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Abstract:

In this talk, I will connect physical properties of scattering amplitudes to the Riemann zeta function. Specifically, I will construct a closed-form amplitude, describing the tree-level exchange of a tower with masses  $m^2_n = \mu^2_n$ , where  $\zeta(\frac{1}{2} \pm i \mu_n) = 0$ . Requiring real masses corresponds to the Riemann hypothesis, locality of the amplitude to meromorphicity of the zeta function, and universal coupling between massive and massless states to simplicity of the zeros of  $\zeta$ . Unitarity bounds from dispersion relations for the forward amplitude translate to positivity of the odd moments of the sequence of  $1/\mu^2_n$ .

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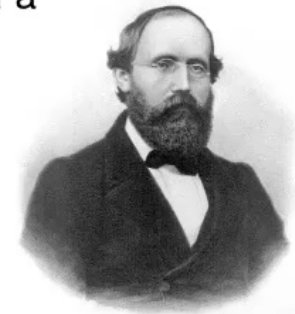
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# The Riemann zeta function

- Introduced by Bernhard Riemann in 1859, a particular function of a single complex variable:

$$\zeta(z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^z}$$



for  $\text{Re}(z) > 1$ . Extend to the rest of the complex plane by analytic continuation.

- Many interesting properties, with deep connections to the distribution of the primes:

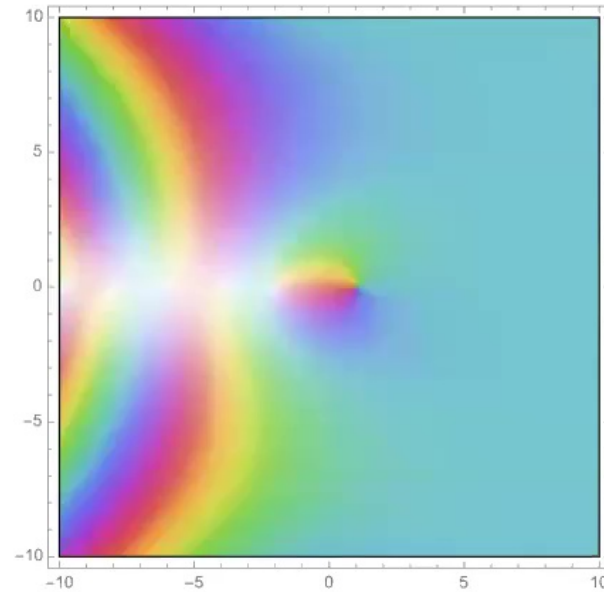
$$\zeta(z) = \prod_{p \text{ prime}} \frac{1}{1 - p^{-z}} \quad (\text{Euler})$$



$$\log \zeta(z) = z \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\pi(x)}{x(x^z - 1)} dx \quad \text{for } \pi(x) = (\# \text{ primes } \leq x)$$

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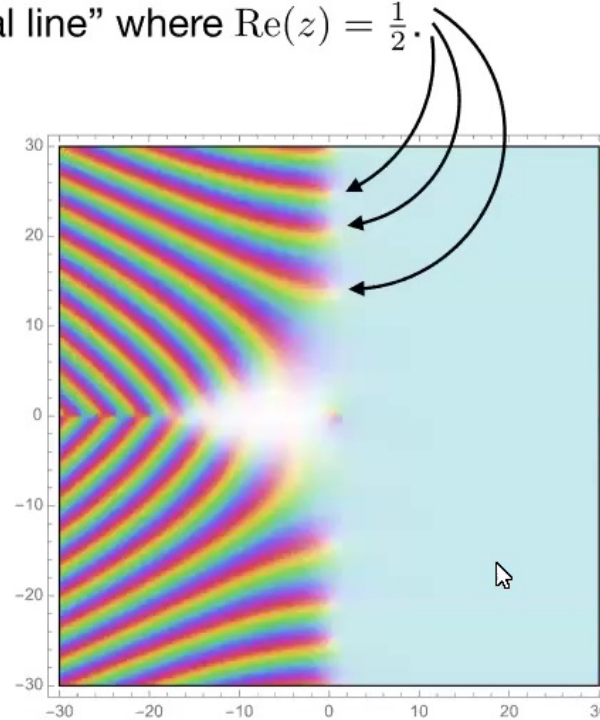
- The zeta function has been the subject of 150 years of mathematical interest, and its properties have been intensively investigated.





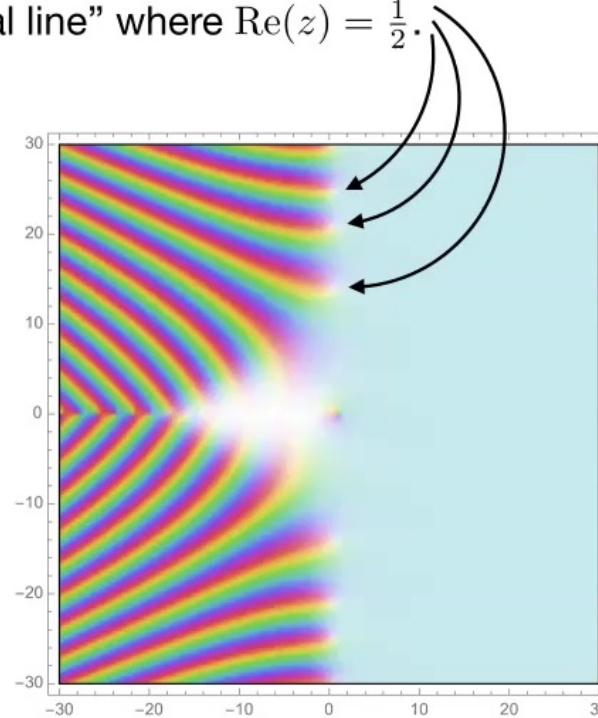
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$$\zeta\left(\frac{1}{2} \pm i\mu_n\right) = 0$$

$$\mu_1 \simeq 14.135$$

$$\mu_2 \simeq 21.022$$

$$\vdots$$

(We take  $\operatorname{Re}(\mu_n) > 0$  throughout.)

