

Title: Smooth Wilson loops from the continuum limit of null polygons

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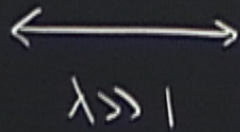
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Abstract: We present integral equations for the area of minimal surfaces in AdS₃ ending on generic smooth boundary contours. The equations are derived from the continuum limit of the AMSV result for null polygonal boundary contours. Remarkably these continuum equations admit exact solutions in some special cases. In particular we describe a novel exact solution which interpolates between the circle and 4-cusp solutions.

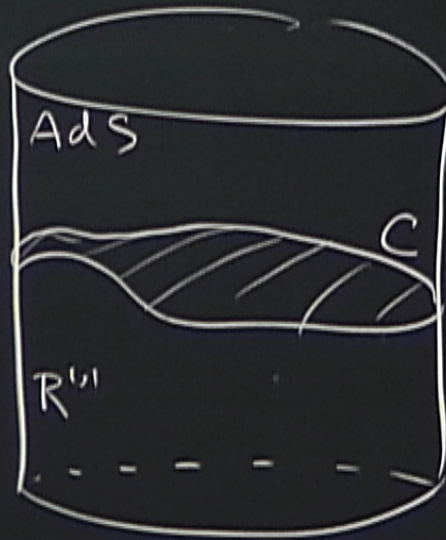
TBA for Smooth Wilson Loops



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$\lambda \gg 1$



$$A = A_{full} - \frac{L}{\epsilon}$$

$$\bullet \boxed{y_{\sigma_1 \sigma_2}(\theta)} = y_{\sigma_1 \sigma_2}^{\text{circ}} e^{-4|z_{\sigma_1} - z_{\sigma_2}| \cosh \theta} = K \star (y_{\tau_1 \tau_2}(\theta') - y_{\tau_1 \tau_2}^{\text{circ}})$$

$$\downarrow \frac{\partial f_{\sigma_1} \partial f_{\sigma_2}}{(f_{\sigma_1} - f_{\sigma_2})^2} \qquad \downarrow K \star f = \int_{\sigma_2}^{\sigma_1 + 2\pi} d\tau_2 \int_{\sigma_1}^{\sigma_2} d\tau_1 \frac{f_{\tau_1 \tau_2}(\theta')}{\sinh[\theta - \theta' + i\varphi_{\sigma_1 \sigma_2} - i\varphi_{\tau_1 \tau_2}]}$$

$$\int d\theta' \qquad \uparrow \varphi_{\sigma_1 \sigma_2} = \text{Arg}(z_{\sigma_1} - z_{\sigma_2})$$

$$\bullet \text{Area} = -2\pi - 4A_{\Sigma} - \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\tau_2 \int_0^{2\pi} d\tau_1 \int d\theta |z_{\sigma_1} - z_{\sigma_2}| e^{-\theta} (y_{\tau_1 \tau_2}(\theta) - y_{\tau_1 \tau_2}^{\text{Kink}})$$

\uparrow Area enclosed by z_{σ}

The CTBA



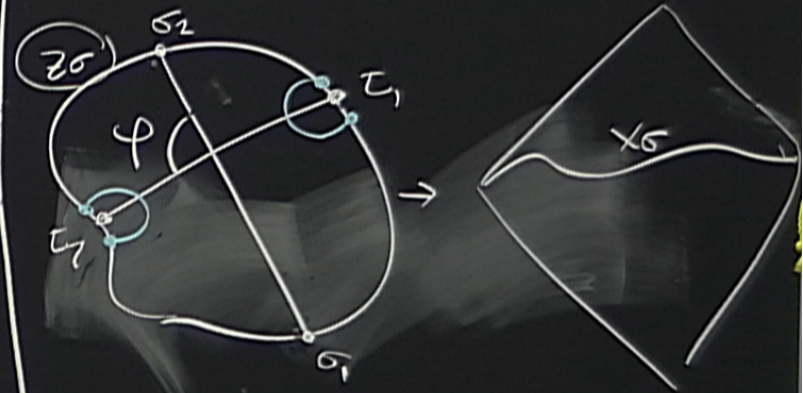
$$X_{\sigma_1 \sigma_2}^{\pm} = \frac{\partial X_{\sigma_1}^{\pm} \partial X_{\sigma_2}^{\pm}}{(X_{\sigma_1}^{\pm} - X_{\sigma_2}^{\pm})^2}$$

