

Study of the effect of parameters
on the decay rate of a fourth order problem
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- δ_ξ : presence of a shape memory alloy cable at $x = \xi$.

Boundary and initial conditions

We couple the equations with boundary conditions

$$u(0, t) = u(1, t) = \partial_x^2 u(0, t) = \partial_x^2 u(1, t) = 0, \quad t \in (0, +\infty),$$

The damping rate

Using semigroup theory in a suitable functional setting, one can show that the evolution problem is well-posed.

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An important assumption

To avoid any “resonance phenomena”, we will assume that $\xi \notin \mathbb{Q}$.

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Replacing λ by $i\lambda$, $-\lambda$ or $-i\lambda$ leads to an equivalent equation.

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A general fact from complex analysis

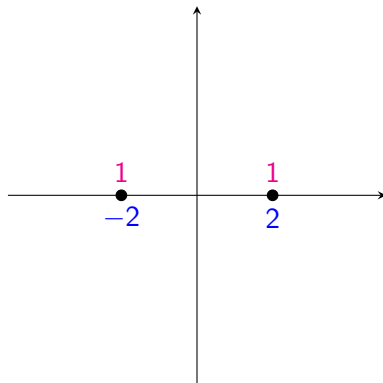
Theorem (“Holomorphic implicit function Theorem”, very roughly stated)

*Roots of holomorphic functions depend **continuously, including multiplicities**, on the parameters, and the branches of roots are holomorphic.*

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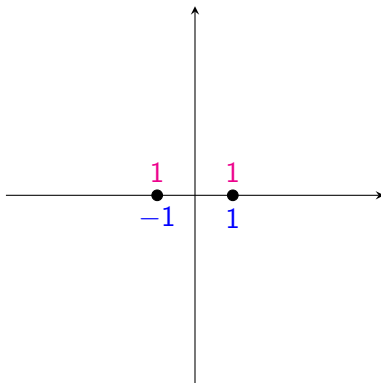


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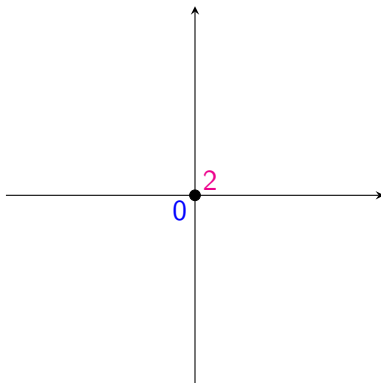


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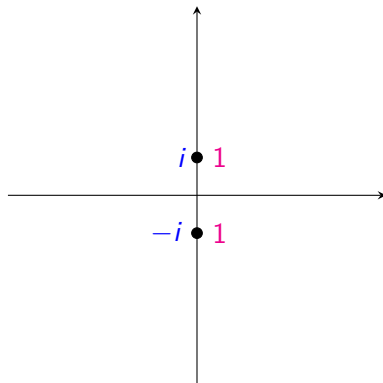


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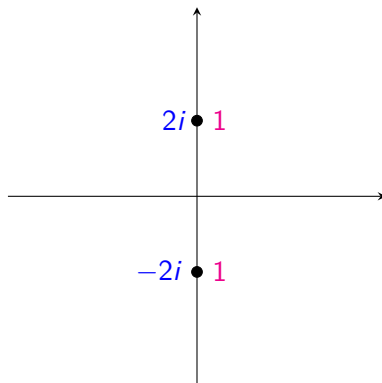


