

Wavelet-Based QFT Formulation



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Motivation: Why non-perturbative Formalism?

- **The Failure of the perturbation theory**

- *The perturbation theory fails, when the coupling is strong (e.g., Low-energy QCD).*
- *Important phenomena of physics are invisible to a finite order in perturbation theory (Tunnelling)*

- **The Bound state problem:**

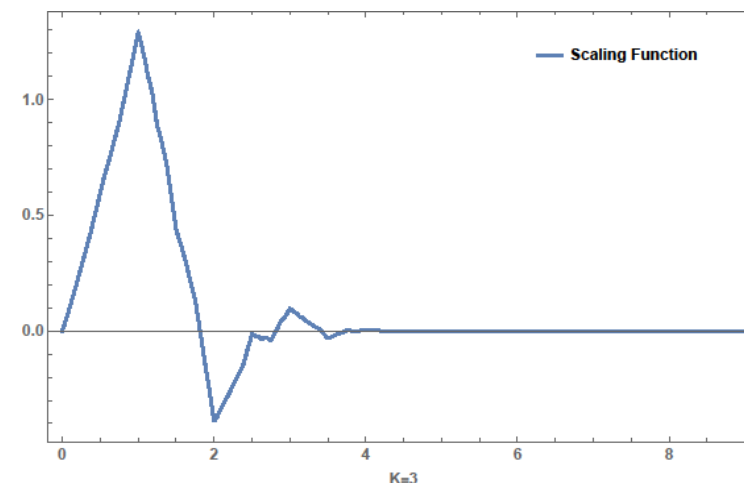
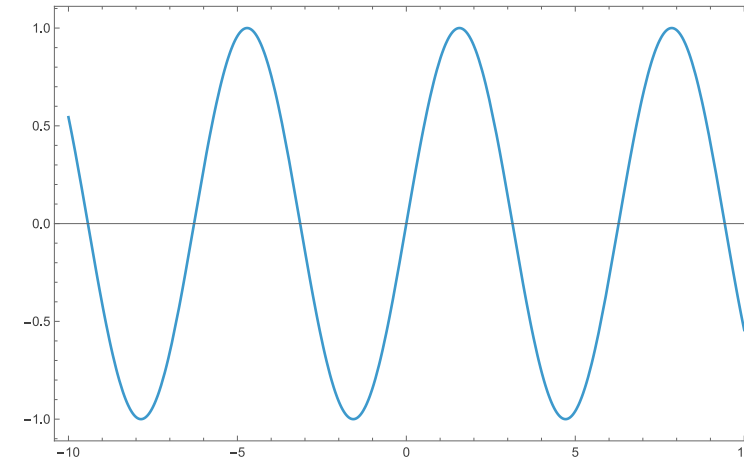
- *Perturbation theory describes scattering processes but generally cannot describe bound states that are dynamically generated by strong interactions, such as mesons and baryons in QCD.*

- **Real Time Dynamics:**

- *Perturbation theory is often formulated in Euclidean time (imaginary time). The real-time evaluation of the wavefunction needs the non-perturbative analysis.*

Motivation: Why Hamiltonian Formulation in Daubechies Wavelet Basis?

- **The Problem with Standard Bases (Fourier/Momentum)**
 - Plane waves (e^{ikx}) are delocalized all over the space.
 - They are inefficient at describing non-perturbative structure (like kinks, bound states).
- **The Wavelet Solution:**
 - **Localization:** Daubechies wavelets have **compact support** (they are non-zero only in a small region), making them ideal for capturing local physics and reduce the infinite interaction terms to finite, calculable values.
 - **Renormalization:** Wavelets separate physics by length scale (Multi-Resolution Analysis).