$$\hat{y}_{\sigma_1 \sigma_2}(\theta) \rightarrow \begin{cases} \hat{y}_{\sigma_1 \sigma_2}(\theta=0) = X_{\sigma_1 \sigma_2}^{+} \\ \hat{y}_{\sigma_1 \sigma_2}(\theta=i\pi/2) = X_{\sigma_1 \sigma_2}^{-} \end{cases}$$

$$\mathcal{A}[y(\theta)]$$

* Solution parametric.

$$X(z, \bar{z})$$



$$|y_{\sigma_1 \sigma_2}(\theta)| = y_{\sigma_1 \sigma_2} e$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\frac{\partial f_{\sigma_1} \partial f_{\sigma_2}}{(f_{\sigma_1} - f_{\sigma_2})^2}$$

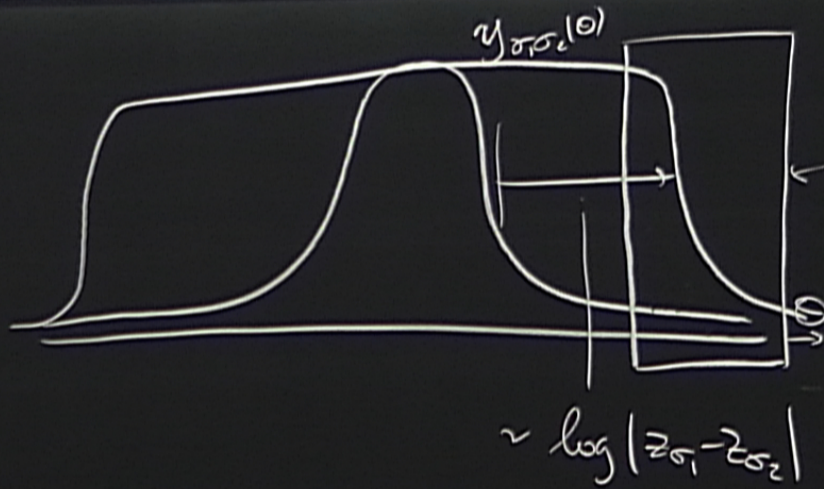
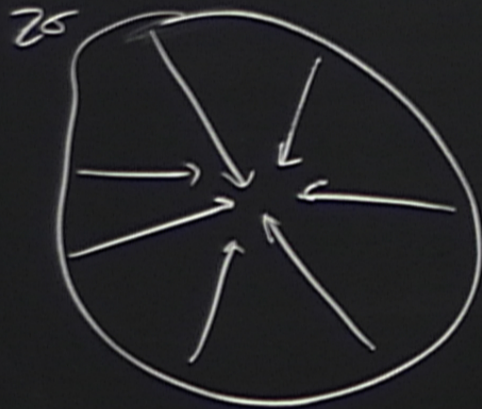
$$K * f = \int_{\sigma_2} dt_1 \int_{\sigma_1} dt_2 \frac{f_{\tau_1 \tau_2}(\theta)}{\sinh[\theta - \theta' + i\varphi_{\sigma_1 \sigma_2} - i\varphi_{\tau_1 \tau_2}]}$$

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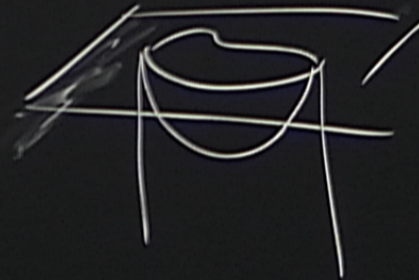
\uparrow Area enclosed by z_{σ}

