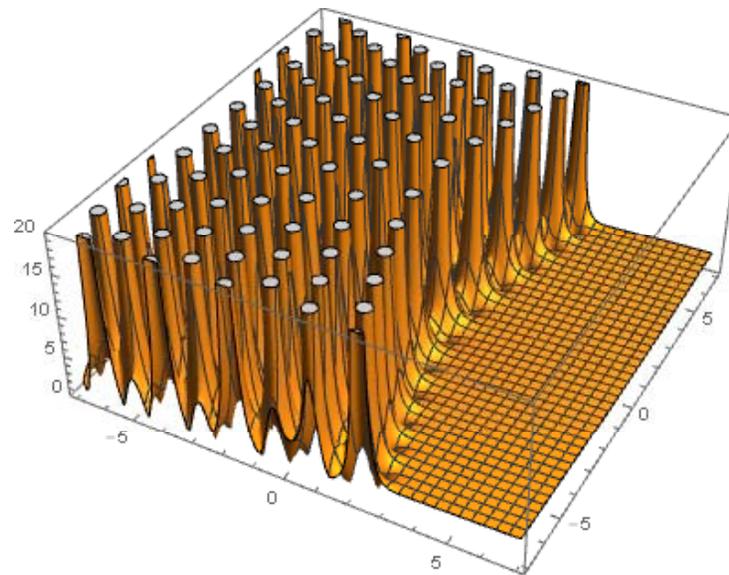
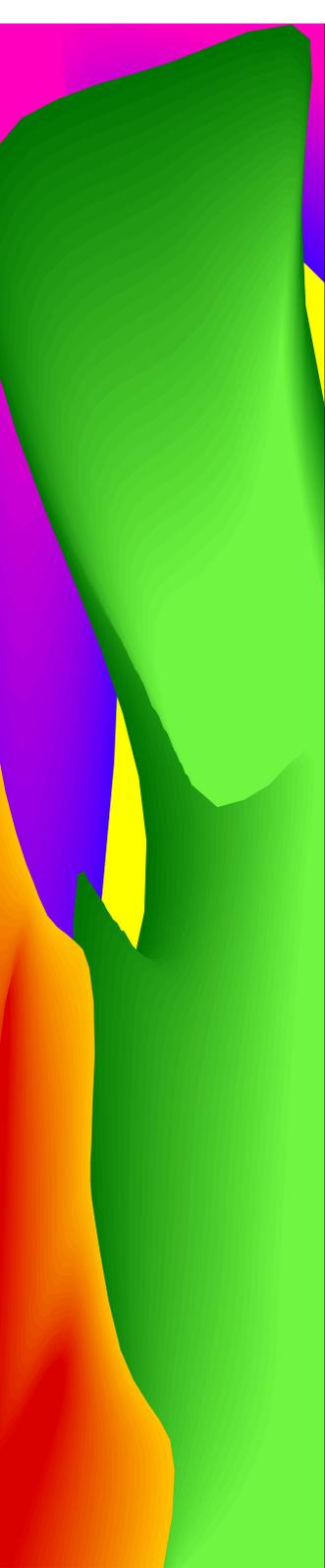


Two-parameter transseries for Painlevé I



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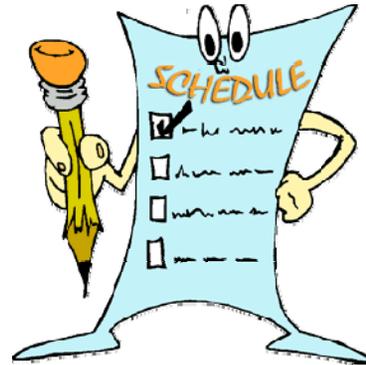
[160x.xxxx](#) *On the modularity of Painlevé Resurgent Transseries* (R. Schiappa, MV)

Our earlier work on resurgence, transseries and (among other things) Painlevé I:

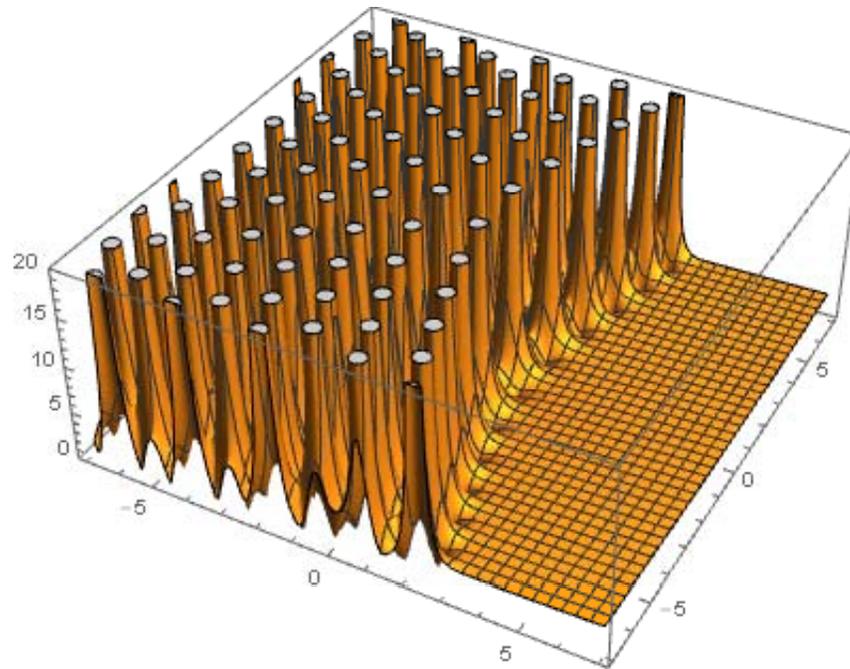
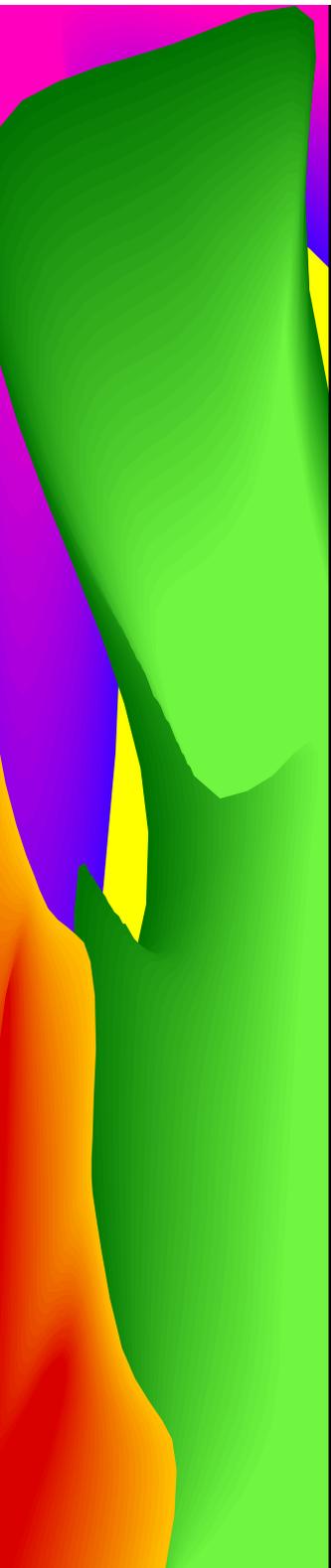
[1106.5922](#) *The resurgence of instantons in string theory* (I. Aniceto, RS, MV)

Influenced by work by Costin et al. (transasymptotics), David / Eynard / Mariño et al. (theta functions) and many others.

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1. The Painlevé I equation

The Painlevé I equation



Paul Painlevé (1863-1933) studied second order ODEs whose only moveable singularities are poles.

6 classes found: **Painlevé transcendents.**



The Painlevé I equation

We study the Painlevé I equation:

$$u^2(z) - \frac{1}{6}u''(z) = z$$

Studied extensively by mathematicians.

Many applications in **physics**:

- 2d quantum gravity
- Minimal string theories
- Double scaling limits of matrix models
- ...

The Painlevé I equation

Boutroux investigated solutions in detail.

Some **properties**: $u^2(z) - \frac{1}{6}u''(z) = z$

1) The equation has the symmetry

$$z \rightarrow e^{2\pi i/5} z, \quad u \rightarrow e^{-4\pi i/5} u$$

As a result, there is a \mathbf{Z}_5 -action on the space of solutions. Moreover, the z -plane can be divided into **five sectors** where the solutions may have different asymptotics.

The Painlevé I equation

$$u^2(z) - \frac{1}{6}u''(z) = z$$

2) All poles are **double poles** with the same leading coefficient:

$$u(z) = \frac{1}{(z - z_0)^2} + \frac{3z_0}{5}(z - z_0)^2 + (z - z_0)^3 + h(z - z_0)^4 + \mathcal{O}((z - z_0)^5)$$

Note the second parameter, h .

Generic solution has **infinitely many poles** throughout the complex z -plane.

The Painlevé I equation

$$u(z) = \frac{1}{(z - z_0)^2} + \frac{3z_0}{5}(z - z_0)^2 + (z - z_0)^3 + h(z - z_0)^4 + \mathcal{O}((z - z_0)^5)$$

In physics, one is often interested in the associated **free energy** and **partition function**:

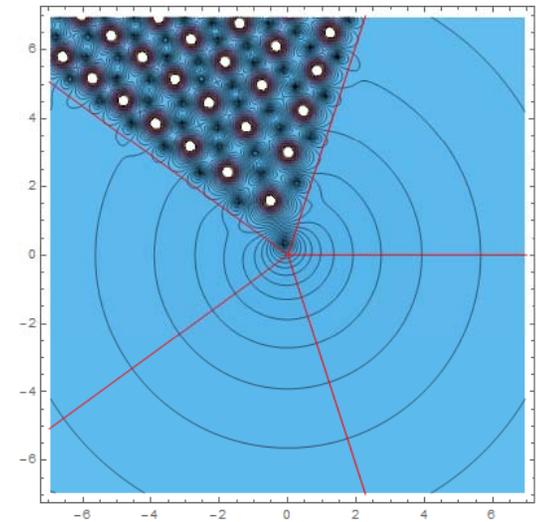
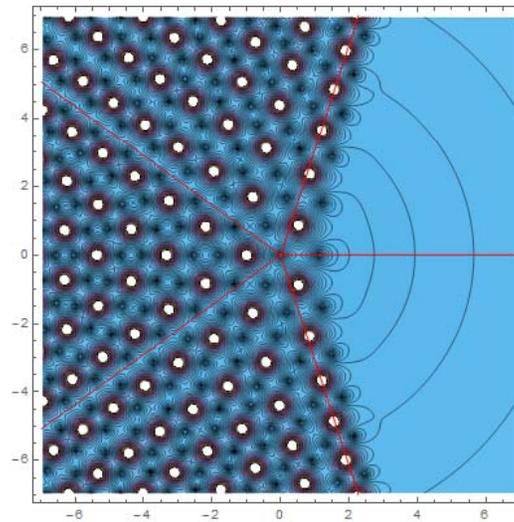
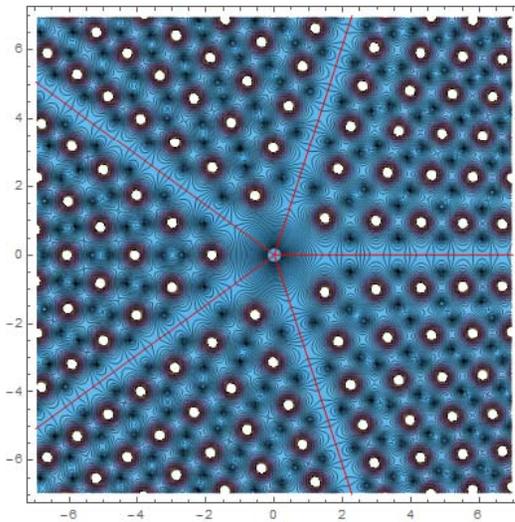
$$F''(z) = -u(z), \quad Z(z) = e^{F(z)}$$

Note: double pole of $u \leftrightarrow$ zero of Z .

