

# Dominant traits in the zeros of two-variate two-terminal reliability polynomials

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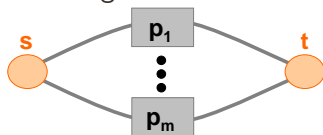
## Two-terminal reliability

- Probability that two sites of a network are connected. Also known as pair connectedness or connectivity function in percolation theory
- Example 1 : Series configuration



$$R_{\text{series}} = p_1 p_2 \cdots p_m \rightarrow p^m$$

- Example 2 : Parallel configuration

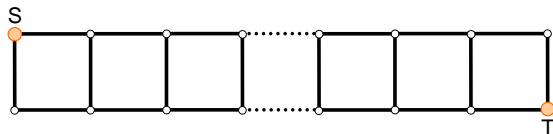


$$R_{\text{parallel}} = 1 - (1 - p_1) (1 - p_2) \cdots (1 - p_m) \rightarrow 1 - (1 - p)^m$$

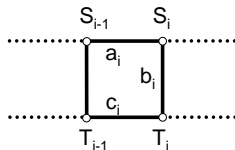
- For non series-parallel networks, (un)directed underlying graphs may be considered. Expressions are not invariants of the graph (contrary to the all-terminal reliability).

# The simple ladder configuration (1)

- Architecture used in long-haul optical networks for IP connexions  
(nodes : IP routers or optical crossconnects; edges : fibre links).



- The elementary cell (edges and nodes are labelled by their *individual* reliabilities)



## The simple ladder configuration (2)

- The general solution is

$$\mathcal{R}_{S_0 \rightarrow T_n} = (0 \ 1 \ 0) M_n \cdots M_0 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

with the  $i^{\text{th}}$  transfer matrix  $M_i$  given by

$$M_i = \begin{pmatrix} a_i S_i & b_i c_i S_i T_i & a_i b_i c_i S_i T_i \\ a_i b_i S_i T_i & c_i T_i & a_i b_i c_i S_i T_i \\ -a_i b_i S_i T_i & -b_i c_i S_i T_i & a_i (1 - 2 b_i) c_i S_i T_i \end{pmatrix}$$

- If  $p$  and  $\rho$  are used, a single matrix needs be considered. The three eigenvalues are then  $p\rho(1 - p\rho)$  and

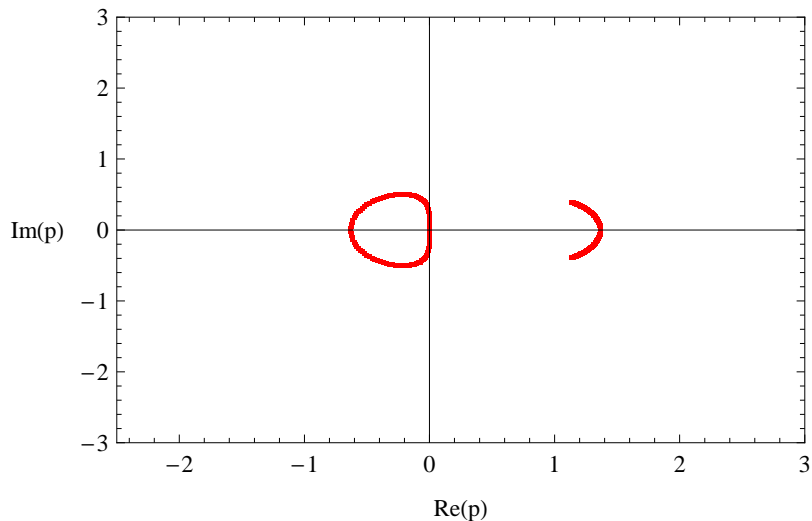
$$\zeta_{\pm} = \frac{p\rho}{2} \left( 1 + 2p(1 - p)\rho \pm \sqrt{1 + 4p^2\rho - 8p^3\rho^2 + 4p^4\rho^2} \right)$$

- The generating function  $\mathcal{G}(z) = \sum_n^{\infty} \mathcal{R}_{S_0 \rightarrow T_n} z^n = \frac{\mathcal{N}(z)}{\mathcal{D}(z)}$  is a rational fraction.

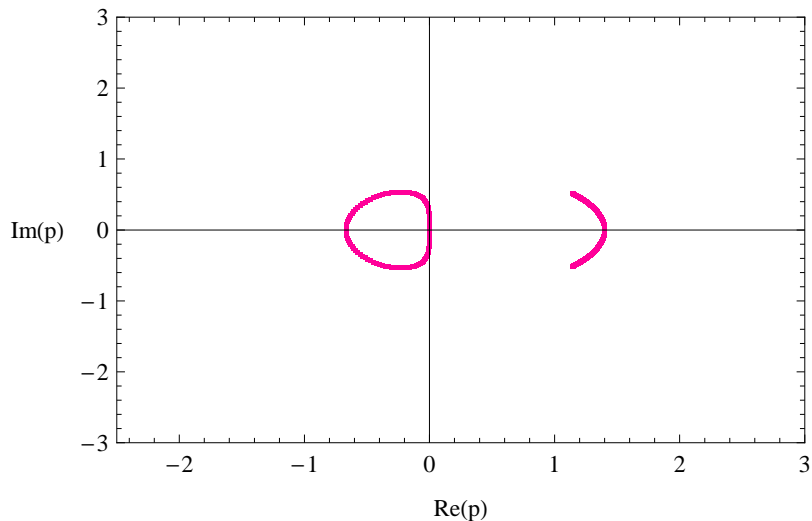
# Complex zeros of polynomials

- Various polynomials occur in graph theory : chromatic, flow and all-terminal reliability polynomials. These polynomials are special instances of the Tutte polynomial. The location of their complex zeros has been given a lot of interest and effort by many speakers at the present workshop
- For recursive families of polynomials indexed by  $n$ , the zeros converge/aggregate on equimodular curves or isolated points (Beraha, Kahane, and Weiss)
- Here, for our two-variate two-terminal reliability polynomials,  $\rho$  has a fixed value and we plot the zeros in the complex plane for  $p$ . We take  $n$  large enough so that the limit is nearly reached. The polynomials are determined by recursion relations (using the coefficients of the characteristic polynomial of the transfer matrix)
- Question : what happens when  $\rho$  decreases from 1 to 0?

## Complex zeros for the simple ladder ( $n = 100, \rho = 1$ )

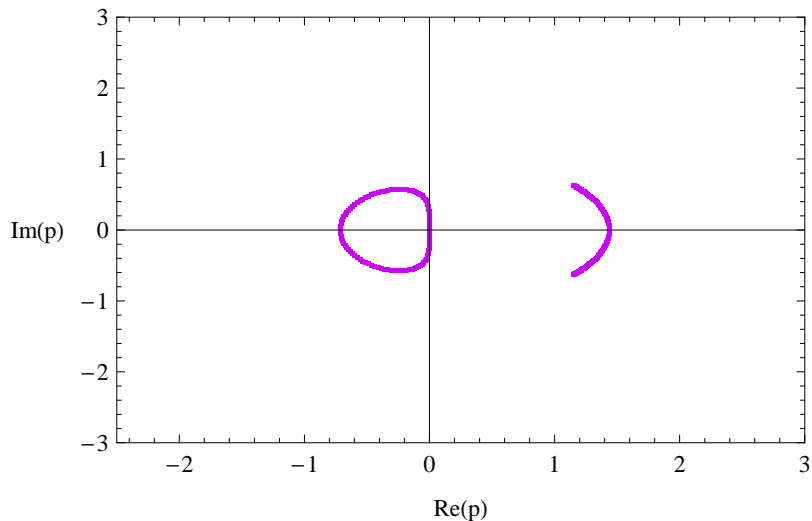


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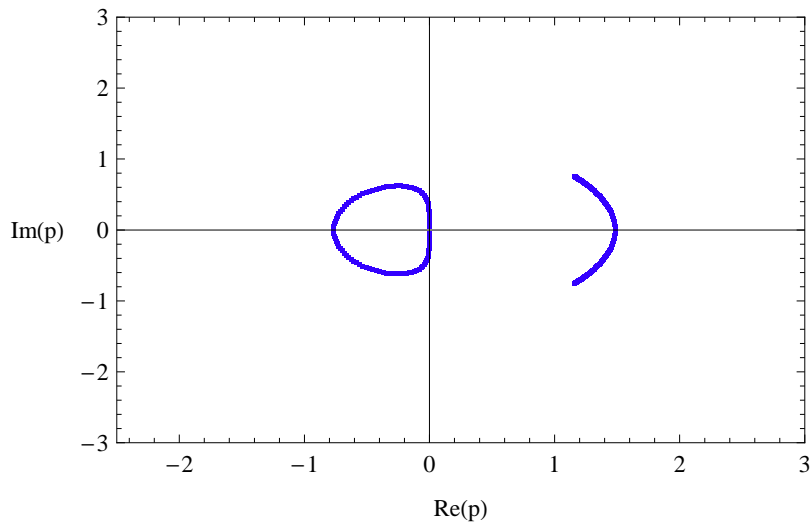




