

High Energy Scattering in IFT

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- Understanding behavior of the masses of particles in IFT as the functions of the parameters requires data about high-energy limit of scattering amplitudes.
- The high-energy limit of elastic amplitude at small magnetic field will be derived using relation of the zero-field IFT to classical integrable system. Based on recent work of I.Ziyatdinov & AZ
- The result leads to a puzzle about behavior of the resonance states in IFT.

Ising Field Theory = scaling limit of the 2D Ising model near its critical point $T = T_c$, $H = 0$. $\Rightarrow$ Euclidean quantum field theory

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{IFT}} = \mathcal{A}_{c=1/2 \text{ CFT}} - \frac{m}{2\pi} \int \varepsilon(x) d^2x + h \int \sigma(x) d^2x ,$$

$\varepsilon(x)$ with $(\Delta, \bar{\Delta}) = (1/2, 1/2)$ ("energy density");

$$m \sim T_c - T$$

$\sigma(x)$ with $(\Delta, \bar{\Delta}) = (1/16, 1/16)$ ("spin density");

$$h \sim H$$

- Statistical mechanics: IFT describes basic universality class in 2D phase transitions (e.g. critical point in liquid-vapor transition). Thermodynamics is expressed through the IFT vacuum energy density

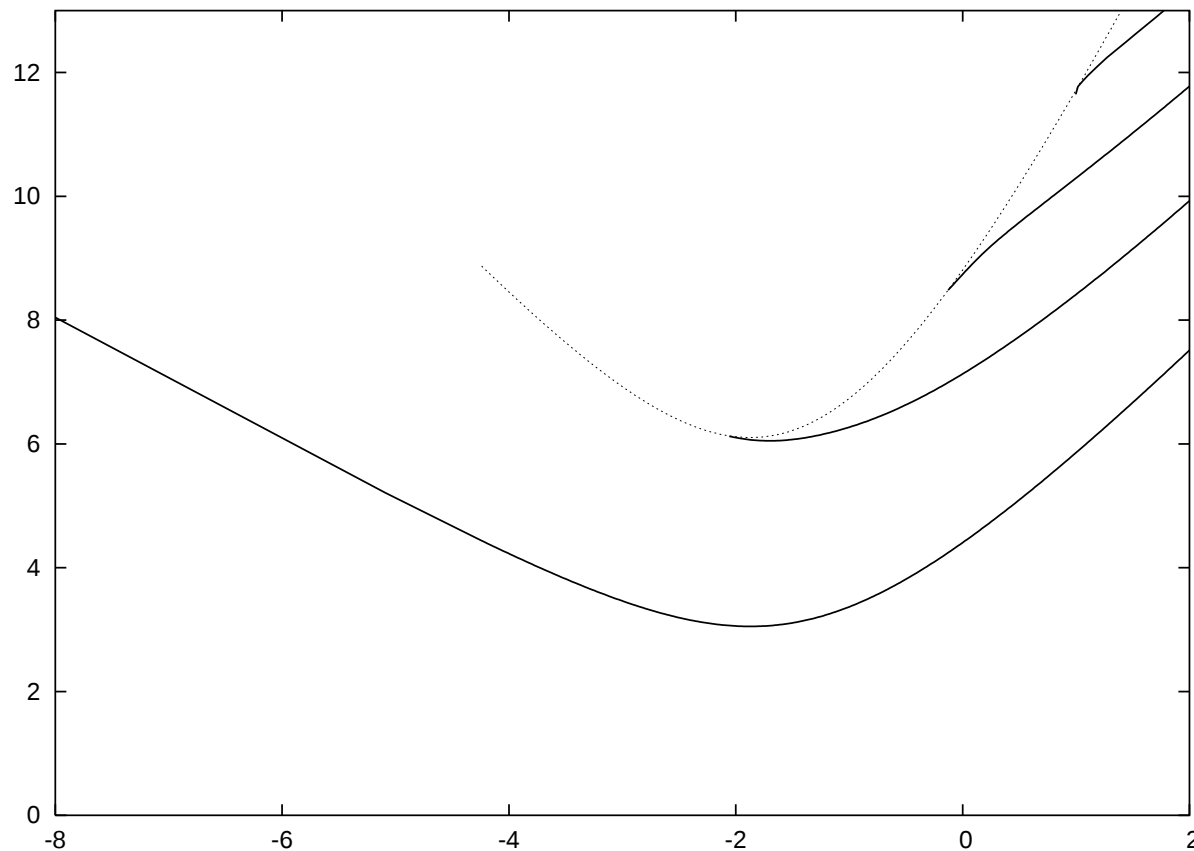
$$\mathcal{F}(m, h) = \frac{m^2}{8\pi} \log m^2 + h^{\frac{16}{15}} \Phi(\eta), \quad \eta = \frac{m}{|h|^{\frac{8}{15}}}$$

- Generally [i.e. except for $(m, h) = (0, 0)$, and the Yang-Lee point $h/(-m)^{15/16} = \pm i(0.1893)$] IFT is massive $\Rightarrow$ Particle theory in $1+1$ (mass spectrum, scattering amplitudes, etc) $\Rightarrow$ Determines the "fine structure" of the scaling theory (amplitude ratios, correlation functions, finite-size effects, etc).

Qualitative understanding of the IFT particle theory - "McCoy-Wu scenario" (1978): The mass spectrum interpolates between the infinite tower of "mesons" at $\eta \rightarrow +\infty$ (low-T regime) and one stable particle at $\eta \rightarrow -\infty$ (high-T regime).

Numerical analysis (via TCSA of A.I. Zamolodchikov, by Delfino, Mussardo, Simonetti (1996), Fonseca, AZ (2001))

Particle masses (in the units $|h|^{8/15}$) vs $\eta = m/|h|^{8/15}$



I will refer to the stable particle as A_n , and their masses (measured in the units of $|h|^{8/15}$) as $M_n = M_n(\eta)$,

$$n = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

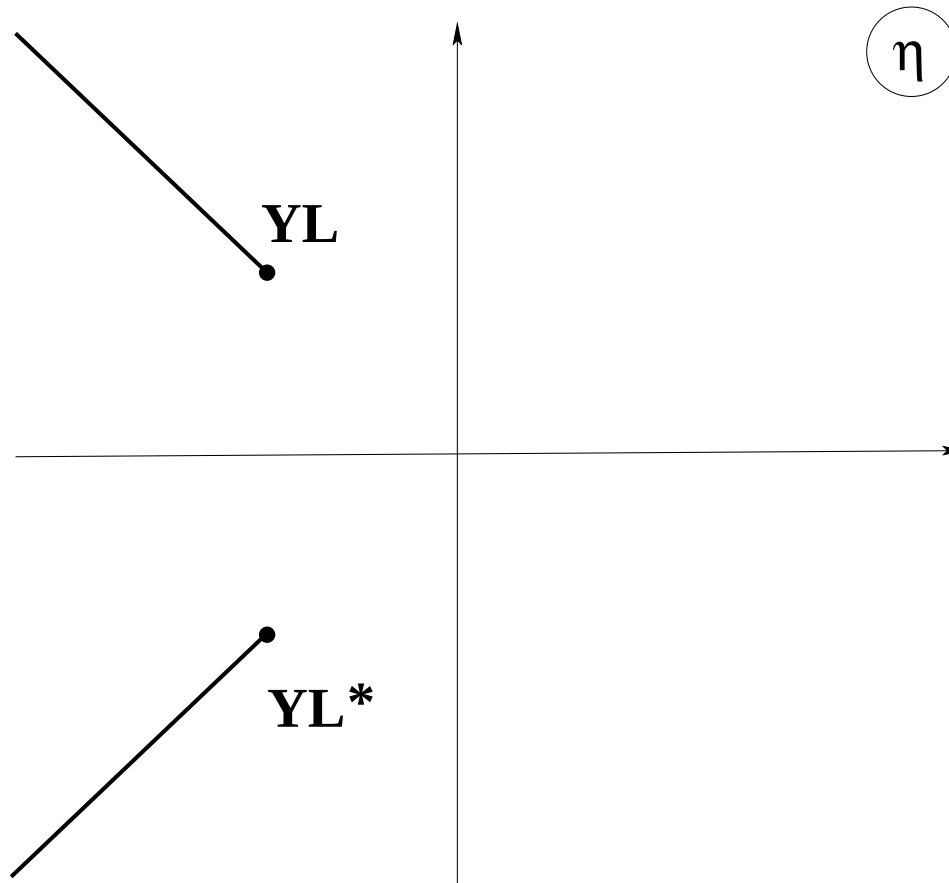
Questions:

What happens to the particle masses when they leave the spectrum of stable particles?

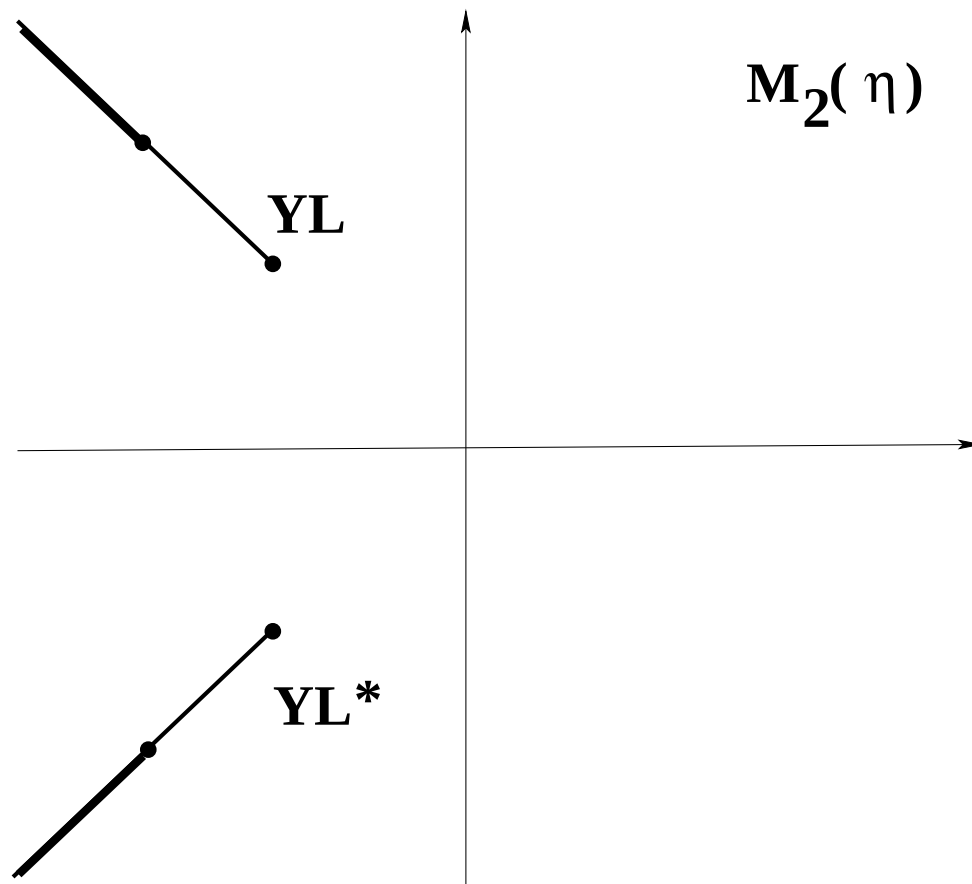
The resonance states may also disappear. How this happens?

