

Generalized factorization method for the overlap problem in a matrix model with complex action

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1 Introduction

Sign problem and overlap problem

Partition function with complex integrand:

$$Z = \int dA \exp(-S_0 + i\Gamma), \quad Z_0 = \int dA e^{-S_0}.$$

e.g. lattice QCD, large- N reduced models for superstring theory...

- **Sign problem:**

Standard reweighting method

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \frac{\langle \mathcal{O} e^{i\Gamma} \rangle_0}{\langle e^{i\Gamma} \rangle_0}, \text{ where } \langle * \rangle_0 = (\text{V.E.V. for the phase-quenched model } Z_0).$$

(Number of configurations required) $\simeq e^{O(N^2)}$.

- **Overlap problem:**

Discrepancy of important configurations between **phase-quenched partition function Z_0** and **full partition function Z** .

2 Factorization method

Method to **sample important configurations for the full partition function.**

We constrain the observables $\Sigma = \{\mathcal{O}_k | k = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$.

Observables are normalized as $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}_k = \frac{\mathcal{O}_k}{\langle \mathcal{O}_k \rangle_0}$,

where $\langle \dots \rangle_0 = (\text{V.E.V. for the phase-quenched partition function } Z_0)$.

Generalized distribution function $\rho(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \left\langle \prod_{k=1}^n \delta(x_k - \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_k) \right\rangle$ factorizes as

$$\rho(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \frac{1}{C} \rho^{(0)}(x_1, \dots, x_n) w(x_1, \dots, x_n), \text{ where}$$

$$\rho^{(0)}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \left\langle \prod_{k=1}^n \delta(x_k - \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_k) \right\rangle_0, \quad w(x_1, \dots, x_n) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \langle e^{i\Gamma} \rangle_{x_1, \dots, x_n}.$$

$$\langle \dots \rangle_{x_1, \dots, x_n} = \text{V.E.V. for partition function } Z_{x_1, \dots, x_n} = \int dA e^{-S_0} \prod_{k=1}^n \delta(x_k - \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_k).$$

Evaluation of the observables $\langle \tilde{\mathcal{O}}_k \rangle$:

Peak of the distribution function $\rho(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ at $V = (\text{system size}) \rightarrow +\infty$

\Rightarrow solution of the saddle-point equation

$$\frac{d}{dx_k} \left\{ \lim_{V \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{V} \log \rho^{(0)}(x_1, \dots, x_n) \right\} = -\frac{d}{dx_k} \left\{ \lim_{V \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{V} \log w(x_1, \dots, x_n) \right\}$$

3 Simplified IKKT model

Simplified model with spontaneous rotational

symmetry breakdown

Nishimura, hep-th/0108070.

$$S = \underbrace{\frac{N}{2} \text{tr} A_\mu^2}_{=S_b} - \underbrace{\bar{\psi}_\alpha^f (\Gamma_\mu)_{\alpha\beta} A_\mu \psi_\beta^f}_{=S_f}$$

- A_μ : $N \times N$ hermitian matrices ($\mu = 1, \dots, 4$)

$\bar{\psi}_\alpha^f, \psi_\alpha^f$: N -dim vector ($\alpha = 1, 2, f = 1, \dots, N_f$) ($\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \lambda_3 \geq \lambda_4$)

$N_f =$ (number of flavors)

- SO(4) rotational symmetry.
- No supersymmetry.
- Partition function:

$$Z = \int dA e^{-S_B} (\det \mathcal{D})^{N_f} = \int dA e^{-S_0} e^{i\Gamma},$$

where

$$\mathcal{D} = \Gamma_\mu A_\mu = (2N \times 2N \text{ matrices}),$$

$$S_0 = S_b - \log |\det \mathcal{D}|.$$

Fermion determinant $\det \mathcal{D}$ is complex.

- Gaussian Expansion Method (GEM) up to 9th order: Okubo, Nishimura and Sugino, hep-th/0412194.

Observable for probing dimensionality :

$$T_{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{N} \text{tr} (A_\mu A_\nu).$$

λ_n ($n = 1, 2, 3, 4$) : eigenvalues of $T_{\mu\nu}$

($\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \lambda_3 \geq \lambda_4$)

Spontaneous breakdown of SO(4) to SO(2)
at finite r ($= \frac{N_f}{N}$).