# Riemann hypothesis

- The Riemann hypothesis asserts that all the nontrivial zeros do indeed lie on the critical line with  $\operatorname{Re}(z) = \frac{1}{2}$ .
- If true it would have various nice number theory consequences, e.g.,

$$\left| \pi(x) - \int_0^x \frac{dt}{\log t} \right| < \frac{1}{8\pi} \sqrt{x} \log x \quad \text{for } x \geq 2657 \quad \text{Schoenfeld (1976)}$$

- One of Hilbert's 23 problems and a Millennium Problem
- Currently verified through the first 12 trillion zeros [Platt, Trudgian \[2004.09765\]](#)
- Other open questions:
  - Are all the zeros simple ones?
  - What can be proven about the statistical properties of the zeros?
  - What is the asymptotic behavior of  $\zeta$  on the critical line?

# Connections to physics

- There is a long history of ideas connecting the Riemann zeta function to physics.
- Hilbert-Pólya conjecture (attributed to remark of Landau to Pólya in 1914):



Does there exist a quantum Hamiltonian whose eigenvalues correspond to the imaginary parts of the nontrivial zeros of zeta?



- Montgomery's pair correlation conjecture: [Montgomery \(1973\)](#)  
The correlation function for the normalized spacings of the nontrivial zeros is:

$$1 - \left( \frac{\sin \pi u}{\pi u} \right)^2 + \delta(u)$$

This is the same as the two-point function for a Gaussian unitary ensemble. [Dyson](#)

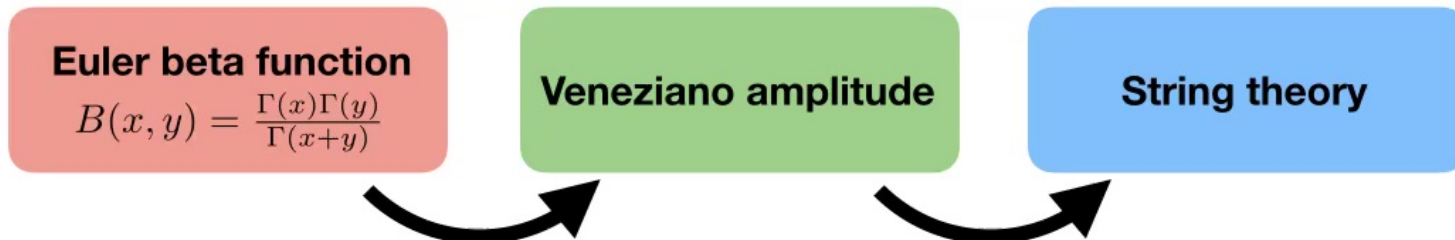
- Other work in quantum chaotic nonrelativistic scattering includes  
[Gutzwiller \(1983\)](#); [Bhaduri, Khare, Law \[chaodyn/9406006\]](#); see also [Srednicki \[1105.2342\]](#)

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- General idea:



Veneziano (1968):



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- Indeed, the Veneziano amplitude itself can be written in terms of  $\zeta$ : [Freund, Witten \(1987\)](#)

$$A_4(s, t, u) = B(-\alpha(s), -\alpha(t)) + B(-\alpha(t), -\alpha(u)) + B(-\alpha(s), -\alpha(u)) = \prod_{x=s,t,u} \frac{\zeta(1 + \alpha(x))}{\zeta(-\alpha(x))}$$

However, this is somewhat illusory: the nontrivial zeros cancel out entirely.

[He, Jejjala, Minic \[1501.01975\]](#)

$$\frac{\zeta(1+z)}{\zeta(-z)} = \pi^{\frac{1}{2}+z} \frac{\Gamma(-\frac{z}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{1+z}{2})}$$

# Zeta/amplitudes correspondence

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In this talk, we will construct a relativistic four-point scattering amplitude  $\mathcal{M}(s, t)$  that truly captures the nontrivial properties of the zeta function.

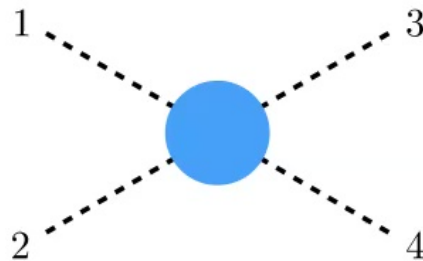
$\mathcal{M}(s, t)$		$\zeta(z)$
Poles at $s, u = m_n^2$ for $m_n$ real	$\longleftrightarrow$	Riemann hypothesis
Locality (simple poles)	$\longleftrightarrow$	Meromorphicity
Universal coupling	$\longleftrightarrow$	Simple zero conjecture
Dispersive bounds from analyticity/unitarity	$\longleftrightarrow$	Positive odd moments of $\mu_n^{-2}$ sequence
On-shell constructibility	$\longleftrightarrow$	Hadamard product expansion
CPT invariance	$\longleftrightarrow$	Reflection of zeros across critical line



# Bottom-up approach

- Most important feature:  $\zeta$  has nontrivial zeros that (appear to) all lie on a line

Connection with amplitudes: poles all lie on lines corresponding to real kinematics,  $s, t, u = m^2$