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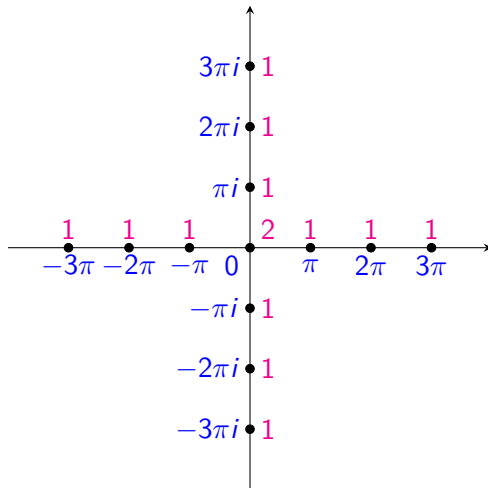
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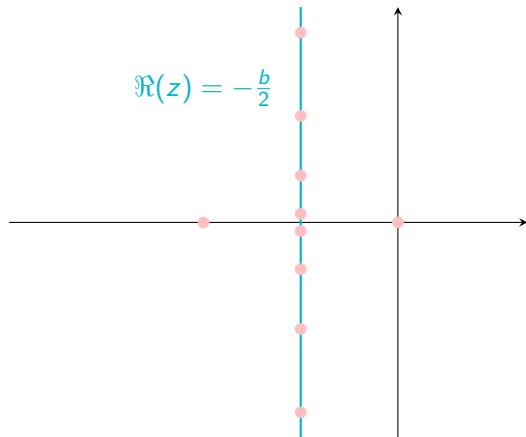
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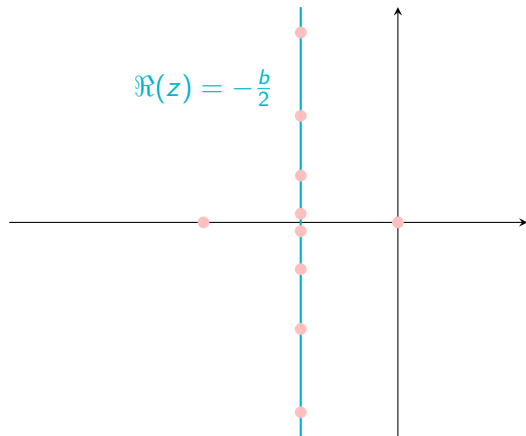
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Note: 0 is a root, but is *not* an eigenvalue!

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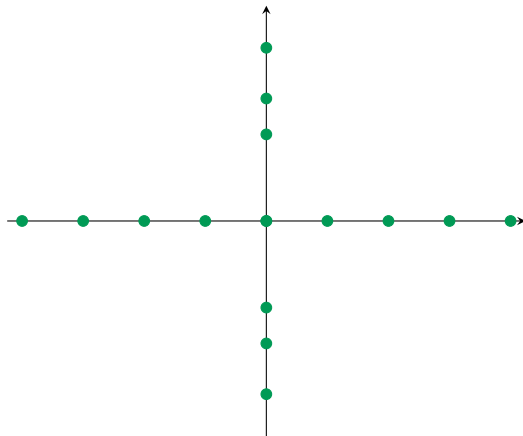
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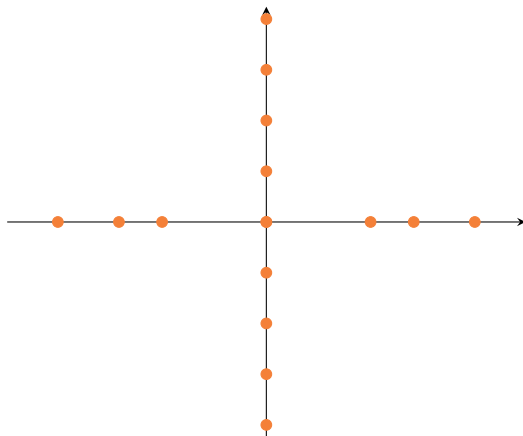
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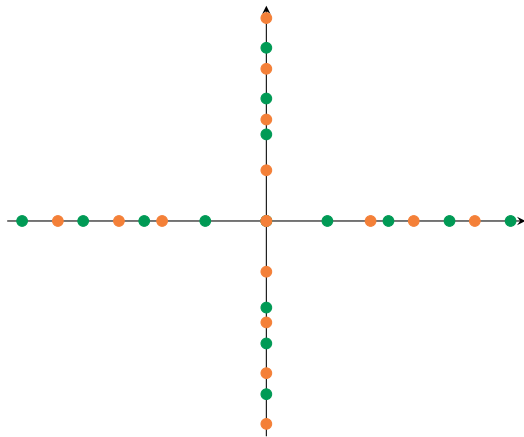
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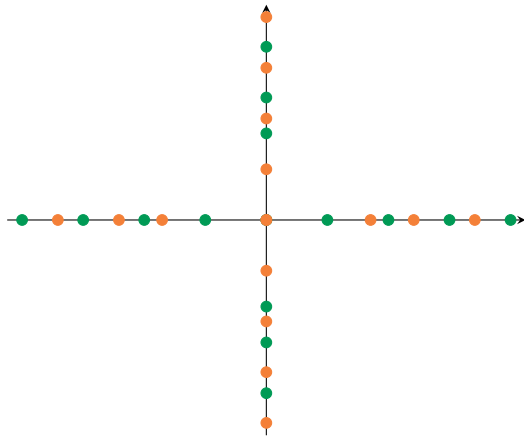


