

# Calabi-Yau Metrics and the Spectrum of the Laplace Operator

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Restrict to  $Q \subset \mathbb{P}^4$ . **Not Ricci flat.**

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## Theorem

*Let  $h$  be the balanced metric for each  $k$ . Then the sequence of metrics*

$$\omega_k = \partial \bar{\partial} \ln \sum h^{\alpha \bar{\beta}} s_\alpha \bar{s}_{\bar{\beta}}$$

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One can show that iterating  $T(h_n)^{-1} = h_{n+1}$  converges!  
Fixed point is balanced metric.

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- Parallelizable (MPI)  
Use 10 node dual-core Opteron cluster (Evelyn Thomson, ATLAS).

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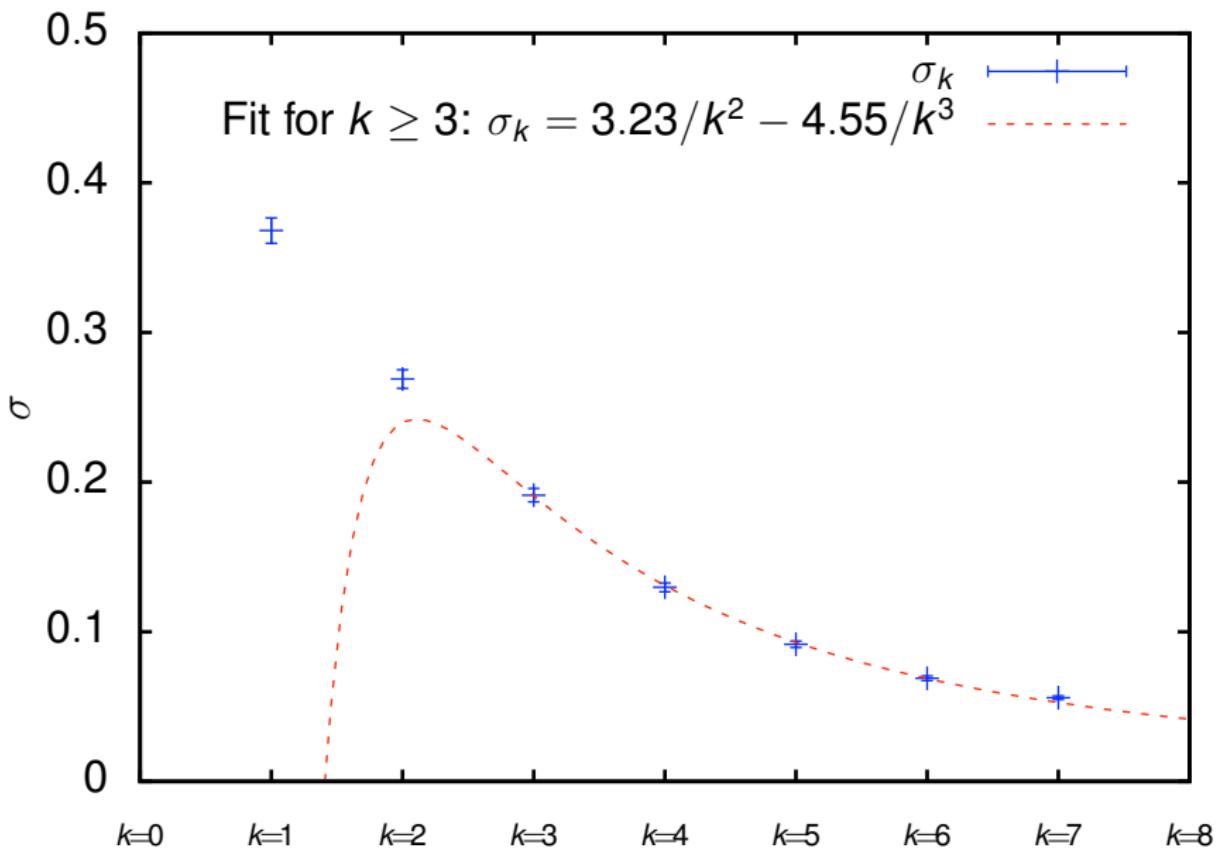
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So normalize both volume forms and define

$$\sigma_k = \int_Q \left| 1 - \frac{\Omega(z) \wedge \bar{\Omega}(\bar{z})}{\omega^3(z, \bar{z})} \right| dVol$$

On a Calabi-Yau manifold  $\sigma_k = O(k^{-2})$



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- To do this, we only have to replace the sections  $s_\alpha$  of  $\mathcal{O}_{\tilde{Q}}(k)$  by invariant sections!

$$H^0(Q, \mathcal{O}_Q(k)) = H^0(\tilde{Q}, \mathcal{O}_{\tilde{Q}}(k))^{\mathbb{Z}_5 \times \mathbb{Z}_5}$$

# Symmetry Group

$$g_1 \begin{pmatrix} z_0 \\ z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \\ z_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} z_0 \\ z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \\ z_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$g_2 \begin{pmatrix} z_0 \\ z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \\ z_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & e^{\frac{2\pi i}{5}} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & e^{2\frac{2\pi i}{5}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & e^{3\frac{2\pi i}{5}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & e^{4\frac{2\pi i}{5}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} z_0 \\ z_1 \\ z_2 \\ z_3 \\ z_4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Note that  $g_1 g_2 g_1^{-1} g_2^{-1} = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{5}}$ , so they generate the Heisenberg group

$$0 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_5 \rightarrow G \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_5 \times \mathbb{Z}_5 \rightarrow 0$$

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Nice basis: Recall that  $\mathbb{P}^4 = S^9 / U(1)$

So take the  $U(1)$ -invariant spherical harmonics on  $S^9$ .

# Homogeneous Coordinates

In homogeneous coordinates, the spherical harmonics are

$$\frac{(\text{degree } k \text{ monomial})(\text{degree } k \text{ monomial})}{(|z_0|^2 + |z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2 + |z_3|^2 + |z_4|^2)^k}$$

So, for example  $k = 1$  on  $\mathbb{P}^1$ :

