

# Trapped acoustic waves and raindrops: High-order integral equation solution of the localized excitation of a periodic staircase

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# Scattering of a nonperiodic source from a periodic, corrugated surface

## Questions, goals, and applications

- Interesting acoustic phenomena near corrugated surfaces, e.g. step-temples:
  - Sound travels “down” along stairs → trapped modes, propagating horizontally, evanescent perpendicular to stairs
  - Echo from footsteps sound like raindrops (Cruz et al, *Acta Acustica*, 2009)
- When do trapped modes exist? What is their dispersion relation?
- Compute single-frequency solution from single point excitation
- How does power in the system get distributed between trapped modes and outgoing radiation?
- Periodic surfaces have been exploited for their **waveguiding** properties:
  - Photonic crystals, acoustic metamaterials, diffraction gratings, antennae, anechoic chambers, amphitheaters, ...
  - Fast, robust methods needed in **optimization** loops
  - → **Our method can have impact in the above applications**



El Castillo (“The Castle”),  
a Mesoamerican step-pyramid in Chichen Itza, Mexico.

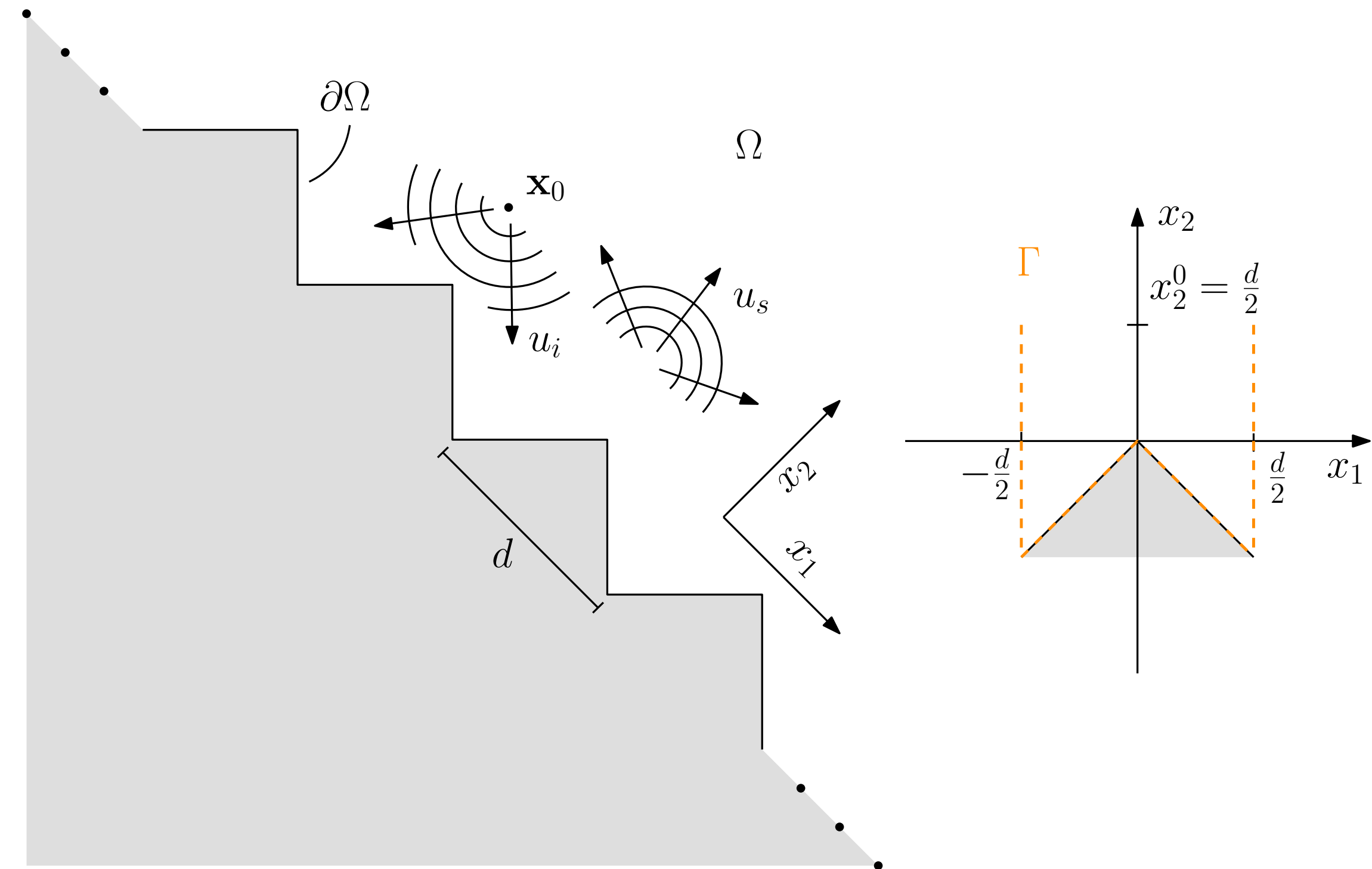
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## What's hard about this problem?

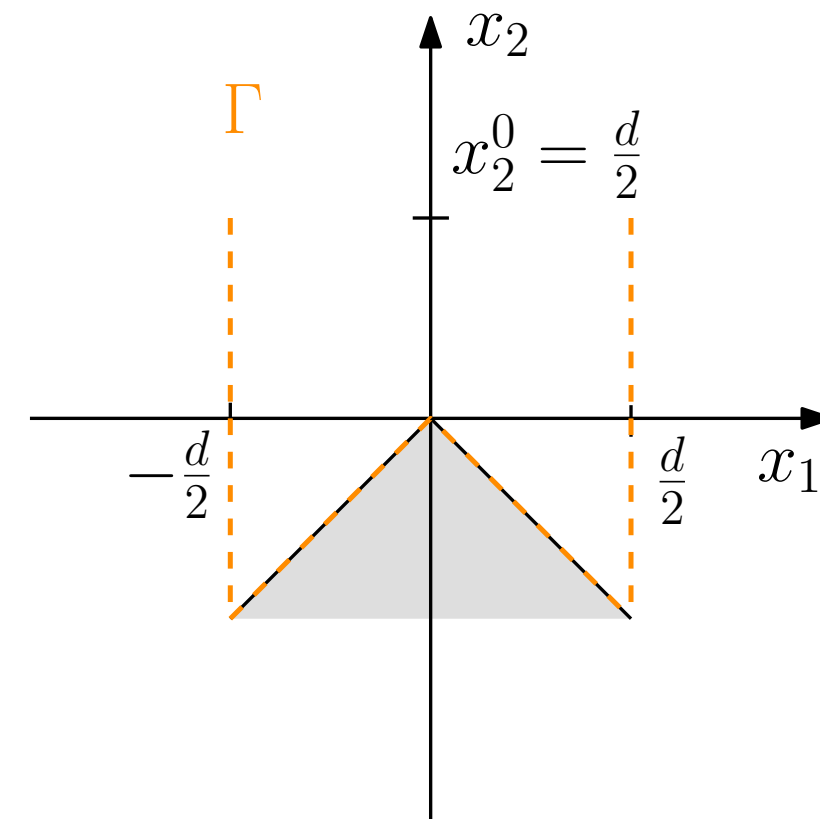
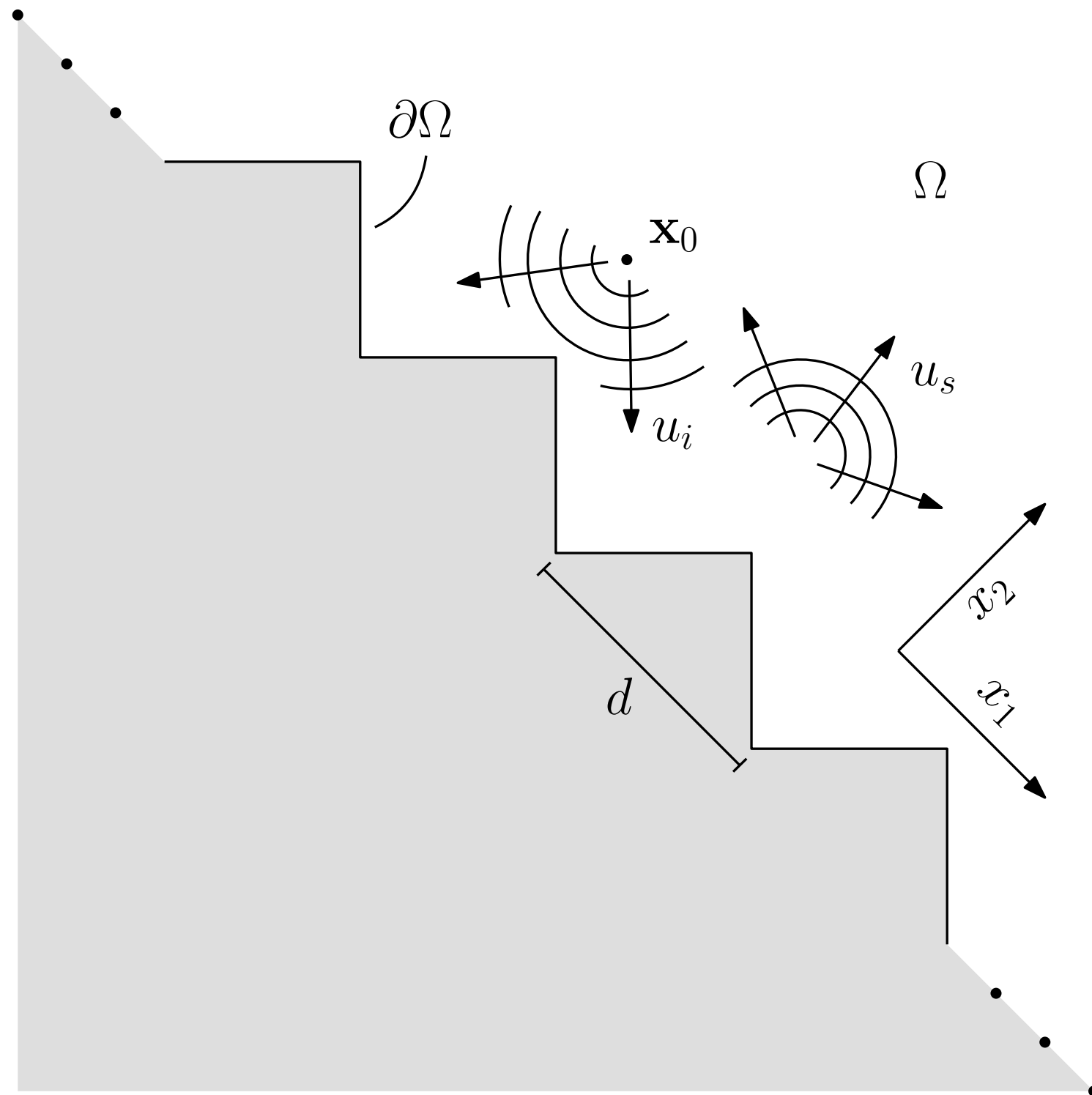
- Domain is infinite
- Periodic boundary  $\rightarrow$  cannot truncate due to artificial reflections
- Nonperiodic source breaks periodicity  $\rightarrow$  cannot reduce to single unit cell\* (periodization)
- Corners introduce singularities

## Previous work and what we are doing

- Finite differencing or finite elements methods
- Mesh-free methods: method of fundamental solutions, plane waves method
- Rayleigh methods based on the Rayleigh hypothesis
- Approximations, e.g. Helmholtz—Kirchhoff
- First **high-order accurate** scattering of a **nonperiodic source** from a **periodic surface with corners**: [arXiv:2310.12486](https://arxiv.org/abs/2310.12486) (with Alex Barnett)
  - Boundary integral equation & method:  $\mathcal{O}(N)$  instead of  $\mathcal{O}(N^2)$ , can deal with singularities and be accurate via high-order quadrature



# Problem setup - quasiperiodic set of sources



- $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2)$  position vector,  $\mathbf{d} = (d, 0)$  lattice vector.
- $u_i$  is the incident,  $u_s$  is the scattered wave
- $u = u_i + u_s$  is the total solution
- $\kappa$  is the **horizontal (on-surface) wavenumber**
- $u_n := \mathbf{n} \cdot \nabla u$  normal derivative in the outward sense
- If there are multiple sources, **quasiperiodicity condition** ensures the solution obeys the symmetry of the boundary
- The solution accrues an overall **(Bloch) phase**  $\alpha = e^{i\kappa}$  over one **period**  $d$ .
- Set of possible horizontal wavevectors  $\kappa_n = \kappa + 2\pi n/d$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , all lead to the same quasiperiodicity
- If the total wavevector is  $\mathbf{k} = (\kappa_n, k_n)$ , then  $k_n = \sqrt{\omega^2 - \kappa_n^2}$  is the vertical wavevector (imaginary part always +ve)
  - Vertically propagating or evanescent
  - $k_n = 0$  are **Wood anomalies** (abrupt change in behavior)

$$-(\Delta + \omega^2)u = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} e^{in\kappa d} \delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0 - n\mathbf{d}) \quad \text{in } \Omega,$$

PDE (Helmholtz)

$$u_n = 0 \quad \text{on } \partial\Omega,$$

boundary condition (Neu)

$$u(x_1 + nd, x_2) = \alpha^n u(x_1, x_2) \quad (x_1, x_2) \in \Omega, \quad \text{quasiperiodicity}$$

$$u(x_1, x_2) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} c_n e^{i(\kappa_n x_1 + k_n x_2)}, \quad x_2 > x_2^0 \quad \text{radiation condition}$$

# Boundary integral formulation

- Use a single-layer potential (SLP) representation for the scattered wave:

$$u_s(\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{S}\sigma = \int_{\Gamma} \Phi_p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})\sigma(\mathbf{y})ds_{\mathbf{y}}, \quad \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^2,$$

ensures  $u$  will satisfy the PDE.

