

Spectral analysis of the magnetic Laplacian in the semiclassical limit

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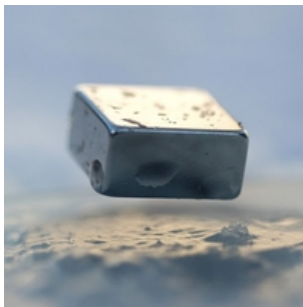
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Some references with a non vanishing magnetic field:

Constant magnetic field $\mathbf{B} \equiv 1$:

- Bolley, Helffer (1997), Bauman-Phillips-Tang (1998), del Pino, Felmer, Sternberg (2000), (2D, disc),
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References with a vanishing magnetic field:

- Montgomery (1995), (the first case when the model of cancellation appears),
- Helffer, Morame (1996) (behaviour of the ground state in hypersurface),
- Pan, Kwek (2002), (2D, Neumann boundary condition),
- Helffer, Kordyukov (2009), (hypersurface),
- Dombrowski, Raymond (2013), (cancellation along a closed and smooth curve in the whole plane),
- Bonnaillie-Noël, Raymond (2015), (broken line of cancellation inside Ω , Neumann boundary condition),
- Attar, Helffer, Kachmar (2015), (minimizing of the energy when the Ginzburg-Landau parameter tends to infinity, Neumann boundary condition).

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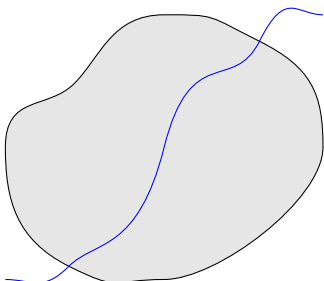
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- $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ open, bounded, simply connected, with smooth boundary
- $\mathbf{A} \in C^\infty(\overline{\Omega}, \mathbb{R}^2)$
- Neumann magnetic boundary condition $(-ih\nabla + \mathbf{A})u \cdot \nu = 0$ on $\partial\Omega$

$$\text{Dom}(\mathcal{P}_{h,\mathbf{A},\Omega}) = \{u \in H^2(\Omega), (-ih\nabla + \mathbf{A})u \cdot \nu = 0 \text{ on } \partial\Omega\}$$

$$\text{Sp}(\mathcal{P}_{h,\mathbf{A},\Omega}) = \text{Sp}_{\text{disc}}(\mathcal{P}_{h,\mathbf{A},\Omega}) = (\lambda_n(h))_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*} = \{\lambda_1(h) \leq \lambda_2(h) \leq \dots\}$$



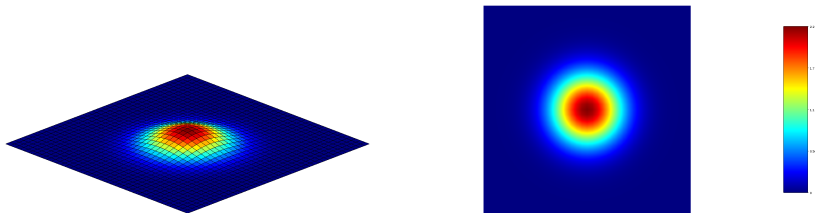
\mathbf{B} vanishes along a smooth curve Γ

Assumptions:

- $\#(\Gamma \cap \partial\Omega) < \infty$ and Γ is non tangent to $\partial\Omega$
- $|\nabla \mathbf{B}(x)| \neq 0, \forall x \in \Gamma$