Homog.	$\frac{z_0 \bar{z}_0}{ z_0 ^2 +  z_1 ^2}$	$\frac{z_1 \bar{z}_0}{ z_0 ^2 +  z_1 ^2}$	$\frac{z_0 \bar{z}_1}{ z_0 ^2 +  z_1 ^2}$	$\frac{z_1 \bar{z}_1}{ z_0 ^2 +  z_1 ^2}$
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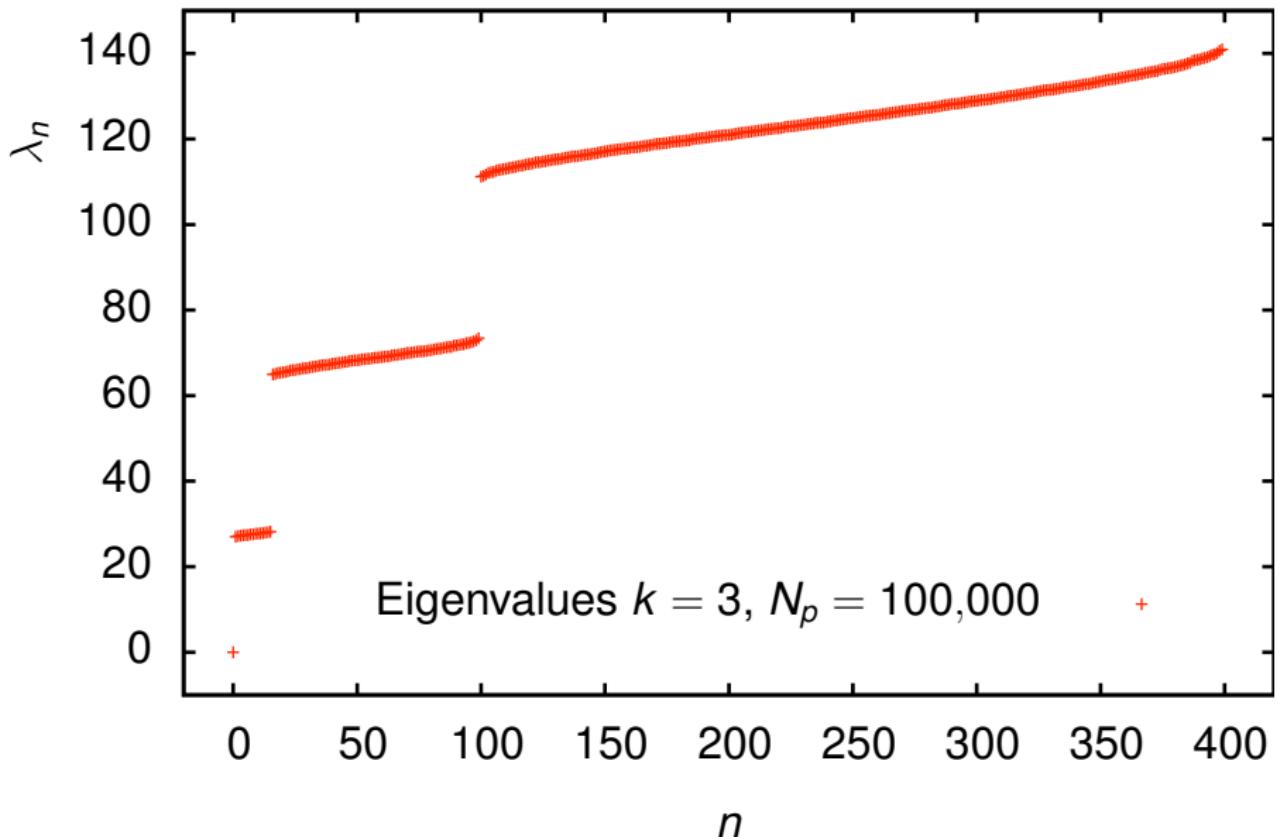