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$$t = -(p_1 + p_3)^2$$

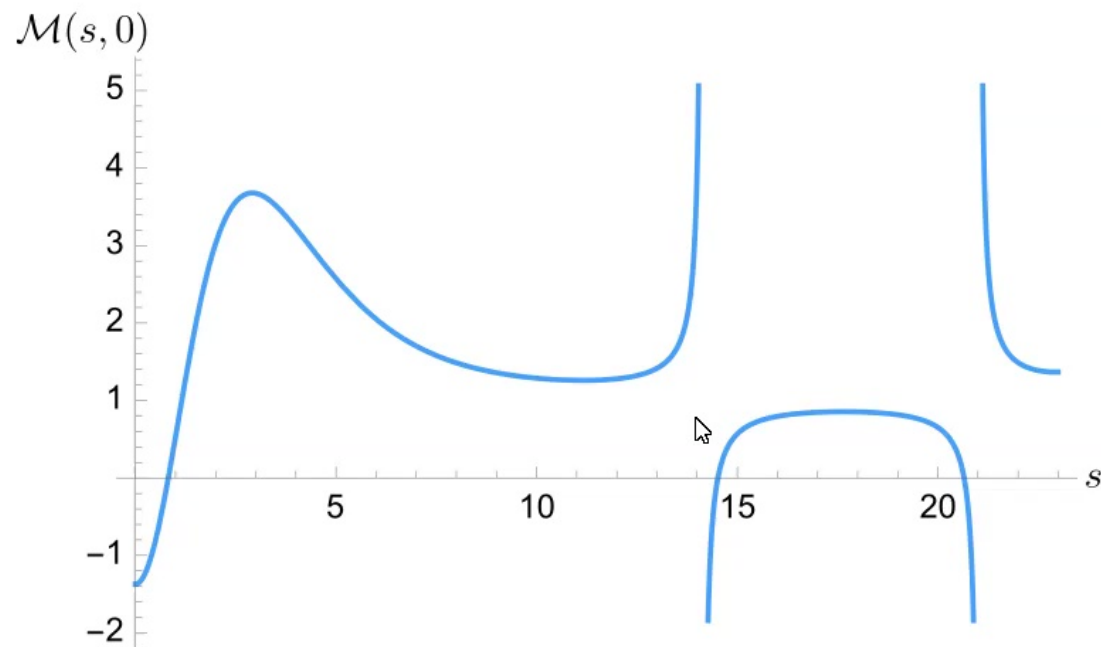
$$u = -(p_1 + p_4)^2 = -s - t$$



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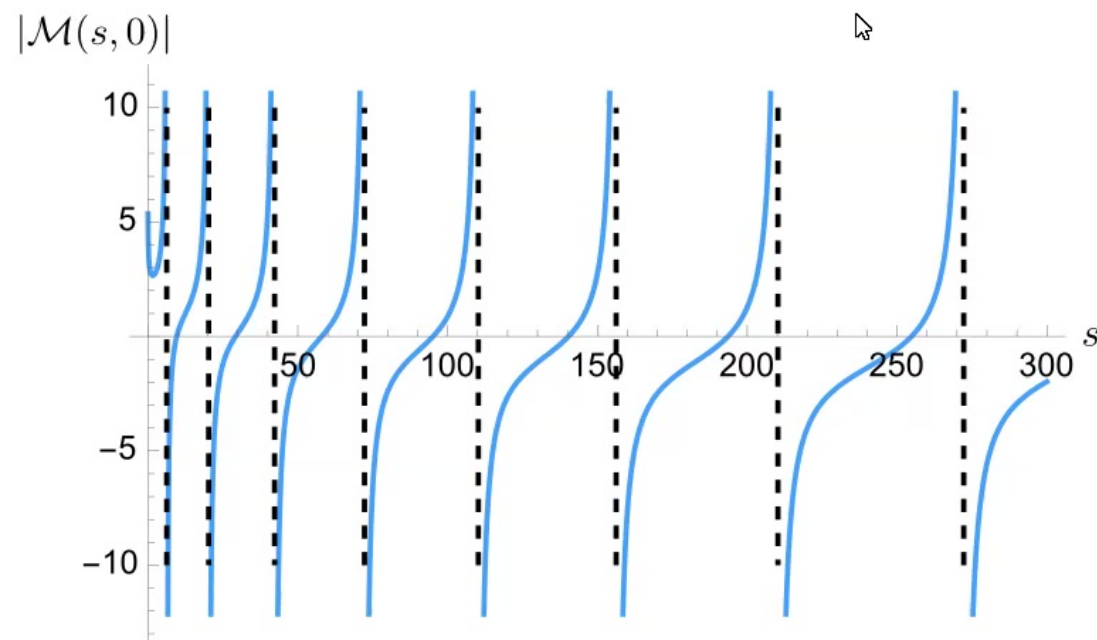
× Poles with opposite-sign residues: tachyons