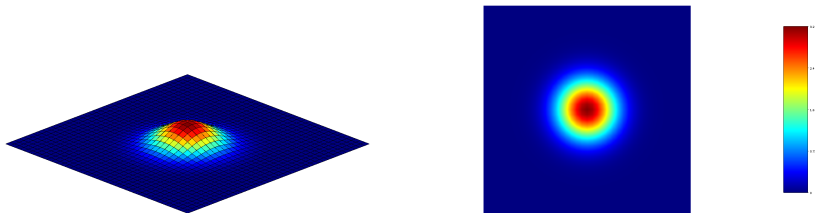
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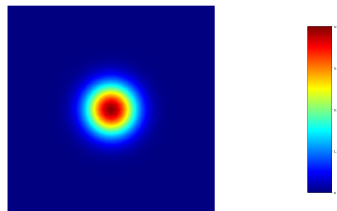
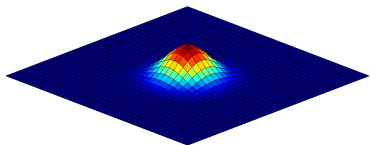
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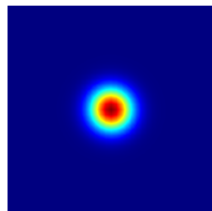
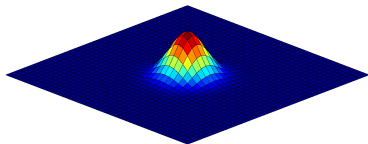
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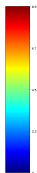
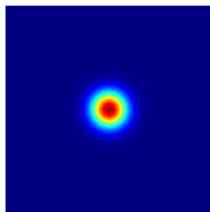
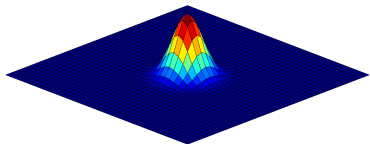
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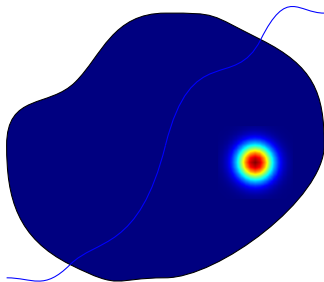
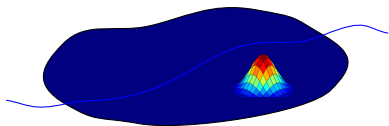
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Where does the first eigenfunction(s) localize in the semiclassical limit?

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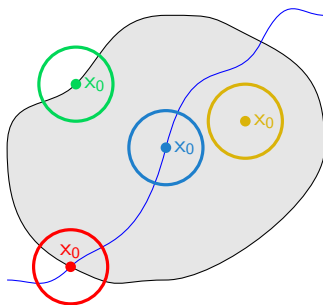
Different "areas" on Ω

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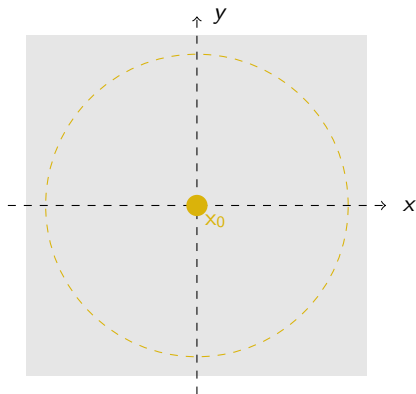
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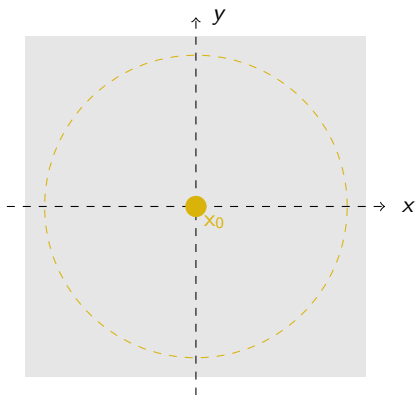
"Zoom" on each area



The magnetic Laplacian $\mathcal{P}_{1,\mathbf{A},\mathbb{R}^2}$ in the model case when $\mathbf{B} \equiv 1$:

$$D_y^2 + (D_x - y)^2$$

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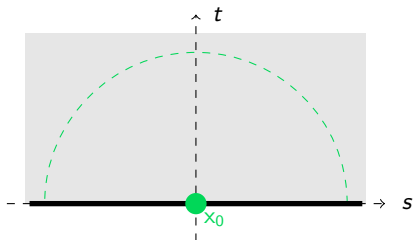
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$$\mathcal{H} = D_y^2 + y^2, \text{ on } \mathbb{R}$$

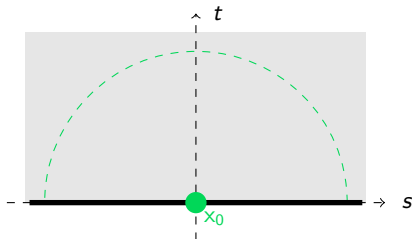
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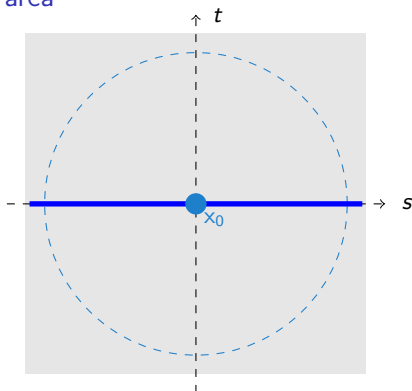
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$$\mathcal{G}(\xi) = D_t^2 + (t - \xi)^2 \text{ on } \mathbb{R}_+ \text{ with Neuman boundary condition}$$