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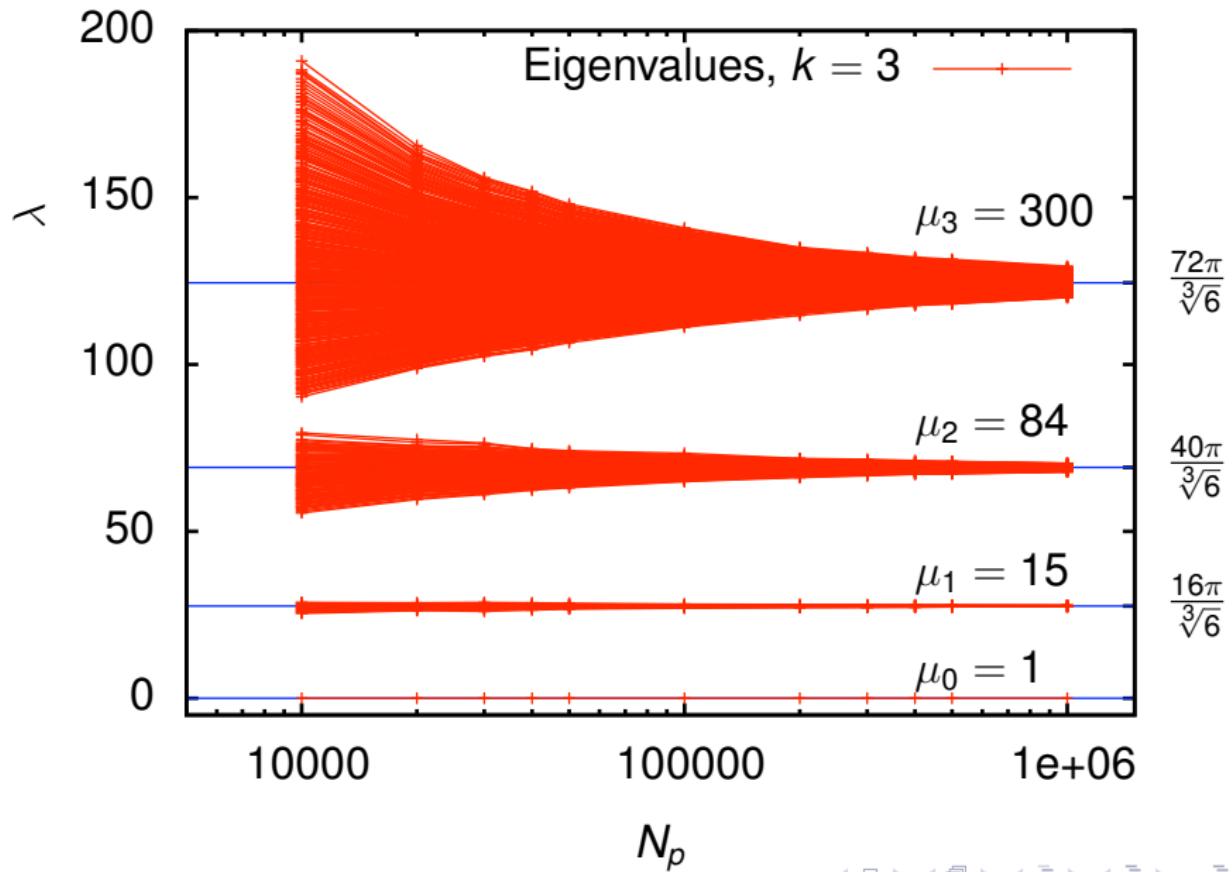
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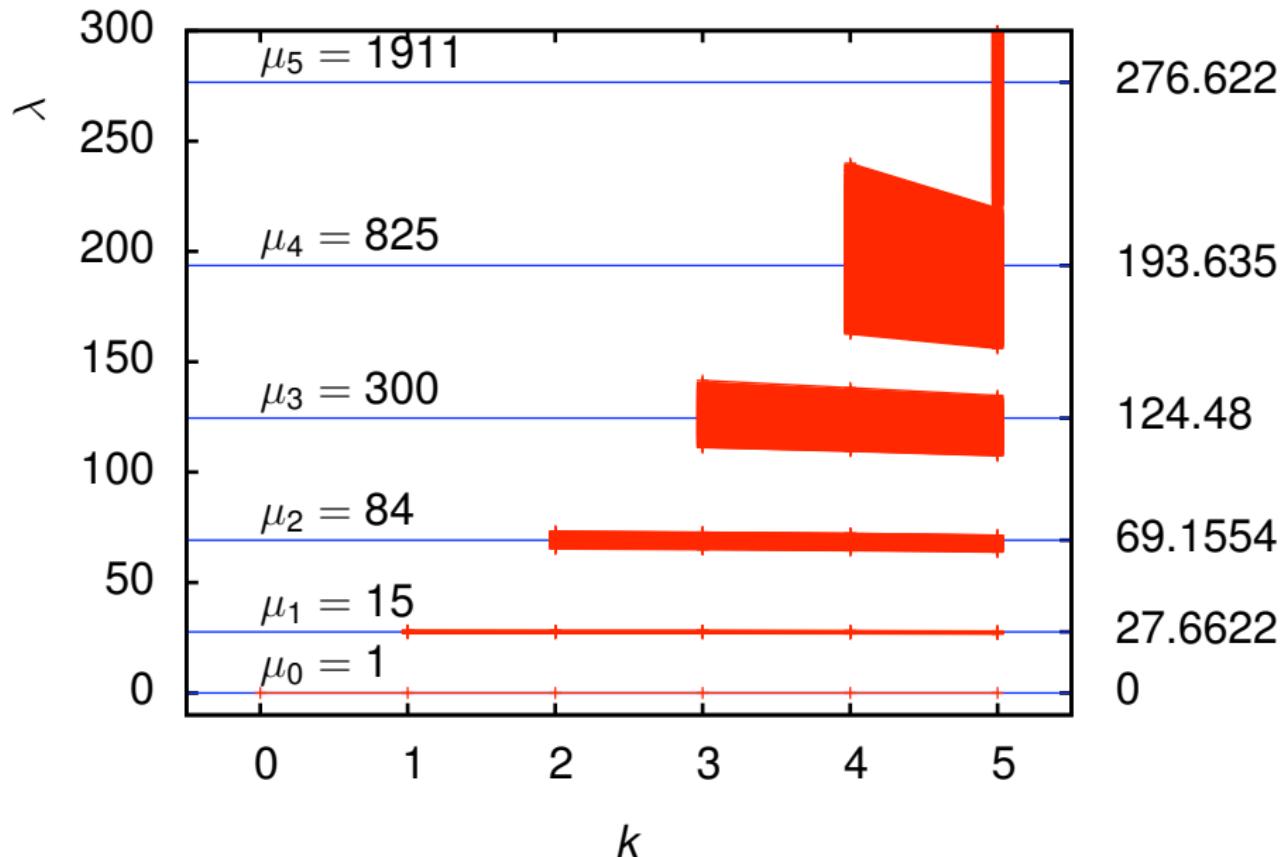
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