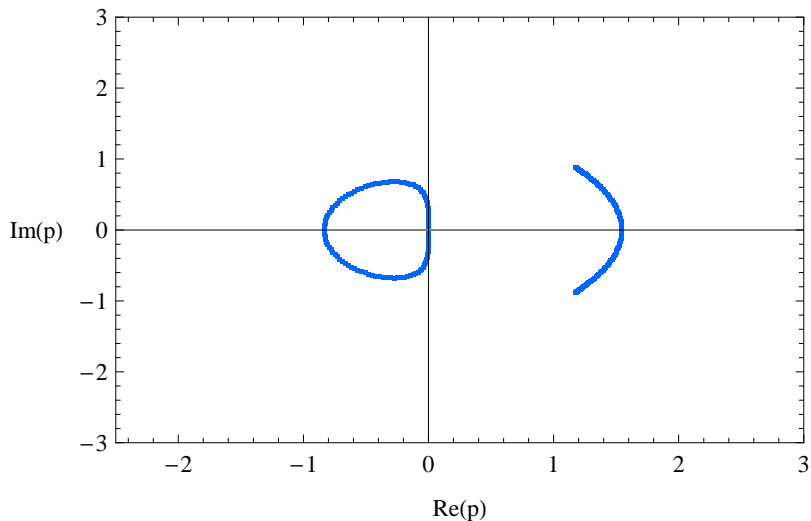
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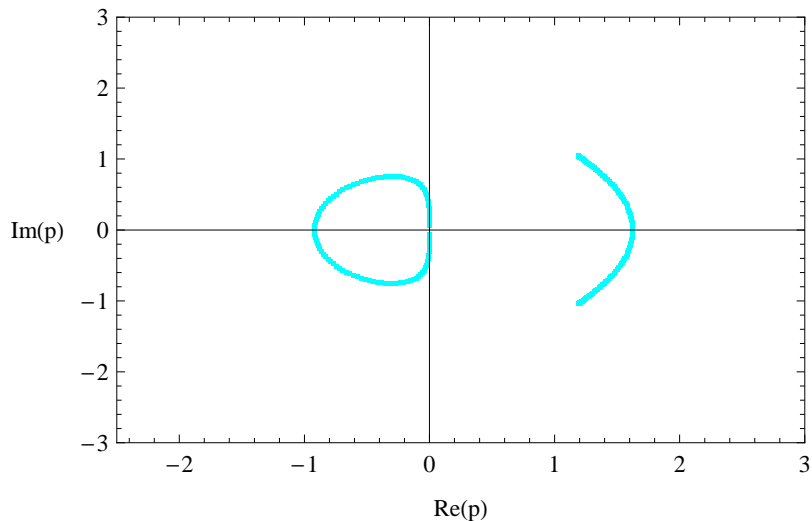
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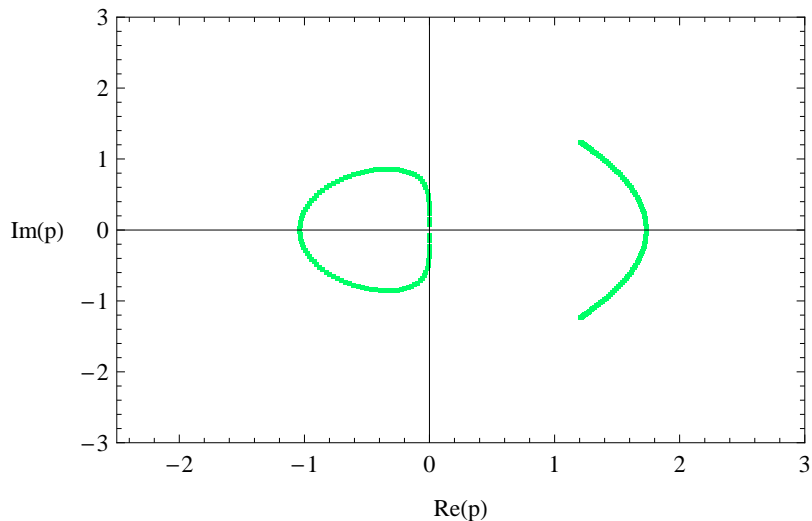
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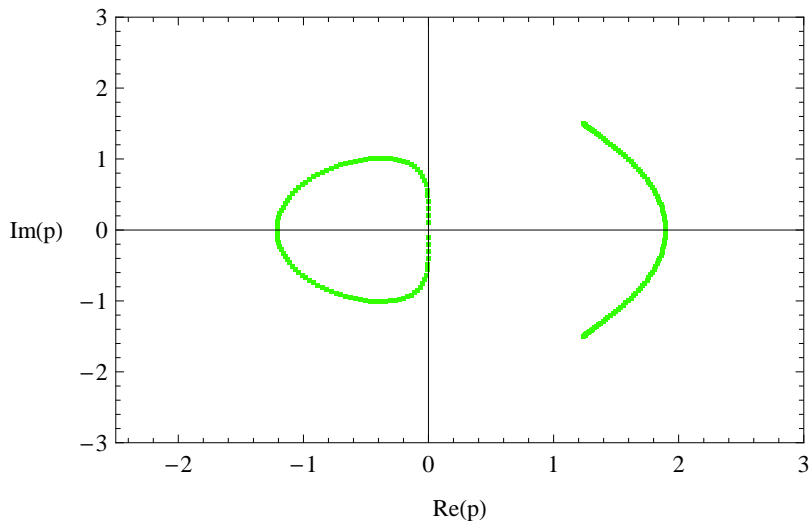
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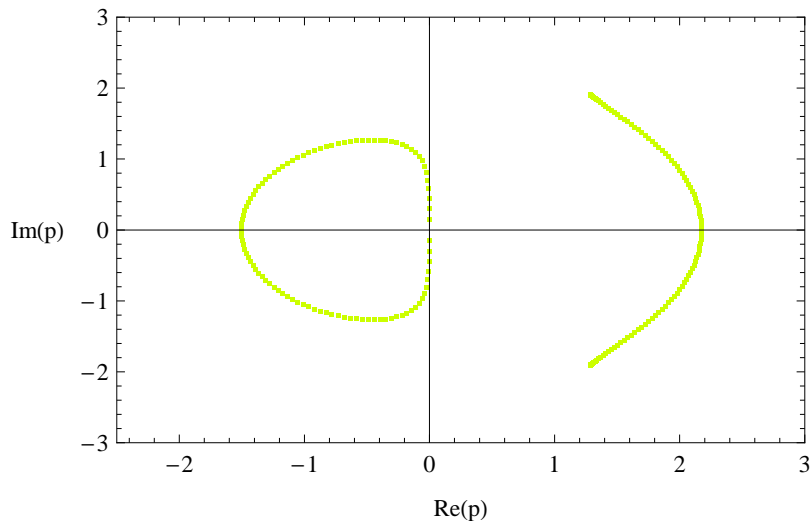
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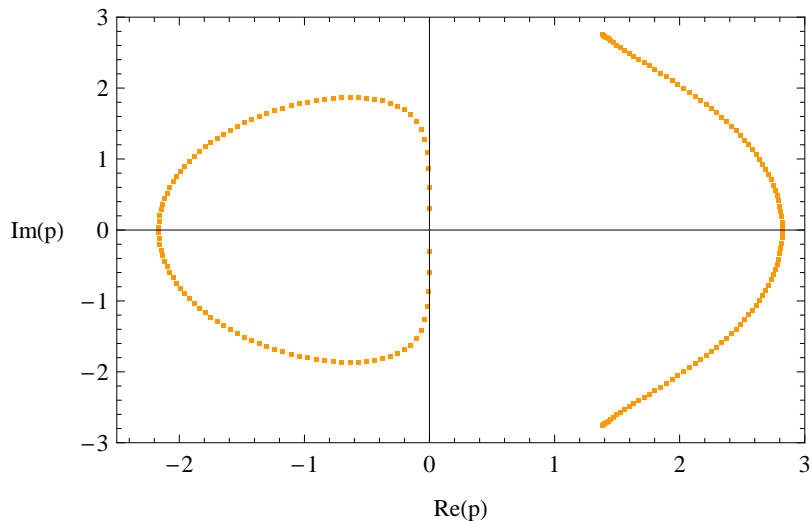
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## Complex zeros for the simple ladder ( $n = 100, \rho = 0.2$ )



## Complex zeros for the simple ladder ( $n = 100, \rho = 0.1$ )





## Results for the simple ladder

- Not many changes...
- Structure expansion as  $\rho$  goes down to 0
- Double roots of  $\mathcal{D}(z) = 0$  obey the constraint

$$1 + 4p^2\rho - 8p^3\rho^2 + 4p^4\rho^3 = 0$$

Endpoints of the rightmost curve are asymptotically  $\pm \frac{i}{(2\rho)^{1/2}}$

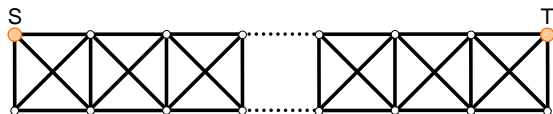
- Intersections with the real axis are given by

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( 1 \pm \sqrt{1 + \frac{2}{\rho}} \right)$$

- Conclusion : smooth expansion as  $(2\rho)^{-1/2}$  to a quasi-circular outermost shape

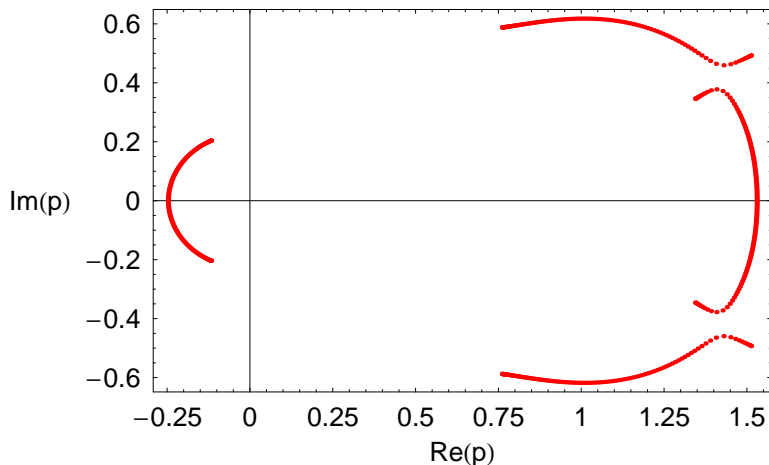
## The $K_4$ ladder configuration

- Architecture (for each new cell, we add 5 edges and 2 nodes)

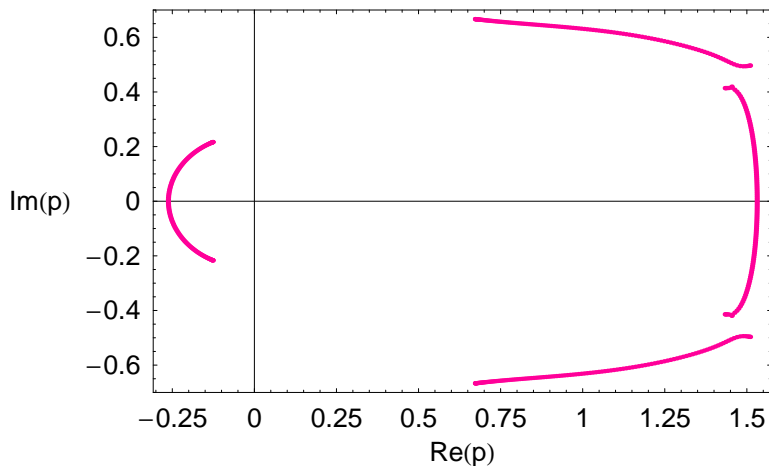


- The transfer matrix is now  $5 \times 5$ 
  - ▶ but for  $p$  and  $\rho$  reliabilities, only three eigenvalues remain,
  - ▶ and only two eigenvalues for perfect nodes ( $\rho = 1$ ) !
- If only one diagonal edge had been added, the transfer matrix would be  $4 \times 4$ , and there would be 4 eigenvalues