Background

- **Wilson's Pioneering Work:**

- *The use of wavelets for nonperturbative analysis of quantum field theories (QFTs) first emerged in a 1965 work by K.G Wilson titled “**Model Hamiltonians for Local Quantum Field Theory**”.*[KG Wilson, Phys. Rev. **140**, B445, (1965)]
- *He wanted to construct a set of functions, which he called “Wave-Packet” functions, that rapidly goes to zero as one move away from the assigned region in both position and momentum space.*
- *But he claimed to have constructed a function which is either fully localized in position and have a long tail in the momentum space and vice-versa.*



- **The work of Daubechies:**

- *Nearly three decade later 1988 Daubechies developed a orthonormal bases which has a strikingly similar properties to the Wilson’s **wave-packet** functions.*[I. Daubechies, Comm. Pure Appl. Math. 41, 909 (1988)]
- *With this discovery in 1994 Wilson emphasized the importance of wavelets for non-perturbative analysis of quantum chromodynamics (QCD) in 1994.*[KG Wilson et al. ,Phys. Rev. D **49**, 6720,(1994)]



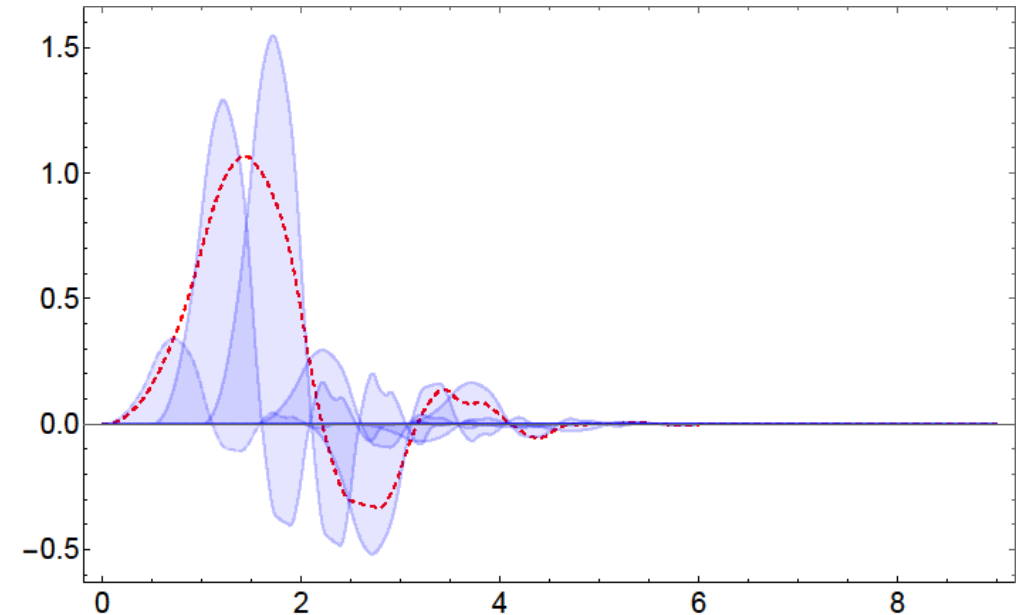
Introduction to Daubechies wavelet basis: Origins and Key Features

- **Origins and Key Features:**

- *This wavelet was introduced by **Ingrid Daubechies** in the year **1988**.*
- *This wavelet basis functions possesses the **compact support** feature.*
- *The basis functions can be generated from a single basis function known as the **mother scaling function**, defined by the refinement following equation,*

$$s(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{2K-1} DT^n s(x).$$

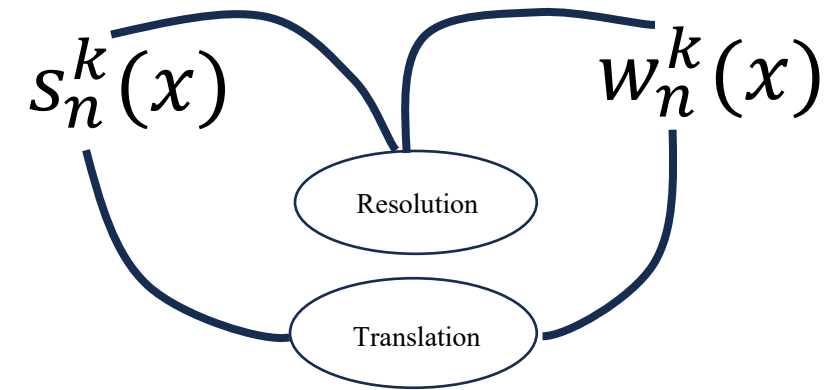
- *All the basis functions are orthonormal to each other.*