The Painlevé I equation

$$u^2(z) - \frac{1}{6}u''(z) = z$$

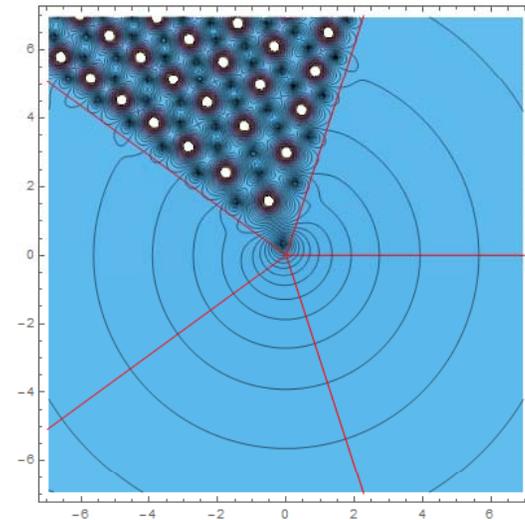
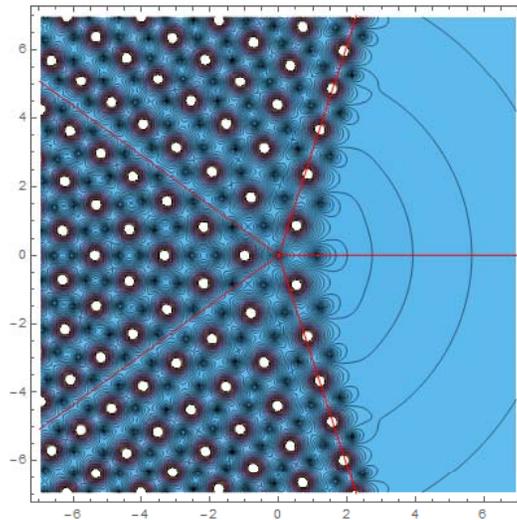
3) Special solutions: **tronquées** and **tritronquée**.



The Painlevé I equation

$$u^2(z) - \frac{1}{6}u''(z) = z$$

4) In the pole-free sectors, the solutions behave asymptotically as $u \sim \sqrt{z}$



The Painlevé I equation

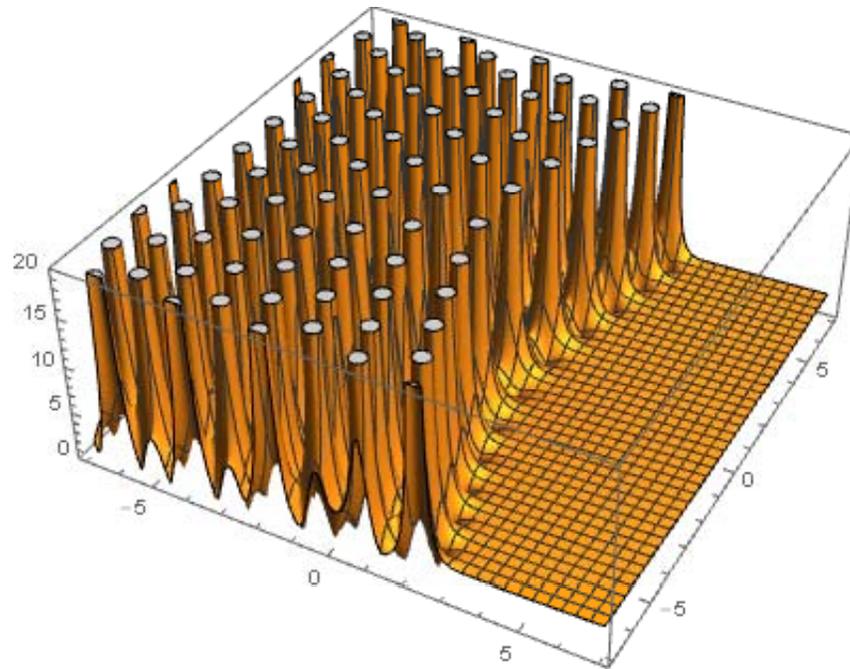
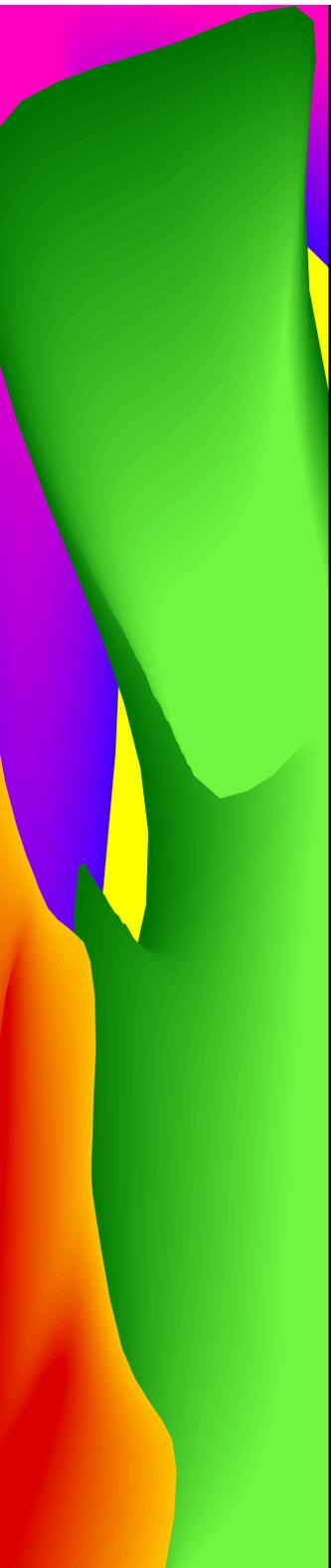
So far for generics – how do we construct specific solutions?

Host of methods:

- Numerical
- Transseries
- Transasymptotics
- ...



Can we **relate** those, and how do we incorporate the **second parameter**?



2. Numerical solutions

Numerical solutions

Standard methods:

- **Forward Euler:** calculate $u(z+\epsilon)$ using

$$u(z + \epsilon) = u(z) + \epsilon u'(z)$$

$$u'(z + \epsilon) = u'(z) + \epsilon u''(z)$$

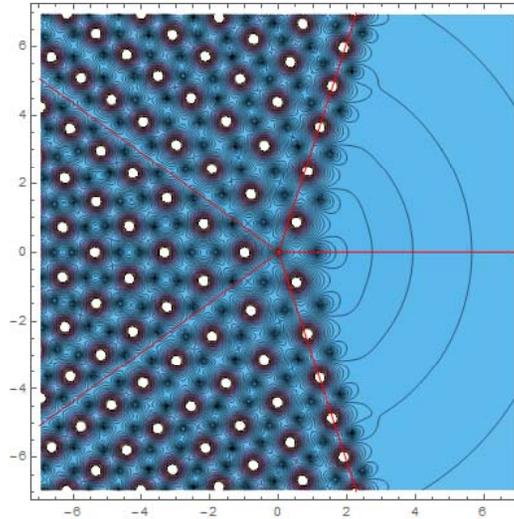
Note: can get $u''(z)$ from Painlevé I.

- **Taylor method:** obtain further derivatives of u by taking further derivatives of PI, use

$$u(z + \epsilon) = u(z) + \epsilon u'(z) + \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^2 u''(z) + \dots$$

Numerical solutions

Problem with these: don't work well in the **pole fields**.



We use a two-trick procedure found by **Fornberg and Weideman (2011)**.

Numerical solutions

Trick 1: instead of Taylor series, use **Padé approximants**.

$$u(z + \epsilon) = \frac{a_0 + a_1\epsilon + \dots + a_n\epsilon^n}{1 + b_1\epsilon + \dots + b_n\epsilon^n} + \mathcal{O}(h^{2n+1})$$