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 $2z_{\sigma_1} 2z_{\sigma_2} e^{-i(\theta + i\varphi_{\sigma_1 \sigma_2})} \text{csch}^2 \left[e^{-\theta} |z_{\sigma_1} - z_{\sigma_2}| \right]$



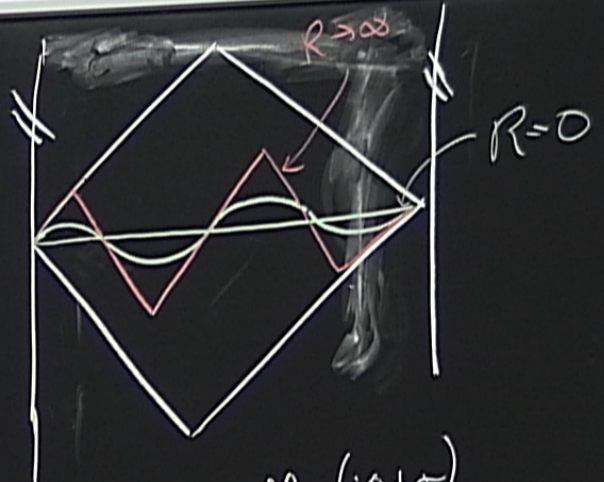
$$\cosh \theta \sim \frac{1}{2} e^{\theta}$$

$$A \rightarrow -2\pi + \frac{4}{z} + G$$



An Exact Solution

$$z_\sigma = \text{circle with radius } R = R e^{i\sigma}$$



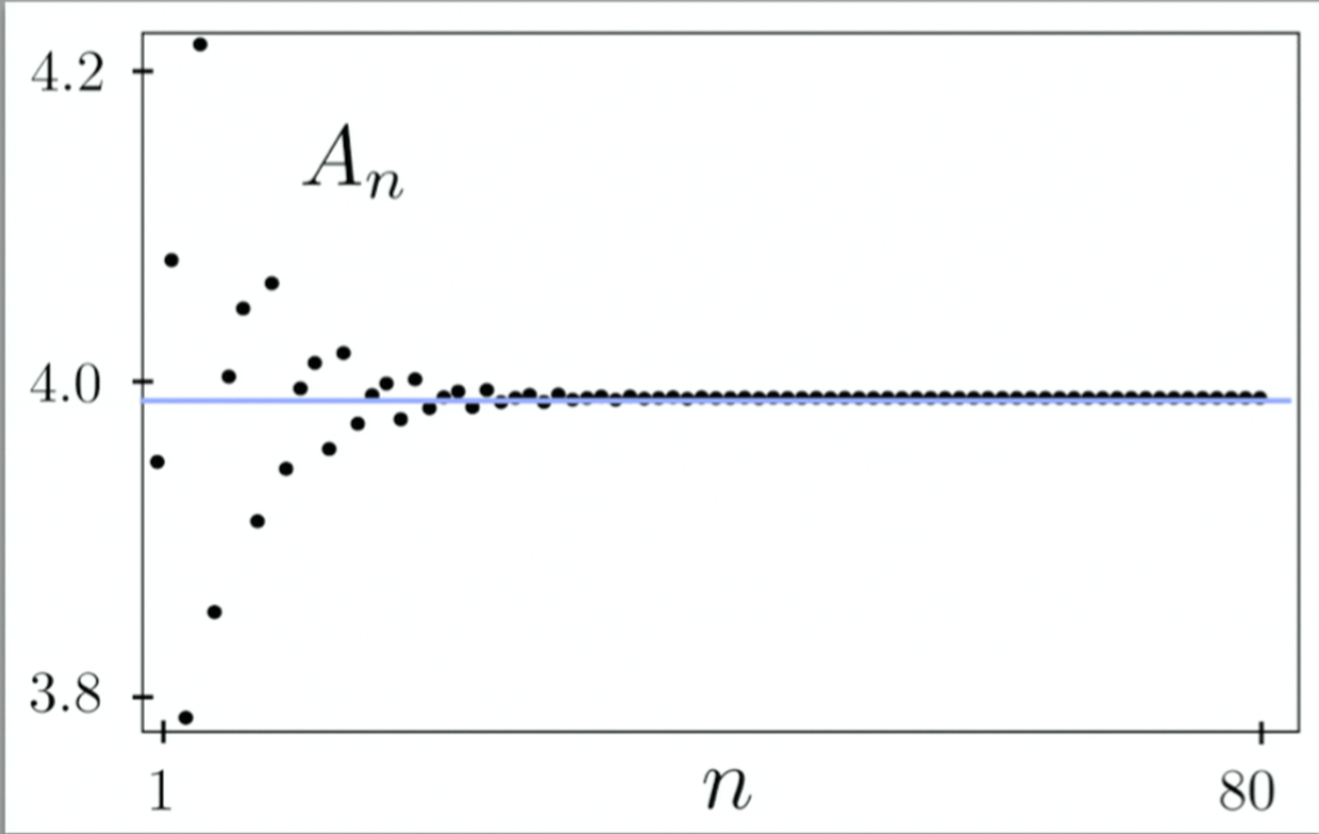
$$\hat{y}_{\sigma_1, \sigma_2}(\theta) = \frac{\partial X_{\sigma_1}(\theta) \partial X_{\sigma_2}(\theta)}{(X_{\sigma_1}(\theta) - X_{\sigma_2}(\theta))}$$

