

Large N Limit & Saddle point approximation

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$$(\text{const})_N \int \prod_i d\lambda_i \quad e^{-\left[\frac{1}{2} \sum_i \lambda_i^2 + \frac{g}{N} \sum_i \lambda_i^4 \right]} \prod_{i < j} |\lambda_i - \lambda_j|^2$$

Dyson GAS

$$\rightarrow (\text{const}')_N \int \prod_i d\lambda_i \quad e^{-\underbrace{N \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{\lambda_i^2}{2} + g \lambda_i^4 \right)}_{\text{order } N^2} + \underbrace{\sum_{i \neq j} \log |\lambda_i - \lambda_j|}_{\text{order } N^2}}$$

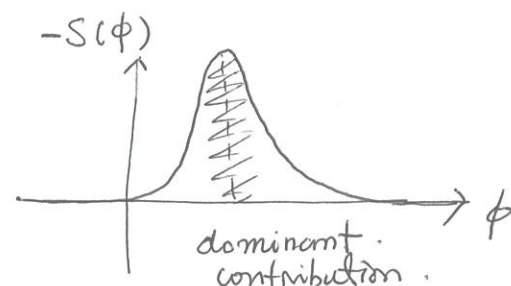
rescale

the eigenvalue $\lambda'_i = \lambda_i / \sqrt{N}$

remark

(normalize the range of eigenvalues)

§ large N limit.



(i) Saddle-point approximation

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\phi \quad e^{-\frac{1}{\hbar} S(\phi)} \quad \underset{\hbar \rightarrow 0}{\approx} \quad \int d\phi \quad e^{-\frac{1}{\hbar} \left[S(\phi_0) + \frac{1}{2} S''(\phi_0) \delta\phi^2 + \dots \right]}$$

$$S(\phi) = S(\phi_0 + \delta\phi) \cong S(\phi_0) + \frac{1}{2} \delta\phi^2 S''(\phi_0) + \mathcal{O}(\delta\phi^3)$$

$$\text{where } S'(\phi = \phi_0) = 0.$$

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saddle-pt approximation

$$\text{rescale } \delta\phi^2 / \hbar \equiv y^2 \quad \uparrow \text{ finite.}$$

$$\stackrel{\textcircled{2}}{\approx} \left[\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hbar dy \, e^{+\left(\frac{1}{2} S''(\phi_0) y^2 + \underbrace{\mathcal{O}(\hbar y^3) + \mathcal{O}(\hbar^2 y^4) + \dots}_{\hbar\text{-correction}} \right)} \right] \cdot e^{+\frac{1}{\hbar} S(\phi_0)}$$

$$\approx (\text{const.}) \underbrace{e^{+\frac{1}{\hbar} S(\phi_0)}}_{\text{"leading term."}} \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{-S''(\phi_0)}} \left(1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \hbar^n a_n \right).$$

$$\sim \exp \left[+ \left(\frac{1}{\hbar} S(\phi_0) + \frac{\hbar^0}{2} \log[S''(\phi_0)] + \sum_n \hbar^n b_n \right) \right]$$

(ii) in the large N -limit, one can use the saddle approximation to evaluate the integral.

$$\int d\lambda_i \, e^{-N S(\lambda_i)} \quad \text{where} \quad S(\lambda_i) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_i \lambda_i^2 + g \sum_i \lambda_i^4 + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i \neq j} \log |\lambda_i - \lambda_j|$$

the same order of N

(a) Saddle-point equation $S'(\lambda_i = \tilde{\lambda}_i) = 0$.

$$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{\tilde{\lambda}_i + 4g \tilde{\lambda}_i^3 = \frac{2}{N} \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{1}{\tilde{\lambda}_i - \tilde{\lambda}_j}}$$

assume that $\tilde{\lambda}_1 \leq \tilde{\lambda}_2 \leq \dots \leq \tilde{\lambda}_N$

(3)

(b) ~~The large~~ in the large N limit, one can solve

the saddle-point equation by taking the continuum
limit.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \tilde{\lambda}_i \Rightarrow \lambda\left(\underset{i/N}{x}\right) \quad \text{where } x = \frac{i}{N} \quad x \in (0, 1) \\ \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \Rightarrow \int_0^1 dx \end{array} \right.$$

increasing function of x .