- Choice of the observables to constrain:

$$\Sigma = \{\mathcal{O}_k = \lambda_k | k = 1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

Partition function to simulate:

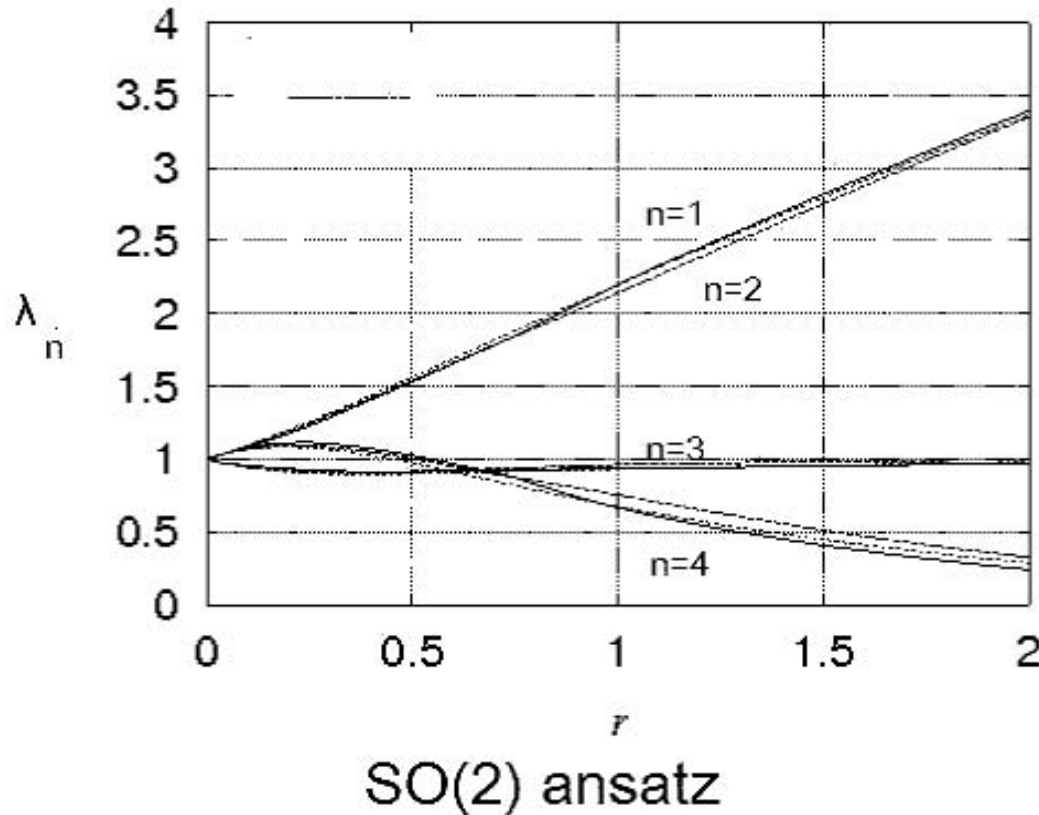
$$Z_{x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4} = \int dA e^{-S_0} \prod_{n=1}^4 \delta(x_n - \tilde{\lambda}_n)$$

SO(2) vacuum

Solutions which satisfy $x_1 = x_2 > 1 > x_3 > x_4$.

Result of GEM up to 9th order at large N :

Okubo, Nishimura and Sugino, hep-th/0412194.



$$\tilde{\lambda}_n = \frac{\lambda_n}{\langle \lambda_n \rangle_0}, \quad \langle \lambda_n \rangle_0 = 1 + \frac{r}{2} = 1.5 \text{ (for } r = 1)$$

for $n = 1, 2, 3, 4$.

$$\langle \tilde{\lambda}_{1,2} \rangle = 1.4, \quad \langle \tilde{\lambda}_3 \rangle = 0.7, \quad \langle \tilde{\lambda}_4 \rangle = 0.5 \quad (r = 1).$$

Minimum of the free energy density $\mathcal{F}(x)$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} \rho_{\text{SO}(2)}^{(0)}(x_2, x_3, x_4) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x_n} w_{\text{SO}(2)}(x_2, x_3, x_4)$$