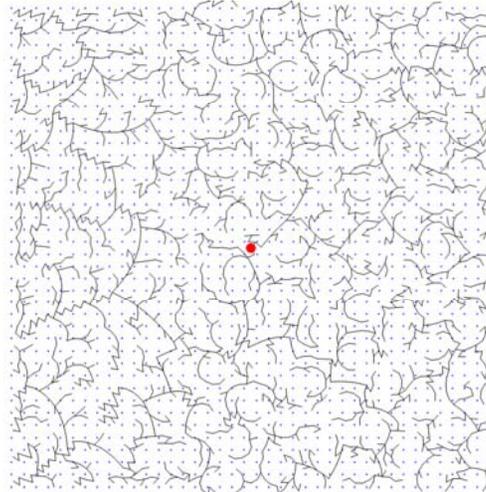
Plug into Painlevé I in the form

$$u^2(z + \epsilon) - \frac{1}{6}u''(z + \epsilon) = z + \epsilon$$

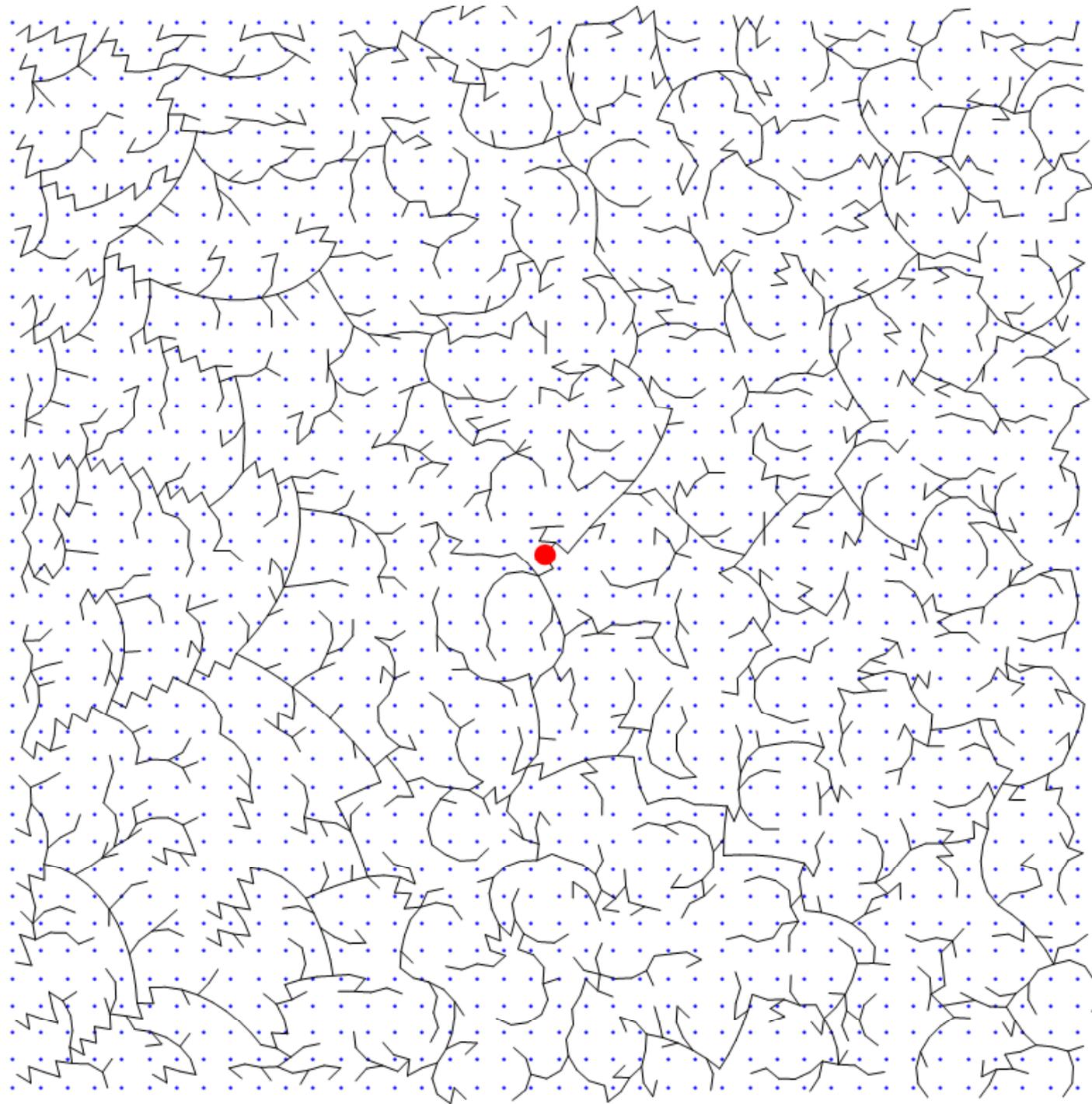
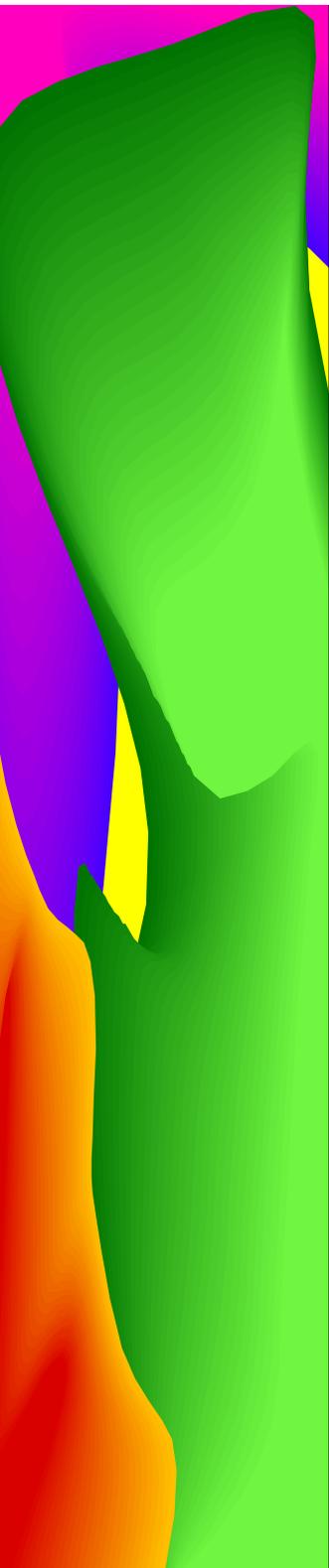
and **equate powers of ϵ** to find the coefficients in terms of $u(z)$ and $u'(z)$.

Numerical solutions

Trick 2: Follow paths in the complex z -plane that initially **stay away** from the poles. (Coarse-grained solution.)

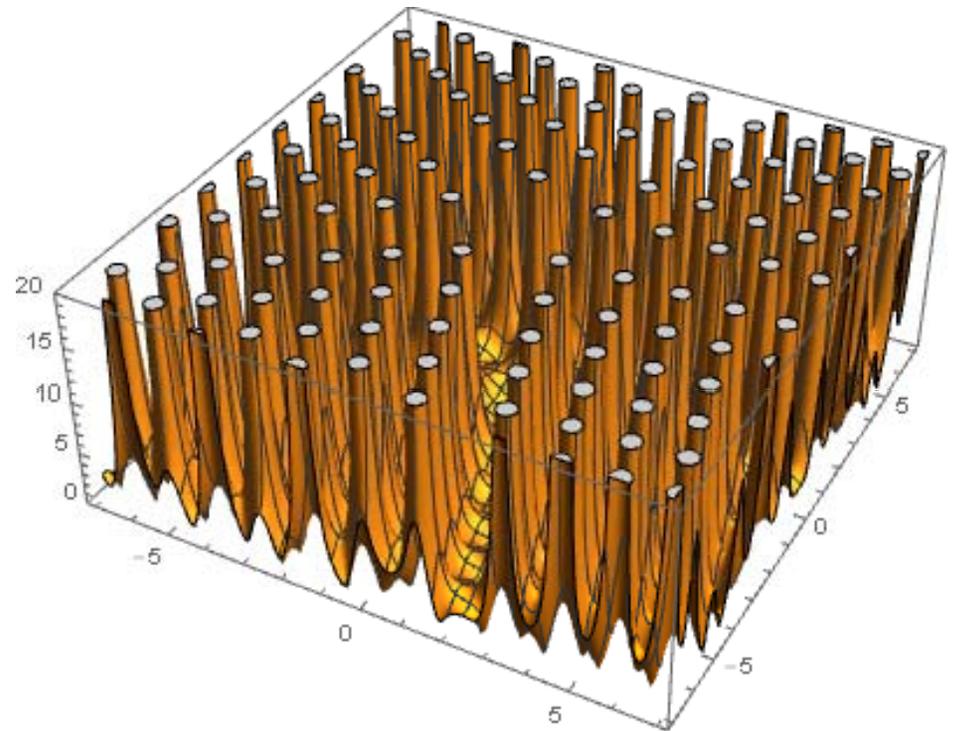
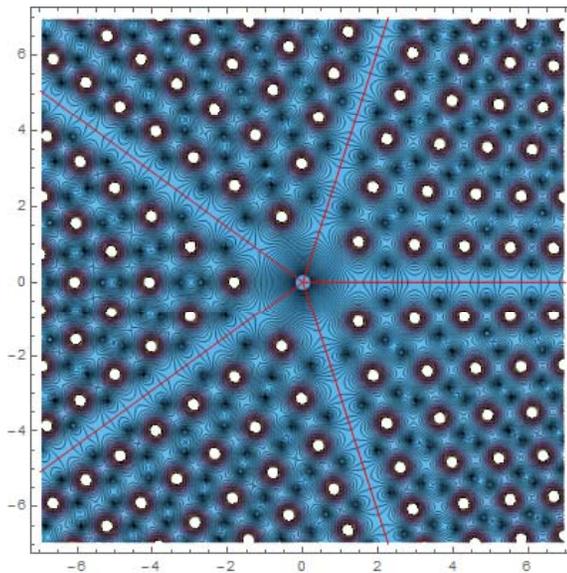


Finally, do a **fine-grained approximation** around each point using the Padé approximant.



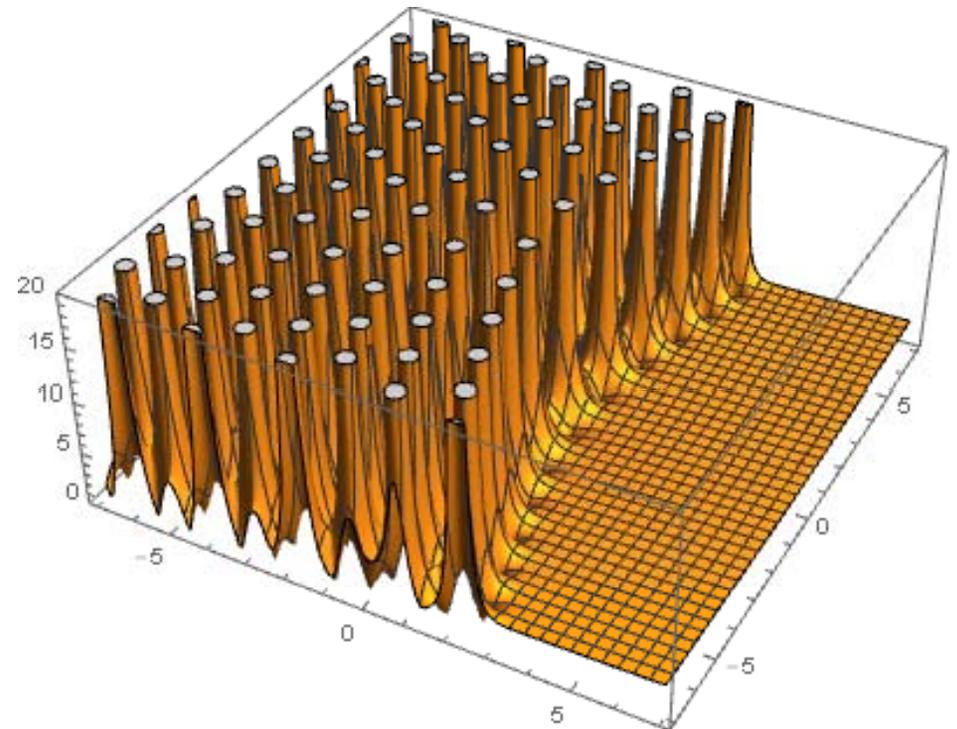
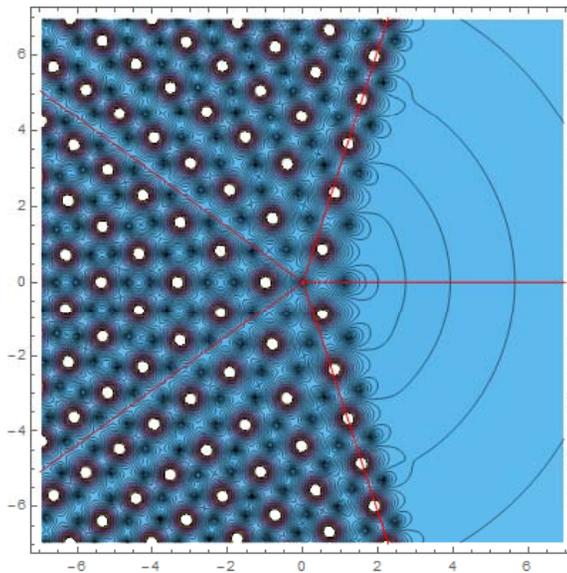
Numerical solutions