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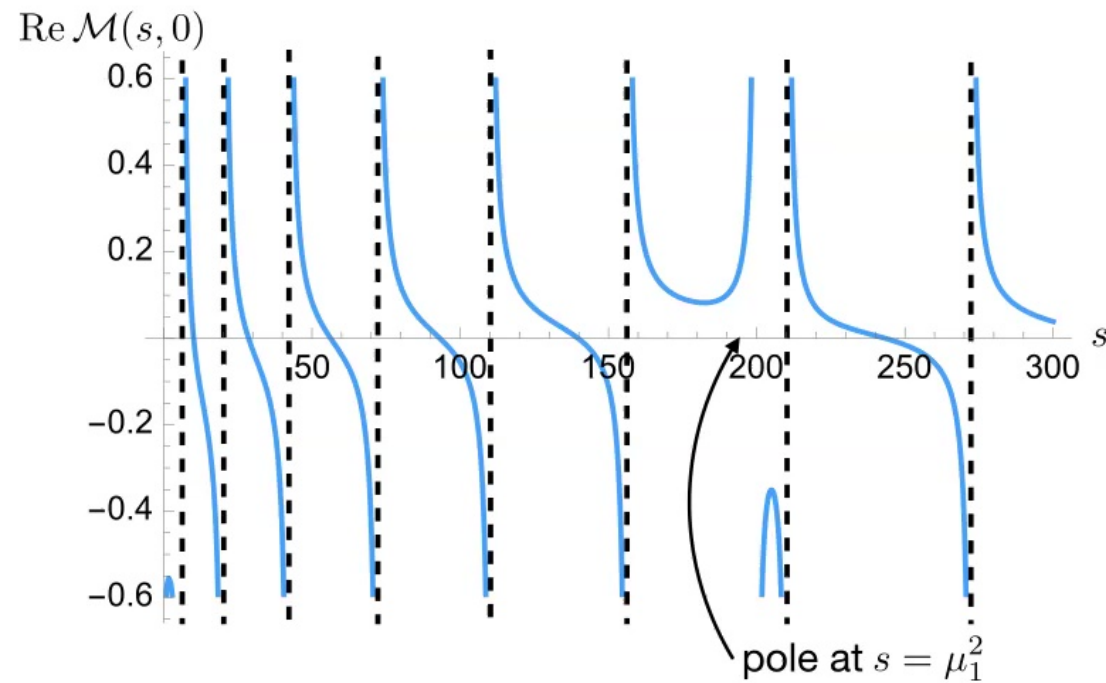
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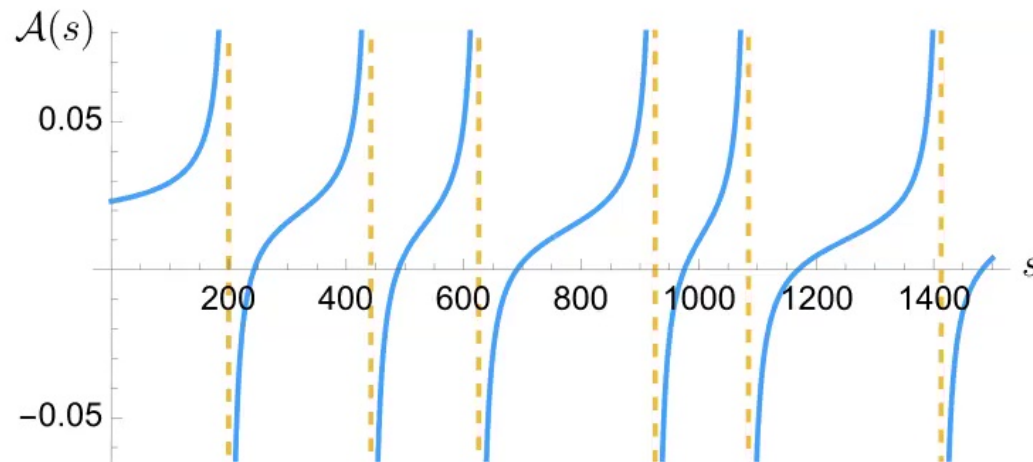
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$\mathcal{A}(s)$  can be written very compactly as:

$$\mathcal{A}(s) = -\frac{d}{ds} \log \Xi(\sqrt{s})$$

$$\mathcal{M}(s, t) = \mathcal{A}(s) + \mathcal{A}(u)$$

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3. The forward amplitude satisfies

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{d^2}{ds^2} \mathcal{M}(s, 0) \neq 0$$

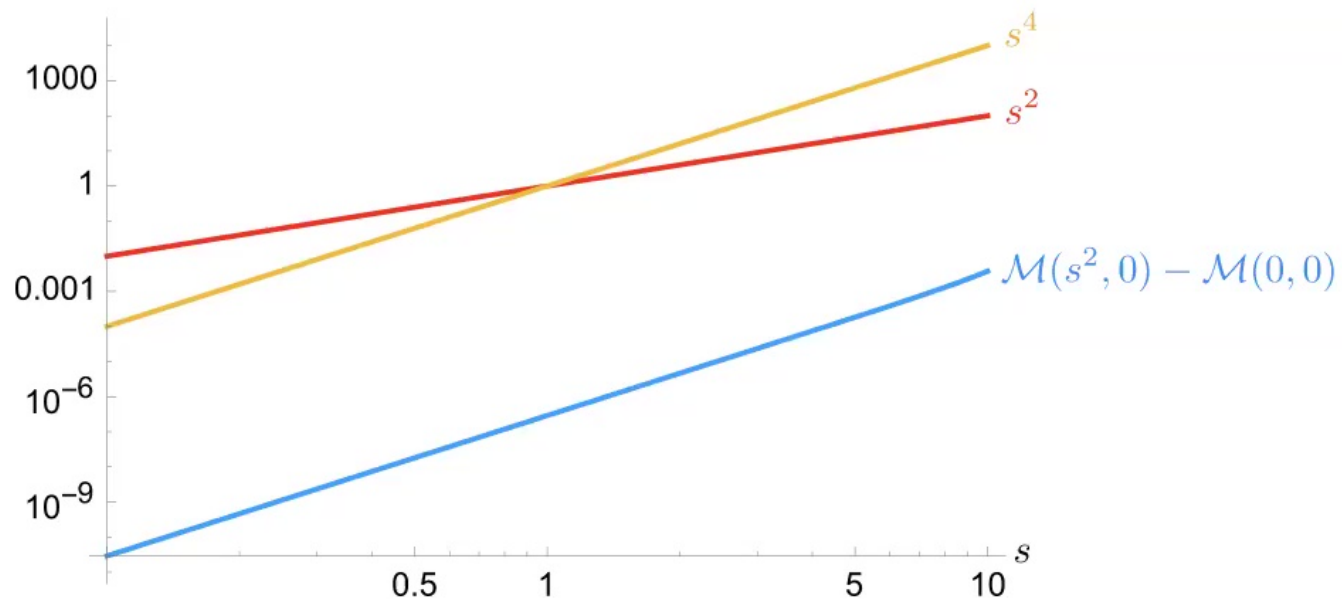
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- Were the square roots necessary?

Yes: If we send  $s \rightarrow s^2$  in  $\mathcal{M}(s, 0)$  to eliminate the square roots, then the forward amplitude scales with  $s^4$  at small momentum.