- Using the appropriate **jump relations**, this gives the Fredholm integral equation

$$(I - 2D^T)\sigma = -2f \quad \text{on } \Gamma,$$

where  $f = -(u_i)_n|_{\Gamma}$  is the boundary data, and  $\sigma$  is the unknown density, and

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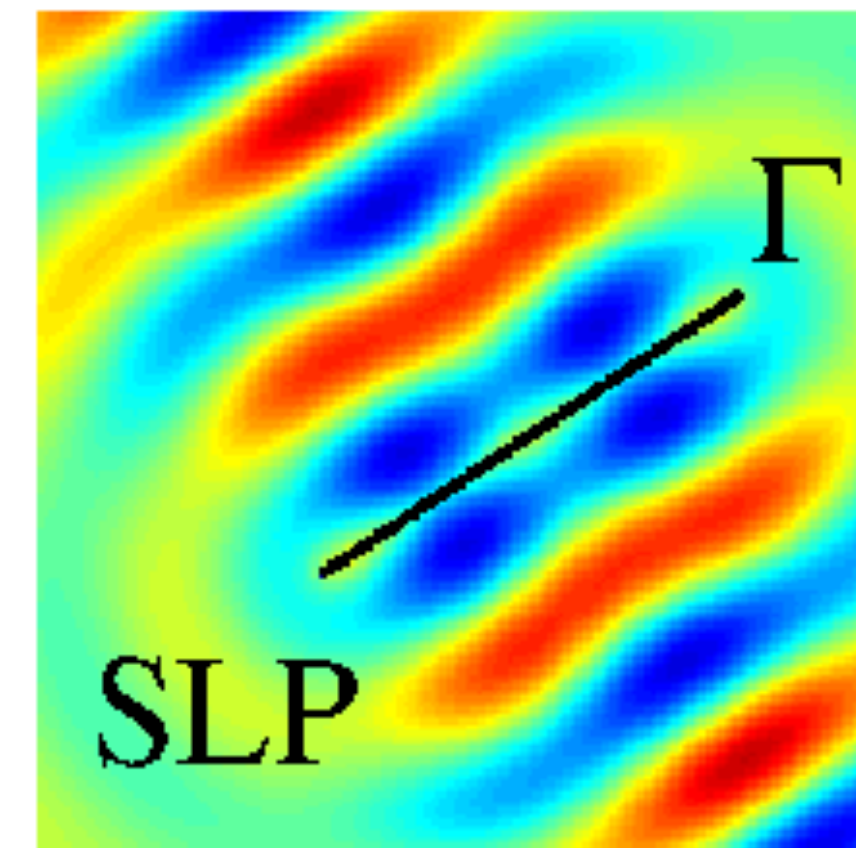
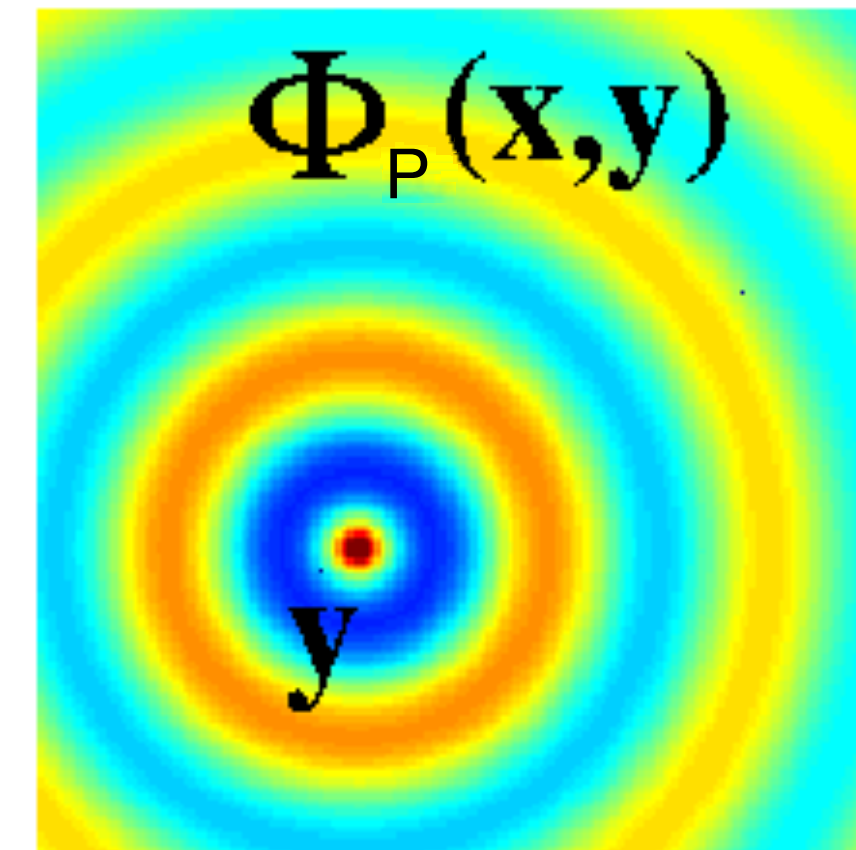
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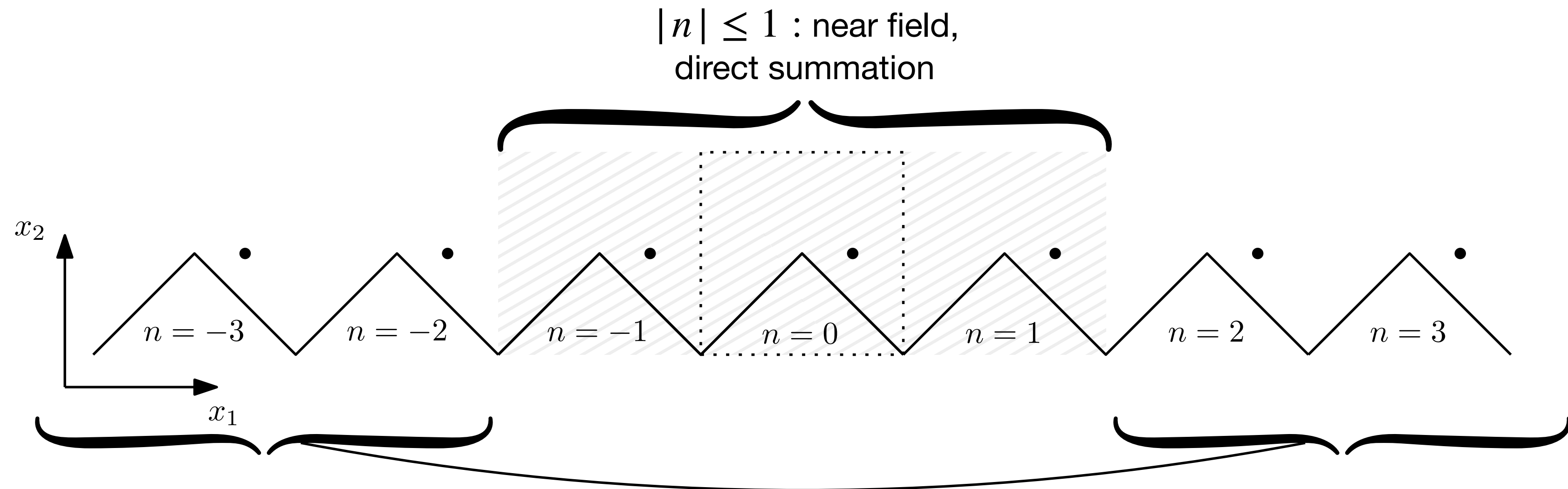
# Periodization

- Reduce computation to the unit cell by using the **quasiperiodic Green's function**,

$\Phi_p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$ , where  $\mathbf{x}$  is the target's,  $\mathbf{y}$  is the source's position vector:

$$-(\Delta + \omega^2)\Phi_p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{0}) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \alpha^n \delta(x_1 - nd) \delta(x_2)$$

$$\Phi_p(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{0}) = \frac{i}{4} \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \alpha^n H_0^{(1)} \left( \omega \sqrt{(x_1 - nd)^2 + x_2^2} \right)$$



- The  $S_n(\omega, \kappa)$  are **lattice sums** involving sums over  $n$ -th order Hankel functions

- Computed once per  $\omega, \kappa$
- Slowly convergent  $\rightarrow$  use integral representation (Yasumoto and Yoshitomi, IEEEETAP, 1999)

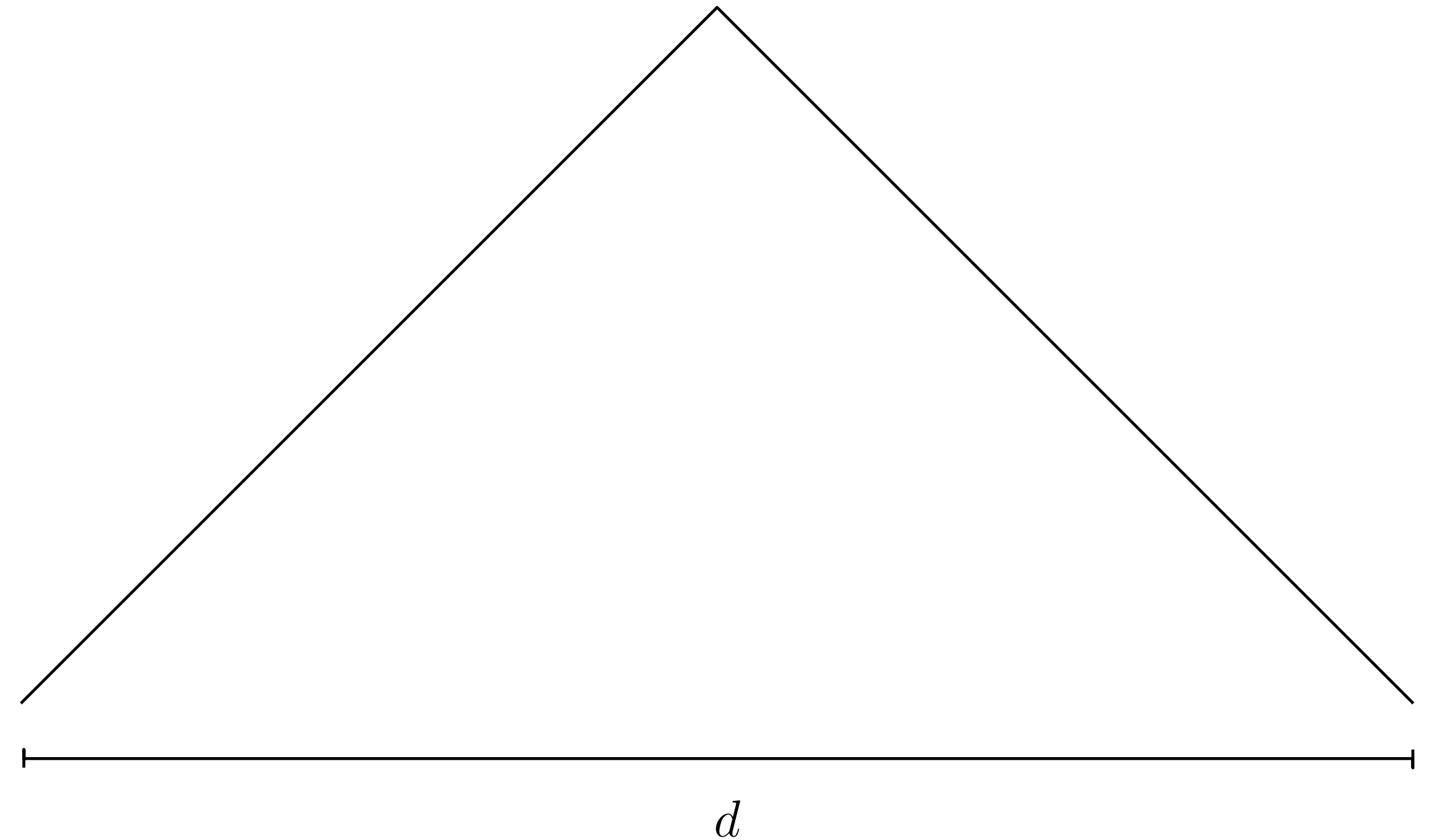
- Only convergent in a disc  $\rightarrow$  only use it inside unit cell