then, the equation becomes.

$$\frac{1}{2} \lambda(x) + 2g \lambda^3(x) = \underbrace{\int_0^1 dy \frac{1}{\lambda(x) - \lambda(y)}}_{\text{"principal value at } y=x."}$$

change of variable from $x \rightarrow \lambda$

\Rightarrow density of eigenvalues $dx = d\lambda \rho(\lambda)$.

assumption one-cut $\Rightarrow \lambda \in (-2a, 2a)$ end-point

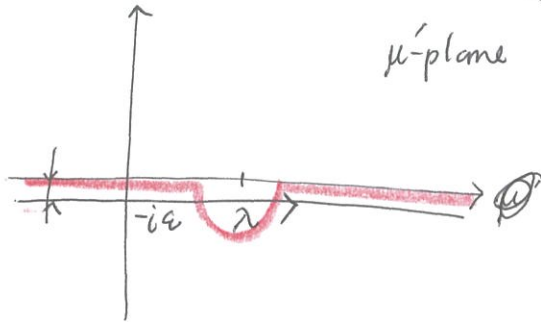
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 $\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+$

$$\omega(\lambda + i\epsilon) = \int_{-2a}^{2a} d\mu \frac{f(\mu)}{\lambda + i\epsilon - \mu}$$

no discontinuity

$$= \int_{-2a - i\epsilon}^{2a + i\epsilon} d\mu' \frac{f(\mu' + i\epsilon)}{\lambda - \mu'} \sim f(\mu')$$

 μ' -plane

$$\Rightarrow \int_{-2a}^{2a} d\mu' \frac{f(\mu')}{\lambda - \mu'} - i\pi f(\lambda).$$

Similarly, one can show $\omega(\lambda - i\epsilon) = \int_{-2a}^{2a} d\mu' \frac{f(\mu')}{\lambda - \mu'} + i\pi f(\lambda)$

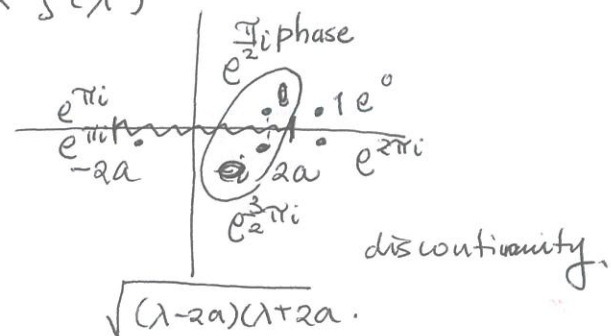
$$= \left(\frac{1}{2}\lambda + 2g\lambda^3 \right)$$

from (8), one can verify that (saddle-pt eqn.)

$$\omega(\lambda) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\lambda + 2g\lambda^3 \right) - f(\lambda) \sqrt{(\lambda - 2a)(\lambda + 2a)}$$

$\propto f(\lambda)$

analytic



one can fix $f(\lambda)$ by
the condition (9)

(6)

$$\omega(\lambda) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\lambda + 2g\lambda^3 \right) - \left(\frac{1}{2} + 4ga^2 + 2g\lambda^2 \right) \sqrt{\lambda^2 - 4a^2}$$

where $12ga^4 + a^2 - 1 = 0$, i.e. $a^2 = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{1+48g}}{24g}$.

$$\Rightarrow \rho(\lambda) = \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\frac{1}{2} + 4ga^2 + 2g\lambda^2 \right) \sqrt{(2a-\lambda)(\lambda+2a)} \quad \lambda \in (-2a, 2a)$$

e) density of eigenvalues:

Wigner semi-circle law

($g=0$. Gaussian).

