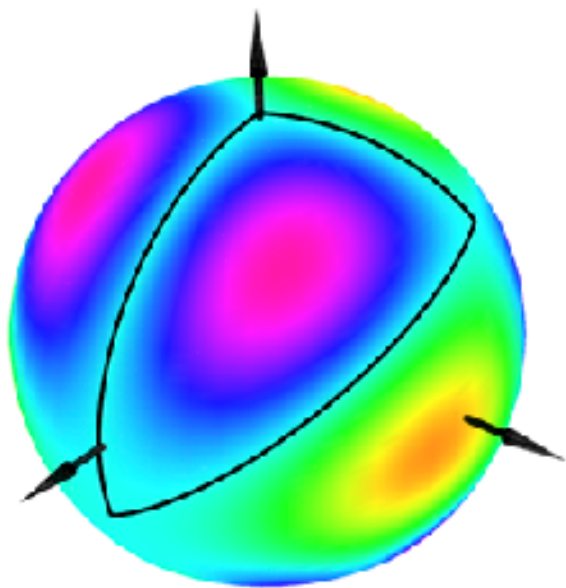


# 4. Optimize over $\lambda$

Ex. Regular Triangle:  $(2\pi/3, \pi/3, \pi/2)$



# Regular vs Singular Triangles



Def. a corner is **regular** if its angle is  $\pi/k$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , **singular** otherwise.

At a regular corner, eigenfunctions can be continued analytically (by reflection).

Def. **Regular triangle**:  $\leq 1$  singular corners.

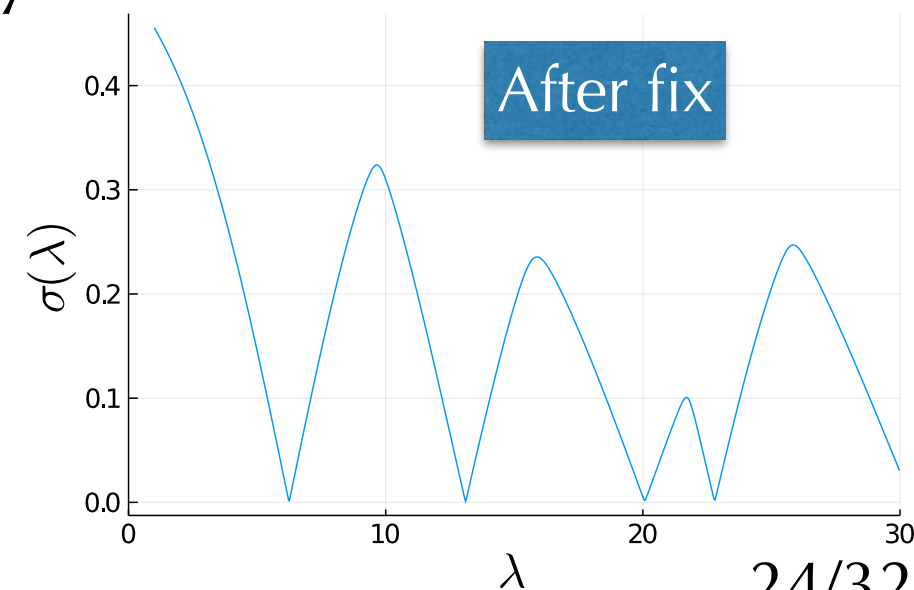
3d-Kreweras  
is singular

Expansions from a (singular) corner converge well when the other corners are regular, poorly otherwise.

**Fix**: use a sum of 4 expansions

$$f^*(\theta, \phi) = u_1(\theta_1, \phi_1) + u_2(\theta_2, \phi_2) + u_3(\theta_3, \phi_3) + u_{\text{int}}(\theta_{\text{int}}, \phi_{\text{int}})$$

One from each corner, one from an interior point



1. Find a good approximate pair  $(f^\star, \lambda^\star)$
2. Compute the bound in a certified way
3. Certify the index

## Step 2. Rigorous Bounds

$$\frac{|\lambda - \lambda^\star|}{\lambda} \leq \frac{\sup_{x \in \partial\Omega} |f^\star(x)|}{\|f^\star\|_2}.$$