Results (1): generic solution



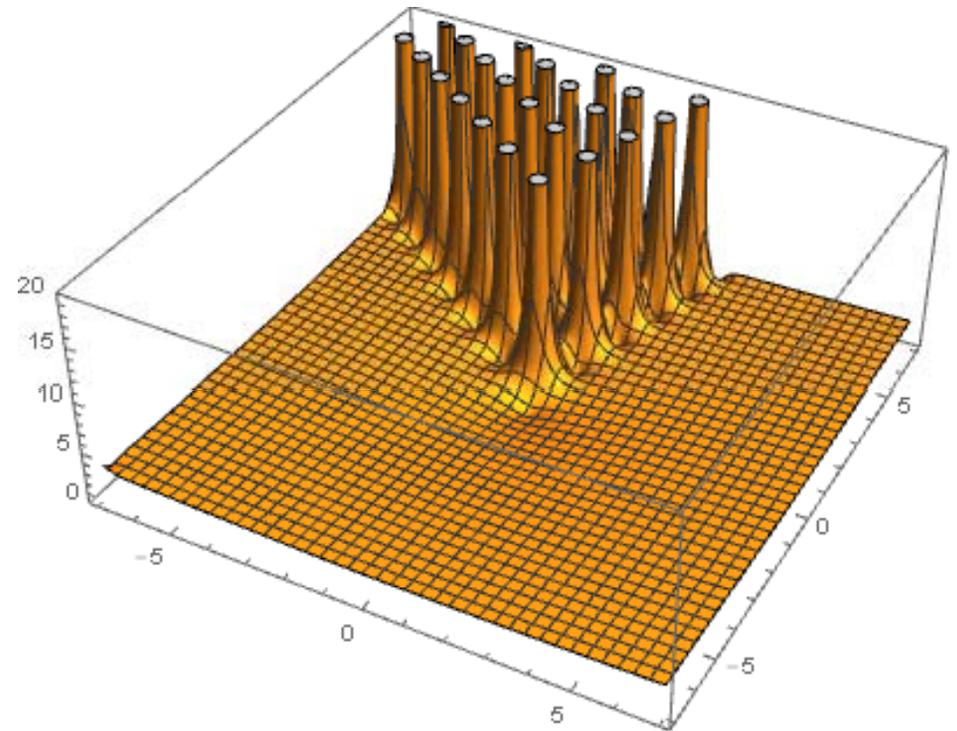
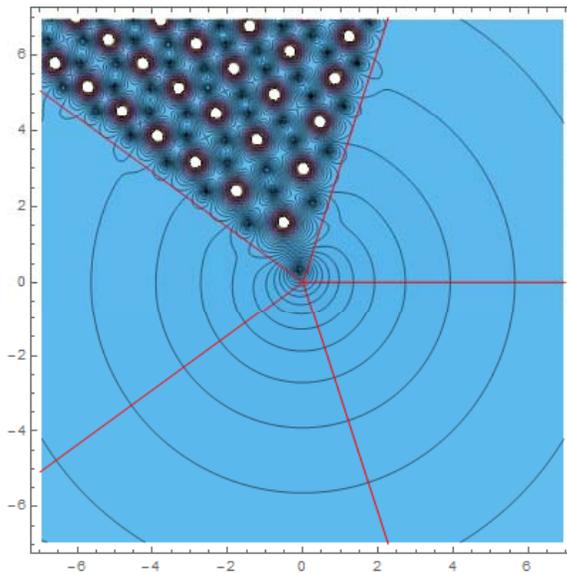
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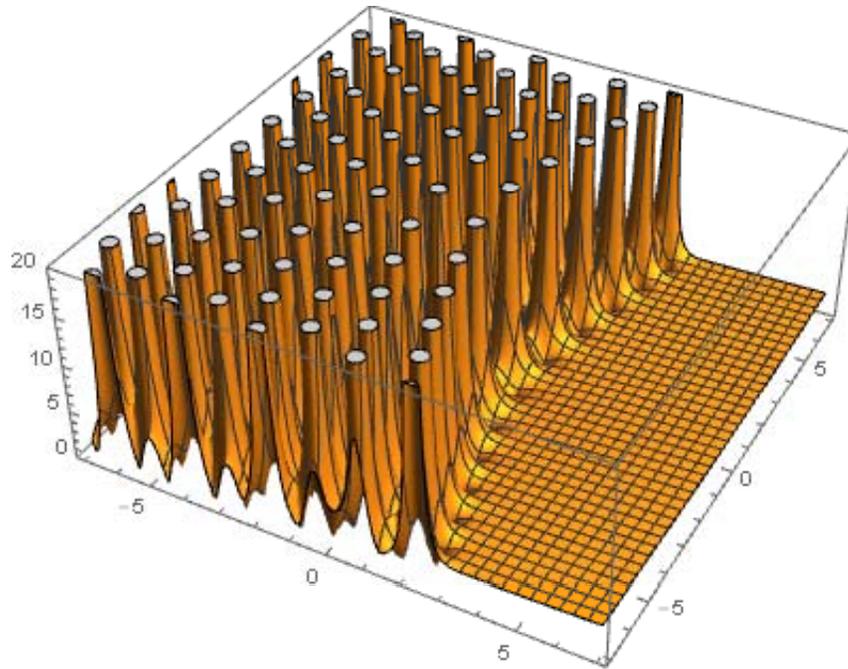
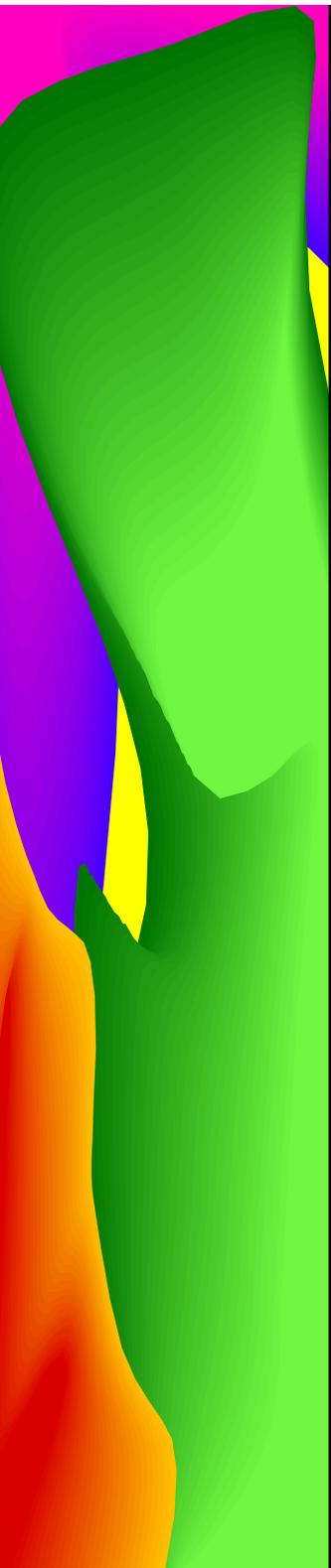
Results (2): tronquée solution



Numerical solutions

Results (3): tritronquée solution





3. Transseries solution

Transseries solution

In the pole-free regions, Painlevé I solutions behave asymptotically as $u \sim \sqrt{z}$.

Perturbative **asymptotic expansion**:

$$u_{\text{pert}}(z) \simeq \sqrt{z} \left(1 - \frac{1}{48} z^{-\frac{5}{2}} - \frac{49}{4608} z^{-5} - \frac{1225}{55296} z^{-\frac{15}{2}} - \dots \right)$$

Coefficients grow as $(2g)!$ Physical interpretation: $z^{-5/4}$ is the **string coupling** g_s .

Transseries solution

As usual, the asymptotic growth indicates that we should extend the perturbative series to a **resurgent transseries**.

Naïve way (use $x=z^{-5/4}$):

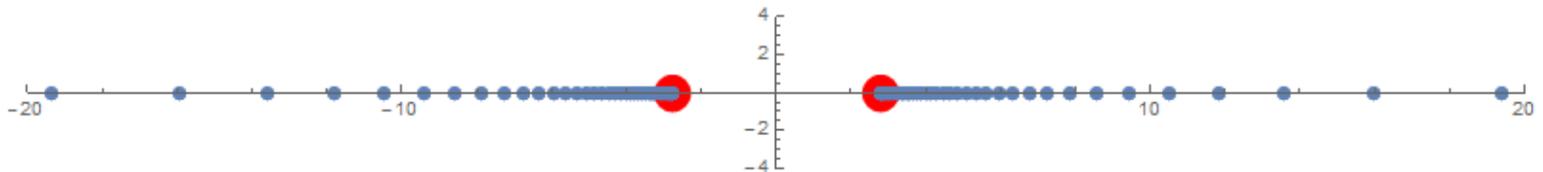
$$u(x; \sigma) = x^{-\frac{2}{5}} \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \sigma^n e^{-\frac{nA}{x}} x^{n\beta} \sum_{g=0}^{+\infty} u_g^{(n)} x^g$$

This does provide a **1-parameter family** of formal solutions, but not all!

