

Instanton interactions and Borel summability

Zbigniew Ambroziński

4 lipca 2012



INNOVATIVE ECONOMY
NATIONAL COHESION STRATEGY



*Foundation
for Polish Science*

EUROPEAN UNION
EUROPEAN REGIONAL
DEVELOPMENT FUND



Plan of the seminar

Instanton calculus

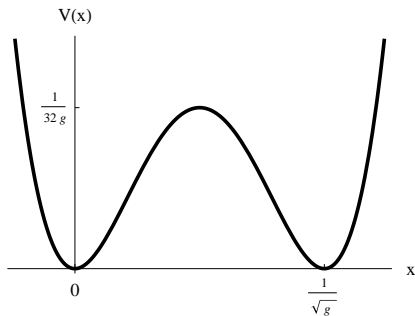
Perturbative energy

Comparison with numerics

Summary

Anharmonic double well potential

$$V(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2(1 - \sqrt{g}x)^2$$



Contributions to energy:

- perturbative (Rayleigh Schrödinger perturbation theory)
- nonperturbative (instantons)

Perturbative expansion

$$H\psi = E\psi \quad \longrightarrow \quad E = \sum_n \epsilon_n g^n$$

$$[\text{Bender, Wu}]: \quad \epsilon_n \approx -0.95 \times 3^n n!$$

Borel transform:

$$\mathcal{B}(t) = \sum_n \frac{1}{n!} \epsilon_n t^n \quad \text{convergent for } |t| < 1/3$$

Inverse Borel transform:

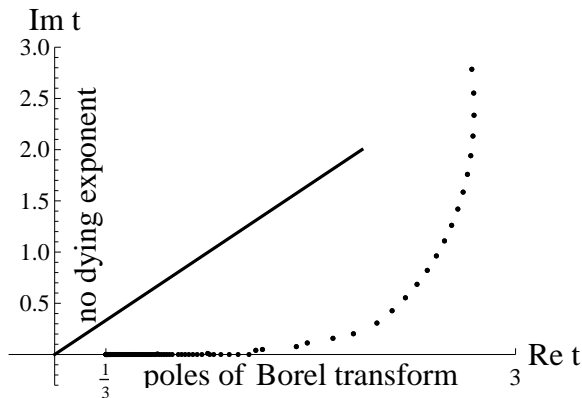
$$E_{\text{Borel}}(g) = \frac{1}{g} \int_0^\infty dt e^{-t/g} \mathcal{B}(t)$$

needs $\mathcal{B}(t)$ on whole positive axis \Rightarrow make analytical continuation

Analytical continuation

Approximate analytical continuation by Padé approximant.
 Analytical continuation has a cut at $(1/3, \infty)$.

⇒ Integrate along a contour.



Energy has
 imaginary part.

Integration on
 contour with
 $Im t < 0$ gives
 conjugate energy.

Ambiguity!

Semiclassical approximation in Euclidean space

In Euclidean space: $e^{-ET} \propto \int \mathcal{D}[x(\tau)] e^{-S[x(\tau)]}$

\Rightarrow make saddle point approximation

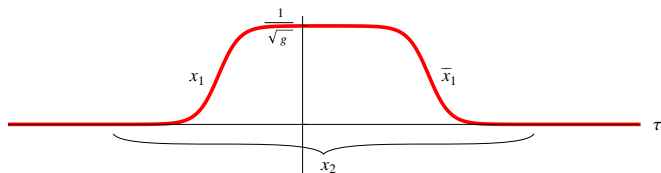
Instantons - classical trajectories in Euclidean space (saddle points).

Action of one instanton:

$$S[x_1(\tau)] = 1/6g$$

Action of instanton - antiinstanton trajectory [Bogomolny]:

$$S[x_2(\tau)] = 2S[x_1(\tau)] - 2e^{-|\tau_1 - \tau_2|}/g$$



$$E_0 = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{g\pi}} e^{-1/6g} \quad \text{- independent instantons}$$
$$+ \frac{1}{g\pi} e^{-1/3g} (\gamma + \ln(-2/g)) \quad \text{- corrections from interactions}$$

$$E_1 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{g\pi}} e^{-1/6g} + \frac{1}{g\pi} e^{-1/3g} (\gamma + \ln(-2/g))$$

$E = \frac{1}{2}(E_0 + E_1)$ has an imaginary ambiguity coming from logarithm!

$$E = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{g\pi} e^{-1/3g} (\gamma + \ln(2/g) \pm i\pi)$$

Total energy

$$\begin{aligned} E &= \sum_n a_n g^n + \frac{1}{g\pi} e^{-1/3g} (\gamma + \ln(-2/g)) \\ &= E_{Borel} + \delta_2 E \end{aligned}$$

Questions

- Do ambiguities of the two contributions cancel?
- Is $Re\delta_2 E$ big enough to be seen in numerics?

Total energy

$$\begin{aligned} E &= \sum_n a_n g^n + \frac{1}{g\pi} e^{-1/3g} (\gamma + \ln(-2/g)) \\ &= E_{\text{Borel}} + \delta_2 E \end{aligned}$$

Questions

- Do ambiguities of the two contributions cancel?
- Is $\text{Re}\delta_2 E$ big enough to be seen in numerics?