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Beatty's Theorem: a numerical example

Let us take $r = \sqrt{2} - 1$. Then (using a little script),

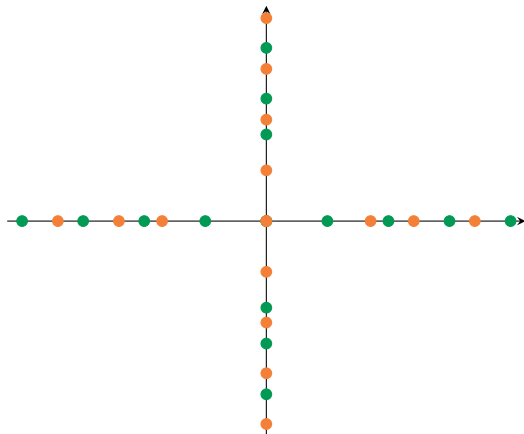
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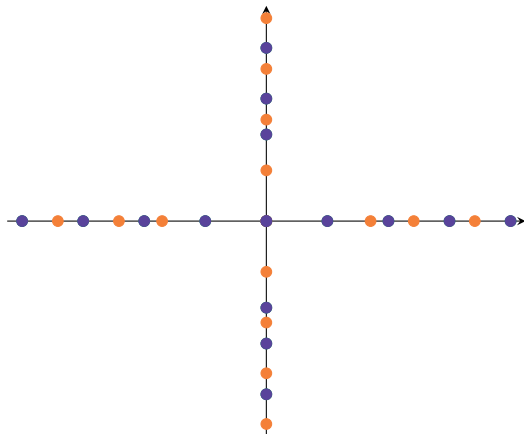
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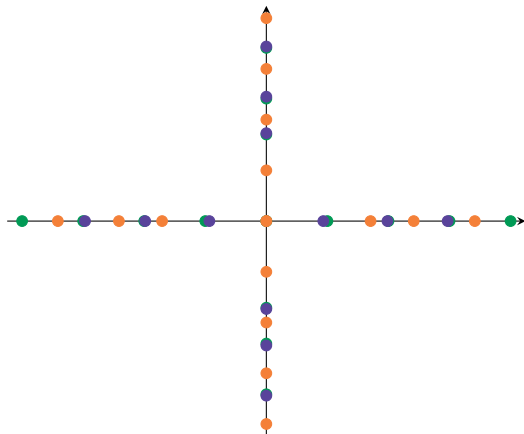
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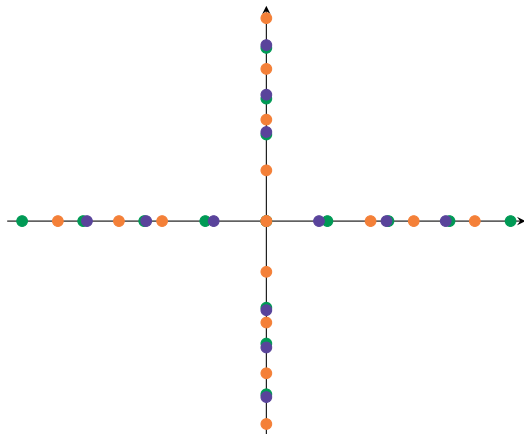
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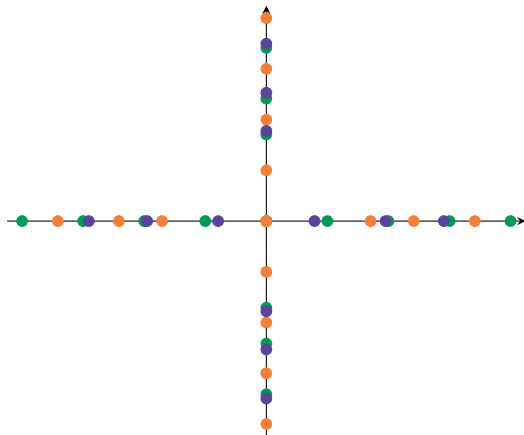
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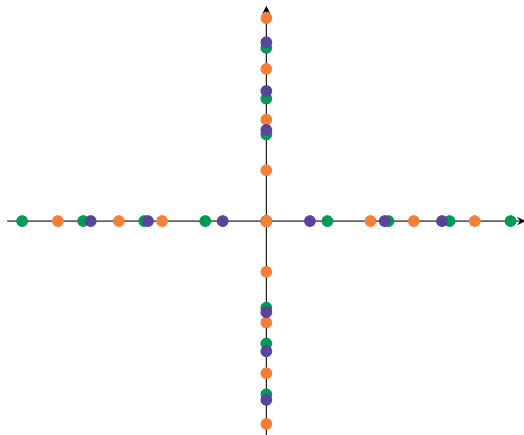