Transseries solution

Indications that there should be more:

- Instanton action can be $A = \pm 8\sqrt{3/5}$
- Borel plane has positive and negative branch points at these values



- Painlevé I is a 2nd order ODE, so we expect two constants of integration

So at least **formally**, we expect to have a 2-parameter transseries solution.



Transseries solution

Since the two instanton actions are opposite, there will be **resonance**, as first shown by **Garoufalidis, Its, Kapaev, Mariño [2010]**.

The equation for the transseries cannot be solved unless one includes **$\log(x)$** as an additional transmonomial.

In **1106.5922**, we constructed the full resonant 2-parameter transseries solution.

Transseries solution

$$u(x; \sigma_1, \sigma_2) = x^{-\frac{2}{5}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} L_{nm}(x; \sigma_1, \sigma_2) \sigma_1^n \sigma_2^m e^{\frac{(m-n)A}{x}} x^{\beta_{nm}} \Phi^{(n|m)}(x)$$

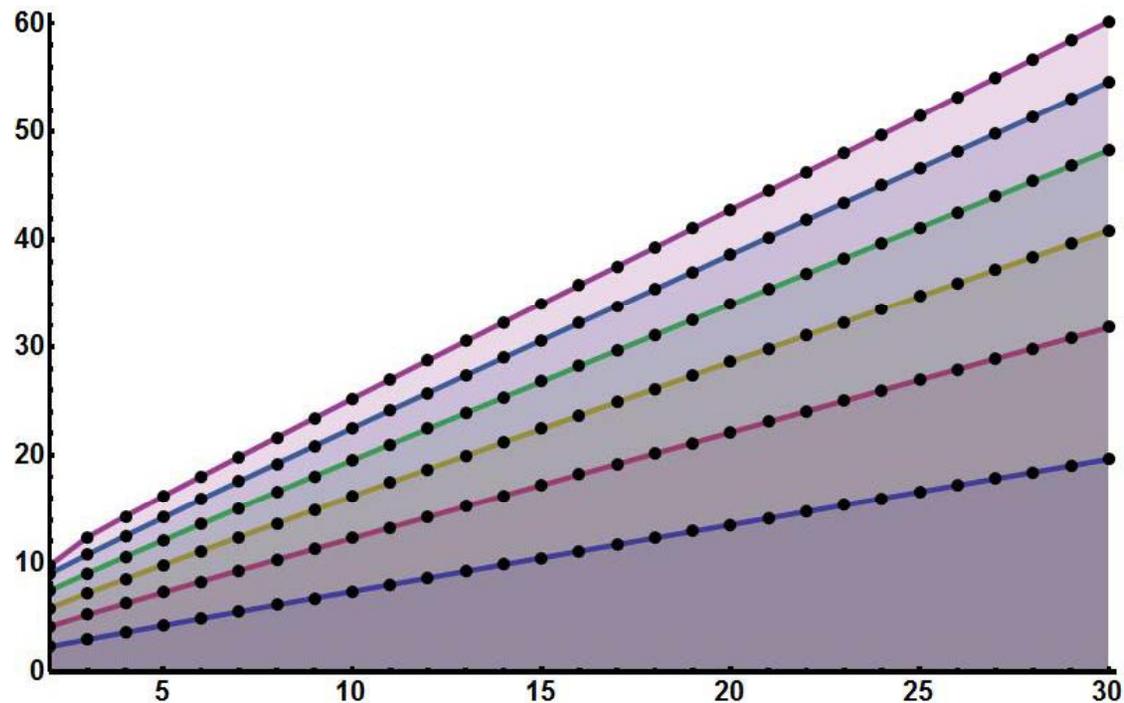
$$L_{nm}(x; \sigma_1, \sigma_2) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k!} \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} (m-n) \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \log x \right)^k$$

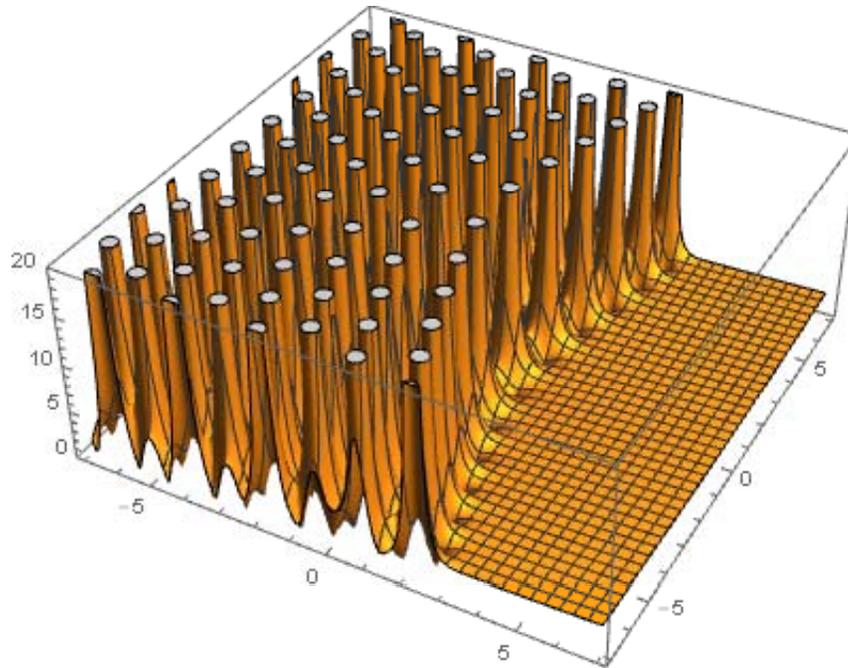
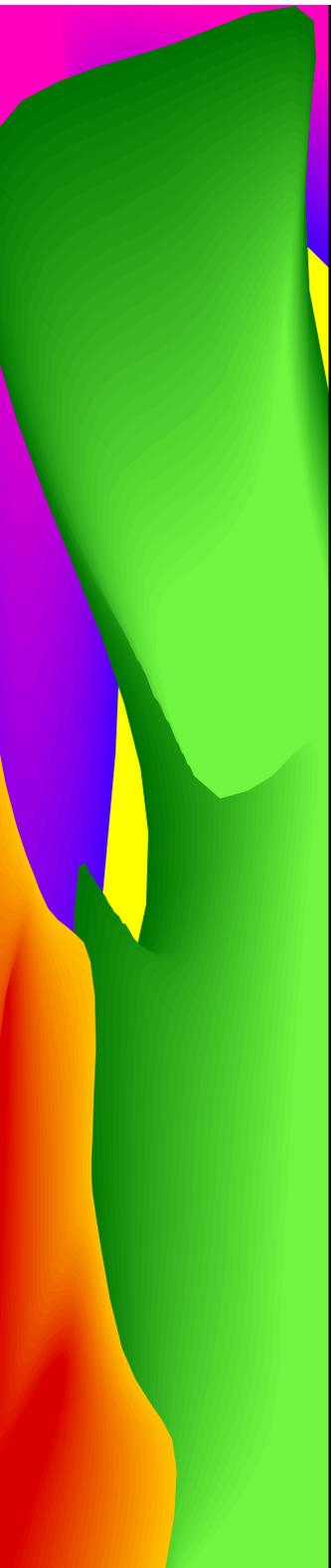
- Coefficients of **log terms** are multiples of the coefficients of **non-log terms**
- At given order in σ_1, σ_2 there is only a **finite** number of logs.
- Logs can be formally **summed**:

$$L_{nm}(x; \sigma_1, \sigma_2) \sim x^{\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}(m-n)\sigma_1\sigma_2}$$

Transseries solution

In 1106.5922, we computed many coefficients and checked the resurgent large order relations between sectors.





4. Transasymptotics: beyond first poles

Transasymptotics

For now, let's go back to the 1-parameter transseries:

$$u(x; \sigma) = x^{-\frac{2}{5}} \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \sigma^n e^{-\frac{nA}{x}} x^{n\beta} \sum_{g=0}^{+\infty} u_g^{(n)} x^g$$

The g -sums are **asymptotic**, but if we exchange summation order, the n -sums have **finite radius of convergence**.

What if we do the n -sums first?

Transasymptotics

It was pointed out by [Costin/Costin \(2002\)](#) and worked out in detail for Painlevé I in [Costin/Costin/Huang \(2013\)](#) that the n -sums can often be done **exactly**. This goes under the name of **transasymptotics**.

For example:

$$u_0^{(n)} = \frac{n}{12^{n-1}} \quad (n \geq 1)$$

with the exceptional case $u_0^{(0)}=1$.

Transasymptotics

$$u_0^{(n)} = \frac{n}{12^{n-1}} \quad (n \geq 1)$$

Using this, we can sum over **all** n :

$$\begin{aligned} u_0(x; \sigma) &:= \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \sigma^n e^{-\frac{nA}{x}} x^{n\beta} u_0^{(n)} \\ &= 1 + 12 \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} n \tau^n \\ &= \frac{1 + 10\tau + \tau^2}{(1 - \tau)^2} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\tau := \frac{x^\beta \sigma}{12} e^{-A/x}$$

Transasymptotics

$$u_0(x; \sigma) = \frac{1 + 10\tau + \tau^2}{(1 - \tau)^2}$$

Crucial observation: doing the infinite sum, **poles** appear in the expression!

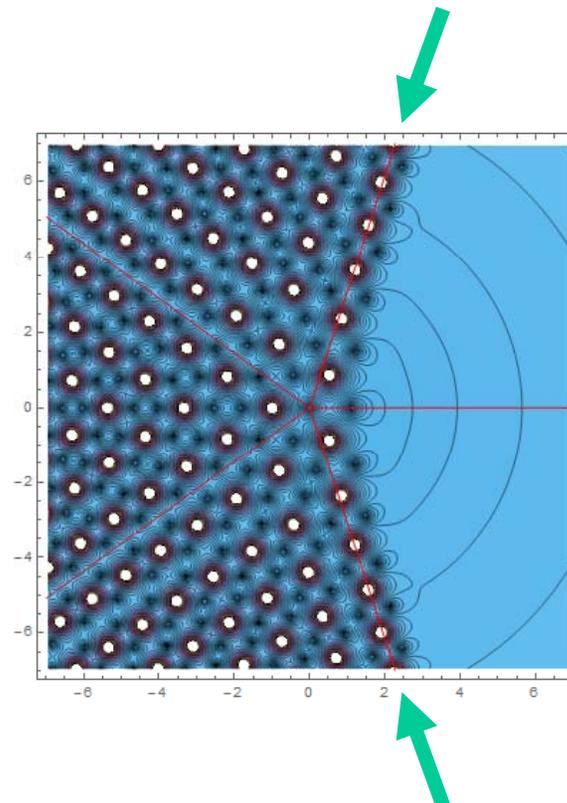
$$\tau := \frac{x^\beta \sigma}{12} e^{-A/x}$$

The equation $\tau=1$ has an **array** of solutions in terms of the Lambert W -function:

$$x_i = \frac{2A}{W_i\left(\frac{\sigma^2 A}{72}\right)}$$

Transasymptotics

Costin et al. prove (and one can check numerically) that these approximate the **first array of poles** in the region where $u \sim \sqrt{z}$ no longer holds.



