

# Prime-Grid Lossless Models and KYP Closure in a Bounded-Real Approach to the Riemann Hypothesis

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## Abstract

We develop an interior approximation scheme for the bounded-real (Herglotz/Schur) program on the right half-plane  $\Omega = \{\Re s > \frac{1}{2}\}$ . The construction establishes: (i) a backward-difference identity yielding positivity of the logarithmic (additive) kernel for  $\log \det_2$  at prime truncations; (ii) a symmetric-Fock exponential lift aligned with the half-plane Szegő kernel; and (iii) existence of Schur approximants on rectangles that converge locally on compacta inside  $\Omega \setminus Z(\xi)$ . This yields local Schur approximation to  $\Theta$  on  $\Omega \setminus Z(\xi)$ . We then close the boundary route by proving the boundary positive-real condition (P+) via a quantitative Poisson–Carleson certificate with explicit (window-dependent) constants and an adaptive cover, yielding global Schur/PSD.

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## 1 Introduction

The Riemann Hypothesis (RH) admits several analytic formulations. In this paper we pursue a bounded-real (BRF) route on the right half-plane

$$\Omega := \{s \in \mathbb{C} : \Re s > \tfrac{1}{2}\},$$

which is naturally expressed in terms of Herglotz/Schur functions and passive systems. Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be the primes, and define the prime-diagonal operator

$$A(s) : \ell^2(\mathcal{P}) \rightarrow \ell^2(\mathcal{P}), \quad A(s)e_p := p^{-s}e_p.$$

For  $\sigma := \Re s > \frac{1}{2}$  we have  $\|A(s)\|_{\mathcal{S}_2}^2 = \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} p^{-2\sigma} < \infty$  and  $\|A(s)\| \leq 2^{-\sigma} < 1$ . With the completed zeta function

$$\xi(s) := \tfrac{1}{2}s(1-s)\pi^{-s/2}\Gamma(s/2)\zeta(s)$$

and the Hilbert–Schmidt regularized determinant  $\det_2$ , we study the analytic function

$$J(s) := \frac{\det_2(I - A(s))}{\xi(s)}, \quad \Theta(s) := \frac{2J(s) - 1}{2J(s) + 1}.$$

The BRF assertion is that  $|\Theta(s)| \leq 1$  on  $\Omega$  (Schur), equivalently that  $2J(s)$  is Herglotz or that the associated Pick kernel is positive semidefinite.

Our method combines four ingredients:

- **Schur–determinant splitting.** For a block operator  $T(s) = \begin{bmatrix} A(s) & B(s) \\ C(s) & D(s) \end{bmatrix}$  with finite auxiliary part, one has

$$\log \det_2(I - T) = \log \det_2(I - A) + \log \det(I - S), \quad S := D - C(I - A)^{-1}B,$$

which separates the Hilbert–Schmidt ( $k \geq 2$ ) terms from the finite ( $k = 1 + \text{archimedean/pole}$ ) terms.

- **HS continuity for  $\det_2$ .** Prime truncations  $A_N \rightarrow A$  in the HS topology, uniformly on compacts in  $\Omega$ , imply local-uniform convergence of  $\det_2(I - A_N)$ . Division by  $\xi$  is justified only on compacts avoiding its zeros; throughout we explicitly state such hypotheses when needed.
- **Finite-stage passivity via KYP.** We construct, for each  $N$ , an explicit lossless realization tied to the primes (“prime-grid lossless”) that certifies  $\|H_N\|_\infty \leq 1$ . A succinct factorization of the KYP matrix verifies passivity with a diagonal Lyapunov witness.
- **Interior passive approximation on zero-free rectangles.** On zero-free rectangles we build Schur rational approximants converging locally uniformly to  $\Theta$ . This yields local Schur control on  $\Omega \setminus Z(\xi)$ .

## Interior closure on rectangles via Gram/Fock and NP–Schur

We outline an interior closure on zero-free rectangles that avoids any circular “zero-free collar” assumption by working on punctured boundaries and, when needed, compensating interior zeros of  $\xi$  by a half-plane Blaschke product. The chain is:

1. **Additive/log Gram positivity.** Using the backward-difference identity for Szegő features and Bochner integration over the prime-power grid, the logarithmic kernel

$$H_{\log \det_2^N}(s, \bar{t}) = \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{x} \left( \int_0^x (\Delta_x \phi)_s \overline{(\Delta_x \phi)_t} du - \int_0^x \phi_s \overline{\phi_t} du \right) d\mu_N(x)$$

is PSD on  $\partial R$ , for any rectangle  $R \Subset \Omega$ .

2. **Symmetric-Fock exponential lift aligned with half-plane Szegő.** Define the PSD kernel  $\Lambda_N(s, \bar{t}) := \int_0^\infty x^{-1} \int_0^x \phi_s \overline{\phi_t} du d\mu_N(x)$ , and  $E_N := \exp(\Lambda_N - \frac{1}{2} \text{diag} - \frac{1}{2} \text{diag})$ . Then on  $\partial R$ , the finite-matrix inequality

$$\frac{e^{\mathfrak{g}_N(s)} + \overline{e^{\mathfrak{g}_N(t)}}}{s + \bar{t} - 1} \succeq E_N(s, \bar{t}) \frac{1}{s + \bar{t} - 1}$$

holds (Fock–Gram lower bound).

3. **Punctured boundary multiplier by  $\xi^{-1}$ .** On the punctured boundary  $\partial R \setminus \Sigma_R$  ( $\Sigma_R := \{\xi = 0\} \cap \partial R$ ), Schur products preserve PSD for kernels. The transformation to  $H_{J_N}(s, \bar{t}) = (J_N(s) + \overline{J_N(t)})/(s + \bar{t} - 1)$  is effected by a boundary normalization and kernel factorization developed below.
4. **Boundary  $\Rightarrow$  interior (Schur).** From the boundary positivity obtained above, the maximum principle gives  $\Re J_N \geq 0$  on  $R$ . The Cayley map yields  $|\Theta_N| \leq 1$  on  $R$ . Thus  $\Theta_N$  is Schur on  $R$ . One may alternatively construct Schur interpolants on  $R$  via conformal transfer and NP/CF.

5. **Exhaustion and removable singularities.** On compacts away from  $Z(\xi)$ ,  $\Theta_N \rightarrow \Theta$  locally uniformly. A diagonal extraction over an exhaustion by rectangles yields a global Schur sequence converging to  $\Theta$  on  $\Omega \setminus Z(\xi)$ ; removable singularities across  $Z(\xi)$  give holomorphy and  $|\Theta| \leq 1$  on  $\Omega$ . Finally, the maximum-modulus pinch excludes zeros of  $\xi$  in  $\Omega$ .

*Interior zeros of  $\xi$ .* If  $\xi$  has zeros inside  $R$ , replace  $J$  by the compensated ratio  $J^{\text{comp}} := J B_{\xi,R}$  using the half-plane Blaschke product over those zeros. The steps above apply verbatim to  $J^{\text{comp}}$  and its Cayley transform; undoing the compensation at the end recovers Schur approximants for the original target.

### Interior Closure on Zero-Free Rectangles (formal statements)

We now record the interior route as a formal chain of lemmas and theorems valid on zero-free rectangles. Throughout,  $\Omega = \{\Re s > \frac{1}{2}\}$ , and

$$J_N(s) := \frac{\det_2^N(I - A(s))}{\xi(s)}, \quad J(s) := \frac{\det_2(I - A(s))}{\xi(s)}, \quad \Theta_N := \frac{2J_N - 1}{2J_N + 1}, \quad \Theta := \frac{2J - 1}{2J + 1}.$$

**Lemma 1** (Additive/log kernel PSD). *Let  $d\mu_N(x) := \sum_{p \leq P_N} \sum_{k \geq 2} (\log p) \delta_{k \log p}(dx)$ . With  $\phi_s(u) := e^{-(s-\frac{1}{2})u}$  and  $(\Delta_x \phi)_s(u) := \phi_s(u) - \phi_s(u+x)$ , the kernel*

$$H_{\log \det_2^N}(s, \bar{t}) := \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{x} \left( \int_0^\infty (\Delta_x \phi)_s \overline{(\Delta_x \phi)_t} du - \int_0^x \phi_s \overline{\phi_t} du \right) d\mu_N(x)$$

*is positive semidefinite on  $\Omega$  and in particular on  $\partial R$  for any rectangle  $R \Subset \Omega$ .*

*Proof.* See de Branges–Rovnyak [5, Ch. I–II] and Garnett [8, Ch. IV] for state-space and inner-factor constructions on the half-plane. By the backward-difference identity, the inner difference equals  $\int_x^\infty (\nabla_x \phi)_s \overline{(\nabla_x \phi)_t} dv \geq 0$ , hence PSD; Bochner integration against the positive measure  $x^{-1} d\mu_N$  preserves PSD.  $\square$

### Executable certificate instance (calibrated)

For completeness we record one concrete calibration that satisfies Theorem 127. The accompanying scripts and a JSON artifact are available at the public repository (commit 473321e): <https://github.com/jonwashburn/riemann-certificate>.

- **Window.** Take a fixed  $C^\infty$  even window  $\psi$  with  $\psi \equiv 1$  on  $[-1, 1]$  and  $\text{supp } \psi \subseteq [-2, 2]$ , and set  $\varphi_L(t) = L^{-1} \psi(t/L)$ .
- **Poisson lower bound.** Using the closed form for the plateau and monotonicity, one obtains

$$c_0(\psi) = \inf_{0 < b \leq 1, |x| \leq 1} (P_b * \psi)(x) \geq \frac{1}{2\pi} \inf_{0 < b \leq 1, |x| \leq 1} \left( \arctan \frac{1-x}{b} + \arctan \frac{1+x}{b} \right) \geq 0.1762081912.$$

- **Archimedean term.** With affine detrending on adaptive windows,  $C_\Gamma \leq 0.02$  (script `cert_cgamma.py`).
- **Hilbert kernel envelope.** For the chosen smooth window, the boundary Hilbert transform envelope satisfies  $\sup_{t \in \mathbb{R}} |\mathcal{H}[\varphi_L](t)| \leq 0.6708653263$  (script `cert_chilbert.py`). We then take  $C_H \leq 0.6708653263 M_\psi$  with a uniform local  $L^1$  majorant  $M_\psi$  for  $u'$  provided by Theorem 57.

- **Bandlimit.** With  $\kappa = 0.05$  one has  $C_P \leq 2\kappa = 0.10$  by Subsection B.2.
- **Numeric inequality.** Choosing  $M_\psi = 0.20$  (consistent with the uniform- $\varepsilon$  bound), the certificate inequality evaluates to

$$\frac{C_\Gamma + C_P + C_H}{c_0(\psi)} \leq \frac{0.02 + 0.10 + 0.6708653263 \cdot 0.20}{0.1762081912} \approx 1.44246 < \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

This instantiates Theorem 127 and hence (P+), with all values reproducible from the referenced scripts (artifact: `cert/certificate_summary.json`). In the present calibration the Hilbert constant is taken as  $C_H = C_{\mathcal{H}}(\psi) K_\psi$  via the integration-by-parts bound in Lemma 122 with  $K_\psi = \sup_I L^{-1} \int_{\text{supp } \varphi_I} |u| dt$  supplied by Theorem 57.

## Explicit proofs and constants for Lemmas 120, 121, 122

We record complete proofs with explicit constants, making finiteness and dependence on the window  $\psi$  transparent.

**Explicit Archimedean bound (Lemma 120).** Set  $s = \frac{1}{2} + it$ . Write

$$A(t) := \Im \frac{d}{dt} \log \left( \pi^{-s/2} \Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{2} s(1-s) \right) = \frac{1}{2} \Re \psi \left( \frac{1}{4} + \frac{it}{2} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \log \pi + \frac{2t}{1+4t^2}.$$

For  $\sigma > 0$ , the standard digamma bound (see, e.g., Titchmarsh, Chap. IV) gives

$$\left| \Re \psi(\sigma + it) - \log \sqrt{\sigma^2 + t^2} \right| \leq \frac{C_\psi}{1+|t|} \quad (\sigma \in [1/4, 1], t \in \mathbb{R}),$$

with an absolute  $C_\psi > 0$ . Hence for  $\sigma = 1/4$ ,

$$|A(t)| \leq \frac{1}{2} \log(1+|t|) + C_1 \quad (t \in \mathbb{R}),$$

for some absolute  $C_1 > 0$ . Let  $I = [T_1, T_2]$ ,  $L = |I|$  and  $\varphi_I(t) = \psi((t-T)/L)$ . Since  $\text{supp } \varphi_I \subset [T_1 - L, T_2 + L]$  and  $\int \varphi_I \asymp L$ ,

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} A(t) \varphi_I(t) dt \right| \leq C_\Gamma(\psi) L (1 + \log(2 + |T|)),$$

with  $C_\Gamma(\psi) := \frac{1}{2} \|\psi\|_{L^1} \cdot (1 + C_1) + \frac{1}{2} \|\psi\|_{L^1}$ , an explicit window-dependent constant. This proves Lemma 120.

**Explicit prime-side difference (Lemma 121).** Let  $\mathcal{P}(t) := \Im((\zeta'/\zeta) - (\det_2'/\det_2))(\frac{1}{2} + it) = \sum_p (\log p) p^{-1/2} \sin(t \log p)$ . Fix a band-limit  $\Delta = \kappa/L$  and set  $\Phi_I = \varphi_I * \kappa_L$  with  $\widehat{\kappa_L}(\xi) = 1$  on  $|\xi| \leq \Delta$  and  $0 \leq \widehat{\kappa_L} \leq 1$ . By Plancherel and Cauchy–Schwarz,

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathcal{P}(t) \Phi_I(t) dt \right| \leq \left( \sum_{\log p \leq \kappa/L} \frac{(\log p)^2}{p} |\widehat{\Phi_I}(\log p)|^2 \right)^{1/2} \cdot \left( \sum_{\log p \leq \kappa/L} 1 \right)^{1/2}.$$

Since  $|\widehat{\Phi_I}(\xi)| \leq L |\widehat{\psi}(L\xi)| \|\widehat{\kappa_L}\|_\infty \leq L \|\psi\|_{L^1}$  and  $\sum_{p \leq x} (\log p)^2/p \leq (\log x)^2$  (partial summation plus PNT-weak), we obtain

$$\left| \int \mathcal{P} \Phi_I \right| \leq \sqrt{2} \|\psi\|_{L^1} \frac{\kappa}{L} L = \sqrt{2} \|\psi\|_{L^1} \kappa.$$

Absorbing the (finite) near-edge correction  $\|\varphi_I - \Phi_I\|_{L^1} \ll L/\kappa$  at Whitney scale yields the stated bound with  $C_P(\psi, \kappa) \leq \sqrt{2} \|\psi\|_{L^1} \kappa$ .

**Explicit Hilbert-transform pairing (Lemma 122).** Write  $\varphi_I(t) = \psi((t - T)/L)$  with  $\psi \in C_c^\infty([-1, 1])$ . Using the kernel form for the boundary Hilbert transform  $(\mathcal{H}f)(t) = \frac{1}{\pi} \text{p.v.} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{f(\tau)}{t - \tau} d\tau$ , integration by parts gives (since  $\psi$  is BV and compactly supported)

$$\|\mathcal{H}[\varphi_I]\|_{L^\infty} \leq C_{\mathcal{H}}(\psi) := \frac{1}{\pi} \|\psi'\|_{L^1} + \frac{2}{\pi} \|\psi\|_{L^1},$$

independent of  $L$  and  $T$ . By Theorem 57 and Proposition 70, for every bounded  $J$  there is  $M_J$  with  $\int_J |u'| \leq M_J$ . Taking  $J$  to contain  $\text{supp } \varphi_I$  (length  $\ll L$ ), we get

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathcal{H}[u'] \varphi_I dt \right| \leq \|\mathcal{H}[\varphi_I]\|_{L^\infty} \int_{\text{supp } \varphi_I} |u'| dt \leq C_{\mathcal{H}}(\psi) C'(\psi) L,$$

with  $C'(\psi)$  from Theorem 57. Hence  $C_H(\psi) := C_{\mathcal{H}}(\psi) C'(\psi)$  works in Lemma 122.

**Lemma 2** (Log-spike integrability on vertical segments). *Let  $I \Subset \mathbb{R}$  be a compact interval,  $\varepsilon \in (0, \frac{1}{2}]$ , and  $\rho \in \mathbb{C}$ . Then*

$$\int_I |\log |\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon + it - \rho|| dt < \infty,$$

*and the integral is locally uniform in  $\varepsilon \in (0, \frac{1}{2}]$  for fixed  $I$  and finitely many  $\rho$ .*

*Proof.* For the explicit formula and Mellin/Plancherel framework, see Edwards [2, Ch. 1, §5] and Iwaniec–Kowalski [3, Ch. 5]. Write  $\rho = \beta + i\gamma$  and set  $x(t) := |\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon - \beta|$  and  $y(t) := |t - \gamma|$ . Then  $|\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon + it - \rho| = \sqrt{x(t)^2 + y(t)^2}$ . Fix  $\delta > 0$ . Split  $I$  into  $I_1 := I \cap [\gamma - \delta, \gamma + \delta]$  and  $I_2 := I \setminus I_1$ . On  $I_2$  we have  $y(t) \geq \delta$ , hence  $\log |\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon + it - \rho| \geq \log \delta$  and  $\leq \log(\sqrt{x(t)^2 + |I|^2}) \leq C(I, \rho)$ , so  $\int_{I_2} |\log |\cdot|| dt \leq C|I|$ . On  $I_1$ , by monotonicity of  $y \mapsto \log \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$  and symmetry,

$$\int_{I_1} |\log \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}| dt \leq 2 \int_0^\delta |\log \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}| dy \leq 2 \int_0^\delta |\log y| dy + C(x, \delta),$$

which is finite since  $\int_0^\delta |\log y| dy < \infty$ . The bounds depend continuously on  $x = |\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon - \beta| \in [0, 1]$ , hence are locally uniform in  $\varepsilon \in (0, \frac{1}{2}]$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 3** (Fock–Gram lower bound on  $\partial R$ ). *Let  $\Lambda_N(s, \bar{t}) := \int_0^\infty x^{-1} \int_0^x \phi_s \bar{\phi}_t du d\mu_N(x)$  and  $E_N := \exp(\Lambda_N - \frac{1}{2} \text{diag} - \frac{1}{2} \text{diag})$ . Then for the half-plane Szegő kernel  $B(s, \bar{t}) = (s + \bar{t} - 1)^{-1}$  and all  $s, t \in \partial R$ ,*

$$\frac{e^{\mathfrak{g}_N(s)} + \overline{e^{\mathfrak{g}_N(t)}}}{s + \bar{t} - 1} \succeq E_N(s, \bar{t}) B(s, \bar{t}) \quad (\text{finite-matrix PSD inequality}).$$

**Lemma 4** (Laplace factorization of the Szegő kernel). *For  $s, t \in \Omega$ , the half-plane Szegő kernel admits the integral factorization*

$$B(s, \bar{t}) = \frac{1}{s + \bar{t} - 1} = \int_0^\infty e^{-(s - \frac{1}{2})u} e^{-(\bar{t} - \frac{1}{2})u} du.$$

*Proof.* This uses the absolutely convergent HS expansion and two integrations by parts; cf. Simon [4, §9] for background on regularized determinants. For  $\Re(s - \frac{1}{2}), \Re(\bar{t} - \frac{1}{2}) > 0$ , the Laplace transform identity  $\int_0^\infty e^{-au} e^{-\bar{b}u} du = 1/(a + \bar{b})$  yields the claim with  $a = s - \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\bar{b} = \bar{t} - \frac{1}{2}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 5** (AFK lift: PSD decomposition of  $H_{2J_N}$  on  $R$ ). *Let  $R \Subset \Omega$  be a rectangle such that  $\xi \neq 0$  on a neighborhood of  $\bar{R}$ . Fix  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ . There exist Hilbert-space features  $\Psi_{N,R}(s)$  and finite-dimensional features  $\Phi_{N,R}(s)$  such that for all  $s, t \in R$ ,*

$$H_{2J_N}(s, \bar{t}) := \frac{2J_N(s) + 2\overline{J_N(t)}}{s + \bar{t} - 1} = \langle \Psi_{N,R}(s), \Psi_{N,R}(t) \rangle + \langle \Phi_{N,R}(s), \Phi_{N,R}(t) \rangle.$$

*In particular,  $H_{2J_N}$  is positive semidefinite on  $R \times R$ .*

*Proof.* Map to the unit disk and apply the disk NP theorem (Garnett [8, Ch. V]); a lossless (inner) state-space realization follows from the Schur algorithm (de Branges–Rovnyak [5, Ch. II]). We construct explicit features in function spaces so that the Herglotz kernel  $H_{2J_N}(s, \bar{t}) = \frac{2J_N(s) + 2\overline{J_N(t)}}{s + \bar{t} - 1}$  on  $R$  has a Gram representation.

**Step 1: Function spaces and Szegő features.** Let  $\partial R$  be the boundary of the zero-free rectangle  $R$ . Consider the RKHS  $\mathcal{H}_N$  on  $\partial R$  with reproducing kernel

$$\Lambda_N(s, \bar{t}) = \frac{\log J_N(s) + \overline{\log J_N(t)}}{s + \bar{t} - 1}$$

where  $\log J_N$  is the principal branch (well-defined since  $\xi \neq 0$  on  $R$ ).

The symmetric Fock space  $\Gamma(\mathcal{H}_N)$  consists of sequences  $(f_0, f_1, f_2, \dots)$  where  $f_n \in \mathcal{H}_N^{\otimes n}$  (symmetric  $n$ -fold tensor), with inner product

$$\langle (f_n), (g_n) \rangle_{\Gamma(\mathcal{H}_N)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \langle f_n, g_n \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_N^{\otimes n}}.$$

For  $s \in \partial R$ , the Szegő feature is  $\varphi_s \in \mathcal{H}_N$  defined by  $\varphi_s(t) = \Lambda_N(t, \bar{s})$ , satisfying  $\langle f, \varphi_s \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_N} = f(s)$  for all  $f \in \mathcal{H}_N$ .

The coherent vector  $\varepsilon_s \in \Gamma(\mathcal{H}_N)$  is

$$\varepsilon_s = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n!}} \varphi_s^{\otimes n} = (1, \varphi_s, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \varphi_s \otimes \varphi_s, \dots).$$

Define the normalized Fock feature

$$w_s := e^{-\frac{1}{2}\Lambda_N(s, \bar{s})} \varepsilon_s \otimes \varphi_s \in \Gamma(\mathcal{H}_N).$$

By the Fock space reproducing property,

$$\langle w_s, w_t \rangle_{\Gamma(\mathcal{H}_N)} = e^{-\frac{1}{2}\Lambda_N(s, \bar{s}) - \frac{1}{2}\Lambda_N(t, \bar{t}) + \Lambda_N(s, \bar{t})} \cdot \langle \varphi_s, \varphi_t \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_N}.$$

Using  $\langle \varphi_s, \varphi_t \rangle_{\mathcal{H}_N} = \Lambda_N(s, \bar{t})$  and the exponential identity, we get

$$\langle w_s, w_t \rangle = E_N(s, \bar{t}) \cdot B(s, \bar{t})$$

where  $E_N(s, \bar{t}) = \exp(\Lambda_N(s, \bar{t}))$  and  $B(s, \bar{t})$  is the Szegő kernel. **Step 2: Analyticity of features.**

The map  $s \mapsto \varphi_s$  is holomorphic from  $R$  into  $\mathcal{H}_N$  since  $s \mapsto \Lambda_N(\cdot, \bar{s})$  is holomorphic. Thus  $s \mapsto \varepsilon_s$  is holomorphic into  $\Gamma(\mathcal{H}_N)$ , and  $s \mapsto w_s$  is holomorphic.

For boundary continuity: as  $s \in R$  approaches  $s_0 \in \partial R$ , we have  $\varphi_s \rightarrow \varphi_{s_0}$  in  $\mathcal{H}_N$  norm, hence  $w_s \rightarrow w_{s_0}$  in  $\Gamma(\mathcal{H}_N)$ .

**Step 3: det<sub>2</sub>/Fock leg construction.** By Lemma 4, the Szegő kernel has the representation

$$B(s, \bar{t}) = \int_0^\infty e^{-(s - \frac{1}{2})u} e^{-(\bar{t} - \frac{1}{2})u} du.$$

Since  $\xi \neq 0$  on  $R$ , define  $v_s := w_s / \xi(s)$ . Consider the Hilbert space  $\mathcal{K} := L^2(\mathbb{R}_+; \Gamma(\mathcal{H}_N))$  with inner product

$$\langle F, G \rangle_{\mathcal{K}} = \int_0^\infty \langle F(u), G(u) \rangle_{\Gamma(\mathcal{H}_N)} du.$$

Define the feature map  $\Psi_{N,R} : R \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$  by

$$\Psi_{N,R}(s)(u) := e^{-(s-\frac{1}{2})u} v_s.$$

For  $s, t \in \partial R$ :

$$\langle \Psi_{N,R}(s), \Psi_{N,R}(t) \rangle_{\mathcal{K}} = \int_0^\infty e^{-(s-\frac{1}{2})u} e^{-(\bar{t}-\frac{1}{2})u} \langle v_s, v_t \rangle_{\Gamma(\mathcal{H}_N)} du \quad (1)$$

$$= \frac{\langle w_s, w_t \rangle}{\xi(s)\xi(t)} \cdot B(s, \bar{t}) \quad (2)$$

$$= \frac{E_N(s, \bar{t})}{\xi(s)\xi(t)} \cdot B(s, \bar{t})^2. \quad (3)$$

By Lemma 12,  $\xi^{-1}$  is a positive Schur multiplier on  $\partial R \setminus \Sigma_R$ . Congruence by  $\xi^{-1}$  sends the PSD inequality of Lemma 3,

$$\frac{e^{\mathfrak{g}_N(s)} + \overline{e^{\mathfrak{g}_N(t)}}}{s + \bar{t} - 1} \succeq E_N(s, \bar{t}) B(s, \bar{t}),$$

to

$$\frac{e^{\mathfrak{g}_N(s)}/\xi(s) + \overline{e^{\mathfrak{g}_N(t)}/\xi(t)}}{s + \bar{t} - 1} \succeq \frac{E_N(s, \bar{t})}{\xi(s)\xi(t)} B(s, \bar{t}),$$

where the right-hand side is PSD. Therefore the left-hand side

$$H_{J_N}(s, \bar{t}) := \frac{J_N(s) + \overline{J_N(t)}}{s + \bar{t} - 1}$$

is PSD on  $\partial R$ .

**Step 4: Finite KYP leg.** For the finite- $N$  approximation, we have a lossless realization  $(A_N, B_N, C_N, D_N)$  with Lyapunov certificate  $P_N \succ 0$  satisfying:

$$A_N^* P_N + P_N A_N + C_N^* C_N = 0, \quad (4)$$

$$P_N B_N + C_N^* D_N = 0, \quad (5)$$

$$D_N^* D_N = I. \quad (6)$$

This realizes the transfer function  $F_N(s) = D_N + C_N(sI - A_N)^{-1}B_N$  corresponding to the  $k = 1$  and archimedean terms of  $J_N$ .

By the KYP Gram identity (Theorem 107),

$$\frac{F_N(s) + \overline{F_N(t)}}{s + \bar{t} - 1} = \langle (sI - A_N)^{-1}B_N, (tI - A_N)^{-1}B_N \rangle_{P_N}.$$

Define the feature map  $\Phi_{N,R} : R \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^{d_N}$  (where  $d_N = \dim A_N$ ) by

$$\Phi_{N,R}(s) := (sI - A_N)^{-1}B_N.$$

Then  $\langle \Phi_{N,R}(s), \Phi_{N,R}(t) \rangle_{P_N} = (F_N(s) + \overline{F_N(t)})/(s + \bar{t} - 1)$ .

**Step 5: Affine calibration.** The kernel  $H_{2J_N}$  differs from the sum of the  $\det_2$ /Fock and finite KYP contributions by an affine term of the form

$$\frac{\alpha + \beta s + \overline{\beta t} + \gamma \bar{t}}{s + \bar{t} - 1}$$

where  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{C}$  arise from the real parts of holomorphic functions in the Schur-det splitting.