Introduction to Daubechies wavelet basis

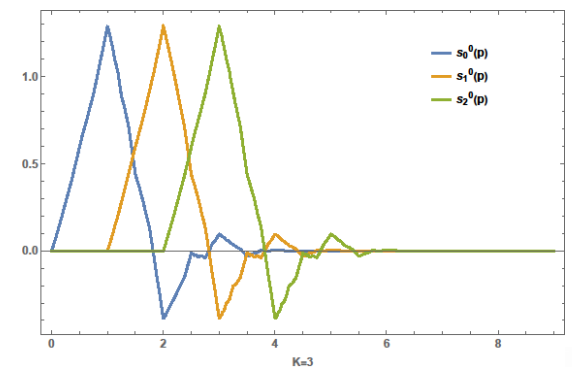
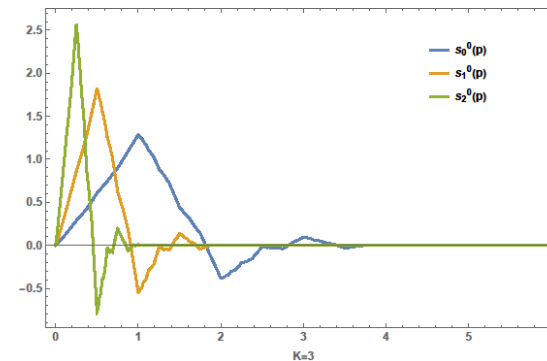
- **The Two Components:**

- The basis is constructed from two fundamental functions: **The scaling function ($s_m^k(x)$)** and **The wavelet Function ($w_m^k(x)$)**. The scaling function is called the **Approximate (coarser) component**. The wavelet function is called the **detailed component**.



- **Characterization by Indices:**

- **Resolution Index (k):** Increasing k squeezes the function to $\frac{1}{2}$ of its original width (increasing momentum), while keeping the norm fixed.
- **Translation Index (n):** Changing n translates the localized function strictly by one spatial unit.



Introduction to Daubechies wavelet basis

- **Implementing QFT Cutoffs:**

- To compute the Hamiltonian, we truncate the infinite basis by limiting both indices.
- **Ultraviolet (UV) Cutoff:** Implemented by restricting the maximum resolution index (k).
- **Infrared (IR) Truncation:** Achieved by limiting the translation index (n), which restricts the physical volume.

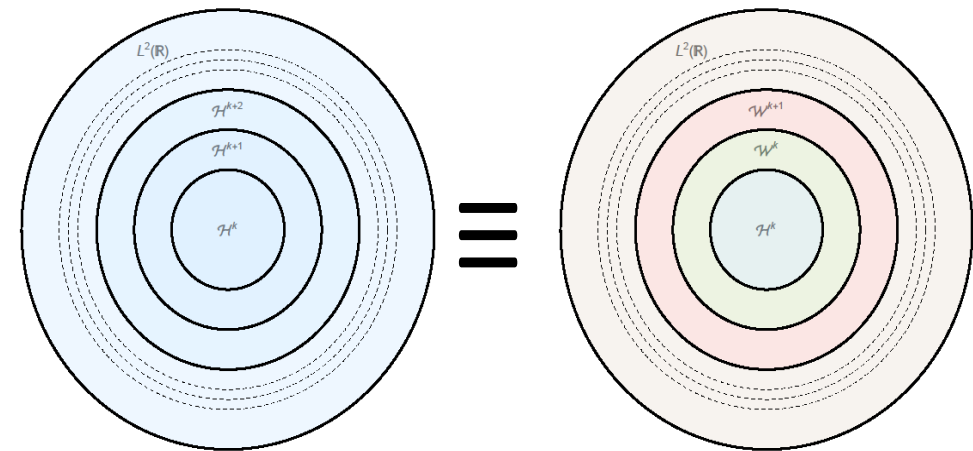
- **Constructing the Hilbert Space:**

- The entire Hilbert space can be formed with **only the scaling function** or the combination of **scaling and wavelet functions**.
- **Multi-Resolution Analysis (MRA):** The space at resolution k is the direct sum of the lower-resolution space and the added wavelet details:

$$\mathcal{L}^2(\mathbb{R}) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{H}^k$$