Transasymptotics

Including **subleading** orders in g (again summed over all n) gives corrections in x to these positions.

In practice, it turns out to be easier to go to the **partition function** Z . Recall:

pole of $u \leftrightarrow$ zero of Z

One finds:

$$\begin{aligned} Z_0 &= \tau - 1 \\ Z_1 &= \frac{2\tau^2 - 111\tau}{192\sqrt{3}} \cdot x \\ Z_2 &= \dots \cdot x^2 \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

Transasymptotics

Consider the sum of the first two terms:

$$Z_0 + Z_1 = \tau - 1 + \frac{2\tau^2 - 111\tau}{192\sqrt{3}} \cdot x$$

Making the Ansatz $\tau=1+cx$ and setting the leading two orders to zero we find the **corrected solution**

$$\tau = 1 + \frac{109}{192\sqrt{3}}x + \dots$$

Next order obtained by including Z_2 , etc.

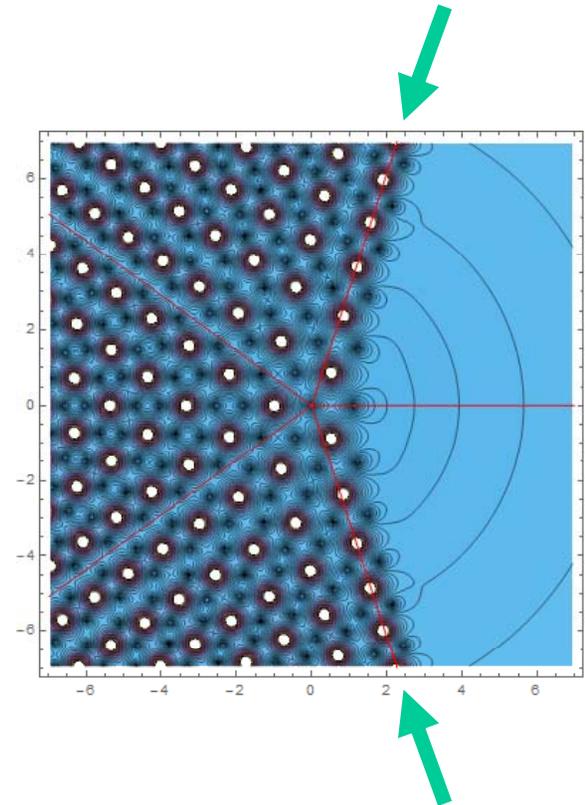
Transasymptotics

Note: this gives corrections for the **first** array of poles.

However,

$$Z_0 + Z_1 = \tau - 1 + \frac{2\tau^2 - 111\tau}{192\sqrt{3}} \cdot x$$

has **two** zeroes!



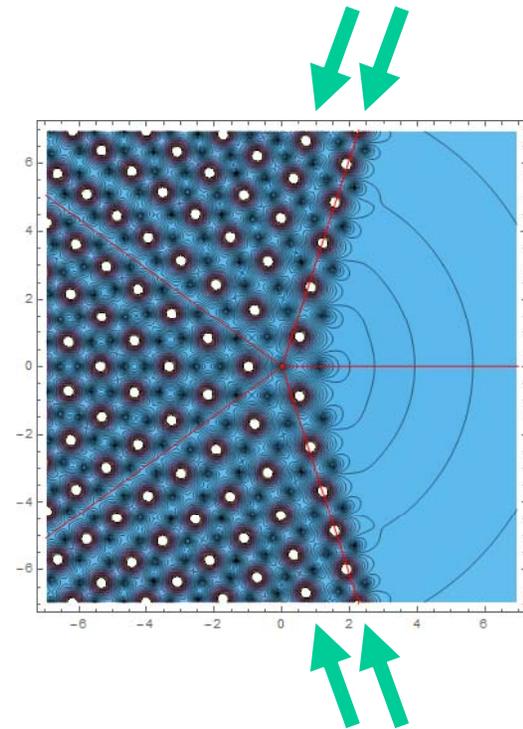
Transasymptotics

The second zero, which is absent when $x=0$, is

$$\tau = \frac{-96\sqrt{3}}{x} - \frac{673}{2} + \dots$$

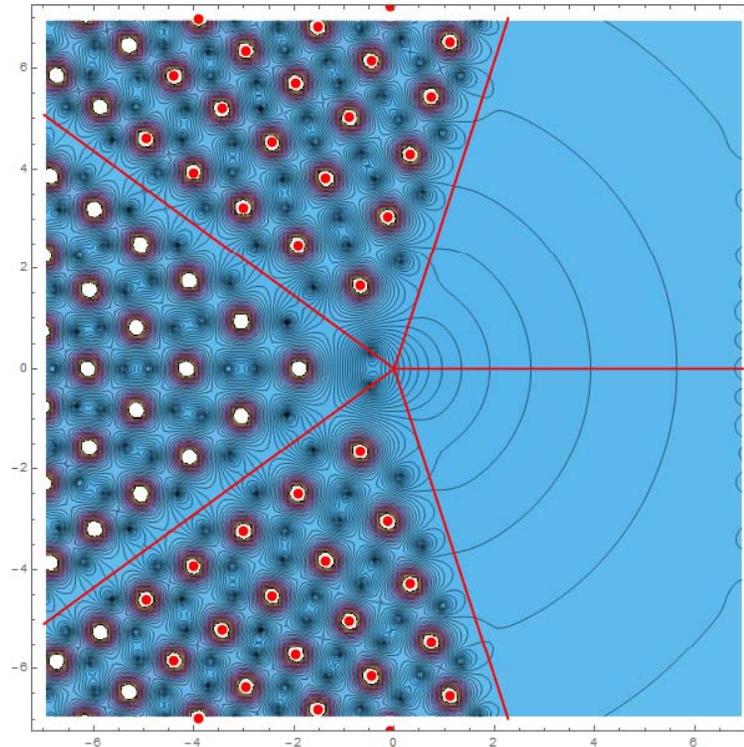
Corrections are again obtained by including Z_2 , etc.

Using all solutions for the cubic polynomial $Z_1+Z_2+Z_3$ gives a **third solution** scaling as x^{-2} , and so on.

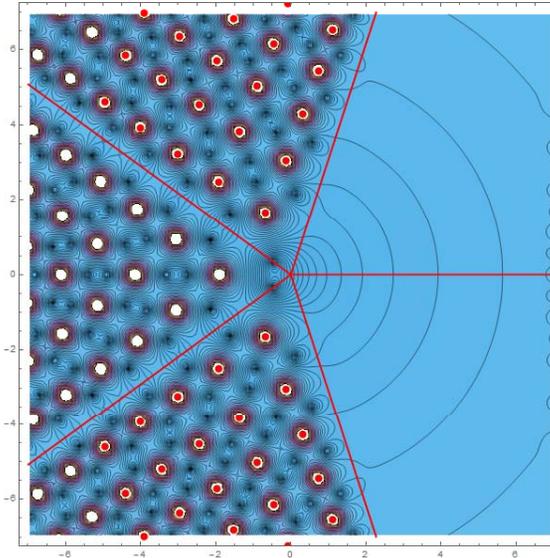


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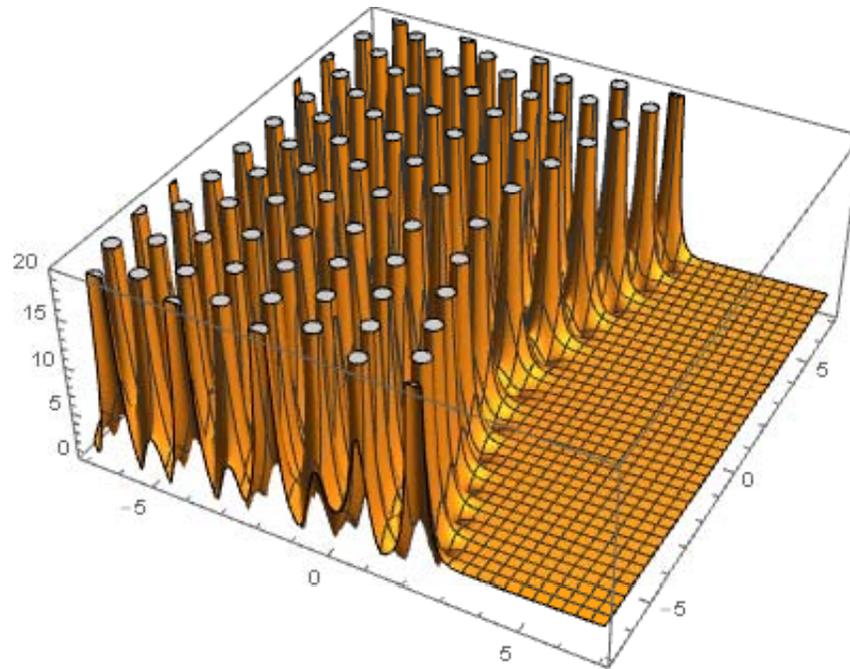
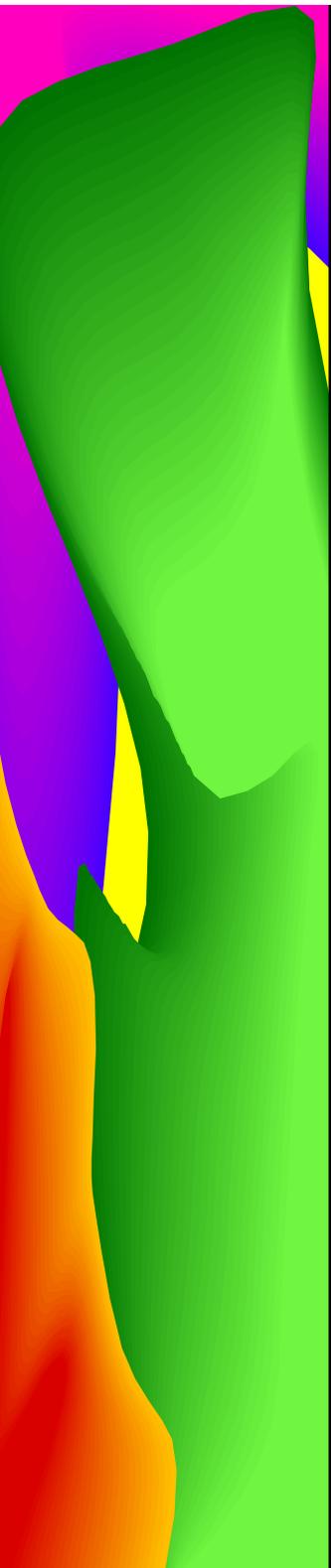
So... does this work? We leave a complete proof to the mathematicians, but the **numerics** is very convincing:



Transasymptotics



Unfortunately, the fifth sector seems hard to reach using this method. (But see the remarks that follow.)