This violates the  $s^2$  scaling required by dispersion relations. [Adams et al. \[hep-th/0602178\]](#)



# Properties of $\mathcal{A}(s)$

- Connection between low-momentum behavior and the zeros of zeta:

$$\frac{c_0}{2} = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \mathcal{A}(s) = -4 + \frac{\pi^2}{8} + G + \frac{\zeta''(\frac{1}{2})}{2\zeta(\frac{1}{2})} - \frac{1}{8} \left( \gamma + \frac{\pi}{2} + \log 8\pi \right)^2$$

Catalan's constant  $G = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k / (2k+1)^2$

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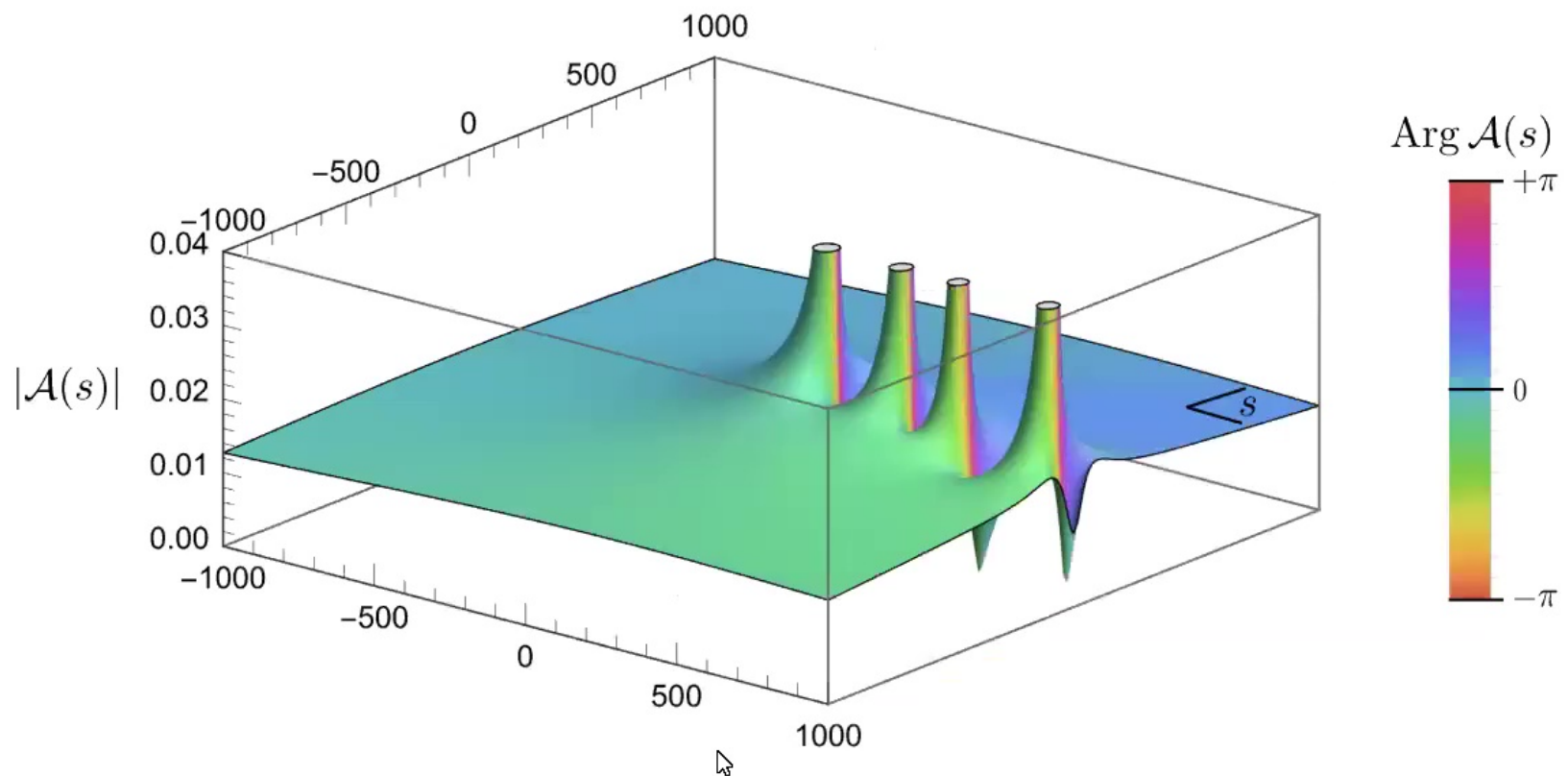
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All simple zeros  $\implies$  Universal coupling of massive states

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- Locality: All poles are simple ones.

$$\mathcal{A}(s) \sim 1/(-s + \mu_n^2)$$

- Higher-degree poles would correspond to kinetic terms with too many derivatives: a failure of locality. For example,

$$(\square - m^2)^k \phi \longrightarrow \frac{1}{(-s + m^2)^k}$$

- Nonlocality in  $\mathcal{A}(s) \sim 1/(-s + \mu_n^2)^k$  for  $k > 1$  would correspond to an essential singularity in the Riemann zeta function,