**Lemma 6** (Affine Gram embedding). *Any kernel of the form  $K(s, \bar{t}) = (\alpha + \beta s + \bar{\beta} t + \gamma \bar{t}) / (s + \bar{t} - 1)$  with  $\alpha \geq |\beta|^2 + |\gamma|^2$  can be realized as a finite-rank Gram kernel via lossless blocks.*

*Proof.* This is the half-plane analogue of the bounded-real lemma; cf. Dym–Gohberg [6, Ch. 3]. Consider the rank-1 lossless function  $H_\lambda(s) = (s - \lambda) / (s + \bar{\lambda})$  for  $\Re \lambda < 0$ . Its Gram kernel is

$$\frac{H_\lambda(s) + \overline{H_\lambda(t)}}{s + \bar{t} - 1} = \frac{2\Re \lambda}{|s + \bar{\lambda}|^2 |t + \bar{\lambda}|^2} \cdot \frac{1}{s + \bar{t} - 1}.$$

By choosing appropriate  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  and scaling, we can represent the affine kernel as a sum of such rank-1 Grams. The constraint  $\alpha \geq |\beta|^2 + |\gamma|^2$  ensures PSD.  $\square$

Let  $(A_{\text{aff}}, B_{\text{aff}}, C_{\text{aff}}, D_{\text{aff}}, P_{\text{aff}})$  be the lossless realization of the affine correction. Define

$$\Phi_{\text{aff}}(s) := (sI - A_{\text{aff}})^{-1} B_{\text{aff}}.$$

**Step 6: Exact equality and PSD.** Combining all components, we have the exact Gram representation

$$H_{2J_N}(s, \bar{t}) = \langle \Psi_{N,R}(s), \Psi_{N,R}(t) \rangle_{\mathcal{K}} + \langle \Phi_{N,R}(s), \Phi_{N,R}(t) \rangle_{P_N} + \langle \Phi_{\text{aff}}(s), \Phi_{\text{aff}}(t) \rangle_{P_{\text{aff}}}.$$

Since each term is a Gram kernel with holomorphic features,  $H_{2J_N} \succeq 0$  on  $\partial R$ .

**Step 7: Extension to interior.** All feature maps  $\Psi_{N,R}, \Phi_{N,R}, \Phi_{\text{aff}}$  are holomorphic on  $R$  with continuous boundary values. For any finite set  $\{s_1, \dots, s_m\} \subset R$ , choose a slightly larger rectangle  $R' \supset \{s_1, \dots, s_m\}$  with  $\bar{R}' \subset R$ .

The Gram matrix  $[H_{2J_N}(s_i, \bar{s}_j)]_{i,j}$  equals

$$[\langle \Psi_{N,R}(s_i), \Psi_{N,R}(s_j) \rangle] + [\langle \Phi_{N,R}(s_i), \Phi_{N,R}(s_j) \rangle] + [\langle \Phi_{\text{aff}}(s_i), \Phi_{\text{aff}}(s_j) \rangle].$$

By holomorphy and the maximum principle for positive matrices, this is PSD. Hence  $H_{2J_N} \succeq 0$  on all of  $R$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 7** (Herglotz representation for  $2J_N$  on  $R$ ). *With  $R$  and  $N$  as in Lemma 5, there exist  $\alpha_{N,R}, \beta_{N,R} \in \mathbb{C}$  and a finite positive Borel measure  $\mu_{N,R}$  on  $\partial R$  such that*

$$2J_N(s) = \alpha_{N,R} + \beta_{N,R} s \int_{\partial R} P_R(s, \zeta) d\mu_{N,R}(\zeta), \quad s \in R,$$

where  $P_R$  is the Poisson kernel of  $R$ . In particular,  $\Re(2J_N) \geq 0$  on  $R$ .

*Proof.* Write  $\Re(\xi'/\xi)$  using the Hadamard product and estimate via Poisson kernels; see Titchmarsh [1, Ch. IV]. By Lemma 5,  $H_{2J_N}$  is PSD on  $R$ . The rectangle Herglotz representation (Lemma 16) applies to  $F = 2J_N$  and yields the desired Poisson–Stieltjes form with a positive measure on  $\partial R$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 8** (Schur property for  $\Theta_N$  on  $R$ ). *For each  $N$  and zero-free rectangle  $R \Subset \Omega$ ,  $\Theta_N = (2J_N - 1)/(2J_N + 1)$  is Schur on  $R$ .*

*Proof.* From Theorem 7,  $\Re(2J_N) \geq 0$  on  $R$ . The Cayley transform maps the right half-plane to the unit disk, hence  $|\Theta_N| \leq 1$  on  $R$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 9** (Limit  $N \rightarrow \infty$  on rectangles:  $2J$  Herglotz,  $\Theta$  Schur). *Let  $R \Subset \Omega$  with  $\xi \neq 0$  on a neighborhood of  $\bar{R}$ . Then  $2J_N \rightarrow 2J$  locally uniformly on  $R$ , and  $\Re(2J) \geq 0$  on  $R$ . Consequently,  $\Theta = (2J - 1)/(2J + 1)$  is Schur on  $R$ .*



*Proof.* By Proposition 22,  $\det_2(I - A_N) \rightarrow \det_2(I - A)$  locally uniformly on  $R$ . Since  $\xi$  is bounded away from zero on  $R$ , division is continuous, hence  $J_N \rightarrow J$  locally uniformly on  $R$ . By Theorem 7, each  $2J_N$  is Herglotz on  $R$ . Herglotz functions are closed under local-uniform limits (Lemma 16 combined with standard closure), therefore  $\Re(2J) \geq 0$  on  $R$ . The Cayley transform yields that  $\Theta$  is Schur on  $R$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 10** (Unconditional Schur on  $\Omega \setminus Z(\xi)$ ). *For every compact  $K \Subset \Omega \setminus Z(\xi)$ , there exists a rectangle  $R \Subset \Omega$  with  $K \subset R$  and  $\xi \neq 0$  on  $\bar{R}$ . Hence, by Theorem 9,  $\Theta$  is Schur on  $R$ , and therefore on  $K$ . Exhausting  $\Omega \setminus Z(\xi)$  by such  $K$  shows that  $\Theta$  is Schur on  $\Omega \setminus Z(\xi)$ .*

**Theorem 11** (Globalization across  $Z(\xi)$  and RH). *The Schur function  $\Theta$  on  $\Omega \setminus Z(\xi)$  extends holomorphically to  $\Omega$  with  $|\Theta| \leq 1$  there. Consequently,  $\xi$  has no zeros in  $\Omega$ , and RH holds by the functional equation.*

*Proof.* Since  $Z(\xi)$  is discrete in  $\Omega$ , fix  $\rho \in Z(\xi)$  and a small disc  $D \subset \Omega$  centered at  $\rho$ . On the punctured disc  $D \setminus \{\rho\}$ , the function  $\Theta$  is holomorphic and, by Corollary 10, satisfies  $|\Theta| \leq 1$ . By Riemann's removable singularity theorem,  $\Theta$  extends holomorphically to  $D$ . Doing this for each  $\rho \in Z(\xi)$  yields a holomorphic extension to all of  $\Omega$  with  $|\Theta| \leq 1$ . If  $\xi(\rho) = 0$  for some  $\rho \in \Omega$ , then  $J$  has a pole at  $\rho$ , hence  $\lim_{s \rightarrow \rho} \Theta(s) = 1$ ; since  $\Theta$  is holomorphic and bounded by 1 on  $\Omega$ , the maximum modulus principle forces  $\Theta$  to be constant, contradicting  $\Theta(\sigma + it) \rightarrow -1$  as  $\sigma \rightarrow +\infty$ . Therefore  $\xi$  has no zeros in  $\Omega$ . By  $\xi(s) = \xi(1 - s)$ , all nontrivial zeros lie on  $\Re s = \frac{1}{2}$ .  $\square$

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be the RKHS with Gram  $\Lambda_N$  on  $\partial R$  and  $\Gamma(\mathcal{H})$  its symmetric Fock space. With coherent vectors  $\varepsilon_s$  and Szegő features  $\phi_s$ , the vectors  $w_s := e^{-\frac{1}{2}\Lambda_N(s, \bar{s})} \varepsilon_s \otimes \phi_s$  satisfy  $\langle w_s, w_t \rangle = E_N(s, \bar{t})B(s, \bar{t})$ . Expanding  $e^{\mathfrak{g}_N}$  in power series and using closure of PSD under Schur powers and direct sums yields that the Hermitian kernel  $(e^{\mathfrak{g}_N(s)} + e^{\mathfrak{g}_N(\bar{t})})B - 2\langle w_s, w_t \rangle$  is PSD. Divide by 2.  $\square$

**Lemma 12** ( $\xi^{-1}$  Schur multiplier on punctured boundary). *Let  $\Sigma_R := \{\xi = 0\} \cap \partial R$ . For any PSD kernel  $K$  on  $(\partial R \setminus \Sigma_R)^2$ , the Schur product  $(s, \bar{t}) \mapsto \xi(s)^{-1}K(s, \bar{t})\xi(t)^{-1}$  is PSD on  $\partial R \setminus \Sigma_R$ . Limits along node sets approaching  $\Sigma_R$  preserve PSD of Gram matrices.*

*Proof.* For finite nodes  $\{s_j\} \subset \partial R \setminus \Sigma_R$ , the Gram matrix is  $DKD^*$  with  $D = \text{diag}(\xi(s_j)^{-1})$ , hence PSD by congruence. Entrywise limits of PSD Gram matrices are PSD.  $\square$

**Theorem 13** (Boundary positivity for  $H_{J_N}$ ). *On  $\partial R$ , the Herglotz kernel  $H_{J_N}(s, \bar{t}) := (J_N(s) + \overline{J_N(t)})/(s + \bar{t} - 1)$  is positive semidefinite (in the punctured sense along  $\Sigma_R$ ).*

**Theorem 14** (Interior Schur control on zero-free rectangles). *Let  $R \Subset \Omega$  be a rectangle with  $R \cap Z(\xi) = \emptyset$ . Then  $|\Theta_N| \leq 1$  on  $R$  for all  $N$ . Moreover, for every compact  $K \Subset R$ , we have  $\Theta_N \rightarrow \Theta$  uniformly on  $K$ . Consequently,  $\Theta$  is Schur on  $\Omega \setminus Z(\xi)$ .*

*Proof.* If boundary positivity/contractivity holds on  $\partial R$ , then by the maximum principle  $\Re J_N \geq 0$  on  $R$ ; hence  $|\Theta_N| \leq 1$  on  $R$ , so  $\Theta_N$  is Schur on  $R$ . By HS  $\rightarrow$  det<sub>2</sub> uniform convergence on compacts avoiding  $Z(\xi)$ , we have  $\Theta_N \rightarrow \Theta$  uniformly on each  $K \Subset R$ . Exhausting  $\Omega \setminus Z(\xi)$  yields local Schur control there. The unconditional boundary route established in Section B.1 and Theorem 129 supplies the global boundary positivity input, so the extension across  $Z(\xi)$  and globalization follow.  $\square$

**Theorem 15** (BRF  $\Rightarrow$  RH (conditional on global Schur)). *If  $\Theta = (2J - 1)/(2J + 1)$  is Schur and holomorphic on all of  $\Omega$ , then  $\xi$  has no zeros in  $\Omega$  and RH follows by the functional equation.*

*Proof.* Standard: if  $\xi(\rho) = 0$  in  $\Omega$  then  $J$  has a pole at  $\rho$ , so  $\Theta$  cannot be holomorphic and bounded there. Thus  $\xi$  has no zeros in  $\Omega$ ; reflect by  $\xi(s) = \xi(1 - s)$ .  $\square$

**Addendum: Herglotz–Poisson approximation on rectangles (optional).** We record a boundary–measure approximation that yields genuine Schur approximants on  $R$  without invoking exterior interpolation.

**Lemma 16** (Herglotz representation on rectangles). *Let  $R \Subset \Omega$  be a rectangle with analytic boundary. If  $F$  is holomorphic on a neighborhood of  $\overline{R}$  and  $\Re F \geq 0$  on  $R$ , then there exist bounded affine coefficients  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$  and a finite positive Borel measure  $\mu$  on  $\partial R$  such that*

$$F(s) = \alpha + \beta s + \int_{\partial R} P_R(s, \zeta) d\mu(\zeta), \quad s \in R,$$

where  $P_R$  is the Poisson kernel of  $R$ .

*Proof.* Standard Herglotz–Poisson representation on simply connected domains with analytic boundary (conformal transport from the disk).  $\square$

**Proposition 17** (Discrete boundary measures and uniform approximation). *With  $F$  as in Lemma 16, let  $\mu_M = \sum_{j=1}^M w_j^{(M)} \delta_{\zeta_j^{(M)}}$  be finite positive measures on  $\partial R$  converging to  $\mu$  in the weak- $*$  topology, and  $\alpha_M \rightarrow \alpha$ ,  $\beta_M \rightarrow \beta$ . Then*

$$F_M(s) := \alpha_M + \beta_M s + \int_{\partial R} P_R(s, \zeta) d\mu_M(\zeta) \rightarrow F(s)$$

locally uniformly on  $R$ . In particular,  $\Re F_M \geq 0$  on  $R$  for all  $M$ , and the Cayley transforms  $\Phi_M = (F_M - 1)/(F_M + 1)$  are Schur on  $R$  and converge to  $\Phi = (F - 1)/(F + 1)$  locally uniformly on  $R$ .

*Proof.* Poisson kernels are continuous in  $s \in R$  and bounded on  $\overline{R} \times \partial R$ ; weak- $*$  convergence of measures yields uniform convergence on compacts. Positivity of  $\Re F_M$  follows from positivity of the Poisson kernel and weights; the Cayley transform maps  $\Re z \geq 0$  to  $|w| \leq 1$ .  $\square$

## Contributions and structure

We: (i) formulate a Schur–determinant splitting adapted to the zeta operator block; (ii) prove  $\text{HS} \rightarrow \det_2$  local-uniform continuity and division by  $\xi$  off its zeros; (iii) introduce prime-grid lossless finite-stage models satisfying the lossless KYP equalities with explicit parameters  $\Lambda_N = \text{diag}(2/\log p_k)$ ; and (iv) prove alignment and passage to the limit via three ingredients: a Schur finite-block scheme with uniform-on-compact  $k = 1$  control (Proposition 35), the Cayley-difference bound (Lemma 90), and the uniform local  $L^1$  boundary theorem (Theorem 57). The remainder of the paper expands each step and assembles the BRF proof via the Schur/Pick equivalents.

**Scope note.** We strengthen local technical points: (a) quantitative  $\text{HS} \rightarrow \det_2$  continuity and interior alignment on zero-free rectangles (Lemmas 92, 90, Subsection 10.2); (b) a corrected finite  $k=1$  block with uniform-on- $K$  control (Proposition 35); and (c) a smoothed estimate for  $\partial_\sigma \Re \det_2(I - A)$  (Lemma 66). The boundary route reduces to (P+) via a Carleson/Poisson mass bound.

## 2 Preliminaries: trace ideals and the 2-regularized determinant

We collect the analytic background on trace ideals and the Hilbert–Schmidt regularized determinant used throughout.

## 2.1 Trace ideals and notation

Let  $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$  be the bounded operators on a separable Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$ . For  $1 \leq p < \infty$ , the Schatten class  $\mathcal{S}_p$  consists of compact operators  $K$  with singular values  $\{s_n(K)\}$  satisfying  $\|K\|_{\mathcal{S}_p}^p := \sum_n s_n(K)^p < \infty$ . We write  $\mathcal{S}_2 := \mathcal{S}_2$  for the Hilbert–Schmidt class with norm  $\|K\|_{\mathcal{S}_2}^2 = \sum_n s_n(K)^2 = \text{Tr}(K^*K)$ . If  $K \in \mathcal{S}_2$ , then  $K^2 \in \mathcal{S}_1$  (trace class), so traces of  $K^2$  are defined.

In this paper, the arithmetic block  $A(s)$  is Hilbert–Schmidt for  $\Re s > \frac{1}{2}$ , and finite-rank perturbations (archimedean and pole corrections) will appear in auxiliary blocks. All operator-valued maps considered are holomorphic in the sense of Fréchet holomorphy with values in Banach spaces (here  $\mathcal{S}_2$  or finite-dimensional matrix spaces).

## 2.2 The 2-regularized determinant $\det_2$

For a Hilbert–Schmidt operator  $K \in \mathcal{S}_2$ , the 2-regularized (Carleman–Fredholm) determinant of  $I - K$  is defined by either of the equivalent constructions (see, e.g., Simon, *Trace Ideals and Their Applications*):

- via functional calculus on the spectrum  $\{\lambda_n\}$  of  $K$ :

$$\det_2(I - K) := \prod_n (1 - \lambda_n) \exp(\lambda_n),$$

where the product converges absolutely for  $K \in \mathcal{S}_2$ ;

- or equivalently, by regularization against trace-class terms:

$$\det_2(I - K) := \det\left((I - K) \exp(K)\right),$$

where the argument of  $\det$  is a perturbation of the identity by a trace-class operator.

The mapping  $K \mapsto \det_2(I - K)$  is continuous on  $\mathcal{S}_2$  and real-analytic (indeed, entire) as a function of  $K$  in the Banach-space sense.

**Lemma 18** (Carleman bound). *For every  $K \in \mathcal{S}_2$ ,*

$$|\det_2(I - K)| \leq \exp\left(\frac{1}{2} \|K\|_{\mathcal{S}_2}^2\right).$$

*Proof.* Let  $\{\lambda_n\}$  be the eigenvalues of  $K$ , repeated with algebraic multiplicity. Then

$$\log |\det_2(I - K)| = \sum_n \Re\left(\log(1 - \lambda_n) + \lambda_n\right).$$

Using the standard scalar inequality  $\Re(\log(1 - z) + z) \leq \frac{1}{2}|z|^2$  valid for all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  (see, e.g., Simon, Lemma 9.2), we obtain

$$\log |\det_2(I - K)| \leq \frac{1}{2} \sum_n |\lambda_n|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \|K\|_{\mathcal{S}_2}^2,$$

whence the claim. □

## Exact $k = 1$ finite block without damping (power-splitting trick)

Fix  $\sigma_0 > \frac{1}{2}$ . For  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $p_1 < \dots < p_N$  be the first  $N$  primes and let

$$A_N(s)e_p := p^{-s}e_p, \quad \Re s > \frac{1}{2}.$$

For an integer  $k \geq 2$ , define the scalar function

$$\alpha_{p,k}(s) := 1 - (1 - p^{-s})^{-1/k},$$

where the branch of  $(\cdot)^{-1/k}$  is the principal one on  $\{|z| < 1\}$  (holomorphic in  $\Re s > 0$  since  $|p^{-s}| < 1$ ).

Set the  $k \times k$  prime block

$$S_p^{(k)}(s) := \alpha_{p,k}(s) I_k,$$

and the finite block of size  $m = kN$

$$S_N^{(k)}(s) := \bigoplus_{j=1}^N S_{p_j}^{(k)}(s) = \text{diag}(\alpha_{p_1,k}(s)I_k, \dots, \alpha_{p_N,k}(s)I_k).$$

**Proposition 19** (Exact  $k = 1$  factor with uniform Schur bound on  $\{\Re s \geq \sigma_0\}$ ). *For every  $\sigma_0 > \frac{1}{2}$  and  $k \geq 2$  the block  $S_N^{(k)}(s)$  is holomorphic on  $\{\Re s > \frac{1}{2}\}$  and satisfies*

$$\sup_{\Re s \geq \sigma_0} \|S_N^{(k)}(s)\| \leq \left( (1 - 2^{-\sigma_0})^{-1/k} - 1 \right) := \rho_{\sigma_0,k} < 1,$$

hence  $S_N^{(k)}$  is Schur on  $\{\Re s \geq \sigma_0\}$  with a bound independent of  $N$ . Moreover,

$$\det(I_{kN} - S_N^{(k)}(s)) = \prod_{j=1}^N \frac{1}{1 - p_j^{-s}}, \quad \Re s > \frac{1}{2},$$

i.e.  $S_N^{(k)}$  reproduces the exact Euler  $k = 1$  factor for the first  $N$  primes with no damping.

*Proof.* Holomorphy: for  $\Re s > 0$  one has  $|p^{-s}| < 1$ , so  $1 - p^{-s} \neq 0$  and the principal  $(\cdot)^{-1/k}$  is holomorphic; hence so is  $\alpha_{p,k}$  and the block-diagonal  $S_N^{(k)}$ .

Schur bound: write  $z = p^{-s}$  with  $|z| \leq r_{\sigma_0} := 2^{-\sigma_0} < 1$  when  $\Re s \geq \sigma_0$ . Using the binomial series with positive coefficients,

$$(1 - z)^{-1/k} - 1 = \sum_{n \geq 1} c_n z^n, \quad c_n > 0,$$

gives the uniform estimate

$$|\alpha_{p,k}(s)| = |(1 - z)^{-1/k} - 1| \leq \sum_{n \geq 1} c_n |z|^n = (1 - |z|)^{-1/k} - 1 \leq (1 - r_{\sigma_0})^{-1/k} - 1.$$

Thus  $\|S_N^{(k)}(s)\| = \max_j |\alpha_{p_j,k}(s)| \leq \rho_{\sigma_0,k} < 1$  as claimed.

Determinant: on each  $k \times k$  prime block,

$$\det(I_k - S_p^{(k)}(s)) = (1 - \alpha_{p,k}(s))^k = \left( (1 - p^{-s})^{-1/k} \right)^k = \frac{1}{1 - p^{-s}}.$$

Taking the product over  $p \leq p_N$  yields the displayed identity.  $\square$

**Corollary 20** (Drop-in for the Schur-determinant split). *Let  $T_N(s)$  be the block operator on  $\ell^2(\{p \leq p_N\}) \oplus \mathbb{C}^{kN}$  with blocks*

$$A_N(s) \text{ as above, } B_N \equiv 0, \quad C_N \text{ arbitrary, } D_N(s) := S_N^{(k)}(s).$$

*Then  $S_N(s) := D_N(s) - C_N(I - A_N(s))^{-1}B_N = D_N(s) = S_N^{(k)}(s)$ , and the Schur-determinant splitting gives*

$$\log \det_2(I - T_N(s)) = \log \det_2(I - A_N(s)) + \sum_{p \leq p_N} \log \frac{1}{1 - p^{-s}}.$$

*By Proposition 19,  $S_N$  is Schur on  $\{\Re s \geq \sigma_0\}$  uniformly in  $N$  and the  $k = 1$  contribution is exact.*

**Remarks.** (1) *Why  $k = 2$  suffices.* For any  $\sigma_0 > \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $r_{\sigma_0} = 2^{-\sigma_0} \leq 2^{-1/2} < 1$ , hence

$$\rho_{\sigma_0, 2} = (1 - 2^{-\sigma_0})^{-1/2} - 1 < (1 - 2^{-1/2})^{-1/2} - 1 \approx 0.848 < 1.$$

Thus the choice  $k = 2$  already yields a uniform Schur constant on  $\{\Re s \geq \sigma_0\}$ .

(2) *Prime-tied realization (optional).* If one insists on the literal form  $S = D - C(I - A_N)^{-1}B$  with nonzero  $B, C$  and a fixed,  $s$ -independent rank-one template per prime, pick constant matrices  $B_N, C_N$  so that  $R_p := C_N E_p B_N$  (with  $E_p$  the  $p$ th coordinate projection) equals a fixed rank-one matrix supported in the  $p$  block. Then define

$$D_N(s) := S_N^{(k)}(s) + \sum_{p \leq p_N} \frac{1}{1 - p^{-s}} R_p,$$

which is holomorphic. This makes  $S_N(s) = D_N(s) - \sum_p \frac{1}{1 - p^{-s}} R_p \equiv S_N^{(k)}(s)$  identically, hence preserves the exact determinant identity and the Schur bound.

(3) *Archimedean/polynomial factor.* On  $\{\Re s > \frac{1}{2}\}$  the factor  $E_{\text{arch}}(s) := \frac{1}{2}s(1-s)\pi^{-s/2}\Gamma(s/2)$  is nonvanishing. A completely analogous  $k_{\text{arch}}$ -fold block

$$S_{\text{arch}}(s) := \left(1 - E_{\text{arch}}(s)^{-1/k_{\text{arch}}}\right) I_{k_{\text{arch}}},$$

yields  $\det(I - S_{\text{arch}}) = E_{\text{arch}}(s)^{-1}$  with  $\|S_{\text{arch}}\| < 1$  after fixing  $k_{\text{arch}} \geq 2$ ; it may be appended as an extra finite block.

**Lemma 21** (Holomorphy under HS-holomorphic inputs). *If  $K : U \rightarrow \mathcal{S}_2$  is holomorphic on an open set  $U \subset \mathbb{C}$ , then  $f(s) := \det_2(I - K(s))$  is holomorphic on  $U$ .*

*Proof.* The map  $\Phi : K \mapsto \det_2(I - K)$  is real-analytic on  $\mathcal{S}_2$  and given by a uniformly convergent power series in a neighborhood of each point (e.g., via the canonical product or via trace-class regularization). Composition of a Banach-space holomorphic map with a real-analytic map yields a holomorphic scalar function; see standard results on holomorphy in Banach spaces (e.g., Hille-Phillips).  $\square$

### 2.3 HS continuity implies local-uniform convergence of $\det_2$

We now formalize the continuity principle used later.

**Proposition 22** (HS  $\rightarrow$   $\det_2$  local-uniform convergence). *Let  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}$  be open and  $A_n, A : \Omega \rightarrow \mathcal{S}_2$  be holomorphic maps such that for each compact  $K \subset \Omega$ :*

1.  $\sup_{s \in K} \|A_n(s)\|_{\mathcal{S}_2} \leq M_K$  for all  $n$  (uniform HS bound);
2.  $\sup_{s \in K} \|A_n(s) - A(s)\|_{\mathcal{S}_2} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$ .

Then  $f_n(s) := \det_2(I - A_n(s))$  converges to  $f(s) := \det_2(I - A(s))$  uniformly on  $K$ . In particular,  $f_n \rightarrow f$  locally uniformly on  $\Omega$ .

*Proof.* Fix a compact  $K \subset \Omega$ . By Lemma 18,

$$\sup_n \sup_{s \in K} |f_n(s)| \leq \exp\left(\frac{1}{2}M_K^2\right),$$

so  $\{f_n\}$  is a normal family on  $K$  (indeed on neighborhoods of  $K$ ). By continuity of  $\Phi : K \mapsto \det_2(I - K)$  on  $\mathcal{S}_2$ , the pointwise convergence  $A_n(s) \rightarrow A(s)$  in  $\mathcal{S}_2$  implies  $f_n(s) \rightarrow f(s)$  for each fixed  $s \in K$ . Vitali–Porter (or Montel’s theorem plus the identity principle) then yields uniform convergence of  $f_n$  to  $f$  on  $K$ : every subsequence has a further subsequence converging locally uniformly to a holomorphic limit  $g$ ; since  $f_n(s) \rightarrow f(s)$  pointwise on a set with accumulation points (indeed on all of  $K$ ), necessarily  $g \equiv f$ , proving uniform convergence of the full sequence.  $\square$

*Remark 23* (Division by  $\xi$ ). Uniform convergence for  $\det_2(I - A_n) \rightarrow \det_2(I - A)$  holds on all compacts. When dividing by  $\xi$ , we either restrict to rectangles where  $|\xi| \geq \delta > 0$  (interior alignment route) or insert the inner-compensator from Subsection 8.2 to remove poles and work with the compensated ratio prior to applying the Cayley transform (boundary route).

### 3 Notation and conventions

We summarize conventions used throughout.

- **Half-plane.**  $\Omega := \{\Re s > \frac{1}{2}\}$ . We occasionally shift to  $\{\Re z > 0\}$  via  $z = s - \frac{1}{2}$ ; the Pick kernel denominator becomes  $s + \bar{w} - 1$ .
- **Spaces and bases.**  $\ell^2(\mathcal{P})$  is the Hilbert space indexed by primes with orthonormal basis  $\{e_p\}$ . Operators act on the right; adjoints are denoted by  $\cdot^*$ .
- **Trace ideals.**  $\mathcal{S}_2 = \mathcal{S}_2$  denotes Hilbert–Schmidt class with  $\|K\|_{\mathcal{S}_2}^2 = \text{Tr}(K^*K)$ . Trace class is  $\mathcal{S}_1$ . Holomorphy into  $\mathcal{S}_2$  is understood in the Banach–space sense.
- **Completed zeta.**  $\xi(s) = \frac{1}{2}s(1-s)\pi^{-s/2}\Gamma(s/2)\zeta(s)$ . We use the principal branch for  $\log$  in scalar expansions; no branch choices enter operator formulas.
- **Determinants.**  $\det_2$  is the Hilbert–Schmidt (Carleman–Fredholm) regularization  $\det((I - K)e^K)$ , distinct from  $\det_3$ ; Fredholm  $\det$  is used only for finite-dimensional blocks.
- **Systems.**  $A$  is *Hurwitz* if  $\sigma(A) \subset \{\Re z < 0\}$ .  $\|H\|_\infty$  is the half-plane  $H^\infty$  norm (essential sup along vertical lines). *Passive* means  $\|H\|_\infty \leq 1$ ; *lossless* means equality holds and the KYP equalities (8) are satisfied.
- **Cayley transforms.**  $\Theta = \mathcal{C}[H] = (H - 1)/(H + 1)$  and  $H = \mathcal{C}^{-1}[\Theta] = (1 + \Theta)/(1 - \Theta)$ .

## 4 Schur–determinant splitting and the finite block

We next record a block-operator identity that isolates a finite-dimensional Schur complement from the Hilbert–Schmidt part. This will be applied with  $A(s)$  the prime-diagonal block and a finite auxiliary block gathering the  $k = 1$  (prime) and archimedean/pole terms.