# Basic Tool: Interval Arithmetic

Replace all floating-point operations by set operations

$$[1.2, 1.3] + [2.0, 2.1] = [3.2, 3.4]$$

$$[1.2, 1.3] \times [2.0, 2.1] = [2.40, 2.73]$$

provides **certified enclosures**

Implementation  
requires care with  
rounding modes

We use  
<https://arblib.org/>

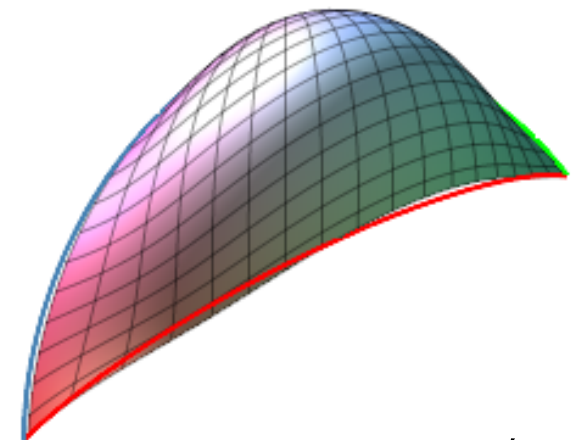
Weakness: **wrapping effect**

$$f := e^{-t} - (1 - t + t^2/2! + \dots - t^9/9!)$$

$$f([1.0, 1.1]) = [-0.161, 0.161] \text{ while } f: [1.0, 1.1] \mapsto [2.5 \cdot 10^{-7}, 6.5 \cdot 10^{-7}]$$

Situation very similar to our

$$f^\star = \sum c_k u_\lambda^{(k)} \text{ on } \partial\Omega$$



# Upper Bound on the Boundary

Taylor model:

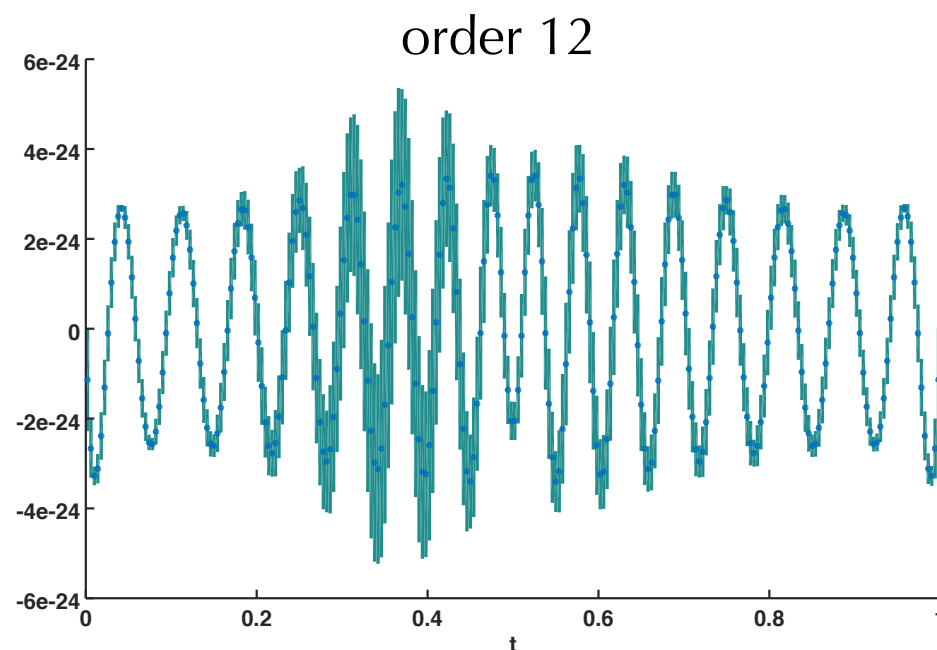
$$\frac{|\lambda - \lambda^*|}{\lambda} \leq \frac{\sup_{x \in \partial\Omega} |f^*(x)|}{\|f^*\|_2}$$

$$\max_{t \in I} f^*(\gamma(t)) \leq \max_{t \in I} P_{\ell-1}(t) + \frac{(|I|/2)^\ell}{\ell!} \max_{t \in I} \left| \frac{d^\ell}{dt^\ell} f^*(\gamma(t)) \right|$$

Taylor expansion at the midpoint  
Coefficients via linear rec.