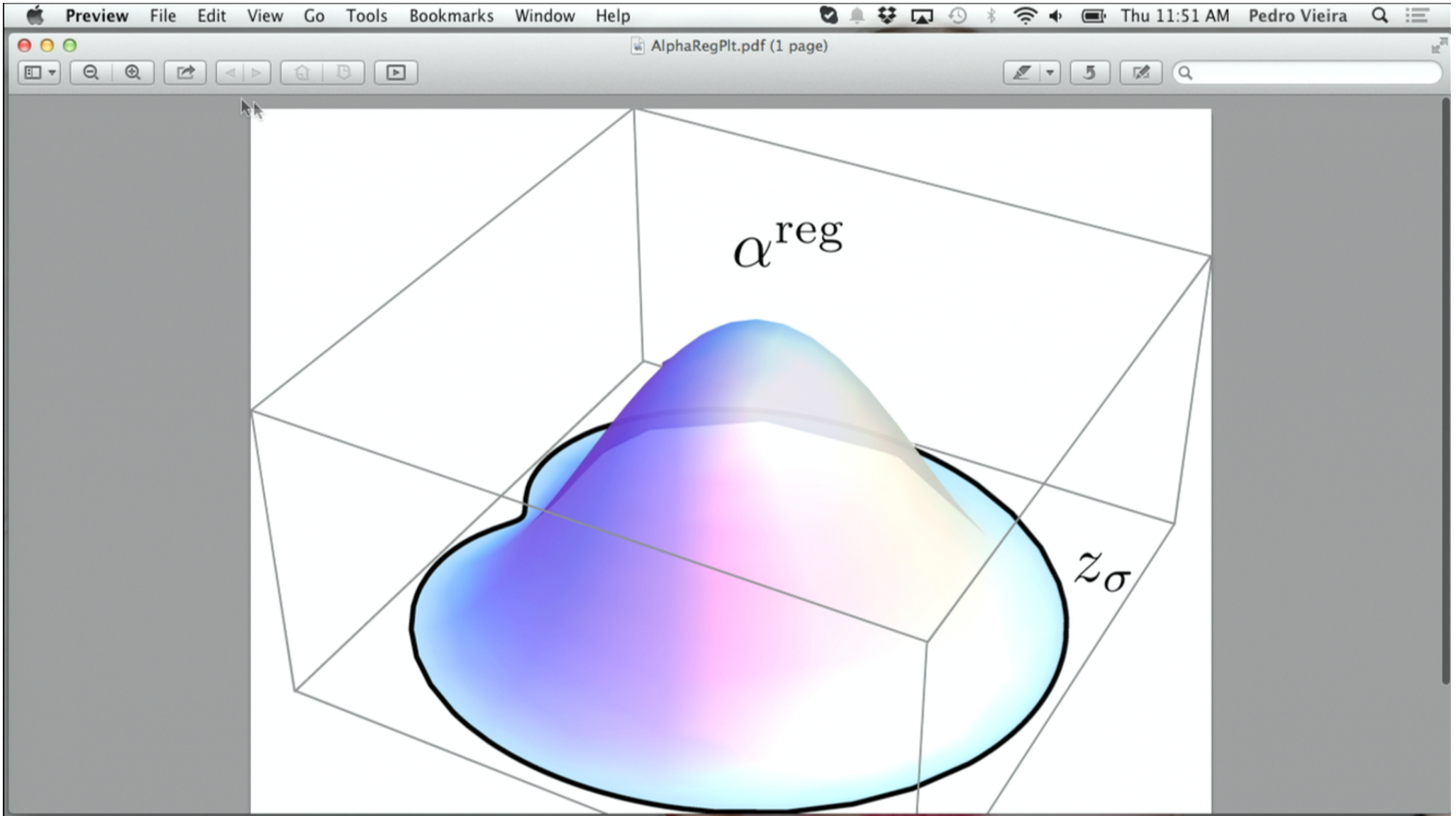
$$w.p. X_\sigma(\theta) = \frac{M_c(i\theta + \sigma)}{M_s(i\theta + \sigma)}$$