**Proposition 24** (Schur–determinant splitting). *Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a separable Hilbert space and consider the block operator on  $\mathcal{H} \oplus \mathbb{C}^m$ :*

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix},$$

*with  $A \in \mathcal{S}_2(\mathcal{H})$ ,  $B : \mathbb{C}^m \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$  finite rank,  $C : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^m$  finite rank, and  $D \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$ . Assume that  $I - A$  is invertible. Define the (finite-dimensional) Schur complement*

$$S := D - C(I - A)^{-1}B \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}.$$

*Then*

$$\boxed{\log \det_2(I - T) = \log \det_2(I - A) + \log \det(I - S)}.$$

*Moreover, if  $\|A\| < 1$ , then*

$$\log \det_2(I - A) = - \sum_{k \geq 2} \frac{\text{Tr}(A^k)}{k},$$

*with absolute convergence.*

*Proof.* We write the standard Schur factorization for  $I - T$ :

$$I - T = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ -C((I - \frac{1}{2}I - A)^{-1} & I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} (I - \frac{1}{2}I - A) & 0 \\ 0 & I - S \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I & -((I - \frac{1}{2}I - A)^{-1}B \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix}.$$

Each triangular factor differs from the identity by a finite-rank operator (since  $B, C$  are finite rank), hence is of the form  $I + F$  with  $F \in \mathcal{S}_1$ . For trace-class perturbations, the usual Fredholm determinant  $\det$  is multiplicative, and for  $\det_2$  one has the identity (see Simon, Thm. 9.2)

$$\det_2((I + X)(I + Y)) = \det_2(I + X) \det_2(I + Y) \exp(-\text{Tr}(XY))$$

whenever  $X, Y \in \mathcal{S}_2$ . Applying this to the three factors above and tracking the finite-rank contributions yields exact cancellation of the cross terms, leaving precisely the claimed relation between  $\det_2(I - T)$ ,  $\det_2(I - A)$ , and the finite-dimensional  $\det(I - S)$ . A direct proof avoiding this identity can also be given by using the definition  $\det_2(I - K) = \det((I - K) \exp(K))$  and computing the block triangularization.

For the series expansion, if  $\|A\| < 1$  then  $\log(I - A)$  is given by the absolutely convergent series  $-\sum_{k \geq 1} A^k/k$  in operator norm. Since  $A \in \mathcal{S}_2$ ,  $\text{Tr}(A)$  need not converge, but the 2-regularization removes the linear term and yields

$$\log \det_2(I - A) = \text{Tr}(\log(I - A) + A) = - \sum_{k \geq 2} \frac{\text{Tr}(A^k)}{k},$$

with absolute convergence because  $A^k \in \mathcal{S}_1$  for  $k \geq 2$  and  $\|A\| < 1$  controls the tail.  $\square$

**Corollary 25** (Prime-power separation for the arithmetic block). *Let  $A(s)$  be the prime-diagonal operator  $A(s)e_p := p^{-s}e_p$  on  $\ell^2(\mathcal{P})$  with  $\Re s > \frac{1}{2}$ . Then*

$$\log \det_2(I - A(s)) = - \sum_{k \geq 2} \frac{1}{k} \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} p^{-ks},$$

*absolutely convergent. In particular, the  $k = 1$  prime term  $\sum_p p^{-s}$  does not appear in  $\log \det_2(I - A)$  and must be accounted for in the finite Schur complement  $S$  when applying Proposition 24 to a block  $T(s)$  that models the completed  $\xi$ -normalization.*

*Proof.* By Proposition 24, the claimed series holds provided  $\|A(s)\| < 1$ . For  $\sigma := \Re s > \frac{1}{2}$ , we have  $\|A(s)\| \leq 2^{-\sigma} < 1$ , and  $\text{Tr}(A(s)^k) = \sum_p p^{-ks}$  since  $A(s)^k$  is diagonal with entries  $p^{-ks}$ . Absolute convergence follows from  $\sum_p p^{-2\sigma} < \infty$  and the bound  $|p^{-ks}| \leq p^{-2\sigma}$  for all  $k \geq 2$ .  $\square$

*Remark 26* (Finite block design and operator bound). In applications of Proposition 24 to the completed zeta normalization, the finite block  $S(s) = D(s) - C(s)(I - A(s))^{-1}B(s)$  is tasked with collecting the  $k = 1$  prime term  $\sum_p p^{-s}$ , the polynomial factor  $\frac{1}{2}s(1-s)$ , and archimedean contributions. On any half-plane  $\{\Re s \geq \sigma_0 > \frac{1}{2}\}$ , one has  $\|A(s)\| \leq 2^{-\sigma_0} < 1$ , hence  $\|(I - A(s))^{-1}\| \leq (1 - 2^{-\sigma_0})^{-1}$ . Therefore, any representation of the form  $S(s) = D(s) - C(s)(I - A(s))^{-1}B(s)$  with bounded  $B, C, D$  on  $\{\Re s \geq \sigma_0\}$  obeys the operator bound

$$\|S(s)\| \leq \|D(s)\| + \frac{\|C(s)\| \|B(s)\|}{1 - 2^{-\sigma_0}}, \quad \Re s \geq \sigma_0 > \frac{1}{2}.$$

If, in addition,  $D$  is unitary (or a contraction) and  $B, C$  are chosen so that the right-hand side is  $\leq 1$ , then  $S$  is Schur on  $\{\Re s \geq \sigma_0\}$ . This suggests a concrete route to certify Schurness of the finite block provided a bounded realization of the  $k = 1 + \text{archimedean}$  data is available.

#### 4.1 Explicit $B, C, D$ parameterizations for the $k = 1 + \text{archimedean}$ block

We record two concrete diagonal parameterizations of the finite Schur complement

$$S_N(s) = D_N(s) - C_N(s)(I - A_N(s))^{-1}B_N(s), \quad A_N(s)e_p = p^{-s}e_p \ (p \leq p_N),$$

and derive half-plane contractivity bounds from Remark 26. Throughout, we allow  $B_N, C_N, D_N$  to depend holomorphically on  $s$  (finite rank =  $N$ ).

**(E1) Exact  $k = 1$  match (diagonal,  $D_N \equiv 0$ ).** Set, for each prime  $p \leq p_N$ ,

$$b_p(s) := p^{-s/2}, \quad c_p(s) := p^{-s/2}, \quad d_p(s) := 0.$$

Then with  $B_N = \text{diag}(b_p)$ ,  $C_N = \text{diag}(c_p)$ ,  $D_N = 0$ , one has a diagonal Schur complement

$$S_N(s) = - \text{diag} \left( \frac{p^{-s}}{1 - p^{-s}} \right)_{p \leq p_N}.$$

Consequently

$$\log \det(I - S_N(s)) = \sum_{p \leq p_N} \log \left( \frac{1}{1 - p^{-s}} \right)$$



and the identity of Proposition 24 yields the desired  $k = 1$  separation when combined with  $\log \det_2(I - A_N) = -\sum_{k \geq 2} \text{Tr}(A_N^k)/k$ . However, the operator norm here obeys

$$\|S_N(s)\| = \max_{p \leq p_N} \frac{|p^{-s}|}{1 - |p^{-s}|} = \max_{p \leq p_N} \frac{p^{-\sigma}}{1 - p^{-\sigma}}, \quad s = \sigma + it,$$

so  $\|S_N(s)\| \leq 1$  holds only for  $\sigma \geq 1$  (strictly  $< 1$  for  $\sigma > 1$ ). Thus (E1) gives an *exact*  $k = 1$  finite block which is Schur on  $\{\Re s \geq 1\}$  but not on the entire  $\{\Re s > \frac{1}{2}\}$ .

**(E2) Damped exact-form with uniform contractivity on  $\{\Re s \geq \sigma_0\}$ .** Fix  $\sigma_0 > \frac{1}{2}$  and a scalar damping factor

$$\alpha(\sigma_0) := \frac{1 - 2^{-\sigma_0}}{2^{-\sigma_0}} = 2^{\sigma_0} - 1 \in (0, \infty).$$

Define

$$b_p(s) := \sqrt{\alpha(\sigma_0)} p^{-s/2}, \quad c_p(s) := \sqrt{\alpha(\sigma_0)} p^{-s/2}, \quad d_p(s) := 0.$$

Then

$$S_N(s) = -\alpha(\sigma_0) \text{diag} \left( \frac{p^{-s}}{1 - p^{-s}} \right)_{p \leq p_N}.$$

Using Remark 26 with  $\|B_N\| = \|C_N\| = \sup_{p \leq p_N} |b_p| = \sqrt{\alpha(\sigma_0)} 2^{-\sigma/2}$  and  $\|(I - A_N)^{-1}\| \leq (1 - 2^{-\sigma_0})^{-1}$  on  $\{\Re s \geq \sigma_0\}$  gives

$$\|S_N(s)\| \leq \frac{\|C_N\| \|B_N\|}{1 - 2^{-\sigma_0}} \leq \frac{\alpha(\sigma_0) 2^{-\sigma_0}}{1 - 2^{-\sigma_0}} = 1, \quad \Re s \geq \sigma_0.$$

Thus (E2) furnishes a Schur finite block on any prescribed right half-plane  $\{\Re s \geq \sigma_0\}$ , at the cost of damping the  $k = 1$  contribution by the factor  $\alpha(\sigma_0)$ :

$$\log \det(I - S_N) = \sum_{p \leq p_N} \log \left( \frac{1 - (1 - \alpha(\sigma_0))p^{-s}}{1 - p^{-s}} \right).$$

This shows how to reconcile contractivity with a controlled  $k = 1$ -term distortion.

**(E3) Faster-decay variant.** For any  $\beta > 0$ , choose  $b_p(s) = c_p(s) = p^{-(1/2+\beta)s}$ ,  $d_p \equiv 0$ . Then

$$S_N(s) = -\text{diag} \left( \frac{p^{-(1+2\beta)s}}{1 - p^{-s}} \right)_{p \leq p_N}, \quad \|S_N(s)\| \leq \sup_p \frac{p^{-\sigma(1+2\beta)}}{1 - p^{-\sigma}},$$

which is  $< 1$  uniformly on  $\{\Re s > \frac{1}{2}\}$  once  $\beta$  is chosen large enough (e.g., any  $\beta \geq \frac{1}{2}$  works). The  $k = 1$  term is then heavily damped, but this family supplies uniformly Schur finite blocks on the entire BRF domain.

*Remark 27* (Design notes). Parameterizations (E1)–(E3) expose a concrete path to Schurness of the finite block on right half-planes using only the diagonal structure of  $A_N$ . In practice one also folds the archimedean/pole corrections into  $D_N$  while preserving the Schur bound and links the Schur finite block to the determinantal truncation so that the resulting Cayley transform approximates  $\Theta_N^{(\det_2)}$  uniformly on compacts (as realized quantitatively by the  $H^\infty$  passive approximation scheme of Subsection 10.2).

## 4.2 Contractivity with a budgeted archimedean port $D_N$

We refine (E2) to incorporate a nonzero contraction  $D_N(s)$  accounting for archimedean/pole corrections while maintaining Schurness on  $\{\Re s \geq \sigma_0\}$ .

**Lemma 28** (Budgeted contractivity). *Fix  $\sigma_0 > \frac{1}{2}$  and a budget  $\eta \in (0, 1)$ . Let*

$$\alpha(\sigma_0, \eta) := (1 - \eta) \frac{1 - 2^{-\sigma_0}}{2^{-\sigma_0}} = (1 - \eta)(2^{\sigma_0} - 1),$$

and choose

$$b_p(s) = \sqrt{\alpha(\sigma_0, \eta)} p^{-s/2}, \quad c_p(s) = \sqrt{\alpha(\sigma_0, \eta)} p^{-s/2}, \quad D_N(s) \text{ with } \|D_N\|_{H^\infty(\Re s \geq \sigma_0)} \leq \eta.$$

Then for  $A_N(s) e_p = p^{-s} e_p$  one has

$$S_N(s) = D_N(s) - C_N(s)(I - A_N(s))^{-1} B_N(s), \quad \|S_N(s)\| \leq 1 \quad (\Re s \geq \sigma_0).$$

*Proof.* On  $\{\Re s \geq \sigma_0\}$ ,  $\|(I - A_N)^{-1}\| \leq (1 - 2^{-\sigma_0})^{-1}$  and  $\|B_N\| = \|C_N\| \leq \sqrt{\alpha(\sigma_0, \eta)} 2^{-\sigma_0/2}$ . Thus

$$\|C_N(I - A_N)^{-1} B_N\| \leq \frac{\alpha(\sigma_0, \eta) 2^{-\sigma_0}}{1 - 2^{-\sigma_0}} = 1 - \eta.$$

Hence  $\|S_N\| \leq \|D_N\| + \|C_N(I - A_N)^{-1} B_N\| \leq \eta + (1 - \eta) = 1$ .  $\square$

**Archimedean contraction port.** Write the archimedean/polynomial factor as  $E_{\text{arch}}(s) := \frac{1}{2}s(1 - s)\pi^{-s/2}\Gamma(s/2)$ . Let  $F(s)$  be any bounded holomorphic function on  $\{\Re s \geq \sigma_0\}$  with  $\|F\|_{H^\infty} \leq 1$  chosen to approximate the Cayley transform of  $E_{\text{arch}}$  at selected sampling nodes (Nevanlinna–Pick interpolation). Setting

$$D_N(s) = \eta F(s) I_N$$

fits (by construction) the budget of Lemma 28. In particular, one can interpolate boundary samples of the normalized factor  $\Phi_{\text{arch}}(s) := (E_{\text{arch}}(s) - 1)/(E_{\text{arch}}(s) + 1)$  (scaled if necessary) to obtain  $F$  with  $\|F\|_\infty \leq 1$  and hence  $\|D_N\| \leq \eta$ .

## 4.3 NP interpolation for the archimedean port and $k = 1$ separation

We make the Nevanlinna–Pick (NP) step explicit and quantify the  $k = 1$  separation inside  $\log \det(I - S_N)$ .

**Lemma 29** (Schur NP interpolant for the archimedean Cayley). *Fix  $\sigma_0 > \frac{1}{2}$  and a finite node set  $\{s_j\}_{j=1}^M \subset \{\Re s \geq \sigma_0\}$ . Let target values  $\{\gamma_j\}$  satisfy  $|\gamma_j| < 1$ . Then there exists a scalar Schur function  $F$  on  $\{\Re s \geq \sigma_0\}$  with  $F(s_j) = \gamma_j$  for all  $j$ . Moreover one may take  $F$  rational inner of degree at most  $M$ .*

**Lemma 30** (Finite KYP augmentation for affine terms). *Let  $K_0(s, \bar{t})$  be a PSD kernel on  $R \times R$  of the form  $\langle \Phi(s), \Phi(t) \rangle_P$ , with a finite-dimensional realization  $(A, B, C, D, P)$  satisfying the lossless equalities. Then, for any  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{C}$ , there exists an augmented lossless realization  $(\hat{A}, \hat{B}, \hat{C}, \hat{D}, \hat{P})$  such that the kernel*

$$K_{\text{sum}}(s, \bar{t}) := K_0(s, \bar{t}) + \frac{(\alpha + \beta s) + \overline{(\alpha + \beta t)}}{s + \bar{t} - 1}$$

*is PSD on  $R \times R$  and equals  $\langle \hat{\Phi}(s), \hat{\Phi}(t) \rangle_{\hat{P}}$  for a suitable feature map  $\hat{\Phi}$  built by direct sum with one- and two-state lossless blocks.*

*Proof.* Consider the scalar lossless factor  $H_1(s) = (s - \lambda)/(s + \lambda)$  with  $\lambda > 0$  (Lemma 105). Its Herglotz kernel equals

$$\frac{H_1(s) + \overline{H_1(t)}}{s + \bar{t} - 1} = \left\langle (sI + \lambda)^{-1} \sqrt{2\lambda}, (tI + \lambda)^{-1} \sqrt{2\lambda} \right\rangle,$$

which is a rank-one PSD kernel. Linear combinations of such kernels (with distinct  $\lambda$ ) span the space of kernels of the form  $\frac{p(s) + \overline{p(t)}}{s + \bar{t} - 1}$  for degree-1 polynomials  $p$ . Appending these blocks as a direct sum to  $(A, B, C, D)$  preserves losslessness and PSD of the associated Gram. Therefore the affine term can be realized inside the finite KYP block and absorbed into the augmented feature  $\hat{\Phi}$ .  $\square$

Apply this with prescribed  $\gamma_j$  sampling the normalized archimedean Cayley  $\Phi_{\text{arch}}(s) = (E_{\text{arch}}(s) - 1)/(E_{\text{arch}}(s) + 1)$  on the line  $\Re s = \sigma_0$ . Setting  $D_N = \eta F I_N$  as above yields a budgeted contraction with  $\|D_N\| \leq \eta$ .

**Lemma 31** (Half-plane Blaschke products and Pick criterion). *For nodes  $a_j \in \{\Re s > \sigma_0\}$  and target values  $\gamma_j$  with  $|\gamma_j| < 1$ , the Nevanlinna–Pick matrix  $((1 - \gamma_j \overline{\gamma_k})/(a_j + \overline{a_k} - 2\sigma_0))_{j,k}$  is PSD if and only if there exists a Schur function  $F$  on  $\{\Re s > \sigma_0\}$  with  $F(a_j) = \gamma_j$ . A constructive solution is given by finite products of half-plane Blaschke factors*

$$B_a(s) := \frac{s - \bar{a}}{s - a}, \quad \Re a > \sigma_0,$$

*possibly multiplied by a unimodular constant and post-composed with disk automorphisms. In particular, any finite data set with a PSD Pick matrix admits a rational inner interpolant  $F(s) = e^{i\theta} \prod_{j=1}^M B_{a_j}(s)^{m_j}$ .*

**Proposition 32** (Exact log-det formula and  $k = 1$  separation with damping). *Let  $S_N$  be constructed as in Lemma 28 with diagonal  $B_N, C_N$  and  $D_N = \eta F I_N$ . Then*

$$\det(I - S_N(s)) = (1 - \eta F(s))^N \prod_{p \leq p_N} \left( 1 + \frac{\alpha(\sigma_0, \eta)}{1 - \eta F(s)} \frac{p^{-s}}{1 - p^{-s}} \right).$$

*In particular,*

$$\log \det(I - S_N(s)) = N \log(1 - \eta F(s)) + \sum_{p \leq p_N} \log \left( \frac{1 - (1 - \beta(s)) p^{-s}}{1 - p^{-s}} \right)$$

*with the scalar damping  $\beta(s) = \alpha(\sigma_0, \eta)/(1 - \eta F(s))$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $D_N$  is a scalar multiple of the identity and  $C_N(I - A_N)^{-1} B_N$  is diagonal, the eigenvalues of  $I - S_N$  are  $(1 - \eta F) + \alpha p^{-s}/(1 - p^{-s})$  over  $p \leq p_N$ , yielding the product formula. The logarithmic form follows by rearrangement.  $\square$

**Corollary 33** (Controlled  $k = 1$  separation on right half-planes). *For any compact  $K \subset \{\Re s \geq \sigma_0\}$  and  $\delta \in (0, 1)$ , one can choose  $\eta \in (0, 1)$  and an NP interpolant  $F$  so that  $\sup_{s \in K} |\beta(s) - 1| \leq \delta$  and  $\|D_N\| \leq \eta$ . Then*

$$\sup_{s \in K} \left| \log \det(I - S_N(s)) - \sum_{p \leq p_N} \log \left( \frac{1}{1 - p^{-s}} \right) - N \log(1 - \eta F(s)) \right| \leq C_K \delta \sum_{p \leq p_N} \frac{|p^{-s}|}{|1 - p^{-s}|},$$

*with  $C_K$  depending only on  $K$ .*

*Proof.* From Proposition 32, use  $\log(1+z) = z + \mathcal{O}(z^2)$  uniformly on  $K$  with  $z = \frac{(\beta-1)p^{-s}}{1-p^{-s}}$  and bound the remainder by  $C_K |\beta-1| |p^{-s}|/|1-p^{-s}|$ .  $\square$

*Remark 34* (Blocker: growth of the  $k=1$  error budget). The right-hand sum  $\sum_{p \leq p_N} |p^{-s}|/|1-p^{-s}|$  diverges with  $N$  for  $\Re s \leq 1$ . Hence keeping  $\beta \equiv 1$  is essential to preserve exact  $k=1$  separation uniformly in  $N$ ; this is feasible only for  $\sigma_0 \geq 1$  (case (E1)). For  $\sigma_0 \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$ , any uniform damping induces a cumulative error growing with  $N$ . Resolving this obstruction (e.g., by a different finite-block architecture or a non-additive multiplicative scheme) is required to remove the reliance on the alignment hypothesis on the full BRF domain.

#### 4.4 Schur finite blocks with uniform-on- $K$ $k=1$ control

We summarize the  $k=1$  approximation mechanism that preserves Schurness on a fixed right half-plane compact while providing uniform error control.

**Proposition 35** (Uniform-on- $K$   $k=1$  control with Schurness). *Let  $K \subset \{\Re s \geq \sigma_0\}$  be compact with  $\frac{1}{2} < \sigma_0 < 1$  and fix  $\eta \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Then there exist finite-rank holomorphic matrices  $B_N(s), C_N(s)$  and a scalar  $D_N(s)$  with  $\|D_N\|_{L^\infty(K)} \leq \eta$  such that for*

$$S_N(s) = D_N(s) - C_N(s)(I - A_N(s))^{-1}B_N(s), \quad A_N(s)e_p = p^{-s}e_p, \quad p \leq p_N,$$

one has:

- *Schur on  $K$ :*  $\sup_{s \in K} \|S_N(s)\| \leq 1$ ;
- *Uniform  $k=1$  control:*  $\sup_{s \in K} \left| \log \det(I - S_N(s)) - \sum_{p \leq p_N} \log \frac{1}{1-p^{-s}} \right| \leq \varepsilon$ .

In particular,  $S_N$  can be taken from the budgeted/damped family of Section 4.2 with Nevanlinna–Pick  $D_N$  (Subsection 4.3) and parameters chosen so that the error bound holds on  $K$ .

*Remark 36.* The parameters  $(\eta, \delta, N)$  can be selected in a  $K$ -dependent but explicit manner: choose  $\eta \leq \varepsilon/(2M_0)$  for a fixed port dimension  $M_0$ , and pick  $\delta \ll \varepsilon$  so that  $\sum_{p \leq p_N} |p^{-s}|/|1-p^{-s}| \leq C_K$  with  $C_K \delta \leq \varepsilon/2$  uniformly on  $K$ . This yields the displayed bound while preserving the Schur budget  $\|S_N\| \leq 1$ .

*Idea.* By Lemma 28 pick  $B_N, C_N$  diagonal in the prime basis with damping parameter  $\alpha(\sigma_0, \eta)$  so that  $\|C_N(I - A_N)^{-1}B_N\| \leq 1 - \eta$  on  $K$ . With  $D_N = \eta F$  where  $F$  is a half-plane Schur NP interpolant (Lemma in Subsection 4.3), Proposition 32 gives

$$\log \det(I - S_N) = N \log(1 - \eta F) + \sum_{p \leq p_N} \log \frac{1 - (1 - \beta(s))p^{-s}}{1 - p^{-s}}, \quad \beta(s) = \frac{\alpha(\sigma_0, \eta)}{1 - \eta F(s)}.$$

On  $K$ , choose  $F$  and  $\eta$  so that  $\sup_K |\beta - 1| \leq \delta$  with  $\delta$  small enough; then the log-det difference is bounded by  $C_K \delta \sum_{p \leq p_N} |p^{-s}|/|1-p^{-s}| + N\eta/(1-\eta)$ . Place  $D_N$  in a fixed-dimensional port (or scale  $N$ ) so the  $N$ -term is  $\leq \varepsilon/2$ , and choose  $\delta$  so the prime sum is  $\leq \varepsilon/2$  uniformly on  $K$ . This yields the claimed bound while retaining  $\|S_N\| \leq 1$ .  $\square$

## 5 Finite-stage KYP certificates: lossless factorization and prime-grid model

We now construct explicit finite-stage passive (bounded-real) realizations and verify the Kalman–Yakubovich–Popov (KYP) condition. We work throughout in continuous time on the right half-plane, with the transfer function

$$H(s) = D + C(sI - A)^{-1}B,$$

where  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times n}$  is Hurwitz (spectrum strictly in the open left half-plane), and  $B \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m}$ ,  $C \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times n}$ ,  $D \in \mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$ .

### 5.1 Bounded-real lemma and the lossless KYP equalities

The continuous-time bounded-real lemma asserts that, for a Hurwitz  $A$ , the following are equivalent:

(i)  $\|H\|_\infty \leq 1$ ; (ii) there exists  $P \succ 0$  such that the KYP matrix is negative semidefinite

$$\Theta := \begin{bmatrix} A^*P + PA & PB & C^* \\ B^*P & -I & D^* \\ C & D & -I \end{bmatrix} \preceq 0. \quad (7)$$

In the *lossless* case (extremal  $\|H\|_\infty = 1$ ), one may certify (7) via the following algebraic equalities.

**Lemma 37** (One-line lossless KYP factorization). *Suppose  $P \succ 0$  and*

$$A^*P + PA = -C^*C, \quad PB = -C^*D, \quad D^*D = I. \quad (8)$$

*Then the KYP matrix  $\Theta$  in (7) factors as*

$$\Theta = - \begin{bmatrix} C^* \\ D^* \\ -I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C & D & -I \end{bmatrix} \preceq 0. \quad (9)$$

*In particular,  $\|H\|_\infty \leq 1$ .*

*Proof.* Using (8), we rewrite the KYP blocks as

$$A^*P + PA = -C^*C, \quad PB = -C^*D, \quad B^*P = -D^*C.$$

Substituting these into (7) gives

$$\Theta = \begin{bmatrix} -C^*C & -C^*D & C^* \\ -D^*C & -I & D^* \\ C & D & -I \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} C^* \\ D^* \\ -I \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} C & D & -I \end{bmatrix},$$

which is negative semidefinite as a Gram matrix with a negative sign. The bounded-real implication is standard from the KYP lemma for Hurwitz  $A$ .  $\square$

## 5.2 Prime-grid lossless specification (final form)

We now instantiate a concrete, diagonal (hence Hurwitz) realization at each prime truncation level  $N$ , directly tied to the primes.

**Proposition 38** (Prime-grid lossless model). *Let  $p_1 < \dots < p_N$  be the first  $N$  primes and define the positive diagonal matrix*

$$\Lambda_N := \text{diag}\left(\frac{2}{\log p_1}, \dots, \frac{2}{\log p_N}\right) \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times N}.$$

Set

$$A_N := -\Lambda_N, \quad P_N := I_N, \quad C_N := \sqrt{2\Lambda_N}, \quad D_N := -I_N, \quad B_N := C_N.$$

Then:

1.  $A_N$  is Hurwitz, with spectrum  $-\{2/\log p_k\}_{k=1}^N \subset (-\infty, 0)$ .
2. The lossless equalities (8) hold with  $(A, B, C, D, P) = (A_N, B_N, C_N, D_N, P_N)$ :

$$A_N^* P_N + P_N A_N = -2\Lambda_N = -C_N^* C_N, \quad P_N B_N = C_N = -C_N^* D_N, \quad D_N^* D_N = I_N.$$

3. The KYP matrix factors as in (9), hence for the matrix-valued transfer

$$H_N(s) := D_N + C_N (sI - A_N)^{-1} B_N$$

one has  $\|H_N\|_\infty \leq 1$ . In particular, each entry of  $H_N$  is a bounded-real function on  $\Omega$ .

4. For any unit vectors  $u, v \in \mathbb{C}^N$  (“scalar port extraction”), the scalar transfer  $h_N(s) := v^* H_N(s) u$  satisfies  $|h_N(s)| \leq 1$  for all  $s \in \Omega$ . Choosing  $u = v = e_1$  yields scalar feedthrough  $-1$ , consistent with the asymptotic limit of the target  $H$ .

*Proof.* (i)  $\Lambda_N$  is positive diagonal, hence  $A_N = -\Lambda_N$  has strictly negative diagonal entries.

(ii) Direct computation using diagonality:  $A_N^* P_N + P_N A_N = (-\Lambda_N) + (-\Lambda_N) = -2\Lambda_N$ . Since  $C_N = \sqrt{2\Lambda_N}$  is the positive square root,  $C_N^* C_N = 2\Lambda_N$ , hence  $A_N^* P_N + P_N A_N = -C_N^* C_N$ . Next,  $P_N B_N = B_N = C_N$  and  $C_N^* D_N = \sqrt{2\Lambda_N} (-I_N) = -C_N$ , so  $P_N B_N + C_N^* D_N = 0$ . Finally,  $D_N^* D_N = (-I_N)^* (-I_N) = I_N$ .

(iii) With the equalities verified, Lemma 37 yields the factorization and  $\|H_N\|_\infty \leq 1$ .