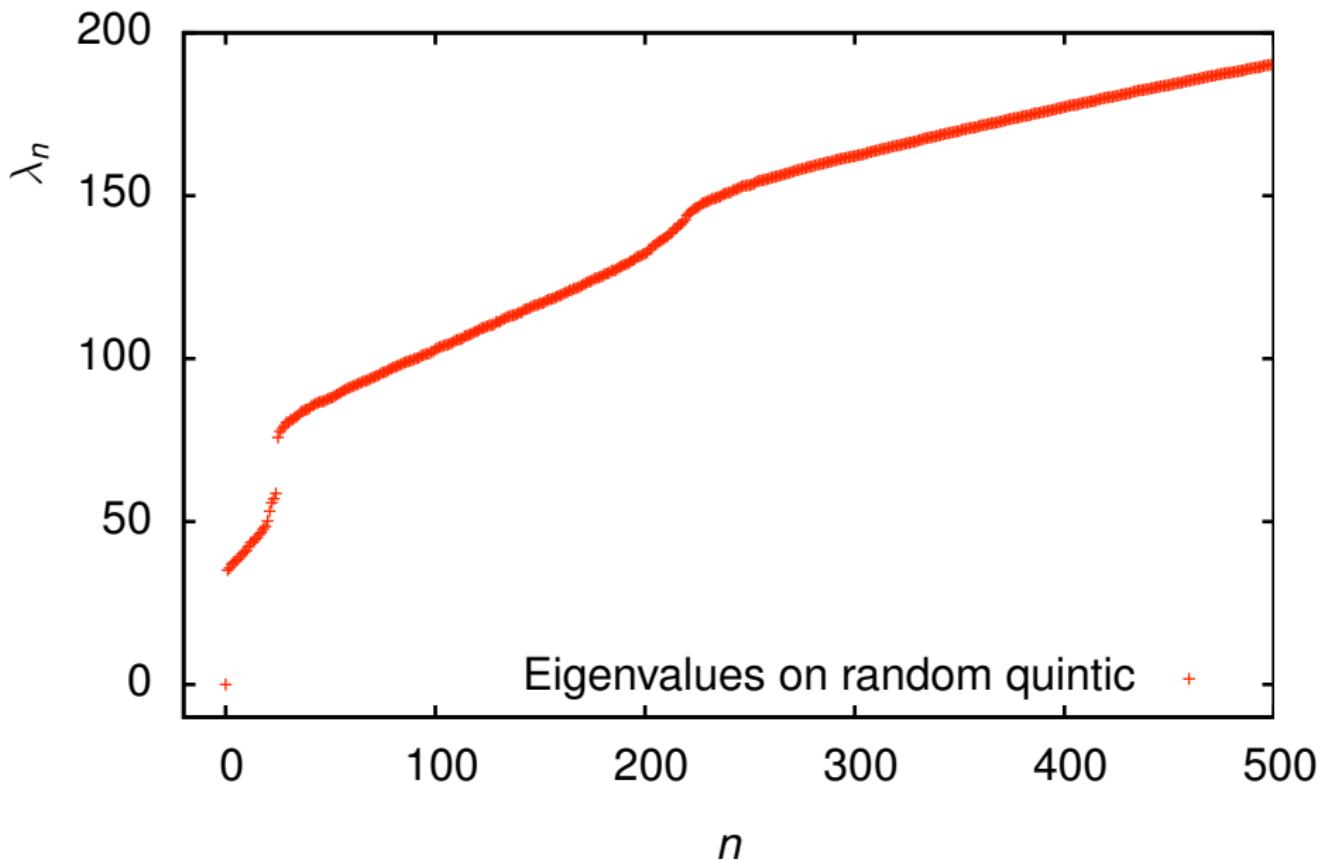
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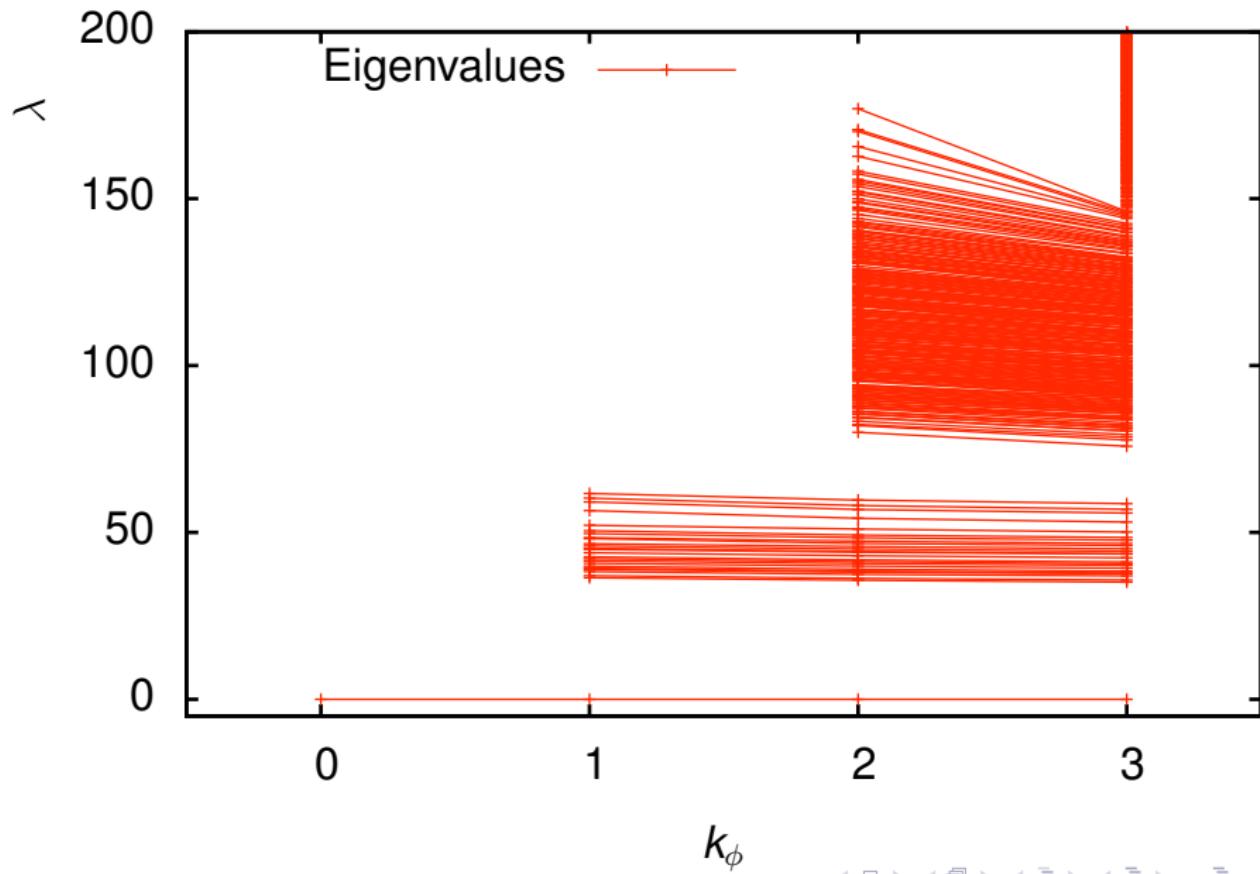
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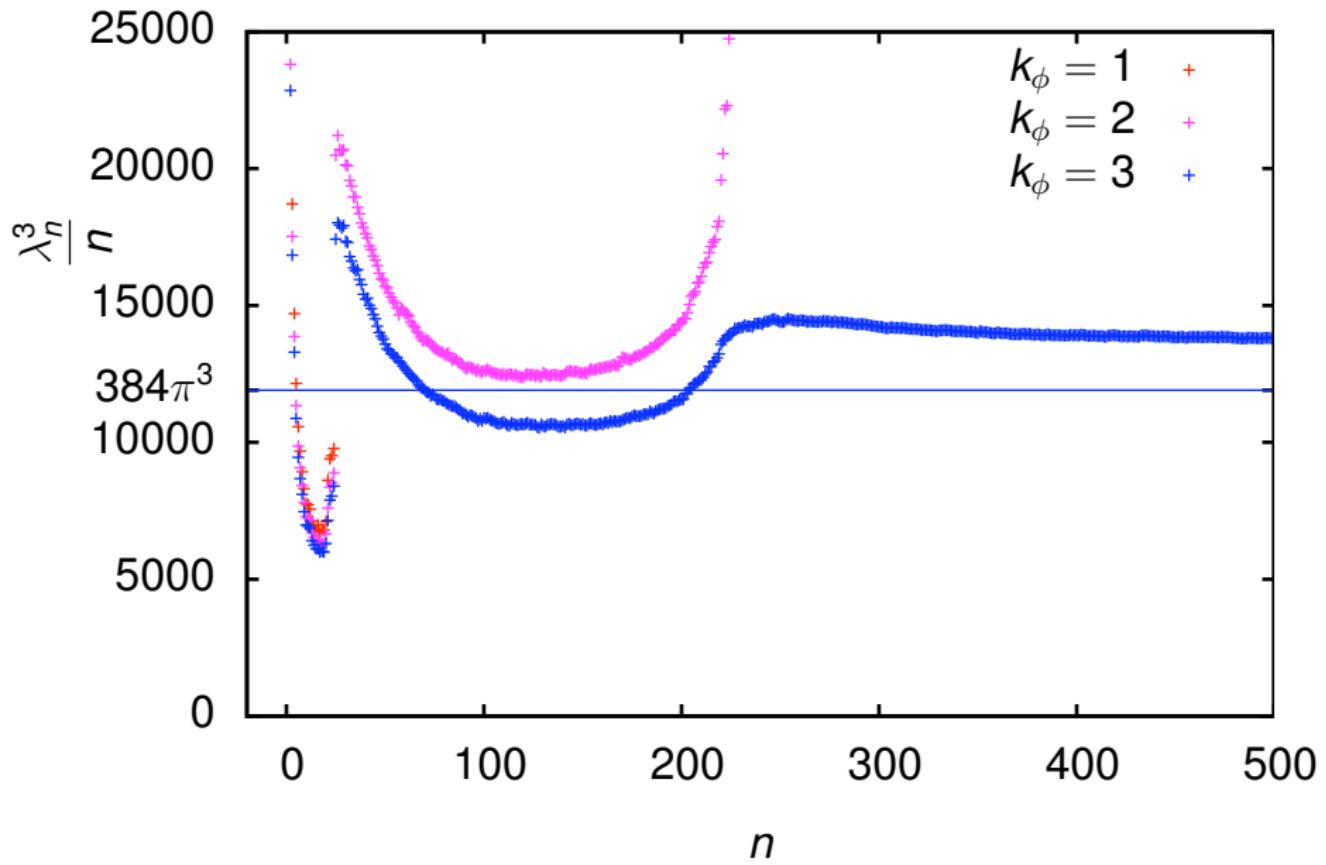