$|n| > 1$  : far field,  
Neumann series:

$$\Phi_{p,\text{far}}(\mathbf{x}, 0) = \frac{i}{4} \left[ S_0(\omega, \kappa) J_0(\omega, \mathbf{x}) + 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} S_n(\omega, \kappa) J_n(\omega, \mathbf{x}) a(\mathbf{x}) \right]$$

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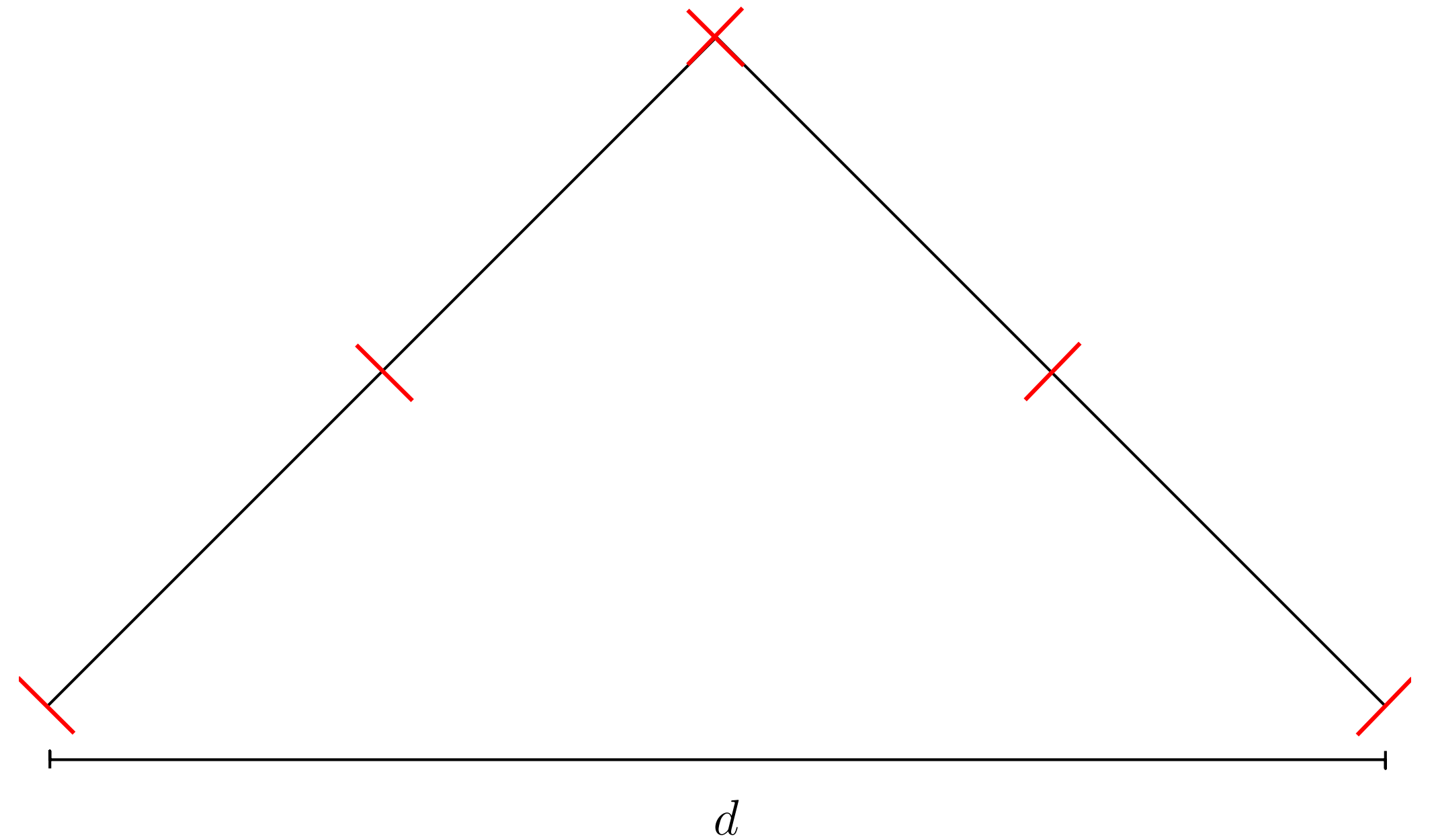
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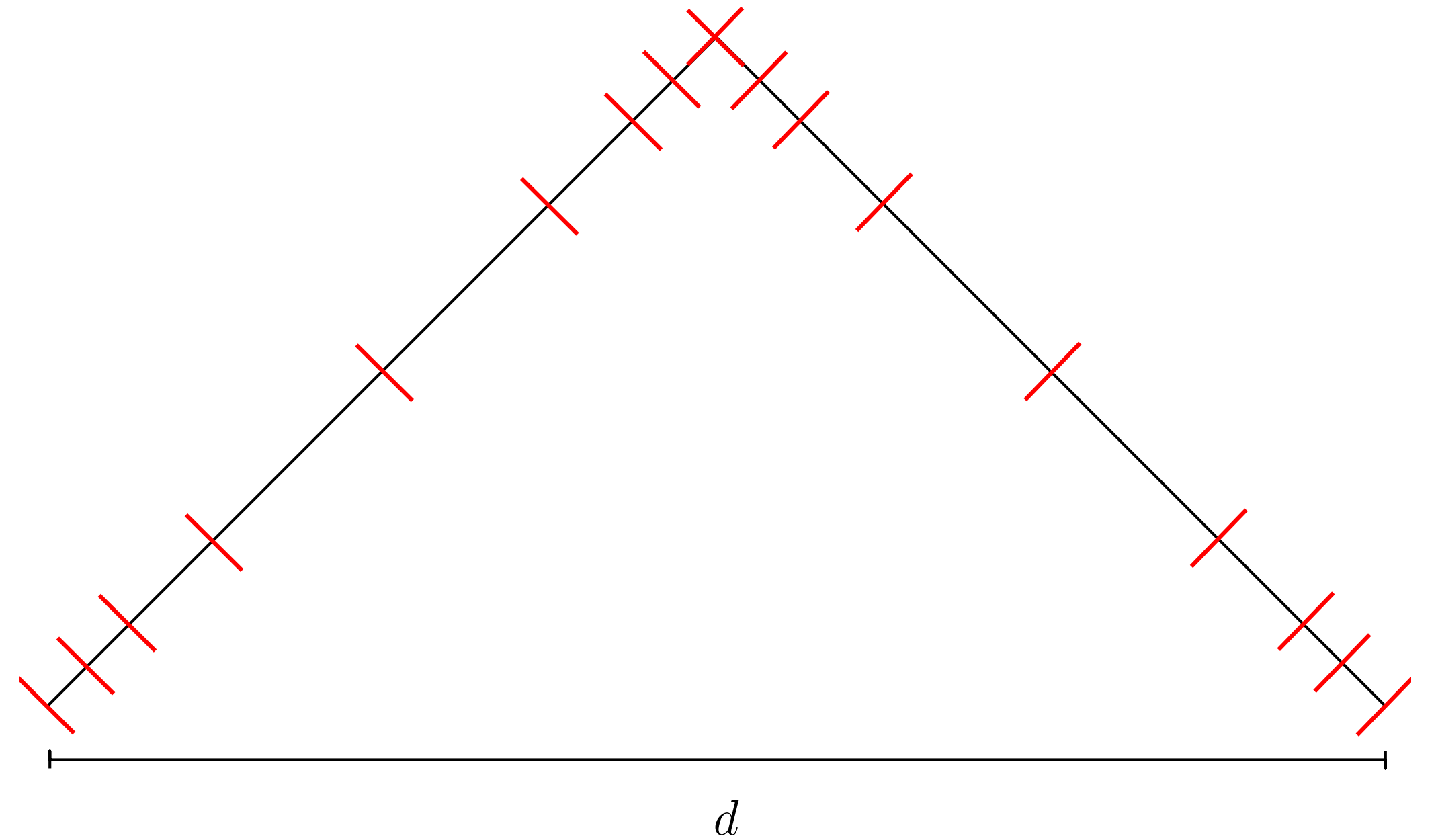
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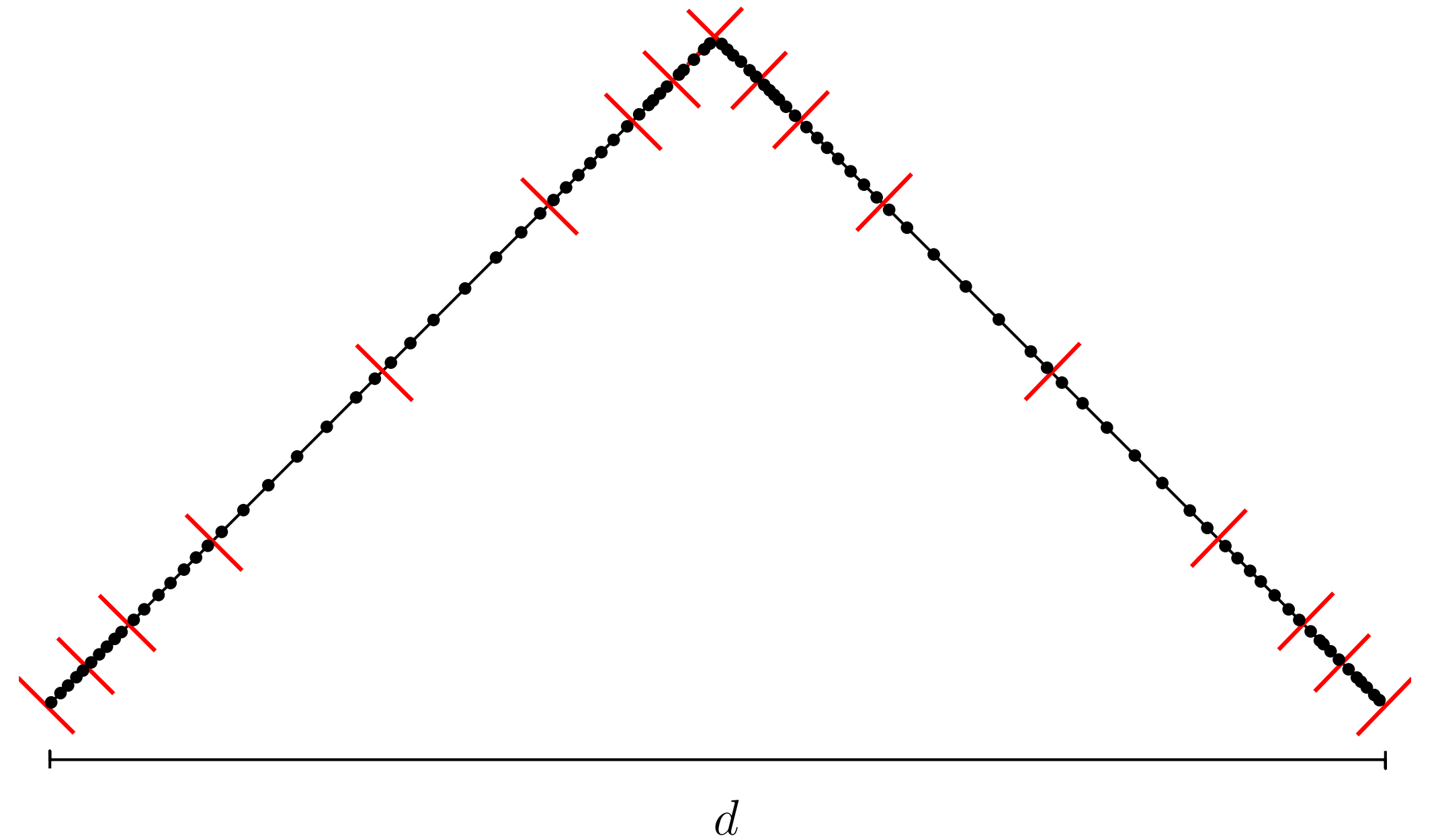
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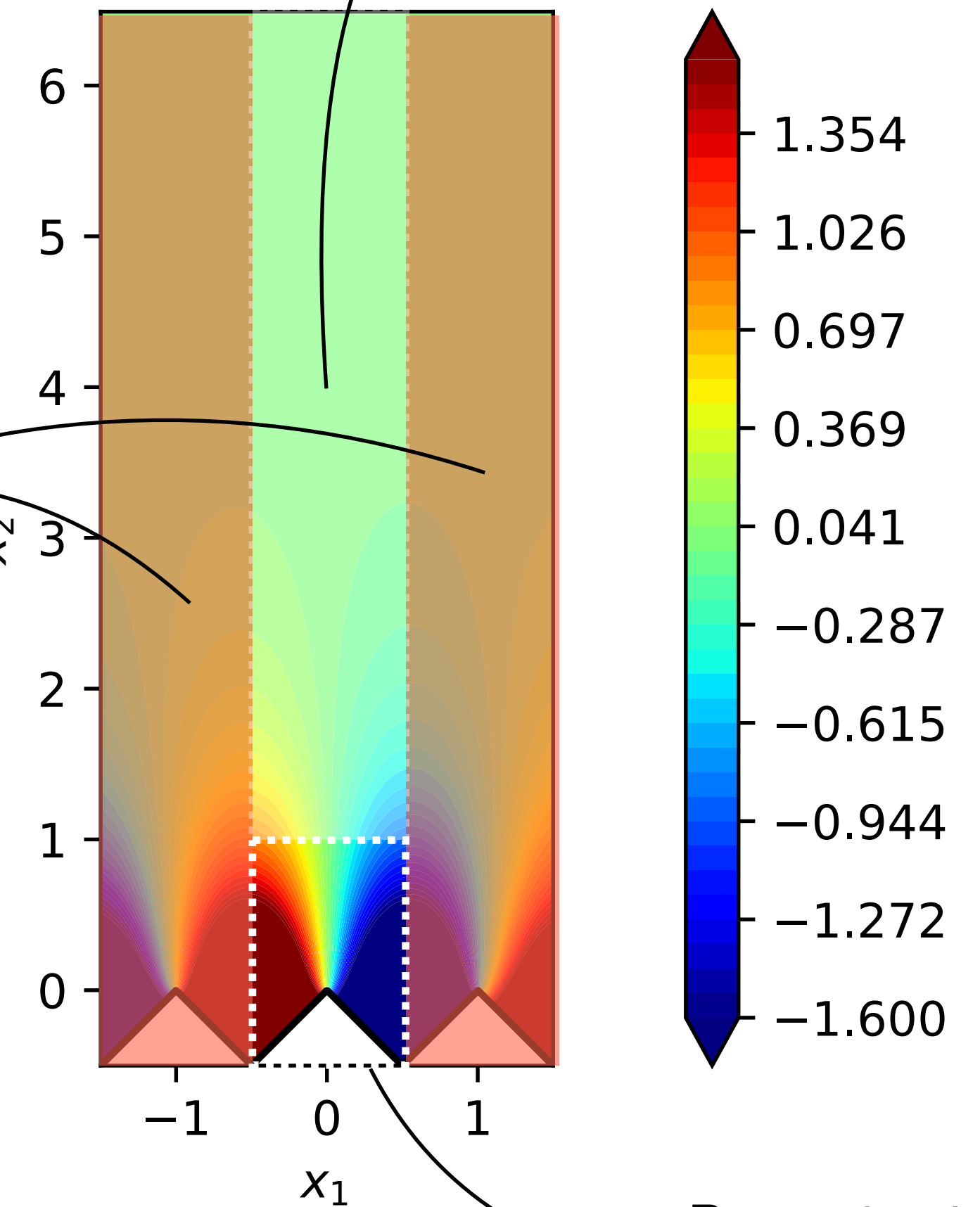
# Reconstructing the solution