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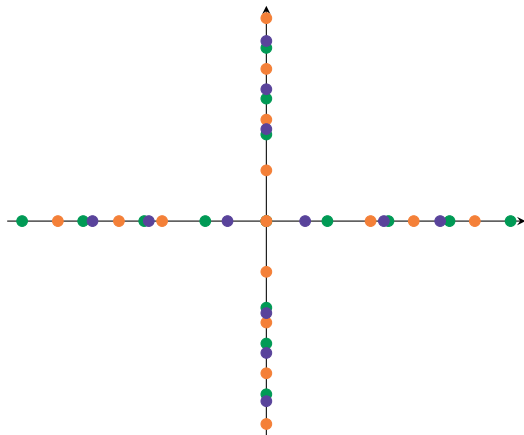
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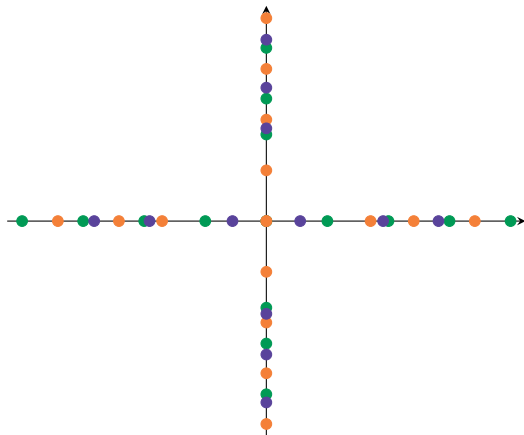
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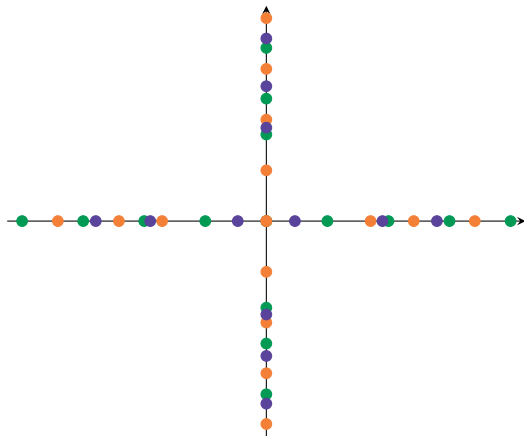
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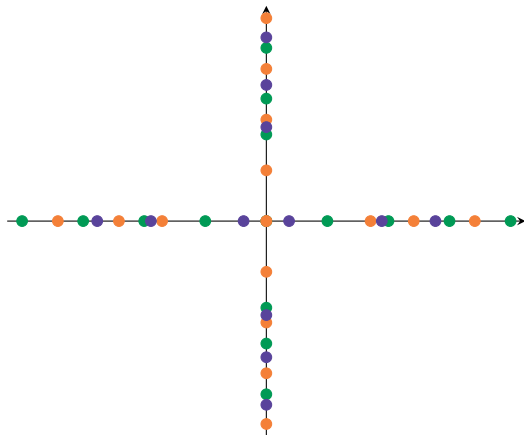
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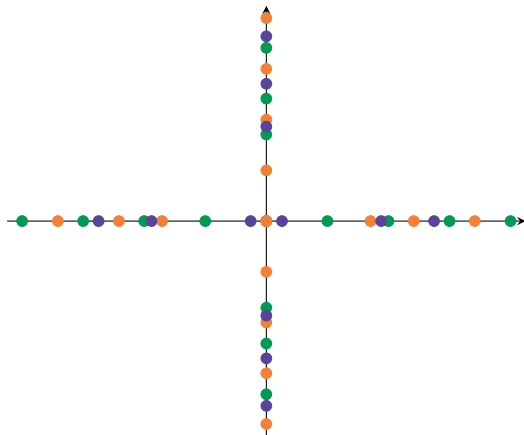
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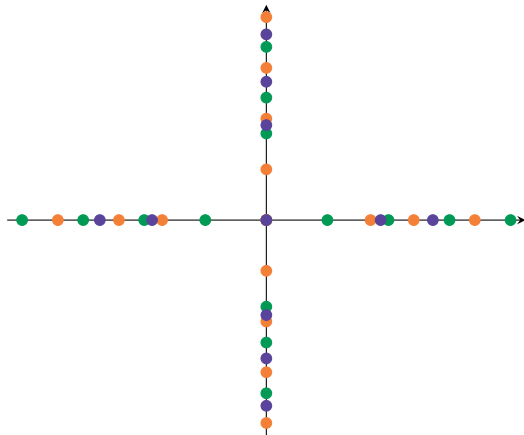
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The continuation argument for \tilde{F}_γ in the λ plane