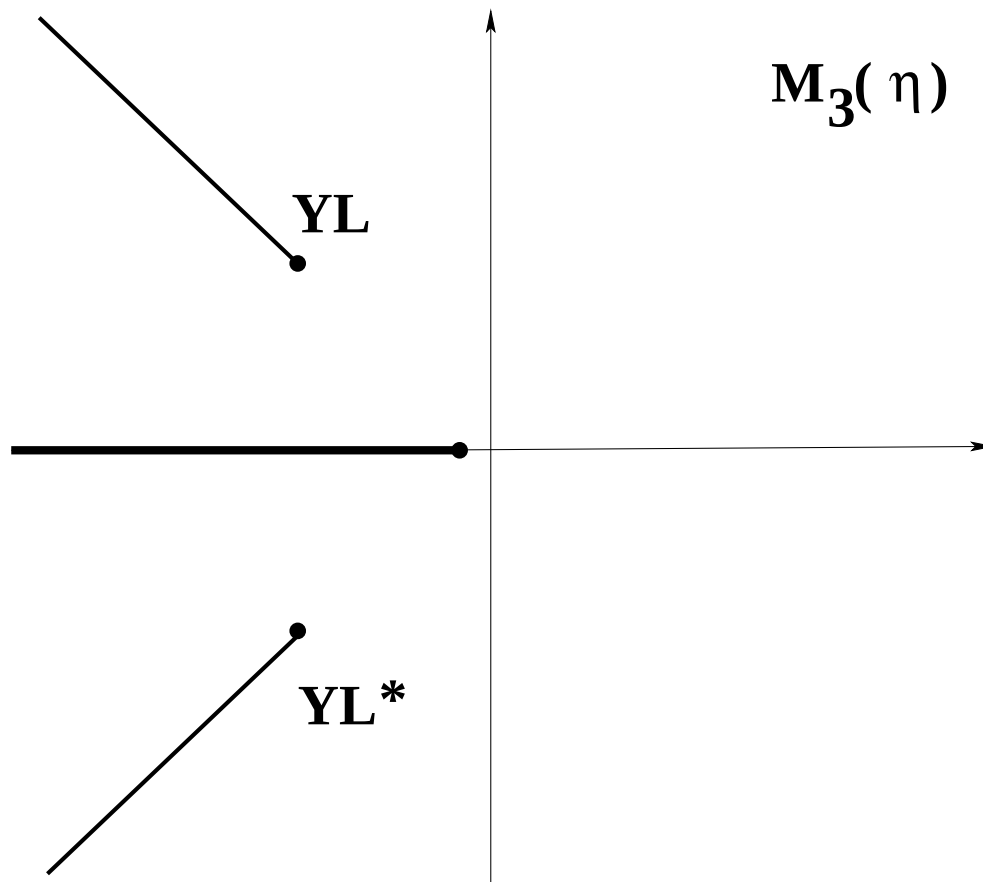
What are the analytic properties of $M_n(\eta)$ as the functions of η ?

Analyticity is (partly) understood for the free energy, i.e. $\Phi(\eta)$ [P.Fonseca, AZ (2001)], and for $M_1(\eta)$.



For the higher masses the situation becomes somewhat more complicated: Algebraic singularities (akin to "level crossings") emerge. E.g.





It is useful to discuss in terms of the elastic $A_1 + A_1 \rightarrow A_1 + A_1$ scattering amplitude $S(\theta)$, defined as usual

$$|A_1(\theta_1)A_1(\theta_2)\rangle_{in} = S(\theta_1 - \theta_2) |A_1(\theta_1)A_1(\theta_2)\rangle_{out} + \text{inelastic terms}$$

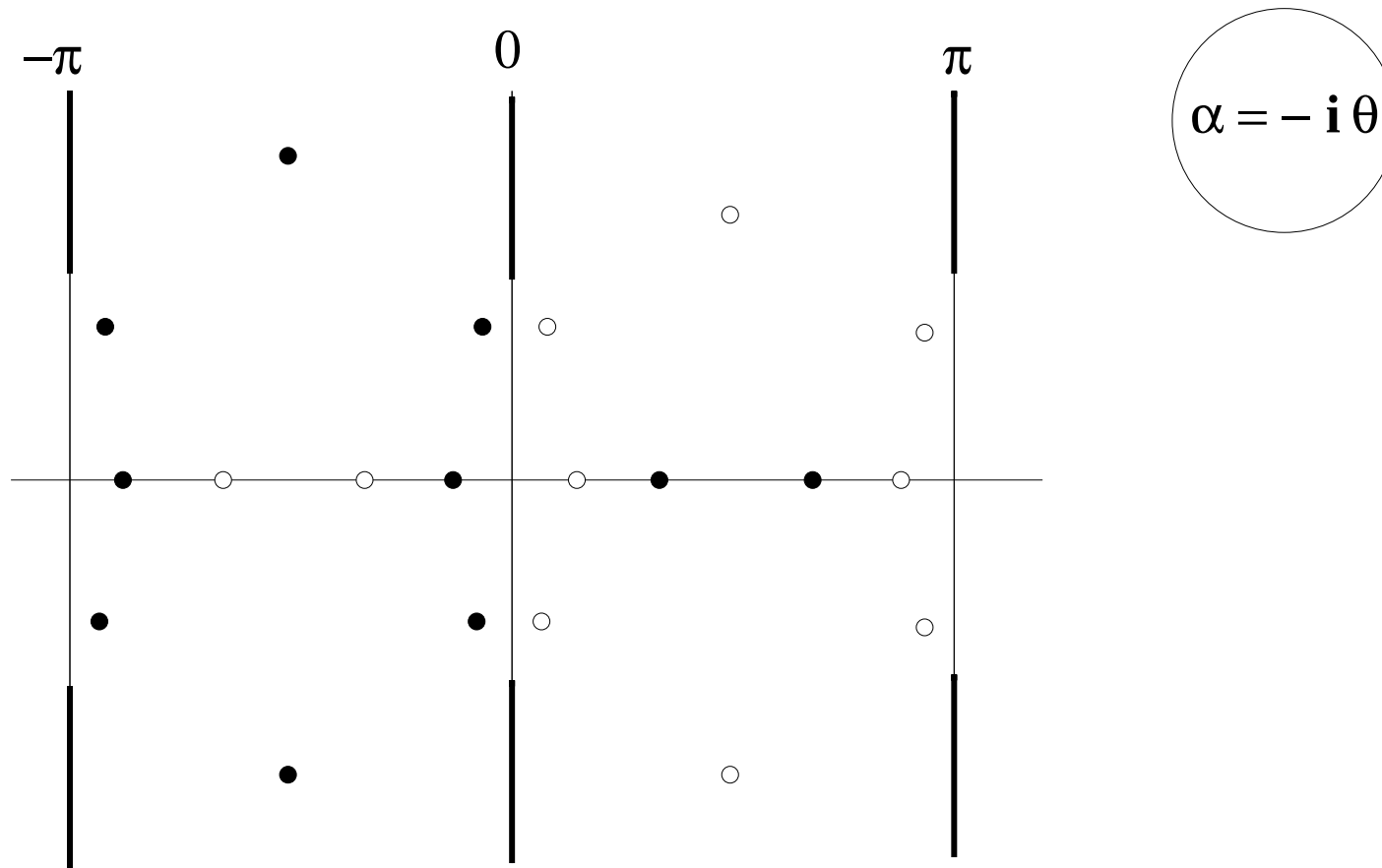
$S(\theta)$:

- Is analytic in the θ -plane with the branching singularities at $\theta = \pm \theta_X + i\pi\mathbb{Z}$, associated with the inelastic thresholds $A_1 + A_2 \rightarrow X$
- Satisfies (on the principle sheet)

$$S(\theta)S(-\theta) = 1, \quad S(\theta) = S(i\pi - \theta)$$

and hence it is periodic, $S(\theta) = S(2\pi i + \theta)$.

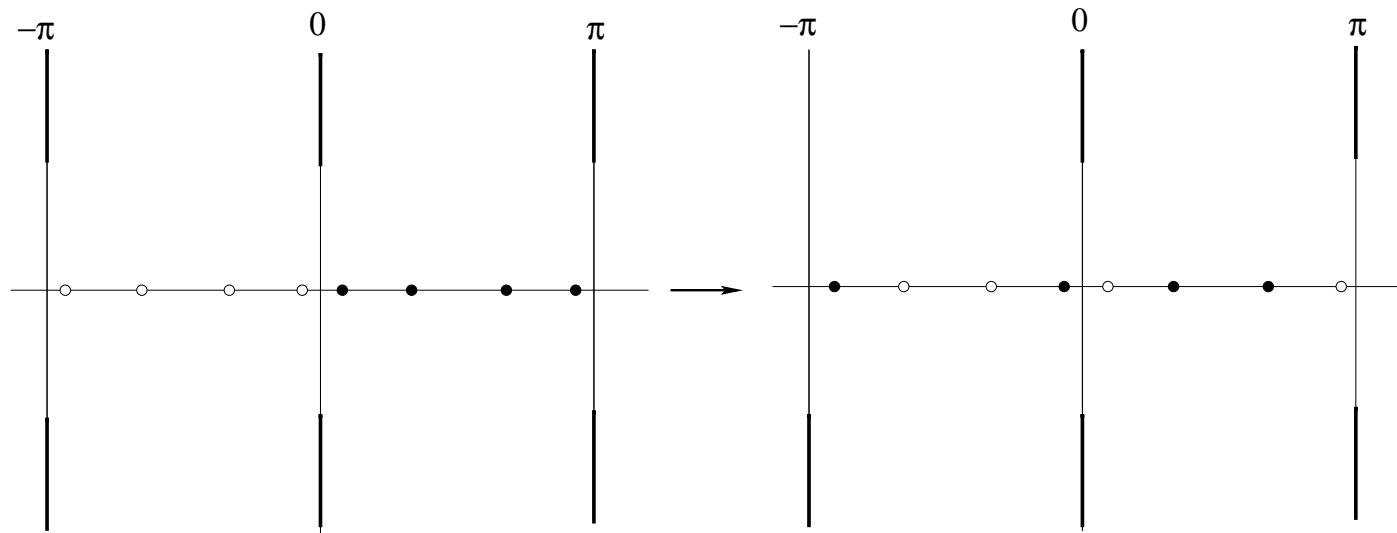
- Has poles associated with bound states, virtual and resonance states