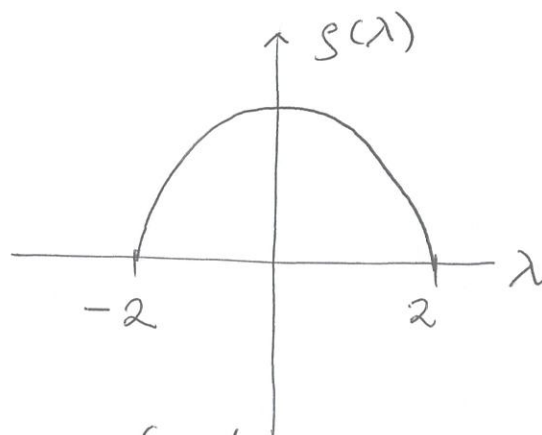
$$\rho(g=0, \lambda) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{4 - \lambda^2}$$

near $\lambda=2$,

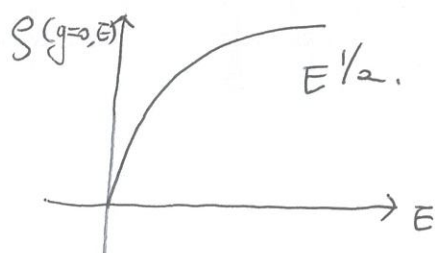
~~$\lambda \approx 2 - E$~~ $\lambda \approx 2 - \text{small}$

~~$\rho(E)$~~

$$\rho(g=0, E) = \frac{1}{\pi} E^{1/2}$$

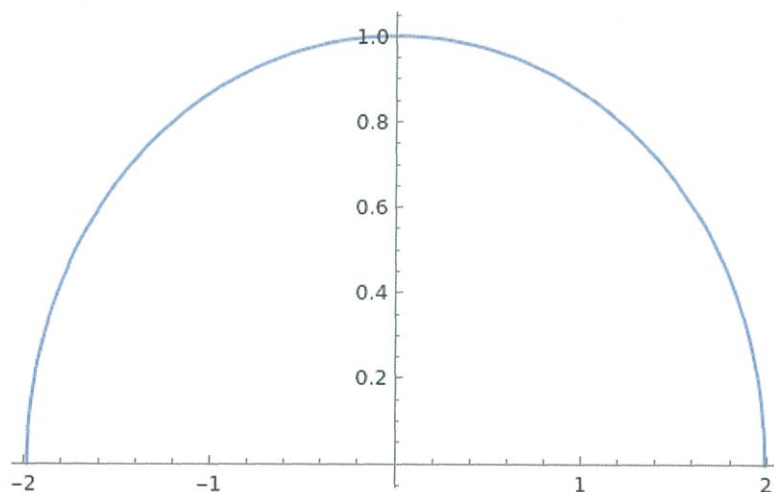


(refer to numerical result)