5. The second parameter

The second parameter

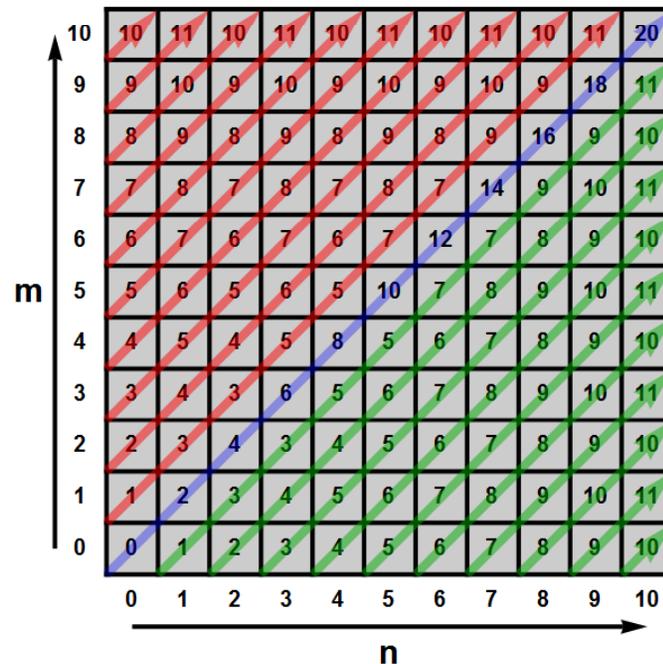
As mentioned, the **two-parameter** transseries solution was completely determined in **1106.5922**. (Cf. question after Takei's talk.)

Side remark: the **Painlevé II** case was analogously treated by **Schiappa and Vaz** in **1302.5138**.

Can we do a similar transasymptotic analysis? How to deal with the fact that $e^{+A/x}$ is **large**?

The second parameter

Schematic depiction of how we want to sum:

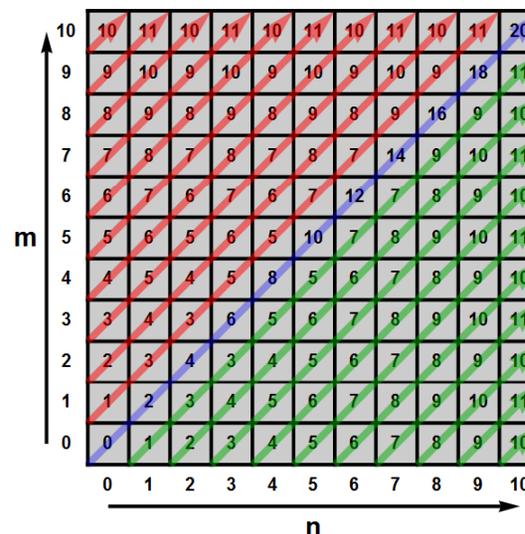


Integers give the **order in x^β** at which a certain sector starts.

The second parameter

Recall that τ contained a factor of x^β , which allowed us to sum ‘horizontally’.

$$\tau := \frac{x^\beta \sigma}{12} e^{-A/x}$$

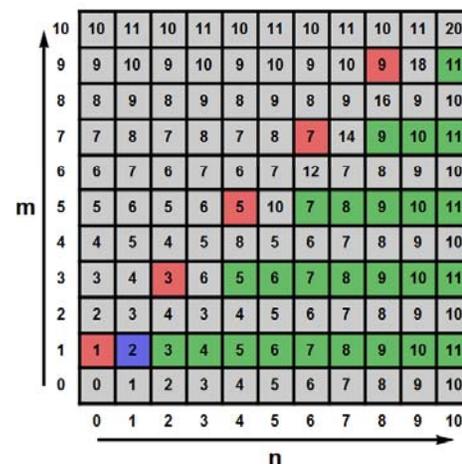
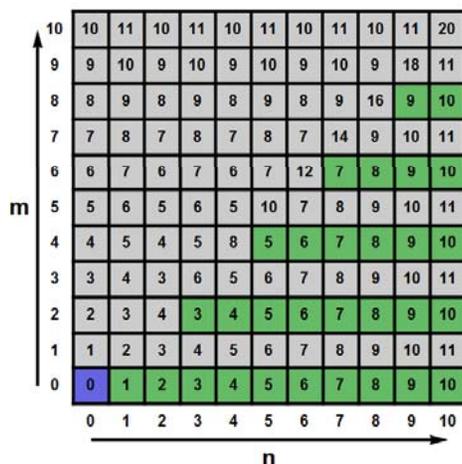


To be able to sum leading terms, we need to define a second parameter ρ **without** such a factor.

The second parameter

$$\rho_2 \equiv \sigma_2 e^{+A/x}, \quad \tau_1 \equiv \frac{x^{1/2} \sigma_1}{12} e^{-A/x}$$

Now, the leading and subleading terms become:



Finite number of $e^{+A/x}$ -lines!

The second parameter

Amazingly, the summation can be done:

- Closed expressions for the coefficient at each order in x can be found,
- The log-terms can be summed over,
- The remaining sum over n and m can be done.

Leading term:
$$u_0 = 1 + \frac{12T}{(1 - T)^2}$$

$$T \equiv \frac{x^{1/2}\sigma_1}{12} \exp\left(-\frac{47\sqrt{3}}{72}x\sigma_1^2\sigma_2^2 - \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}\sigma_1\sigma_2 \log x - \frac{A}{x}\right)$$

The second parameter

Subleading term:

$$u_1 = \tau_1 \rho_2 \left(\frac{1}{T} + \frac{T^4 - 147T^3 + 174T^2 - 454T + 144}{12(T-1)^3} \right) - \tau_1^2 \rho_2^2 \cdot \frac{7717}{432\sqrt{3}} \frac{T(T+1)}{(T-1)^3}$$

The expressions get complicated fast, but of course the computer doesn't care.

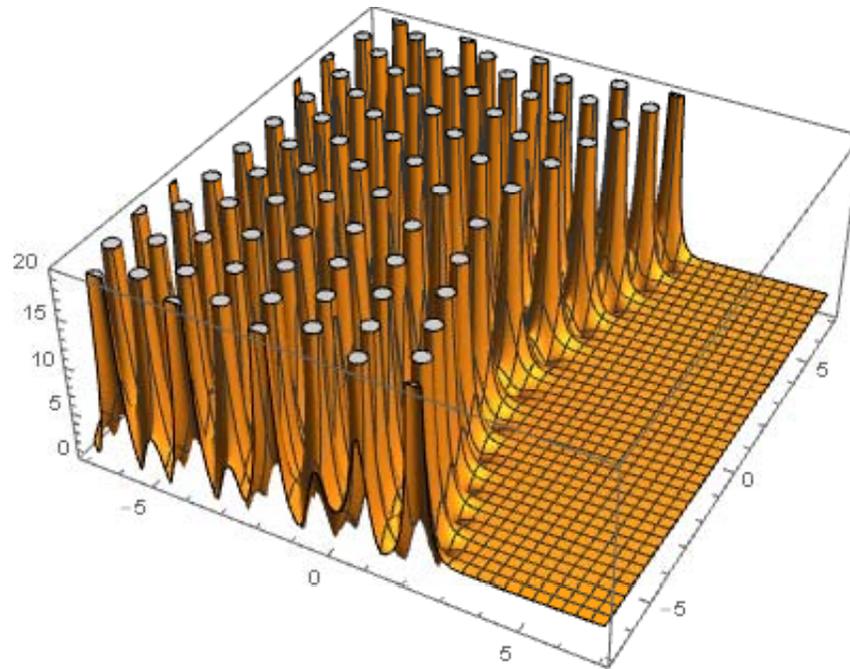
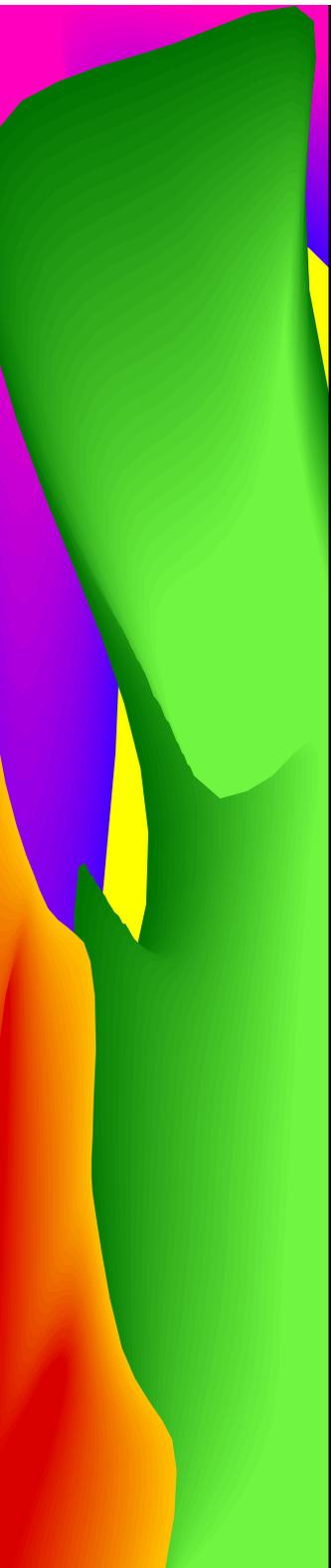
Can we use this to match **every** numerical solution? Optimistic, but work in progress...