By recursive application of this equation, the space of square integrable functions can be constructed,

$$\mathcal{L}^2(\mathbb{R}) = \mathcal{H}^k \oplus \mathcal{W}^k \oplus \mathcal{W}^{k+1} \oplus \mathcal{W}^{k+2} \dots$$



Free Scalar Field Theory in wavelet basis

- Free Scalar field theory Hamiltonian:

$$\mathbb{H}_0 = \int dx \left(\frac{1}{2} [\pi^2 + (\partial_x \phi)^2 + m^2 \phi^2] \right).$$

- Field operators in terms of the scaling functions:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(x, t) &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \phi_n^{s,k}(t) s_n^k(x) + \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{k \geq l} \phi_n^{w,l}(t) w_n^l(x) \\ \pi(x, t) &= \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \pi_n^{s,k}(t) s_n^k(x) + \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \sum_{k \geq l} \pi_n^{w,l}(t) w_n^l(x), \end{aligned}$$

- Free scalar theory Hamiltonian in Daubechies Wavelet basis:

$$\mathbb{H} = \mathbb{H}_{ss} + \mathbb{H}_{ww} + \mathbb{H}_{sw}$$

$$\mathbb{H}_{ss} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_n \pi_n^{s,k}(t) \pi_n^{s,k}(t) + \sum_{m,n} \mathcal{D}_{ss,mn}^k \phi_m^{s,k}(t) \phi_n^{s,k}(t) + \sum_n \mu^2 \phi_n^{s,k}(t) \phi_n^{s,k}(t) \right)$$

$$\mathbb{H}_{ww} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\sum_{n,l \geq k} \pi_n^{w,l}(t) \pi_n^{w,l}(t) + \sum_{m,n} \sum_{l \geq k} \mathcal{D}_{ww,mn}^{kl} \phi_m^{w,k}(t) \phi_n^{w,l}(t) + \sum_n \mu^2 \phi_n^{w,l}(t) \phi_n^{w,l}(t) \right)$$

$$\mathbb{H}_{sw} = \sum_{m,n} \sum_{l \geq k} \mathcal{D}_{sw,mn}^{kl} \phi_m^{s,k}(t) \phi_n^{w,l}(t)$$

Where,

$$\mathcal{D}_{ss,mn}^k = \int \frac{\partial s_m^k(x)}{\partial x} \frac{\partial s_n^k(x)}{\partial x} dx,$$

$$\mathcal{D}_{ww,mn}^{kl} = \int \frac{\partial w_m^k(x)}{\partial x} \frac{\partial w_n^l(x)}{\partial x} dx,$$

$$\mathcal{D}_{sw,mn}^{kl} = \int \frac{\partial s_m^k(x)}{\partial x} \frac{\partial w_n^l(x)}{\partial x} dx$$

These overlap integrals represents the interaction between different modes

So, the scalar field theory Hamiltonian can be written as,

$$\mathbb{H} = \Pi^T \Pi + \frac{1}{2} \Phi^T \Omega^2 \Phi$$

Where,

$$\Omega^2 = \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{D}_{ss}^k & \mathcal{D}_{sw}^{kl} \\ \mathcal{D}_{ws}^{lk} & \mathcal{D}_{ww}^{lm} \end{pmatrix}$$

H =

H_{ss}	H_{sw}
H_{ws}	H_{ww}

Free Scalar Field Theory in wavelet basis

- **First attempt to quantize the theory:**

- The first attempt to quantize the theory was done by **Polyzou et al** [F. Bulut and W. N. Polyzou, Phys. Rev. D 87, 116011 (2013)], by defying the creation and annihilation operator as the following,

$$a_n^{s,k}(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\sqrt{\gamma} \phi_n^{s,k}(t) + i \frac{1}{\sqrt{\gamma}} \pi_n^{s,k}(t) \right),$$

$$a_n^{s,k\dagger}(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\sqrt{\gamma} \phi_n^{s,k}(t) - i \frac{1}{\sqrt{\gamma}} \pi_n^{s,k}(t) \right).$$

by assuming this annihilation operator will annihilate the vacuum,

$$a_n^{s,k}|0\rangle = 0$$

we can derive the following expression of γ .

