

Canonical Momenta in Digitized SU(2) Lattice Gauge Theory

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SU(2) construction

- We need a discretization of SU(2)
- Choose a finite set of elements
- For each point we define a state $|U\rangle \in \mathcal{H}$ and an SU(2) matrix

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- The elements y_i are operators on \mathcal{H}

$$\hat{y}_i |U\rangle = y_i |U\rangle$$

- This defines the action of $U : \mathcal{H} \rightarrow \mathcal{H}$
- Alternatively we can work with the parametrization $U = e^{i\vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{\tau}}$

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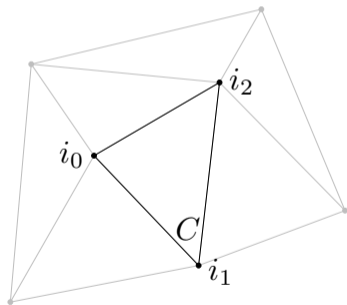
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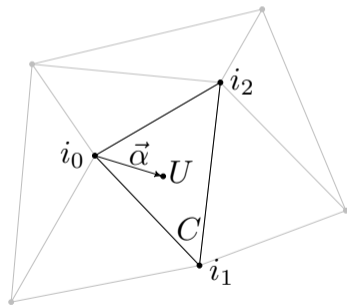
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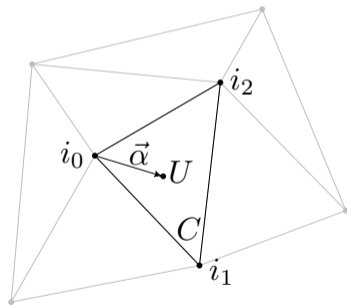
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that defines $\vec{L} = -i\vec{\nabla}$

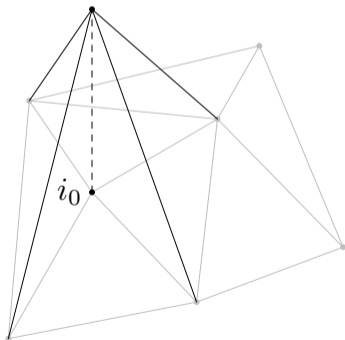


- We average overall simplices containing the point i to have a better estimate
- A similar construction can be done for R writing the link as $U = U_{i_0} e^{i\vec{\alpha} \cdot \vec{\tau}}$
- In the Hamiltonian we need L^2
- Simply taking the square is unlikely to give good approximation since we taking linear approximation to construct L
- We use the Finite Element method to approximate L^2

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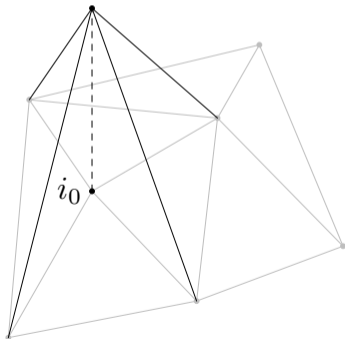
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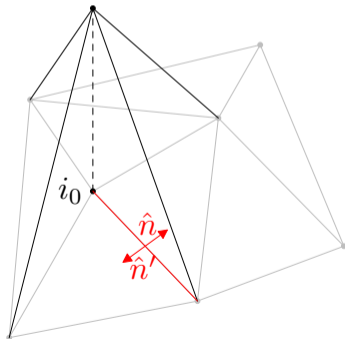
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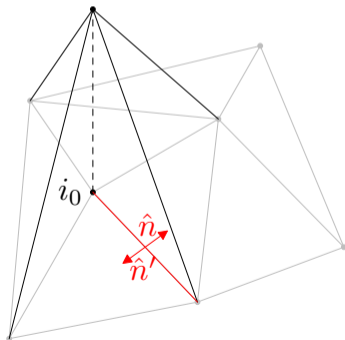
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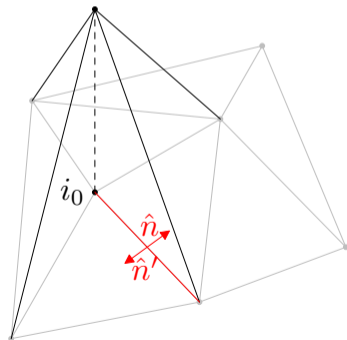
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- With this construction $L^2 = R^2$ and local
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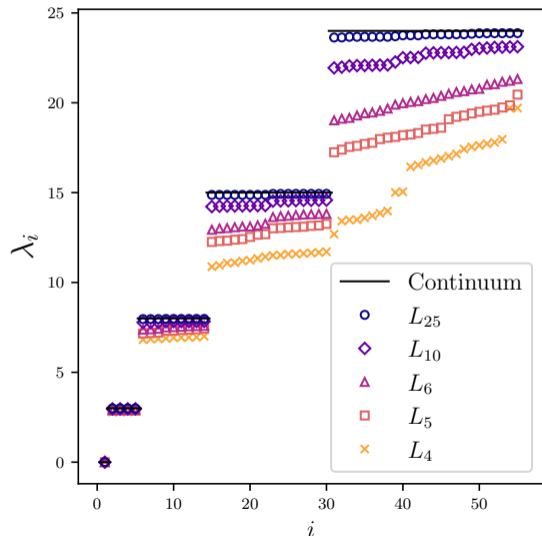
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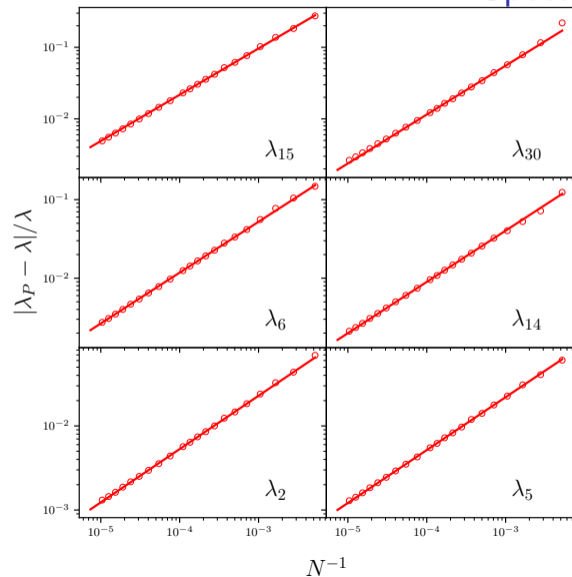
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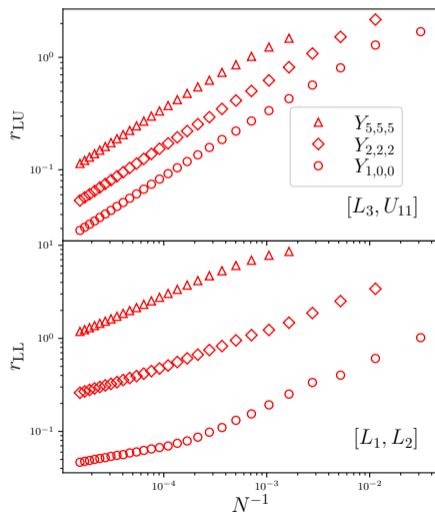
$$\lambda = \{J(J+2), \quad J = 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$$