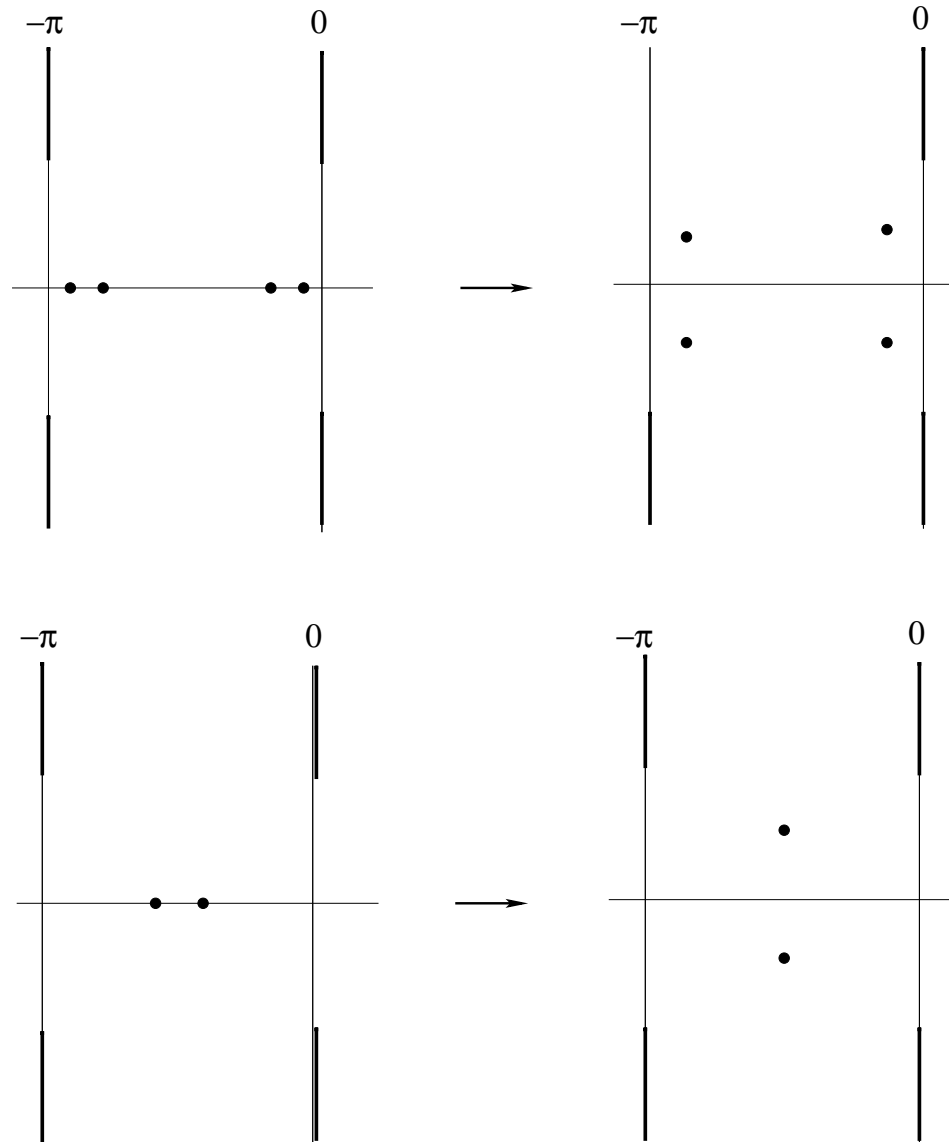
"Physical Strip": $0 < \Im m \theta < \pi$; Poles here are associated with bound states.

"Mirror strip": $-\pi < \Im m \theta < 0$; Here the virtual state and resonance poles are located.

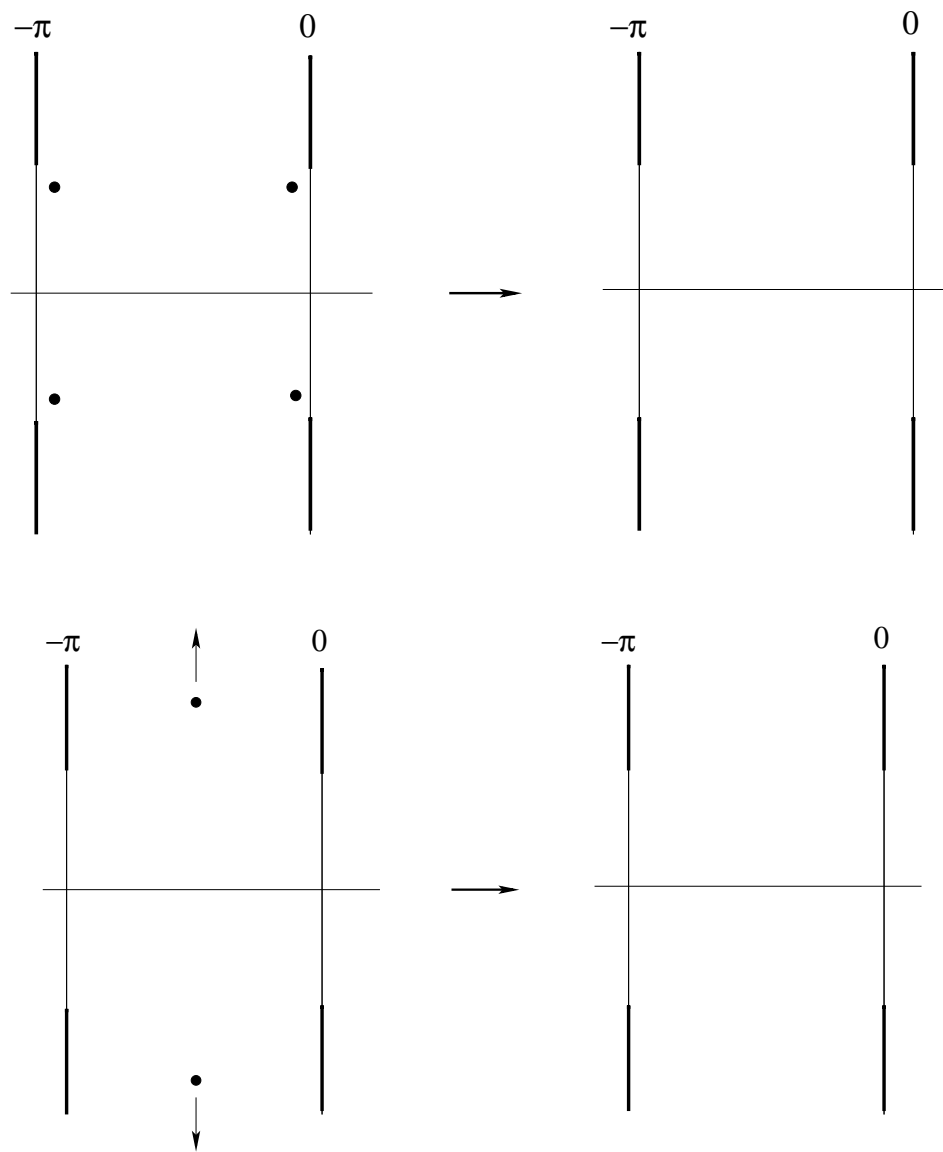
A particle leaves the spectrum in a familiar way - by becoming a virtual state (the poles moves from PS to MS)



Virtual states can turn to resonances (and vice versa) when poles collide in the MS. This leads to "level-crossing" square-root singularities of $M_n(\eta)$



In turn, resonances can disappear, in two ways:



The later scenario - departing of the resonance poles to infinity - can be observed by looking at high-energy behavior of $S(\theta)$.

This was the motivation of the high-energy amplitude via perturbation theory in $\hbar^2$ (in the high-T regime) below.

High-energy scattering in IFT by perturbation theory in $\hbar$

(I. Ziyatdinov & AZ, 2011)

$2 \rightarrow 2$ S-matrix element $S(\theta_{12}) \equiv S_{2 \rightarrow 2}(\theta_1 - \theta_2)$ in

$$\begin{aligned} |\theta_1, \theta_2\rangle_{in} &= S_{2 \rightarrow 2}(\theta_1, \theta_2) |\theta_1, \theta_2\rangle_{out} + \sum_{n=3}^{\infty} \int \frac{d\beta_1}{2\pi} \cdots \frac{d\beta_n}{2\pi} \times \\ &\quad \frac{(2\pi)^2}{n!} \delta^{(2)}(P_{in} - P_{out}) S_{2 \rightarrow n}(\theta_1, \theta_2 | \beta_1, \cdots, \beta_n) |\beta_1, \cdots, \beta_n\rangle_{out}, \end{aligned}$$

At $\hbar = 0$: $S(\theta_{12}) = -1$, $S_{2 \rightarrow n} = 0$.

At $\hbar \neq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} S(\theta_{12}) \delta(\theta_1 - \theta'_1) \delta(\theta_2 - \theta'_2) = \\ - \langle \theta_1, \theta_2 | T \exp \left\{ -i\hbar \int \sigma(x) d^2x \right\} | \theta'_1, \theta'_2 \rangle_{\text{conn}} \end{aligned}$$

Complication: $\sigma(x)$ is not local with respect to free field; no manifestly covariant perturbation theory (i.e. Feynman diagrams) is known.

Leading correction

$$S(\theta) = - \left[1 + h^2 \frac{iA(\theta)}{\sinh \theta} + O(h^4) \right],$$

$$i A(\theta_{12}) = -\frac{1}{2} \int d^2x \underbrace{\langle \theta_1, \theta_2 | T \sigma(x) \sigma(0) | \theta_1, \theta_2 \rangle_{\text{conn}}}_{\uparrow}$$

The matrix element here is expressed in terms of solutions of the linear problem associated with classical sinh-Gordon equation

$$\partial_z \partial_{\bar{z}} \varphi = \frac{1}{8} \sinh(2\varphi),$$

($z = x - t$ and $\bar{z} = x + t$ are the light-cone coordinates) The relevant solution is Lorentz invariant, i.e.

$$\varphi = \varphi(\rho), \quad \rho = z\bar{z} = x^2 - t^2.$$

$$\varphi(\rho) \rightarrow -\frac{1}{2} \log \frac{\rho}{4} - \log \left(-\frac{1}{2} \log \left(\frac{\rho e^{2\gamma_E}}{64} \right) \right) \quad \rho \rightarrow 0,$$

$$\varphi(\rho) \rightarrow \frac{2}{\pi} K_0(\sqrt{\rho}) \quad \rho \rightarrow \infty$$

Wu, McCoy, Tracy, Barouch (1976):

$$G \equiv \langle 0 | T\sigma(z, \bar{z})\sigma(0) | 0 \rangle = e^{\chi/2} \sinh(\varphi/2),$$
$$\tilde{G} \equiv \langle 0 | T\mu(z, \bar{z})\mu(0) | 0 \rangle = e^{\chi/2} \cosh(\varphi/2).$$

$$\partial_z \partial_{\bar{z}} \chi = \frac{1}{8} \left[1 - \cosh(2\varphi) \right].$$