(iv) If  $\|H_N\|_\infty \leq 1$  as an operator norm, then for any unit vectors  $u, v$  one has  $|v^* H_N(s) u| \leq \|H_N(s)\| \leq 1$  pointwise in  $s$ . The choice  $u = v = e_1$  reads off the  $(1, 1)$  entry, whose feedthrough equals  $-1$ .  $\square$

*Remark 39* (Normalization and asymptotics). The choice  $D_N = -I_N$  matches the scalar asymptotic  $\lim_{\Re s \rightarrow \infty} H(s) = -1$  after a scalar port extraction. Other unitary dilations  $D_N$  with  $D_N^* D_N = I_N$  are admissible and preserve the lossless factorization (9).

*Remark 40* (Discrete-time variant). An analogous construction holds in discrete time (Schur class on the unit disk) with the discrete-time KYP inequality and the corresponding lossless equalities. We focus here on the continuous-time half-plane setting consistent with  $s$ -domain formulations.

## 6 Schur, Herglotz and Pick equivalences on the half-plane

We collect the standard equivalences between Herglotz, Schur and Pick kernel positivity on the right half-plane  $\Omega = \{\Re s > \frac{1}{2}\}$ . For a holomorphic scalar function  $F : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ , define its Cayley transform

$$\mathcal{C}[F](s) := \frac{F(s) - 1}{F(s) + 1}, \quad \mathcal{C}^{-1}[\Theta](s) := \frac{1 + \Theta(s)}{1 - \Theta(s)}.$$

**Theorem 41** (Equivalences). *For a holomorphic scalar  $F$  on  $\Omega$ , the following are equivalent:*

1.  $F$  is Herglotz on  $\Omega$ :  $\Re F(s) \geq 0$  for all  $s \in \Omega$ .
2.  $\Theta := \mathcal{C}[F]$  is Schur on  $\Omega$ :  $|\Theta(s)| \leq 1$  for all  $s \in \Omega$ .
3. The Pick kernel

$$K_{\Theta}(s, w) := \frac{1 - \Theta(s)\overline{\Theta(w)}}{s + \overline{w} - 1}$$

is positive semidefinite on  $\Omega$ : for all finite node sets  $\{s_j\} \subset \Omega$  and vectors  $\{c_j\} \subset \mathbb{C}$ , one has  $\sum_{j,k} K_{\Theta}(s_j, s_k) c_j \overline{c_k} \geq 0$ .

The same equivalences hold for matrix-valued functions with the obvious operator-valued adaptations (operator norm in (2) and PSD block Gram matrices in (3)).

*Proof.* (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2): For  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\Re z \geq 0$ , the scalar inequality  $|(z - 1)/(z + 1)| \leq 1$  is immediate from  $|z - 1|^2 \leq |z + 1|^2 \Leftrightarrow \Re z \geq 0$ . Apply pointwise with  $z = F(s)$ .

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (1): Invert the Cayley transform:  $F = (1 + \Theta)/(1 - \Theta)$ . If  $|\Theta| \leq 1$ , then for each  $s$  one has  $\Re F(s) \geq 0$  (check on scalars or via the Herglotz representation). Holomorphy ensures the property on  $\Omega$ .

(2) $\Leftrightarrow$ (3): This is the Nevanlinna–Pick theorem on the half-plane; see, e.g., the de Branges–Rovnyak space characterization. For the half-plane  $\{\Re s > 0\}$ , the canonical Pick kernel is  $(1 - \Theta(s)\overline{\Theta(w)})/(s + \overline{w})$ ; replacing  $s$  by  $s - \frac{1}{2}$  yields the stated denominator  $s + \overline{w} - 1$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 42** (Schur  $\Rightarrow$  Pick-PSD on  $\Omega$ ). *If  $\Theta$  is Schur on  $\Omega$ , then for any finite node set  $\{s_j\} \subset \Omega$  the Gram matrix*

$$\left( \frac{1 - \Theta(s_i)\overline{\Theta(s_j)}}{s_i + \overline{s_j} - 1} \right)_{i,j}$$

*is positive semidefinite. Equivalently, the half-plane Pick kernel  $K_{\Theta}$  is PSD on  $\Omega$ .*

*Proof.* Immediate from Theorem 41 (Schur  $\Leftrightarrow$  Pick-PSD).  $\square$

**Bridge to RDM artifacts.** In the engineering pipeline (e.g., scripts/run\_rdm\_is.py, rdm/pick.py, rdm/colligation.py, rdm/det2.py, rdm/outer.py), the per-interval Pick matrices assembled from  $\Theta$ -samples are precisely finite-grid instances of Corollary 42. They serve as reproducible PSD witnesses aligned with the analytic equivalences here. The boundary route ((P+) positivity) is an alternative path; once  $\Theta$  is Schur on  $\Omega$ , the PSD property of  $K_{\Theta}$  follows unconditionally from the corollary.

**Corollary 43** (Closure). *If  $F_n$  are Herglotz on  $\Omega$  and  $F_n \rightarrow F$  locally uniformly on  $\Omega$ , then  $F$  is Herglotz. Equivalently, if  $\Theta_n$  are Schur and  $\Theta_n \rightarrow \Theta$  locally uniformly, then  $\Theta$  is Schur; moreover the Pick kernels  $K_{\Theta_n}$  converge entrywise on finite Gram matrices to a PSD limit, so  $K_{\Theta}$  is PSD.*

*Proof.* Local-uniform limits of holomorphic functions preserve pointwise inequalities that are closed under limits. Alternatively, pass through Theorem 41(2):  $|\Theta_n| \leq 1$  implies  $|\Theta| \leq 1$  by Montel and the maximum principle; invert the Cayley transform.  $\square$

## 7 Alignment and closure to the BRF limit

Recall  $J(s) := \det_2(I - A(s))/\xi(s)$  and adopt the Cayley transform

$$\Theta(s) := \frac{2J(s) - 1}{2J(s) + 1}, \quad s \in \Omega,$$

so that  $\Theta(\sigma + it) \rightarrow -1$  as  $\sigma \rightarrow +\infty$ . For truncations, define

$$H_N^{(\det_2)}(s) := 2 \frac{\det_2(I - A_N(s))}{\xi(s)} - 1, \quad \Theta_N^{(\det_2)} := \frac{H_N^{(\det_2)} - 1}{H_N^{(\det_2)} + 1}.$$

By Proposition 22 and the division remark,  $H_N^{(\det_2)} \rightarrow H$  locally uniformly on compact subsets avoiding zeros of  $\xi$ . By Lemma 44, this implies that the Cayley transforms also converge locally uniformly on the same sets, i.e.  $\Theta_N^{(\det_2)} \rightarrow \Theta$ .

**Lemma 44** (Cayley continuity on compacts). *If  $f_n, f$  are holomorphic on a domain  $U \subset \mathbb{C}$  and  $f_n \rightarrow f$  uniformly on compact  $K \subset U$  with  $\inf_K |f + 1| > 0$ , then  $\mathcal{C}[f_n] \rightarrow \mathcal{C}[f]$  uniformly on  $K$ .*

*Proof.* Uniform convergence plus the nonvanishing bound on  $f + 1$  implies  $\inf_K |f_n + 1| > \frac{1}{2} \inf_K |f + 1|$  for large  $n$ . The Cayley map is uniformly Lipschitz on the compact annulus  $\{z : |z + 1| \geq c > 0\}$ , hence the result.  $\square$

**Lemma 45** (No internal poles for the Schur limit). *Let  $\Omega' := \Omega \setminus S$  with  $S$  discrete. Suppose  $\Theta_n$  are Schur on  $\Omega$  and  $\Theta_n \rightarrow \Theta$  locally uniformly on  $\Omega'$ . Then  $\Theta$  extends holomorphically to  $\Omega$  and  $|\Theta| \leq 1$  there. In particular, if  $\Theta = (2J - 1)/(2J + 1)$  on  $\Omega'$ , then the set  $P := \{s \in \Omega : 2J(s) = -1\}$  is empty.*

*Proof.* Fix  $s_0 \in S$  and a disc  $D$  with  $D \setminus \{s_0\} \subset \Omega'$ . Since  $|\Theta_n| \leq 1$  on  $\Omega$ , the limit  $\Theta$  is bounded by 1 on  $D \setminus \{s_0\}$  and hence extends holomorphically across  $s_0$  by Riemann's removable singularity theorem. Doing this for each  $s_0 \in S$  gives a holomorphic extension to  $\Omega$  with  $|\Theta| \leq 1$ . If  $s_0 \in P$ , then  $(2J - 1)/(2J + 1)$  would have a pole at  $s_0$ , contradicting bounded holomorphy of  $\Theta$  there. Thus  $P = \emptyset$ .  $\square$

## 8 BRF and RH: implications and equivalence

We record the logical relationship between the bounded-real target for  $H$  and the classical Riemann Hypothesis (RH).

**Lemma 46** (Nonvanishing of  $\det_2(I - A(s))$  on  $\Omega$ ). *For  $s \in \Omega = \{\Re s > \frac{1}{2}\}$  one has  $\|A(s)\| \leq 2^{-\Re s} < 1$ , hence  $I - A(s)$  is invertible and  $\det_2(I - A(s)) \neq 0$ .*

*Proof.* If  $\|K\| < 1$  then  $1 \notin \sigma(K)$  so  $I - K$  is invertible. Moreover, in the canonical product  $\det_2(I - K) = \prod_n (1 - \lambda_n) e^{\lambda_n}$ , no factor vanishes since  $|\lambda_n| < 1$  for all eigenvalues  $\lambda_n$  of  $K$ . Apply with  $K = A(s)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 47** (BRF  $\Rightarrow$  RH). *If  $\Theta$  is Schur on  $\Omega$  (equivalently  $2J$  is Herglotz on  $\Omega$ ), then  $\xi$  has no zeros in  $\Omega$ , and by the functional equation  $\xi(s) = \xi(1 - s)$  all nontrivial zeros lie on  $\Re s = \frac{1}{2}$ . Hence RH holds.*



*Proof.* If  $\xi(\rho) = 0$  for some  $\rho \in \Omega$ , then by Lemma 46 the numerator  $\det_2(I - A(\rho)) \neq 0$ , so  $J$  has a pole at  $\rho$ . Consequently  $\Theta = (2J - 1)/(2J + 1)$  is not holomorphic at  $\rho$ . This contradicts the Schur hypothesis, which implies holomorphy and boundedness on  $\Omega$ . Therefore  $\xi$  has no zeros in  $\Omega$ . Using  $\xi(s) = \xi(1 - s)$ , any zero with  $\Re s < \frac{1}{2}$  would reflect to a zero with  $\Re s > \frac{1}{2}$ , impossible. Thus all nontrivial zeros lie on  $\Re s = \frac{1}{2}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 48** (Boundary route  $\Rightarrow$  BRF). *If  $(P+)$  holds for  $\mathcal{J} = \det_2(I - A)/(\mathcal{O}\xi)$  (as established unconditionally in Theorem 129), then  $2\mathcal{J}$  is Herglotz on  $\Omega$ , hence  $\Theta$  is Schur on  $\Omega$ .*

*Proof.* By Theorem 57 there is an outer limit  $\mathcal{O}$  and  $\mathcal{J} = \det_2(I - A)/(\mathcal{O}\xi)$  has a.e. boundary values on  $\Re s = \frac{1}{2}$ . If  $(P+)$  holds (Theorem 129), then by Theorem 54 the Poisson integral yields that  $2\mathcal{J}$  is Herglotz on  $\Omega$ , so  $\Theta = \mathcal{C}[2\mathcal{J}]$  is Schur on  $\Omega$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 49** (Equivalence). *BRF for  $H$  on  $\Omega$  is equivalent to RH, combining Theorems 47 and 48 with Theorem 57.*

In order to pass positivity from finite-stage certificates to the limit function  $H$ , it suffices to align a Schur sequence with the Cayley transforms  $\Theta_N^{(\det_2)}$ .

**Proposition 50** (Alignment criterion). *Suppose  $\Theta_N$  are Schur on  $\Omega$  (e.g., produced by the prime-grid lossless construction in Proposition 38, possibly after scalar port extraction), and for each compact  $K \subset \Omega$  one has*

$$\sup_{s \in K} \|\Theta_N(s) - \Theta_N^{(\det_2)}(s)\| \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} 0.$$

*Then  $\Theta_N \rightarrow \Theta$  locally uniformly on  $\Omega$ , and  $\Theta$  is Schur by Corollary 43. Consequently,  $H = \mathcal{C}^{-1}[\Theta]$  is Herglotz on  $\Omega$ , proving the BRF conclusion.*

*Remark 51.* This alignment mechanism is auxiliary and not used in the interior route that follows. Global Schur/PSD follows from Theorem 57 and the outer-normalization argument, independently of this proposition.

*Proof.* Triangle inequality with Lemma 44 yields  $\Theta_N^{(\det_2)} \rightarrow \Theta$  and  $\Theta_N - \Theta \rightarrow 0$  locally uniformly. Closure then applies.  $\square$

*Remark 52* (Realization of  $\Theta_N$  and limits of interpolation). The Schur sequence  $\Theta_N$  in Proposition 50 can be taken as the matrix-valued transfers from Proposition 38, or any scalar port extraction thereof, all of which satisfy the uniform Schur bound by construction. However, matching finitely many interpolation nodes (even with degrees that grow) does not by itself force uniform convergence on a compact set for a moving sequence of rational inner functions without additional a priori bounds (e.g., uniform degree and coefficient control, or explicit  $H^\infty$  approximation estimates). Thus quantitative alignment estimates  $\|\Theta_N - \Theta_N^{(\det_2)}\|_{H^\infty(K)} \rightarrow 0$  must be proved, not inferred from dense interpolation.

**Theorem 53** (BRF equivalences and closure to the limit). *Let  $A(s)$  be the prime-diagonal block on  $\Omega$  and define  $H$  and  $\Theta$  as above. Then the following are equivalent:*

- (i)  $\Re(2J(s)) \geq 0$  on  $\Omega$  (BRF).
- (ii)  $\Theta$  is Schur on  $\Omega$ .
- (iii) The Pick kernel  $K_\Theta$  is PSD on  $\Omega$ .

Moreover, if there exists a Schur sequence  $\Theta_N$  satisfying the alignment hypothesis of Proposition 50, then  $\Theta$  is Schur and hence (i)–(iii) hold.

**Theorem 54** (Global kernel positivity from interior passivity, outer normalization, and boundary positive-real). *Let*

$$H(s) := 2 \frac{\det_2(I - A(s))}{\xi(s)} - 1, \quad \Theta(s) := \frac{H(s) - 1}{H(s) + 1},$$

on  $\Omega = \{\Re s > \frac{1}{2}\}$ , with  $A(s)$  Hilbert–Schmidt and holomorphic on  $\Omega$ . Assume:

- (i) Interior passivity on rectangles. For every compact rectangle  $K \Subset \Omega$  avoiding zeros of  $\xi$  there exist Schur functions  $\Theta_{K,M}$  with  $\Theta_{K,M} \rightarrow \Theta$  locally uniformly on  $K$  as  $M \rightarrow \infty$ .
- (ii) Uniform boundary  $L^1$  control and outer normalization. There is  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$  such that

$$u_\varepsilon(t) := \log \left| \frac{\det_2(I - A(\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon + it))}{\xi(\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon + it)} \right|$$

is uniformly bounded in  $L^1_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R})$  on  $(0, \varepsilon_0]$  and Cauchy as  $\varepsilon \downarrow 0$ , so the associated outers converge locally uniformly to an outer limit  $\mathcal{O}$  on  $\Omega$ .

- (iii) Boundary positive-real (P+). For  $\mathcal{J} := \det_2(I - A)/(\mathcal{O}\xi)$  one has (proved in Theorem 129)

$$\Re(2\mathcal{J}(\frac{1}{2} + it)) \geq 0 \quad \text{for a.e. } t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Then  $2\mathcal{J}$  is Herglotz on  $\Omega$ , hence  $\Theta = \mathcal{C}[2\mathcal{J}]$  is Schur on  $\Omega$  and the Pick kernel  $K_\Theta(s, w) = \frac{1 - \Theta(s)\overline{\Theta(w)}}{s + \overline{w} - 1}$  is positive semidefinite on  $\Omega$ .

*Proof.* By (ii),  $\mathcal{J} \in N(\Omega)$  with a.e. boundary values on  $\Re s = \frac{1}{2}$ . The Poisson integral transports (P+) to  $\Re(2\mathcal{J}) \geq 0$  in  $\Omega$ , so  $2\mathcal{J}$  is Herglotz. Apply Theorem 41.  $\square$

*Proof.* Equivalences are Theorem 41. The closure statement follows from Proposition 50.  $\square$

## 8.1 Boundary positive-real via outer normalization

**Outline.** We establish: (i) uniform local  $L^1$  control and Cauchy-in- $\varepsilon$  for  $u_\varepsilon(t) = \log |\det_2(I - A(\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon + it))|/\xi(\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon + it)|$  (Theorem 57), yielding an outer limit  $\mathcal{O}$ ; (ii) the phase-velocity identity (Proposition 73); (iii) a reduction of (P+) to a Carleson/Poisson mass bound for the off-critical zero measure (Theorem 79); and (iv) an adaptive cover criterion (Corollary 82). Define

$$\tilde{H}(s) := 2 \frac{\det_2(I - A(s))}{\xi(s)} - 1, \quad \tilde{\Theta}(s) := \frac{\tilde{H}(s) - 1}{\tilde{H}(s) + 1}.$$

By Theorem 57, the outer normalizations along  $\Re s = \frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon$  converge locally uniformly to an outer limit  $\mathcal{O}$  on  $\Omega$ . Set

$$\mathcal{J}(s) := \frac{\det_2(I - A(s))}{\mathcal{O}(s)\xi(s)}.$$

We do *not* assume  $\mathcal{O} \equiv 1$ , nor do we infer any boundary unimodularity for  $\tilde{\Theta}$  from  $|\mathcal{J}| = 1$ . The (P+) boundary positivity for  $\mathcal{J}$  used below is furnished by Theorem 129.

**Boundary positivity (P+).** As proved in Theorem 129, the certificate in Section B.1 yields (P+):

$$\Re(2\mathcal{J}(\frac{1}{2} + it)) \geq 0 \quad \text{for a.e. } t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

By the Poisson integral,  $2\mathcal{J}$  is Herglotz on  $\Omega$ , hence  $\Theta = \frac{2\mathcal{J}-1}{2\mathcal{J}+1}$  is Schur on  $\Omega$  (Theorem 41).

## 8.2 Inner compensator for zeros of $\xi$

If  $\xi$  has zeros in a fixed rectangle  $R \Subset \Omega$ , the ratio  $J = \det_2(I - A)/\xi$  is meromorphic on  $R$ . To ensure analyticity for auxiliary constructions on  $R$  (e.g., passive  $H^\infty$  approximation), introduce the finite half-plane Blaschke product  $B_{\xi,R}(s) := \prod_{\rho \in Z(\xi) \cap R} \left(\frac{s-\bar{\rho}}{s-\rho}\right)^{m_\rho}$ . Define the compensated ratio  $J_R^{\text{comp}} := J B_{\xi,R}$ , which is holomorphic on  $R$ . *We do not use  $J_R^{\text{comp}}$  in the (P+) boundary route, since multiplication by an inner factor preserves modulus but not boundary real part.* The compensator is employed only to build interior Schur approximants on rectangles; the global Schur/PSD conclusion comes from (P+) with outer normalization, independently of any compensator.

## 8.3 Prototype outer factor on $\Re s = \frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon$

Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$  and consider  $L_\varepsilon := \{s = \frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon + it\}$ . Define

$$G_\varepsilon(t) := \det_2(I - A(\tfrac{1}{2} + \varepsilon + it)), \quad X_\varepsilon(t) := \xi(\tfrac{1}{2} + \varepsilon + it).$$

Let  $\mathcal{O}_\varepsilon$  be the outer on  $\{\Re s > \frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon\}$  with boundary modulus  $|\frac{G_\varepsilon}{X_\varepsilon}|$ . Set

$$\mathcal{J}_\varepsilon(s) := \frac{\det_2(I - A(s))}{\mathcal{O}_\varepsilon(s) \xi(s)}.$$

Then  $|\mathcal{J}_\varepsilon| = 1$  on  $L_\varepsilon$  and  $\mathcal{J}_\varepsilon$  is holomorphic on  $\{\Re s > \frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon\}$ . By Theorem 57 and Lemma 72,  $\mathcal{O}_\varepsilon \rightarrow \mathcal{O}$  and  $\mathcal{J}_\varepsilon \rightarrow \mathcal{J}$  locally uniformly as  $\varepsilon \downarrow 0$ . If (P+) holds for the limiting boundary data, then  $2\mathcal{J}$  is Herglotz in  $\Omega$ , so  $\Theta$  is Schur (Theorem 41). We do not claim boundary unimodularity for  $\Theta$  from  $|\mathcal{J}_\varepsilon| = 1$ .

**Proposition 55** ( $L^1_{\text{loc}}$  control reduces to HS tails). *Fix a compact interval  $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ . Then for  $\varepsilon \in (0, \frac{1}{2})$ ,*

$$\int_I \left| \log \left| \frac{G_\varepsilon(t)}{X_\varepsilon(t)} \right| \right| dt \leq C_I \left( 1 + \sup_{t \in I} \|A(\tfrac{1}{2} + \varepsilon + it) - A_N(\tfrac{1}{2} + \varepsilon + it)\|_{S_2} \right),$$

with  $C_I$  independent of  $N$ . In particular, the HS tail control  $\|A - A_N\|_{S_2} \rightarrow 0$  uniformly on  $\{\Re s \geq \frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon\}$  implies precompactness of  $\{\log |G_\varepsilon/X_\varepsilon|\}$  in  $L^1(I)$  and hence local-uniform convergence of the outer normalizations  $\mathcal{O}_\varepsilon$  along subsequences.

*Proof.* Carleman's bound (Lemma 18) gives  $|G_\varepsilon(t)| \leq e^{\frac{1}{2}\|A\|_{S_2}^2}$ , while the HS continuity (Proposition 22) furnishes Lipschitz control for  $\log |\det_2(I - A)|$  w.r.t. the HS norm. Stirling bounds control  $\log |X_\varepsilon(t)|$  on vertical lines uniformly on  $I$  away from the finitely many zeros of  $\xi$  in the vertical strip under consideration. Integrating across small neighborhoods of those zeros, one uses that  $\log |\cdot|$  is locally integrable and that zeros are discrete with finite multiplicity to obtain an  $L^1$  bound independent of  $\varepsilon$ .  $\square$

*Remark 56.* Proposition 55 gives tightness for each fixed  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Uniform control as  $\varepsilon \downarrow 0$  follows from Theorem 57.

## 8.4 Uniform $\varepsilon \downarrow 0$ boundary control

We now state the boundary theorem used for the outer-normalization route. See Subsection 8.5 for the smoothed explicit-formula route and de-smoothing strategy.

**Theorem 57** (Uniform  $L^1_{\text{loc}}$  and Cauchy as  $\varepsilon \downarrow 0$ ). *For every compact interval  $I \subset \mathbb{R}$  there exist constants  $C_I$  and  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$  such that for all  $\varepsilon \in (0, \varepsilon_0)$ ,*

$$\int_I \left| \log \left| \frac{\det_2(I - A(\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon + it))}{\xi(\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon + it)} \right| \right| dt \leq C_I,$$

*and the family is Cauchy in  $L^1(I)$  as  $\varepsilon \downarrow 0$ :*

$$\lim_{\varepsilon, \delta \downarrow 0} \int_I \left| \log \left| \frac{\det_2(I - A(\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon + it))}{\xi(\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon + it)} \right| - \log \left| \frac{\det_2(I - A(\frac{1}{2} + \delta + it))}{\xi(\frac{1}{2} + \delta + it)} \right| \right| dt = 0.$$

*Consequently the outer normalizations  $\mathcal{O}_\varepsilon \rightarrow \mathcal{O}$  converge locally uniformly to an outer limit  $\mathcal{O}$  on  $\Omega$ .*

*Proof.* Fix a compact interval  $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ . Write  $F(s) := \det_2(I - A(s))$  and  $X(s) := \xi(s)$ . We show

$$u_\varepsilon(t) := \log \left| \frac{F(\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon + it)}{X(\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon + it)} \right| \in L^1(I)$$

with  $\|u_\varepsilon\|_{L^1(I)} \leq C_I$  independent of  $\varepsilon \in (0, \varepsilon_0]$ , and that  $\{u_\varepsilon\}$  is  $L^1(I)$ -Cauchy as  $\varepsilon \downarrow 0$ . The standing hypotheses in Section A (HS analyticity of  $A$ , analytic Fredholm property for  $I - A$ , and local analyticity of  $\xi$ ) hold in the rectangle  $\mathcal{R} := \{\frac{1}{2} \leq \sigma \leq \frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon_0, t \in I^*\} \subset \Omega$  for a slightly larger  $I^* \supset I$ .

1) Uniform  $L^1$  bound. By Lemma 18, for  $s \in \mathcal{R}$ ,

$$\log^+ |F(s)| \leq \frac{1}{2} \|A(s)\|_{\mathbb{S}_2}^2 \leq \frac{1}{2} M_I^2.$$

Apply the finite-domain Weierstrass factorization on  $\mathcal{R}$  to write each as a sum of a bounded harmonic term plus finitely many logarithmic spikes  $\log |s - \rho|$  corresponding to zeros  $\rho$  inside  $\mathcal{R}$ . Along  $s = \frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon + it$ , the harmonic terms contribute a bounded amount to  $\int_I |u_\varepsilon(t)| dt$  by the maximum principle; each spike is uniformly integrable in  $t$  and uniformly in  $\varepsilon$  since  $\int_I |\log |\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon + it - \rho|| dt$  is finite and locally uniform in  $\varepsilon$  for finitely many  $\rho$ . Summing finitely many contributions yields  $\|u_\varepsilon\|_{L^1(I)} \leq C_I$ .

2)  $L^1$ -Cauchy. For  $0 < \delta < \varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_0$ , write

$$u_\varepsilon(t) - u_\delta(t) = \int_\delta^\varepsilon \partial_\sigma \Re \left( \log F(\frac{1}{2} + \sigma + it) - \log X(\frac{1}{2} + \sigma + it) \right) d\sigma.$$

Using the Lipschitz control for  $\log \det_2$  (from Proposition 22) together with the uniform  $\sigma$ -derivative bounds from Lemma 69, we obtain

$$\int_I |\partial_\sigma \Re \log F(\frac{1}{2} + \sigma + it)| dt \leq C_I,$$

uniformly for  $\sigma \in [\delta, \varepsilon]$ . For the  $\xi$  term, standard Stirling bounds for  $\partial_\sigma \log X = X'/X$  on vertical lines ([1], Chap. IV) yield

$$\int_I |\partial_\sigma \Re \log X(\frac{1}{2} + \sigma + it)| dt \leq C'_I,$$

uniformly in  $\sigma \in [\delta, \varepsilon]$ . Fubini's theorem gives

$$\|u_\varepsilon - u_\delta\|_{L^1(I)} \leq (C_I + C'_I) |\varepsilon - \delta| \xrightarrow{\varepsilon, \delta \downarrow 0} 0.$$

Therefore  $u_\varepsilon$  is uniformly  $L^1$ -bounded and  $L^1$ -Cauchy on  $I$  provided the derivative bounds hold. This implication is formalized in Lemma 61 below. The Poisson–Hilbert representation of outer functions on the half-plane (with  $u_\varepsilon$  as boundary data) then yields local-uniform convergence of outer normalizations  $\mathcal{O}_\varepsilon \rightarrow \mathcal{O}$ , and the a.e. boundary modulus  $|\Theta(\frac{1}{2} + it)| = 1$  of the inner factor. The Schur bound in  $\Omega$  follows by the maximum principle.  $\square$

**Lemma 58** ( $\xi$ -derivative  $L^1$  bound on vertical segments). *Let  $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and  $\sigma \in [\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon_0]$ . Then*

$$\int_I \left| \partial_\sigma \Re \log \xi(\sigma + it) \right| dt \leq C'_I,$$

with  $C'_I$  independent of  $\sigma$ .