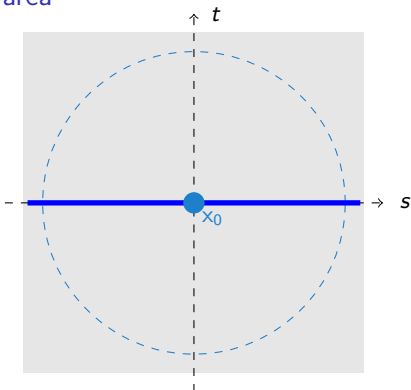
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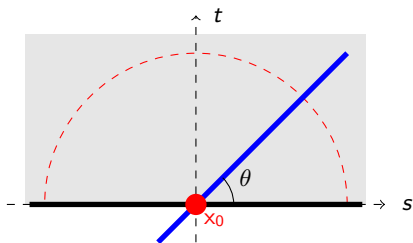
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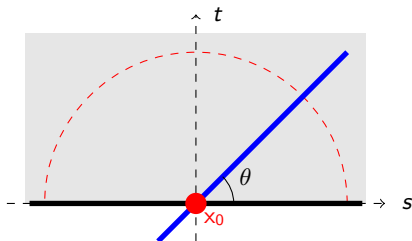
By unitary transforms, we are reduced to the **Montgomery operator**:

$$\mathcal{M}(\eta) = D_t^2 + \left(\frac{t^2}{2} - \eta \right)^2 \text{ on } \mathbb{R}$$

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The magnetic Laplacian $\mathcal{P}_{1, \mathbf{A}, \mathbb{R}_+^2}$ in the model case when $\mathbf{B}(s, t) = t \cos \theta - s \sin \theta$.
We get the **Pan and Kwek operator**:

$$\mathcal{K}_\theta = D_t^2 + \left(D_s + st \sin \theta - \frac{t^2}{2} \cos \theta \right)^2 \text{ on } \mathbb{R}_+^2$$

with **Neumann boundary condition**

Case	Operator of reference	Infimum of the spectrum
1	$\mathcal{H} = D_y^2 + y^2$ on \mathbb{R}	1
2	$\mathcal{G}(\xi) = D_t^2 + (t - \xi)^2$ on \mathbb{R}_+ with Neumann boundary condition	$\inf_{\xi \in \mathbb{R}} \text{Sp}(\mathcal{G}(\xi)) = \Theta_0$
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4	$\mathcal{K}_\theta = D_t^2 + \left(D_s + st \sin \theta - \frac{t^2}{2} \cos \theta\right)^2$ on \mathbb{R}_+^2 with Neumann boundary condition	$\inf \text{Sp}(\mathcal{K}_\theta) = \zeta_1^\theta$

Numerical computations:

- $\Theta_0 = \mu_1(\xi_0) \approx 0.5901$, with $\xi_0 = \sqrt{\Theta_0} \approx 0.7682$
- $M_0 = \nu_1(\eta_0) \approx 0.5698$, with $\eta_0 \approx 0.35$



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Proposition:

For all $\theta \in (0, \pi)$, ζ_1^θ is an eigenvalue and the associated eigenfunctions belong to $\mathcal{S}(\overline{\mathbb{R}_+^2})$.

Summary of the operator hierarchy

$$x_0 \in \Omega \setminus (\partial\Omega \cup \Gamma), \partial\Omega \setminus \Gamma, \Gamma \setminus \partial\Omega, \partial\Omega \cap \Gamma$$

Case	Operator h dependant	Infimum of the spectrum
1	$h^2 D_y^2 + (h D_y - \mathbf{B}(x_0) y)^2$ on \mathbb{R}^2	$ \mathbf{B}(x_0) h$
2	$h^2 D_t^2 + (h D_s - \mathbf{B}(x_0) t)^2$ on \mathbb{R}_+^2 with Neumann boundary condition	$\Theta_0 \mathbf{B}(x_0) h$
3	$h^2 D_t^2 + \left(h D_s - \nabla \mathbf{B}(x_0) \frac{t^2}{2} \right)^2$ on \mathbb{R}^2	$M_0 \nabla \mathbf{B}(x_0) ^{\frac{2}{3}} h^{\frac{4}{3}}$
4	$h^2 D_t^2 + \left(h D_s + \nabla \mathbf{B}(x_0) \left(st \sin \theta(x_0) - \frac{t^2}{2} \cos \theta(x_0) \right) \right)^2$ on \mathbb{R}_+^2 with Neumann boundary condition	$\zeta_1^{\theta(x_0)} \nabla \mathbf{B}(x_0) ^{\frac{2}{3}} h^{\frac{4}{3}}$