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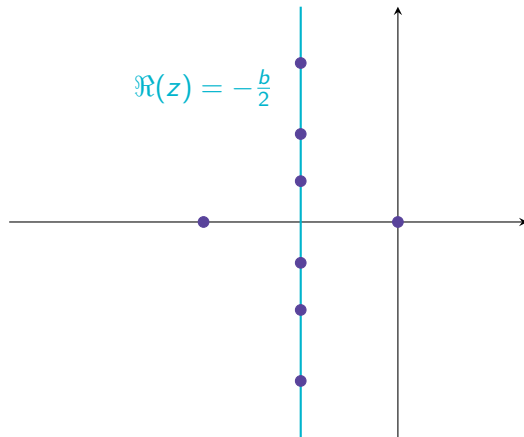
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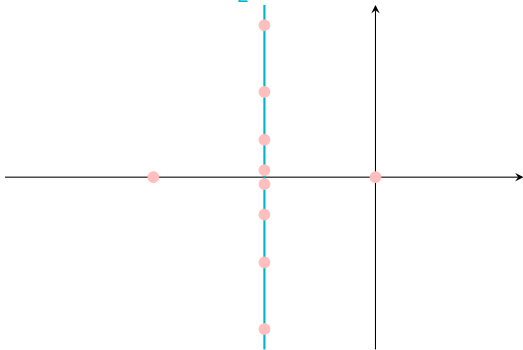
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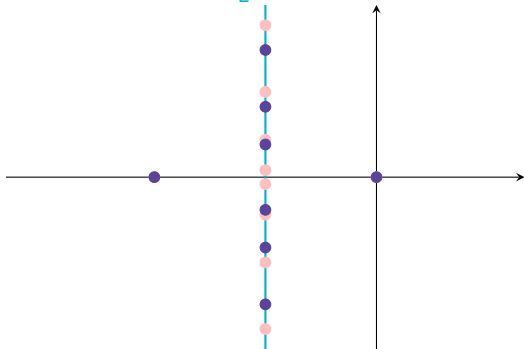