- Reconstructing  $u$  via the single-layer representation only works ~inside the unit cell, because lattice sum needed for  $\Phi_p(x, y)$  converges in a disc
- Horizontally outside of unit cell (in neighboring cells), use quasiperiodicity:
 
$$u(x_1 + nd, x_2) = e^{in\kappa} u(x_1, x_2)$$
- Vertically outside of unit cell (above), match solution to upwards propagating radiation condition via FFT:

$$u(x_1, x_2) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} c_n e^{ik_n x_1 + k_n x_2}, \quad x_2 > x_2^{(0)} = \frac{d}{2}$$

$$u(x_1, x_2) e^{-ik_n x_2} = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} c_n e^{2in\pi x_1} e^{ik_n x_2} = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \tilde{c}_n e^{2in\pi x_1} \rightarrow \text{DFT}$$

Copies of unit cell (and its extension)



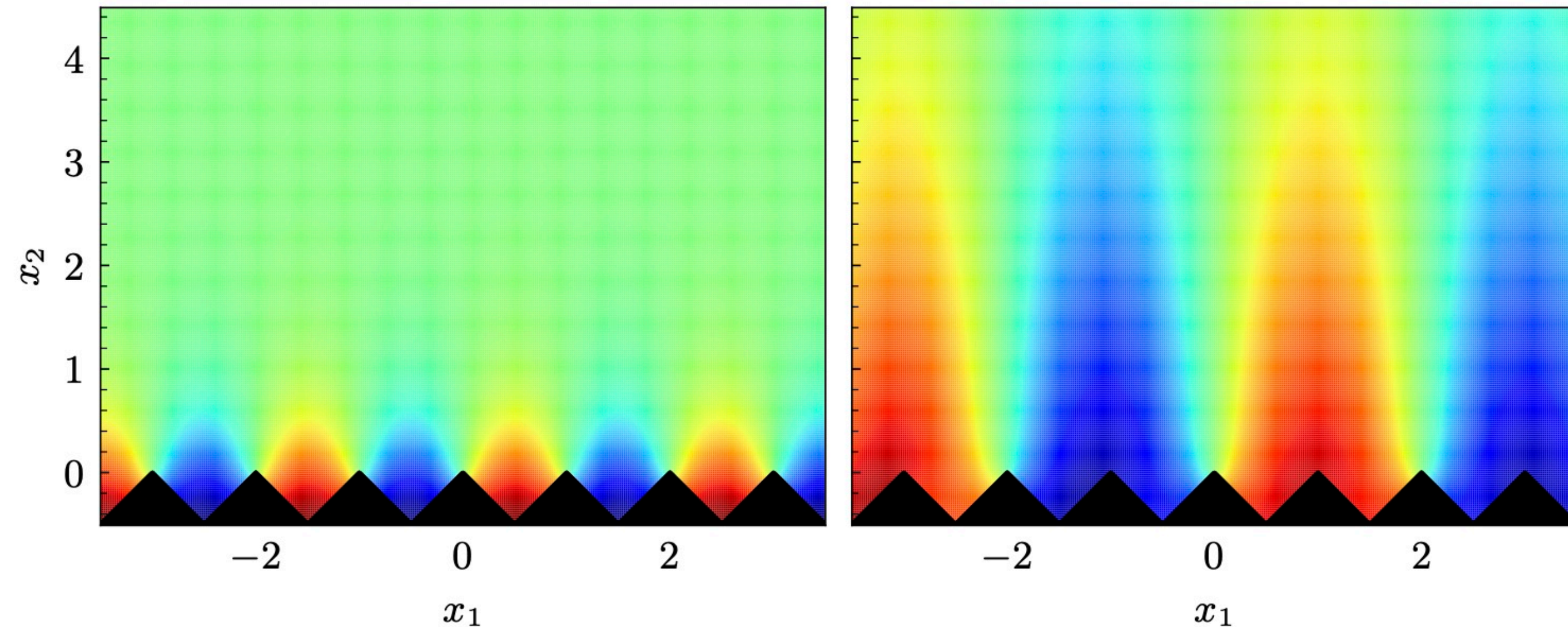
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- Not a spurious resonance; this is a physical mode!