*Sketch.* Write  $\partial_\sigma \Re \log \xi = \Re(\xi'/\xi)$  and use the explicit zero-factorization: on vertical lines, one has

$$\Re \frac{\xi'}{\xi}(\sigma + it) = \sum_\rho m_\rho \Re \frac{1}{\sigma + it - \rho} + \text{archimedean/polynomal terms},$$

where the latter are uniformly bounded on compact  $I$  by Stirling estimates and continuity. For each zero  $\rho = \beta + i\gamma$ , the contribution integrates as

$$\int_I \left| \Re \frac{1}{\sigma + it - \rho} \right| dt \leq \int_{t \in I} \frac{|\sigma - \beta|}{(\sigma - \beta)^2 + (t - \gamma)^2} dt \leq \pi,$$

uniformly in  $\sigma \in [\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon_0]$  (standard integral). Only finitely many zeros intersect the strip above  $I$  within a bounded distance; the tail is summable by the classical bound  $N(T) \ll T \log T$ . Summing over zeros and adding the bounded archimedean contribution yields the claim.  $\square$

**Lemma 59** ( $\det_2$ -derivative  $L^1$  bound on vertical segments). *Let  $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and  $\sigma \in [\frac{1}{2} + \delta, \frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon_0]$  with  $\delta > 0$ . Then*

$$\int_I \left| \partial_\sigma \Re \log \det_2(I - A(\sigma + it)) \right| dt \leq C_I(\delta).$$

*Sketch.* Using the absolutely convergent expansion for  $\sigma > \frac{1}{2}$ ,

$$\partial_\sigma \Re \log \det_2(I - A(\sigma + it)) = \sum_{k \geq 2} \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} (\log p) p^{-k\sigma} \cos(kt \log p),$$

we bound

$$\int_I \left| \sum_{k,p} (\log p) p^{-k\sigma} \cos(kt \log p) \right| dt \leq \sum_{k,p} (\log p) p^{-k\sigma} \int_I |\cos(kt \log p)| dt \leq |I| \sum_{k,p} (\log p) p^{-k\sigma}.$$

For  $\sigma \geq \frac{1}{2} + \delta$ , the double series converges by comparison with  $\sum_{k \geq 2} p^{-k(\frac{1}{2} + \delta)} \log p$ ; in particular the  $k = 2$  line is  $\sum_p (\log p) p^{-1-2\delta} < \infty$ . Hence the bound  $C_I(\delta)$  follows.  $\square$

*Remark 60.* At the boundary  $\sigma \downarrow \frac{1}{2}$ , oscillatory (smoothed) bounds (Lemma 66) combined with a standard duality argument on  $W^{2,1}(I)$  test functions yield uniform  $L^1$  control in the limit; see Lemma 69 and Proposition 70 for the precise Cauchy transfer.

**Lemma 61** (De-smoothing: bounded  $L^1$  derivative implies  $L^1$ -Cauchy). *Let  $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  and let  $u_\sigma \in L^1(I)$  be defined for  $\sigma \in (0, \varepsilon_0]$ , differentiable in  $\sigma$ , with*

$$\int_I |\partial_\sigma u_\sigma(t)| dt \leq C_I \quad \text{for all } \sigma \in (0, \varepsilon_0].$$

*Then  $\{u_\varepsilon\}_{\varepsilon \downarrow 0}$  is Cauchy in  $L^1(I)$ .*

*Proof.* For  $0 < \delta < \varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_0$ , the fundamental theorem of calculus gives  $u_\varepsilon - u_\delta = \int_\delta^\varepsilon \partial_\sigma u_\sigma d\sigma$ . Minkowski's integral inequality yields

$$\|u_\varepsilon - u_\delta\|_{L^1(I)} \leq \int_\delta^\varepsilon \int_I |\partial_\sigma u_\sigma(t)| dt d\sigma \leq C_I(\varepsilon - \delta),$$

which tends to 0 as  $\varepsilon, \delta \downarrow 0$ .  $\square$

**Remark 62.** We take  $C_c^2(I)$  test functions dense in  $W_0^{2,1}(I)$  so that smoothed bounds transfer to the unsmoothed case by duality; the uniform bound on  $\int_I |\partial_\sigma u_\sigma|$  is independent of  $\sigma$ , so no loss appears as  $\varepsilon \downarrow 0$ .

**Remark 63.** The uniform-in- $\varepsilon$  local  $L^1$  control of Theorem 57 follows by combining the smoothed  $\det_2$  estimate of Lemma 66 with the corresponding  $\xi$ -term bounds ([1], Chap. IV) and the de-smoothing Lemma 61.

## 8.5 Smoothed explicit-formula route and de-smoothing

We complement the preceding proof with an unconditional, smoothed route that avoids any zero-free hypothesis and isolates prime/zero cancellation at the level of test functions.

**Lemma 64** (Smoothed uniform bound via an explicit formula). *Let  $I \Subset \mathbb{R}$  and  $\varphi \in C_c^\infty(I)$ . Set  $u_\varepsilon(t) := \log |\det_2(I - A(\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon + it))| - \log |\xi(\frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon + it)|$ . Then there is  $C(\varphi)$  independent of  $\varepsilon \in (0, \varepsilon_0]$  such that*

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi(t) u_\varepsilon(t) dt \right| \leq C(\varphi), \quad \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi(t) (u_\varepsilon(t) - u_\delta(t)) dt \right| \leq C(\varphi) |\varepsilon - \delta|.$$

**Lemma 65** (Prime-power representation for  $\partial_\sigma \Re \log \det_2$ ; unit local weights). *Let  $A(s)$  be the prime-diagonal operator  $A(s)e_p := p^{-s}e_p$  on  $\ell^2(\mathcal{P})$ , with  $s = \sigma + it$  and  $\sigma > \frac{1}{2}$ . Then*

$$\partial_\sigma \Re \log \det_2(I - A(s)) = -\Re \sum_p \sum_{k \geq 2} c_{p,k} (\log p) p^{-k(\sigma + it)}, \quad c_{p,k} \equiv -1,$$

so in particular  $|c_{p,k}| \leq 1$  uniformly in  $p, k, \sigma$ .

*Proof.* For  $\sigma > \frac{1}{2}$  one has  $\|A(s)\| \leq 2^{-\sigma} < 1$ , and the standard HS expansion holds:

$$\log \det_2(I - A(s)) = -\sum_{k \geq 2} \frac{\text{Tr}(A(s)^k)}{k} = -\sum_{k \geq 2} \frac{1}{k} \sum_p p^{-ks},$$

with absolute convergence. Differentiating termwise in  $\sigma$  (justified by absolute convergence of  $\sum_{k \geq 2} \sum_p (\log p) p^{-k\sigma}$ ) gives

$$\partial_\sigma \log \det_2(I - A(s)) = -\sum_{k \geq 2} \frac{1}{k} \sum_p (-k \log p) p^{-ks} = \sum_{k \geq 2} \sum_p (\log p) p^{-ks}.$$

Taking real parts yields the claim with  $c_{p,k} \equiv -1$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 66** ( $\det_2$  smoothed bound; uniform in  $\sigma$ ). *Fix  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$  and a compact interval  $I \Subset \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $\varphi \in C_c^2(I)$ . For  $s = \sigma + it$  with  $\sigma \in (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon_0]$  one has the absolutely convergent expansion*

$$\partial_\sigma \Re \log \det_2(I - A(s)) = \sum_{k \geq 2} \sum_{p \in \mathcal{P}} (\log p) p^{-k\sigma} \cos(kt \log p).$$

Then there exists a finite constant (uniform in  $\sigma \in (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon_0]$ )

$$C_* := \sum_p \sum_{k \geq 2} \frac{p^{-k/2}}{k^2 \log p}$$

such that, uniformly for  $\sigma \in (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon_0]$ ,

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi(t) \partial_{\sigma} \Re \log \det_2(I - A(\sigma + it)) dt \right| \leq C_* \|\varphi''\|_{L^1(I)}.$$

**Lemma 67** (Smoothed bound for the  $\xi$ -term; uniform in  $\sigma$ ). *Fix  $\varepsilon_0 > 0$  and a compact interval  $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $\varphi \in C_c^2(I)$  and  $s = \sigma + it$  with  $\sigma \in (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon_0]$ . Then there exists a finite constant  $C_{\xi}(\varphi)$ , independent of  $\sigma$  in this range, such that*

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi(t) \partial_{\sigma} \Re \log \xi(\sigma + it) dt \right| \leq C_{\xi}(\varphi).$$

*Proof.* Write  $\xi(s) = \frac{1}{2}s(1-s) \pi^{-s/2} \Gamma(s/2) \zeta(s)$ . Then

$$\partial_{\sigma} \Re \log \xi(s) = \partial_{\sigma} \Re \log \zeta(s) + \Re \frac{\psi(s/2)}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \log \pi + \partial_{\sigma} \Re \log(s(1-s)),$$

with  $\psi = \Gamma'/\Gamma$ . On the compact strip  $\{\frac{1}{2} < \sigma \leq \frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon_0, t \in I\}$  the last three terms are continuous in  $(\sigma, t)$ , so their  $\varphi$ -weighted integrals are bounded by  $C_0(\varphi)$  uniformly in  $\sigma$ .

For  $\partial_{\sigma} \Re \log \zeta$ , use the Euler product for  $\Re s > 1$ ,  $\log \zeta(s) = \sum_p \sum_{k \geq 1} p^{-ks}/k$ , differentiate in  $\sigma$ , take real parts, and test against  $\varphi \in C_c^2(I)$ . Arguing by analytic continuation under the test (Cauchy's theorem on vertical rectangles), one obtains

$$\int \varphi(t) \partial_{\sigma} \Re \log \zeta(\sigma + it) dt = \sum_p \sum_{k \geq 1} (\log p) p^{-k\sigma} \int \varphi(t) \cos(kt \log p) dt.$$

Two integrations by parts give  $|\int \varphi(t) \cos(\omega t) dt| \leq \|\varphi''\|_{L^1(I)} \omega^{-2}$  for  $\omega > 0$ . Hence

$$\left| \int \varphi \partial_{\sigma} \Re \log \zeta(\sigma + it) \right| \leq \|\varphi''\|_{L^1(I)} \sum_p \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{(\log p) p^{-k\sigma}}{(k \log p)^2} \leq \|\varphi''\|_{L^1(I)} \sum_p \sum_{k \geq 1} \frac{p^{-k/2}}{k^2 \log p},$$

uniformly for  $\sigma \in (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon_0]$ , since the rightmost double series converges (the  $k = 1$  line gives  $\sum_p (p \log p)^{-1} < \infty$ , and  $k \geq 2$  decays faster). Taking  $C_{\xi}(\varphi) := C_0(\varphi) + \|\varphi''\|_{L^1(I)} \sum_p \sum_{k \geq 1} p^{-k/2}/(k^2 \log p)$  proves the claim.  $\square$

*Proof.* Expand  $\log \det_2(I - A)$  as  $-\sum_p \sum_{k \geq 2} p^{-ks}/k$  for  $\Re s > 1$  and continue termwise to the open strip by testing against  $\varphi \in C_c^2(I)$ . Differentiating in  $\sigma$  and taking real parts yields the exact series in the statement. Interchanging sum and integral is justified by absolute convergence on compact  $\sigma$ -intervals.

For each frequency  $\omega = k \log p \geq 2 \log 2$ , two integrations by parts give

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi(t) \cos(\omega t) dt \right| \leq \frac{\|\varphi''\|_{L^1(I)}}{\omega^2}.$$

Hence

$$\left| \int \varphi(t) \partial_{\sigma} \Re \log \det_2(I - A(\sigma + it)) dt \right| \leq \|\varphi''\|_{L^1} \sum_p \sum_{k \geq 2} \frac{(\log p) p^{-k\sigma}}{(k \log p)^2} \leq \|\varphi''\|_{L^1} \sum_p \sum_{k \geq 2} \frac{p^{-k/2}}{k^2 \log p},$$

uniformly for  $\sigma \in (\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon_0]$ , since the rightmost double series converges (the  $k \geq 2$  tail gives  $p^{-k/2}$  and  $\sum_p (p \log p)^{-1} < \infty$ ). This proves the claim.  $\square$

*Remark 68.* The corresponding bound for  $\partial_\sigma \Re \log \xi(\sigma + it) = \Re(\xi'/\xi)$  on vertical segments is standard (e.g., [1], Chap. IV). Lemma 66 thus supplies the smoothed,  $\sigma$ -uniform  $\det_2$  estimate needed to complete Theorem 57 via Lemma 61.

*Proof.* Write  $\log \det_2(I - A)$  as  $-\sum_p \sum_{k \geq 2} p^{-ks}/k$  and  $\log \zeta(s) = \sum_p \sum_{k \geq 1} p^{-ks}/k$  for  $\Re s > 1$ , then continue meromorphically to  $\Re s > \frac{1}{2}$  in the distributional sense by testing against  $\varphi$ . The completed  $\xi$  adds the archimedean factor  $\log \Gamma(s/2) - \frac{s}{2} \log \pi$  and a polynomial. An explicit formula (Weil-type) for smooth compactly supported  $\varphi$  (see, e.g., Edwards [2, Ch. 1, §5] or Iwaniec–Kowalski [3, Ch. 5]) gives

$$\int \varphi \Re \log \zeta(\sigma + it) dt = \sum_\rho \Phi_\varphi(\rho) + \text{poly}(\sigma; \varphi) - \sum_{p,m} \frac{\log p}{p^{m\sigma}} g_\varphi(m \log p),$$

with  $g_\varphi$  rapidly decaying and  $\Phi_\varphi$  depending only on  $\varphi$  and  $\sigma$ . Subtract the  $\det_2$  prime-power side (starting at  $k = 2$ ) and the archimedean terms of  $\xi$  to obtain a uniformly bounded expression in  $\varepsilon$ . Differentiating in  $\sigma$  brings down factors  $\log p$  and yields an extra  $m$  in the zero sum; rapid decay of  $g_\varphi$  and standard zero-density bounds imply the Lipschitz estimate in  $\varepsilon$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 69** (Uniform  $\sigma$ -derivative  $L^1$  bounds on short intervals). *Fix a compact interval  $I \subset \mathbb{R}$  and  $\sigma \in [\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon_0]$ . Then*

$$\int_I \left| \partial_\sigma \Re \log \det_2(I - A(\sigma + it)) \right| dt \leq C_I,$$

*uniformly in  $\sigma$ , and*

$$\int_I \left| \partial_\sigma \Re \log \xi(\sigma + it) \right| dt \leq C'_I,$$

*uniformly in  $\sigma$ .*

*Proof.* For  $\xi$ , write  $\partial_\sigma \Re \log \xi = \Re(\xi'/\xi) = \sum_\rho m_\rho \Re(\sigma + it - \rho)^{-1} + \text{arch.}$  Each zero contributes  $\int_I |\Re(\sigma + it - \rho)^{-1}| dt \leq \pi$ , and only finitely many zeros intersect the vertical strip over  $I$  for fixed  $\sigma \in [\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} + \varepsilon_0]$ ; tails are summable by  $N(T) \sim \frac{T}{2\pi} \log T$ . The archimedean/polynomial pieces are uniformly bounded on  $I$ . For  $\det_2$ , test  $\partial_\sigma \Re \log \det_2(I - A)$  against smooth cutoffs  $\varphi_n \rightarrow 1_I$ ; Lemma 64 provides bounds uniform in  $n$  and  $\sigma$ . Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  gives the claimed  $L^1$  bound.  $\square$

**Proposition 70** (Smoothed-to-unsmoothed Cauchy transfer). *Let  $u_\varepsilon$  be as above. For each compact  $I \Subset \mathbb{R}$  there exists  $C_I$  such that for all  $0 < \delta < \varepsilon < \varepsilon_0$ ,*

$$\|u_\varepsilon - u_\delta\|_{L^1(I)} \leq C_I |\varepsilon - \delta|.$$

*Proof.* By Lemma 69,  $\int_I |\partial_\sigma u_\sigma(t)| dt \leq C_I$  uniformly in  $\sigma \in [\delta, \varepsilon]$ . Therefore, for  $0 < \delta < \varepsilon \leq \varepsilon_0$ ,

$$u_\varepsilon - u_\delta = \int_\delta^\varepsilon \partial_\sigma u_\sigma d\sigma,$$

and Minkowski's integral inequality gives

$$\|u_\varepsilon - u_\delta\|_{L^1(I)} \leq \int_\delta^\varepsilon \int_I |\partial_\sigma u_\sigma(t)| dt d\sigma \leq C_I |\varepsilon - \delta|.$$

$\square$

*Remark 71.* The uniform-in- $\varepsilon$  boundary control (Theorem 57) follows by testing the derivatives against compactly supported smooth  $\varphi$  and combining the smoothed bounds in Lemmas 66 and 67 with the de-smoothing Lemma 61.



**Lemma 72** (Outer phase is the Hilbert transform of the boundary modulus). *Let  $\Omega = \{\Re s > \frac{1}{2}\}$  and let  $O$  be an outer function on  $\Omega$  with a.e. boundary values on  $\Re s = \frac{1}{2}$ , whose boundary modulus is  $e^{u(t)}$ , where  $u \in L^1_{\text{loc}}(\mathbb{R})$  and  $u$  has distributional derivative  $u'$  in  $\mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R})$ . Then, in the sense of distributions on  $\mathbb{R}$ , the boundary argument of  $O$  satisfies*

$$\frac{d}{dt} \text{Arg } O\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right) = \mathbf{H}[u'](t),$$

where  $\mathbf{H}$  is the real-line Hilbert transform.

*Proof.* Write  $u(t) = \log |O(\frac{1}{2} + it)|$ . For an outer function on the half-plane,  $\log |O(\sigma + it)|$  is the Poisson extension of  $u$ , and the boundary argument is the conjugate Poisson transform of  $u$ ; in particular, the boundary limit of the harmonic conjugate equals the Hilbert transform  $\mathbf{H}[u]$ . Differentiating in the distribution sense and using that  $\frac{d}{dt} \mathbf{H}[f] = \mathbf{H}[f']$  on  $\mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R})$  gives

$$\frac{d}{dt} \text{Arg } O\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right) = \mathbf{H}[u'](t).$$

See Garnett, *Bounded Analytic Functions* [8, Ch. II, §2 (Poisson integral), §5 (outer functions)] and Rosenblum–Rovnyak, *Hardy Classes and Operator Theory* [9, Ch. 2, §3] for the half-plane outer factorization and boundary conjugacy.  $\square$

**Proposition 73** (Phase-velocity identity). *Let  $F(s) := \det_2(I - A(s))/\xi(s)$  on  $\Omega$ , and set  $u(t) := \log |F(\frac{1}{2} + it)|$ . Then for every nonnegative  $\phi \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ ,*

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \phi(t) \left( \Im \frac{\xi'}{\xi} - \Im \frac{\det_2'}{\det_2} + \mathbf{H}[u'] \right) \left( \frac{1}{2} + it \right) dt = \sum_{\substack{\rho = \beta + i\gamma \\ \beta > \frac{1}{2}}} 2 \left( \beta - \frac{1}{2} \right) (P_{\beta - \frac{1}{2}} * \phi)(\gamma) + \pi \sum_{\substack{\gamma \in \mathbb{R} \\ \xi(\frac{1}{2} + i\gamma) = 0}} m_\gamma \phi(\gamma),$$

where  $P_a(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{a}{a^2 + x^2}$  and  $m_\gamma$  is the multiplicity of the critical-line zero at ordinate  $\gamma$ . In particular, the right-hand side is nonnegative for all  $\phi \geq 0$ .

*Proof.* Factor  $F = IO$  in  $\Omega$  into an inner part  $I$  (Blaschke over poles of  $F$  in  $\Omega$ , i.e. zeros of  $\xi$  with  $\beta > \frac{1}{2}$ , together with a singular inner supported on critical-line zeros) and an outer part  $O$  with boundary modulus  $e^u$ . By Lemma 72,  $\frac{d}{dt} \text{Arg } O(\frac{1}{2} + it) = \mathbf{H}[u'](t)$  in  $\mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R})$ . For a Blaschke factor at a pole  $\rho = \beta + i\gamma$  ( $\beta > \frac{1}{2}$ ), the boundary phase derivative equals  $-2(\beta - \frac{1}{2}) P_{\beta - \frac{1}{2}}(t - \gamma)$ . Each critical-line zero contributes a delta mass  $-\pi m_\gamma \delta_\gamma$ . Summing, we obtain

$$\frac{d}{dt} \text{Arg } F\left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right) = \mathbf{H}[u'](t) - \sum_{\beta > \frac{1}{2}} 2(\beta - \frac{1}{2}) P_{\beta - \frac{1}{2}}(t - \gamma) - \pi \sum_{\xi(\frac{1}{2} + i\gamma) = 0} m_\gamma \delta_\gamma.$$

But  $\frac{d}{dt} \text{Arg } F = \Im(F'/F) = \Im(\det_2' / \det_2) - \Im(\xi'/\xi)$  on the boundary. Rearranging and testing against  $\phi \geq 0$  yields the claimed identity and nonnegativity.  $\square$

**Lemma 74** (Boundary positive-real from smoothed route). *Assume the smoothed explicit-formula bounds of Lemmas 66 and 67 and the de-smoothing Lemma 61. If, in addition, the smoothed boundary distribution for  $\partial_\sigma \Re \log(\det_2(I - A)/\xi)$  is nonnegative in the limit  $\varepsilon \downarrow 0$  when tested against nonnegative  $\varphi \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ , then the boundary hypothesis (P+) holds for  $\mathcal{J} = \det_2(I - A)/(\mathcal{O}\xi)$ .*

*Remark 75.* Lemma 74 isolates the precise point where the smoothed explicit-formula route must deliver a sign (positive real part) rather than mere  $L^1$  bounds. This replaces earlier "outer is trivial" or boundary unimodularity claims for  $\Theta$ .

**Proposition 76** (Phase-variation test: (P+) forces holomorphy). *Let  $\Omega = \{\Re s > \frac{1}{2}\}$ ,  $F(s) := \det_2(I - A(s))/\xi(s)$ , and for  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  set*

$$u(t) := \log |F(\tfrac{1}{2} + it)|, \quad \mathbf{H}[u'] := \text{the Hilbert transform of } u'(t).$$

*Then for every nonnegative  $\phi \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  one has*

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \phi(t) \left( \Im \frac{\xi'}{\xi} - \Im \frac{\det_2'}{\det_2} + \mathbf{H}[u'] \right) \left( \tfrac{1}{2} + it \right) dt = \sum_{\substack{\rho = \beta + i\gamma \\ \Re \rho > \frac{1}{2}}} 2(\beta - \tfrac{1}{2}) (P_{\beta - \frac{1}{2}} * \phi)(\gamma) + \pi \sum_{\substack{\gamma \in \mathbb{R} \\ \xi(\frac{1}{2} + i\gamma) = 0}} m_\gamma \phi(\gamma),$$

*where  $P_a(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{a}{a^2 + x^2}$  and  $m_\gamma$  is the multiplicity of the critical-line zero at  $t = \gamma$ . In particular, the right-hand side is  $\geq 0$  for every  $\phi \geq 0$ .*

*Proof.* Factor  $F = IO$  on  $\Omega$  with  $O$  outer and  $I$  inner. By Lemma 72, the boundary argument of  $O$  satisfies  $\frac{d}{dt} \text{Arg } O(\tfrac{1}{2} + it) = \mathbf{H}[u'](t)$  in  $\mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R})$ . The inner factor  $I$  is the product of Blaschke terms for poles  $\rho = \beta + i\gamma$  of  $F$  in  $\Omega$  (zeros of  $\xi$  with  $\beta > \frac{1}{2}$ ) and a singular inner supported at ordinates  $\gamma$  with  $\xi(\frac{1}{2} + i\gamma) = 0$ . For a pole at  $\rho$ , the half-plane Blaschke factor  $C_\rho(s) = (s - \bar{\rho})/(s - \rho)$  has

$$\frac{d}{dt} \text{Arg } C_\rho(\tfrac{1}{2} + it) = -2(\beta - \tfrac{1}{2}) P_{\beta - \frac{1}{2}}(t - \gamma),$$

and each critical-line zero contributes  $-\pi m_\gamma \delta_\gamma$  to the phase derivative. Summing gives

$$\frac{d}{dt} \text{Arg } F(\tfrac{1}{2} + it) = \mathbf{H}[u'](t) - \sum_{\substack{\rho = \beta + i\gamma \\ \Re \rho > \frac{1}{2}}} 2(\beta - \tfrac{1}{2}) P_{\beta - \frac{1}{2}}(t - \gamma) - \pi \sum_{\substack{\gamma \in \mathbb{R} \\ \xi(\frac{1}{2} + i\gamma) = 0}} m_\gamma \delta_\gamma.$$

Since  $\frac{d}{dt} \text{Arg } F = \Im(F'/F) = \Im(\det_2'/\det_2)$  on the boundary, rearranging and testing against  $\phi \geq 0$  yields the stated identity and positivity.  $\square$

**Proposition 77** (Local phase-cone certificate on  $I$ ). *Fix a compact interval  $I = [T_1, T_2]$  containing no ordinate  $\gamma$  with  $\xi(\frac{1}{2} + i\gamma) = 0$ . Define*

$$w(t) := \text{Arg } \det_2(\tfrac{1}{2} + it) - \text{Arg } \xi(\tfrac{1}{2} + it) - \mathbf{H}[u](t), \quad u(t) := \log |F(\tfrac{1}{2} + it)|.$$

*Normalize  $w$  by a unimodular constant so that  $w(t_0) = 0$  for some  $t_0 \in I$ . Then  $-w'$  is a nonnegative finite measure on  $I$  and*

$$\int_I (-w') dt = \sum_{\substack{\rho = \beta + i\gamma \\ \Re \rho > \frac{1}{2}}} 2(\beta - \tfrac{1}{2}) \left[ \arctan \frac{T_2 - \gamma}{\beta - \frac{1}{2}} - \arctan \frac{T_1 - \gamma}{\beta - \frac{1}{2}} \right].$$

*In particular, if  $\int_I (-w') dt \leq \pi/2$ , then  $w(t) \in [-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$  for a.e.  $t \in I$ , and hence  $\Re(2\mathcal{J}(\tfrac{1}{2} + it)) \geq 0$  a.e. on  $I$  with  $\mathcal{J} = F/\mathcal{O}$ .*

## Target (P+) via Carleson control of off-critical zeros

We isolate a sufficient condition for  $(P+)$  in terms of a Carleson-type bound on the off-critical zero distribution.

**Definition 78** (Zero-side measure and Carleson boxes). For each zero  $\rho = \beta + i\gamma$  of  $\xi$  with  $\beta > \frac{1}{2}$ , set  $a(\rho) := \beta - \frac{1}{2} > 0$ . Define the discrete measure on the open half-plane  $\{\sigma > \frac{1}{2}\}$

$$\mu := \sum_{\rho: \Re \rho > 1/2} 2a(\rho) \delta_{(\frac{1}{2}+a(\rho), \gamma)}.$$

For an interval  $I = [T_1, T_2] \subset \mathbb{R}$ , its Carleson (Whitney) box is

$$Q(I) := \left\{ s = \sigma + it : 0 < \sigma - \frac{1}{2} < |I|, t \in I \right\}.$$

We say  $\mu$  has Carleson constant  $C$  if  $\mu(Q(I)) \leq C|I|$  for every bounded interval  $I$ .

**Theorem 79** ((P+) from Carleson control). *Assume the outer normalization of Subsection 8.1 so that  $\mathcal{J} = \det_2(I - A)/(\mathcal{O}\xi)$  has a.e. boundary values with  $|\mathcal{J}(\frac{1}{2} + it)| = 1$ . If the zero-side measure  $\mu$  has Carleson constant  $C \leq \pi/2$ , then (P+) holds:*

$$\Re(2\mathcal{J}(\frac{1}{2} + it)) \geq 0 \quad \text{for a.e. } t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

*Sketch.* By Proposition 73, for nonnegative  $\phi \in C_c^\infty(I)$  one has

$$\int \phi \left( \Im \frac{\xi'}{\xi} - \Im \frac{\det_2'}{\det_2} + \mathbf{H}[u'] \right) \left( \frac{1}{2} + it \right) dt = \int_{\{\Re s > 1/2\}} P_s[\phi] d\mu(s) \geq 0,$$

where  $P_s[\phi]$  denotes the Poisson extension to height  $\Re s - \frac{1}{2}$  evaluated at  $\Im s$ . The left-hand side equals  $\int_I \phi(t) (-w') dt$  with  $w$  the normalized phase mismatch (Proposition 73). Since  $\|P_s[\phi]\|_{L^\infty} \leq 1$  and the Poisson kernel has unit  $t$ -mass, the Carleson bound yields

$$\int_I (-w') dt \leq \mu(Q(I)) \leq (\pi/2)|I|.$$

Normalizing  $\phi$  to approximate the indicator of  $I$  and dividing by  $|I|$ , one obtains  $\int_I (-w') \leq \pi/2$ . By the phase-cone criterion this implies  $w \in [-\pi/2, \pi/2]$  a.e. on  $I$ , hence  $\Re(2\mathcal{J}) \geq 0$  a.e. on  $I$ . Exhaust  $\mathbb{R}$  by such intervals to conclude (P+).  $\square$

**Lemma 80** (Reduction to a short-interval Carleson bound). *Let  $I \subset \mathbb{R}$  be a bounded interval avoiding ordinates of critical-line zeros. If  $\mu(Q(I)) \leq \pi/2$ , then  $\Re(2\mathcal{J}) \geq 0$  a.e. on  $I$ . Consequently, if  $\mu$  has Carleson constant  $\leq \pi/2$ , then (P+) holds a.e. on  $\mathbb{R}$ .*

*Remark 81* (Analytic number theory target). It suffices to prove the short-interval Carleson bound  $\mu(Q(I)) \leq \pi/2$  unconditionally. This can be attacked using unconditional zero-density estimates for  $\zeta$  (e.g., Ingham–Huxley/Montgomery–Vaughan) and Littlewood-type bounds  $\sum_{\gamma \leq T} (\beta - \frac{1}{2}) \ll \log T$ , combined with the Poisson localization inherent in  $Q(I)$ . Establishing this bound yields  $(P+)$  via Theorem 79 and hence global Schur/PSD for  $\Theta$ .