Approximation of the bottom of the spectrum of $\mathcal{P}_{h,\mathbf{A},\Omega}$ **Theorem:**

Under the condition

$$\inf_{x \in \partial\Omega \cap \Gamma} \zeta_1^{\theta(x)} |\nabla \mathbf{B}(x)|^{2/3} < M_0 \inf_{x \in \Omega \cap \Gamma} |\nabla \mathbf{B}(x)|^{2/3}$$

we have two results:

① **Asymptotique for the first eigenvalue**

$$\lambda_1(h) = h^{4/3} \inf_{x \in \partial\Omega \cap \Gamma} \zeta_1^{\theta(x)} |\nabla \mathbf{B}(x)|^{2/3} + \mathcal{O}(h^{5/3})$$

② **Exponential concentration of the first eigenvector**

There exist $C > 0$, $\alpha > 0$ and $h_0 > 0$, s. t. for all $h \in (0, h_0)$,

$$\int_{\Omega} e^{2\alpha h^{-1/3} d(x, \partial\Omega \cap \Gamma)} |\psi_{1,h}(x)|^2 dx \leq C \|\psi_{1,h}\|_{L^2(\Omega)}^2.$$

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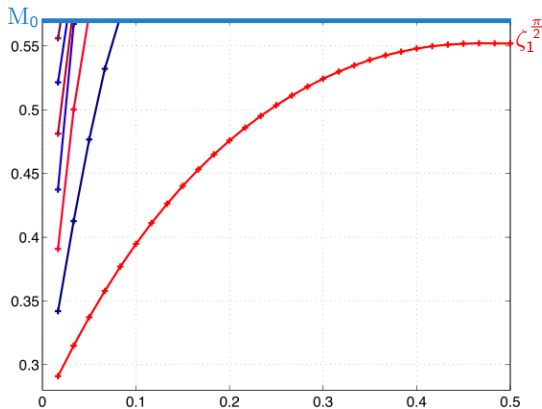


Figure : Eigenvalues ζ_n^θ below the bottom of the essential spectrum, for $\theta \in \{\frac{k\pi}{60}, 1 \leq k \leq 30\}$

Numerical computations:

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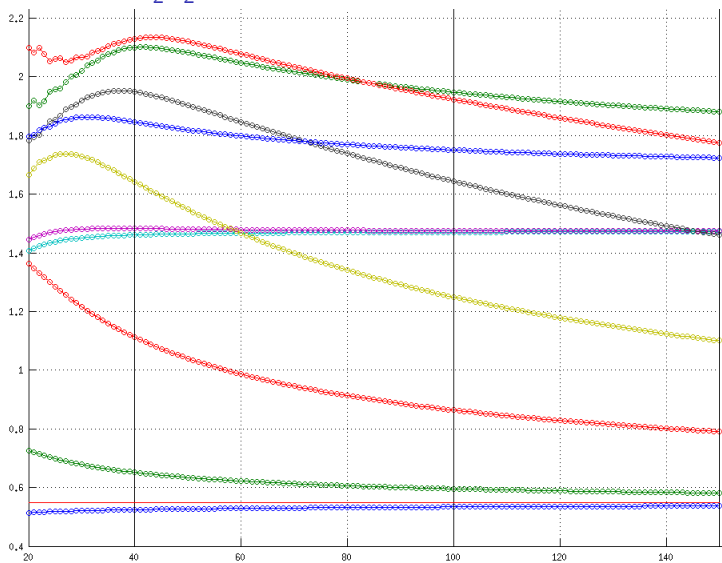


Figure : First ten eigenvalues $\lambda_n(h)$ rescaled by $h^{-4/3}$ according to $\frac{1}{h}$

$\psi_{n,h}$ (in modulus), $h = \frac{1}{40}$ with the numerical value of $\lambda_n(h)h^{-4/3}$