Answers

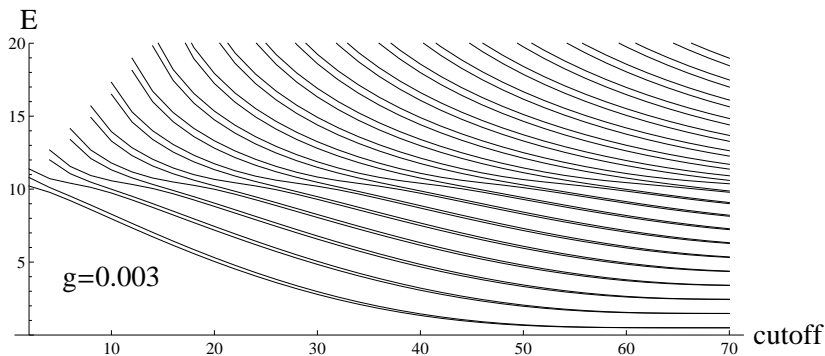
- Yes
- Yes

Cut Fock space method

- express Hamiltonian as a matrix:

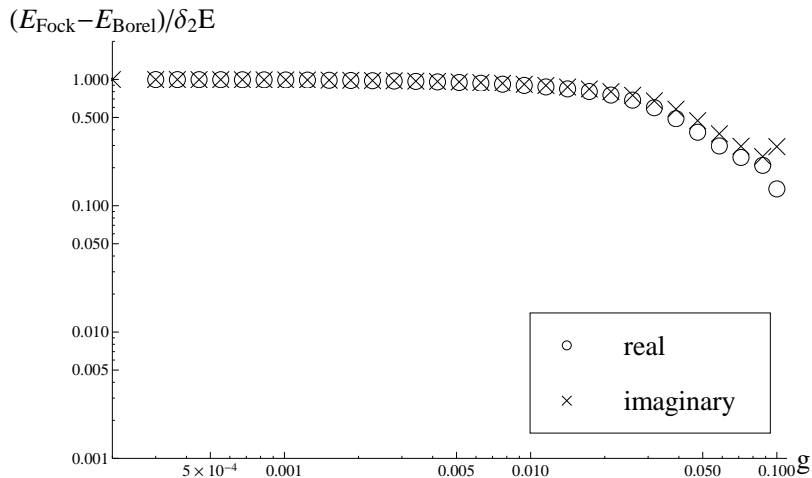
$$(H)_{m,n} = \langle m | \frac{1}{2} P^2 + V(X) | n \rangle$$

- introduce cutoff to get finite matrix
- eigenvalues approximate energies [Wosiek]

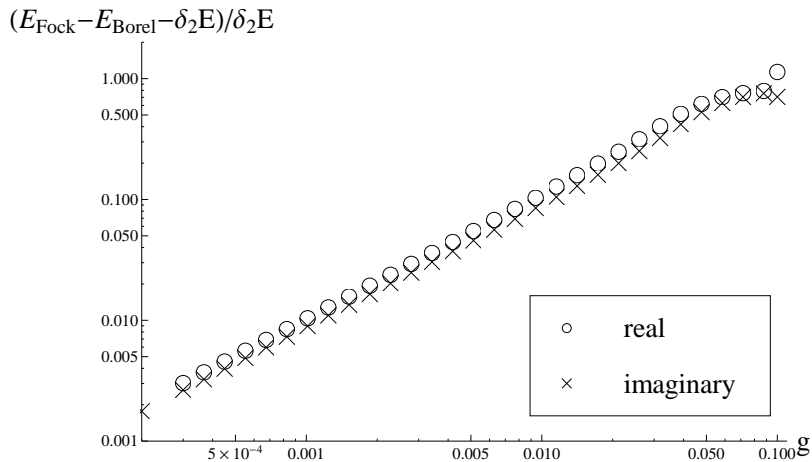


High precision comparison

without $\delta_2 E$



High precision comparison with $\delta_2 E$



Next correction is seen!

Summary

- instanton interactions cancel ambiguity of Borel energies

Summary

- instanton interactions cancel ambiguity of Borel energies
- instanton interactions improve Borel energies for small g

Summary

- instanton interactions cancel ambiguity of Borel energies
- instanton interactions improve Borel energies for small g
- for larger g the (asymptotic) series $\sum c_n g^n$ becomes important and needs to be summed (Borel sum?)

Summary

- instanton interactions cancel ambiguity of Borel energies
- instanton interactions improve Borel energies for small g
- for larger g the (asymptotic) series $\sum c_n g^n$ becomes important and needs to be summed (Borel sum?)
- but only few c_n are known

Summary

- instanton interactions cancel ambiguity of Borel energies
- instanton interactions improve Borel energies for small g
- for larger g the (asymptotic) series $\sum c_n g^n$ becomes important and needs to be summed (Borel sum?)
- but only few c_n are known
- next corrections: 3–instanton interactions

Literature

- E.B. Bogomolny *Calculation of instanton - anti-instanton contributions in quantum mechanics*, Phys.Lett. B91 (1980) 431-435
- J. Zinn-Justin, *Multi - instanton contributions in quantum mechanics*, Nucl.Phys. B192 (1981) 125-140;
J. Zinn-Justin, U.D. Jentschura, *Higher order corrections to instantons*, J.Phys.A A34 (2001) L253-L258
- M. Ünsal, *Theta dependence, sign problems and topological interference*, arXiv:1201.6426
- C. M. Bender, T. T. Wu, *Anharmonic oscillator*, Phys.Rev. 184 (1969) 1231-1260
- M. Trzetrzelewski, J. Wosiek, *Quantum systems in a cut Fock space*, Acta Phys.Polon. B35 (2004) 1615-1624;
J. Wosiek, *Spectra of supersymmetric Yang-Mills quantum mechanics*, Nucl.Phys. B644 (2002) 85-112