The matrix elements are expressed in terms of $\Psi_{\pm}(z, \bar{z}|\beta)$, the solution of the associated Lax system,

$$\partial_z \begin{pmatrix} \Psi_+ \\ \Psi_- \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} -2\partial_z \varphi & -e^{\theta} e^{-\varphi} \\ e^{\theta} e^{\varphi} & 2\partial_z \varphi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Psi_+ \\ \Psi_- \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\partial_{\bar{z}} \begin{pmatrix} \Psi_+ \\ \Psi_- \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} 2\partial_{\bar{z}} \varphi & -e^{-\theta} e^{-\varphi} \\ e^{-\theta} e^{\varphi} & -2\partial_{\bar{z}} \varphi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Psi_+ \\ \Psi_- \end{pmatrix}$$

with e^{θ} being the "spectral parameter [P.Finseca, AZ (2003)]

By the Lorentz invariance, $\Psi_{\pm}$ depend on the combination

$$Z = z e^{\theta}, \quad \bar{Z} = \bar{z} e^{-\theta}$$

(which are the light-cone coordinates in the rest frame of a particle of the rapidity θ), and I will write

$$\Psi_{\pm}(Z, \bar{Z}).$$

$$\langle \theta_1, \theta_2 | \sigma(x/2) \sigma(-x/2) | \theta_1, \theta_2 \rangle_{\text{conn}} =$$

$$G^{-1} \left[\mathcal{G}(\theta_2 | \theta_1) \mathcal{G}(\theta_1 | \theta_2) - \mathcal{G}(\theta_1 | \theta_1) \mathcal{G}(\theta_2 | \theta_2) + \mathcal{G}(\theta_1, \theta_2) \mathcal{G}(\theta_1, \theta_2) \right].$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{G}(\theta_1, \theta_2) &= -\frac{i}{2} \left[G \frac{e^{\theta_1} - e^{\theta_2}}{e^{\theta_1} + e^{\theta_2}} \Psi_s(\theta_1, \theta_2) - \tilde{G} \Psi_a(\theta_1, \theta_2) \right], \\ \mathcal{G}(\theta_1 | \theta_2) &= -\frac{1}{2} \left[G \frac{e^{\theta_1} + e^{\theta_2}}{e^{\theta_1} - e^{\theta_2}} \Psi_a(\theta_1, \theta_2) - \tilde{G} \Psi_s(\theta_1, \theta_2) \right], \end{aligned}$$

$$G = \langle 0 | T \sigma(x/2) \sigma(-x/2) | 0 \rangle, \quad \tilde{G} = \langle 0 | T \mu(x/2) \mu(-x/2) | 0 \rangle, \text{ and}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_s(\theta_1, \theta_2) &= \Psi_+(Z_1, \bar{Z}_1) \Psi_-(Z_2, \bar{Z}_2) + \Psi_-(Z_1, \bar{Z}_1) \Psi_+(Z_2, \bar{Z}_2), \\ \Psi_a(\theta_1, \theta_2) &= \Psi_+(Z_1, \bar{Z}_1) \Psi_-(Z_2, \bar{Z}_2) - \Psi_-(Z_1, \bar{Z}_1) \Psi_+(Z_2, \bar{Z}_2). \end{aligned}$$

Here

$$(Z_1, \bar{Z}_1) = (e^{\theta_1} z, e^{-\theta_1} \bar{z}), \quad (Z_2, \bar{Z}_2) = (e^{\theta_2} z, e^{-\theta_2} \bar{z}),$$

In particular

$$\mathcal{G}(\theta|\theta) = \tilde{G} K(Z, \bar{Z}) - G L(Z, \bar{Z})$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} K &= \Psi_+(Z, \bar{Z})\Psi_-(Z, \bar{Z}), \\ L &= \Psi_-(Z, \bar{Z})\partial_\theta\Psi_+(Z, \bar{Z}) - \Psi_+(Z, \bar{Z})\partial_\theta\Psi_-(Z, \bar{Z}) \end{aligned}$$

Still too complicated to be evaluated in a closed form ...

But simplifies in the high-energy limit $\theta_{12} = \theta_1 - \theta_2 \rightarrow \infty$:

- The rational factors $\frac{e^{\theta_1+e\theta_2}}{e^{\theta_1-e\theta_2}}$ can be dropped, so that

$$\langle \theta_1, \theta_2 | \sigma(x/2) \sigma(-x/2) | \theta_1, \theta_2 \rangle_{\text{conn}} \rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned} &G \left[L(Z_1, \bar{Z}_1) L(Z_2, \bar{Z}_2) + K(Z_1, \bar{Z}_1) K(Z_2, \bar{Z}_2) \right] - \\ &\tilde{G} \left[L(Z_1, \bar{Z}_1) K(Z_2, \bar{Z}_2) + K(Z_1, \bar{Z}_1) L(Z_2, \bar{Z}_2) \right] \end{aligned}$$

- At large $|Z + \bar{Z}| \gg m^{-1}$ $\psi_{\pm}(Z, \bar{Z})$ become essentially "dressed plane waves", e.g. at $Z \rightarrow +\infty$ and $Z \gg \bar{Z}$

$$\begin{aligned}\psi_+ &\rightarrow 2 e^{\varphi/2} \cos\left(\frac{Z - \bar{Z}}{4} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right), \\ \psi_- &\rightarrow 2 e^{-\varphi/2} \cos\left(\frac{Z - \bar{Z}}{4} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right).\end{aligned}$$

It follows

$$K(Z, \bar{Z}) \rightarrow 2 \cos\left(\frac{Z - \bar{Z}}{2}\right), \quad L(Z, \bar{Z}) \rightarrow |Z + \bar{Z}|.$$

The leading high-energy behavior is dominated by the term

$$G L(Z_1, \bar{Z}_1) L(Z_1, \bar{Z}_1)$$

in the matrix element (the rest of the terms are suppressed by at least one factor $e^{-\theta_{12}}$).

Therefore, one can write:

$$iA(\theta_{12}) = -\frac{1}{2} \int d^2x |UV| G(\rho + i0) + 0(1),$$

$$\begin{aligned} d^2x &= dxd\mathfrak{t} = \frac{1}{2} dzd\bar{z}, \quad \rho = z\bar{z}, \\ U &= Z_1 + \bar{Z}_1 = e^{\theta_1} z + e^{-\theta_1} \bar{z}, \\ V &= Z_2 + \bar{Z}_2 = e^{\theta_2} z + e^{-\theta_2} \bar{z}. \end{aligned}$$

The integral is handled as follows: write

$$|UV| = UV - 2UV \Theta(-UV)$$

with Θ being the usual step function. The first term is analytic in the coordinates; it can be evaluated by the Wick rotation $\mathfrak{t} \rightarrow -iy$, yielding

$$-\frac{1}{2} \int UV G(\rho + i0) d^2x = 2\pi i G_3 \cosh \theta_{12} \rightarrow i\pi G_3 e^{\theta_{12}},$$

where

$$G_3 = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^\infty \rho G(\rho) d\rho = \int_0^\infty r^3 \langle \sigma(r) \sigma(0) \rangle dr.$$

In

$$\int \Theta(-UV) UV G(\rho) d^2x$$

the integration domain is limited to the domain $UV < 0$, laying between the lines $U = 0$ and $V = 0$. For the part $U < 0, V > 0$ one can use the "Lorentz polar coordinates"

$$z = -\sqrt{-\rho} e^{-\phi}, \quad \bar{z} = \sqrt{-\rho} e^{\phi}$$

with the integration over ϕ limited to the domain $\theta_2 < \phi < \theta_1$. As the result

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{U<0<V} UV G(\rho + i0) d^2x = \\ -\theta_{12} e^{\theta_{12}} \int_{-\infty}^0 \rho G(\rho + i0) d\rho = \theta_{12} e^{\theta_{12}} \int_0^{\infty} \rho G(\rho) d\rho \end{aligned}$$

Finally

$$\frac{iA(\theta_{12})}{\sinh \theta_{12}} = -4 G_3 [\theta_{12} - i\pi/2 + \theta_0] + O(e^{-\theta_{12}}),$$

(COM energy $E = 2 \cosh(\theta_{12}/2)$); θ_0 is a constant whose evaluation requires the knowledge about $\Psi_{\pm}$ at $|Z + \bar{Z}| \leq m^{-1}$).

By optical theorem

$$\frac{2 \Im m A}{\sinh \theta} = \sigma_{\text{tot}}^{(2)}$$

$\sigma_{\text{tot}} \equiv$ probability of all inelastic processes in the
2-particle scattering $= h^2 \sigma_{\text{tot}}^{(2)} + h^4 \sigma_{\text{tot}}^{(2)} + \dots$

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}}(E) \sim 8 G_3 h^2 \log(E^2) + O(h^4) \quad E \rightarrow \infty$$

Suggests that

$$\sigma_{\text{tot}}^{(n)} \sim \log^n(E^2)$$

The $E \rightarrow \infty$ asymptotic of A corresponds to "quasi-classical" approximation:

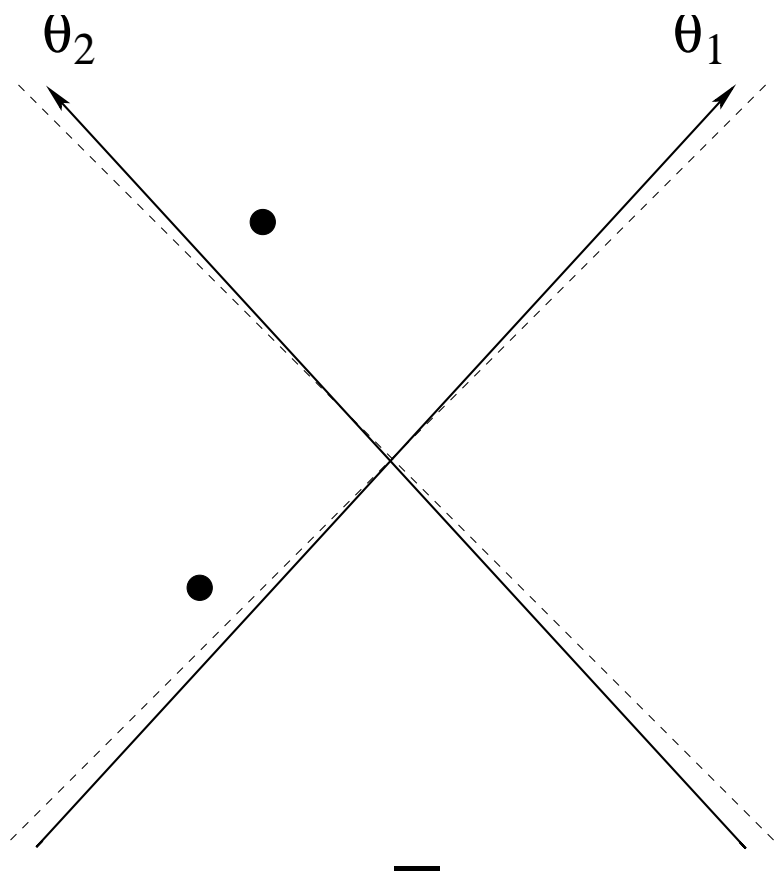
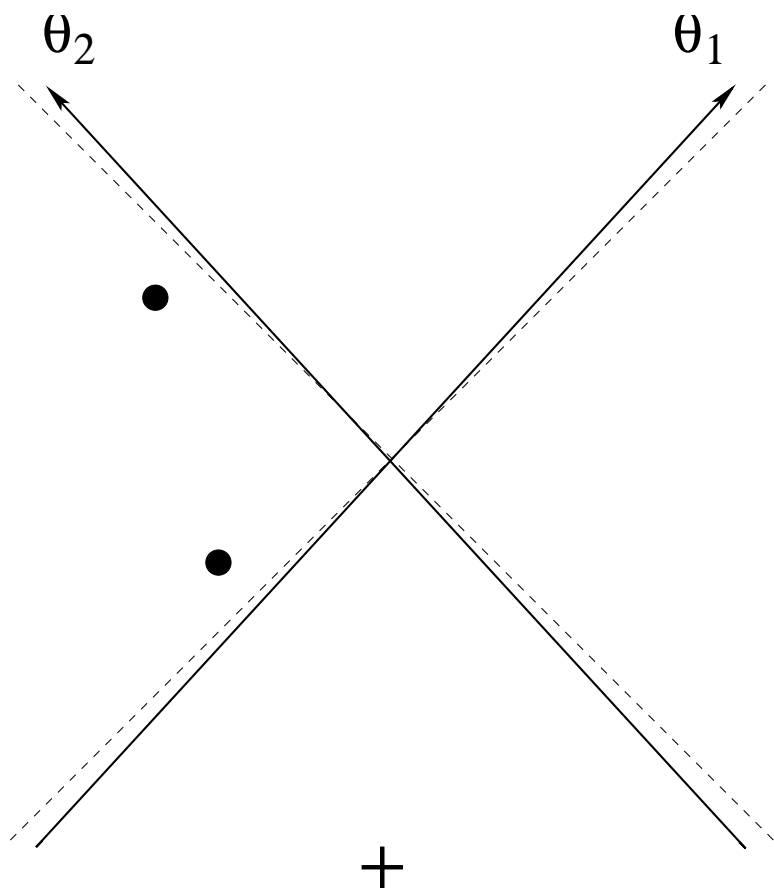
- The particles 1 and 2 are represented by classical trajectories

$$\begin{aligned} u &\equiv e^{\theta_1} z + e^{-\theta_1} \bar{z} = 0, \\ v &\equiv e^{\theta_2} z + e^{-\theta_2} \bar{z} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

- The $2 \rightarrow 2$ matrix elements are approximated as

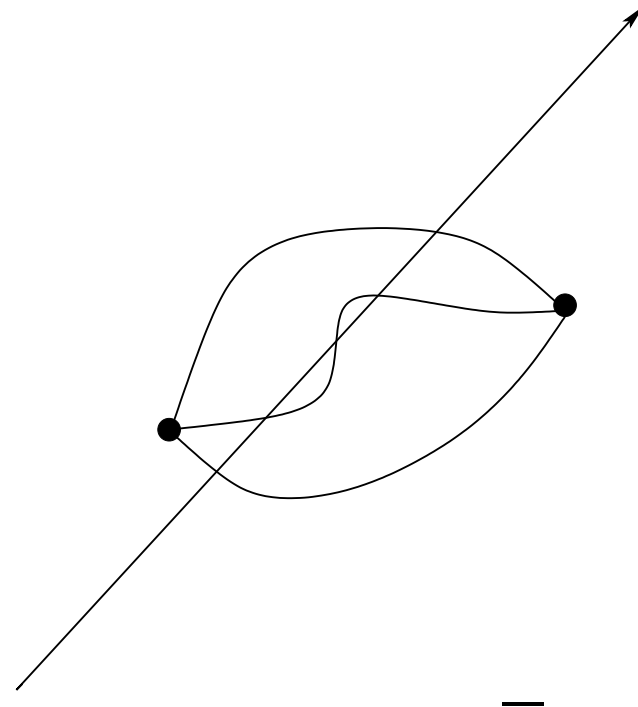
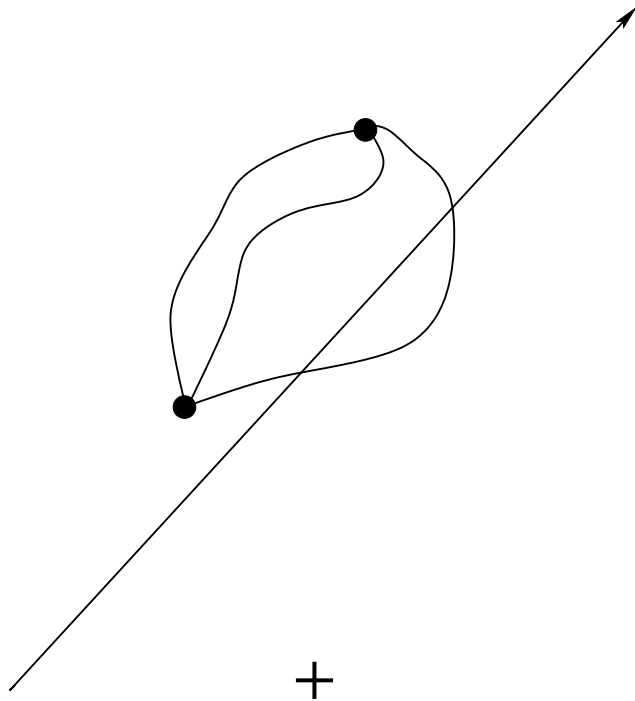
$$\begin{aligned} \langle \theta_1, \theta_2 | T \sigma(x_1) \sigma(x_2) | \theta_1, \theta_2 \rangle &\simeq \\ \text{sign}(u_1) \text{sign}(u_2) \text{sign}(v_1) \text{sign}(v_2) &\langle 0 | T \sigma(x_1) \sigma(x_2) | 0 \rangle, \end{aligned}$$

$((u_i, v_i)$ are the (u, v) coordinates of the insertion points x_i), as long as x_1, x_2 are not too close to the trajectories



(i) Correlations between $\sigma(x_1)$ and $\sigma(x_2)$ is due to the exchanges of odd numbers of particles

(ii) Intersections generate the minus sign, e.g.



$$\langle \theta_1, \theta_2 | T\sigma(x_1)\sigma(x_2) | \theta_1, \theta_2 \rangle_{\text{conn}} =$$

$$\langle \theta_1, \theta_2 | T\sigma(x_1)\sigma(x_2) | \theta_1, \theta_2 \rangle - \text{disconnected parts},$$

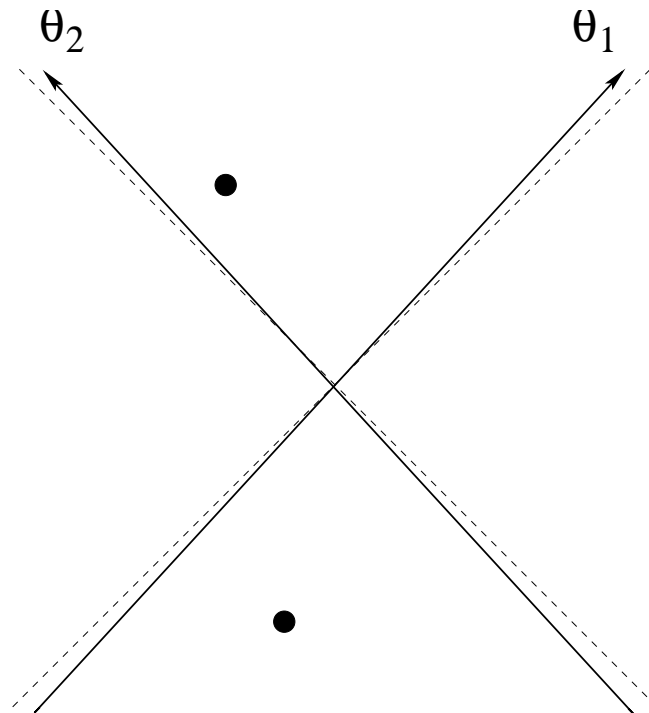
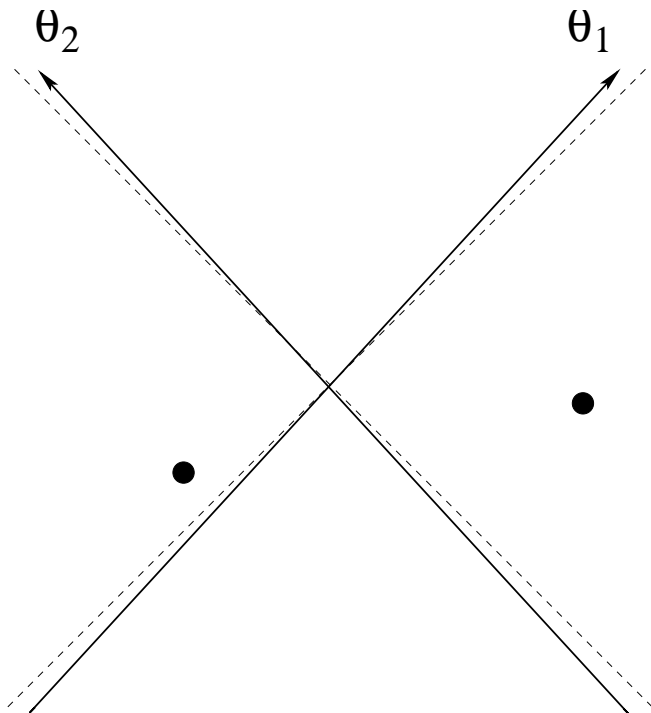
disc. parts =

$$\left[1 + (\text{sign}(u_1)\text{sign}(u_2) - 1) + (\text{sign}(v_1)\text{sign}(v_2) - 1) \right] \times$$

$$\langle 0 | T\sigma(x_1)\sigma(x_2) | 0 \rangle$$

$$\langle \theta_1, \theta_2 | T\sigma(x_1)\sigma(x_2) | \theta_1, \theta_2 \rangle_{\text{conn}} =$$

$$4 \Theta(-u_1 v_1) \Theta(-u_2 v_2) \langle 0 | T\sigma(x_1)\sigma(x_2) | 0 \rangle ,$$



Since $\langle 0 | T\sigma(x_1)\sigma(x_2) | 0 \rangle$ depends on $x_1 - x_2$

$$-\frac{1}{2} \int d^2x_1 d^2x_2 \langle \theta_1, \theta_2 | T\sigma(x_1)\sigma(x_2) | \theta_1, \theta_2 \rangle_{\text{conn}} =$$

$$-\frac{1}{2 \sinh \theta_{12}} \int d^2x |UV| \langle 0 | T\sigma(x/2)\sigma(-x/2) | 0 \rangle \sim \log(E^2)$$