small

interval evaluation



A lower bound on  
 $\min f^*$  also follows

Interval-evaluate  
at enclosures of roots of the  
derivative

The expensive part of the certification



# Lower Bound on the Norm

## Regular Triangles

$$\frac{|\lambda - \lambda^*|}{\lambda} \leq \frac{\sup_{x \in \partial\Omega} |f^*(x)|}{\|f^*\|_2}$$

$$f^* = \sum c_k u_k^{(\lambda)} \quad u_\lambda^{(k)}(\theta, \phi) = \sin(\mu_k \phi) P_\nu^{\mu_k}(\cos \theta)$$

$$\int_0^{\phi_{\max}} \int_0^{\theta(\phi)} f^*(\theta, \phi)^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi \geq \int_0^{\phi_{\max}} \int_0^{\theta_{\min}} f^*(\theta, \phi)^2 \sin \theta d\theta d\phi$$

Orthogonality of  $\sin(\mu_k \phi)$

$$\geq \frac{\phi_{\max}}{2} \sum c_k^2 \int_0^{\theta_{\min}} (P_\nu^{\mu_k}(\cos \theta))^2 \sin \theta d\theta$$

Rigorous interval  
evaluation (Arb)



# Lower Bound on the Norm

## Singular Triangles

$$\frac{|\lambda - \lambda^*|}{\lambda} \leq \frac{\sup_{x \in \partial\Omega} |f^*(x)|}{\|f^*\|_2}$$

1. When  $f^* \geq 0$  on  $\Omega' \subset \Omega$ ,  $\min_{\Omega'} f^* \geq \min_{\partial\Omega'} f^*$

Maximum principle

2.  $f^*|_{\partial\Omega'} > 0$  and  $\Omega'$  sufficiently small  $\Rightarrow f^* > 0$  on  $\Omega'$

Consequence of Faber-Krahn

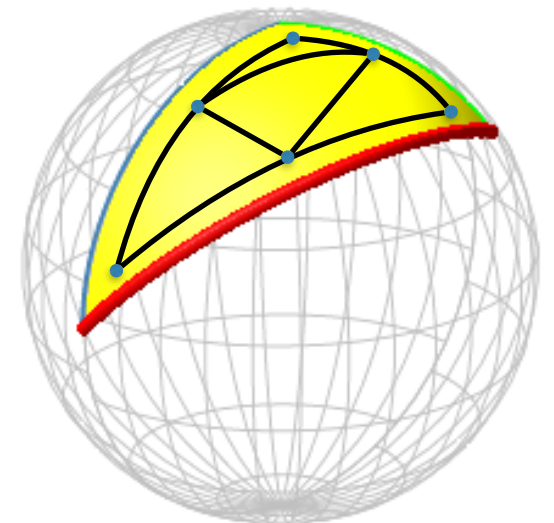
$\Delta f^*|_{\partial\Omega''} = 0$  for  $\Omega'' \subset \Omega' \Rightarrow \text{Vol } \Omega'' \geq \text{Vol } \Omega_{\lambda^*}^*$

can be computed from zeros of Legendre functions

$\Omega_{\lambda^*}^*$  : spherical cap with fundamental eigenvalue  $\lambda^*$

Conclusion: subdivide and minimize with Taylor models

4 triangles sufficient in our computations



# Results

Angles	eigenvalue
$(3\pi/4, \pi/3, \pi/2)$	$12.400051652843377905... \pm 10^{-47}$
$(2\pi/3, \pi/3, \pi/2)$	$13.744355213213231835... \pm 10^{-84}$
$(2\pi/3, \pi/4, \pi/2)$	$20.571973537984730557... \pm 10^{-30}$
$(2\pi/3, \pi/3, \pi/3)$	$21.309407630190445260... \pm 10^{-206}$
$(3\pi/4, \pi/4, \pi/3)$	$24.456913796299111694... \pm 10^{-73}$
$(2\pi/3, \pi/4, \pi/4)$	$49.109945263284609920... \pm 10^{-153}$
$(2\pi/3, 3\pi/4, 3\pi/4)$	$4.2617347552939870857... \pm 10^{-22}$
$(2\pi/3, 2\pi/3, 2\pi/3)$	$5.1591456424665417112... \pm 10^{-104}$
$(\pi/2, 2\pi/3, 3\pi/4)$	$6.2417483307263342368... \pm 10^{-20}$
$(\pi/2, 2\pi/3, 2\pi/3)$	$6.7771080545983009573... \pm 10^{-35}$

regular  
triangles

more work  
for this one

singular  
triangles

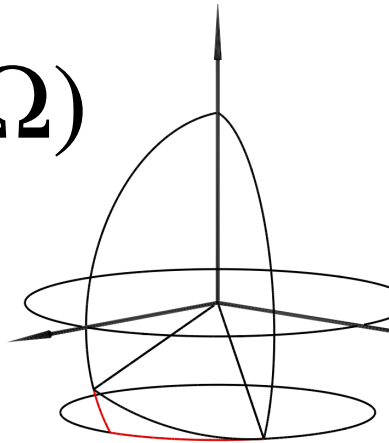
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## Step 3. Certify the index