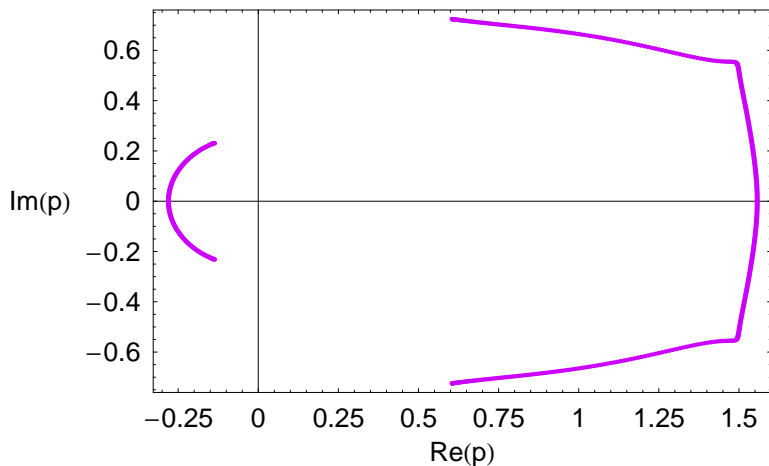
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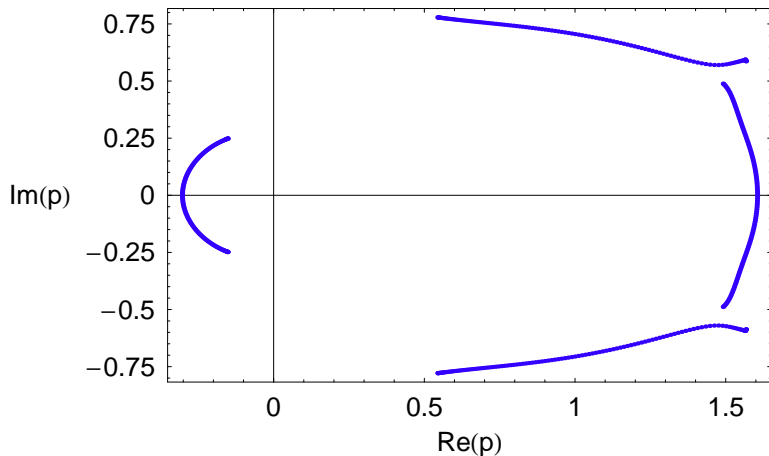
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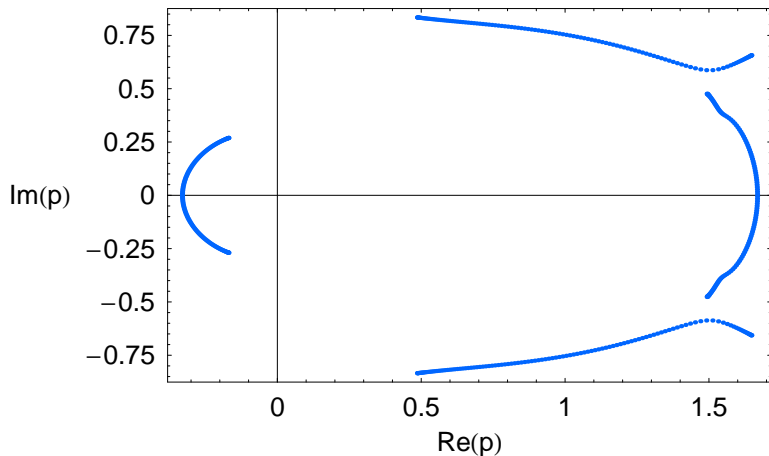
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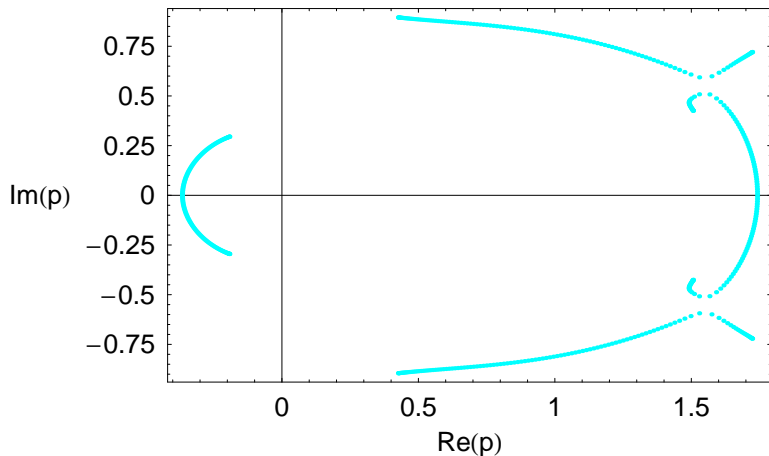
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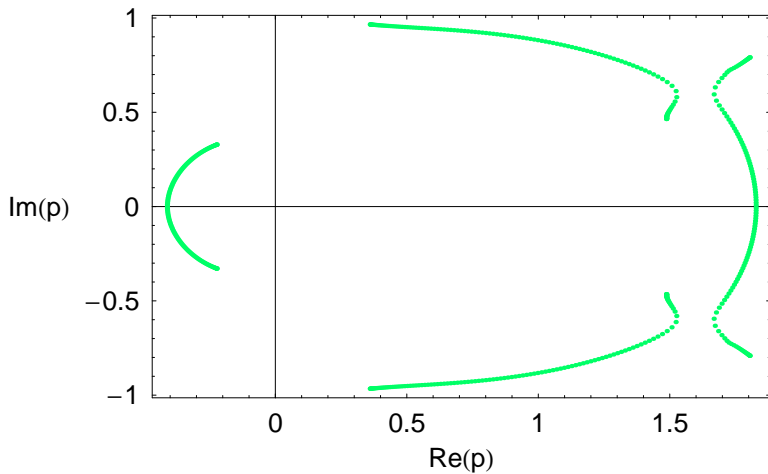


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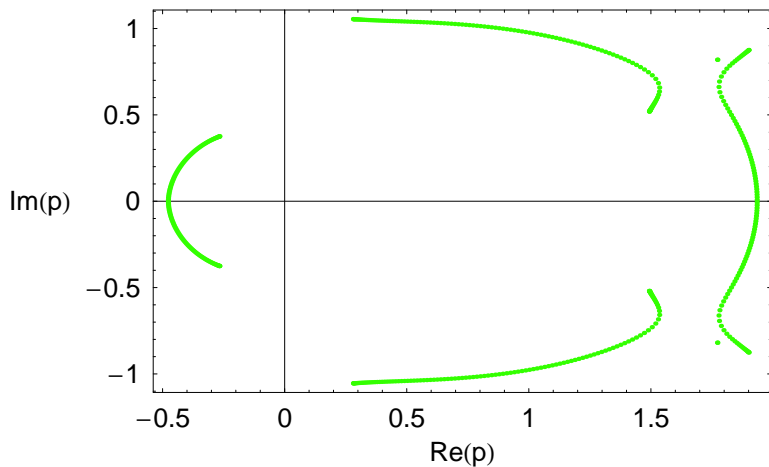




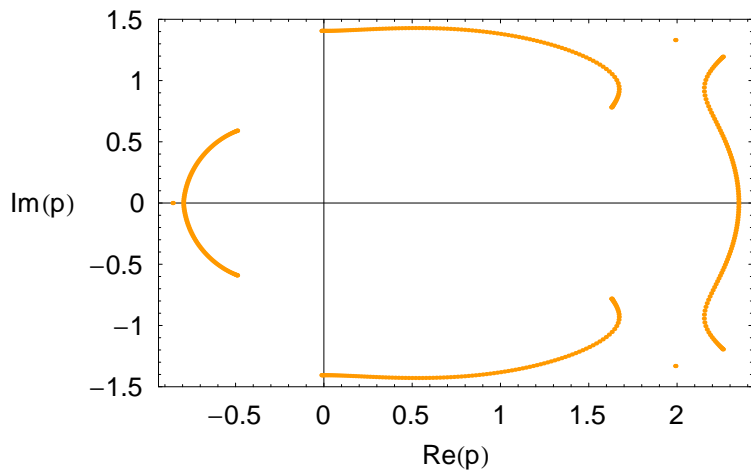
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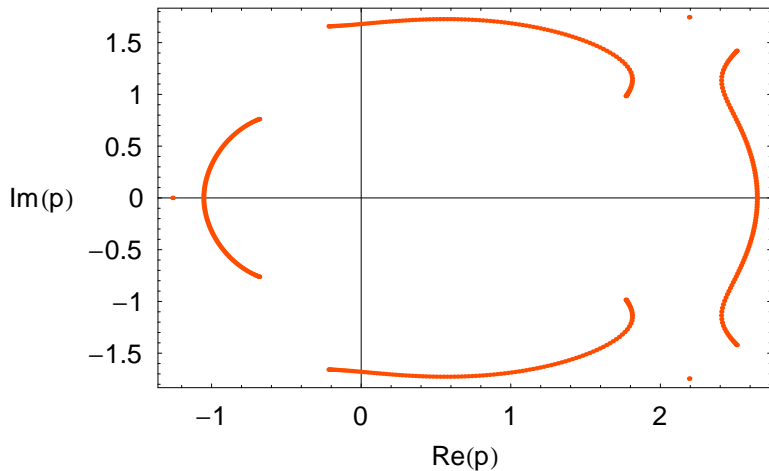
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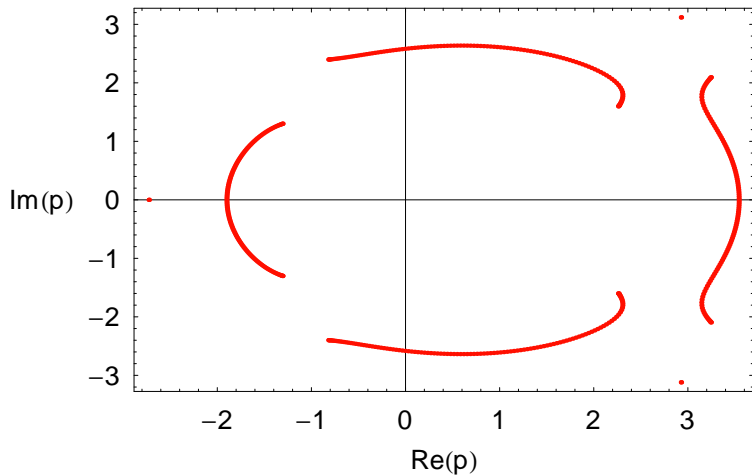
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## Complex zeros for $K_4$ ladder ( $n = 120, \rho = 0.05$ )



## Complex zeros for $K_4$ ladder ( $n = 120, \rho = 0.01$ )



## Results for the $K_4$ -ladder

- No closed curve on the left of the complex plane
- Different structural changes
  - ▶ equimodular curves join for  $\rho = 0.8$
  - ▶ isolated points appear when the residue of the generating function corresponding to the eigenvalue of highest modulus vanishes. This translates into a constraint between  $p$  and  $\rho$

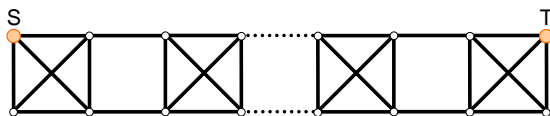
$$0 = 2 + 2\rho + 4(3\rho + 1)\rho p - (40\rho + 11)\rho p^2 \\ + (45\rho + 4)\rho p^3 - 20\rho^2 p^4 + 3\rho^2 p^5$$

- ▶ the first two isolated points occur for  $\rho \leq 0.406657811123$  (solution of an algebraic equation of degree 65 in  $\rho$ )
  - ▶ the third one appears when  $\rho \leq 0.175221381869$  (solution of an equation of degree 10 in  $\rho$ )
- Critical points are determined by their obeying two constraints on  $p$  and  $\rho$
- Different expansion rates for quasi-circular equimodular curves ( $|p| \rightarrow (2\rho)^{-1/4}$ ) and isolated points ( $-(2\rho)^{-1/3} e^{\frac{2ik\pi}{3}}$ )
- All these expansions are derived from the generating function

# Modification of the building blocks

- Structural changes differ for the simple- and  $K_4$ -ladders (isolated points, expansion rates)
- What happens if we mix the patterns (making full use of the general, multivariate result), so that the building blocks are not of unit length anymore ?
  - ▶ are there persistent features, which do not depend on the pattern ?
  - ▶ do new behaviours occur ?