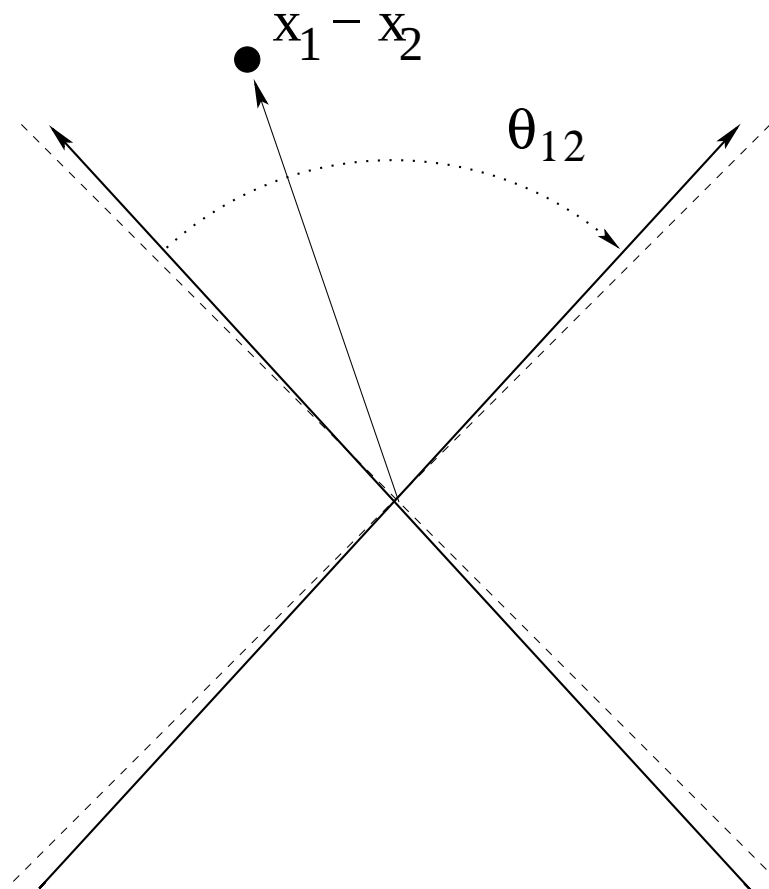
($U = u_1 - u_2$, $V = v_1 - v_2$ are the (u, v) coordinates associated with the separation $x = x_1 - x_2$).

Origin of the $\log(E)$ behavior: If $\theta_1 \rightarrow +\infty$, $\theta_2 \rightarrow -\infty$

$$U = e^{\theta_1} z + e^{-\theta_1} \bar{z} \simeq e^{\theta_1} z,$$

$$V = e^{\theta_2} z + e^{-\theta_2} \bar{z} \simeq e^{-\theta_2} \bar{z},$$

unless z (or $\bar{z}$) is too small. If one replaces $|UV| \rightarrow e^{\theta_{12}} |z\bar{z}|$ the integrand would be Lorentz invariant $\Rightarrow$ infinite volume of the lorentz group. At finite θ_{12} it is $\sim \theta_{12} \sim \log(E^2)$.



Higher orders in $\hbar^2$:

$$S(\theta_{12}) = - \langle \theta_1, \theta_2 | T \exp \left\{ - i \hbar \int \sigma(x) d^2x \right\} | \theta_1, \theta_2 \rangle_{\text{conn}}$$

At $\theta_{12} \rightarrow \infty$

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \theta_1, \theta_2 | T \sigma(x_1) \sigma(x_2) \dots \sigma(x_{2n}) | \theta_1, \theta_2 \rangle \approx \\ \left[\prod_{i=1}^{2n} \text{sign}(u_i) \text{sign}(v_i) \right] \langle 0 | T \sigma(x_1) \sigma(x_2) \dots \sigma(x_{2n}) | 0 \rangle . \end{aligned}$$

The corr. function is Lorentz invariant $\Rightarrow$ integration over $\prod_{i=1}^{2n} d^2x_i$ produces the factor θ_{12} from the Lorentz boost.

The corr. function contains disconnected parts

$$\langle 0 | T \sigma(x_1) \sigma(x_2) | 0 \rangle \langle 0 | T \sigma(x_3) \sigma(x_4) | 0 \rangle \dots \langle 0 | T \sigma(x_{2n-1}) \sigma(x_{2n}) | 0 \rangle + \text{permutations},$$

which are invariant w.r.t. n copies of the Lorentz group $\Rightarrow \theta_{12}^n$.

Exponential series $\Rightarrow$

$$S(\theta) \sim - \exp \left\{ - 4 G_3 \hbar^2 \left(\theta - i\pi/2 \right) \right\} \quad \Re \theta \rightarrow +\infty$$

Summary and Remarks:

- At $h^2/m^{15/4} \ll 1$ the $2 \rightarrow 2$ elastic scattering amplitude has the power-like asymptotic at $E \rightarrow \infty$,

$$S_{2 \rightarrow 2}(E) \rightarrow - \left(\frac{e^{-\frac{i\pi}{4}} E}{E_0} \right)^{-8G_3 h^2}$$

with G_3 - third moment of the spin-spin corr. function.

- In principle, using this approach, one can collect the "subleading logarithms" like $h^{2n+2} \log^n(E^2)$, yielding

$$S_{2 \rightarrow 2}(E) \rightarrow - \left(\frac{e^{-\frac{i\pi}{4}} E}{E_0} \right)^{-\alpha(h^2)},$$

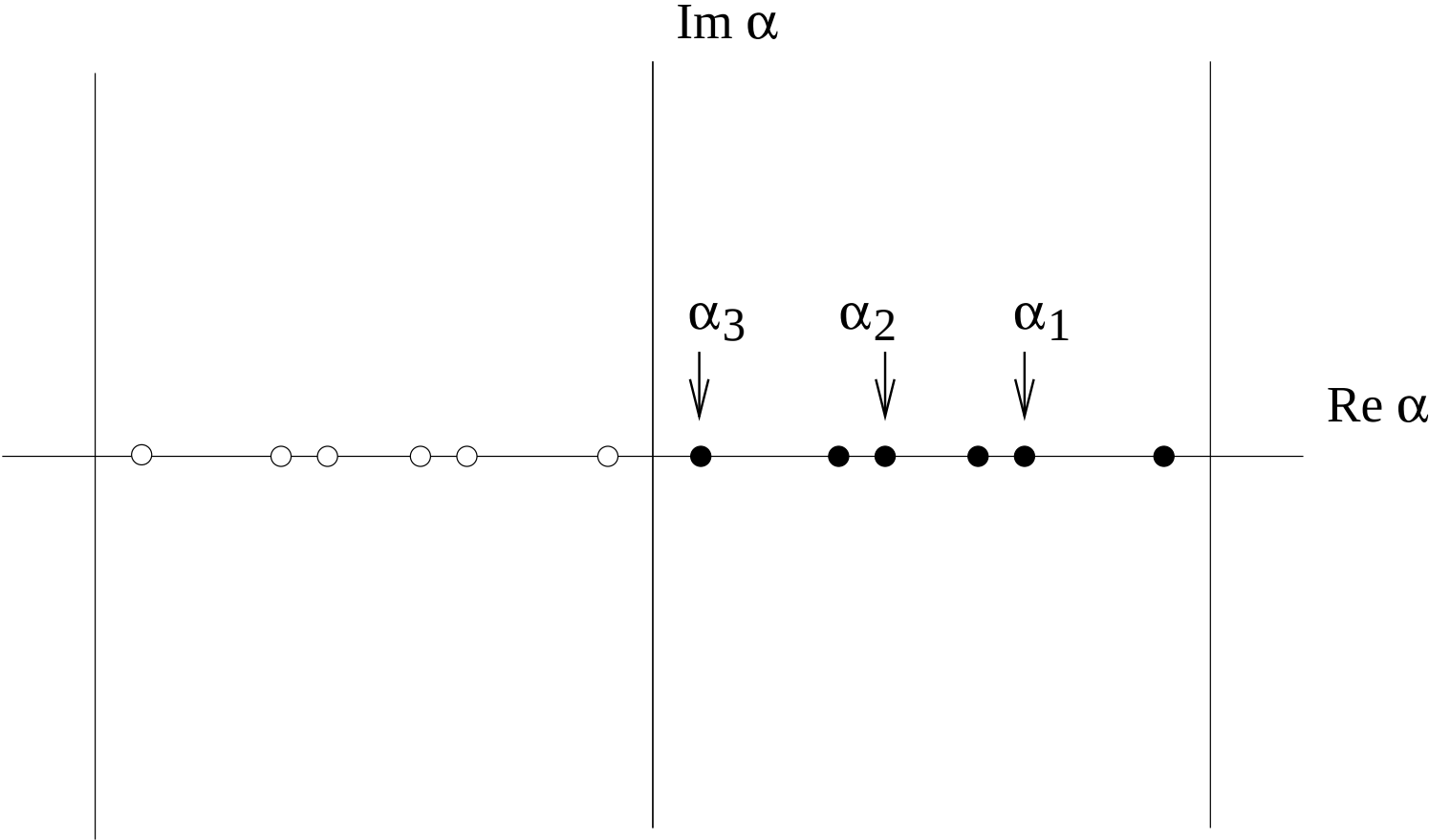
with $\alpha(h^2) = 8G_3 h^2 + G_5 h^4 + \dots$, where e.g. G_5 is expressed in terms of certain 5-th moment of *connected* 4-spin correlation function, etc.

The power-like asymptotic suggests that there is no resonance whose energy grows to infinity as $h^2 \rightarrow 0$. This is puzzling: seems to violate "resonance number parity" in the IFT.