$$A = -2\pi - 2\pi \left(\frac{1}{4} - a(R) \right)$$



Wavy line ✓
 $-2\pi - 2\pi \frac{2}{3} R^4$





$$|z_{\sigma_1} - z_{\sigma_2}| \rightarrow e^{i\pi/4} |z_{\sigma_1} - z_{\sigma_2}|$$

$$p \rightarrow p$$

$$\bar{p} \rightarrow -\bar{p}$$

• Theta function sol'ns

Eucl.
 $y_{\sigma_1}(\theta)$ Asymp. ✓

$$z_{\sigma} = \bigcirc$$

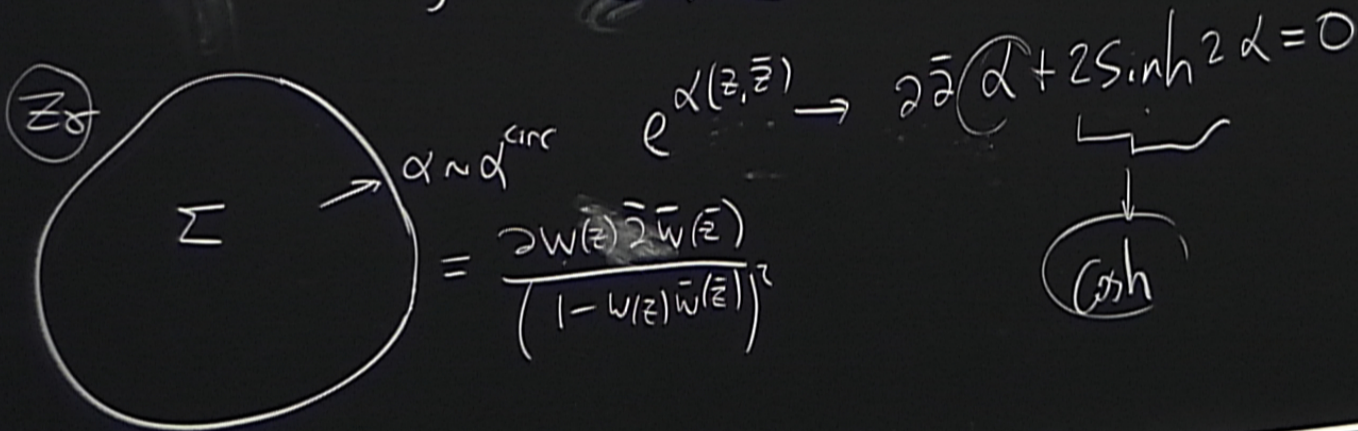
Numerics

$$\boxed{\partial\bar{\partial}X + \partial X \cdot \bar{\partial}X = 0} \quad z_\sigma = e^{i\sigma} \rightsquigarrow \begin{cases} A^{\text{exact}} = 3.501 \\ A^{\text{CTBA}} = 3.499 \end{cases}$$

CTBA \rightarrow faster Methods \checkmark

$$z_\sigma = e^{i\sigma} + \frac{1}{5}e^{2i\sigma} \rightsquigarrow \begin{cases} A^{\text{Pb1}} = \boxed{3.989\dots} \\ A^{\text{CTBA}} = 3.990\dots \end{cases}$$