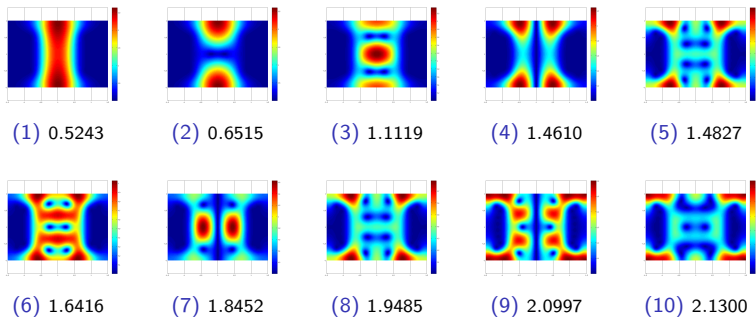


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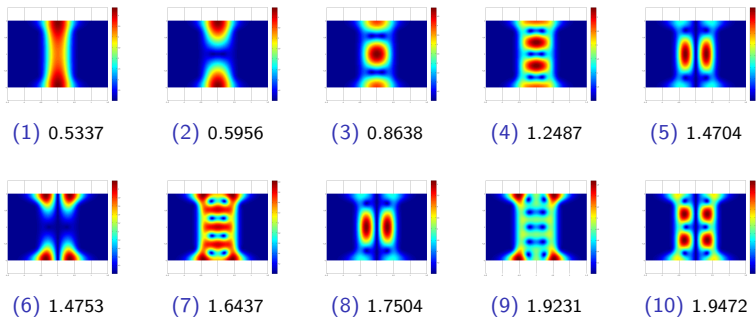


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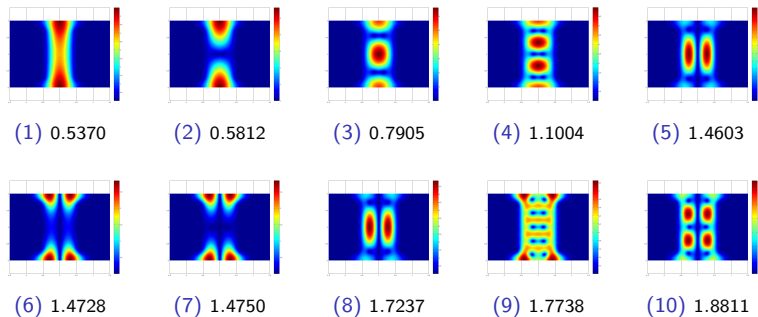


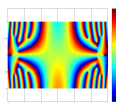
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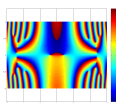
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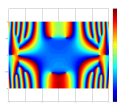
Argument of $\psi_{n,h}$, $h = \frac{1}{40}$ with the numerical value of $\lambda_n(h)h^{-4/3}$



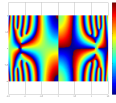
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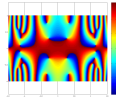
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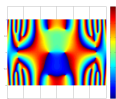
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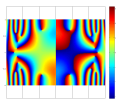
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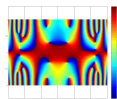
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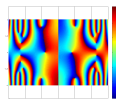
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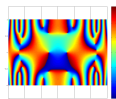
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Figure : Finite elements \mathbb{P}_1 , 24×16 quadrangular elements of degree \mathbb{Q}_{10}



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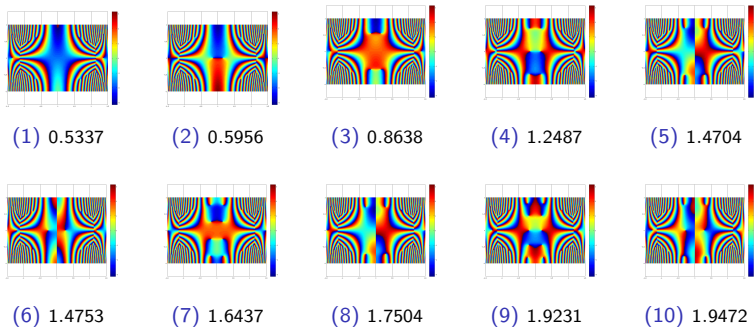


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Argument of $\psi_{n,h}$, $h = \frac{1}{150}$ with the numerical value of $\lambda_n(h)h^{-4/3}$

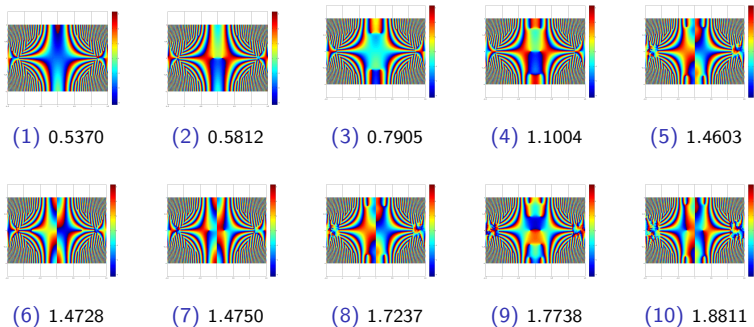


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