$$\zeta(z) \not\sim e^{\frac{\alpha}{(z-z_n)^{k-1}}}$$

Locality in  $\mathcal{A}$   $\longleftrightarrow$  Meromorphicity in  $\zeta$

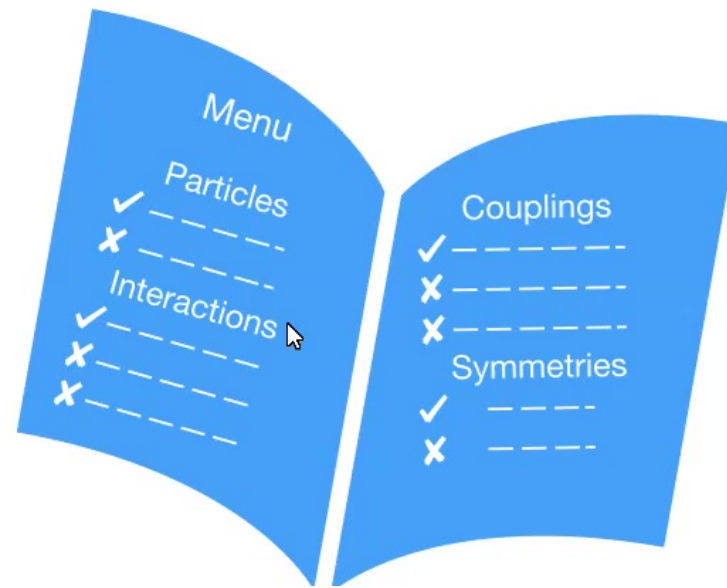
# Analytic dispersion relations



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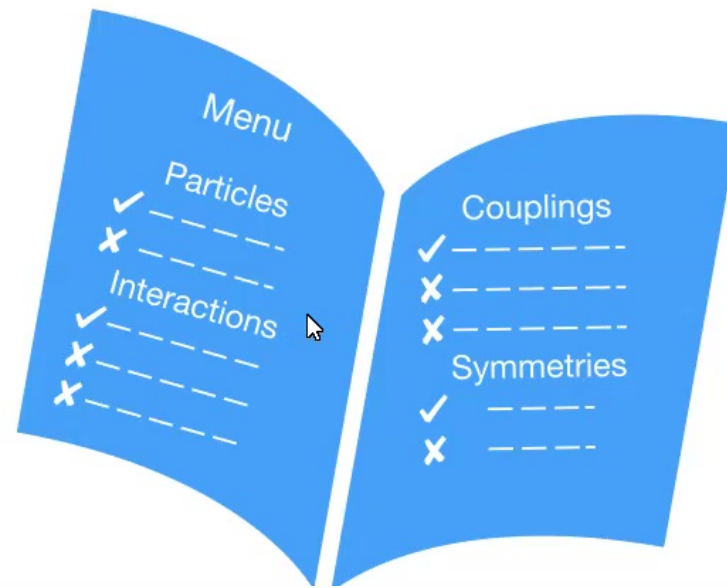
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- Examples:

- Standard Model EFT [GR](#), Rodd [1908.09845] & (2021, forthcoming)
- Flavor physics [GR](#), Rodd [2004.02885, 2010.04723]
- Higher-curvature terms Bellazzini, Cheung, [GR](#) [1509.00851]; Cheung, [GR](#) [1608.02942]; Gruzinov, Kleban (2006)
- Massive gravity Cheung, [GR](#) [1601.04068]
- Einstein-Maxwell theory Cheung, [GR](#) [1407.7865]; Cheung, Liu, [GR](#) [1801.08546, 1903.09156]; Arkani-Hamed, Huang, Liu, [GR](#) [2109.13937]
- Scalar theories Adams et al. (2006); Chandrasekaran, [GR](#), Shahbazi-Moghaddam [1804.03153]
- $a$ -theorem Komargodski, Schwimmer (2011); Elvang et al. (2012)

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- Our  $\mathcal{M}(s, t)$  built from the zeta function will by definition satisfy the requirements of analyticity and unitarity for scattering amplitudes.
- **Question:** What happens if we run  $\mathcal{M}(s, t)$  through the mechanics of analytic dispersion relations?

# Example theory

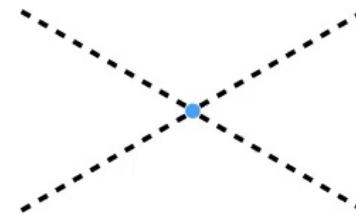
We'll first briefly review how infrared consistency bounds the coefficients of an EFT, based on analyticity, unitarity, and causality. [Adams et al. \[hep-th/0602178\]](#)

Example EFT: massless scalar with shift symmetry

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{2}(\partial\phi)^2 + \frac{c}{M^4}(\partial\phi)^4$$

Two-to-two scattering amplitude:

$$\mathcal{M}(s, t) = \frac{2c}{M^4}(s^2 + t^2 + u^2)$$



Forward amplitude (in state = out state):

$$\mathcal{M}(\mathbb{S}, 0) = \frac{4c}{M^4}s^2$$

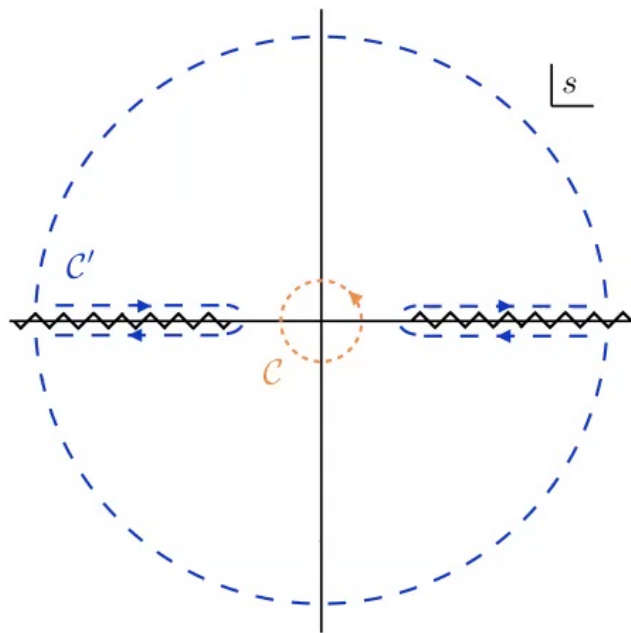
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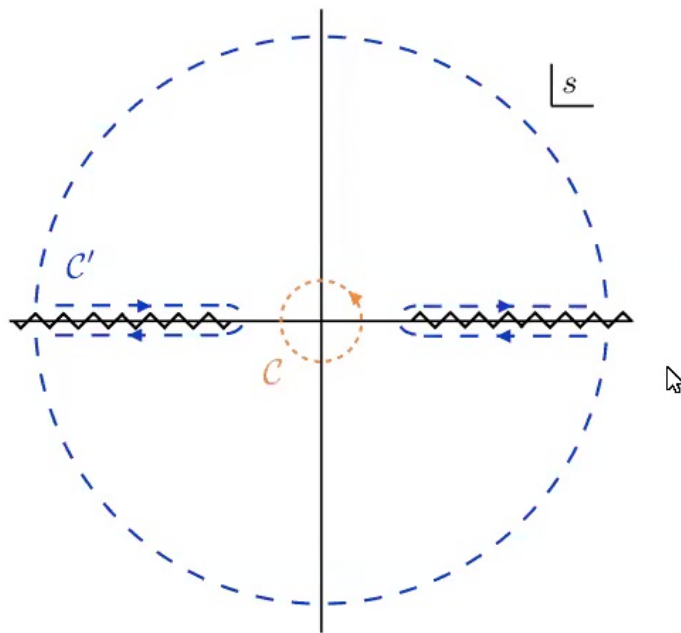
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use analyticity to deform the contour