## The $K_4$ +simple ladder configuration



- $K_4$  and  $C_4$  graphs are added in succession, so that the building block has length 2 ( $n$  is the number of repeated  $(K_4 + C_4)$ 's)
- Only two eigenvalues  $\zeta_{\pm}$ , even for imperfect modes !

$$\zeta_{\pm} = \frac{p^2 \rho^2}{2} (\mathcal{A} \pm \sqrt{\mathcal{B}})$$

$$\mathcal{A} = 2 + 4(1-p)p\rho + p^2(6 - 38p + 59p^2 - 36p^3 + 8p^4)\rho^2$$

$$\mathcal{B} = 4 + 16(1-p)p\rho$$

$$-4p^2(-6 + 16p + 3p^2 - 20p^3 + 8p^4)\rho^2$$

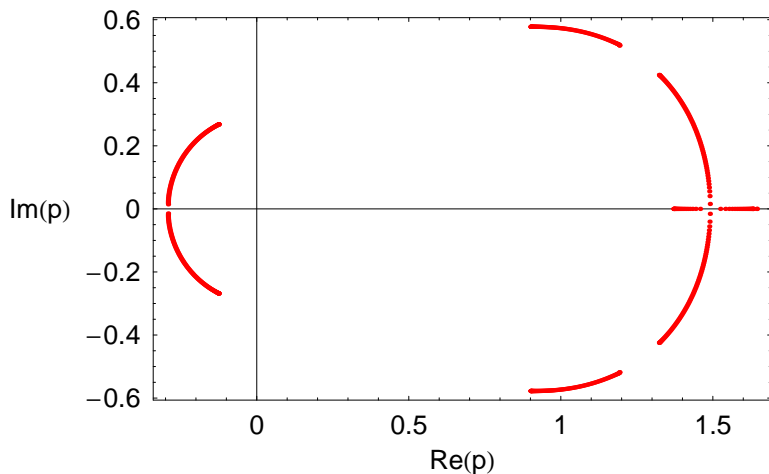
$$+8(1-p)p^3(2 - 32p + 63p^2 - 40p^3 + 8p^4)\rho^3$$

$$+p^4(4 - 352p + 1992p^2 - 4780p^3 + 6257p^4 - 4848p^5$$

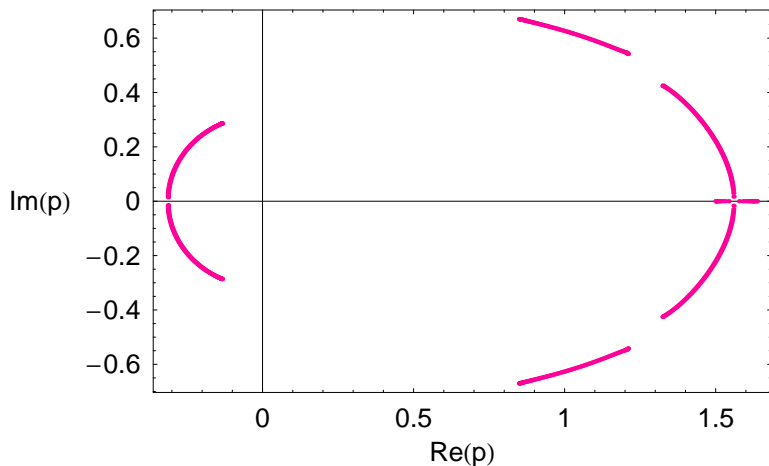
$$+2240p^6 - 576p^7 + 64p^8)\rho^4$$



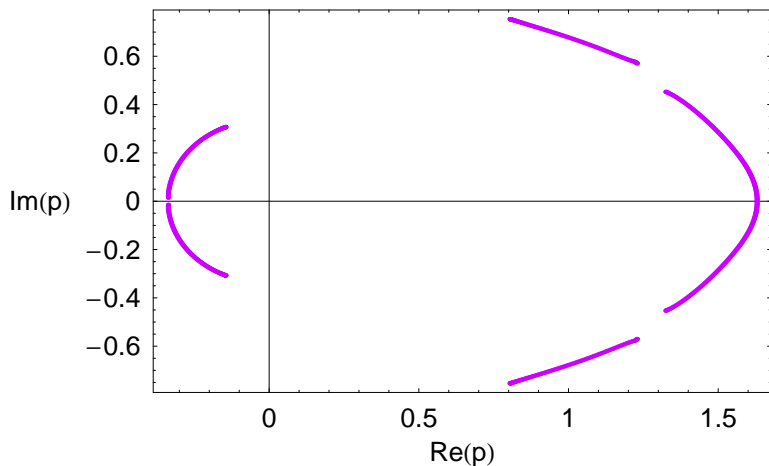
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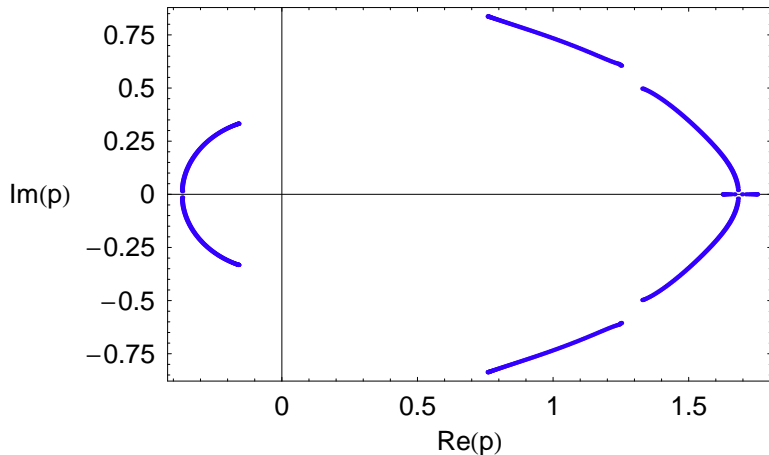
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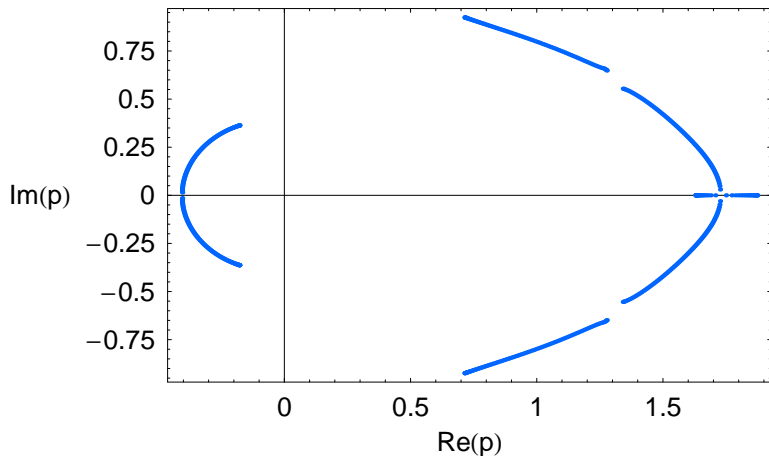
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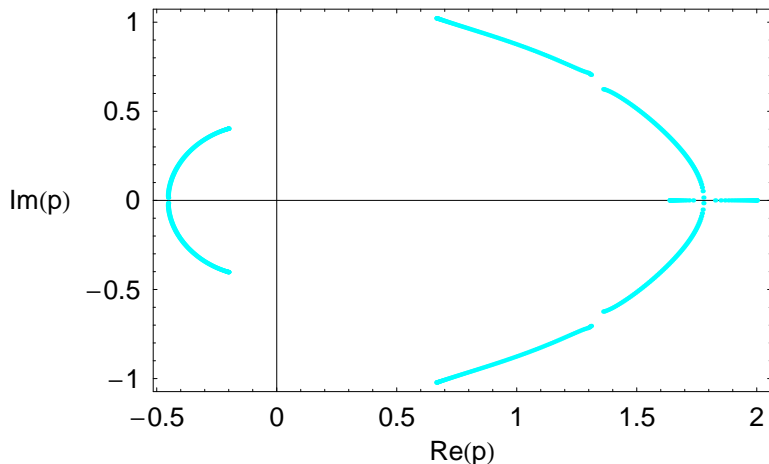
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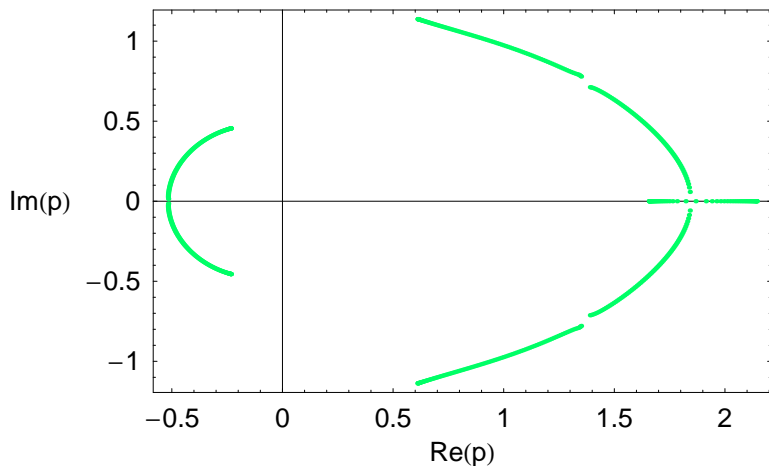
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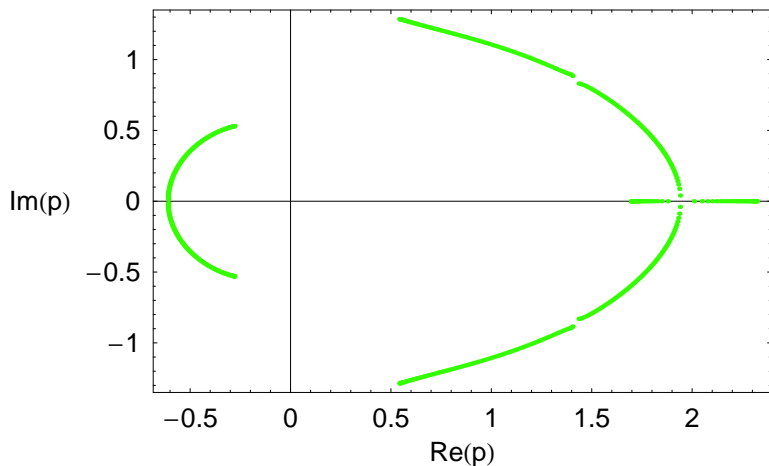
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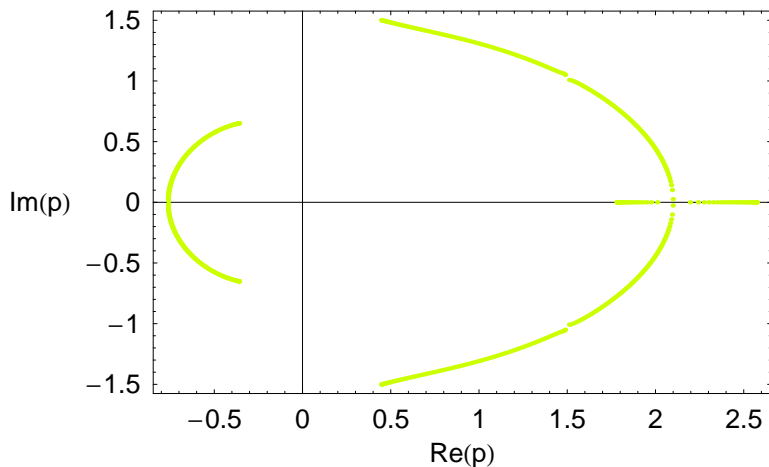