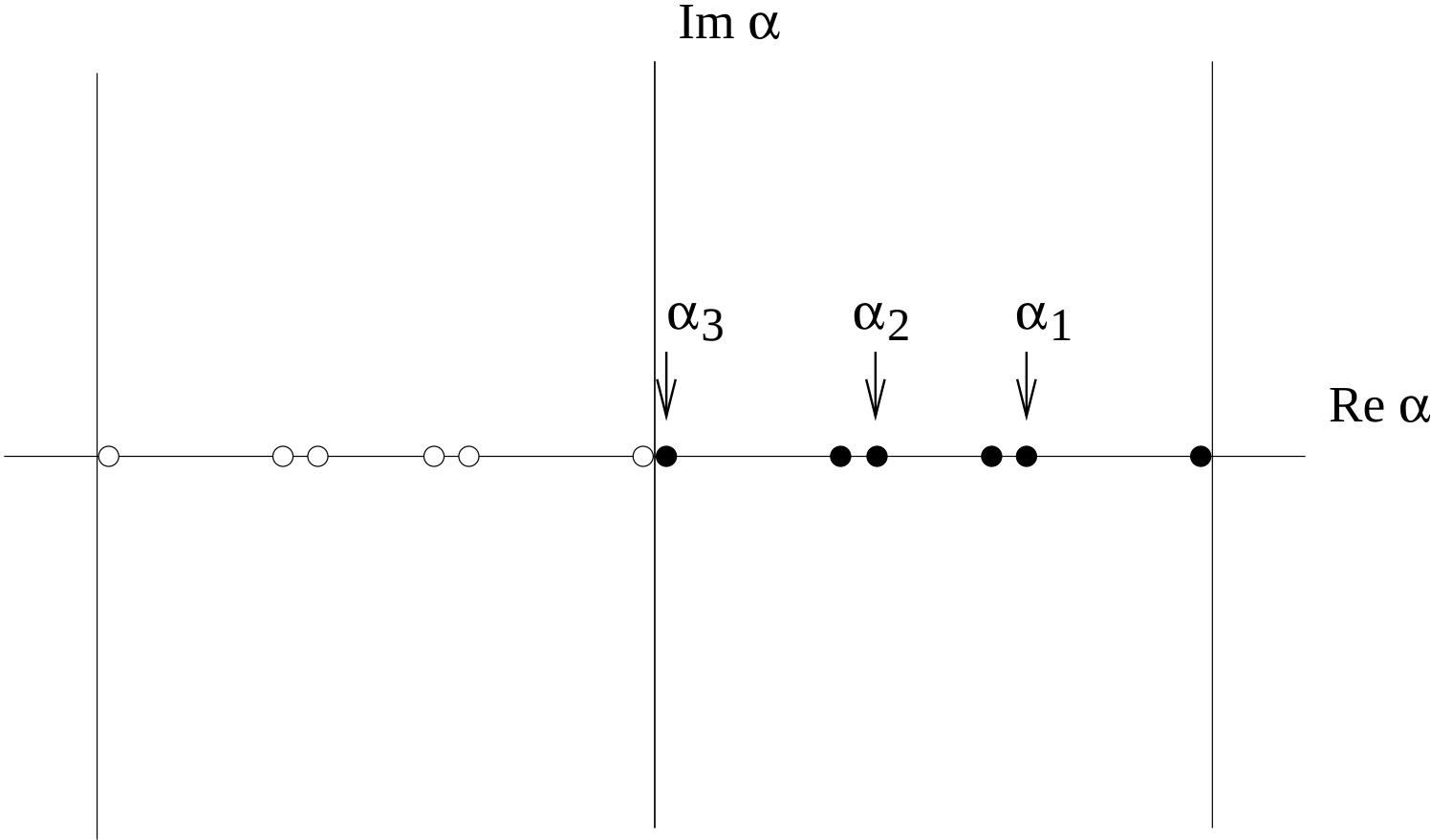
IFT is integrable in two special cases:

- $m = 0, h \neq 0 \Rightarrow$ 8 stable particles (and no resonances), non-trivial factorizable scattering theory with "E8 structure".
- $m \neq 0, h = 0 \Rightarrow$ one stable particle (and no resonances), with trivial scattering: $S(\theta) = -1$.

