Multifractality of the tight-binding eigenstates on the Fibonacci chain

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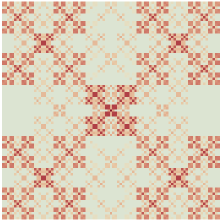

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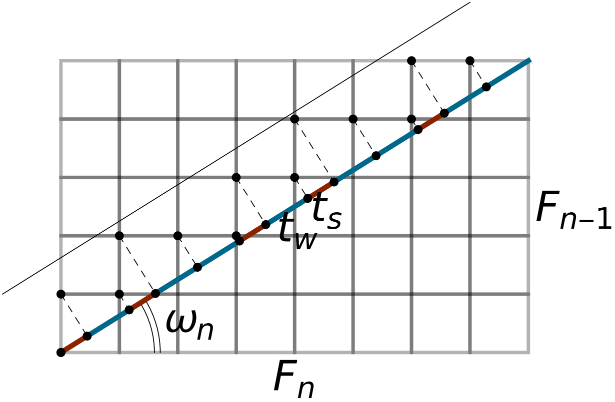
The pure hopping Fibonacci Hamiltonian



$$\omega_n = \frac{F_{n-1}}{F_n}$$

$$\omega_n \to \omega = \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}$$

$$\rho = \frac{t_w}{t_s} < 1$$

$\rho \to 1$ (weak modulation)

$\rho \ll 1$ (strong modulation)

$$H_n = -\sum_i t_i^{(n)} \left|i\right\rangle \left\langle i+1\right| + \text{h.c.}$$

Atoms & molecules; decimation

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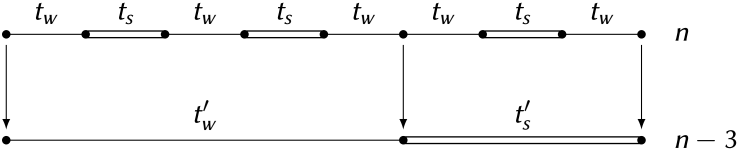

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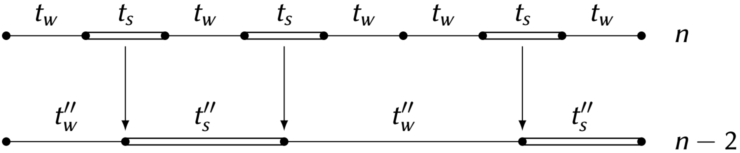

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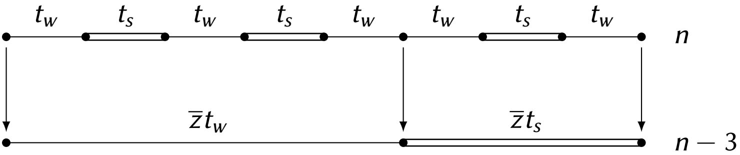

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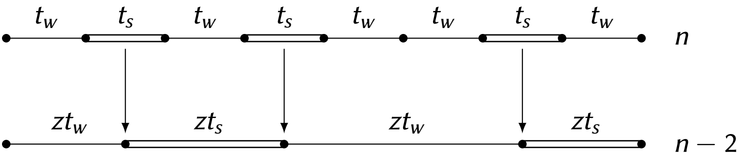

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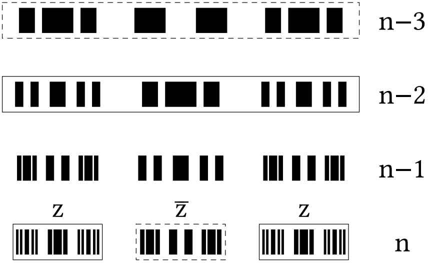
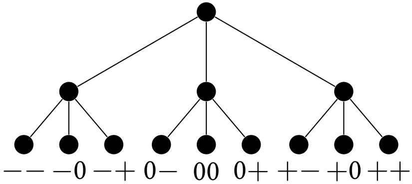
Renormalization group & construction of the spectrum

$$H_n = \underbrace{(zH_{n-2} - t_s)}_{\text{molecular sites}} \oplus \underbrace{(\bar{z}H_{n-3})}_{\text{atomic sites}} \oplus \underbrace{(zH_{n-2} + t_s)}_{\text{molecular sites}} + \mathcal{O}(\rho^4)$$

$\rightarrow$ simple recursive construction of the spectrum (Niu & Nori 1986, Piéchon *et al* 1995)





Renormalization paths characterized by

$$x(E) = \frac{n_+ + n_-}{n}$$

Fractal dimensions

Characterize the spectrum: multifractal analysis (Halsey *et al* 1986)

Stat. properties of the bands: $\begin{cases} \Delta_n^a \sim (1/F_n)^{1/\alpha_a} \\ \#\{\text{bands of scaling } \alpha\} \sim F_n^{f(\alpha)} \end{cases}$

Fractal dimensions of the spectrum: $(q-1)D_q = \min_\alpha(\alpha q - f(\alpha))$

$$\alpha(x) = \log\omega / \left(x \log z/\bar{z}^{2/3} + \log \bar{z}^{1/3} \right)$$

$$f(\alpha(x)) = \frac{x \log\left(\frac{3x}{2}\right) - (x+1)\log(x+1)^{1/3} + (1-2x)\log(1-2x)^{1/3}}{\log\omega}$$

(Piéchon *et al* 1995, Rüdinger & Piéchon 1998)