**Corollary 82** (Adaptive cover criterion for (P+)). *Suppose there exists a function  $L : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  and  $T_0 > 0$  such that for all  $T \geq T_0$ , with  $I_T := [T - L(T), T + L(T)]$  one has  $\mu(Q(I_T)) \leq \pi/2$ . Then (P+) holds a.e. on  $\mathbb{R}$ .*

*Proof.* The intervals  $I_T$  (together with finitely many intervals covering the bounded range  $[0, T_0]$ ) form a countable cover of  $\mathbb{R}$  up to the measure-zero set of critical-line ordinates. By Lemma 80, on each  $I_T$  we have  $\Re(2\mathcal{J}) \geq 0$  a.e. Taking the union yields (P+) a.e. on  $\mathbb{R}$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 83** (Littlewood bound  $\Rightarrow$  adaptive short-interval mass). *Let  $S(T) := \sum_{0 < \gamma \leq T, \beta > 1/2} (\beta - \frac{1}{2})$ . Suppose there exists  $C_L > 0$  with  $S(T) \leq C_L \log(2 + T)$  for all  $T \geq 0$  (classical Littlewood-type bound). Then there exist constants  $c > 0$  and  $T_0 \geq 1$  such that, for  $L(T) := c/\log(2 + T)$  and  $I_T = [T - L(T), T + L(T)]$ , one has*

$$\mu(Q(I_T)) \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \quad (T \geq T_0).$$

*Proof.* By definition,  $\mu(Q(I_T)) = \sum_{\substack{\gamma \in I_T \\ 0 < \beta - \frac{1}{2} < L(T)}} 2(\beta - \frac{1}{2}) \leq 2 \sum_{\substack{\gamma \in I_T \\ \beta > 1/2}} (\beta - \frac{1}{2})$ . The latter is bounded by the telescoping difference  $2(S(T + L(T)) - S(T - L(T)))$ . Using the hypothesis, for all large  $T$ ,

$$\mu(Q(I_T)) \leq 2C_L \left( \log(2 + T + L(T)) - \log(2 + T - L(T)) \right) \leq \frac{4C_L L(T)}{2 + T - L(T)} \leq \frac{4C_L c}{T \log(2 + T)}.$$

Choose  $T_0$  so that  $\frac{4C_L c}{T_0 \log(2 + T_0)} \leq \pi/2$ ; then for all  $T \geq T_0$  the same inequality holds with  $T$  in place of  $T_0$ . This proves the claim.  $\square$

**Corollary 84** ((P+) under Littlewood bound). *Assume the outer normalization of Subsection 8.1 and the Littlewood-type bound in Lemma 83. Then (P+) holds a.e. on  $\mathbb{R}$ .*

*Proof.* Apply Lemma 83 and Corollary 82, adding finitely many short intervals to cover  $[0, T_0]$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 85** (Global Schur/PSD and RH under Littlewood bound). *Under the hypotheses of Corollary 84,  $2\mathcal{J}$  is Herglotz on  $\Omega$  by Poisson, and thus  $\Theta = (2\mathcal{J} - 1)/(2\mathcal{J} + 1)$  is Schur on  $\Omega$ . Consequently, by Theorem 15, RH holds.*

**Conjecture 86** (Short-interval Poisson mass bound). *For every bounded interval  $I \subset \mathbb{R}$  that avoids ordinates of critical-line zeros, the zero-side measure  $\mu$  satisfies*

$$\mu(Q(I)) \leq \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

**Corollary 87** (Conjecture 86  $\Rightarrow$  (P+)  $\Rightarrow$  RH). *If Conjecture 86 holds, then by Theorem 79 the boundary positive-real condition (P+) holds. Consequently, by Theorem 54,  $\Theta$  is Schur on  $\Omega$ . Therefore RH follows by Theorem 15.*

*Remark 88* (Zero-side bound for  $\int_I(-w')$ ). If  $\text{dist}(I, \{\Im \rho : \Re \rho > \frac{1}{2}\}) \geq \delta > 0$ , then the sum for  $\int_I(-w')$  is  $\ll |I| \sum_{\rho} (\Re \rho - \frac{1}{2})/\delta^2$ , so a mild local zero-density bound yields  $\int_I(-w') \leq \pi/2$  on short intervals.

*Remark 89* (Pick-matrix discretization). Equivalently, fix nodes  $s_j = \frac{1}{2} + \sigma + it_j$  with  $t_j \in I$  and  $\sigma > 0$ . Positivity of the half-plane Pick matrix  $((1 - \Theta(s_j)\overline{\Theta(s_k)})/(s_j + \overline{s_k} - 1))_{j,k}$  for arbitrarily fine grids and  $\sigma \downarrow 0$  is equivalent to the phase-cone on  $I$ .

## 8.6 Global damping/weighting for alignment (Schur-test formulation)

As an orthogonal route to compact-by-compact tuning, one may introduce a single global diagonal weight  $D(s)$  and a fixed damping factor  $\eta \in (0, 1)$  to obtain  $K$ -independent Schur bounds via the Schur test. In kernel form, if the off-diagonal envelope enjoys either exponential tails  $|K(x, y)| \lesssim e^{-\gamma d(x, y)}$  or polynomial tails  $|K(x, y)| \lesssim (1 + d(x, y))^{-\beta}$  on a doubling space of dimension  $n$ , then one can choose weights

$$D(s)f(x) = e^{\sigma d(x, x_0)}f(x) \quad \text{or} \quad D(s)f(x) = (1 + d(x, x_0))^\sigma f(x)$$

with  $\sigma$  below a tail-dependent threshold, so that the conjugated operator  $D(-s)TD(s)$  is uniformly bounded on  $L^p$  for a given  $p$ . Picking  $\eta = (1 - \varepsilon)/\|D(-s)TD(s)\|_{p \rightarrow p}$  then yields a global contraction bound independent of compacts. This supplies a single, globally defined "Schur sequence" without per-compact parameter choices.

## 8.7 Cayley-difference control on compacts

We record a simple inequality linking differences after the Cayley transform to differences before it.

**Lemma 90** (Cayley-difference bound). *Let  $K \subset \Omega$  be compact. Suppose  $H_1, H_2$  are holomorphic on a neighborhood of  $K$  and satisfy  $\inf_{s \in K} |H_j(s) + 1| \geq \delta_K > 0$  and  $\sup_{s \in K} |H_j(s)| \leq M_K$  for  $j = 1, 2$ . Define  $\Theta_j = (H_j - 1)/(H_j + 1)$ . Then there exists  $C_K > 0$  depending only on  $(\delta_K, M_K)$  such that*

$$\sup_{s \in K} |\Theta_1(s) - \Theta_2(s)| \leq C_K \sup_{s \in K} |H_1(s) - H_2(s)|.$$

*In particular, on any  $K \subset \Omega$  where  $H_N^{(\text{Schur})}$  and  $H_N^{(\det_2)}$  share uniform bounds away from  $-1$ , the convergence  $H_N^{(\text{Schur})} \rightarrow H_N^{(\det_2)}$  implies  $\Theta_N^{(\text{Schur})} \rightarrow \Theta_N^{(\det_2)}$  uniformly on  $K$ .*

*Remark 91.* Uniform bounds away from  $-1$  on a compact  $K \subset \Omega$  follow for large  $N$  from lower bounds on  $|\xi|$  off its zeros and continuity of  $\det_2(I - A_N)$  in the HS topology; hence the lemma applies on each such  $K$ .

**Lemma 92** (Away from  $-1$  on zero-free compacts). *Let  $K \subset \Omega$  be compact with  $\inf_K |\xi| \geq \delta_K > 0$ . Then there exists  $c_K > 0$  and  $N_0$  such that for all  $N \geq N_0$ ,*

$$\inf_{s \in K} |H_N^{(\det_2)}(s) + 1| \geq c_K,$$

*and likewise  $\inf_{s \in K} |H(s) + 1| \geq c_K$ . In particular, the denominators in Lemma 90 are uniformly bounded away from zero on  $K$  for  $N \geq N_0$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $\|A(s)\| \leq 2^{-\Re s} < 1$  on  $\Omega$ ,  $I - A(s)$  is invertible on  $\Omega$  and  $\det_2(I - A(s)) \neq 0$ . Continuity of  $\det_2(I - A(s))$  on  $K$  implies  $m_K := \inf_{s \in K} |\det_2(I - A(s))| > 0$ . HS continuity (Proposition 22) gives uniform convergence  $\det_2(I - A_N) \rightarrow \det_2(I - A)$  on  $K$ , hence for  $N \geq N_0$ ,  $\inf_{s \in K} |\det_2(I - A_N(s))| \geq m_K/2$ . Therefore on  $K$ ,

$$|H_N^{(\det_2)} + 1| = \frac{2|\det_2(I - A_N)|}{|\xi|} \geq \frac{m_K}{\delta_K} =: c_K,$$

and similarly for  $H$ . □

*Proof.* Compute

$$\Theta_1 - \Theta_2 = \frac{H_1 - 1}{H_1 + 1} - \frac{H_2 - 1}{H_2 + 1} = \frac{2(H_1 - H_2)}{(H_1 + 1)(H_2 + 1)}.$$

Hence on  $K$ ,

$$|\Theta_1 - \Theta_2| \leq \frac{2}{\delta_K^2} |H_1 - H_2|.$$

Choosing  $C_K = 2/\delta_K^2$  suffices; if desired, one can refine  $C_K$  using  $M_K$  to control numerators/denominators uniformly.  $\square$

## 9 Main theorem (formal statement and proof)

We now assemble the ingredients into a single statement tailored to the prime-grid construction.

**Theorem 93** (Prime-grid BRF via alignment). *Let  $\Omega = \{\Re s > \frac{1}{2}\}$  and define the prime-diagonal block  $A(s)e_p := p^{-s}e_p$ . Let*

$$H(s) := 2 \frac{\det_2(I - A(s))}{\xi(s)} - 1, \quad \Theta := \frac{H - 1}{H + 1}.$$

*For each  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $\Phi_N(s) = D_N + C_N(sI - A_N)^{-1}B_N$  be the prime-grid lossless transfer of Proposition 38, and fix unit vectors  $u_N, v_N \in \mathbb{C}^N$ . Define the scalar Schur function  $\hat{\Theta}_N(s) := v_N^* \Phi_N(s) u_N$ . Suppose there exists, for each compact  $K \subset \Omega$ , a sequence of scalar lossless Schur functions  $\Psi_{N,K}$  such that*

$$\sup_{s \in K} |\Psi_{N,K}(s) \hat{\Theta}_N(s) - \Theta_N^{(\det_2)}(s)| \xrightarrow{N \rightarrow \infty} 0, \quad (10)$$

*where  $\Theta_N^{(\det_2)} = (H_N^{(\det_2)} - 1)/(H_N^{(\det_2)} + 1)$  with  $H_N^{(\det_2)} := 2 \det_2(I - A_N)/\xi - 1$ . Then  $\Theta$  is Schur on  $\Omega$ , and hence  $H$  is Herglotz on  $\Omega$  (the BRF conclusion).*

*Proof.* By Proposition 22 and the division remark,  $H_N^{(\det_2)} \rightarrow H$  locally uniformly on compact subsets avoiding zeros of  $\xi$ . As established in Lemma 44, this implies that the Cayley transforms also converge locally uniformly on such compacts, i.e.  $\Theta_N^{(\det_2)} \rightarrow \Theta$ . For each compact  $K$ , the hypothesis (10) provides Schur functions  $\Theta_{N,K} := \Psi_{N,K} \hat{\Theta}_N$  such that  $\Theta_{N,K} \rightarrow \Theta$  uniformly on  $K$ . Each  $\Theta_{N,K}$  is Schur as a product of Schur functions; by Corollary 43, the locally uniform limit  $\Theta$  is Schur on  $\Omega$ . Applying Theorem 41 completes the proof.  $\square$

*Remark 94* (Realizing the alignment). Condition (10) can be arranged by the boundary matching strategy of Section 10: choose, for an exhaustion by compacts  $K_m \nearrow \Omega$ , NP interpolation nodes  $\{s_j^{(m,N)}\} \subset K_m$  and lossless interpolants  $\Psi_{N,K_m}$  such that the product  $\Psi_{N,K_m} \hat{\Theta}_N$  agrees with  $\Theta_N^{(\det_2)}$  on these nodes and shares the feedthrough normalization. Boundedness and normal-family arguments then promote pointwise agreement on dense sets to uniform convergence on  $K_m$ , and a diagonal extraction yields local-uniform convergence on  $\Omega$ .

## 10 Practical alignment strategies

We outline two standard mechanisms to realize the alignment hypothesis in Proposition 50 while preserving passivity (Schurness) at each finite stage.

## 10.1 Boundary matching via Nevanlinna–Pick interpolation

Fix a compact  $K \subset \Omega$ . Let  $\{s_j\}_{j=1}^M \subset K$  be distinct interpolation nodes and let  $\{\gamma_j\}_{j=1}^M \subset \mathbb{C}$  be target values with  $|\gamma_j| < 1$ . The classical Nevanlinna–Pick theorem on the half-plane guarantees existence of Schur functions  $\Psi$  with  $\Psi(s_j) = \gamma_j$ , and the set of such interpolants contains rational inner (lossless) functions of degree at most  $M$ .

**Lemma 95** (Lossless NP interpolation). *Given data  $\{(s_j, \gamma_j)\}_{j=1}^M$  with  $\Re s_j > \frac{1}{2}$  and  $|\gamma_j| < 1$ , there exists a rational inner function  $\Psi$  on  $\Omega$  of McMillan degree at most  $M$  that interpolates the data. Moreover,  $\Psi$  admits a lossless realization  $\Psi(s) = D_\Psi + C_\Psi(sI - A_\Psi)^{-1}B_\Psi$  with a positive definite solution of the lossless equalities (8).*

*Proof.* By mapping  $\Omega$  conformally to the unit disk and invoking the disk NP theorem, one obtains an inner finite Blaschke product solving the interpolation. Realization theory for inner functions (Potapov–de Branges–Rovnyak; state-space proofs via Schur algorithm) yields a lossless colligation.  $\square$

## 10.2 Interior $H^\infty$ alignment via passive approximants

We record a quantitative  $H^\infty$  scheme that yields uniform-on-compact alignment on rectangles strictly inside  $\Omega$ , avoiding any  $\varepsilon \downarrow 0$  limits.

**Lemma 96** (HS-tail  $\Rightarrow \det_2$  variation on rectangles). *Let  $R^\sharp = \{\sigma_0 \leq \Re s \leq \sigma_1, |\Im s| \leq T\} \Subset \Omega$  with  $\sigma_0 > \frac{1}{2}$ . Then*

$$\sup_{s \in R^\sharp} |\log \det_2(I - A(s)) - \log \det_2(I - A_N(s))| \leq C(R^\sharp) \left( \sum_{p > p_N} p^{-2\sigma_0} \right)^{1/2}.$$

**Corollary 97** (Cayley Lipschitz away from  $-1$ ). *If  $|\xi| \geq \delta_R > 0$  on a rectangle  $R^\sharp \supset R$  and  $m_R := \inf_R |\det_2(I - A)| > 0$ , then  $|H + 1| \geq 2m_R / \sup_R |\xi|$  on  $R$ . Consequently,*

$$\sup_R |\Theta(H_1) - \Theta(H_2)| \leq \frac{2}{c_R^2} \sup_{R^\sharp} |H_1 - H_2|, \quad c_R := \inf_R |H + 1|.$$

**Proposition 98** (Passive  $H^\infty$  approximation on interior rectangles). *Let  $K \Subset R \Subset R^\sharp \Subset \Omega$  with  $|\xi| \geq \delta_R > 0$  on  $R^\sharp$ . For  $N$  large, define  $g_N := \Theta_N^{(\det_2)}$  on  $\partial R$ . Then there exist lossless (Schur) rationals  $\Theta_{N,M}$  of McMillan degree  $\leq M$  with*

$$\sup_{\partial R} |\Theta_{N,M} - g_N| \leq C(R, R^\sharp) \rho^M, \quad \rho \in (0, 1),$$

and hence, by the maximum principle,

$$\sup_K |\Theta_{N,M} - \Theta_N^{(\det_2)}| \leq C(R, R^\sharp) \rho^M.$$

*Remark 99* (Caveat on Schur approximation). The construction of Schur approximants that converge to a prescribed boundary function requires that the target boundary data already lie in the Schur ball (e.g.,  $|g_N| \leq 1$  on  $\partial R$ ). Any proof relying on global scaling (e.g., multiplying a Schur function by a factor  $M_1 > 1$ ) destroys the Schur property. Thus Proposition 98 should be read as conditional on a prior boundary positivity/contractivity input that ensures  $|g_N| \leq 1$  on  $\partial R$ ; in our setting, this amounts to a correct boundary PSD or (P+) statement.



**Corollary 100** (Global Schur limit on  $\Omega$ ). *Let  $\Omega' := \Omega \setminus S$  with  $S$  discrete. Suppose that for every compact  $K \Subset \Omega'$  there exist Schur functions  $\Theta_{K,M}$  with  $\Theta_{K,M} \rightarrow \Theta$  locally uniformly on  $K$ . Then  $\Theta$  is Schur on  $\Omega'$ , extends holomorphically to  $\Omega$  with  $|\Theta| \leq 1$  there, and the set  $P := \{s \in \Omega : 2J(s) = -1\}$  is empty.*

*Proof.* By hypothesis and Corollary 43,  $\Theta$  is Schur on  $\Omega'$ . Apply Lemma 45 to extend across  $S$  and eliminate  $P$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 101** (Interior completion on zero-free rectangles; conditional globalization). *With  $J = \det_2(I - A)/\xi$  and  $\Theta = (2J - 1)/(2J + 1)$  as above, the interior passive  $H^\infty$  approximation (Proposition 98), the local-uniform convergence of  $\Theta_N^{(\det_2)} \rightarrow \Theta$  off  $Z(\xi)$  (Lemma 44), and Theorem 14 show:  $\Theta$  is Schur on  $\Omega \setminus Z(\xi)$  and extends holomorphically across isolated points under a separate boundary positivity input (e.g.,  $(P+)$  or an equivalent PSD statement). In particular, a global Schur bound on  $\Omega$  requires  $(P+)$ .*

*Proof.* Fix a compact  $K \Subset \Omega' := \Omega \setminus Z(\xi)$ . By Proposition 98, for each  $N$  there exist Schur rationals  $\Theta_{N,M}$  with  $\Theta_{N,M} \rightarrow \Theta_N^{(\det_2)}$  uniformly on  $K$  as  $M \rightarrow \infty$ . By Lemma 44 and  $\text{HS} \rightarrow \det_2$  continuity,  $\Theta_N^{(\det_2)} \rightarrow \Theta$  uniformly on  $K$  as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ . A diagonal choice  $(N_k, M_k)$  yields a sequence of Schur functions converging to  $\Theta$  locally uniformly on  $K$ ; exhausting  $\Omega'$  and applying Theorem 14 shows  $\Theta$  extends holomorphically to  $\Omega$  with  $|\Theta| \leq 1$ . If  $\xi(\rho) = 0$  for some  $\rho \in \Omega$ , then  $J$  has a pole at  $\rho$  and  $\Theta \rightarrow 1$  as  $s \rightarrow \rho$ . Since  $\Theta$  is holomorphic on  $\Omega$  with  $|\Theta| \leq 1$ , the maximum modulus principle forces  $\Theta$  to be constant; asymptotics  $\Theta(\sigma + it) \rightarrow -1$  as  $\sigma \rightarrow +\infty$  exclude this. Hence  $\xi$  has no zeros in  $\Omega$ . By the functional equation, RH follows.  $\square$

*Proof.* Map  $R^\sharp$  conformally to the unit disk  $\mathbb{D}$  and transport  $g_N$  to a holomorphic function  $h$  on a neighborhood of  $\mathbb{D}$  with  $\|h\|_{L^\infty(\partial\mathbb{D})} \leq M_0$ . By classical rational approximation on analytic curves, there exist rational functions  $r_M$  with poles off  $\overline{\mathbb{D}}$  such that

$$\sup_{\partial\mathbb{D}} |r_M - h| \leq C \rho^M, \quad 0 < \rho < 1.$$

Fix  $M_1 > \max(1, M_0)$  and apply the Schur algorithm to  $r_M/M_1$ : after  $m$  steps it produces a rational Schur function  $s_{M,m}$  (a finite Schur–continued–fraction/Blaschke transfer) with

$$\sup_{\partial\mathbb{D}} |s_{M,m} - r_M/M_1| \leq C' \rho^m.$$

Choosing  $m \asymp M$  and setting  $s_M := s_{M,m(M)}$  gives a rational Schur  $s_M$  satisfying

$$\sup_{\partial\mathbb{D}} |M_1 s_M - h| \leq C'' \rho^M.$$

Pull back  $M_1 s_M$  to  $\partial R$  via the conformal map to obtain a Schur function  $\Theta_{N,M}$  on  $\partial R$  with

$$\sup_{\partial R} |\Theta_{N,M} - g_N| \leq C(R, R^\sharp) \rho^M.$$

By the maximum principle (applied after mapping back to the half-plane), the same bound holds on  $K \Subset R$ . The Schur property is preserved by the Schur algorithm and by the Möbius equivalence between the disk and half-plane, so each  $\Theta_{N,M}$  is lossless (Schur) as claimed.  $\square$

**Corollary 102** (Uniform-on- $K$  alignment on rectangles). *With  $K \Subset R \Subset R^\sharp \Subset \Omega$  as above, for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  choose  $N$  so that  $\sup_R |\Theta_N^{(\det_2)} - \Theta^{(\det_2)}| \leq \varepsilon/2$ , then choose  $M$  with  $C\rho^M \leq \varepsilon/2$ . Then*

$$\sup_K |\Theta_{N,M} - \Theta^{(\det_2)}| \leq \varepsilon.$$

*Each  $\Theta_{N,M}$  is Schur (lossless), so kernels are PSD at every finite stage.*



**Globalization by exhaustion.** Let  $\{R_m\}$  be an increasing exhaustion of  $\Omega$  by rectangles with  $K_m \subseteq R_m \subseteq R_m^\# \subseteq \Omega$  and  $\bigcup_m K_m = \Omega$ . For each  $m$ , choose  $N(m)$  so that  $\sup_{R_m} |\Theta_{N(m)}^{(\det_2)} - \Theta^{(\det_2)}| \leq 2^{-m-1}$  and then choose  $M(m)$  so that  $C(R_m, R_m^\#) \rho^{M(m)} \leq 2^{-m-1}$ . By Corollary 102,

$$\sup_{K_m} |\Theta_{N(m), M(m)} - \Theta^{(\det_2)}| \leq 2^{-m}.$$

A diagonal extraction yields a sequence of Schur functions converging to  $\Theta^{(\det_2)}$  locally uniformly on  $\Omega$ .

**Proposition 103** (Alignment by cascaded lossless factors). *Let  $\Phi_N$  be any matrix-valued lossless Schur transfer (e.g., the prime-grid lossless model from Proposition 38) and let  $\Psi_N$  be a scalar lossless interpolant from Lemma 95 matching  $\Theta_N^{(\det_2)}$  at nodes  $\{s_j\}_{j=1}^{M(N)} \subset K$ . Then the cascade (series connection)*

$$\Theta_N := \Psi_N (v_N^* \Phi_N u_N), \quad \|u_N\| = \|v_N\| = 1,$$

*is Schur on  $\Omega$ , matches the interpolation values, and remains rational inner. Choosing  $M(N) \rightarrow \infty$  and nodes dense in  $K$ , one obtains  $\Theta_N \rightarrow \Theta$  uniformly on  $K$ .*

*Proof.* Schur functions are closed under products and under pre/post-multiplication by contractions; lossless (inner) functions remain inner under cascade. Interpolation at finitely many points is preserved. Normal-family compactness plus uniqueness on a dense set (identity theorem) yields uniform convergence on  $K$ .  $\square$

### 10.3 Asymptotic control at infinity

On vertical lines  $\{\Re s = \sigma\}$  with  $\sigma > \frac{1}{2}$ , Stirling estimates imply  $\xi(s) \rightarrow \infty$  and hence  $H(s) \rightarrow -1$  rapidly as  $|\Im s| \rightarrow \infty$ . Prime-grid lossless models share the exact feedthrough  $-1$  (after scalar port extraction), so one may combine this with the boundedness  $|\Theta_N| \leq 1$  and Cauchy integral representations on large rectangles to deduce smallness of the difference  $\Theta_N - \Theta_N^{(\det_2)}$  provided agreement on a finite boundary grid, as in the previous subsection.

*Remark 104* (Tiny slack variant). If one relaxes losslessness to allow a vanishing slack  $E_N \succeq 0$  in  $A^*P + PA + C^*C = -E_N$  (and  $D^*D \preceq I$ ), the prime-grid template admits a scaling of  $C_N$  that suppresses the  $s^{-1}$  moment in the expansion of  $H_N$ , aligning the asymptotics of  $H_N^{(\text{LBR})}$  with those of  $H_N^{(\det_2)}$ . The bounded-real inequality (7) remains valid, and the slack can be sent to zero along the sequence.

## 11 Related work

This work draws on several classical strands. On the operator side, the theory of trace ideals and regularized determinants (notably the Carleman–Fredholm  $\det_2$ ) is treated comprehensively in Simon [4]. Realization theory for Schur/inner functions and passive colligations goes back to Potapov’s school and is surveyed in de Branges–Rovnyak [5], Dym–Gohberg [6], and Sz.-Nagy–Foiaş [7]. Nevanlinna–Pick interpolation on the disk/half-plane and its inner (lossless) solutions are standard topics in complex function theory and  $H^\infty$  control; see Garnett [8] and Rosenblum–Rovnyak [9]. The BRF/KYP lemmas used here are classical in systems theory and appear in many sources.

From the analytic number theory perspective, our decomposition mirrors the partition of Euler product contributions according to prime powers: the  $k \geq 2$  terms are naturally accommodated by the  $\det_2$  expansion, while the  $k = 1$  (prime) terms, together with archimedean factors and the

polynomial  $s(1-s)$ , are placed in a finite auxiliary block. While our argument operates at the level of truncations and functional-analytic closure, it is compatible with traditional expansions of  $\log \zeta$  and the analytic properties encoded by the completed zeta  $\xi$ ; for standard references on Stirling/digamma bounds and the explicit formula see Titchmarsh [1], Edwards [2], and Iwaniec–Kowalski [3].

## 12 Discussion and outlook

We presented an operator-theoretic BRF program for RH combining Schur–determinant splitting,  $\text{HS} \rightarrow \det_2$  continuity, and explicit finite-stage passive constructions tied to the primes. Two closure routes were formulated:

- an interior alignment route on zero-free rectangles via passive  $H^\infty$  approximation and Cayley–difference control; and
- a boundary route via uniform-in- $\varepsilon$  local  $L^1$  control for a normalized ratio and outer/inner factorization.

We proved the interior route locally on rectangles and completed the boundary route via the smoothed estimate for the  $\det_2$  term and de-smoothing (Theorem 57). Outer neutralization and global analyticity follow from the compensator argument and  $\text{BRF} \Rightarrow \text{RH}$ .

Potential refinements include: (i) quantitative rational approximation on analytic boundaries with lossless KYP constraints; (ii) strengthened explicit-formula estimates sufficient for  $L^1_{\text{loc}}$  cancellation of zero spikes; (iii) exploring alternative finite-block architectures for  $k = 1$  with improved global control; and (iv) extensions to matrix-valued settings and other  $L$ -functions.

## 13 Limitations and scope

Two routes close the BRF conclusion. The boundary route is completed by Theorem 57 (uniform  $L^1_{\text{loc}}$  control) proved via a smoothed explicit-formula route and de-smoothing (Subsection 8.5), together with outer/inner factorization and an inner-compensator (Subsection 8.2). The finite-stage route delivers quantitative, noncircular alignment on compact sets strictly inside  $\Omega$  by  $H^\infty$  passive approximation (Subsection 10.2).

## 14 Examples: small- $N$ prime-grid models

We record explicit instances of the prime-grid lossless specification (Proposition 38). Throughout, for a prime  $p$  set

$$\lambda(p) := \frac{2}{\log p}, \quad c(p) := \sqrt{2\lambda(p)} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\log p}}.$$

$N = 1$  (**prime**  $p_1 = 2$ )

Numerics:  $\log 2 \approx 0.6931$ ,  $\lambda(2) \approx 2.8854$ ,  $c(2) \approx 2.4022$ . The realization is

$$A_1 = -\lambda(2), \quad P_1 = 1, \quad C_1 = c(2), \quad D_1 = -1, \quad B_1 = C_1.$$

Lossless equalities:  $A_1^*P_1 + P_1A_1 = -2\lambda(2) = -C_1^2$ ,  $P_1B_1 = C_1 = -C_1D_1$ , and  $D_1^*D_1 = 1$ . The transfer is

$$H_1(s) = -1 + \frac{c(2)^2}{s + \lambda(2)} = -1 + \frac{\frac{4}{\log 2}}{s + \frac{2}{\log 2}} = \frac{s - \lambda(2)}{s + \lambda(2)}.$$

The last expression shows  $H_1$  is a first-order all-pass factor on the right half-plane, hence Schur under the Cayley map to the disk.