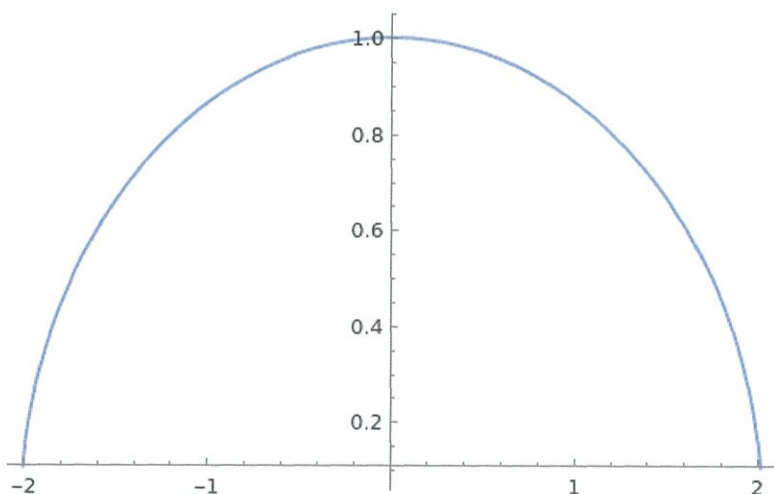


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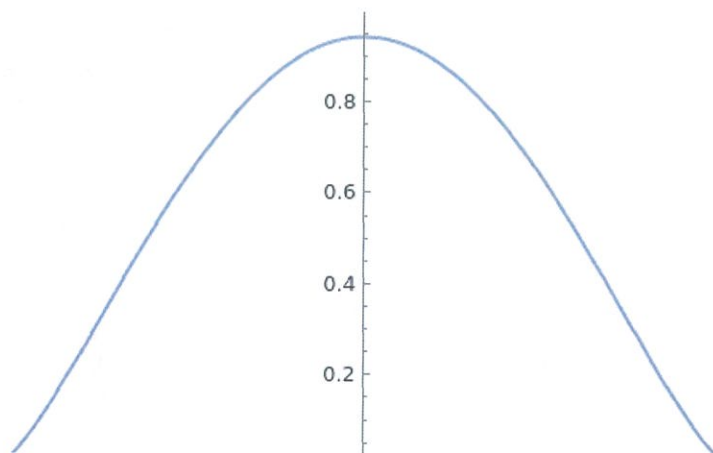
$\text{Plot}[\rho[\lambda, 0.001], \{\lambda, -2 \sqrt{a[0.001]}, 2 \sqrt{a[0.001]}\}]$



$\text{Plot}[\rho[\lambda, -0.001], \{\lambda, -2 \sqrt{a[-0.001]}, 2 \sqrt{a[-0.001]}\}]$



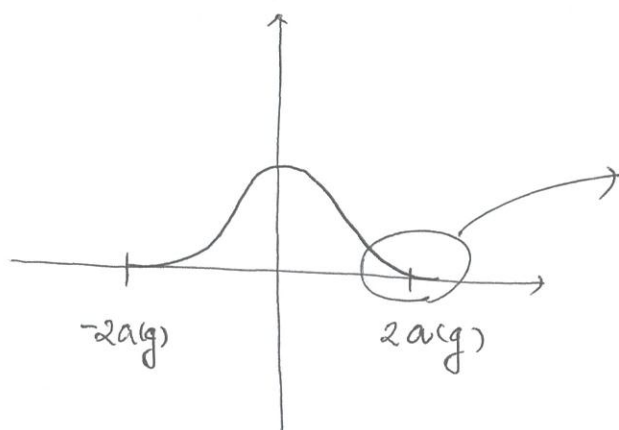
$\text{Plot}[\rho[\lambda, \frac{-1}{48}], \{\lambda, -2 \sqrt{a[\frac{-1}{48}]}, 2 \sqrt{a[\frac{-1}{48}]} \}]$



analytic
continuation
possible!

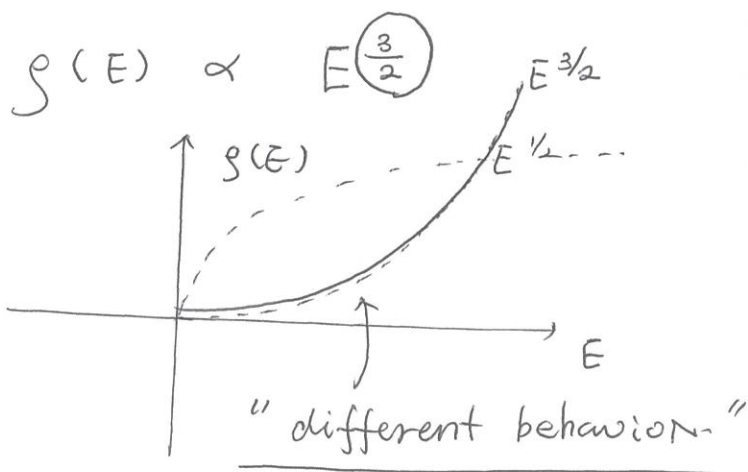
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$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}(g = -\frac{1}{\kappa\delta}, \lambda) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\kappa}{\kappa\delta} \cdot 2 - \frac{2}{\kappa\delta} \lambda^2 \right) \sqrt{(2\sqrt{2}-\lambda)(\lambda+2\sqrt{2})} \\ &= \frac{(\delta - \lambda^2)}{2\kappa} \sqrt{\delta - \lambda^2} \end{aligned}$$



near $\lambda^2 = \delta$, i.e.,

$$\lambda \approx 2\sqrt{2} - E$$



when $g \rightarrow \left(-\frac{1}{\kappa\delta}\right) \equiv g_c$
critical value