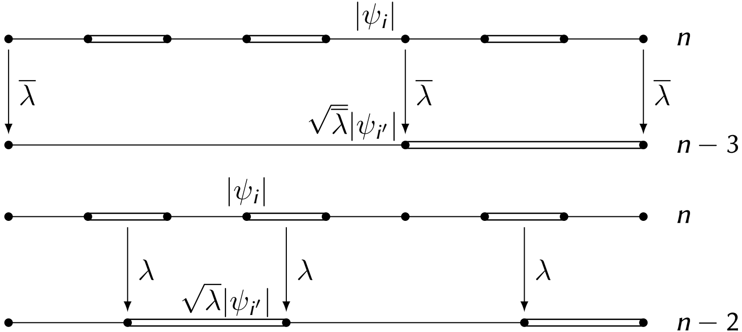
Fractal dimensions of the wavefunctions

$$\text{Stat. properties of } \psi\text{: } \sum_i |\psi_i^{(n)}(E)|^{2q} \sim (1/F_n)^{(q-1)D_q^{\psi}(E)}$$

- Wavefunctions at the center and the edges of the spectrum are multifractal (Kohmoto)
- Averaged multifractal dimensions of the wavefunction known perturbatively (Thiem & Schreiber 2013)
- Our work:
  - Use the RG approach to determine perturbatively all wavefunctions
  - Compute their fractal dimensions

RG for the wavefunctions

We can relate the wavefunctions of H_n to the wavefunctions of H_{n-2}, H_{n-3}:



$$\begin{cases} |\psi_i^{(n)}(E)|^2 = \overline{\lambda}|\psi_{i'}^{(n-3)}(E')|^2 \text{ if } E \text{ is in the central cluster} \\ |\psi_i^{(n)}(E)|^2 = \lambda|\psi_{i'}^{(n-2)}(E')|^2 \text{ if } E \text{ is in the edge clusters} \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} \overline{\lambda} \sim 1/(1+\rho^2/2) \\ \lambda \sim 1/(2+\rho^2) \end{cases}$$

Renormalization paths and fractal dimensions of the wavefunctions

- Fractal dimensions of the wavefunction of energy E:

$$\sum_i |\psi_i^{(n)}(E)|^{2q} \sim (1/F_n)^{(q-1)D_q^{\psi}(E)}$$

- Using the RG:

$$|\psi_i^{(n)}(E)|^{2q} = \lambda^q |\psi_{i'}^{(n-2)}(E')|$$

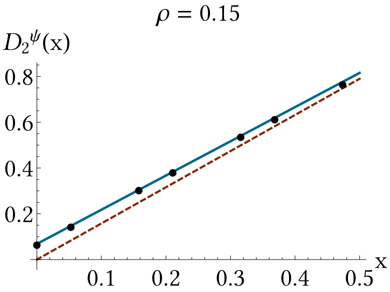
- $D_q^{\psi}(E)$ is a function of the renormalization path

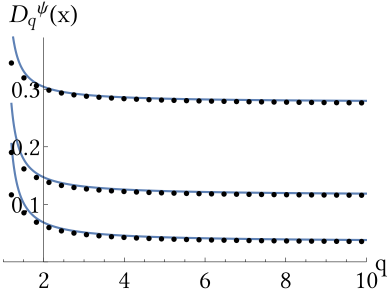
$$E \to E' \to E'' \to \ldots$$

- and actually only of x(E):

$$D_q^{\psi}(x) = x\frac{\log 1/2}{\log\omega} + \frac{q}{q-1}\left(x\frac{\log\lambda}{\log\omega} + \frac{1-2x}{3}\frac{\log\overline{\lambda}}{\log\omega}\right)$$

Comparison with numerical data

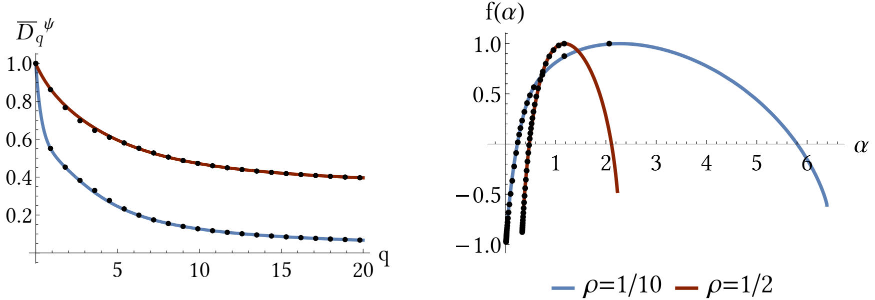




- All states are critical in the strong modulation limit
- Their multifractal character is captured by our description
- x is the relevant parameter

Energy averaged multifractality of the wavefunctions

$$\frac{1}{F_n}\sum_E \sum_i |\psi_i^{(n)}(E)|^{2q} \sim (1/F_n)^{(q-1)\bar{D}_q^{\psi}}$$



- Multifractality
- Quantitative agreement even for $\rho \simeq 0.5$.

Conclusion

- Computation of the wavefunctions of the Fibonacci tight-binding chain , in the strong modulation limit, exploiting the deflation symmetry of the chain.
- First analytical computation of the fractal exponents of the wavefunctions, in that limit.

- Fractal dimensions characterize the wavefunctions (critical), and are involved in the computation of transport and susceptibility properties.