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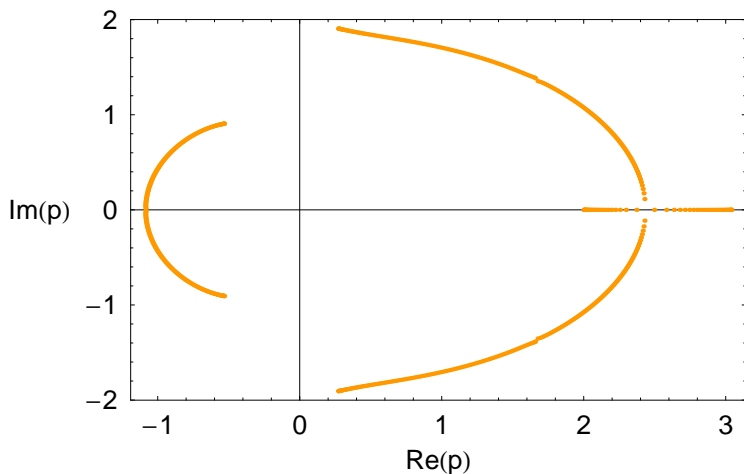




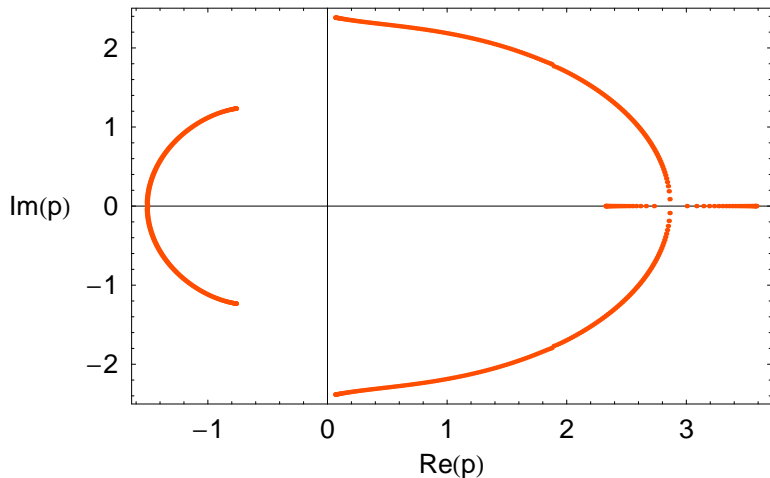
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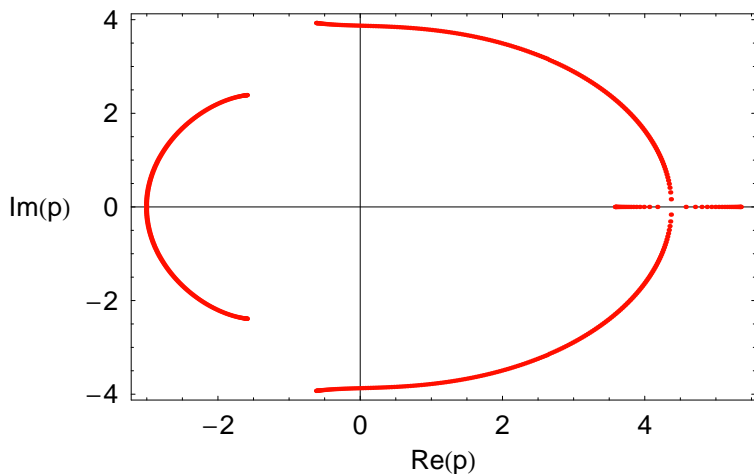
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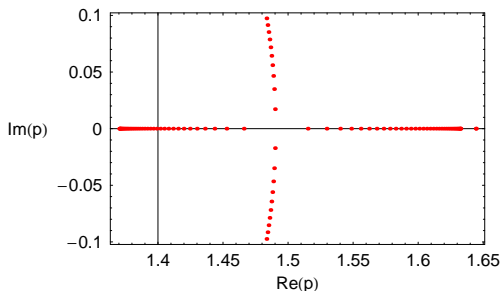
# Complex zeros for $K_4$ +simple ladder ( $n = 100, \rho = 0.05$ )



# Complex zeros for $K_4$ +simple ladder ( $n = 100, \rho = 0.01$ )



## Isolated zero for $K_4$ +simple ladder ( $n = 150, \rho = 1$ )



- the existence of isolated points is controlled by

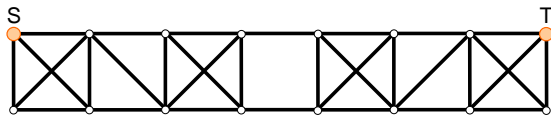
$$0 = -3 + 2p + p\rho(-7 + 18p - 15p^2 + 4p^3)$$

- for  $\rho = 1$ , the isolated zero lies asymptotically at 1.644299, while the segment is (1.370197, 1.632580)

## Results for the ( $K_4$ +simple)-ladder

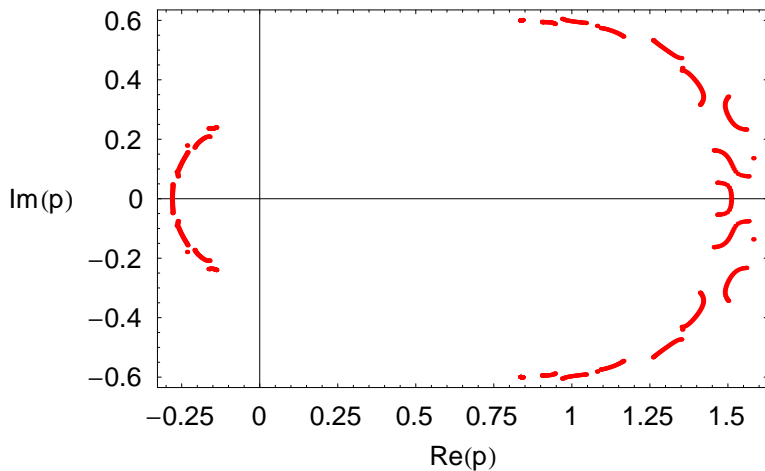
- Isolated point even for  $\rho = 1$
- Apparition of a segment on the real axis, even for perfect nodes
  - ▶ it disappears (along with the isolated zero) for  $\rho_c = \frac{3}{208} (71 - (681 + 416\sqrt{2})^{1/3} - (681 - 416\sqrt{2})^{1/3})$ , i.e., roughly 0.8026, but reappears and remains down to  $\rho = 0$ .
  - ▶ its extremities  $p_{\pm}$  when  $\rho \rightarrow 0$ , are asymptotically 
$$p_{\pm} \rightarrow \frac{1}{(2\rho)^{1/3}} \pm \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3(2\rho)^{1/6}} + \frac{3}{4}$$
  - ▶ its intersection  $p_o$  with the rightmost curve is  $p_o \rightarrow \frac{1}{(2\rho)^{1/3}} + \frac{23}{36}$
- Quasi-circular equimodular curves :  $|\rho| \rightarrow (2\rho)^{-1/3}$

## The (long pattern) ladder configuration



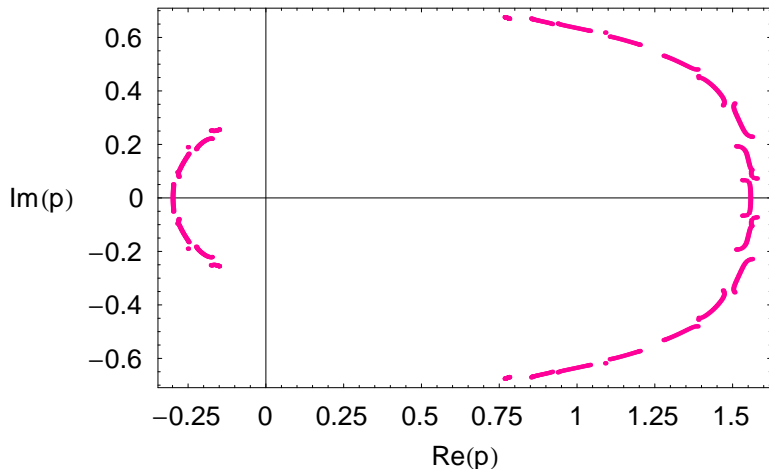
- Another elementary single-cell pattern has been added
- Still, only two eigenvalues :  $\mathcal{R}_n = \alpha_+ \zeta_+^n + \alpha_- \zeta_-^n$  !
- Unfortunately, the expressions would fill more than one page...
- What do you expect ?