⑧ leading term in the large N limit

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-N\mathcal{S}(\tilde{\lambda}_i)} &= e^{-N \left[\sum_i \left(\frac{1}{2} \tilde{\lambda}_i^2 + g \tilde{\lambda}_i^4 \right) - \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j \neq i} \log |\tilde{\lambda}_i - \tilde{\lambda}_j| \right]} \\ &\approx N \left\{ \int dx \left(\frac{1}{2} \tilde{\lambda}^2(x) + g \tilde{\lambda}^4(x) \right) - \int dx \int dy \log |\tilde{\lambda}(x) - \tilde{\lambda}(y)| \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore e^{-N^2 \left\{ \int_0^1 dx \left(\frac{1}{2} \lambda^2 \omega + g \lambda^4 \omega \right) - \int_0^1 dx \int_0^1 dy \log |\lambda(x) - \lambda(y)| \right\}}$$

change of variable $dx = d\lambda \cdot \rho(\lambda)$

$$\int_{-2a}^{2a} d\lambda \rho(\lambda) \left(\frac{1}{2} \lambda^2 + g \lambda^4 \right) - \int_{-2a}^{2a} d\lambda \int_{-2a}^{2a} d\mu \rho(\lambda) \rho(\mu) \log |\lambda - \mu|$$

from the saddle-pt eqn. one can show that

~~$\left(\frac{1}{2} \lambda^2 + g \lambda^4 \right)$~~ \downarrow integral over λ

$$\frac{1}{2} \lambda^2 + g \lambda^4 = 2 \int_{-2a}^{2a} d\mu \rho(\mu) \log |\lambda - \mu| + \text{intersection const in } \lambda$$

$\lambda = 0$

$$0 = 2 \int_{-2a}^{2a} d\mu \rho(\mu) \log |\mu| + \text{const in } \lambda$$

principal value
at $\mu=0$

\Rightarrow the term in $\{ \dots \}$ becomes

no difference
between \int & $\int_{\text{pr.}}$

$$\int_{-2a}^{2a} d\lambda \rho(\lambda) \left(\frac{1}{2} \lambda^2 + \frac{g}{2} \lambda^4 \right) - \int_{-2a}^{2a} d\mu \rho(\mu) \log \mu$$

$$\log Z[g]/Z[0] = -N^2 \left[\int_{-2a}^{2a} d\lambda \, \rho(\lambda) \left(\frac{1}{4}\lambda^2 + \frac{g}{2}\lambda^4 - \log|\lambda| \right) \right. \\ \left. - (g=0) \right] + (\dots)$$

" Z_{gravity}

$$= + N^2 \left[\frac{1}{2} \log a^2(g) - \frac{1}{24} (a^2(g)-1)(9-a^2(g)) \right] \\ + (\dots)$$

|| $- E_{h=0}$

$$a^2(g) = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{1+48g}}{24g}$$

remember that

$$\log Z[g]/Z[g=0] = - \sum_h N^{2-2h} E_N^h(g)$$

$$E_{h=0}^0(g) = \frac{1}{24} (9-a^2(g))(a^2(g)-1) - \frac{1}{2} \log a^2(g)$$

$$\underset{g \rightarrow 0}{\simeq} 2g - 10g^2 + 288g^3 - 6048g^4 + \dots$$

convergent series!

perfect agreement
with the result
obtained by the
 S^2 Feynman diagram
method

remark why convergent series rather than asymptotic series?

Q [A] : due to double expansion in terms of $\frac{1}{N}$ & g

$$E(g) = \sum_h N^{2-2h} \underbrace{E_h^h(g)}_{\Rightarrow \text{convergent series of } g}$$

\Rightarrow asymptotic series of g

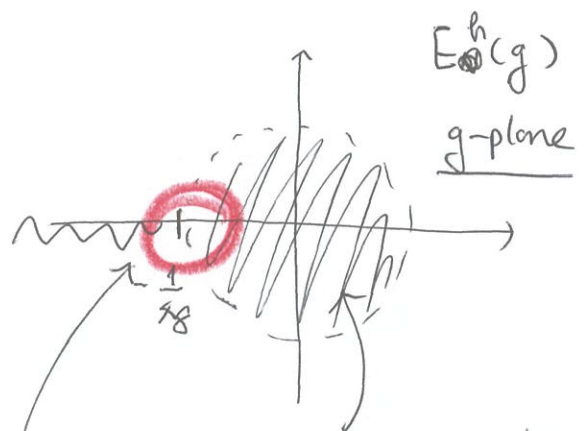
[Q] radius of convergence

$E_h^h(g)$?