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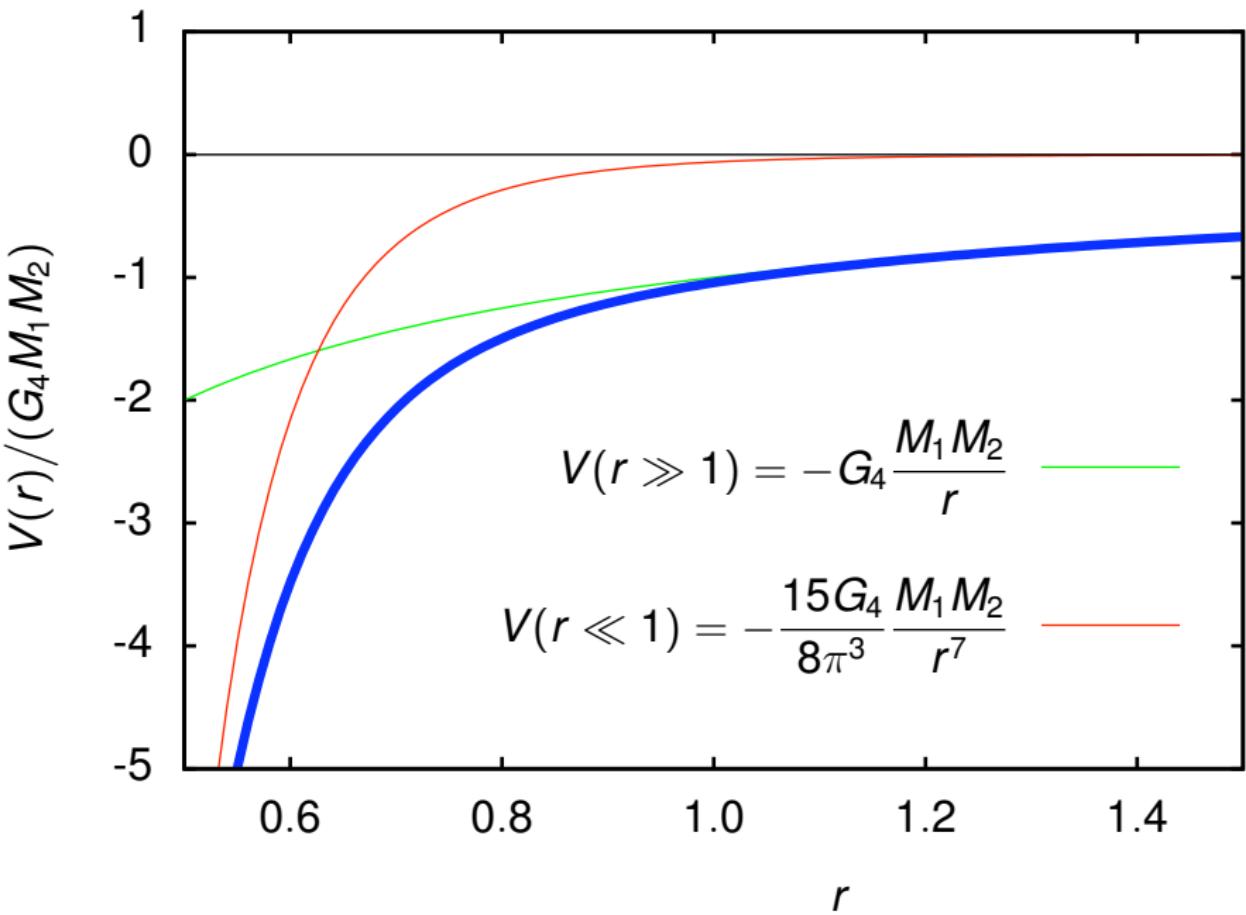
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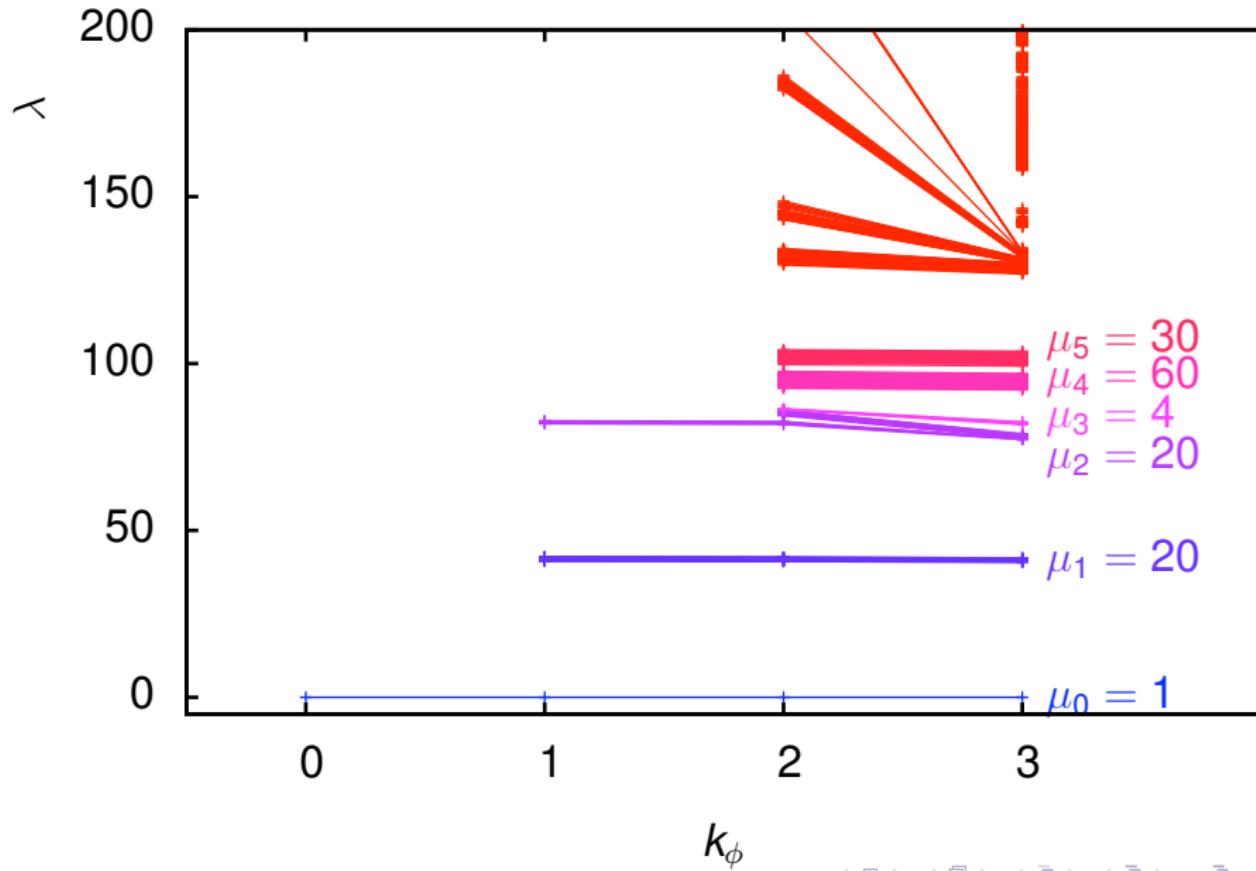
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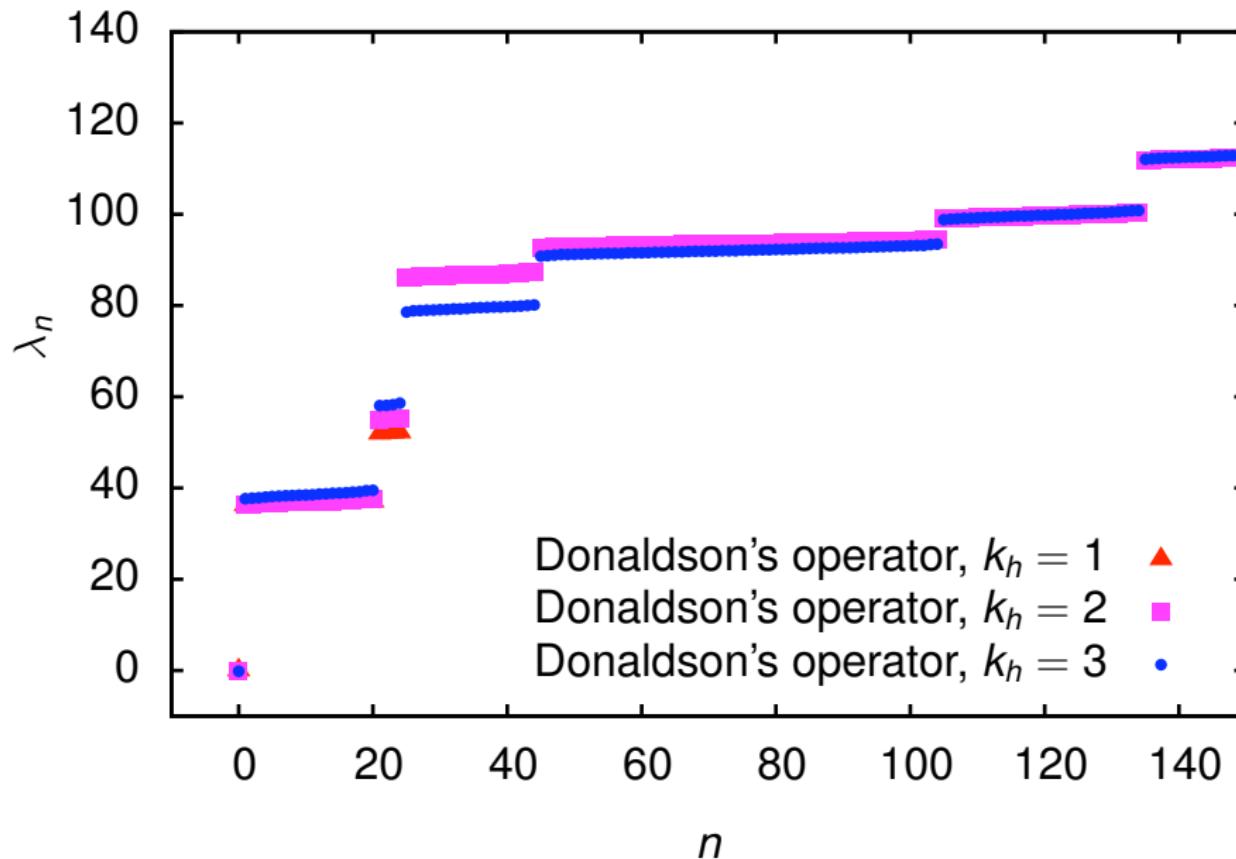