for $n = 2, 3, 4$,

where

$$\rho_{\text{SO}(2)}^{(0)}(x_2, x_3, x_4) = \rho^{(0)}(x_2, x_2, x_3, x_4),$$

$$w_{\text{SO}(2)}(x_2, x_3, x_4) = w(x_2, x_2, x_3, x_4)$$

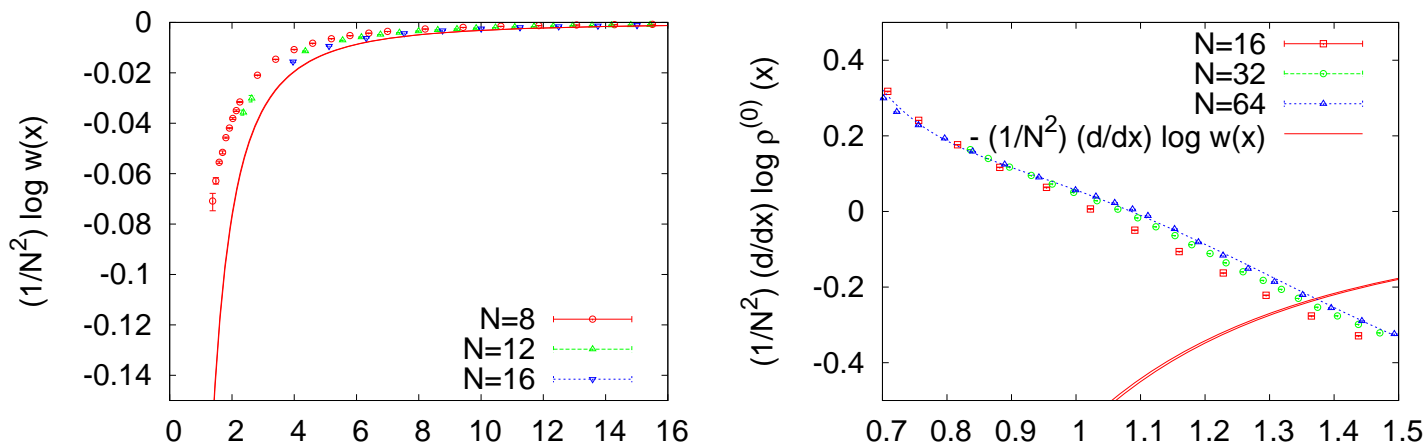
Calculation of $\langle \tilde{\lambda}_n \rangle$ at $r = 1$

Calculation of $\langle \tilde{\lambda}_{n=2} \rangle$ for fixed $\langle \tilde{\lambda}_{n=3} \rangle = 0.7$ and $\langle \tilde{\lambda}_{n=4} \rangle = 0.5$.

$$\frac{1}{N^2} \frac{d}{dx} \log \rho^{(0)}(x) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \frac{1}{N^2} \log w(x),$$

where $\rho^{(0)}(x) = \rho_{\text{SO}(2)}^{(0)}(x, y = 0.7, z = 0.5)$ and $w(x) = w_{\text{SO}(2)}(x, y = 0.7, z = 0.5)$.

Scaling behavior of the phase: $\frac{1}{N^2} \log w(x) \sim -\tilde{d}_1 x^{-2} + \tilde{d}_2 x^{-2.5}$.



Numerical Result: $\langle \tilde{\lambda}_{n=2} \rangle = 1.372^x \pm 0.002$, (GEM result $\langle \tilde{\lambda}_{n=2} \rangle_{\text{GEM}} = 1.4$).

Similarly, $\langle \tilde{\lambda}_{n=3} \rangle = 0.648 \pm 0.004$, (GEM result $\langle \tilde{\lambda}_{n=3} \rangle_{\text{GEM}} = 0.7$).

$\langle \tilde{\lambda}_{n=4} \rangle = 0.550 \pm 0.002$, (GEM result $\langle \tilde{\lambda}_{n=4} \rangle_{\text{GEM}} = 0.5$).

Is there any more overlap problem?

Observables to constrain: $\Sigma = \{\mathcal{O}_k = \lambda_k | k = 1, 2, 3, 4\}$. Is this enough?

Partition function $Z_{\mathcal{O}} = \int dA e^{-S_0} \delta(x - \tilde{\mathcal{O}}) \prod_{n=1}^4 \delta(x_n - \tilde{\lambda}_n)$
 (here we constrain $\Sigma = \{\mathcal{O}, \lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_4\}$).

Peak of the distribution function $\underbrace{\rho(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x)}_{=\rho_{\mathcal{O}}(x)} \Rightarrow$ solution of the saddle-point equation

$$\frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{N^2} \log \underbrace{\rho^{(0)}(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x)}_{=\rho_{\mathcal{O}}^{(0)}(x)} = - \frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{N^2} \log \underbrace{w(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x)}_{=w_{\mathcal{O}}(x)}.$$