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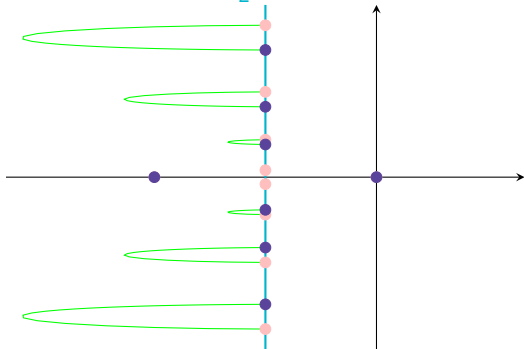
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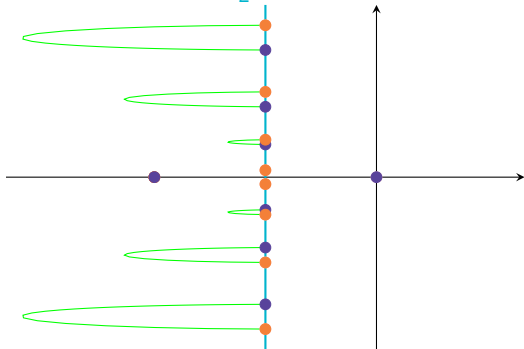
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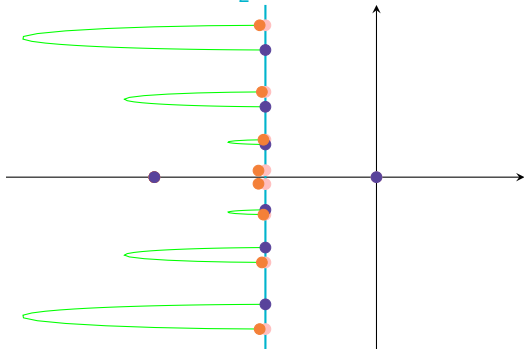
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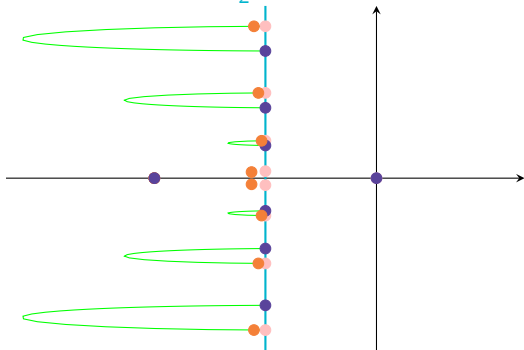
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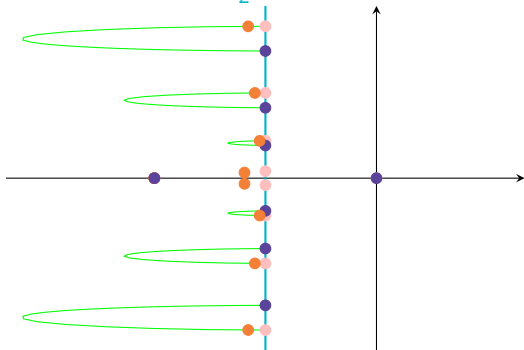
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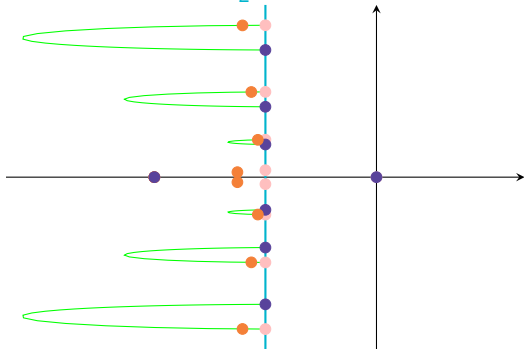
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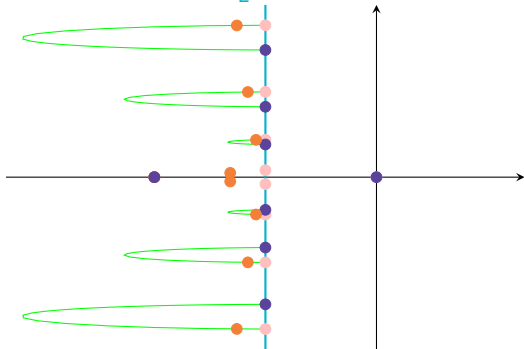
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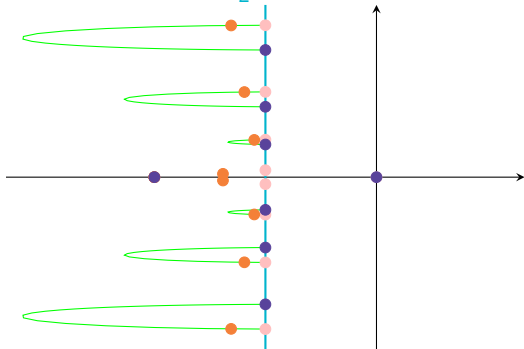
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Orange: eigenvalues ($\alpha = 0.5$)

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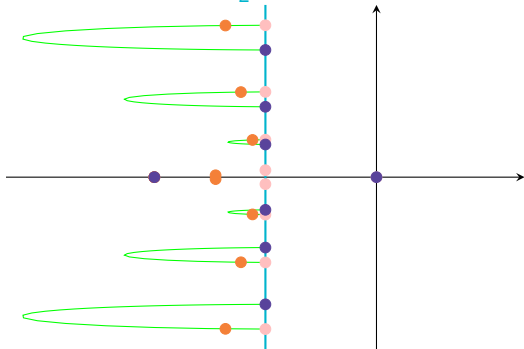
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Orange: eigenvalues ($\alpha = 0.6$)