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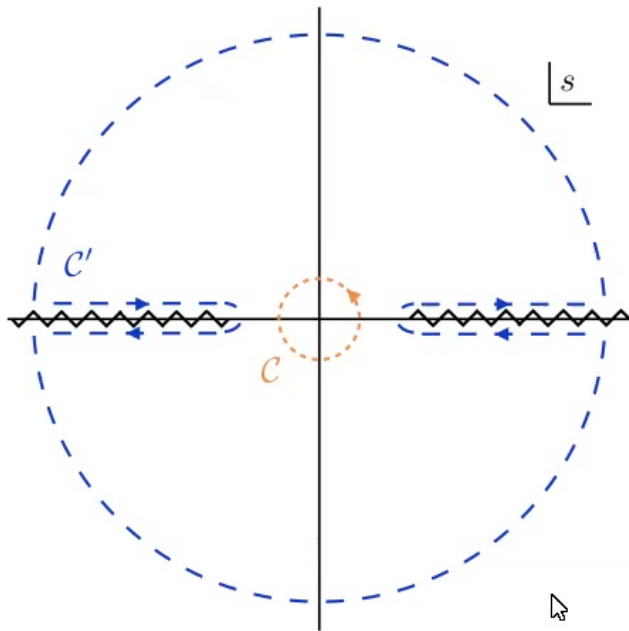


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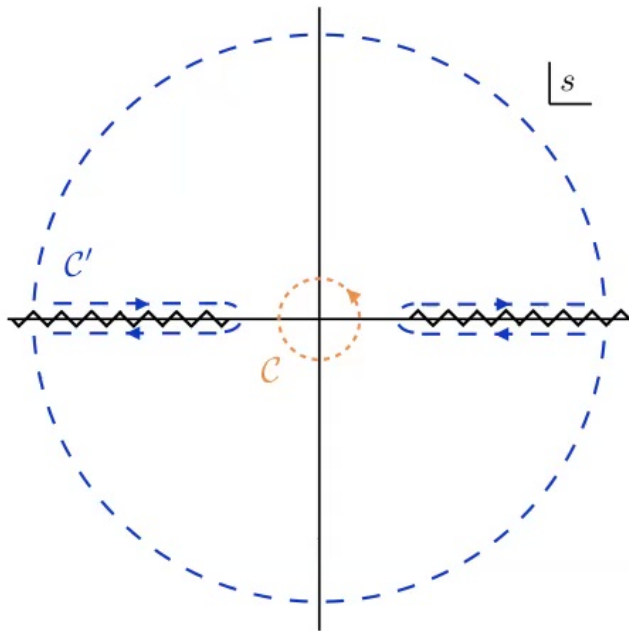