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analytic continuation possible

from $g > 0$ to $g < 0$

until $g \rightarrow g_c = -\frac{1}{18}$



convergent in this region.

* since $E_h^h(g)$ is convergent series, one can have a small but finite value of g

qualitatively different behaviors

\Rightarrow ① Continuum limit of quantum gravity.

② all genus expansion is possible even when $N \rightarrow \infty$

double scaling limit

(11)

$$48g \sim (-1 + \underbrace{h}_{\text{very small}})$$

$$a^2(h) = \frac{2}{1+\sqrt{h}} \cong 2(1 - \sqrt{h} + h + \dots)$$

then, one can obtain

$$E = \sum_{h=0}^{\infty} (N^2)^{2-2h} \cdot E^h(g)$$

$$E^{h=0}(g) = \frac{1}{24} (a^2(g)-1)(1-a^2(g)) - \frac{1}{2} \log a^2(g)$$

$$\cong \left(\frac{7}{24} - \frac{1}{2} \log 2 \right) + \frac{1}{12} h - \frac{1}{8} h^2 + \frac{4}{15} (\sqrt{h})^5 + \dots$$

$$E^{h=1}(g) \sim \# \log \sqrt{h}$$

$$E^{h>1}(g) \sim \# (\sqrt{h})^{5(1-h)}$$

In summary,

$$E = N^2 \left((\dots) + \frac{4}{15} (\sqrt{h})^5 + \mathcal{O}(h^3) \right) + N^0 (\log \sqrt{h} + \dots)$$

$$+ \sum_h N^{-2(h-1)} \left(\beta (\sqrt{h})^{5(1-h)} + \text{higher orders in } \sqrt{h} \right)$$

remnants of the cut-off

they are not universal,
which means that
these terms depends on
the model
the precise form of

strictly speaking, in the naive $N \rightarrow \infty$ limit, all contributions except the planar diagrams are gone!

double scaling limit

$$\textcircled{1} N = \frac{1}{\hbar \alpha^5} \rightarrow \infty \quad (\text{i.e., } N \alpha^5 = \text{finite})$$

\swarrow finite \nwarrow $\alpha \rightarrow 0$ small

$$\textcircled{2} \hbar = l \cdot \alpha^4 \rightarrow 0 \quad (\text{i.e., } \hbar \cdot \alpha^{-4} = \text{finite})$$

\downarrow finite

then

$$E \rightarrow \frac{1}{\hbar^2} \left[\underbrace{(\dots)}_{\text{divergent "cut-off terms"}} + \frac{\chi}{15} (\sqrt{l})^5 \right] + \hbar^0 \cdot \overset{\#}{\log \sqrt{l}} + \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \hbar^{-2+2n} \cdot (\beta \sqrt{l})^{5(1-n)}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{! [universal] !}}$

* these terms are not universal, but depend on the model.
(\sim scheme dependence)

continuum limit of discretized surface

"def. of quantum gravity" !! where

\hbar^{-1} : string coupling

l is cosmological const

~~$\Lambda \sim g_c$~~

$$e^{-\left[\Lambda^{\text{ren}} \cdot (\text{infinite mod unit area})\right]} \approx g/g_c.$$

why continuum limit?

$$g \rightarrow g_c = -1/48 \quad (48g = 48g_c + l \cdot \alpha^2)$$

$$Z_{\text{gravity}}^{S^2} \sim (g - g_c)^{-5/2}$$

where $g \sim e^{-\left[\frac{\Lambda}{4\pi} \cdot \text{Area}\right]}$

bare cosmological const
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area of each quadrangle

$\sum_{\text{lattice}} A_v g^V$

$\langle \text{Area of surface } S^2 \rangle$

$\langle V \rangle = \frac{2}{\partial g} \log Z_{\text{gravity}}^{S^2}(g) \sim \frac{1}{g - g_c}$

"average" numbers of vertices for quadrangulation of given surface

Hence, in $g \rightarrow g_c$ limit number of vertices of dual graphs (or equivalently # of quadrangles) diverges!!

Continuum limit!

Take-Home Message double-scaling limit

- ① universal behavior (model-independent)
- ② all-genus expansion
- ③ continuum limit