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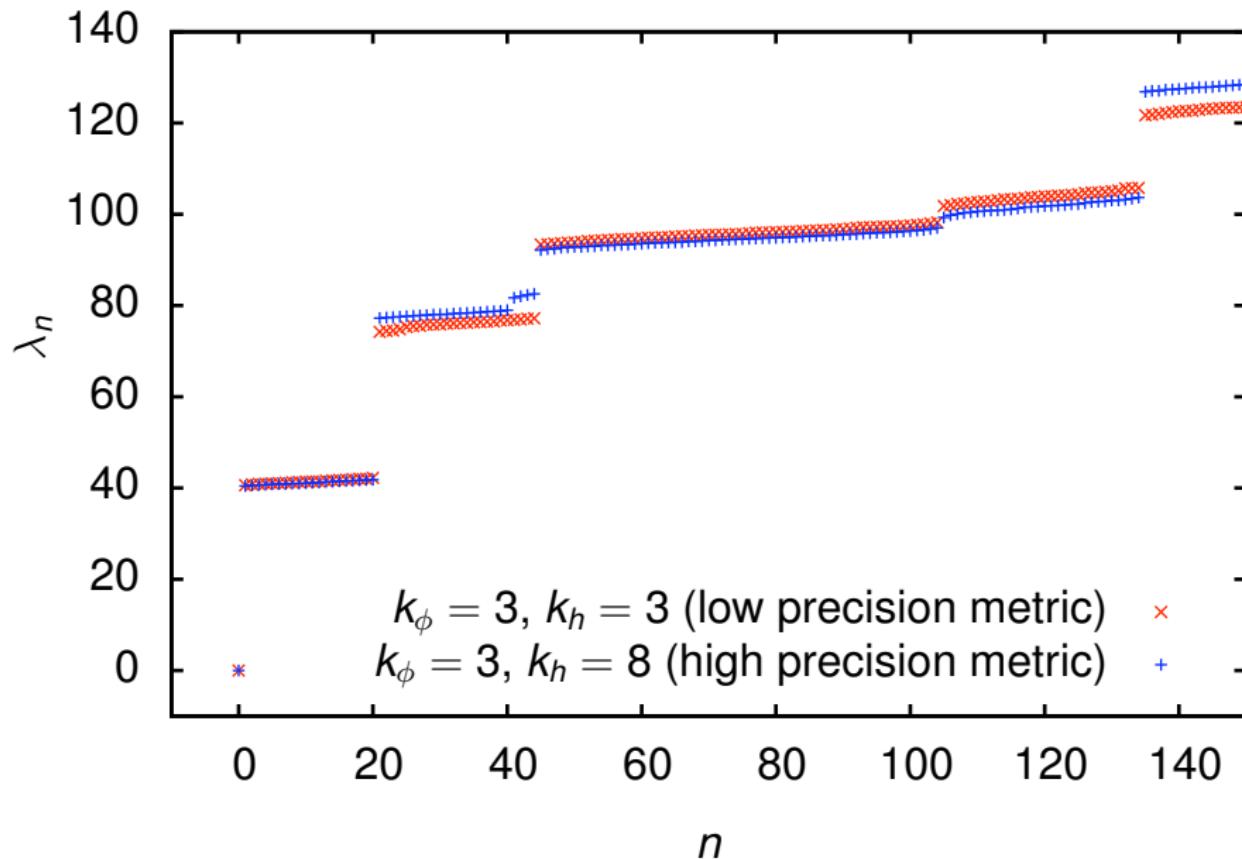
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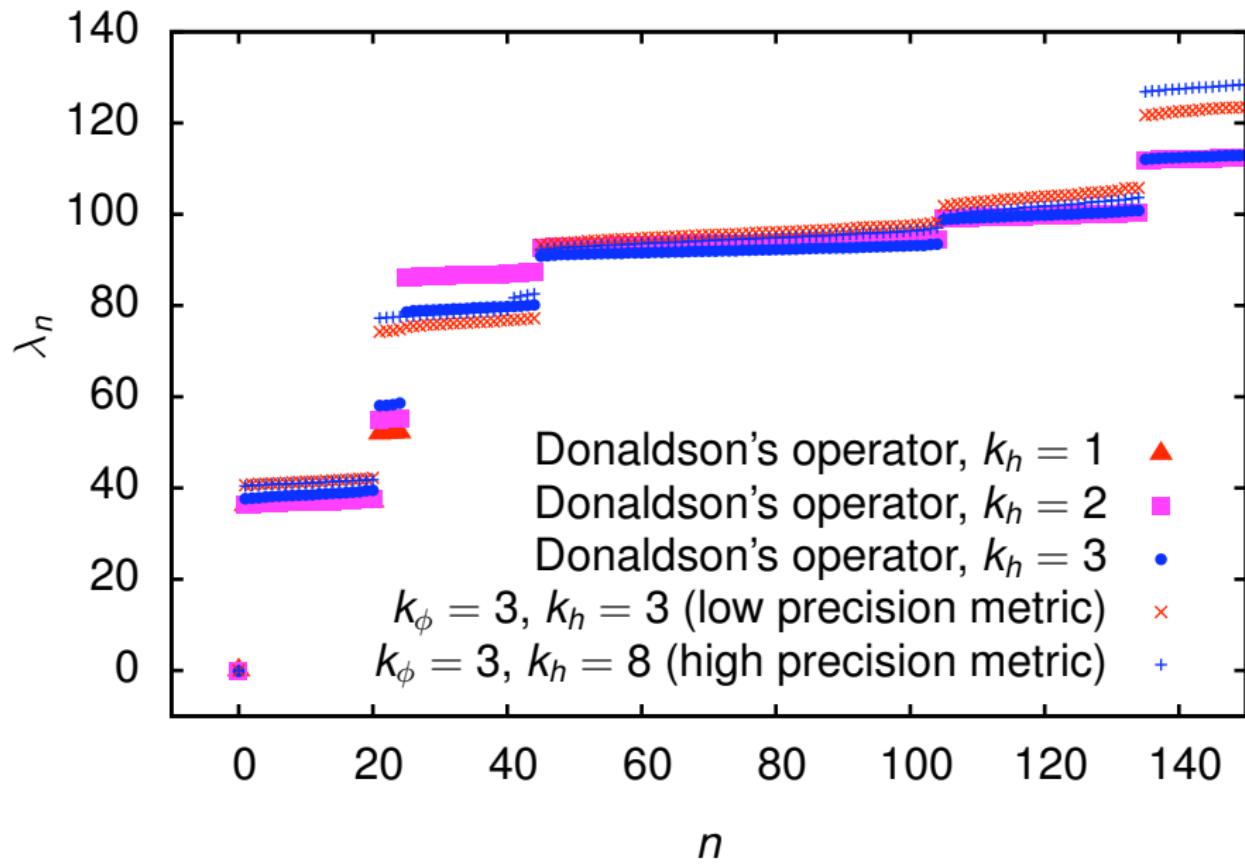