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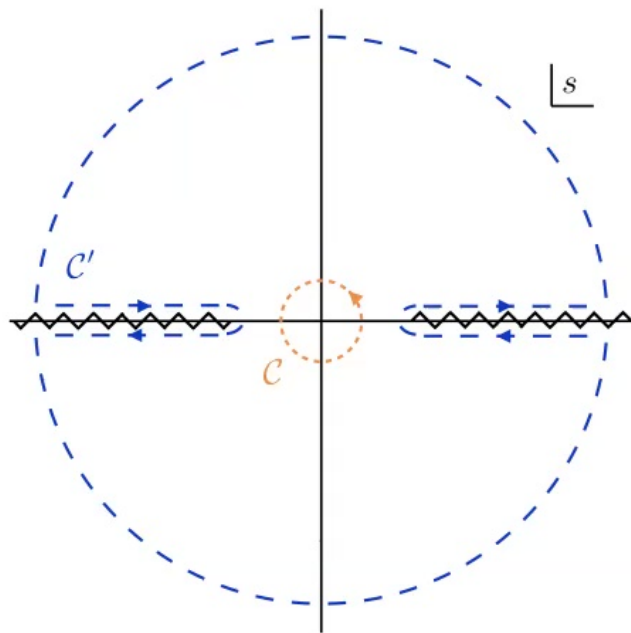
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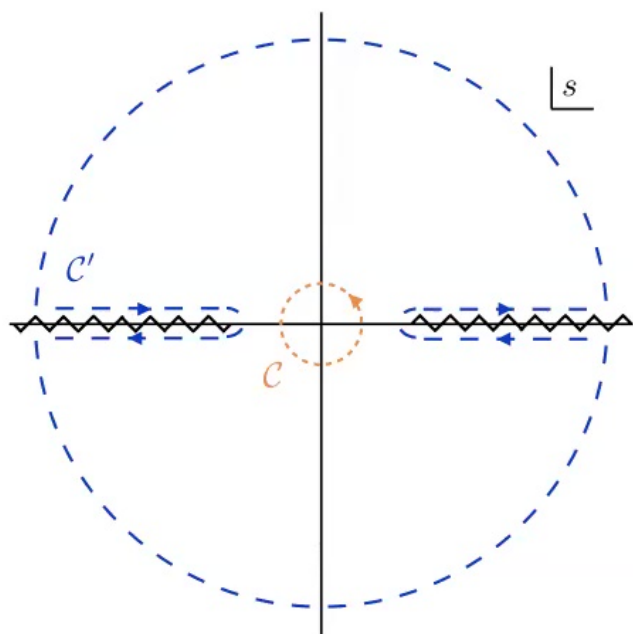
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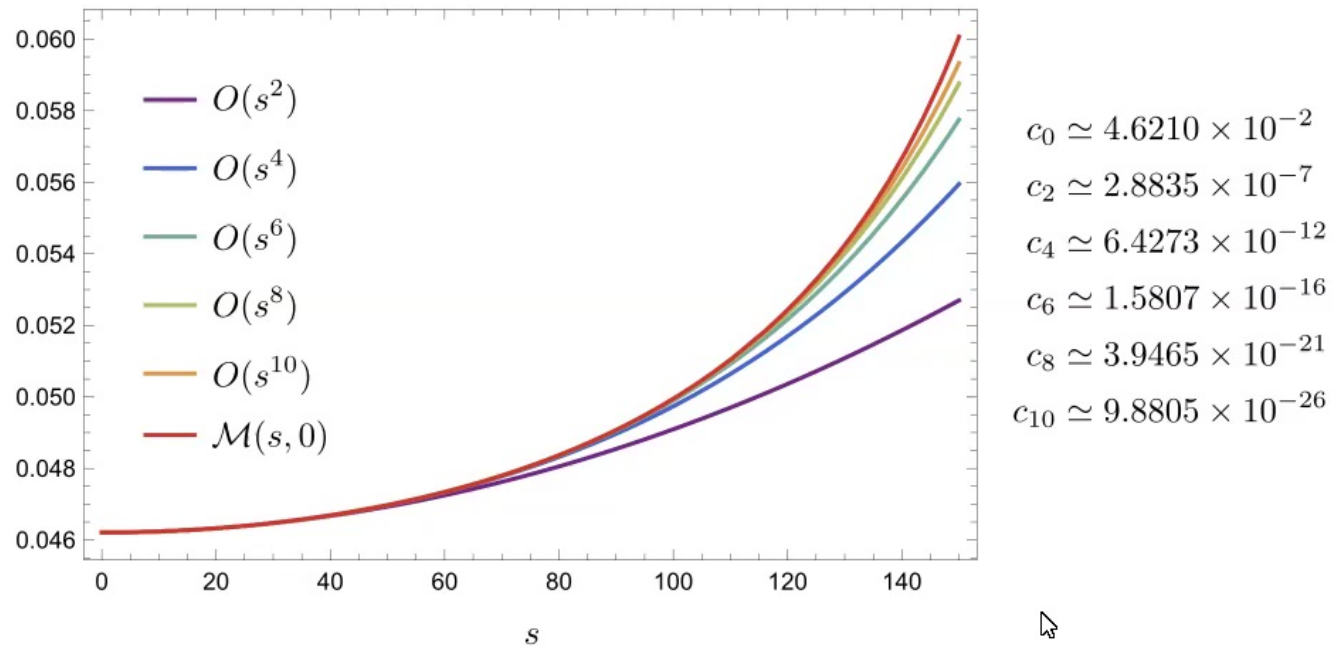
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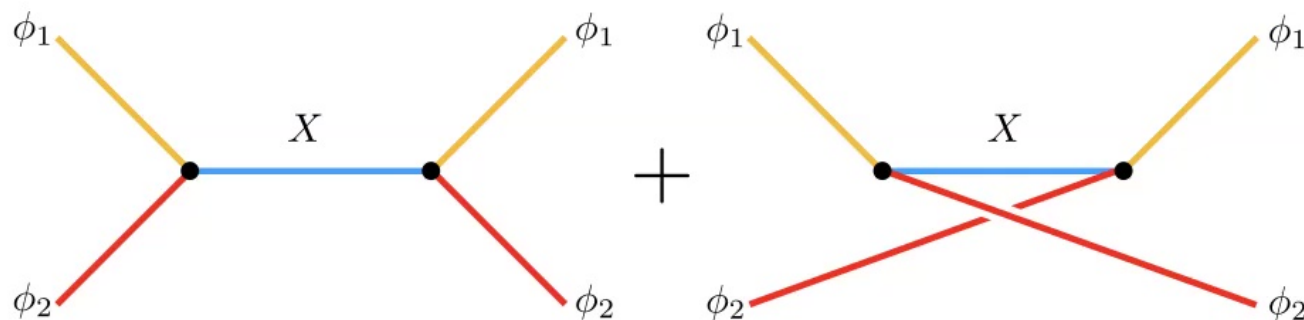


# What sort of theory is this?

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$$\phi_1\phi_2 \longrightarrow \phi_1\phi_2$$

- We alternatively could have defined  $\mathcal{M}(s, t)$  as  $\mathcal{A}(s) + \mathcal{A}(t) + \mathcal{A}(u)$  to have full Bose symmetry, in which case our amplitude would describe single-scalar scattering  $\phi\phi \rightarrow \phi\phi$



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- Proof:

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$\implies \Delta(s)$  is entire.

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- Integrating our result

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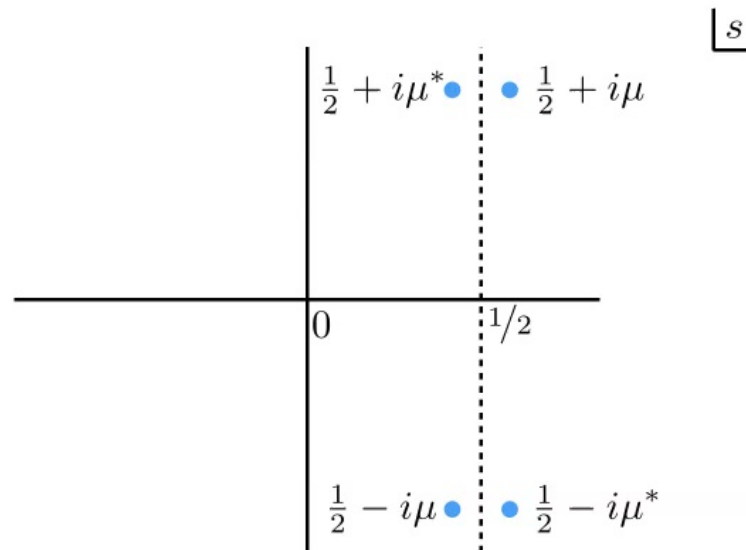
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