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- To find them: fix  $\omega$ , sweep over all possible  $\kappa, \kappa \in [-\pi, \pi]$  and do root finding (e.g. Newton's method)
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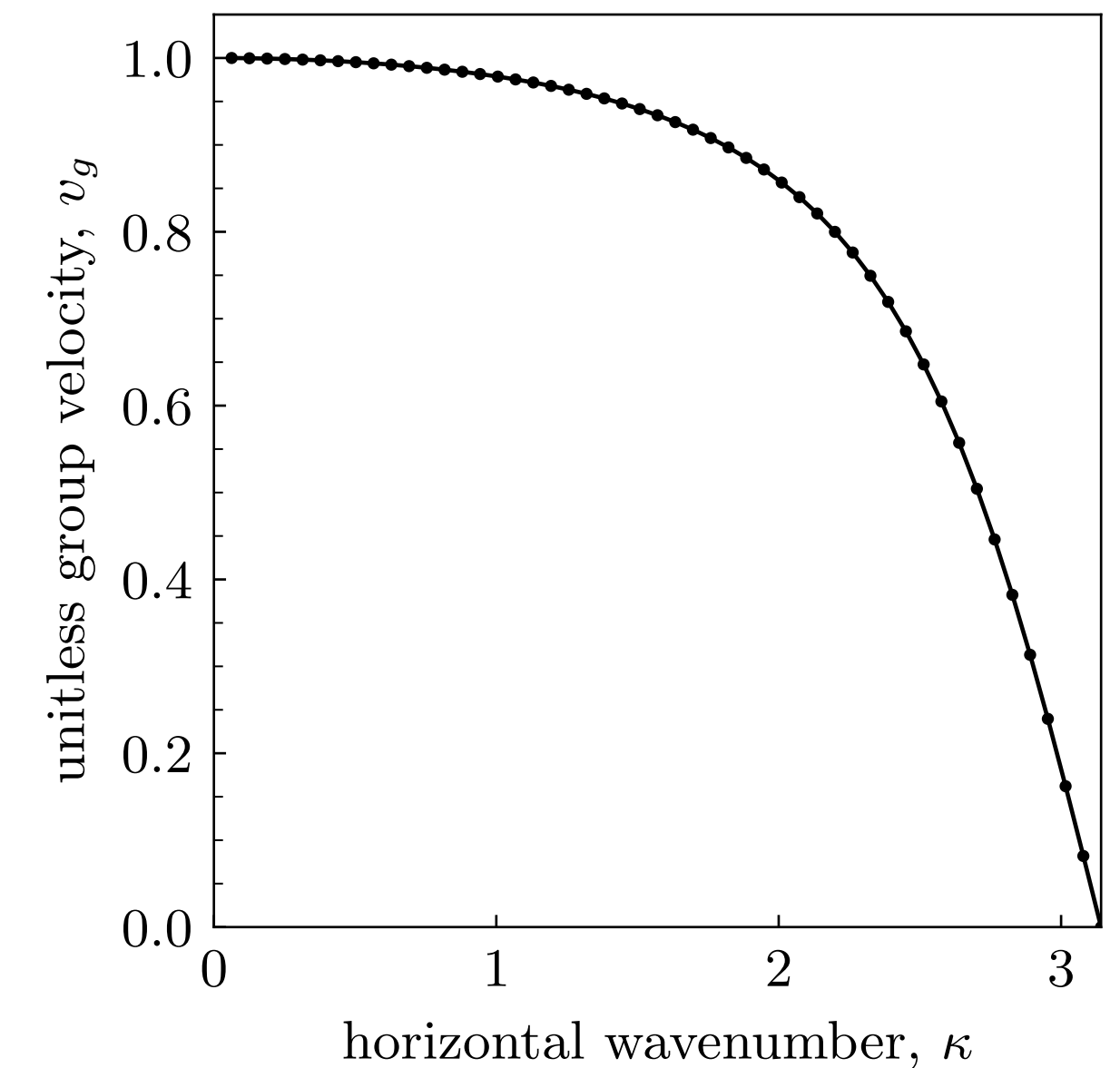
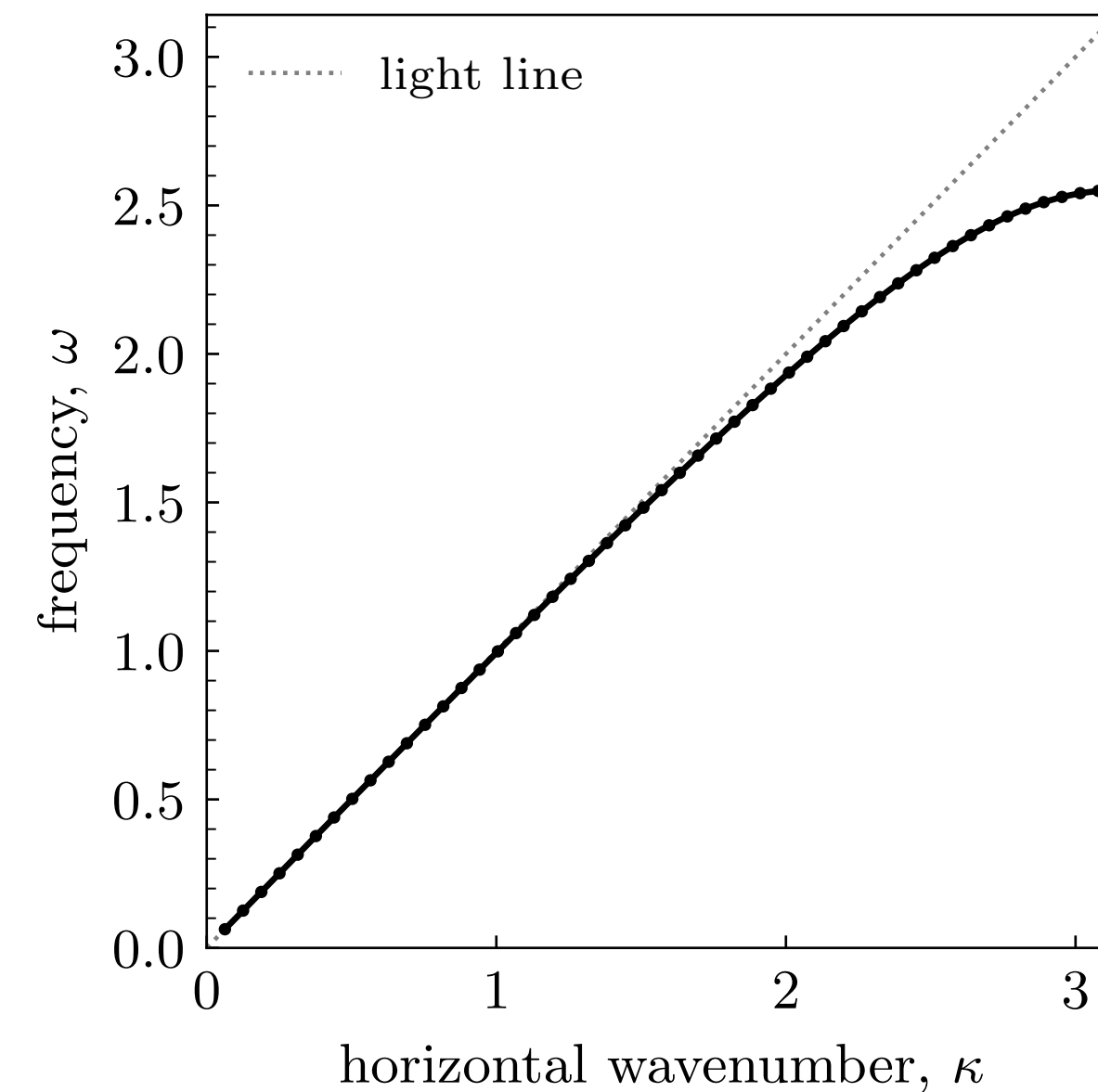
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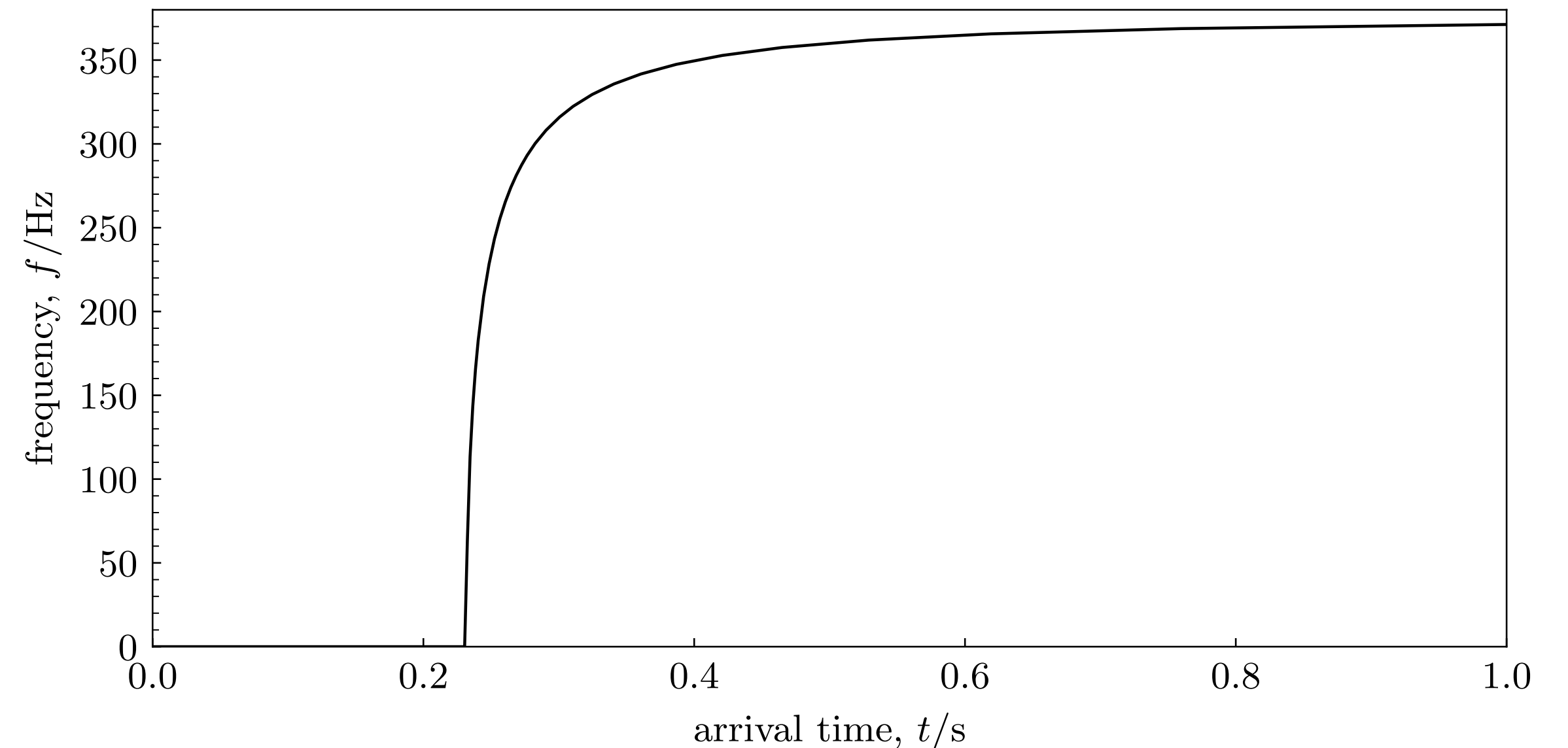
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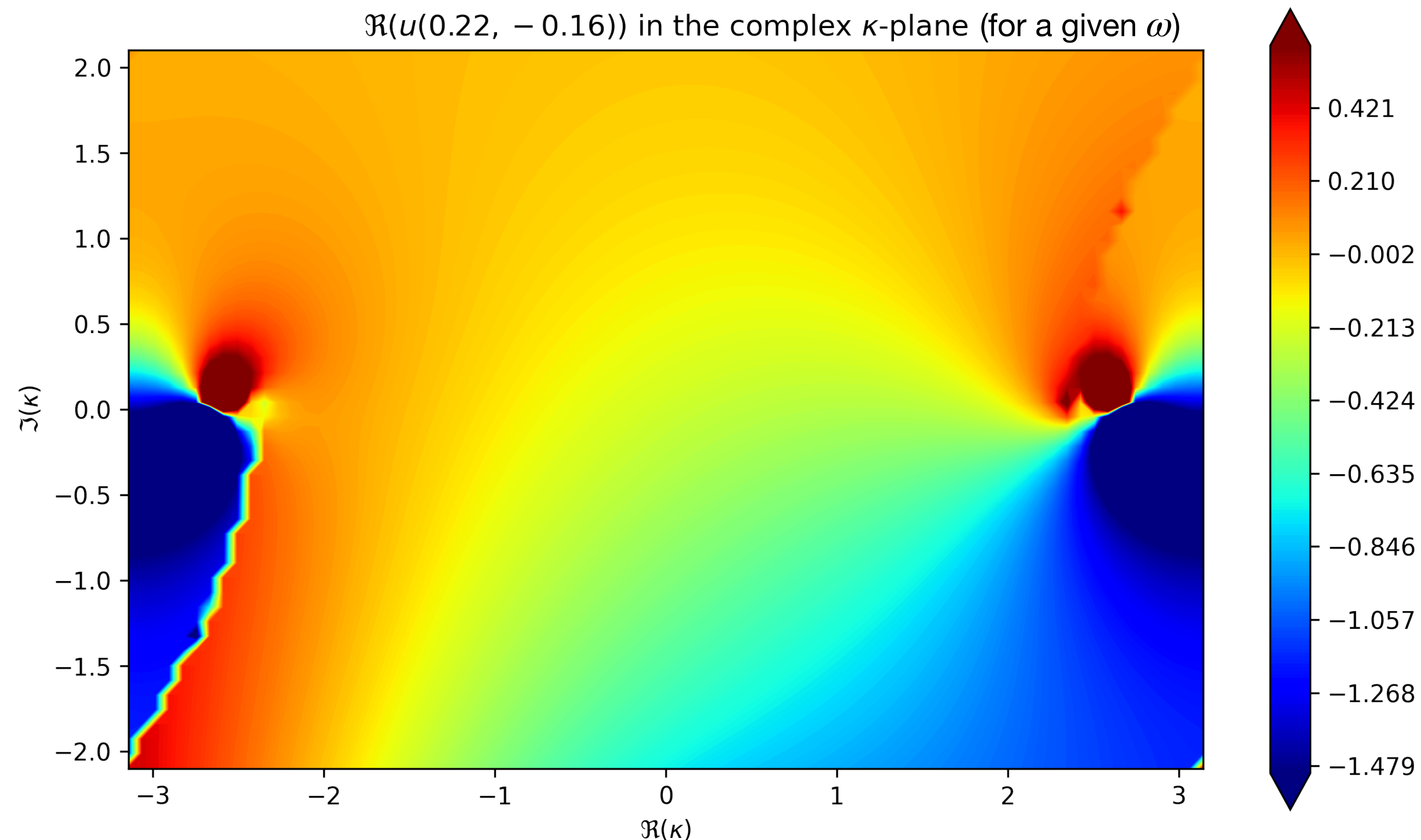
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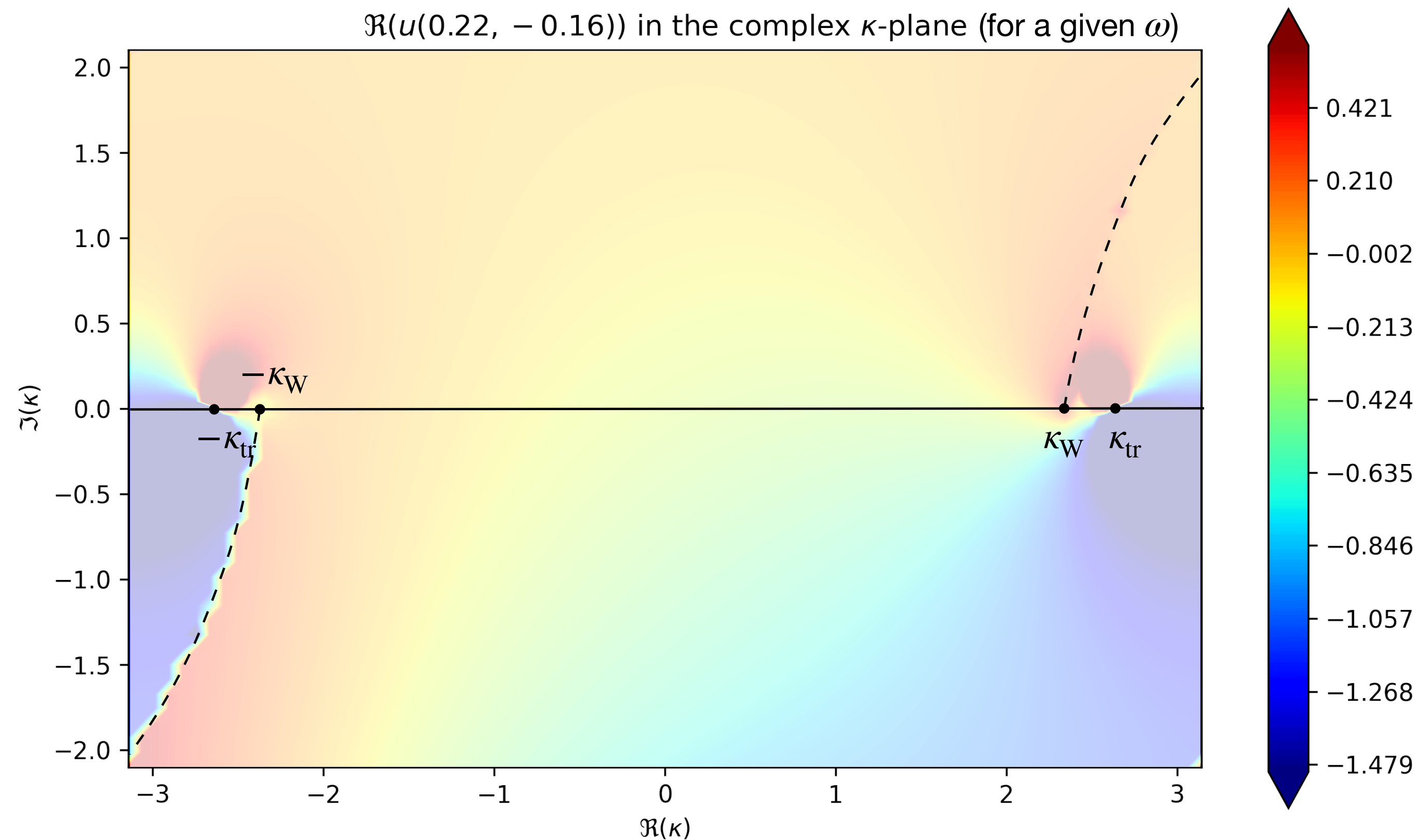
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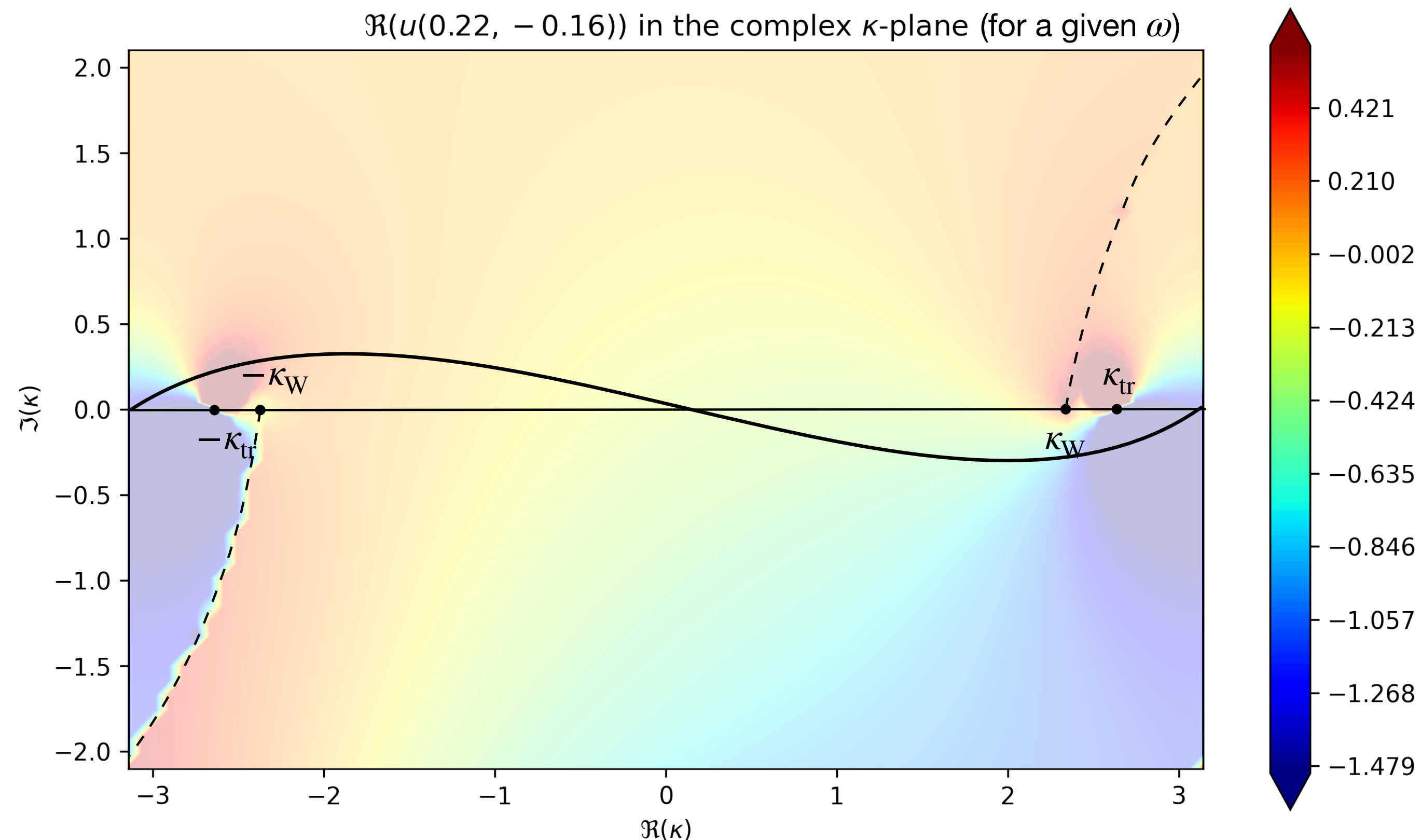
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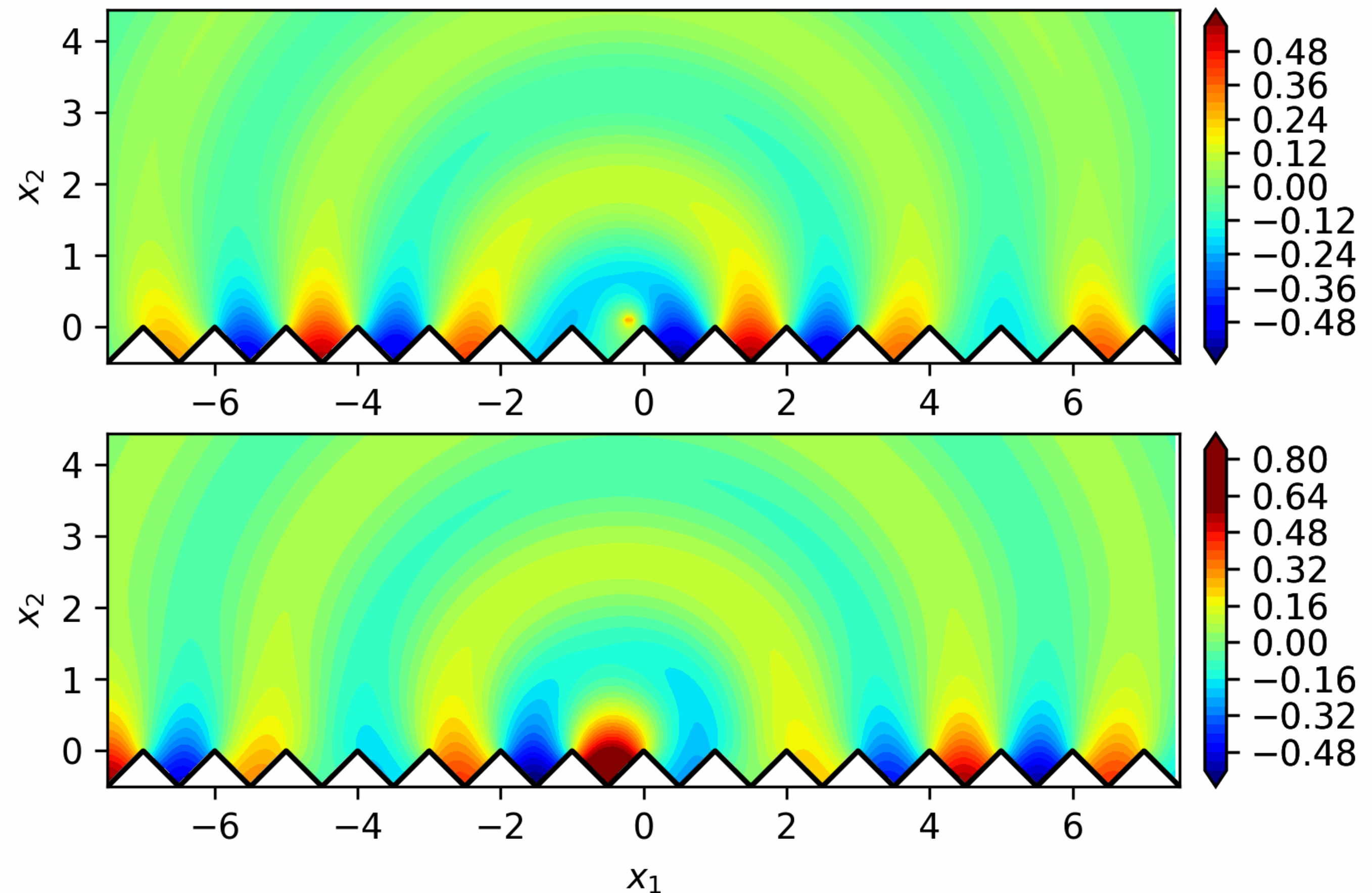
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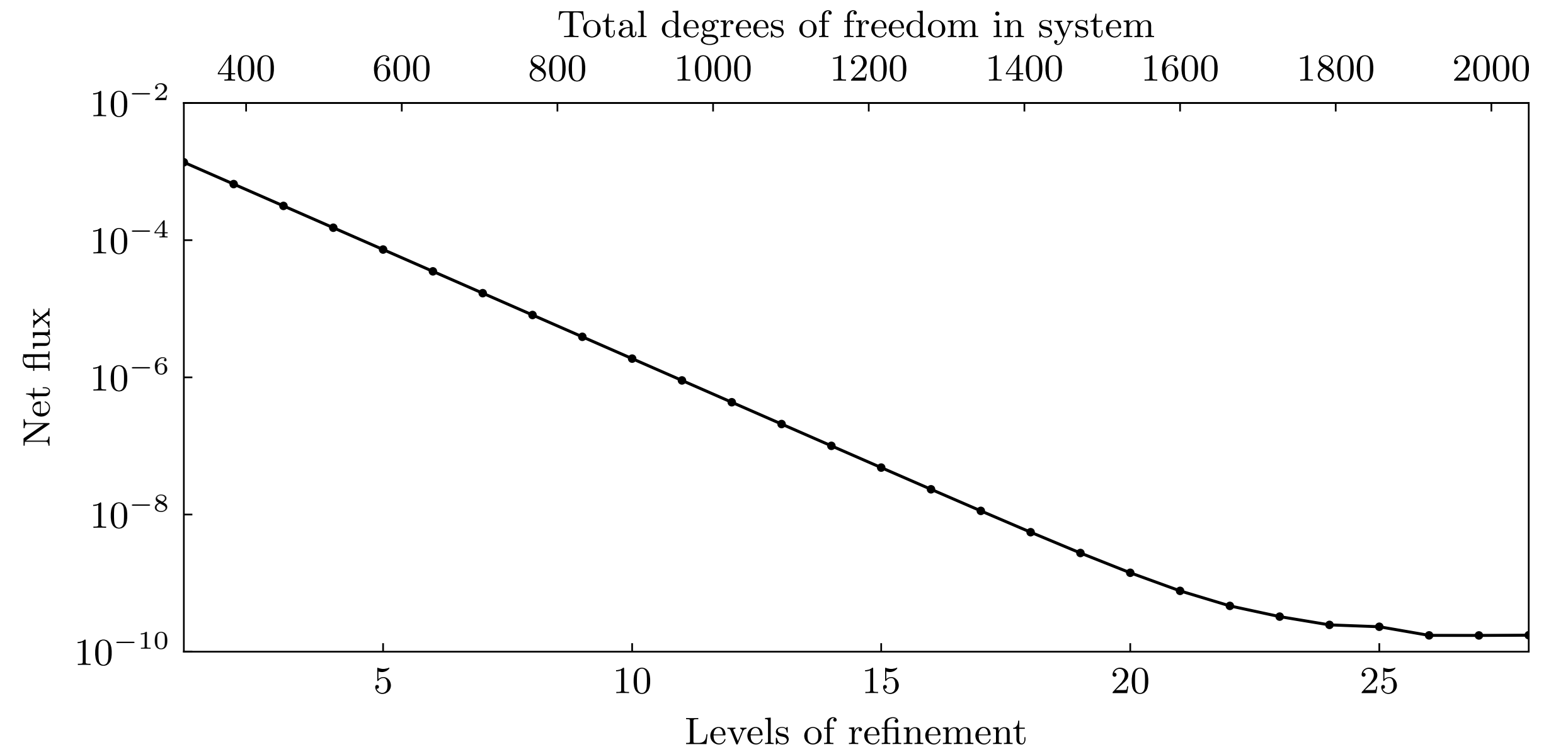
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Time-propagation of the total field away from the source (for a single  $\omega$ )