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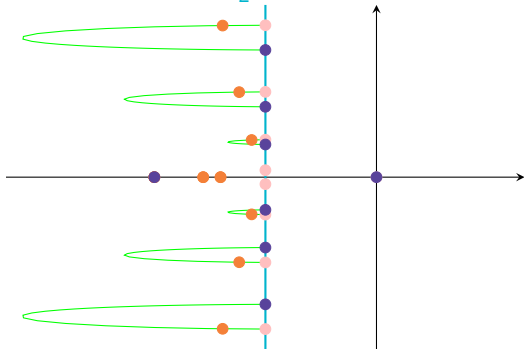
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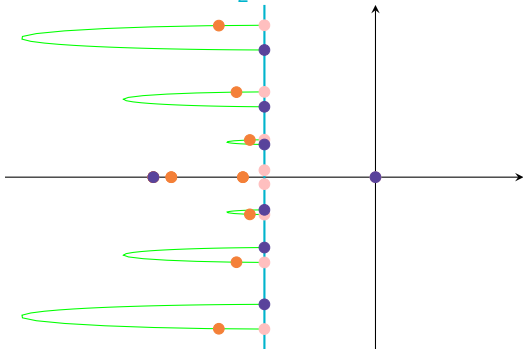
Violet: roots of F_1 ($\alpha \rightarrow +\infty$)

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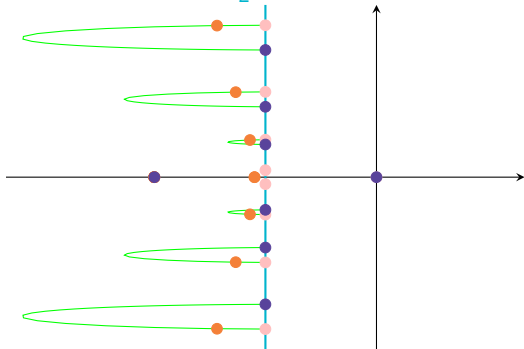
Violet: roots of F_1 ($\alpha \rightarrow +\infty$)

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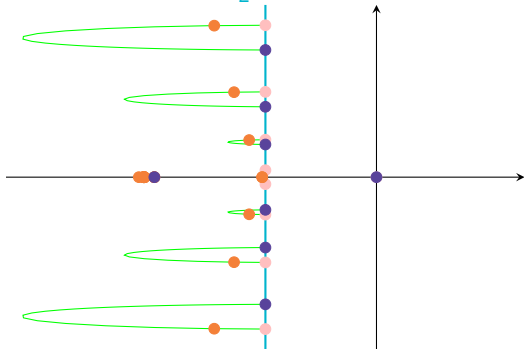
Violet: roots of F_1 ($\alpha \rightarrow +\infty$)

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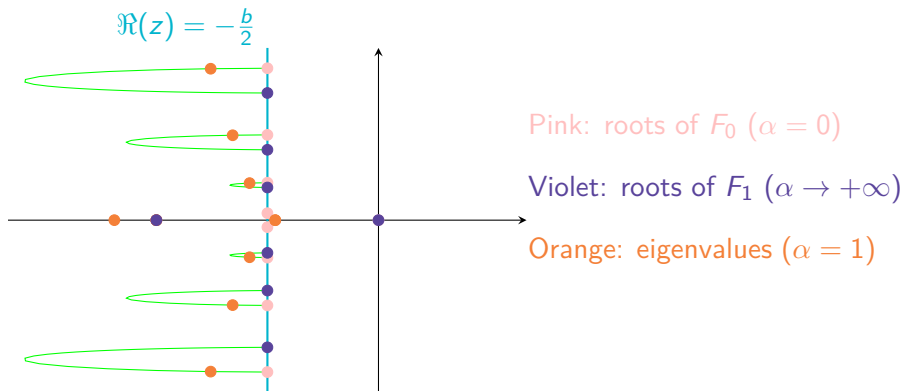
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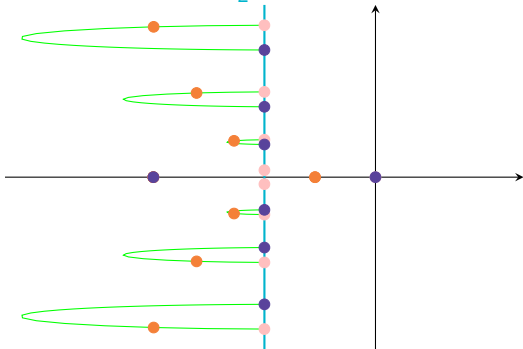
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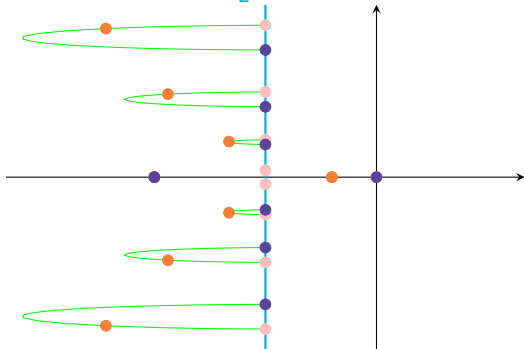
Violet: roots of F_1 ($\alpha \rightarrow +\infty$)