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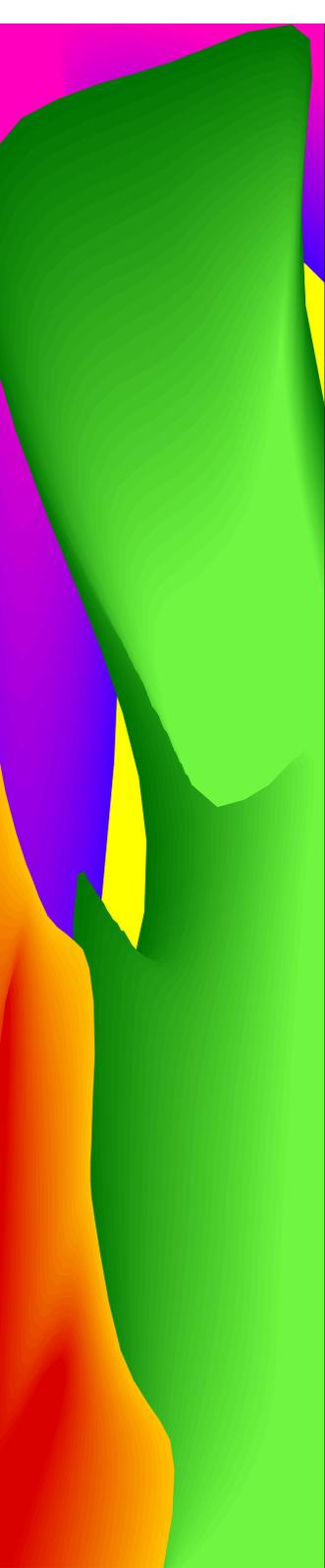
The hope is (and we have indications that)

- One can now match pole fields also for **non-tronquées** solutions (1-parameter is always tronquée), at least in some near-tronquée region of parameter space.
- One can see the poles ‘**coming in from infinity**’.
- This allows one to see the ‘**fifth sector**’ using the Z_5 -symmetry.





6. Modularity



Modularity

Several indications that **modularity** plays an important role:

- Far from $x=0$, Painlevé I is well approximated by a Weierstrass equation.
- Transasymptotic terms satisfy degenerate Weierstrass equations (**Costin et al.**)
- Exact sums over instanton number in matrix models lead to Jacobi theta functions. (**David/Eynard/Marino/...**)

Modularity

Very much work in progress, but as a teaser: when we organize the **1-parameter** transasymptotic expansion by powers of τ , we get expressions of the form

$$Z_{\text{inst}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left\{ (-1)^n G_2(n+1) (q\tau)^{\frac{1}{2}(n^2-n)} \times \sum_{g=0}^{\infty} f_g(n) x^g \right\}$$

where $G_2(n)$ is the **Barnes function**, and

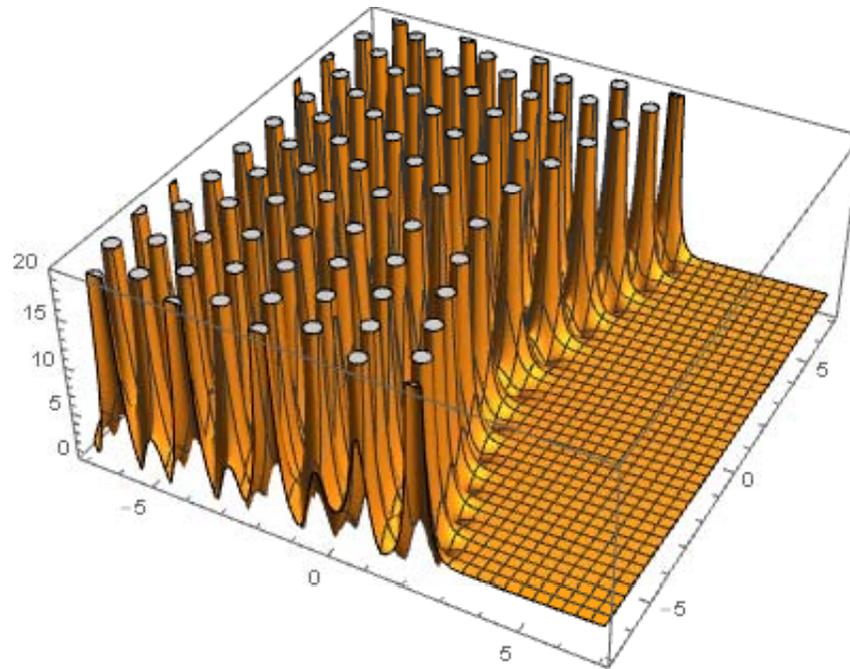
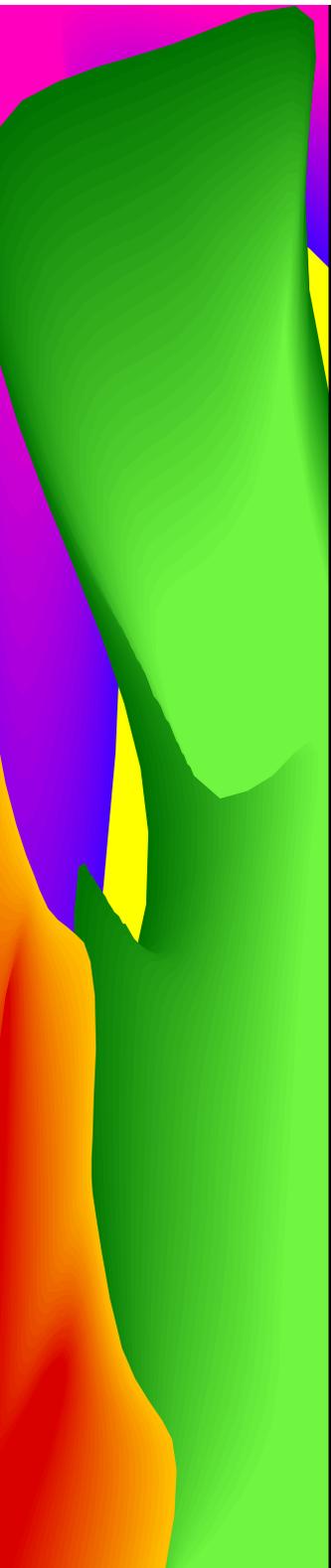
$$q = -\frac{1}{96\sqrt{3}}$$

Modularity

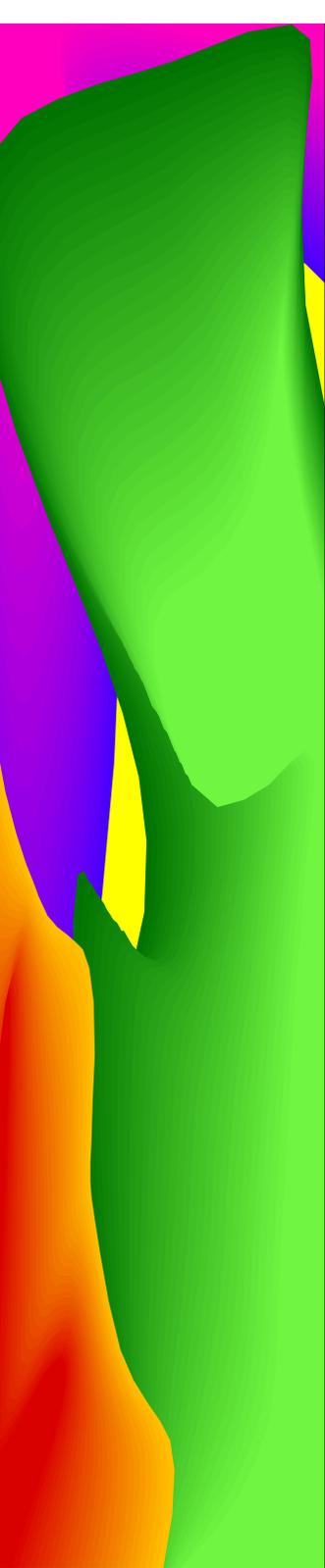
$$Z_{\text{inst}} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left\{ (-1)^n G_2(n+1) (q\tau)^{\frac{1}{2}(n^2-n)} \times \sum_{g=0}^{\infty} f_g(n) x^g \right\}$$

Smells like a theta function, but what about (very divergent!) **Barnes-insertions**?

In a much simpler example ('grand canonical Gaussian') we were able to show that the Barnes factors can be rewritten as a well-behaved sum of **derivative operators** acting on a 'true' Jacobi theta function.



Conclusion and outlook

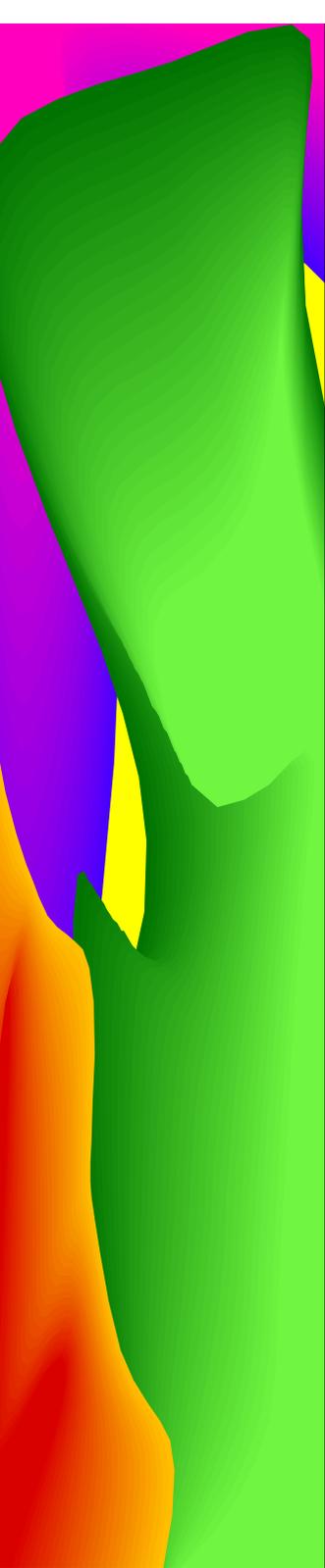


Conclusion

- Improved **transasymptotics** allows us to match formal transseries expressions to honest solutions even deep inside the pole fields.
- All this seems to work also in the **two-parameter case**, and therefore away from tronquées solutions.
- Interesting links to **modularity** exist, which can hopefully be made precise in terms of theta function (re)summations of the transseries.

Outlook

- **To do:** show that all of this works as nicely as expected in the **2-parameter** case, and make **theta function** (re)summations precise.
- Original motivation: **matrix models** = string equations = discrete Painlevé. (Cf. Takei's talk)
- For these, the **full two-parameter transseries** was also constructed in **1106.5922**.



Outlook

- Here, the locations of the poles tell us about the different **phases** of the model. (Compare to Lee-Yang zeroes.) These techniques allow us to get a much deeper understanding of the phases of matrix models. (Long-term work in progress with **Ines Aniceto and Ricardo Schiappa.**)