$$\gamma = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 4 \langle 0 | \phi_n^{s,k}(t) \phi_n^{s,k}(t) | 0 \rangle \langle 0 | \pi_n^{s,k}(t) \pi_n^{s,k}(t) | 0 \rangle}}{2 \langle 0 | \phi_m^{s,k}(t) \phi_n^{s,k}(t) | 0 \rangle},$$

The inverse of these operators can be written as,

$$\phi_n^{s,k}(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\gamma}} \left(a_n^{s,k}(t) + a_n^{s,k\dagger}(t) \right)$$

$$\pi_n^{s,k}(t) = -i \sqrt{\frac{\gamma}{2}} \left(a_n^{s,k}(t) - a_n^{s,k\dagger}(t) \right)$$

As $\phi_n^{s,k}(t)$ is real

$$\phi_n^{s,k*}(t) = \phi_n^{s,k}(t)$$

Hence, γ is supposed to be a **real quantity**.

But from Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we can prove that,

$$\langle 0 | \phi_n^{s,k}(t) \phi_n^{s,k}(t) | 0 \rangle \langle 0 | \pi_n^{s,k}(t) \pi_n^{s,k}(t) | 0 \rangle \geq \frac{1}{4}$$

So, γ comes out to be a **complex quantity**.

From the Bogoliubov Transformation, we can prove that the annihilation operators can be written as a linear combination of the momentum creation and annihilation operators,

$$a_n^{s,k}(t) = \int \left(a^\dagger(p) + a(p) \right) dp$$

So, this definition of annihilation operator will not annihilate the real vacuum,

$$\begin{aligned} a_n^{s,k}(t)|0\rangle &= \int \left(a^\dagger(p) + a(p) \right) dp |0\rangle \\ &= \int dp a^\dagger(p) |0\rangle \end{aligned}$$

$$a_n^{s,k}(t)|0\rangle = 0$$

So what went wrong ???

Free Scalar Field Theory in wavelet basis

- **Our definition of the Creation and annihilation operator:**

- The compact form of the Hamiltonian in wavelet basis,

$$\mathbb{H} = \frac{1}{2} (\Pi^T \Pi + \Phi^T \Omega^2 \Phi).$$

- The new set of creation and annihilation operator in this basis is defined as,

$$a(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\sqrt{\Omega} \Phi(t) + i \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Omega}} \Pi(t) \right),$$

$$a^\dagger(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\sqrt{\Omega} \Phi(t) - i \frac{1}{\sqrt{\Omega}} \Pi(t) \right).$$

From Bogoliubov transformation, it can be proved that,

$$a_m(t) = \int a(p) dp,$$

Hence,

$$a_m(t)|0\rangle = 0.$$

The Hamiltonian in terms of these new creation and annihilation operator takes the following form,

$$\mathbb{H} = \frac{1}{2} [(a)^T \Omega a + \text{Tr}[\Omega]].$$

$$\mathbb{H} = \frac{1}{2} \left[a^{s,kT} \Omega_{ss}^{kk} a^{s,k} + a^{s,kT} \Omega_{sw}^{kl'} a^{w,l'} + a^{w,lT} \Omega_{ws}^{lk} a^{s,k} + a^{w,lT} \Omega_{ww}^{ll'} a^{w,l'} \right] + \text{Tr}[\Omega]$$

Whether this newly defined annihilation operator can annihilate the vacuum

Free Scalar Field Theory in wavelet basis:

- **The Fock Space basis:**

- A generic infinite particle state is defined by,

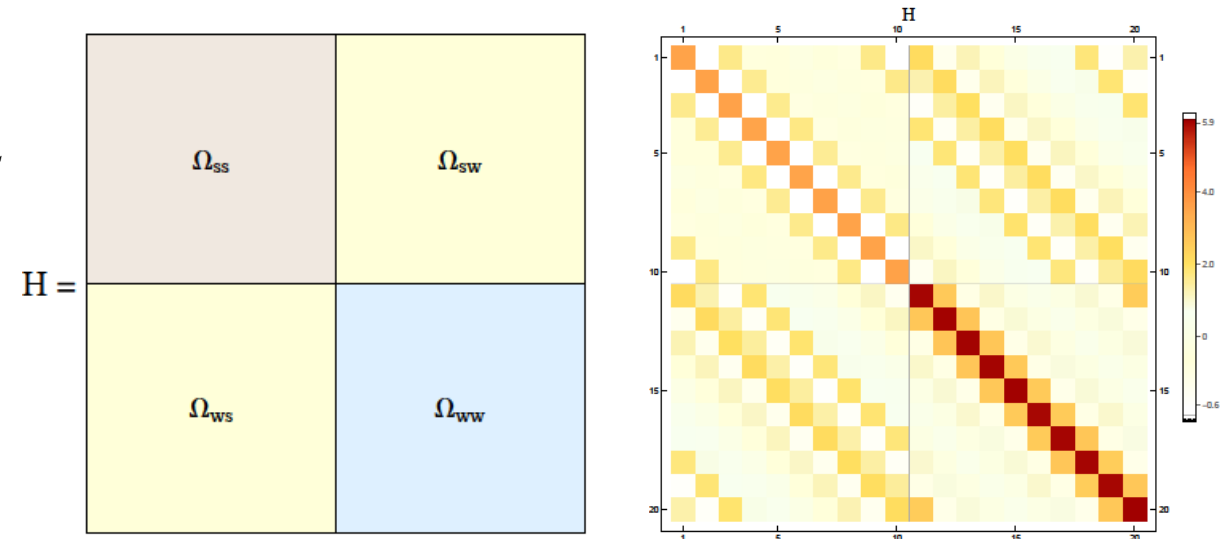
$$|m_{-\infty}^S, \dots, m_p^S, \dots, m_{\infty}^S : m_{-\infty}^W, \dots, m_p^W, \dots, m_{\infty}^W\rangle$$

- The action of the creation and annihilation operator in this state is given by,

$$a_p^{S,k\dagger} |m_{-\infty}^{S,k}, \dots, m_p^{S,k}, \dots, m_{\infty}^{S,k}\rangle = \sqrt{m_p^{S,k} + 1} |m_{-\infty}^{S,k}, \dots, (m+1)_p^{S,k}, \dots, m_{\infty}^{S,k}\rangle$$

$$a_p^{S,k} |m_{-\infty}^{S,k}, \dots, m_p^{S,k}, \dots, m_{\infty}^{S,k}\rangle = \sqrt{m_p^{S,k}} |m_{-\infty}^{S,k}, \dots, (m-1)_p^{S,k}, \dots, m_{\infty}^{S,k}\rangle$$

Within the truncated resolution-1 subspace, the Hamiltonian for the single-particle Fock space basis of a simulation box defined by $0 \leq L \leq 10$ is given by the matrix plot, (We applied the periodic boundary condition),