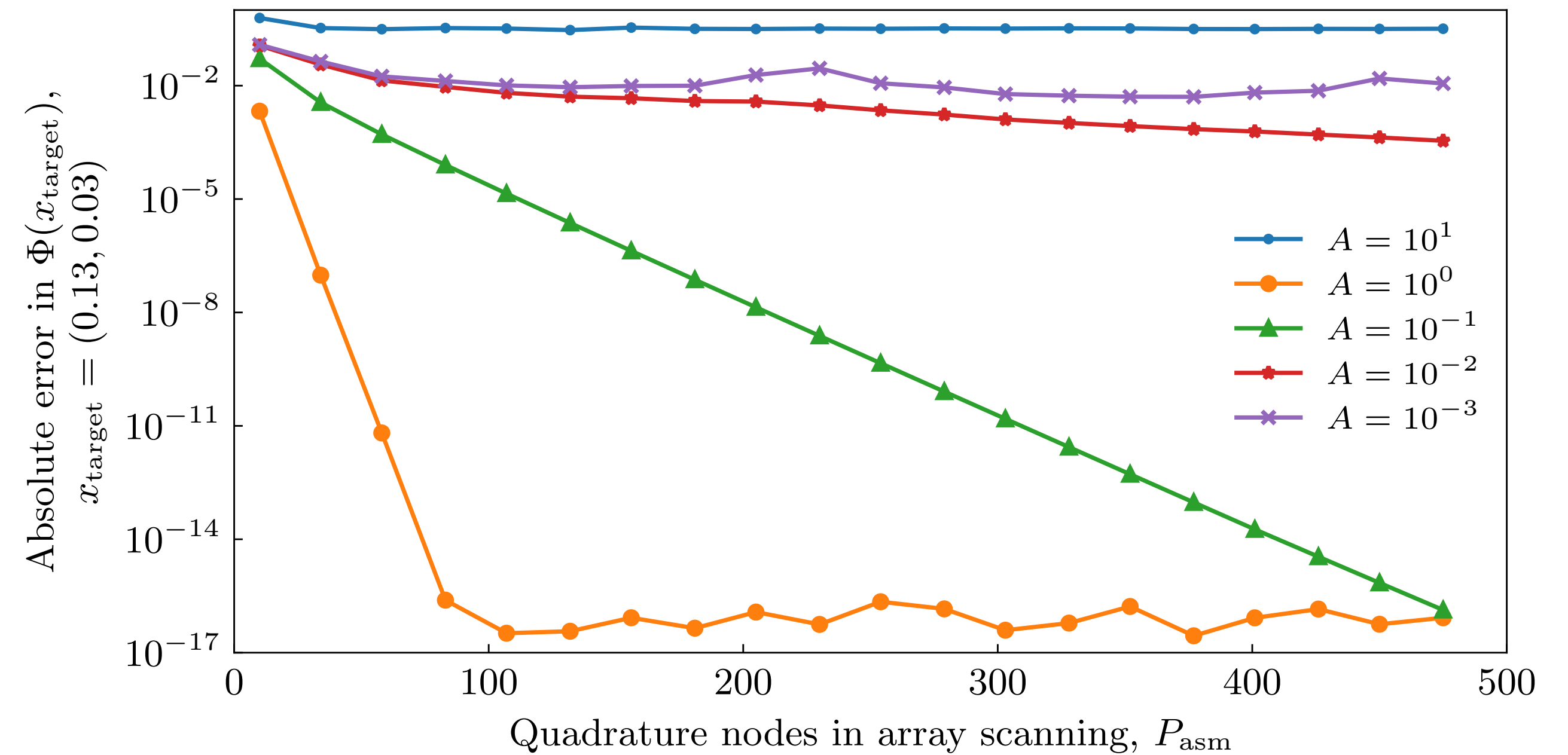
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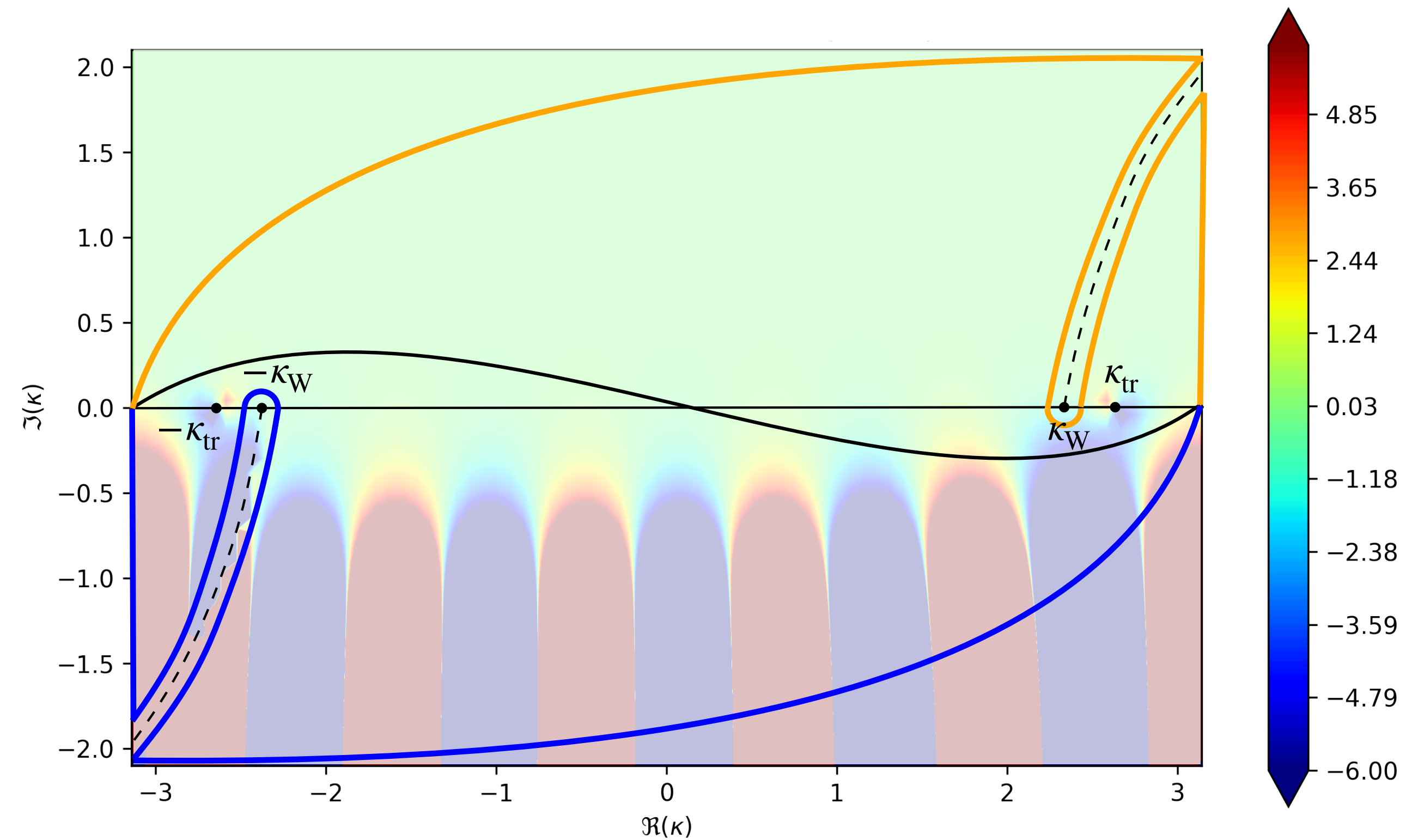
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Close deformed contour in **upper half plane**  $\rightarrow$  only residual of **right-hand pole** remains. Therefore,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} u(x_1 + nd, x_2) = i \text{Res}_{\kappa=\kappa_{\text{tr}}} u(x_1, x_2) \quad \text{up to a complex phase.}$$