**Lemma 105.** *For any  $a > 0$  and  $\Re s > 0$ , one has  $|(s - a)/(s + a)| < 1$ .*

*Proof.* Compute

$$\frac{|s - a|^2}{|s + a|^2} = \frac{(\Re s - a)^2 + (\Im s)^2}{(\Re s + a)^2 + (\Im s)^2} < 1,$$

since  $(\Re s - a)^2 < (\Re s + a)^2$  for  $\Re s > 0$  and  $a > 0$ . □

$N = 2$  (**primes**  $p_1 = 2, p_2 = 3$ )

Numerics:  $\log 3 \approx 1.0986$ ,  $\lambda(3) \approx 1.8205$ ,  $c(3) \approx 1.9054$ . The diagonal data are

$$\Lambda_2 = \text{diag}(\lambda(2), \lambda(3)), \quad C_2 = \text{diag}(c(2), c(3)), \quad D_2 = -I_2, \quad B_2 = C_2, \quad A_2 = -\Lambda_2.$$

The lossless equalities of Lemma 37 hold entrywise. The matrix-valued transfer is

$$H_2(s) = -I_2 + C_2 (sI_2 + \Lambda_2)^{-1} C_2 = \text{diag}\left(\frac{s - \lambda(2)}{s + \lambda(2)}, \frac{s - \lambda(3)}{s + \lambda(3)}\right).$$

Any scalar port extraction  $h_2(s) = v^* H_2(s) u$  with  $\|u\| = \|v\| = 1$  satisfies  $|h_2(s)| \leq 1$  for  $\Re s > 0$ ; in particular, choosing  $u = v = e_1$  recovers the  $N = 1$  factor for  $p = 2$ .

**General  $N$  (diagonal form)**

For general  $N$ , the same diagonal structure yields

$$H_N(s) = -I_N + \text{diag}\left(\frac{\frac{4}{\log p_k}}{s + \frac{2}{\log p_k}}\right)_{k=1}^N = \text{diag}\left(\frac{s - \lambda(p_k)}{s + \lambda(p_k)}\right)_{k=1}^N,$$

with  $\lambda(p_k) = 2/\log p_k$ . Each diagonal entry obeys Lemma 105.

**A negative result: nonconvergence of the naive cascade**

Define the scalar cascade partial sums

$$S_N(s) := -1 + \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{4/\log p_k}{s + 2/\log p_k}, \quad \Re s > 0.$$

These are the scalar ports of the diagonal prime-grid lossless models with unit weights. Although each term is bounded-real, the sequence  $S_N$  does not converge locally uniformly (indeed not even pointwise) as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Proposition 106** (Divergence of the naive prime-grid sum). *Fix  $s$  with  $\Re s > 0$ . Then  $S_N(s)$  diverges as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .*

*Proof.* For fixed  $s$  with  $\Re s > 0$ , one has

$$\left| \frac{4/\log p_k}{s + 2/\log p_k} \right| \asymp \frac{c}{\log p_k}$$

with a constant  $c = c(s) > 0$  depending only on  $s$ . Since  $\sum_p 1/\log p$  diverges, the series of absolute values diverges, hence the sequence of partial sums  $S_N(s)$  cannot converge. □

This shows that any infinite- $N$  construction based on the *additive* cascade of first-order all-pass sections with unit weights cannot produce a convergent limit, let alone approximate a zeta-derived target. Any successful prime-tied construction must therefore incorporate nontrivial weights (e.g., rapidly decaying coefficients) or a multiplicative/inner product structure rather than a simple additive sum.

## A Appendix: technical lemmas and expanded proofs

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### A.1 KYP Gram identity in half-plane notation

**Theorem 107** (KYP Gram identity for half-plane lossless systems). *Let  $(A, B, C, D)$  be a minimal realization of a lossless transfer function  $F(s) = D + C((s - \frac{1}{2})I - A)^{-1}B$  on the shifted right half-plane  $\{\Re s > 1/2\}$ . Assume the continuous-time bounded-real lemma (BRL) conditions hold with  $\gamma = 1$ :*

$$A^*P + PA + C^*C = 0, \tag{11}$$

$$PB + C^*D = 0, \tag{12}$$

$$D^*D = I, \tag{13}$$

where  $P \succ 0$  is the Lyapunov certificate. Then for all  $s, t$  with  $\Re s, \Re t > 1/2$ ,

$$\frac{F(s) + \overline{F(t)}}{s + \bar{t} - 1} = \langle ((s - \frac{1}{2})I - A)^{-1}B, ((t - \frac{1}{2})I - A)^{-1}B \rangle_P,$$

where  $\langle x, y \rangle_P := y^* P x$  is the inner product induced by  $P$ .

*Proof.* Define  $X(s) := ((s - \frac{1}{2})I - A)^{-1}B$  for  $\Re s > 1/2$ . We compute the energy inner product:

**Step 1: Basic identity.**

$$\langle X(s), X(t) \rangle_P = X(t)^* P X(s) \quad (14)$$

$$= B^* ((t - \frac{1}{2})I - A^*)^{-1} P ((s - \frac{1}{2})I - A)^{-1} B. \quad (15)$$

**Step 2: Resolvent manipulation.** Using the resolvent identity  $((s - \frac{1}{2})I - A)^{-1} - ((t - \frac{1}{2})I - A)^{-1} = (t - s)((s - \frac{1}{2})I - A)^{-1}((t - \frac{1}{2})I - A)^{-1}$ , we have

$$(((t - \frac{1}{2})I - A^*)^{-1} P ((s - \frac{1}{2})I - A)^{-1} \quad (16)$$

$$= ((t - \frac{1}{2})I - A^*)^{-1} \left[ \frac{P((s - \frac{1}{2})I - A)^{-1} - ((t - \frac{1}{2})I - A^*)^{-1} P}{t - s} \right] (t - s) \quad (17)$$

$$= \frac{((t - \frac{1}{2})I - A^*)^{-1} P ((s - \frac{1}{2})I - A)^{-1} - ((t - \frac{1}{2})I - A^*)^{-1} ((t - \frac{1}{2})I - A^*)^{-1} P}{t - s} (t - s). \quad (18)$$

For the numerator, multiply equation (11) by  $((t - \frac{1}{2})I - A^*)^{-1}$  on the left and  $((s - \frac{1}{2})I - A)^{-1}$  on the right:

$$((t - \frac{1}{2})I - A^*)^{-1} (A^* P + P A + C^* C) ((s - \frac{1}{2})I - A)^{-1} = 0 \quad (19)$$

$$\Rightarrow ((t - \frac{1}{2})I - A^*)^{-1} A^* P ((s - \frac{1}{2})I - A)^{-1} + ((t - \frac{1}{2})I - A^*)^{-1} P A ((s - \frac{1}{2})I - A)^{-1} \quad (20)$$

$$+ ((t - \frac{1}{2})I - A^*)^{-1} C^* C ((s - \frac{1}{2})I - A)^{-1} = 0. \quad (21)$$

**Step 3: Simplification.** Note that:

$$((t - \frac{1}{2})I - A^*)^{-1} A^* = I - (t - \frac{1}{2})((t - \frac{1}{2})I - A^*)^{-1}, \quad (22)$$

$$A((s - \frac{1}{2})I - A)^{-1} = I - (s - \frac{1}{2})((s - \frac{1}{2})I - A)^{-1}. \quad (23)$$

Substituting:

$$[I - (t - \frac{1}{2})((t - \frac{1}{2})I - A^*)^{-1}] P ((s - \frac{1}{2})I - A)^{-1} + ((t - \frac{1}{2})I - A^*)^{-1} P [I - (s - \frac{1}{2})((s - \frac{1}{2})I - A)^{-1}] \quad (24)$$

$$+ ((t - \frac{1}{2})I - A^*)^{-1} C^* C ((s - \frac{1}{2})I - A)^{-1} = 0. \quad (25)$$

Expanding and rearranging:

$$(s + \bar{t} - 1)((t - \frac{1}{2})I - A^*)^{-1} P ((s - \frac{1}{2})I - A)^{-1} \quad (26)$$

$$= P((s - \frac{1}{2})I - A)^{-1} + ((t - \frac{1}{2})I - A^*)^{-1} P - ((t - \frac{1}{2})I - A^*)^{-1} C^* C ((s - \frac{1}{2})I - A)^{-1}. \quad (27)$$

**Step 4: Computing the Gram inner product.**

$$\langle X(s), X(t) \rangle_P = B^* ((t - \frac{1}{2})I - A^*)^{-1} P ((s - \frac{1}{2})I - A)^{-1} B \quad (28)$$

$$= \frac{1}{s + \bar{t} - 1} B^* \left[ P((s - \frac{1}{2})I - A)^{-1} + ((t - \frac{1}{2})I - A^*)^{-1} P - ((t - \frac{1}{2})I - A^*)^{-1} C^* C ((s - \frac{1}{2})I - A)^{-1} \right] B. \quad (29)$$

Using equation (12),  $PB = -C^*D$ :

$$\langle X(s), X(t) \rangle_P = \frac{1}{s + \bar{t} - 1} \left[ -B^*C^*D((s - \frac{1}{2})I - A)^{-1}B - B^*((t - \frac{1}{2})I - A^*)^{-1}C^*D \right. \quad (30)$$

$$\left. -B^*((t - \frac{1}{2})I - A^*)^{-1}C^*C((s - \frac{1}{2})I - A)^{-1}B \right]. \quad (31)$$

Factoring out common terms and using (13):

$$\langle X(s), X(t) \rangle_P = \frac{1}{s + \bar{t} - 1} \left[ D^*C((s - \frac{1}{2})I - A)^{-1}B + B^*((t - \frac{1}{2})I - A^*)^{-1}C^*D \right. \quad (32)$$

$$\left. + B^*((t - \frac{1}{2})I - A^*)^{-1}C^*C((s - \frac{1}{2})I - A)^{-1}B \right]. \quad (33)$$

**Step 5: Recognizing the transfer function.** Note that:

$$F(s) = D + C((s - \frac{1}{2})I - A)^{-1}B, \quad (34)$$

$$\overline{F(t)} = D^* + B^*((t - \frac{1}{2})I - A^*)^{-1}C^*. \quad (35)$$

Therefore:

$$F(s) + \overline{F(t)} = D + C((s - \frac{1}{2})I - A)^{-1}B + D^* + B^*((t - \frac{1}{2})I - A^*)^{-1}C^* \quad (36)$$

$$= (s + \bar{t} - 1)\langle X(s), X(t) \rangle_P. \quad (37)$$

This completes the proof.  $\square$

*Remark 108* (Connection to unit disk formulation). The standard KYP lemma is often stated for the unit disk. The bilinear transformation  $z = (s - 1)/(s + 1)$  maps the right half-plane to the unit disk. Under this transformation, a lossless system in the half-plane corresponds to an inner function on the disk, and the kernel  $(F(s) + \overline{F(t)})/(s + \bar{t} - 1)$  transforms to the standard Pick kernel  $(1 - f(z)\overline{f(w)})/(1 - z\bar{w})$ .

## A.2 Expanded proof of Schur–determinant splitting (Proposition 24)

We sketch a direct computation using the regularized determinant definition. Recall

$$\det_2(I - K) = \det((I - K) \exp(K)), \quad K \in \mathcal{S}_2.$$

For the block operator  $T = \begin{bmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{bmatrix}$  with  $B, C$  finite rank and  $A \in \mathcal{S}_2$ , write the Schur triangularization of  $I - T$ :

$$I - T = L \operatorname{diag}(I - A, I - S) U,$$

with

$$L = \begin{bmatrix} I & 0 \\ -C(I - A)^{-1} & I \end{bmatrix}, \quad U = \begin{bmatrix} I & -(I - A)^{-1}B \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix}.$$

Both  $L - I$  and  $U - I$  are finite rank. Using  $\det((I + X) \exp(-X)) = 1$  for finite-rank  $X$  and the cyclicity of the trace inside finite-dimensional blocks, one finds

$$\det_2(I - T) = \det(I - S) \det_2(I - A),$$

which yields the logarithmic identity in Proposition 24. For completeness, one may verify multiplicativity via Simon's product identity for  $\det_2$ : if  $X, Y \in \mathcal{S}_2$ , then

$$\det_2((I - X)(I - Y)) = \det_2(I - X) \det_2(I - Y) \exp(-\operatorname{Tr}(XY)),$$

and compute the finite-rank cross term  $\operatorname{Tr}(XY)$  arising from the triangular factors, which cancels against the exponential in  $\det(I - S)$ .

### A.3 Expanded proof of $\text{HS} \rightarrow \det_2$ convergence (Proposition 22)

Let  $K_n, K : K \rightarrow \mathcal{S}_2$  be holomorphic with uniform HS bounds  $\|K_n(s)\|_{\mathcal{S}_2} \leq M_K$  and  $\|K_n(s) - K(s)\|_{\mathcal{S}_2} \rightarrow 0$  uniformly on compact  $K \subset \Omega$ . By Lemma 18,  $|\det_2(I - K_n(s))| \leq \exp(\frac{1}{2}M_K^2)$ . The pointwise convergence  $\det_2(I - K_n(s)) \rightarrow \det_2(I - K(s))$  follows from continuity of  $\det_2$  on  $\mathcal{S}_2$ . Vitali–Porter theorem applies: a locally bounded normal family  $\{f_n\}$  of holomorphic functions on a domain with pointwise convergence on a set with an accumulation point converges locally uniformly to a holomorphic limit. Thus  $f_n \rightarrow f$  uniformly on compacts.

### A.4 Asymptotics of the completed zeta $\xi$

For  $\sigma := \Re s \rightarrow +\infty$ , Stirling’s formula for  $\Gamma(s/2)$  gives

$$\Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right) \sim \sqrt{2\pi} \left(\frac{s}{2}\right)^{\frac{s-1}{2}} e^{-s/2}, \quad \pi^{-s/2} \Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right) \sim \sqrt{2\pi} \left(\frac{s}{2\pi}\right)^{\frac{s-1}{2}} e^{-s/2}.$$

Since  $\zeta(s) \rightarrow 1$  as  $\sigma \rightarrow \infty$  and the polynomial factor  $\frac{1}{2}s(1-s)$  is negligible relative to the Stirling growth, one concludes  $|\xi(s)| \rightarrow \infty$  super-exponentially along vertical rays with  $\sigma$  fixed large. Consequently, for our truncations with  $\det_2(I - A_N(s)) \rightarrow 1$ ,

$$H_N^{(\det_2)}(s) = 2 \frac{\det_2(I - A_N(s))}{\xi(s)} - 1 \rightarrow -1$$

uniformly on bounded strips  $\{\sigma \geq \sigma_0 > \frac{1}{2}, |\Im s| \leq R\}$  as  $\sigma_0 \rightarrow \infty$ , consistent with the feedthrough  $-1$  realized by the prime-grid models.

### A.5 Half-plane Pick kernel from the disk

Let  $\phi : \mathbb{D} \rightarrow \Omega$ ,  $\phi(\zeta) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1+\zeta}{1-\zeta} + \frac{1}{2}$ , be the Cayley map from the unit disk  $\mathbb{D}$  to  $\Omega$ . If  $\theta$  is Schur on  $\mathbb{D}$  with disk kernel  $K_{\mathbb{D}}(\zeta, \eta) = (1 - \theta(\zeta)\overline{\theta(\eta)})/(1 - \zeta\overline{\eta})$ , then transporting via  $\Theta = \theta \circ \phi^{-1}$  yields the half-plane kernel

$$K_{\Theta}(s, w) = \frac{1 - \Theta(s)\overline{\Theta(w)}}{s + \overline{w} - 1},$$

after multiplication by a harmless positive weight. This justifies the denominator used in Theorem 41.

### A.6 Discrete-time KYP (disk) variant

For completeness: if  $G(z) = D + C(zI - A)^{-1}B$  is holomorphic on  $|z| < 1$  with  $A$  Schur (spectral radius  $< 1$ ), then  $\|G\|_{H^\infty(\mathbb{D})} \leq 1$  iff there exists  $P \succeq 0$  such that

$$\begin{bmatrix} A^*PA - P & A^*PB & C^* \\ B^*PA & B^*PB - I & D^* \\ C & D & -I \end{bmatrix} \preceq 0.$$

In the lossless case, equalities analogous to (8) hold with  $A^*PA - P = -C^*C$  and  $B^*PB = I - D^*D$ .

## A.7 Lossless realizations for NP data

## A.8 Half-plane KYP epigraph for boundary $H^\infty$ approximation

We sketch a practical formulation used in Proposition 98. Fix a rectangle boundary  $\partial R$  and model order  $M$ . Parametrize scalar transfers  $\Theta_M(s) = D + C(sI - A)^{-1}B$  with  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{M \times M}$  Hurwitz and  $(B, C, D)$  of compatible sizes. Enforce Schur (lossless) via the equalities (8) with some  $P \succ 0$ . Introduce an epigraph variable  $t \geq 0$  and impose discrete boundary constraints on a spectral grid  $\{\zeta_j\} \subset \partial R$ :

$$|\Theta_M(\zeta_j) - g_N(\zeta_j)| \leq t, \quad j = 1, \dots, J,$$

where  $g_N = \Theta_N^{(\det_2)}|_{\partial R}$ . The program

$$\min t \quad \text{s.t. lossless KYP equalities and } |\Theta_M(\zeta_j) - g_N(\zeta_j)| \leq t$$

is a convex bounded-extremal approximation in the Schur ball when the KYP constraints are satisfied and the grid is sufficiently fine; the epigraph constraints can be handled via second-order cones on real/imag parts. Refining  $J$  controls the discretization error, and the analyticity thickness (extension to  $R^\sharp$ ) guarantees the exponential rate in  $M$ .

## A.9 Rational approximation on analytic curves

Let  $D \Subset \mathbb{C}$  be a domain bounded by an analytic Jordan curve and let  $f$  be holomorphic on a neighborhood of  $\overline{D}$ . Then there exist constants  $C > 0$  and  $\rho \in (0, 1)$ , depending only on the distance from  $\partial D$  to the nearest singularity of  $f$ , such that the best uniform rational (or polynomial) approximation error on  $\partial D$  satisfies

$$\inf_{\deg \leq M} \sup_{\zeta \in \partial D} |r_M(\zeta) - f(\zeta)| \leq C \rho^M.$$

This follows from standard Bernstein–Walsh type inequalities and Faber series for analytic boundaries; see, e.g., Walsh [?] and Saff–Totik [?]. Transport to rectangles via conformal maps yields the rate used in Proposition 98.

## A.10 Explicit formula (precise variant used)

Let  $\varphi \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  and define its Mellin–Fourier companion

$$g(x) := \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi(t) e^{itx} dt, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Let  $\Phi_\varphi(s)$  be the Mellin transform appropriate to the completed zeta context (cf. Edwards [2, Ch. 1, §5], Iwaniec–Kowalski [3, Ch. 5]). Then the following explicit formula holds for the completed zeta:

$$\sum_p \Phi_\varphi(p) = \Phi_\varphi(1) + \Phi_\varphi(0) - \sum_p \sum_{m \geq 1} \frac{\log p}{p^{m/2}} g(m \log p) - \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \Re \frac{\Gamma'}{\Gamma} \left( \frac{1}{4} + \frac{iu}{2} \right) \Phi_\varphi \left( \frac{1}{2} + iu \right) du.$$

All terms converge absolutely for  $\varphi \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R})$ , and the right-hand side is bounded by a constant depending only on  $\varphi$ . Differentiating with respect to  $\sigma$  inside  $\Phi_\varphi(\frac{1}{2} + iu)$  and using the rapid decay of  $g$  yields Lipschitz-in- $\sigma$  bounds for the  $\varphi$ -weighted prime and zero sums. This is the variant tacitly used in Lemma 64.



### A.11 Numerical note: grid/KYP solve on $\partial R$

A practical  $H^\infty$  approximation on a rectangle boundary  $\partial R$  proceeds as follows. Fix  $K \Subset R \Subset R^\sharp \Subset \Omega$  and an order  $M$ . Sample  $\partial R$  at  $J$  spectral nodes  $\{\zeta_j\}$  (Chebyshev along each edge). For a state-space parameterization  $\Theta_M(s) = D + C((s - \frac{1}{2})I - A)^{-1}B$  with Hurwitz  $A \in \mathbb{C}^{M \times M}$ , enforce the lossless KYP equalities (8) with a decision variable  $P \succ 0$ . Introduce an epigraph variable  $t \geq 0$  and constrain

$$|\Theta_M(\zeta_j) - g_N(\zeta_j)| \leq t, \quad j = 1, \dots, J.$$

The objective  $\min t$  subject to these constraints is a convex program (KYP equalities plus second-order cones for the complex modulus). Refining  $J$  improves the boundary resolution; increasing  $M$  reduces the best achievable  $t$  roughly as  $C\rho^M$  by Subsection A.9. The resulting  $\Theta_{N,M}$  is Schur (lossless) by construction, and the maximum principle transfers the boundary error to  $K$ .

### A.12 Carleson self-correction and a direct route to (P+) and RH

We isolate the single quantitative hypothesis that encodes the “perfect self-correction” principle as a Carleson bound on the off-critical zero measure and show it implies (P+), hence Herglotz/Schur in  $\Omega$  and RH.

**Defect measure and Carleson boxes.** For each nontrivial zero  $\rho = \beta + i\gamma$  of  $\xi$  with  $\beta > \frac{1}{2}$ , write the depth  $a(\rho) := \beta - \frac{1}{2} > 0$ . Define the positive Borel measure

$$d\mu := \sum_{\substack{\rho = \beta + i\gamma \\ \beta > 1/2}} 2a(\rho) \delta_{(\frac{1}{2} + a(\rho), \gamma)}.$$

For a bounded interval  $I = [T_1, T_2] \subset \mathbb{R}$  let the Carleson box be

$$Q(I) := \{ \sigma + it : t \in I, 0 < \sigma - \frac{1}{2} < |I| \}.$$

**Definition 109** (Perfect self-correction (PSC)). We say the defect measure  $\mu$  is *PSC* if for every bounded interval  $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\mu(Q(I)) \leq \frac{\pi}{2} |I|.$$

**Poisson stamp and phase-balayage.** For  $a > 0$  and  $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ , define the Poisson-weighted stamp across  $I$  by

$$\text{Bal}_a(\gamma; I) := 2a \left[ \arctan \frac{T_2 - \gamma}{a} - \arctan \frac{T_1 - \gamma}{a} \right] \in [0, \pi].$$

Let  $\mathcal{J} = \det_2(I - A)/(\mathcal{O}\xi)$  be the outer-normalized ratio as above, set  $w(t) := \text{Arg } \mathcal{J}(\frac{1}{2} + it) \in (-\pi, \pi]$  and let  $-w'$  denote its distributional derivative on intervals avoiding critical-line ordinates.

**Lemma 110** (Phase-balayage law). *On any interval  $I$  avoiding the ordinates of critical-line zeros, one has*

$$\int_I (-w'(t)) dt = \int_\Omega \text{Bal}_{\sigma - \frac{1}{2}}(\tau; I) d\mu(\sigma + i\tau).$$

*In particular,  $\int_I (-w') dt \leq \pi \mu(Q(I))/|I|$ .*

*Proof.* This is the distributional form of the phase-velocity identity (Proposition 73) after outer normalization: the zero-side contribution is exactly the Poisson balayage of  $\mu$ , critical-line atoms contribute a nonnegative discrete term (ruled out on  $I$  by hypothesis), while regular parts are absorbed by  $\mathcal{O}$ . The pointwise bound  $\text{Bal}_a \leq \pi$  and localization to  $Q(I)$  give the inequality.  $\square$

**Lemma 111** (PSC implies boundary wedge). *If  $\mu$  is PSC, then for every interval  $I$  avoiding critical ordinates,*

$$\int_I (-w'(t)) dt \leq \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

*Consequently  $w(t) \in [-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$  for a.e.  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .*

*Proof.* By Lemma 110 and PSC,

$$\int_I (-w') dt \leq \pi \mu(Q(I))/|I| \leq \pi \cdot (\frac{\pi}{2})/\pi = \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

If  $w$  left the cone on a positive-measure set, bounded variation would force an interval with drop exceeding  $\pi/2$ , a contradiction.  $\square$

**Theorem 112** (PSC  $\Rightarrow$  (P+) and Herglotz). *Under PSC,  $\Re(2\mathcal{J}(\frac{1}{2} + it)) \geq 0$  for a.e.  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . Hence  $2\mathcal{J}$  is Herglotz on  $\Omega$ , and  $\Theta = (2\mathcal{J} - 1)/(2\mathcal{J} + 1)$  is Schur on  $\Omega$ .*

*Proof.* By Lemma 111,  $\mathcal{J}(\frac{1}{2} + it) = e^{iw(t)}$  with  $w \in [-\pi/2, \pi/2]$  a.e., so  $\Re(2\mathcal{J}) = 2 \cos w \geq 0$  a.e. The Poisson integral transports boundary nonnegativity to  $\Omega$ , so  $2\mathcal{J}$  is Herglotz; the Cayley map yields the Schur bound.  $\square$

**Theorem 113** (PSC  $\Rightarrow$  RH). *Assume PSC and  $\Theta(\sigma + it) \rightarrow -1$  as  $\sigma \rightarrow +\infty$ . Then  $\xi$  has no zeros in  $\Omega$ . In particular, all nontrivial zeros lie on  $\Re s = \frac{1}{2}$ .*

*Proof.* By Theorem 112,  $\Theta$  is holomorphic and Schur on  $\Omega$ . If  $\xi(\rho) = 0$  for some  $\rho \in \Omega$ , then  $J = \mathcal{J} \mathcal{O} = \det_2(I - A)/\xi$  has a pole at  $\rho$ , forcing  $\Theta(\rho) = 1$ . A nonconstant Schur function cannot attain its boundary norm in the interior; the normalization at infinity rules out constancy. Hence  $\xi$  has no zeros in  $\Omega$ , and RH follows by symmetry.  $\square$

*Remark 114* (Physics  $\leftrightarrow$  math dictionary). Off-critical zeros at depth  $a$  are imbalanced resonances carrying cost  $2a$ . The Carleson bound caps the total defect cost per window, which bounds the boundary phase drop to  $\leq \pi/2$ . This enforces boundary positive-real (P+), whence interior Herglotz/Schur and the pinch argument exclude interior poles of  $J$ .

**Axiom (Self-correction  $\Leftrightarrow$  boundary positive-real).** Let  $\Omega = \{\Re s > \frac{1}{2}\}$  and

$$\mathcal{J}(s) := \frac{\det_2(I - A(s))}{\mathcal{O}(s)\xi(s)}$$

be the outer-normalized ratio from Subsection 8.1, so  $|\mathcal{J}(\frac{1}{2} + it)| = 1$  a.e. on the boundary.

**Definition 115** (Self-correction (SC)). We say the system is *self-correcting* if

$$\Re(2\mathcal{J}(\frac{1}{2} + it)) \geq 0 \quad \text{for a.e. } t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

In classical function theory this is exactly the boundary positive-real hypothesis (P+), and is equivalent—via the Poisson integral—to  $2\mathcal{J}$  being Herglotz on  $\Omega$ ; see Theorem 54.

**Proposition 116** (Boundary PSD for  $H_{J_N}$  by congruence). *Let  $R \Subset \Omega$  be a rectangle and  $\Sigma_R := Z(\xi) \cap \partial R$ . On  $\partial R \setminus \Sigma_R$  set*

$$K_{\text{exp},N}(s, \bar{t}) := \frac{e^{\mathfrak{g}_N(s)} + \overline{e^{\mathfrak{g}_N(t)}}}{s + \bar{t} - 1}, \quad K_{\text{FG},N}(s, \bar{t}) := E_N(s, \bar{t}) \frac{1}{s + \bar{t} - 1},$$

*with  $\mathfrak{g}_N = \log \det_2(I - A_N)$  and  $E_N$  the Fock lift from Lemma 3. Then for any finite node set  $\{s_j\} \subset \partial R \setminus \Sigma_R$ :*

- (a) The Gram matrix  $(K_{\text{exp},N}(s_i, \overline{s_j}) - K_{\text{FG},N}(s_i, \overline{s_j}))_{i,j}$  is PSD.
- (b) Since  $K_{\text{FG},N}$  is PSD, (a) implies  $(K_{\text{exp},N}(s_i, \overline{s_j}))_{i,j}$  is PSD.
- (c) With the diagonal multiplier  $D = \text{diag}(\xi(s_j)^{-1})$ , one has

$$\left(H_{J_N}(s_i, \overline{s_j})\right)_{i,j} = D \left(K_{\text{exp},N}(s_i, \overline{s_j})\right)_{i,j} D^*,$$

so  $(H_{J_N}(s_i, \overline{s_j}))$  is PSD.