## Complex zeros for mixed ladder ( $n = 30, \rho = 1$ )

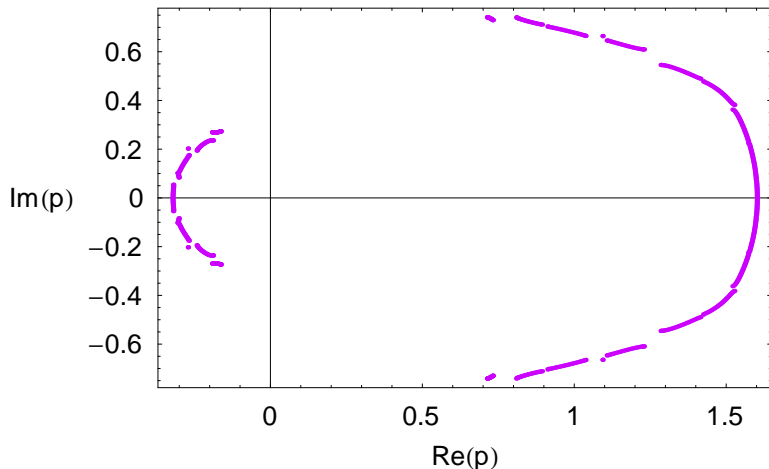




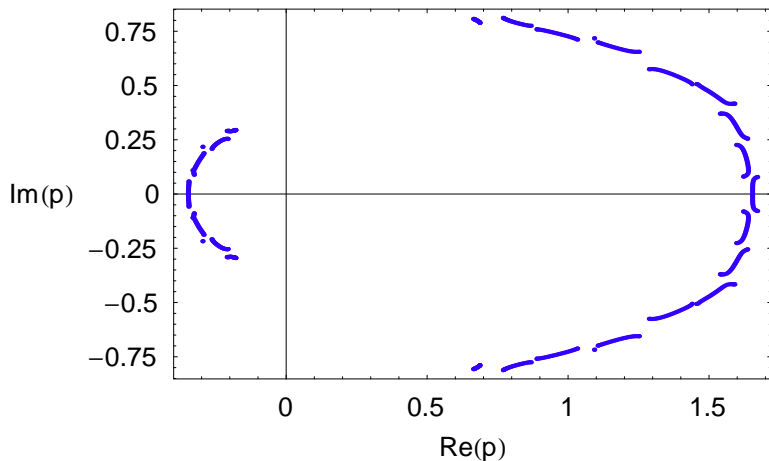
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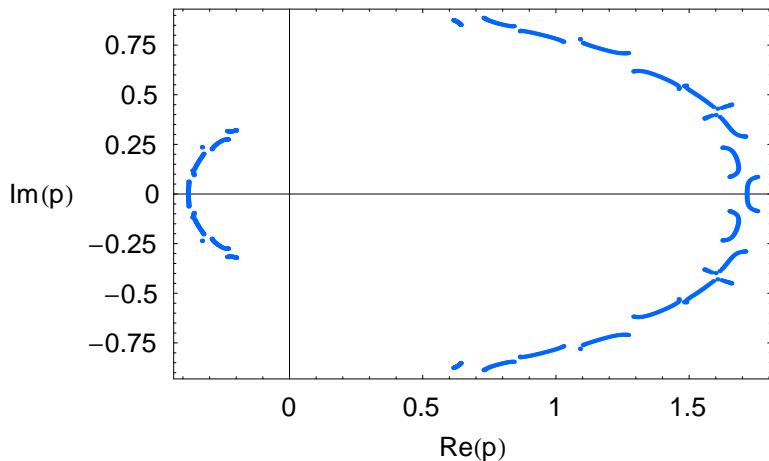
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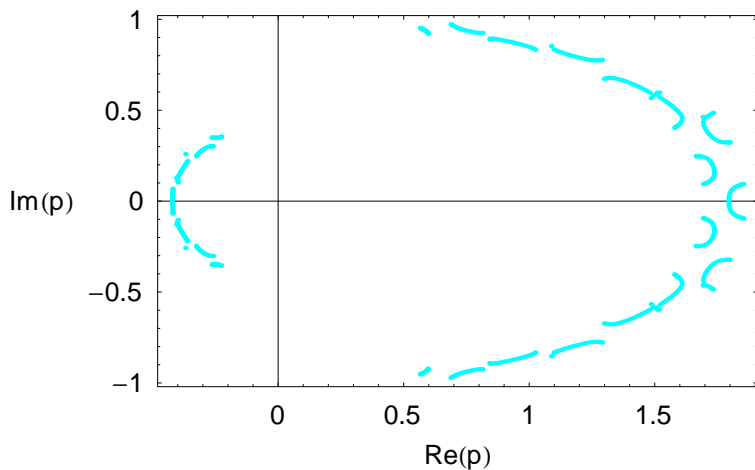
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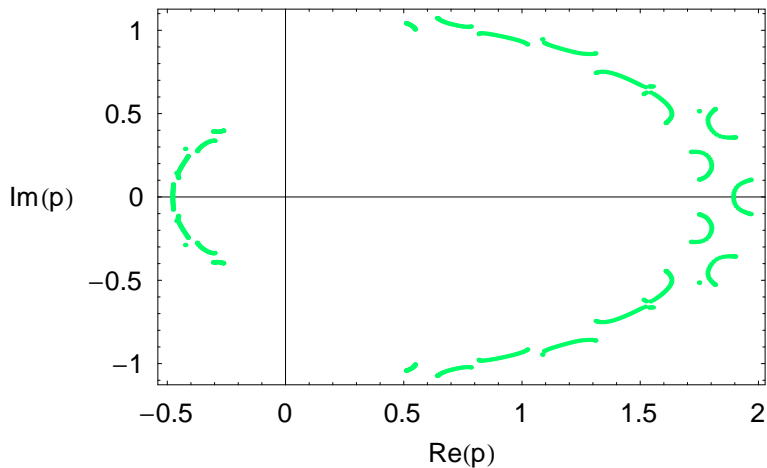
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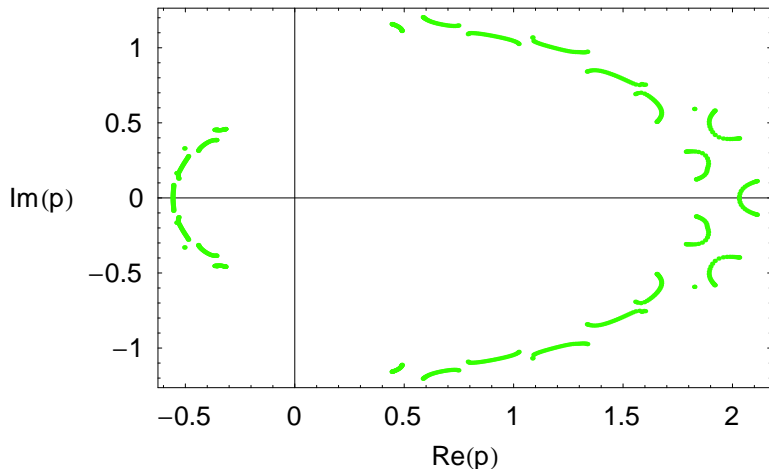
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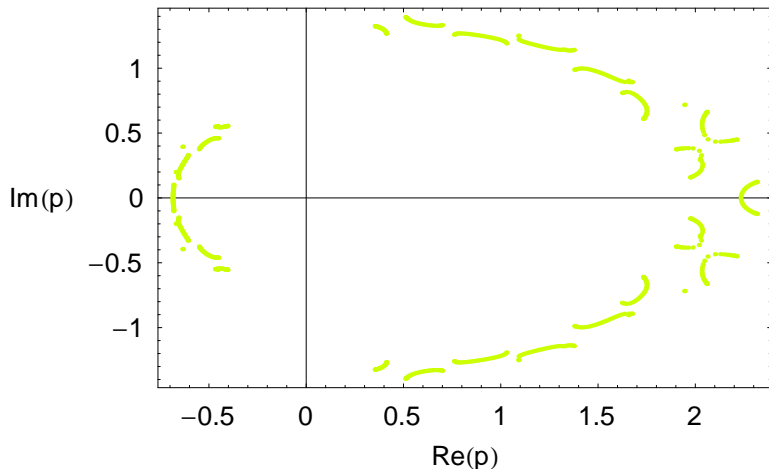
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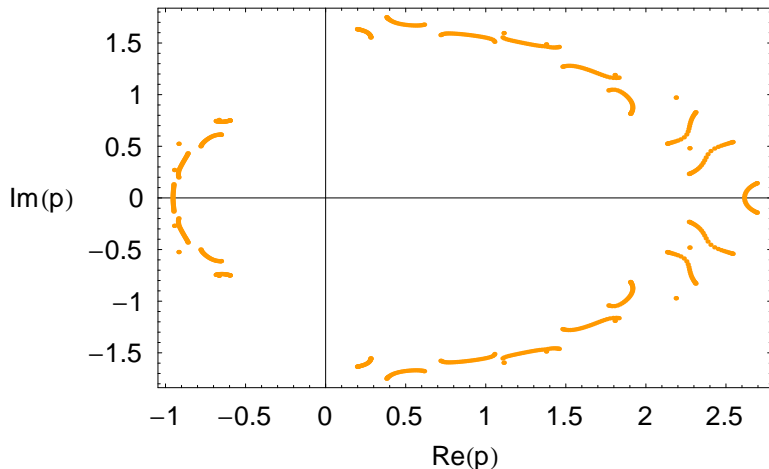


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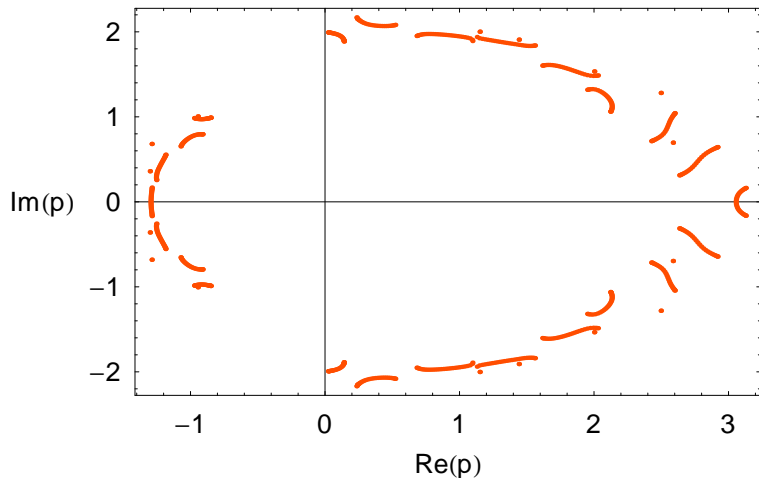