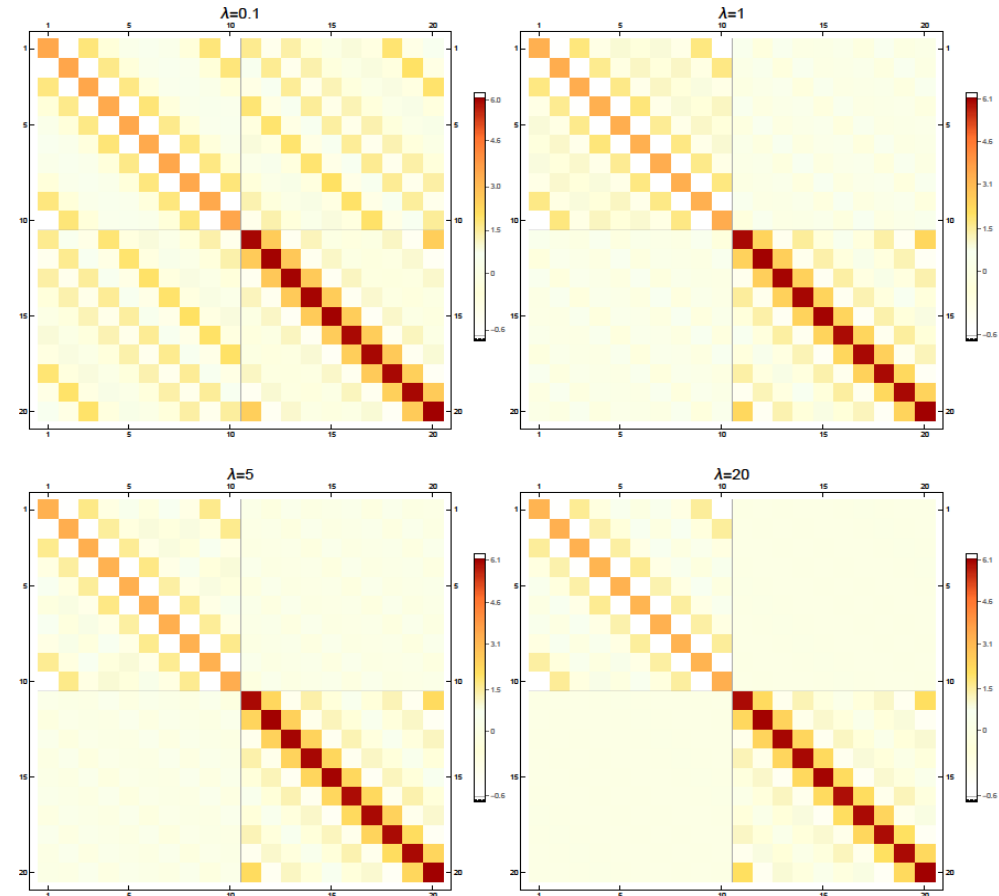


*The dimension of the Hamiltonian matrix is = 20*20*

Free Scalar Field Theory in wavelet basis:

*The one of the many methods to decouple the approximate and the detailed degrees of freedom is the **similarity renormalization group (SRG)** approach which involves solving the following differential equation,*

$$\frac{dH(\lambda)}{d\lambda} = [K(\lambda), H(\lambda)]$$



Free Scalar Field Theory in wavelet basis:

<i>States</i>	<i>Analytical</i>	$k = 0$	$k = 1$	$k = 2$	$k = 3$	$k = 4$
$0p$	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000
$1p\ 0m$	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000	1.000000
$2p\ 0m$	2.000000	2.000000	2.000000	2.000000	2.000000	2.000000
$2p\ \pm 2m$	2.362020	2.368770	2.362481	2.362049	2.362021	2.362020
$3p\ 0m$	3.000000	3.000000	3.000000	3.000000	3.000000	3.000000
$2p\ \pm 4m$	3.211938	3.427144	3.231760	3.213295	3.212025	3.211944
$3p\ 0m\ \pm 2m$	3.362020	3.368770	3.362481	3.362049	3.362021	3.362020
$3p\ 4m\ \pm 2m$	3.967989	4.082342	3.978361	3.968697	3.968034	3.967992
$4p\ 0m$	4.000000	4.000000	4.000000	4.000000	4.000000	4.000000

Summary and Outlook:

- **Summary of Our Formulation:**

- We have successfully developed a localized, non-perturbative Hamiltonian formulation using Daubechies wavelets.
- By employing the similarity renormalization group (SRG), we obtain an effective Hamiltonian that can be studied at significantly reduced computational cost. We demonstrate the method for the case of the 1+1-dimensional free scalar field theory
- The numerical results demonstrate that the low-lying eigenvalues systematically approach to their analytical values with increasing resolution, confirming the consistency of the method.

- **The Classical Bottleneck:**

- While this discrete formulation works beautifully, extending it to higher spatial dimensions or drastically increasing the resolution (k) leads to an exponential explosion in the size of the Hilbert space.
- Exact classical diagonalization eventually hits a hard computational wall.

- **The Only Way Forward: Qubitization:**

- The natural and necessary next step is the **Qubitization** of these wavelet-based Hamiltonians—mapping our discrete bosonic operators to qubits to perform exact real-time quantum simulations of strongly interacting QFTs.

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