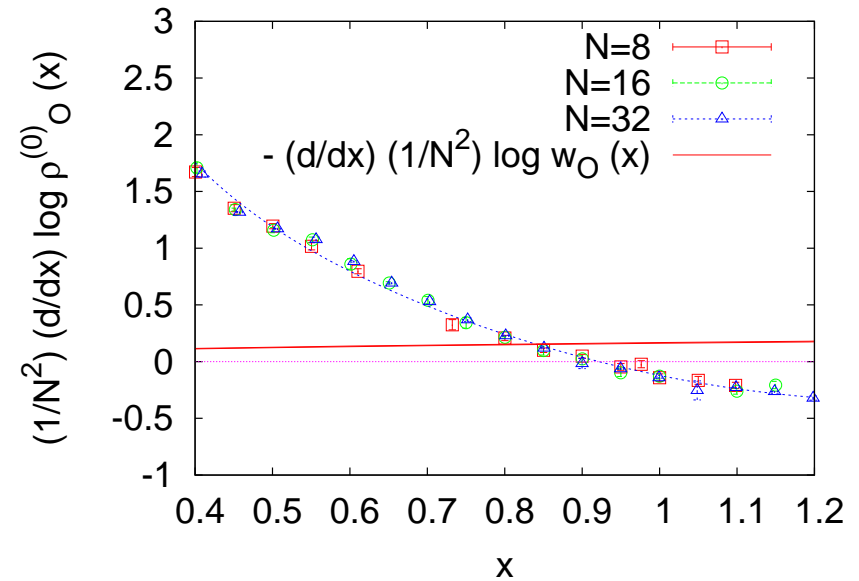
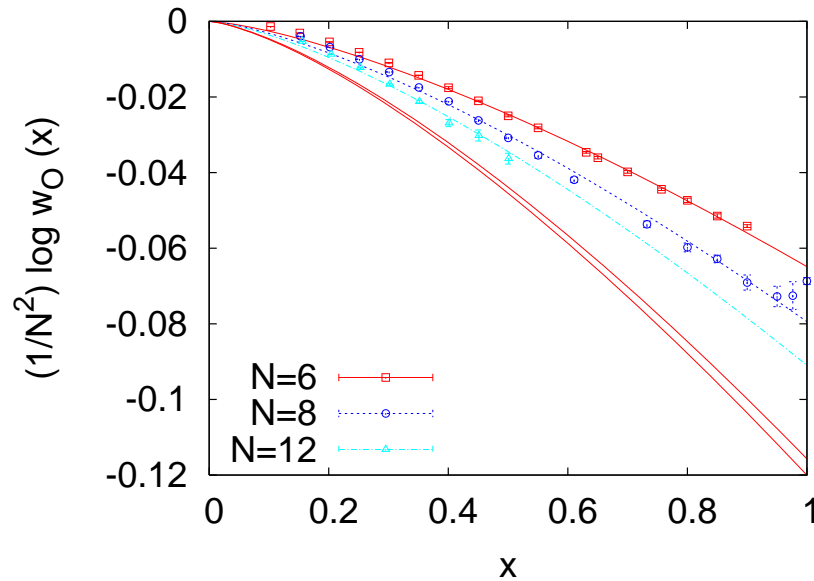
Do the peaks of $\rho_{\mathcal{O}}^{(0)}(x)$ and $\rho_{\mathcal{O}}(x)$ match?

We consider $\mathcal{O} = -\frac{1}{N} \text{tr} [A_{\mu}, A_{\nu}]^2$.

Simulation with $\tilde{\lambda}_n$ fixed at GEM result $\langle \tilde{\lambda}_{1,2} \rangle = 1.4$, $\langle \tilde{\lambda}_3 \rangle = 0.7$, $\langle \tilde{\lambda}_4 \rangle = 0.5$ ($r = 1$).

- Peak of $\rho_{\mathcal{O}}^{(0)}(x)$: Solution of $\frac{1}{N^2} \frac{d}{dx} \log \rho_{\mathcal{O}}^{(0)}(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x \simeq 0.92$.
- Peak of $\rho_{\mathcal{O}}(x)$: Solution of $\frac{1}{N^2} \frac{d}{dx} \log \rho_{\mathcal{O}}^{(0)}(x) = -\frac{1}{N^2} \frac{d}{dx} \log w_{\mathcal{O}}(x) \Rightarrow x \simeq 0.84$.

Systematic error is around 10%.



4 Conclusion

Factorization method as a practical approach to the sign problem.

Resolution of the overlap problem.

Monte Carlo simulation of simplified IKKT model

⇒ spontaneous breakdown of $SO(4)$ rotational symmetry.

Good agreement with GEM result.

Future problems

Monte Carlo Simulation of the IKKT model [Anagnostopoulos, Aoyama, T. A., Hanada and Nishimura, in progress](#)

Effect of supersymmetry on dynamical generation of spacetime.