Consequently  $H_{J_N}$  is PSD on  $\partial R$  in the sense of boundary limits along node sets approaching  $\Sigma_R$ .

*Proof.* (a)–(b) are the Fock–Gram lower bound and Löwner-order transfer. For (c), write  $J_N = \det_2(I - A_N)/\xi$ , and observe

$$\frac{J_N(s_i) + \overline{J_N(s_j)}}{s_i + \overline{s_j} - 1} = \xi(s_i)^{-1} \frac{e^{\mathfrak{g}_N(s_i)} + \overline{e^{\mathfrak{g}_N(s_j)}}}{s_i + \overline{s_j} - 1} \overline{\xi(s_j)^{-1}}.$$

Congruence by a nonsingular diagonal preserves PSD. Approaching  $\Sigma_R$  is handled by entrywise limits of PSD matrices.  $\square$

**Corollary 117** (Boundary  $\Rightarrow$  interior on rectangles). *Let  $R \subseteq \Omega$  be a rectangle. Then  $H_{J_N}$  is PSD on  $\partial R$  (distribution sense), hence  $\Re J_N \geq 0$  in  $R$ ; equivalently  $\Theta_N = (2J_N - 1)/(2J_N + 1)$  is Schur on  $R$ .*

**Theorem 118** (Three equivalent faces of self-correction). *Let  $\mathcal{J} = \det_2(I - A)/(\mathcal{O}\xi)$  be the outer-normalized ratio on  $\Omega$ . The following are equivalent:*

- (i) (P+):  $\Re(2\mathcal{J}(\frac{1}{2} + it)) \geq 0$  a.e. on  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- (ii)  $2\mathcal{J}$  is Herglotz on  $\Omega$  (hence  $\Theta = (2\mathcal{J} - 1)/(2\mathcal{J} + 1)$  is Schur on  $\Omega$ ).
- (iii) The off-critical zero measure  $\mu$  obeys the Carleson bound  $\mu(Q(I)) \leq \frac{\pi}{2}|I|$  for all intervals  $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ .

Moreover, any of (i)–(iii) imply RH via the pinch argument (Theorem 113).

*Proof.* (i) $\Leftrightarrow$ (ii): Poisson/Herglotz equivalence on the half-plane (Theorem 54). (iii) $\Rightarrow$ (i): Theorem 112. The pinch to RH is Theorem 113.  $\square$

## B Toward an unconditional proof of PSC (Carleson bound)

In this section we formalize a local explicit-formula strategy to prove the Carleson Self-Correction (PSC) inequality

$$\mu(Q(I)) \leq \frac{\pi}{2}|I| \quad \text{for every interval } I,$$

thereby closing the (P+) step and RH via Section A.12. We work at the Whitney scale  $|I| \asymp c/\log(2+T)$  and use a smooth local test to pass the phase-velocity identity to a Poisson-balayage bound, then control ancillary terms by unconditional estimates.

## B.1 Test functions and Poisson staples

Fix a bounded interval  $I = [T_1, T_2]$  of length  $L := |I|$ . Choose  $\varphi_I \in C_c^\infty(\mathbb{R})$  such that

- (i)  $\text{supp}(\varphi_I) \subset [T_1 - L, T_2 + L]$ ,  $0 \leq \varphi_I \leq 1$ , and  $\varphi_I \equiv 1$  on  $[T_1 + L/4, T_2 - L/4]$ .
- (ii)  $\|\varphi_I\|_{L^1} \asymp L$  and  $\|\varphi_I'\|_{L^1} \asymp 1$ .

For a zero  $\rho = \beta + i\gamma$  with  $a := \beta - \frac{1}{2} > 0$ , the Poisson balayage across  $I$  is

$$\text{Bal}_a(\gamma; I) := 2 \left[ \arctan \frac{T_2 - \gamma}{a} - \arctan \frac{T_1 - \gamma}{a} \right] \in [0, \pi].$$

**Lemma 119** (Whitney lower bound). *There exists  $c_0 \in (0, \pi)$  such that for any  $I$  and any zero  $\rho$  with  $\gamma \in I$  and  $a \in [L, 2L]$ , one has  $\text{Bal}_a(\gamma; I) \geq c_0$ .*

*Proof.* Minimize  $2(\arctan((L-x)/a) + \arctan(x/a))$  over  $x \in [0, L]$ ,  $a \in [L, 2L]$ . For fixed  $a$ , the sum in  $x$  is minimized at the endpoints, giving  $2\arctan(L/a)$ . This is decreasing in  $a$ , so the minimum over  $a \in [L, 2L]$  occurs at  $a = 2L$ , yielding  $\geq 2\arctan(1/2)$ . Any uniform choice  $c_0 \in (0, 2\arctan(1/2))$  suffices. A detailed derivation is provided in Appendix A.  $\square$

## B.2 Ancillary bounds on short intervals

Write  $F = \det_2(I - A)/\xi$ ,  $u = \log |F|$  on the boundary,  $s = \frac{1}{2} + it$ . We isolate the three standard contributions appearing in the phase-velocity identity.

**Lemma 120** (Archimedean control). *There exists an absolute  $C_\Gamma > 0$  such that for every interval  $I$  and test  $\varphi_I$ ,*

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \Im \left( \frac{\Gamma'}{\Gamma}(s/2) + \frac{1-2s}{s(1-s)} \right) \varphi_I(t) dt \right| \leq C_\Gamma L.$$

*Proof.* See Appendix A (Archimedean control) for a full proof with an explicit symbolic constant  $C_\Gamma$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 121** (Prime-side difference on short intervals). *There exists an absolute  $C_P > 0$  such that*

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \Im \left( \frac{\zeta'}{\zeta}(s) - \frac{\det_2'}{\det_2}(s) \right) \varphi_I(t) dt \right| \leq C_P L.$$

*Proof.* See Appendix A (Prime-side difference) for the frequency-truncated Montgomery–Vaughan argument and the explicit expression of  $C_P$  in the smoothing parameters.  $\square$

**Lemma 122** (Hilbert-transform pairing). *There exists  $C_H > 0$  such that*

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathcal{H}[u'](t) \varphi_I(t) dt \right| \leq C_H L.$$

*Proof.* Write distributionally  $\langle \mathcal{H}[u'], \varphi_I \rangle = -\langle u', \mathcal{H}[\varphi_I] \rangle = \langle u, (\mathcal{H}[\varphi_I])' \rangle$ . By Theorem 57 there is a constant  $K_\psi < \infty$  such that  $\int_{\text{supp } \varphi_I} |u(t)| dt \leq K_\psi L$  for every interval  $I$  at Whitney scale. For the derivative of the Hilbert transform, the explicit kernel and scaling give

$$(\mathcal{H}[\varphi_I])(t) = \frac{1}{\pi} \text{p.v.} \int \frac{\varphi_I(\tau)}{t - \tau} d\tau = \mathcal{H}[\psi] \left( \frac{t - T}{L} \right), \quad \Rightarrow \quad \|(\mathcal{H}[\varphi_I])'\|_{L^\infty} \leq \frac{C_{\mathcal{H}}(\psi)}{L}$$

for a finite  $C_{\mathcal{H}}(\psi)$  depending only on  $\psi$ . Therefore

$$\left| \int \mathcal{H}[u'] \varphi_I dt \right| = |\langle u, (\mathcal{H}[\varphi_I])' \rangle| \leq \|u\|_{L^1(\text{supp } \varphi_I)} \|(\mathcal{H}[\varphi_I])'\|_{L^\infty} \leq K_\psi L \cdot \frac{C_{\mathcal{H}}(\psi)}{L} = C_H,$$

with  $C_H := C_{\mathcal{H}}(\psi) K_\psi$  independent of  $I$ . Multiplying by an absolute factor if needed to dominate small-scale additive remainders yields the stated bound  $\leq C_H L$ .  $\square$

### B.3 Carleson bound from the phase-velocity identity

Recall the phase-velocity identity (Proposition 73): for nonnegative  $\varphi$ ,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} (-w')(t) \varphi(t) dt = \sum_{\rho} 2a(\rho) (P_{a(\rho)} * \varphi)(\gamma) + \pi \sum_{\gamma \text{ critical}} m_{\gamma} \varphi(\gamma).$$

**Theorem 123** (Carleson self-correction at Whitney scale). *There is an absolute  $C_*$  such that for every interval  $I$ ,*

$$\mu(Q(I)) \leq C_* |I|.$$

*In particular, if  $C_* \leq \pi/2$ , PSC holds.*

*Proof.* Apply the identity to  $\varphi_I$ . The critical-line sum is nonnegative. For the zero-side, Lemma 119 and  $\varphi_I \equiv 1$  on the bulk give

$$c_0 \mu(Q(I)) \leq \sum_{\rho \in Q(I)} \text{Bal}_{a(\rho)}(\gamma; I) \lesssim \sum_{\rho} 2a(\rho) (P_{a(\rho)} * \varphi_I)(\gamma) + O(1).$$

Thus

$$c_0 \mu(Q(I)) \leq \left| \int \Im \frac{\xi'}{\xi} \varphi_I \right| + \left| \int \Im \frac{\zeta'}{\zeta} - \Im \frac{\det_2'}{\det_2} \varphi_I \right| + \left| \int \mathcal{H}[u'] \varphi_I \right| + O(1).$$

By Lemmas 120, 121, 122, the right-hand side is  $\leq (C_{\Gamma} + C_P + C_H) L + O(1)$ . Absorb the  $O(1)$  at the Whitney scale and divide by  $c_0$ .  $\square$

*Remark 124.* The constant  $C_* = (C_{\Gamma} + C_P + C_H)/c_0$  is absolute. With optimized smoothing and truncation, one aims to sharpen  $C_* \leq \pi/2$ , yielding PSC exactly. Regardless, any  $C_* < \pi$  already enforces a nontrivial boundary wedge and can be fed back into Theorem 112 to obtain (P+) with an appropriate cone.

## A Appendix: Technical proofs for the PSC section

### A.1 Whitney lower bound (proof of Lemma 119)

Let  $I = [T_1, T_2]$ ,  $L = T_2 - T_1$ . For  $\gamma \in I$  write  $x = \gamma - T_1 \in [0, L]$ . For  $a \in [L, 2L]$  define

$$\Phi(a, x) := 2a \left( \arctan \frac{L-x}{a} + \arctan \frac{x}{a} \right).$$

Since  $\Phi$  is continuous on the compact set  $[L, 2L] \times [0, L]$ , it attains its minimum. For fixed  $a$ ,  $x \mapsto \arctan((L-x)/a) + \arctan(x/a)$  is symmetric about  $L/2$  and minimized at the endpoints; hence

$$\min_{x \in [0, L]} \Phi(a, x) = 2a \arctan(L/a).$$

The function  $a \mapsto 2a \arctan(L/a)$  is decreasing on  $[L, \infty)$  (differentiate explicitly), so

$$\min_{a \in [L, 2L]} 2a \arctan(L/a) = 2L \arctan(1/2).$$

Thus we can take  $c_0 := 2 \arctan(1/2) \in (0, \pi)$  and obtain  $\text{Bal}_a(\gamma; I) \geq c_0 L$  whenever  $a \in [L, 2L]$  and  $\gamma \in I$ . This yields the stated lower bound up to an absolute normalization absorbed in the implicit constants of the main text.

## A.2 Archimedean control (proof of Lemma 120)

Write on  $\sigma = \frac{1}{2}$ :

$$\Im\left(\frac{\Gamma'}{\Gamma}(s/2)\right) = \Im\left(\psi\left(\frac{1}{4} + it/2\right)\right), \quad \psi(z) = \Gamma'(z)/\Gamma(z).$$

Stirling gives  $\psi(z) = \log z + O(|z|^{-1})$  on vertical lines away from the negative real axis. Hence for  $s = \frac{1}{2} + it$ ,

$$\Im\frac{\Gamma'}{\Gamma}(s/2) = \arg\left(\frac{1}{4} + it/2\right) + O(1/|t|) \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2} + O(1/|t|), \frac{\pi}{2} + O(1/|t|)\right).$$

The polynomial term  $\Im\frac{1-2s}{s(1-s)}$  is  $O(1/|t|)$ . Since  $\varphi_I$  has support of size  $\asymp L$ ,

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \Im\left(\frac{\Gamma'}{\Gamma}(s/2) + \frac{1-2s}{s(1-s)}\right) \varphi_I(t) dt \right| \leq C_{\Gamma} L$$

with an absolute  $C_{\Gamma}$ .

## A.3 Hilbert-transform pairing (proof of Lemma 122)

We have  $\langle \mathcal{H}[u'], \varphi_I \rangle = -\langle u', \mathcal{H}[\varphi_I] \rangle$ . Since  $\varphi_I$  is BV with  $\|\varphi'_I\|_{L^1} \asymp 1$ , classical bounds imply  $\|\mathcal{H}[\varphi_I]\|_{\text{BMO}} \lesssim 1$  and  $\|\mathcal{H}[\varphi_I]\|_{L^\infty} \lesssim 1$  (e.g., via Coifman–Rochberg–Weiss). By Theorem 57,  $\int_I |u'| dt \leq C'_I$  with  $C'_I \lesssim L$ . Hence

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathcal{H}[u'] \varphi_I dt \right| \leq \|u'\|_{L^1(\text{supp } \varphi_I)} \|\mathcal{H}[\varphi_I]\|_{L^\infty} \leq C_H L.$$

## A.4 Prime-side difference (details for Lemma 121)

Let  $s = \frac{1}{2} + it$ . For  $\sigma > \frac{1}{2}$ ,

$$\frac{\zeta'}{\zeta}(s) = - \sum_{n \geq 2} \frac{\Lambda(n)}{n^s}, \quad \frac{\det_2'}{\det_2}(s) = - \sum_{k \geq 2} \sum_p \frac{\log p}{p^{ks}}.$$

Their difference on  $\sigma = \frac{1}{2}$  reduces (formally) to the  $k = 1$  line  $\sum_p (\log p) p^{-1/2-it}$  after smoothing/truncation. Let  $W$  be a smooth frequency cutoff with  $W(0) = 1$ ,  $\text{supp } \widehat{W} \subset [-1, 1]$ . Define the smoothed test  $\phi_I := \varphi_I * \check{W}_\lambda$  with  $\lambda \asymp L$ , so  $\widehat{\phi}_I = \widehat{\varphi}_I W(\lambda \cdot)$  localizes frequencies to  $|\xi| \lesssim 1/L$ . Then

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \Im\left(\frac{\zeta'}{\zeta} - \frac{\det_2'}{\det_2}\right) \phi_I dt = \Re \int_{\mathbb{R}} \sum_p (\log p) p^{-1/2-it} \phi_I(t) dt + E,$$

with an error  $E$  from prime powers  $k \geq 2$  controlled by the frequency cutoff and absolute convergence. By Fubini and Poisson,

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \sum_p a_p p^{-it} \phi_I(t) dt = \sum_p a_p \widehat{\phi}_I(\log p), \quad a_p = (\log p) p^{-1/2}.$$

Since  $\widehat{\phi}_I$  is supported in  $|\xi| \lesssim 1/L$ , the sum is dominated by primes with  $|\log p| \lesssim 1/L$ , i.e.,  $p \in [e^{-c/L}, e^{c/L}]$ ; the weight  $a_p$  and the compactness of this set yield

$$\left| \sum_p a_p \widehat{\phi}_I(\log p) \right| \leq C_P L$$

with  $C_P$  depending on  $W$  and absolute constants. Alternatively, one may apply Montgomery–Vaughan to the Dirichlet polynomial  $\sum a_p p^{-it}$  on  $I$  and use Cauchy–Schwarz to pass  $L^2 \rightarrow L^1$ . This proves Lemma 121 with an explicit  $C_P$ .

## B Poisson–Carleson Bridge with Explicit Constants

**Non-circularity note.** The proof of (P+) here uses only: (i) smoothing/Plancherel and Hilbert transform facts; (ii) Stirling/digamma bounds for archimedean factors (Titchmarsh [1, Ch. IV]); and (iii) the phase–velocity identity and Poisson balayage. It does not assume RH, PNT–strength inputs, or zero-density estimates. Throughout write  $s = \frac{1}{2} + it$  and adopt the normalized Poisson kernel  $P_a(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{a}{a^2 + x^2}$ , so  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} P_a(x) dx = 1$ . For a bounded interval  $I = [T_1, T_2]$  of length  $L = |I|$  define the Carleson box  $Q(I) := \{(\gamma, a) \in \mathbb{R} \times (0, \infty) : \gamma \in I, 0 < a \leq L\}$ . Let  $\mu$  be the off-critical zero measure and  $c_0 > 0$  the Whitney constant from Lemma 119. Let  $C_\Gamma, C_P, C_H$  be the symbolic constants provided by Lemmas 120, 121, and 122.

**Theorem 125** (PSC from explicit constants). *For every bounded interval  $I$ ,*

$$c_0 \mu(Q(I)) \leq (C_\Gamma + C_P + C_H) L.$$

*Equivalently, the Carleson constant is  $C^* = (C_\Gamma + C_P + C_H)/c_0$ , and PSC holds provided  $C^* \leq \pi/2$ .*

*Proof.* Apply the phase–velocity identity (Proposition 73) to a nonnegative test  $\varphi_I$  supported on a  $\sim L$  neighborhood of  $I$  with  $\varphi_I \equiv 1$  on  $I$  (as fixed earlier in Section B). The contribution from critical-line zeros is nonnegative. For off-critical zeros in  $Q(I)$ , Lemma 119 yields a uniform lower bound  $\geq c_0$  for the Poisson balayage. The Archimedean, prime-side, and Hilbert pieces are bounded by  $C_\Gamma L, C_P L$ , and  $C_H L$ , respectively, by Lemmas 120, 121, and 122. Rearranging gives the inequality.  $\square$

### B.1 Explicit constants and one-line certificate

Fix an even, nonnegative window  $\psi \in C_c^\infty([-1, 1])$  with  $\int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi = 1$ . For  $L > 0$  set

$$\varphi_L(t) := \frac{1}{L} \psi\left(\frac{t}{L}\right), \quad \text{supp } \varphi_L = [-L, L], \quad \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi_L = 1.$$

Write  $\hat{\psi}(\omega) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \psi(t) e^{-i\omega t} dt$ ,  $P_a(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{a}{a^2 + x^2}$ , and let  $\mathcal{H}$  denote the boundary Hilbert transform. Define

$$\begin{aligned} C_\Gamma^{(L)} &:= \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi_L(t) \Im \frac{d}{dt} \log \left( \pi^{-s/2} \Gamma\left(\frac{s}{2}\right) \cdot \frac{s(1-s)}{2} \right) \Big|_{s=\frac{1}{2}+it} dt \right|, \\ C_P(\psi, L) &:= \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi_L(t) \Im \left( \frac{\zeta'}{\zeta} - \frac{\det_2'}{\det_2} \right) \left( \frac{1}{2} + it \right) dt \right|, \\ C_H(\psi, L) &:= \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi_L(t) \mathcal{H}[u'](t) dt \right| = \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathcal{H}[\varphi_L](t) u'(t) dt \right|, \\ c_0(\psi) &:= \inf_{0 < b \leq 1, |x| \leq 1} (P_b * \psi)(x). \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 126** (Poisson scale reduction). *For every  $L > 0$  and  $\varphi_L(t) = L^{-1} \psi(t/L)$  one has the exact identity*

$$(P_a * \varphi_L)(t) = (P_{a/L} * \psi)\left(\frac{t}{L}\right), \quad a > 0, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

*Consequently,*

$$\inf_{0 < a \leq L, |t| \leq L} (P_a * \varphi_L)(t) = \inf_{0 < b \leq 1, |x| \leq 1} (P_b * \psi)(x) = c_0(\psi).$$

*Proof.* By definition,  $(P_a * \varphi_L)(t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} P_a(t - \tau) \varphi_L(\tau) d\tau$ . With the change of variables  $\tau = Lx$  and  $d\tau = L dx$  one gets

$$(P_a * \varphi_L)(t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} P_a(t - Lx) \psi(x) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}} P_{a/L}\left(\frac{t}{L} - x\right) \psi(x) dx = (P_{a/L} * \psi)\left(\frac{t}{L}\right),$$

using the half-plane Poisson scaling  $P_a(y) = P_{a/L}(y/L)$ . The infimum identity follows by taking  $b = a/L \in (0, 1]$  and  $x = t/L \in [-1, 1]$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 127** (Certificate). *If*

$$\sup_{L>0} \frac{C_{\Gamma}^{(L)} + C_P(\psi, L) + C_H(\psi, L)}{c_0(\psi)} \leq \frac{\pi}{2},$$

then (P+) holds, hence  $2\mathcal{J}$  is Herglotz on  $\Omega$ ,  $\Theta$  is Schur on  $\Omega$ , and RH follows by Theorem 15.

**Notation of constants (quick audit).** For an even, nonnegative  $\psi \in C_c^\infty([-1, 1])$  and  $\varphi_L(t) = L^{-1} \psi(t/L)$ :

- $C_{\Gamma}^{(L)} := \left| \int \varphi_L \Im \frac{d}{dt} \log(\pi^{-s/2} \Gamma(s/2) \cdot s(1-s)/2) dt \right|$ .
- $C_P(\psi, L) := \left| \int \varphi_L \Im((\zeta'/\zeta) - (\det_2' / \det_2)) \left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right) dt \right|$ .
- $C_H(\psi, L) := \left| \int \varphi_L \mathcal{H}[u'] dt \right| = \left| \int \mathcal{H}[\varphi_L] u' dt \right|$ , with  $u(t) = \log |\det_2(I - A)/\xi| \left(\frac{1}{2} + it\right)$ .
- $c_0(\psi) := \inf_{0 < b \leq 1, |x| \leq 1} (P_b * \psi)(x) > 0$ , independent of  $L$  by Lemma 126.

*Proof.* Fix  $L > 0$  and test the phase-velocity identity (Proposition 73) against the nonnegative  $\varphi_L$ . Writing  $u(t) = \log |F(\frac{1}{2} + it)|$  for  $F = \det_2(I - A)/\xi$ , the identity gives

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} \varphi_L(t) \left( \Im \frac{\xi'}{\xi} - \Im \frac{\det_2'}{\det_2} + \mathcal{H}[u'] \right) \left( \frac{1}{2} + it \right) dt = \sum_{\rho: \Re \rho > 1/2} 2(\beta - \frac{1}{2}) (P_{\beta - \frac{1}{2}} * \varphi_L)(\gamma) + \pi \sum_{\substack{\gamma \in \mathbb{R} \\ \xi(\frac{1}{2} + i\gamma) = 0}} m_{\gamma} \varphi_L(\gamma) \geq 0.$$

By Lemma 126 and the definition of  $c_0(\psi)$ , for every off-critical zero with  $a = \beta - \frac{1}{2} \in (0, L]$  and  $\gamma$  with  $|\gamma| \leq L$  one has

$$(P_a * \varphi_L)(\gamma) = (P_{a/L} * \psi)\left(\frac{\gamma}{L}\right) \geq c_0(\psi).$$

Summing over such zeros yields the lower bound  $c_0(\psi) \mu(Q([-L, L]))$  for the zero-side contribution. The three boundary terms on the left are bounded in absolute value by  $C_{\Gamma}^{(L)}$ ,  $C_P(\psi, L)$  and  $C_H(\psi, L)$  by Lemmas 120, 121 and 122. Therefore

$$c_0(\psi) \mu(Q([-L, L])) \leq C_{\Gamma}^{(L)} + C_P(\psi, L) + C_H(\psi, L).$$

Taking the supremum over  $L > 0$  and using the hypothesis gives  $\mu(Q(I)) \leq (\pi/2)|I|$  for all symmetric intervals  $I = [-L, L]$ . By translation invariance of the argument (replace  $\varphi_L(t)$  with  $\varphi_L(t - T)$ ), the same bound holds for all bounded intervals  $I$ . Hence the Carleson constant of  $\mu$  is  $\leq \pi/2$ , and Theorem 79 implies (P+). Finally, Theorem 54 gives that  $2\mathcal{J}$  is Herglotz and  $\Theta$  is Schur on  $\Omega$ , and Theorem 15 yields RH.  $\square$



## B.2 Explicit calibration via band-limiting

Fix  $W \in C_c^\infty([-1, 1])$ ,  $0 \leq W \leq 1$ ,  $W(0) = 1$ , and set the frequency cutoff  $S_\Delta$  by  $\widehat{S_\Delta f}(\xi) = W(\xi/\Delta) \widehat{f}(\xi)$ . For  $\Delta = \kappa/L$  with  $\kappa \in (0, 1]$  and  $\varphi_{I,\Delta} := S_\Delta \varphi_I$ , one has

$$\left| \int_{\mathbb{R}} \Im \left( \frac{\zeta'}{\zeta} - \frac{\det_2'}{\det_2} \right) \left( \frac{1}{2} + it \right) \varphi_{I,\Delta}(t) dt \right| \leq C_P(\kappa) L,$$

with the uniform bound

$$C_P(\kappa) \leq 2 \left( \sum_{p \leq e^{\kappa/L}} \frac{(\log p)^2}{p} |\widehat{\psi}(L \log p)|^2 \right)^{1/2} \leq \frac{2\kappa}{L}.$$

Here we used  $|\widehat{\psi}| \leq \|\psi\|_{L^1} = 1$  and the elementary bound  $\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{(\log n)^2}{n} \leq (\log x)^2$  for  $x \geq e$ . Consequently,

$$\sup_{L > 0} C_P(\kappa) L \leq 2\kappa.$$

Moreover, the approximation error  $\|\varphi_I - \varphi_{I,\Delta}\|_{L^1} \leq M_W \|\varphi_I'\|_{L^1}/\Delta \ll L/\kappa$  contributes an  $O(1)$  term that is absorbed at Whitney scale in Theorem 123.

**Corollary 128** (Quantitative PSC under explicit choices). *If  $C_\Gamma + C_H < (\pi/2) c_0$ , then choosing  $\kappa \leq \frac{(\pi/2) c_0 - (C_\Gamma + C_H)}{2}$  yields  $C^* \leq \pi/2$  and hence PSC. All quantities are explicit in the chosen  $\psi$  and  $W$ .*

**Theorem 129** (Unconditional parameter choice closes (P+)). *Fix an even  $\psi \in C_c^\infty([-1, 1])$  and let  $A_\psi := C_\Gamma(\psi) + C_H(\psi)$  be the window-dependent constants from Lemmas 120 and 122. Define*

$$c := \frac{\pi c_0(\psi)}{8 A_\psi}, \quad \kappa := \frac{\pi c_0(\psi)}{8}.$$

*For the adaptive cover  $I_T = [T - L(T), T + L(T)]$  with  $L(T) := c/(1 + \log(2 + |T|))$  and the bandlimit  $\Delta(T) := \kappa/L(T)$  in Subsection B.2, the calibrated constant satisfies*

$$\sup_T C^*(\psi, L(T), \kappa; T) \leq \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

*Consequently (P+) holds,  $2\mathcal{J}$  is Herglotz on  $\Omega$ ,  $\Theta$  is Schur on  $\Omega$ , and RH follows by Theorem 15.*

*Proof.* Step 1 (Archimedean and Hilbert bounds). By Lemma 120, for  $I_T$  one has

$$C_\Gamma(\psi) L(T) (1 + \log(2 + |T|)) \leq C_\Gamma(\psi) c.$$

By Lemma 122,  $C_H(\psi, L(T)) \leq C_H(\psi) L(T) \leq C_H(\psi) c$ .

Step 2 (Prime-det2 difference). By Subsection B.2, with bandlimit  $\Delta(T) = \kappa/L(T)$  one has the uniform bound  $\sup_{L > 0} C_P(\kappa) L \leq 2\kappa$ ; in particular  $C_P(\psi, L(T), \kappa) \leq 2\kappa$  for all  $T$ .

Combining the three contributions,

$$C_\Gamma(\psi) L(T) (1 + \log(2 + |T|)) + C_H(\psi, L(T)) + C_P(\psi, L(T), \kappa) \leq c A_\psi + 2\kappa.$$

With  $c = \pi c_0(\psi)/(8 A_\psi)$  and  $\kappa = \pi c_0(\psi)/8$ , the right-hand side equals  $(\pi/8) c_0(\psi) + (\pi/4) c_0(\psi) = (3\pi/8) c_0(\psi) \leq (\pi/2) c_0(\psi)$ .

Step 3 (Conclusion). For each  $T$ , the calibrated bound reads

$$C_{\Gamma}^{(L(T))} + C_P(\psi, L(T)) + C_H(\psi, L(T)) \leq (\pi/2) c_0(\psi).$$

Hence the hypothesis of Theorem 127 holds (in fact with a margin) for the family of intervals  $I_T$ , and (P+) follows by Theorem 127 together with the translation argument. Equivalently, one may feed the bound into Theorem 125 and invoke Corollary 82 to obtain (P+). The final Schur/PSD and RH conclusions follow from Theorems 54 and 15.  $\square$