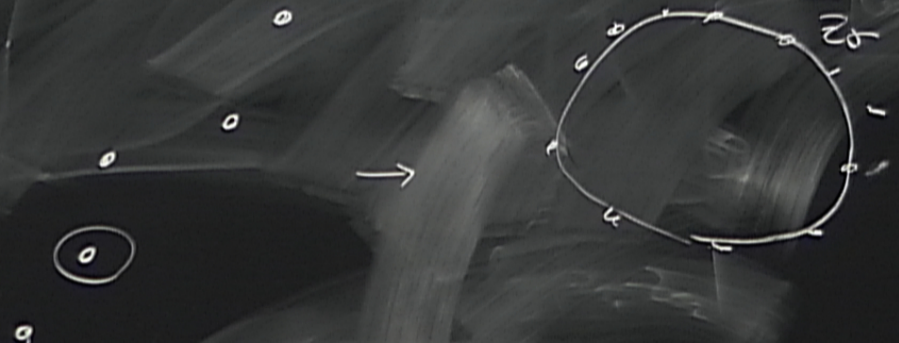
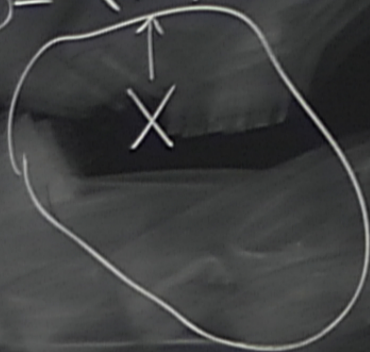
$$A = +4 \int d^2z \underbrace{\partial X \cdot \bar{\partial} X} - \frac{L}{2} = -4 \int d^2z e^{-\alpha} - 2\pi$$



$$y(t) = \overset{\downarrow}{z} \cos \omega_0 t + Kx$$

$$y(t) = z + Kx$$

$$z = y(t) - Kx$$



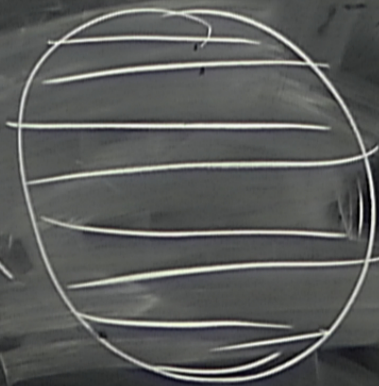
$$|z_{\sigma_1} - z_{\sigma_2}| \rightarrow e^{i\pi/4} |z_{\sigma_1} - z_{\sigma_2}|$$

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• Theta function sol'n's

Excl. $y_{\sigma_1, \sigma_2}(\theta)$ Asymp. ✓



$$y_{\sigma_1, \sigma_2}(\theta) \pm \hat{y}_{\sigma_1, \sigma_2}(\theta + \varphi_{\sigma_1, \sigma_2})$$

$$\hat{y}_{\sigma_1, \sigma_2}(\theta, i\pi/2) = X^{\pm}$$