Orange: eigenvalues ($\alpha = 2$)

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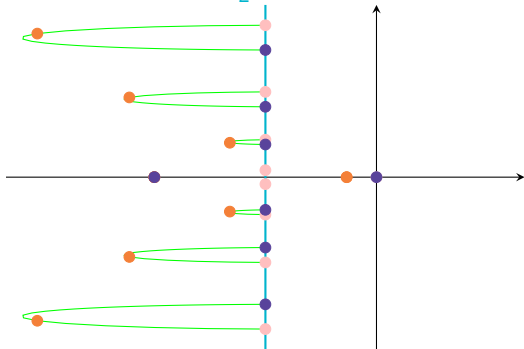
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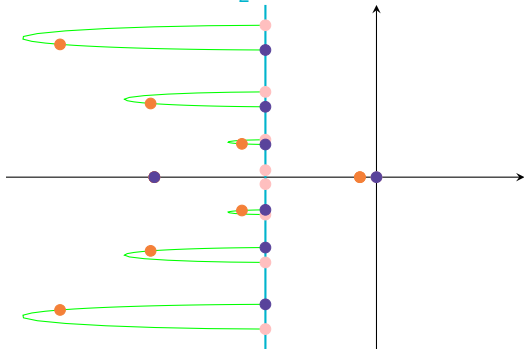
Violet: roots of F_1 ($\alpha \rightarrow +\infty$)

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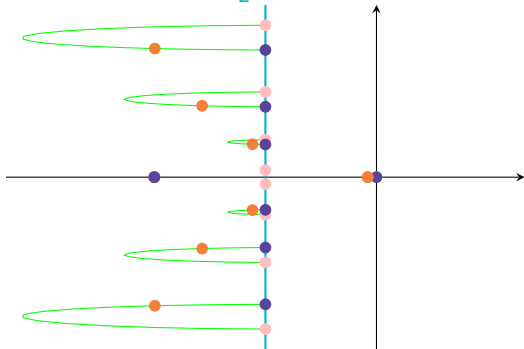
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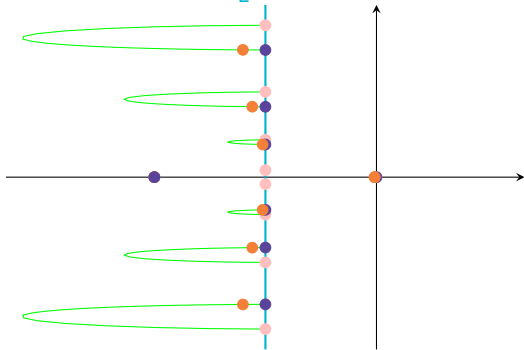
Violet: roots of F_1 ($\alpha \rightarrow +\infty$)

Orange: eigenvalues ($\alpha = 20$)

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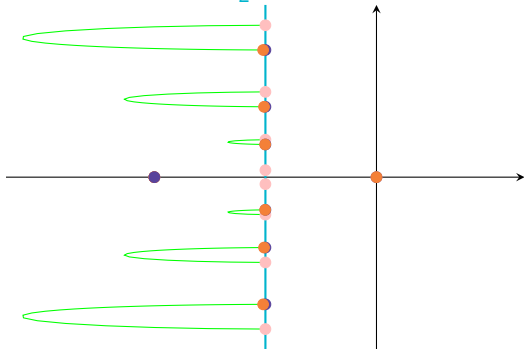
Violet: roots of F_1 ($\alpha \rightarrow +\infty$)

Orange: eigenvalues ($\alpha = 100$)

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Pink: roots of F_0 ($\alpha = 0$)

Violet: roots of F_1 ($\alpha \rightarrow +\infty$)

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A physical conclusion

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Thanks for your attention!

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