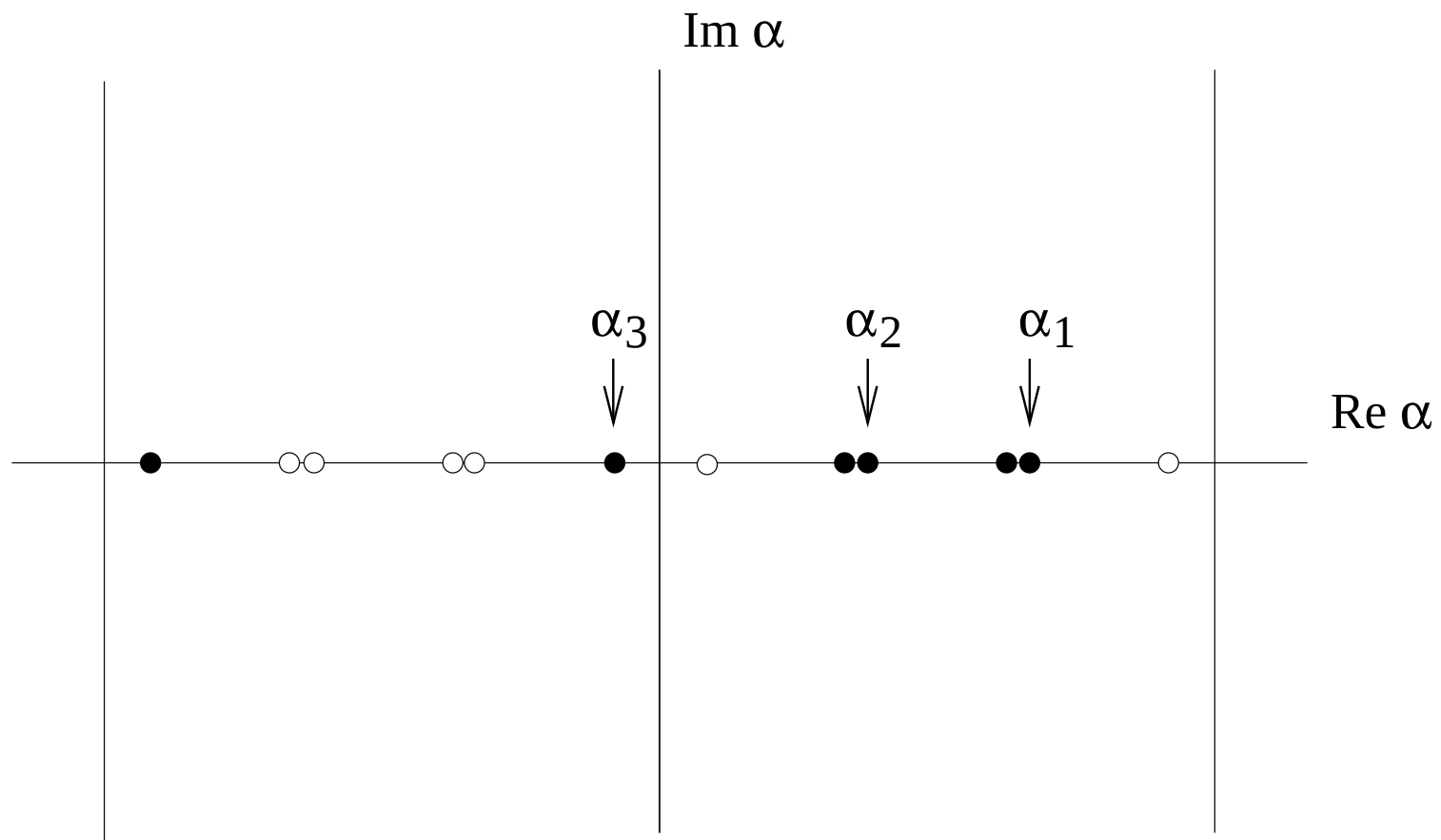
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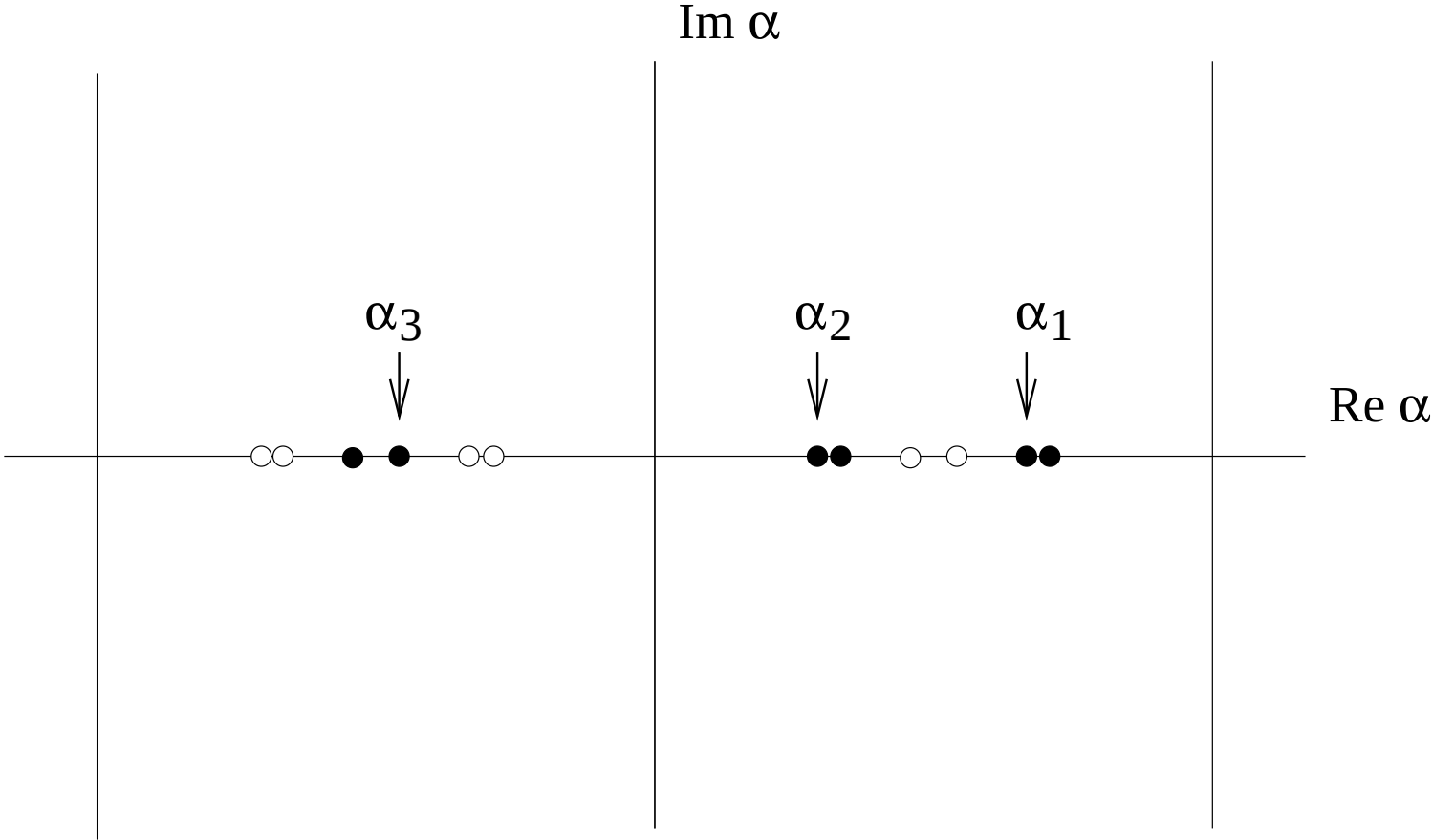
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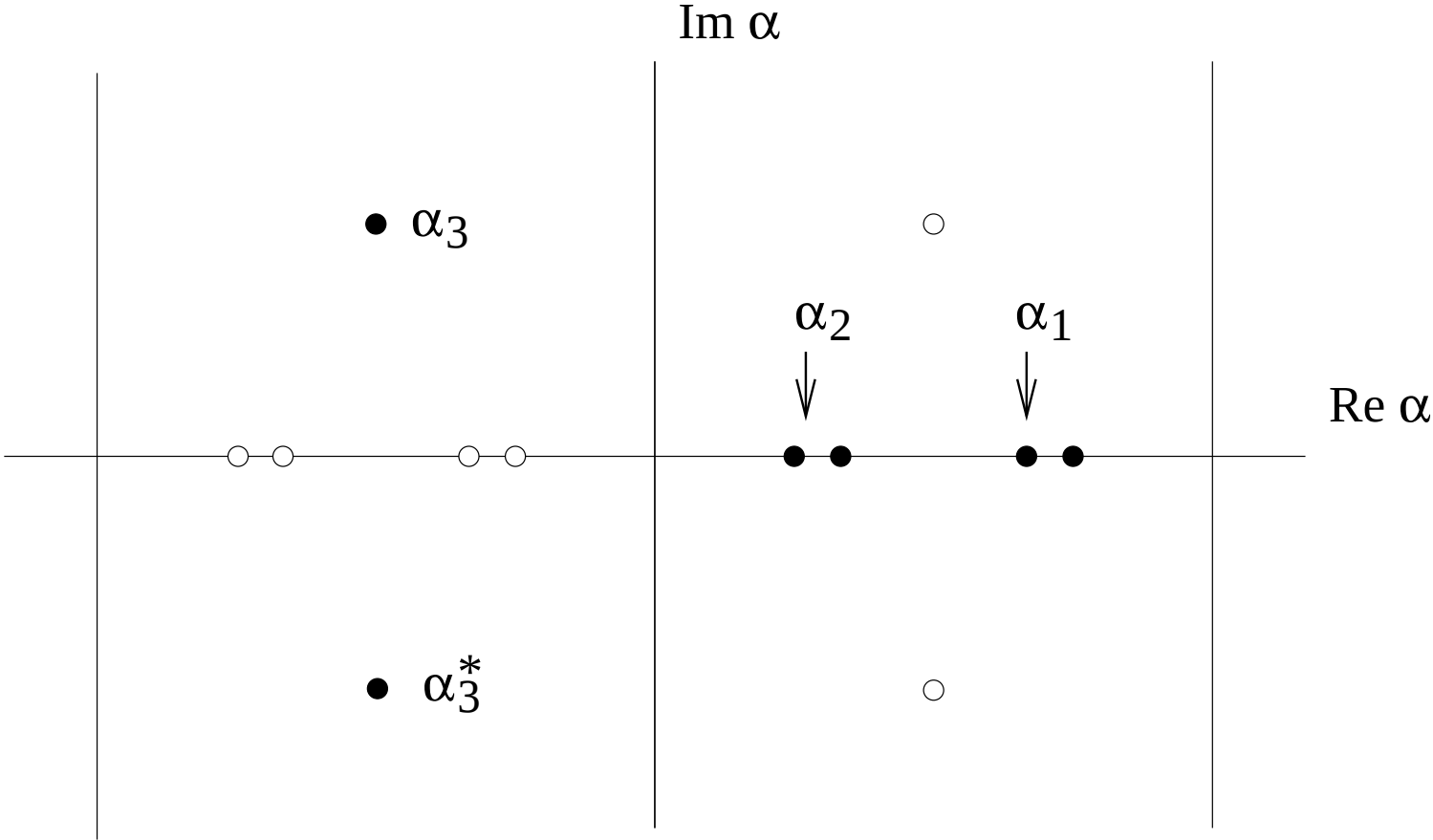
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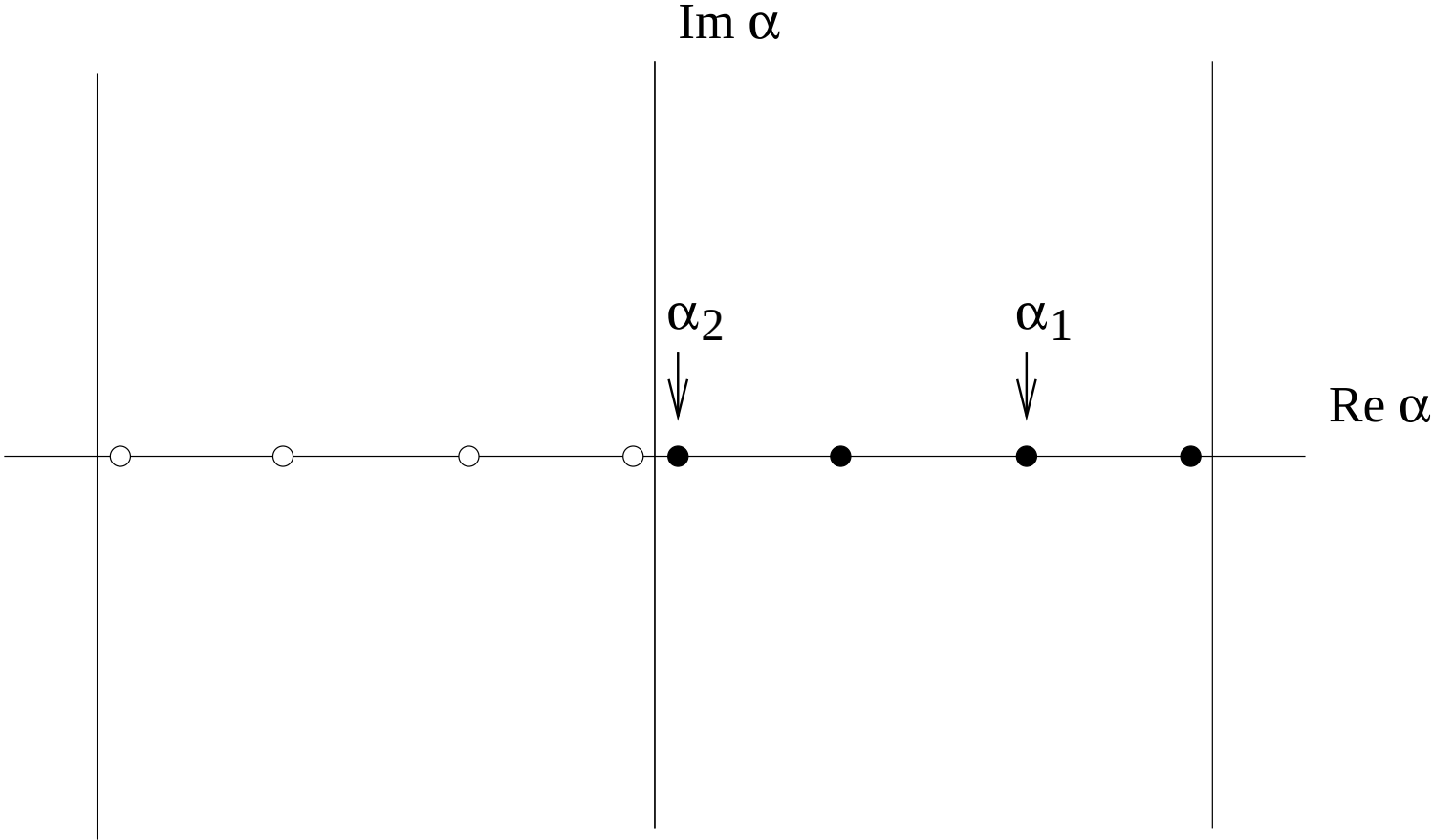
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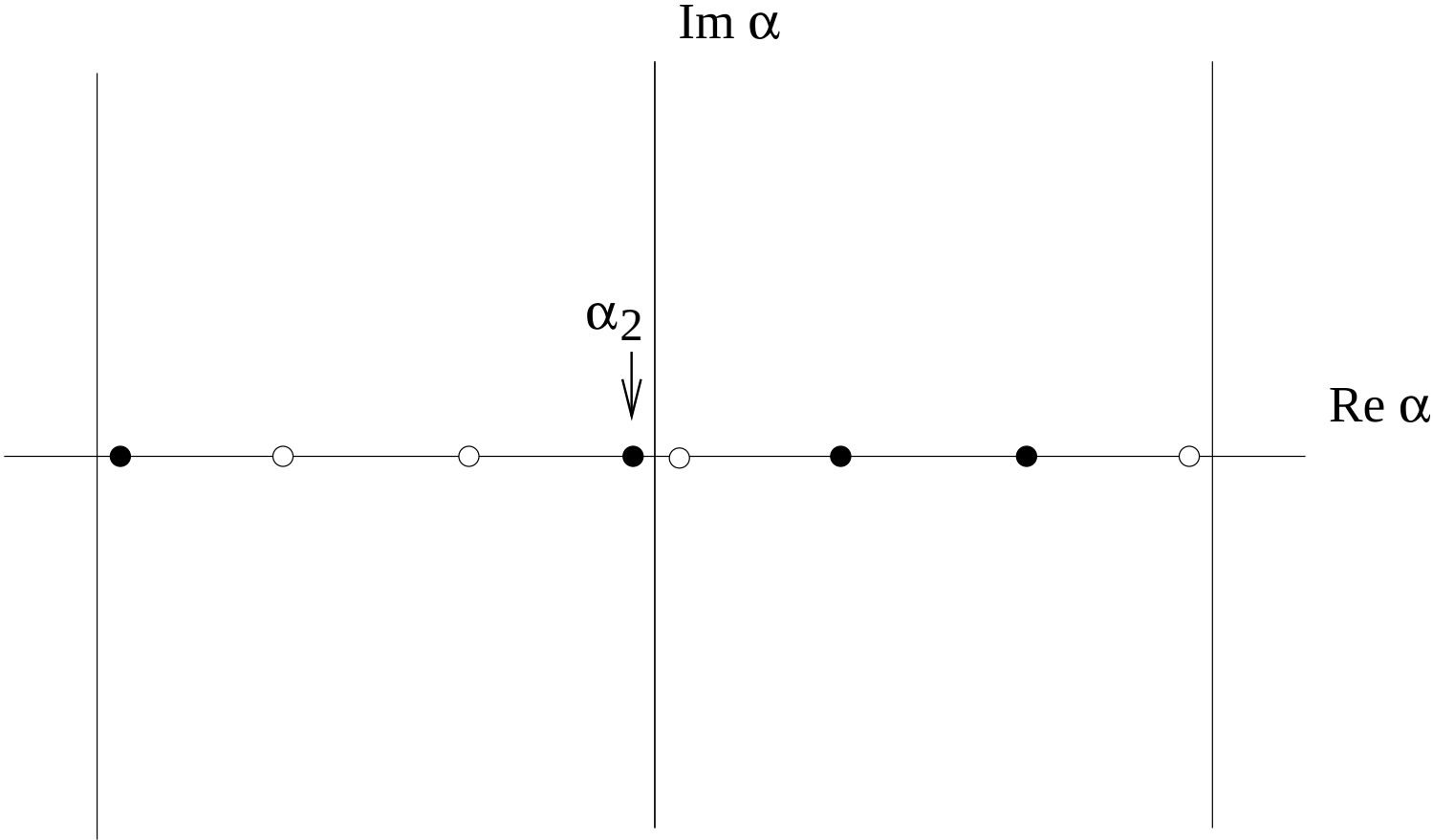
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$$\eta = -1.87$$



$$\eta = -2.29$$



$$\eta = -4.35$$