multiplicity $(J+1)^2$

- The low energy spectrum is approaching the continuum with $m \rightarrow \infty$

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- λ_P eigenvalue of the discretized L^2
- Fit $(\lambda_P - \lambda)/\lambda = a \left(\frac{1}{N}\right)^b$
- a in $[1, 10]$, $b \sim 0.6$

Commutator $[L_i, L_j]$ and $[L_i, U]$ 

- Eigenfunction of L^2 4d-spherical harmonics Y_{J,l_1,l_2}
- Evaluate the commutator

$$w_{LU} = ([L_a, U_{jl}] - (\tau_a)_{ji} U_{il}) \cdot Y_{J,l_1,l_2}$$

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- mean deviation weighted by barycentric cell volume $v(i) = \sum_{C|i \in C} \text{Vol}(C)/4$

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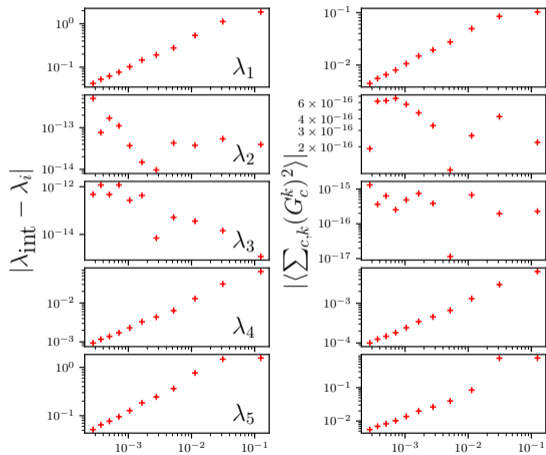
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- To ensure that the low spectrum of H satisfy the Gauss's law we add a penalty term in the Hamiltonian

$$\hat{H}_{Penalty} = \kappa \sum_{\mathbf{x}} G^2(\mathbf{x})$$

Spectrum \hat{H} 

$$N^{-1} \mu = 0.20, \quad 1/g^2 = 2.00, \quad N^{-1} \kappa = 10.00, \quad 2 \text{ sites}$$

- For N large enough the exact result is recovered
- For finite N also the Gauss's law operator G^a has discretization effects

Summary

- For a given subset of $SU(2)$ we construct the canonical momentum operator L and L^2 in the base where the links U are diagonal
- For the number of point in the $SU(2)$ partition $N \rightarrow \infty$:
 - the commutation relations $[L_i, L_j]$ and $[L_i, U]$ are fulfilled
 - The continuum spectrum is recovered in the free and interacting theory
- Construction generalizable to $SU(N)$

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