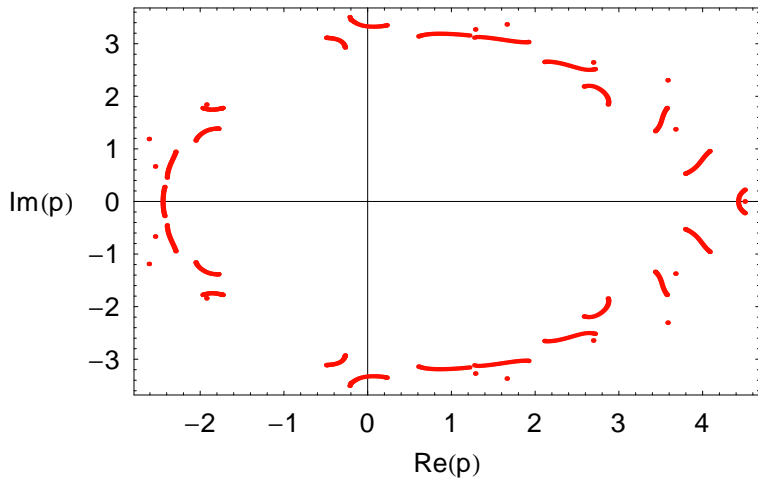
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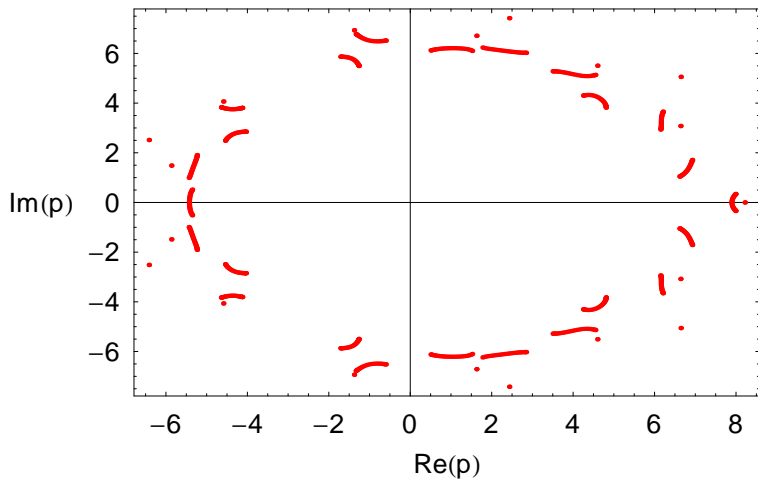
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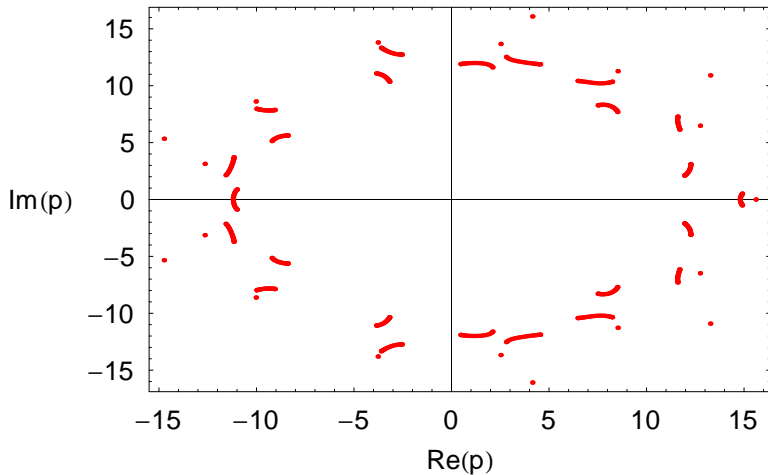
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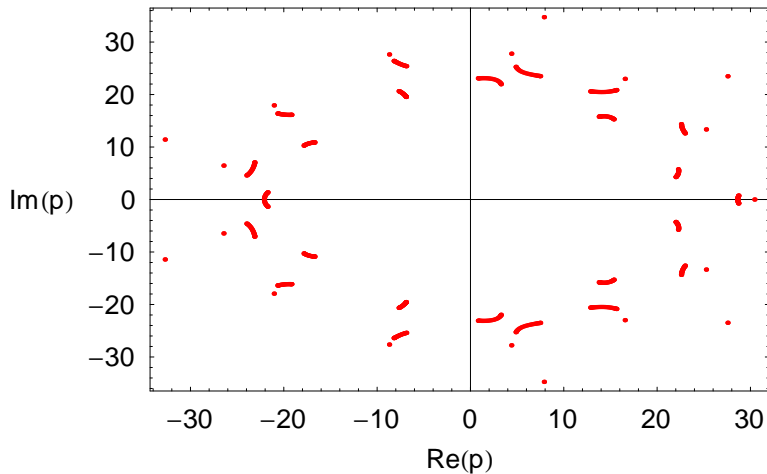
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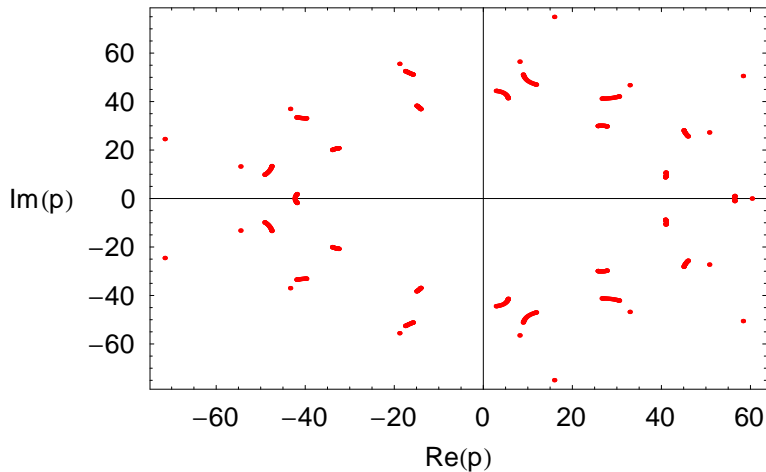
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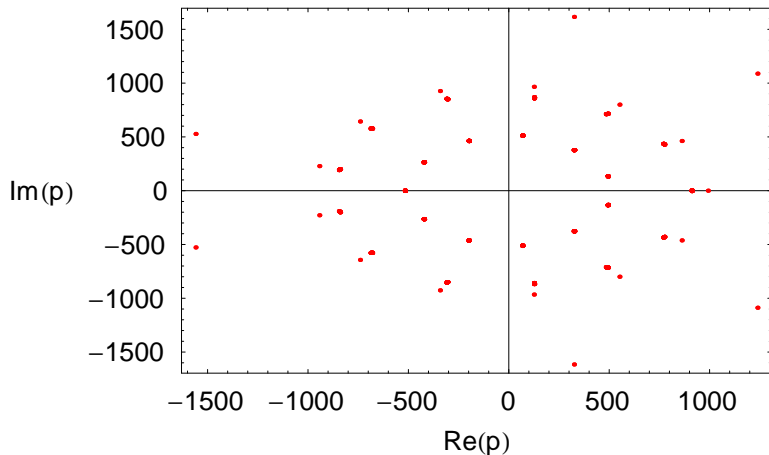
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## Complex zeros for mixed ladder ( $n = 30, \rho = 10^{-6}$ )



## Complex zeros for mixed ladder ( $n = 30, \rho = 10^{-10}$ )





## Results for the long mixed ladder

- No segment of the real axis
- “Explosion” of the other features
- Smoother structures for  $\rho = 0.8$ .
- Families of isolated points with different expansion rates and asymptotic symmetries

▶  $p \rightarrow \left( \frac{-\frac{1}{4} + \frac{i}{4} \sqrt{\frac{11}{5}}}{\rho} \right)^{1/3} e^{2ik\pi/3}$  and complex conjugate.

▶  $p \rightarrow \frac{1}{\left( \left( \frac{40}{3} \right)^{1/4} \rho \right)^{4/13}} e^{2ik\pi/13}$

- No asymptotic circular curves when  $\rho \rightarrow 0$ , but islands of equimodular curves with different expansion rates and symmetries

▶  $|p| \rightarrow \frac{1}{(50^{1/4} \rho)^{4/13}}$  and  $|p| \rightarrow \frac{1}{\left( \left( \frac{4}{3} \right)^{2/3} \rho \right)^{3/11}}$

## Conclusion and outlook

- The two-terminal network reliability  $\mathcal{R}_n$  can be expressed as a product of transfer matrices taking all individual edge and node reliabilities exactly into account : this is a consequence of the underlying algebraic graph structure
- For uniform  $p$  (edge) and  $\rho$  (node) reliabilities, we obtain a two-variate, two-terminal reliability polynomial  $\mathcal{R}_n$
- The location of their complex zeros may exhibit spectacular structural transitions as a function of  $\rho$ . Critical values  $\rho_c$  may be deduced from the (rational) generating function
- When the building block has a nonsimple structure
  - ▶ The number of eigenvalues of a recursive family of graphs may be strongly linked to a particular substructure of the repeated pattern
  - ▶ Different expansion rates may coexist for isolated points as well as equimodular curves when  $\rho \rightarrow 0$
  - ▶ Their asymptotic shape is not always circular
- More work is under way on “wider” graphs...

Thank you for your attention

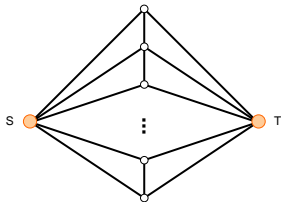
# Bibliography

- I recommend the papers by Biggs, Chang, Jackson, Jacobsen, Royle, Salas, Shrock, Sokal, Wagner and collaborators (most of them are available online; see [arXiv](#))
- Other “network” configurations have been studied for the two-terminal reliability polynomials, and their corresponding complex zeros (see [arXiv](#) and *J. Phys. A: Math. Theor.* 40 (2007) 14099–14116)

# Appendix

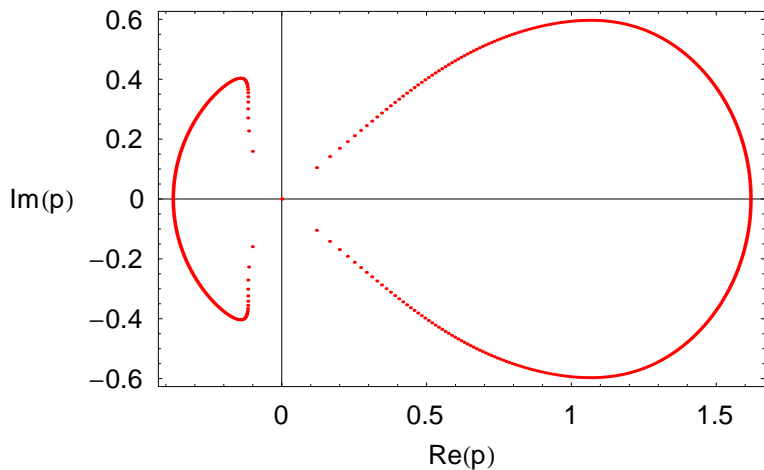
# The double fan configuration

- Building block of the architecture

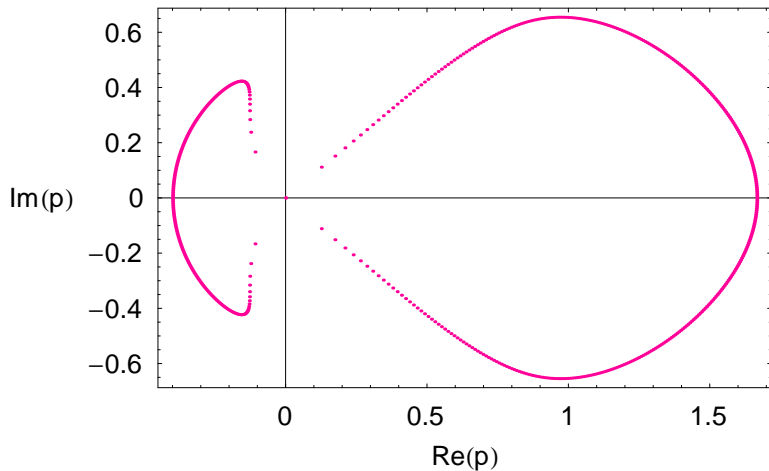


- this graph can be very “wide”
- a  $3 \times 3$  transfer matrix may be defined
- only three eigenvalues — one of them is equal to 1 — remain when  $p$  and  $\rho$  are considered...
- ... still, various structures appears, as the dominant eigenvalues may change.