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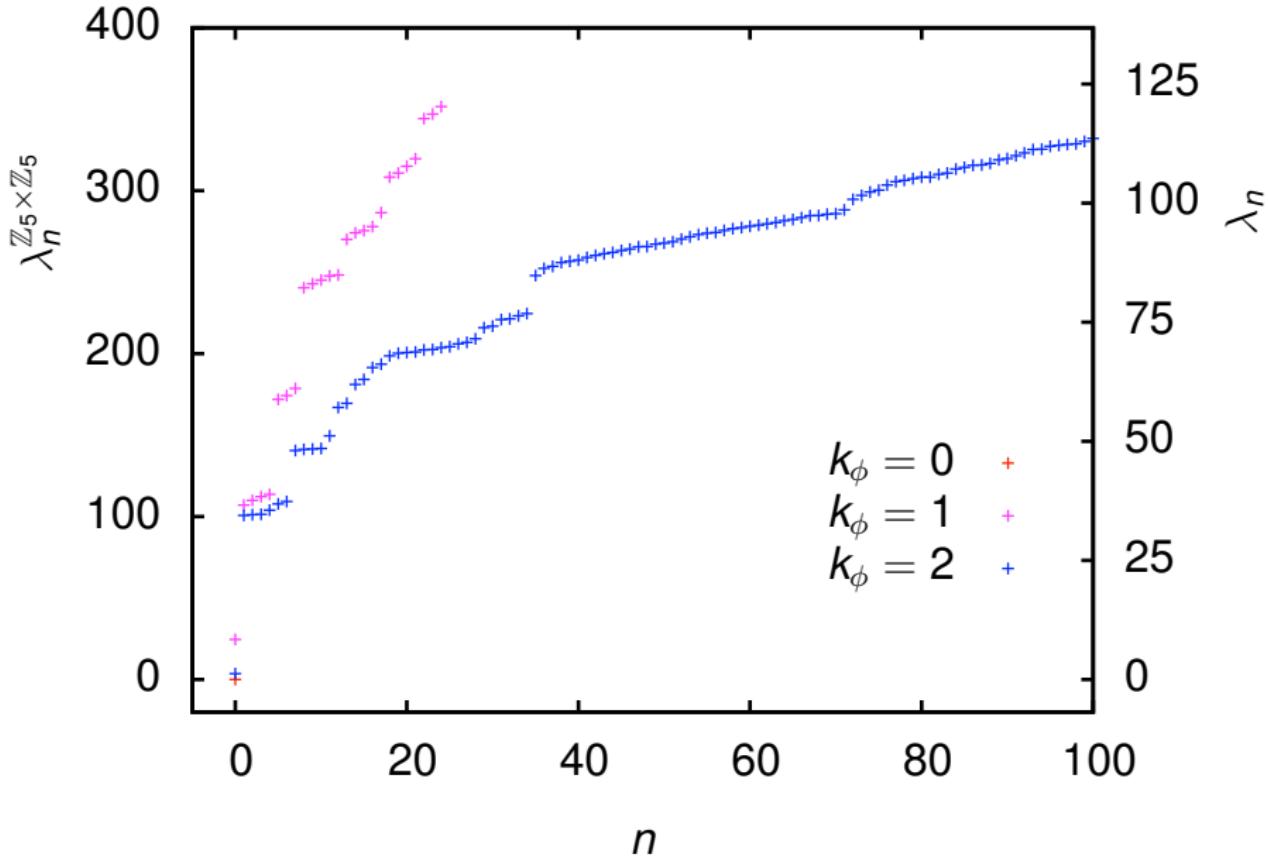
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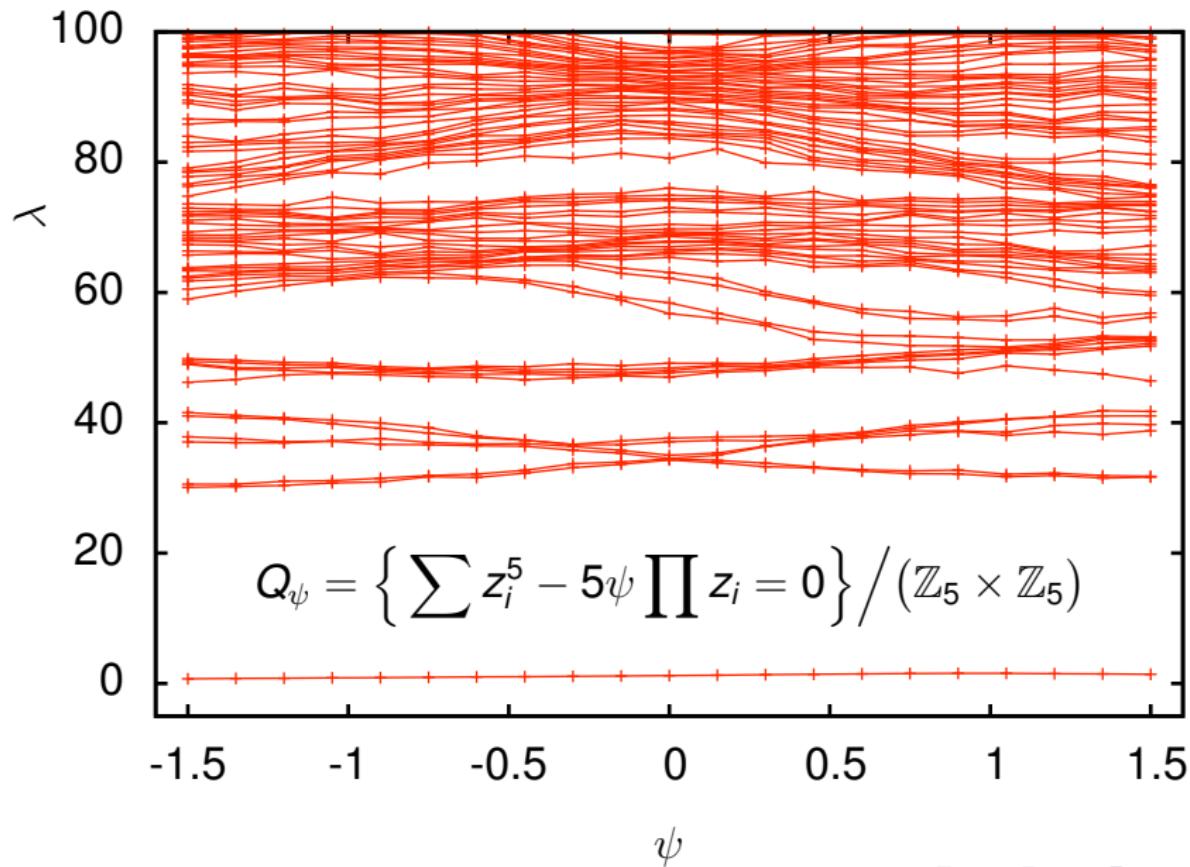
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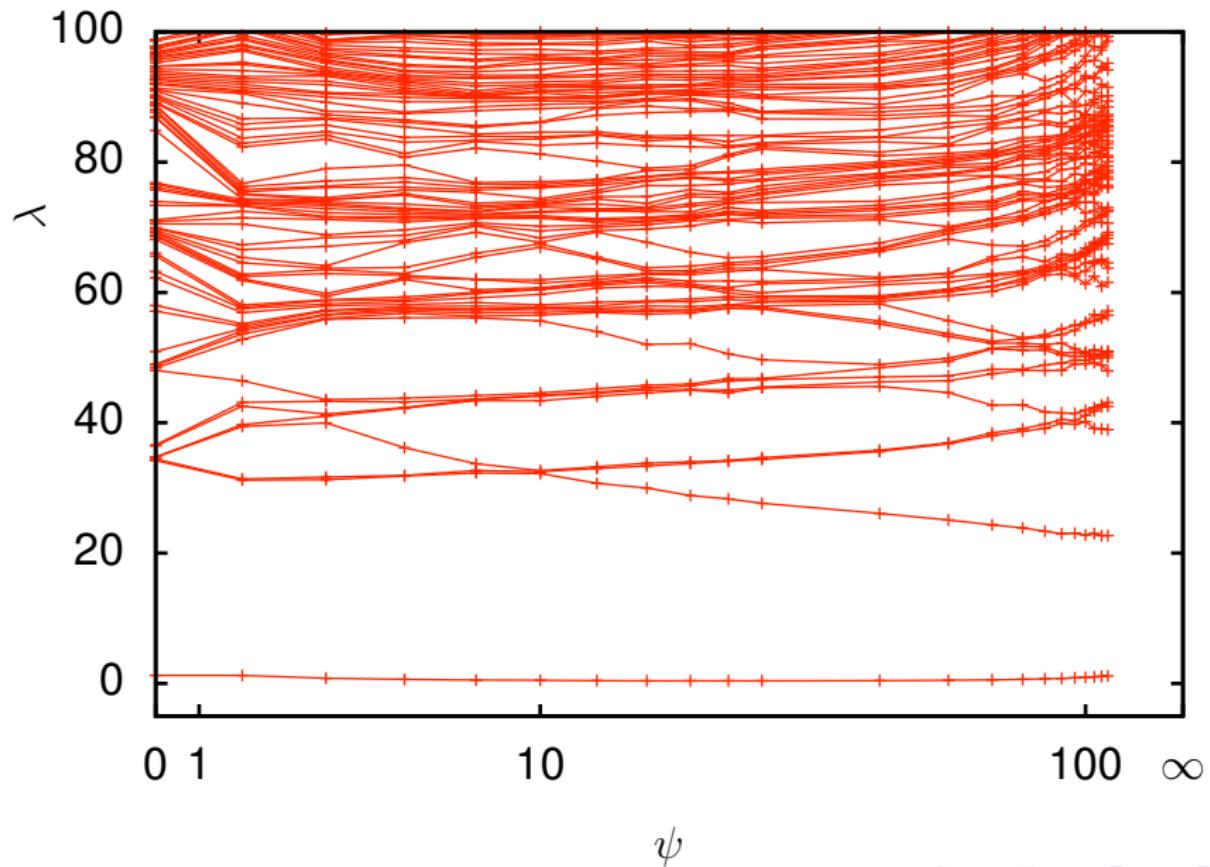