For  $n \rightarrow -\infty$ , **residue of left-hand pole dictates.**

- Compute residues numerically, on a small circle around  $\kappa_{\text{tr}}$  with trapezoidal rule.



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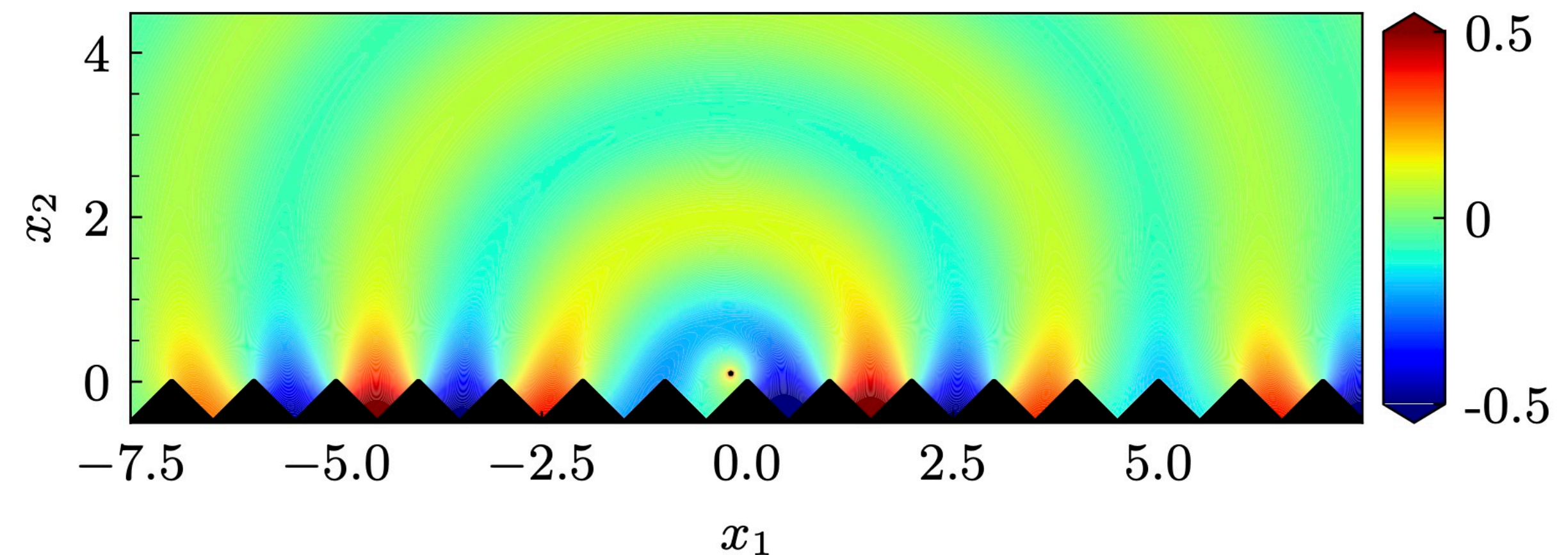
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} u(x_1 + nd, x_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} u_{\kappa}(x_1, x_2) e^{in\kappa} d\kappa.$$

Close deformed contour in **upper half plane**  $\rightarrow$  only residual of **right-hand pole** remains. Therefore,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} u(x_1 + nd, x_2) = i \text{Res}_{\kappa=\kappa_{\text{tr}}} u(x_1, x_2) \quad \text{up to a complex phase.}$$

For  $n \rightarrow -\infty$ , **residue of left-hand pole** dictates.