## Complex zeros for double fan ( $n = 200, \rho = 1$ )

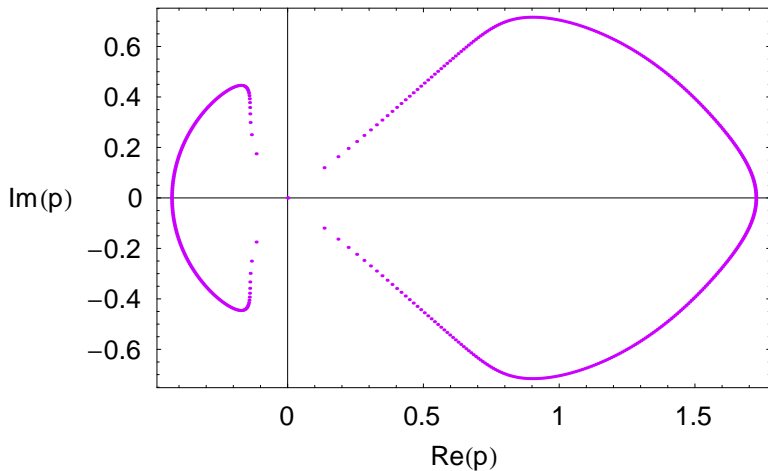


## Complex zeros for double fan ( $n = 200$ , $\rho = 0.9$ )

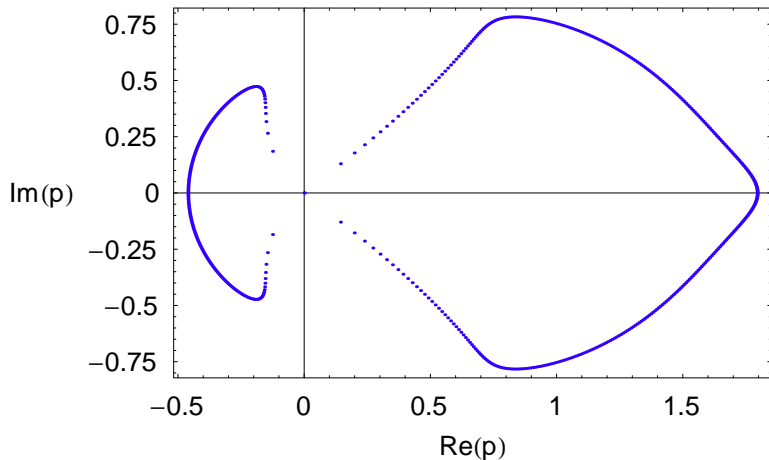




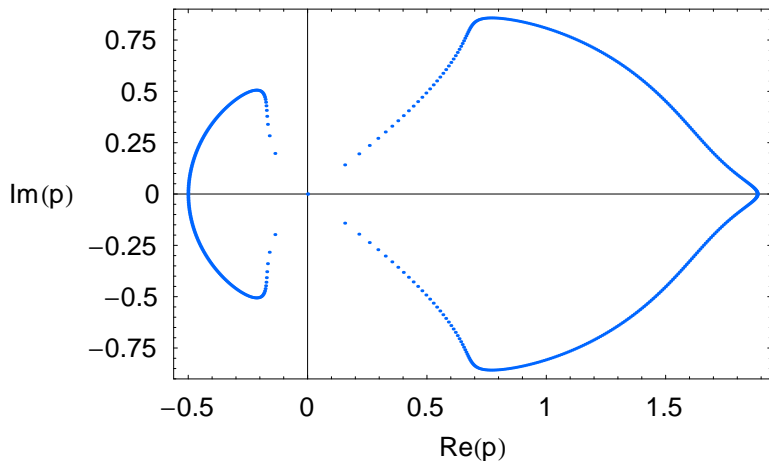
## Complex zeros for double fan ( $n = 200, \rho = 0.8$ )



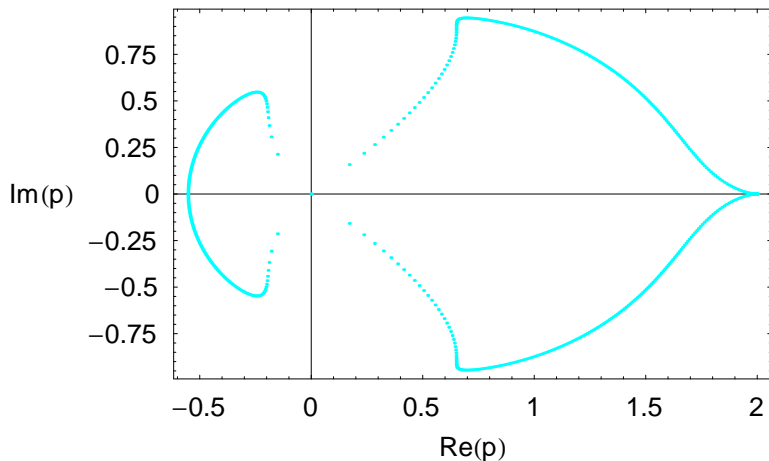
## Complex zeros for double fan ( $n = 200, \rho = 0.7$ )



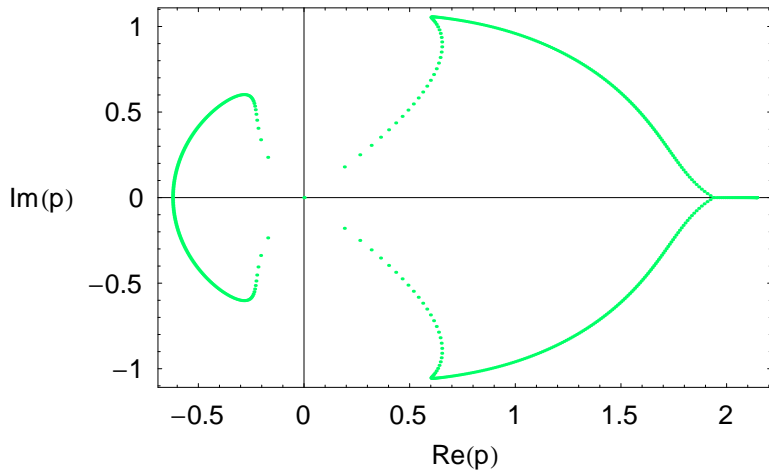
## Complex zeros for double fan ( $n = 200, \rho = 0.6$ )



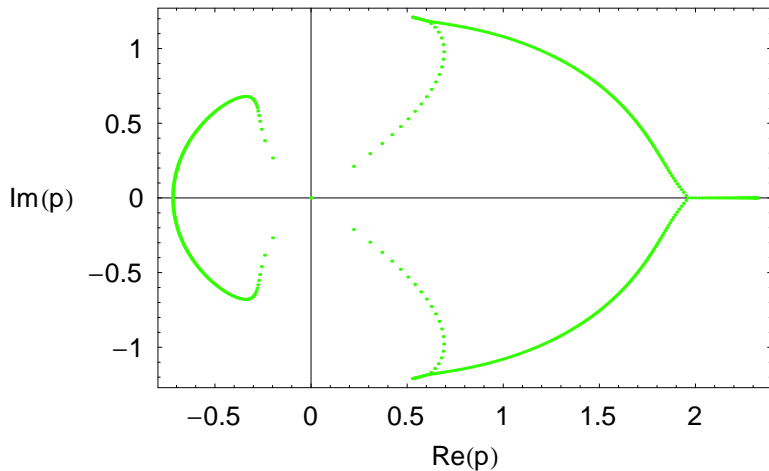
## Complex zeros for double fan ( $n = 200, \rho = 0.5$ )



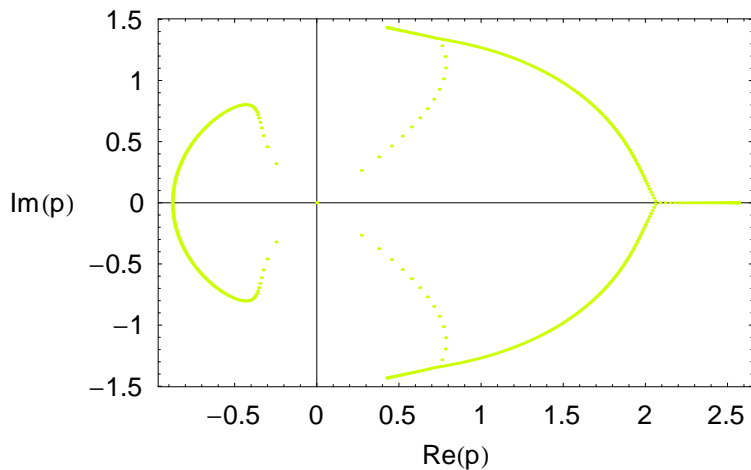
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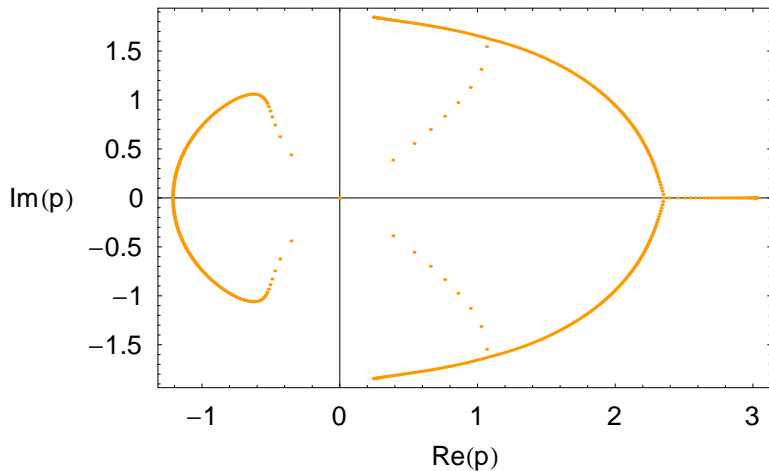
## Complex zeros for double fan ( $n = 200, \rho = 0.3$ )



## Complex zeros for double fan ( $n = 200, \rho = 0.2$ )

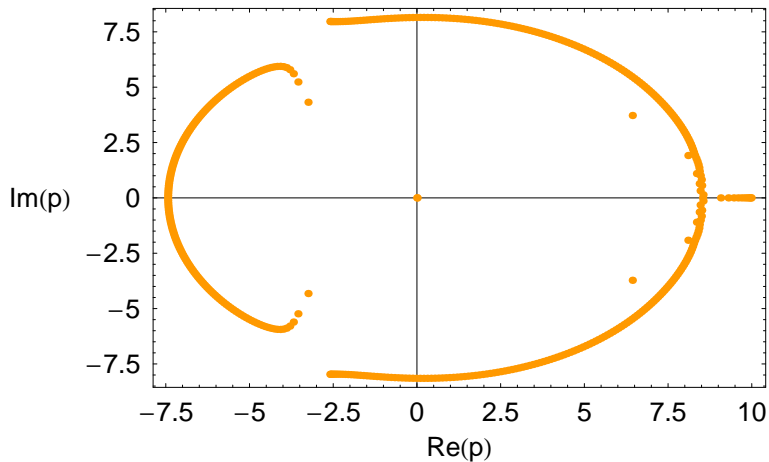


## Complex zeros for double fan ( $n = 200, \rho = 0.1$ )





## Complex zeros for double fan ( $n = 150, \rho = 10^{-3}$ )



## Complex zeros for double fan ( $n \rightarrow \infty, \rho = 10^{-3}$ )