# Certification of the index

monotonicity

$$\lambda < \lambda_2(\Omega') \leq \lambda_2(\Omega) \text{ with } \Omega' \supset \Omega \Rightarrow \lambda = \lambda_1(\Omega)$$



For the domain  $0 \leq \phi \leq \phi_{\max}, 0 \leq \theta \leq \theta_{\max}$ , the eigenvalues are  $\nu(\nu + 1)$  with  $\nu$  root of

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\nu}^{\mu} \text{ satisfies} \\ ((1-x^2)w')' + q_{\mu,\nu}(x)w = 0, \\ q_{\mu,\nu}(x) = \nu(\nu+1) - \frac{\mu^2}{1-x^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$P_{\nu}^{\mu_k}(\cos \theta_{\max}) = 0$$

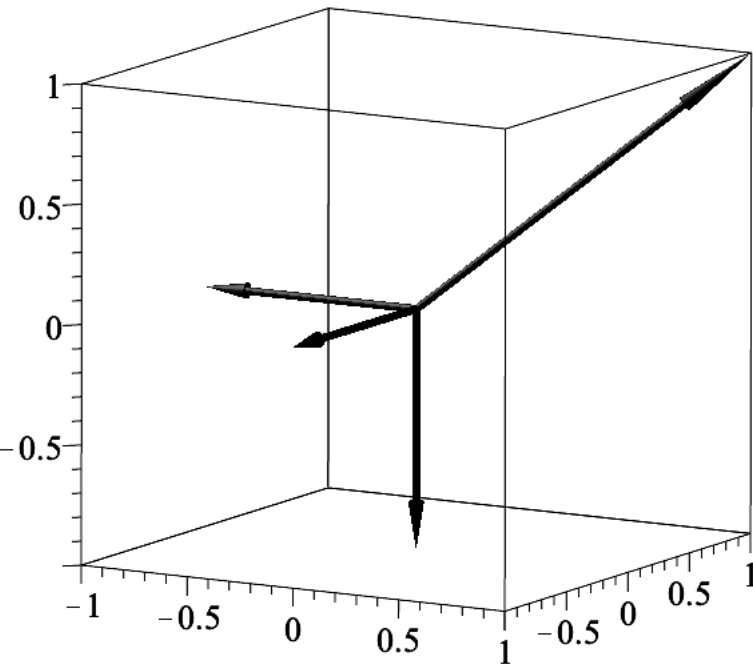
For each  $k \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , an infinity of roots  $\nu_{k,j}, j \in \mathbb{N}^*$

It is sufficient to check  $\lambda$  against  $\nu_{1,2}$  and  $\nu_{2,1}$

Proof via Sturm's comparison theorem

Sometimes this fails, but another orientation of the triangle works

# Bound on Denominator



$$\# \text{excursions} \sim C 4^n n^{-\alpha_K}$$

$$\lambda = 5.159145642466541\dots \pm 10^{-104}$$

certified  
enclosure

$$\alpha_K = 1 + \sqrt{\lambda + 1/4} = 3.32575700417\dots \pm 10^{-104}$$

Interval  
arithmetic

Continued fraction:

$$\alpha_K = 3 + \frac{1}{3 + \frac{1}{14 + \frac{1}{3 + \frac{1}{100 + \frac{1}{12 + \frac{1}{\ddots}}}}}}$$

Stop when a partial  
quotient cannot be  
certified

Last convergent:  $P/Q$  with  $Q = 95716\dots 26933 > 10^{51}$

$$\text{If } \alpha_K = p/q \in \mathbb{Q}, \text{ then } q > 10^{51}.$$

# Summary & Conclusion

Linear recurrences with constant coefficients remain mysterious;

lattice walks provide a simple source of examples;

more and more tools are available;

numerical computation can yield rigorous results,  
useful in experimental mathematics.

# Thank you.