- Compute residues numerically, on a small circle around  $\kappa_{\text{tr}}$  with trapezoidal rule.

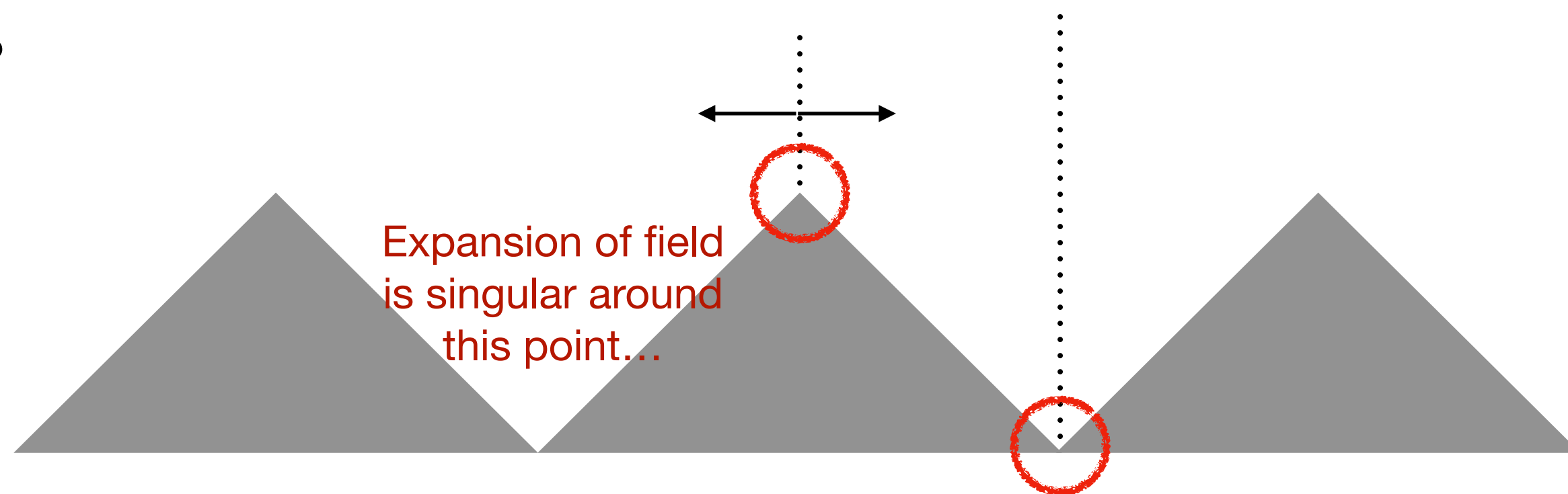


# Power distribution in trapped modes

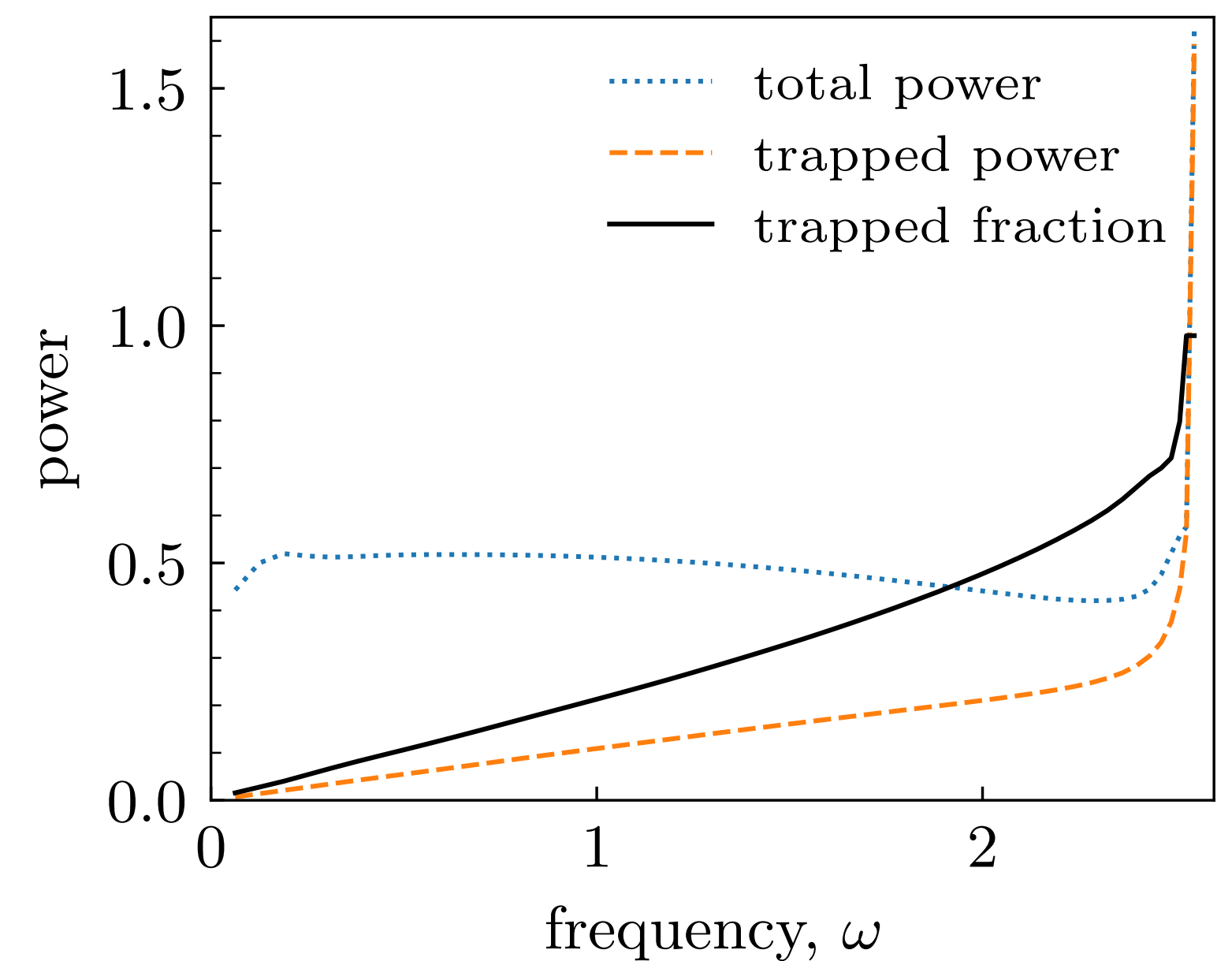
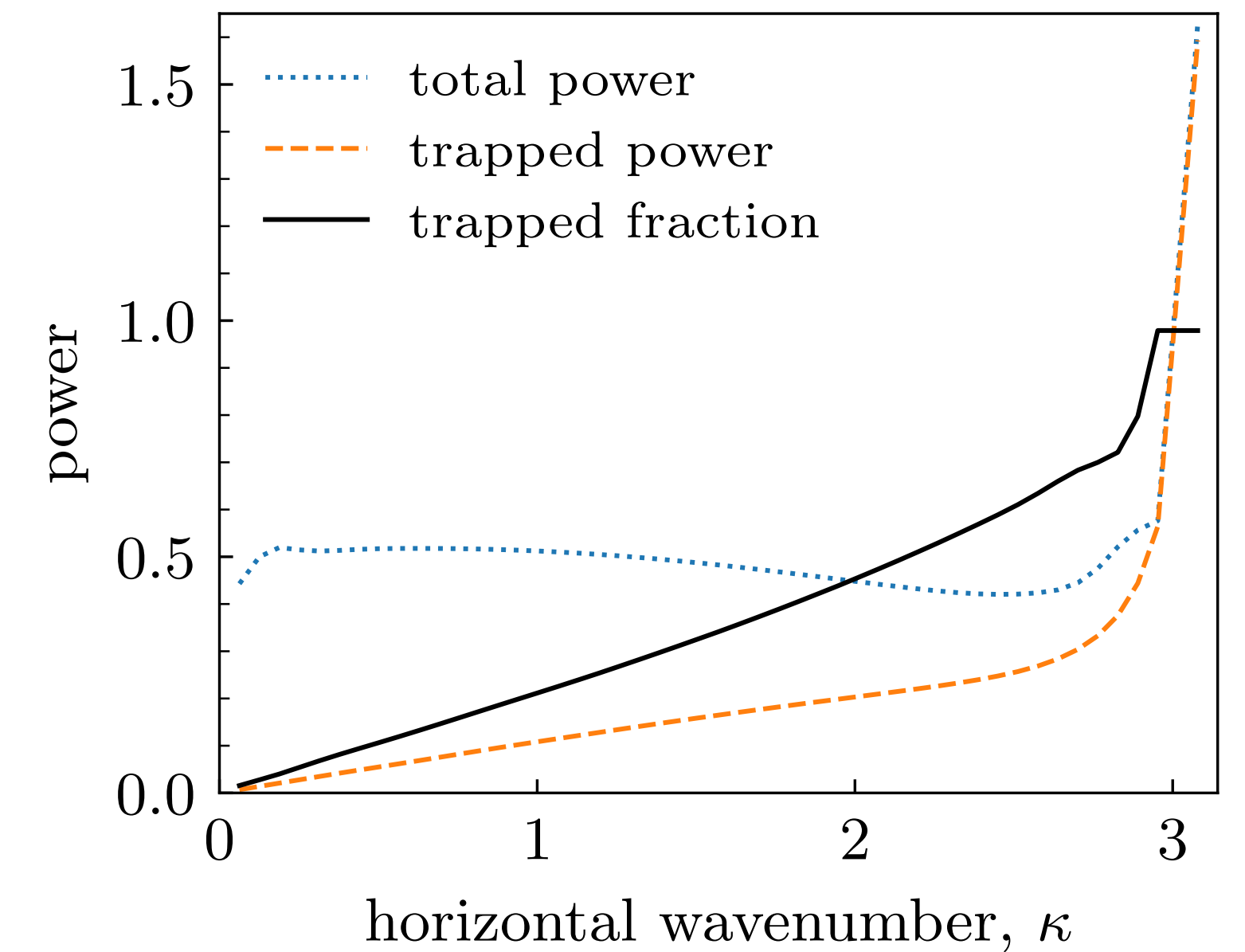
- We reconstruct the field  $u(x)$  at an infinitely far unit cell on the right/left (up to a phase) by taking its residue around the trapping wavenumber  $\pm\kappa_{\text{tr}}$
- Then all flux moving to right/left is in a trapped mode; compute numerically:

$$F_{\text{trapped},\rightarrow} = \mathfrak{S} \left( \int_{x_{2,0}}^a \bar{u} \partial_{x_1} u dx_2 \right),$$

where integral extends **from boundary** to where the mode has sufficiently decayed, but at what  $x_1$ ?



- Simple Gauss—Legendre, closest node no closer than width of smallest panel on boundary.
- Total power injected into the system is  $F_{\text{tot}} = \frac{1}{4} + \mathfrak{S}(u(\mathbf{x}_0))$ , with  $\mathbf{x}_0$  the source location.





# Future work

- How does the position of the source affect the power distribution in trapped modes?
  - Can a left/right asymmetry be induced?
  - What happens in asymmetric geometries?
  - Can we derive an fast, approximate model for the power distribution for applications such as nondestructive sensing?
- Poles coalesce as  $\kappa \rightarrow 0, \pm \pi$ , more quadrature nodes and differently shaped path needed in array scanning integral to preserve accuracy
- 3D periodic surfaces: band structure complex, poles are lines
- Inverse problem for fault detection in periodic structures (e.g. photonic crystals)

**Thank you**



# Periodization II – Wood anomalies

- At  $\kappa$ -values where  $k_n^2$  changes sign, i.e.  $\kappa + 2n\pi/d = \pm \omega$ 
  - Behavior of periodic Green's function in the  $x_2$  direction changes:  
**oscillatory**  $\rightarrow$  **evanescent**
  - Quasiperiodic Green's function does not exist (!)
- Criss-cross lines in  $\omega - \kappa$  plane
- Due to symmetry, we can restrict ourselves to the first **Brillouin zone** (shown in red)