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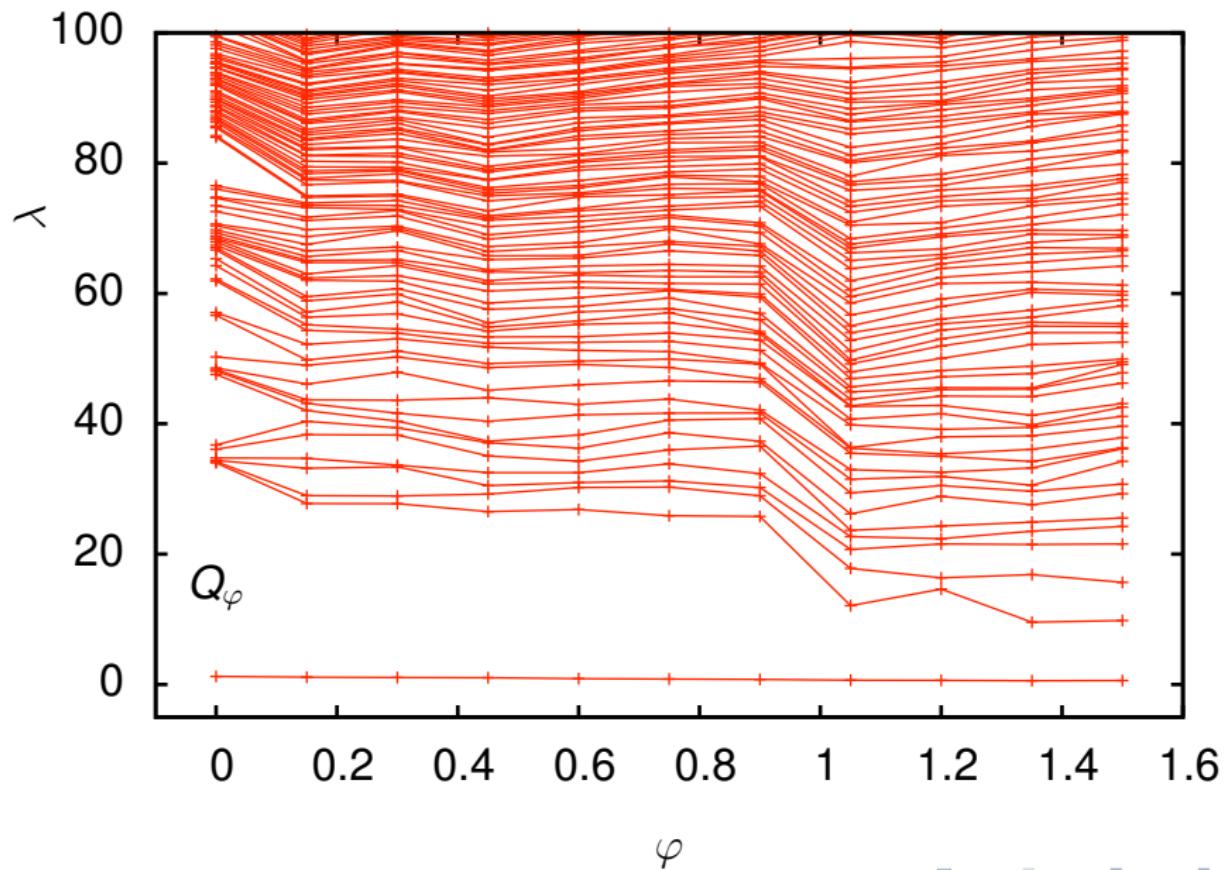
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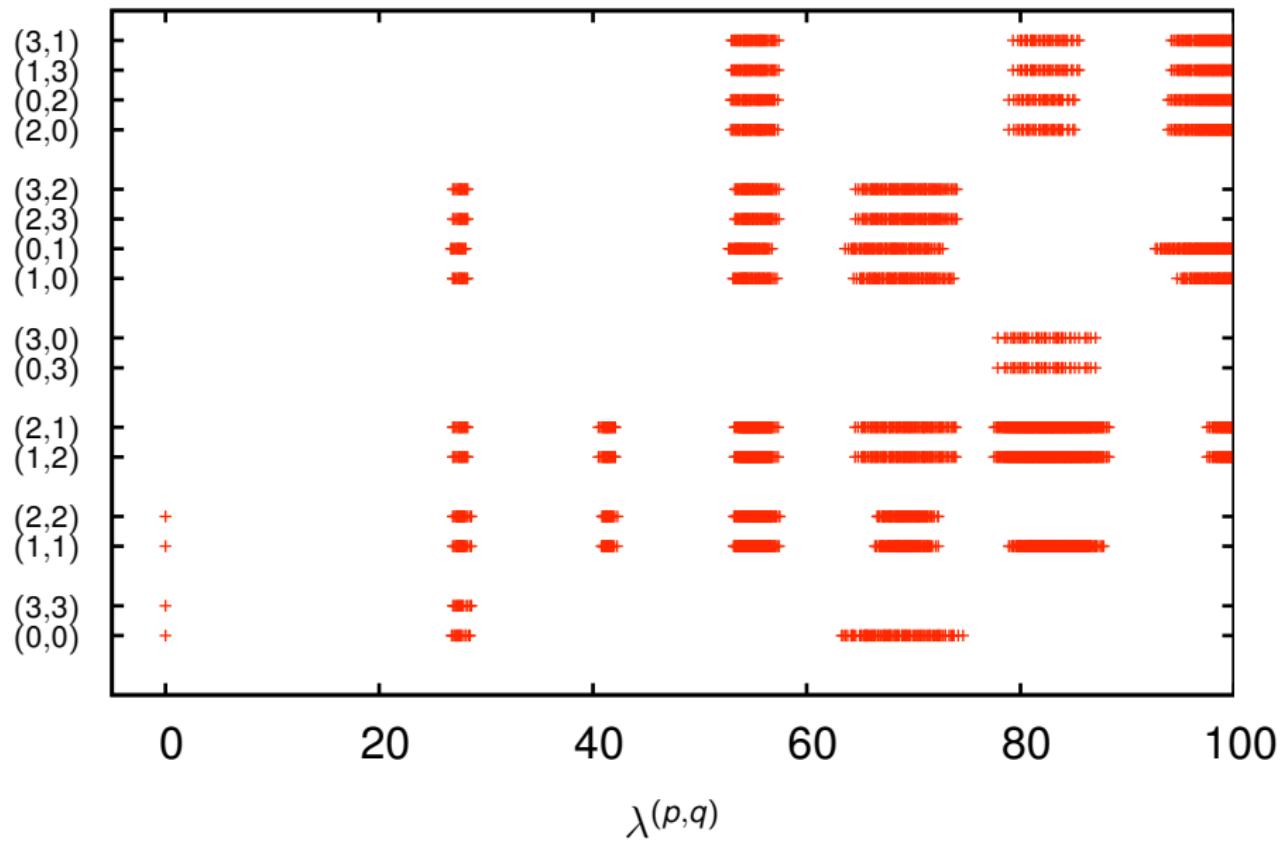
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