Overview of the “Barrier Approach” to lower the upper bound of the *de Bruijn-Newman* constant.

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High level storyline

- The basic De Bruijn idea leading to the function $H_t(x+iy)$.
- How to effectively bound a good estimate for H_t?
- Some observations on the zeros of H_t.
- How could zeros of H_t be 'blocked' to lower the Λ upper bound.
- The key ideas behind the "Barrier approach".
- How to ensure no zeros have passed the Barrier?
- How to show that H_t doesn't vanish from the Barrier to N_b ?
- Numerical results showing $\Lambda < 0.19$ (0.14 conditionally on RH < 10^17).
- Software used and detailed results available.

Basic idea by De Bruijn

$$H_0(z) := \frac{1}{8}\xi\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{iz}{2}\right),$$

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

Fourier transform

$$H_0(z) = \int_0^\infty \Phi(u)\cos(zu)\,du$$

$$\Phi(u) := \sum_{n=1}^{\infty}(2\pi^2 n^4 e^{9u} - 3\pi n^2 e^{5u})\exp(-\pi n^2 e^{4u}).$$

New family introduced by De Bruijn

$$H_t(z) := \int_0^\infty e^{tu^2}\Phi(u)\cos(zu)\,du.$$

First step: develop an effectively bounded estimate.

Estimating and effectively bounding $H_t(x+iy)$

Main estimate

$$A(x+iy) := M_t\left(\frac{1-y+ix}{2}\right)\sum_{n=1}^{N}\frac{b_n^t}{n^{\frac{1-y+ix}{2}+\frac{t}{2}\alpha\left(\frac{1-y+ix}{2}\right)}}$$

$$B(x+iy) := M_t\left(\frac{1+y-ix}{2}\right)\sum_{n=1}^{N}\frac{b_n^t}{n^{\frac{1+y-ix}{2}+\frac{t}{2}\alpha\left(\frac{1+y-ix}{2}\right)}}$$

Optionally: a more effective C-term is available

Designed for:

$$0 < t \leq \frac{1}{2}; \quad 0 \leq y \leq 1; \quad x \geq 200.$$

Error terms

$$E_A(x+iy) := \left|M_t\left(\frac{1-y+ix}{2}\right)\right|\sum_{n=1}^{N}\frac{b_n^t}{n^{\frac{1-y}{2}+\frac{t}{2}\mathrm{Re}\,\alpha\left(\frac{1-y+ix}{2}\right)}}\varepsilon_{t,n}\left(\frac{1-y+ix}{2}\right)$$

$$E_B(x+iy) := \left|M_t\left(\frac{1+y+ix}{2}\right)\right|\sum_{n=1}^{N}\frac{b_n^t}{n^{\frac{1+y}{2}+\frac{t}{2}\mathrm{Re}\,\alpha\left(\frac{1+y+ix}{2}\right)}}\varepsilon_{t,n}\left(\frac{1+y+ix}{2}\right)$$

$$E_{C,0}(x+iy) := \exp\left(\frac{t\pi^2}{64}\right)|M_0(iT')|\left(1+\tilde{\varepsilon}\left(\frac{1-y+ix}{2}\right)+\tilde{\varepsilon}\left(\frac{1+y+ix}{2}\right)\right).$$

$$H_t(x+iy) = A(x+iy) + B(x+iy) + O_{\leq}(E_A(x+iy) + E_B(x+iy) + E_{C,0}(x+iy))$$

Normalize by B_0 and bound effectively

$$\frac{H_t(x+iy)}{B_0(x+iy)} = \sum_{n=1}^{N}\frac{b_n^t}{n^{s_*}} + \gamma\sum_{n=1}^{N} n^y\frac{b_n^t}{n^{\overline{s_*}+\kappa}} + O_{\leq}(e_A + e_B + e_{C,0})$$

Main estimate lower bound

(triangle) $|f_t(x+iy)| \geq 1 - |\gamma| - \sum_{n=2}^{N}\frac{b_n^t}{n^{\sigma}}(1+|\gamma| n^{y-\mathrm{Re}(\kappa)}),$

(lemma) $|f_t(x+iy)| \geq \left(\left|\sum_{n=1}^{N}\frac{b_n^t}{n^{s_*}}\right| - \left|\sum_{n=1}^{N}\frac{|\gamma| b_n^t n^y}{n^{s_*}}\right|\right)_+ - |\gamma|\sum_{n=1}^{N}\frac{b_n^t(n^{|\kappa|}-1)}{n^{\sigma-y}}.$

$$\sum_{d=1}^{D}\frac{\lambda_d}{d^s} = \prod_{p\leq P}\left(1-\frac{b_p^t}{p^s}\right)$$

Choice of 'Euler mollifiers'

Hence,

Error upper bounds

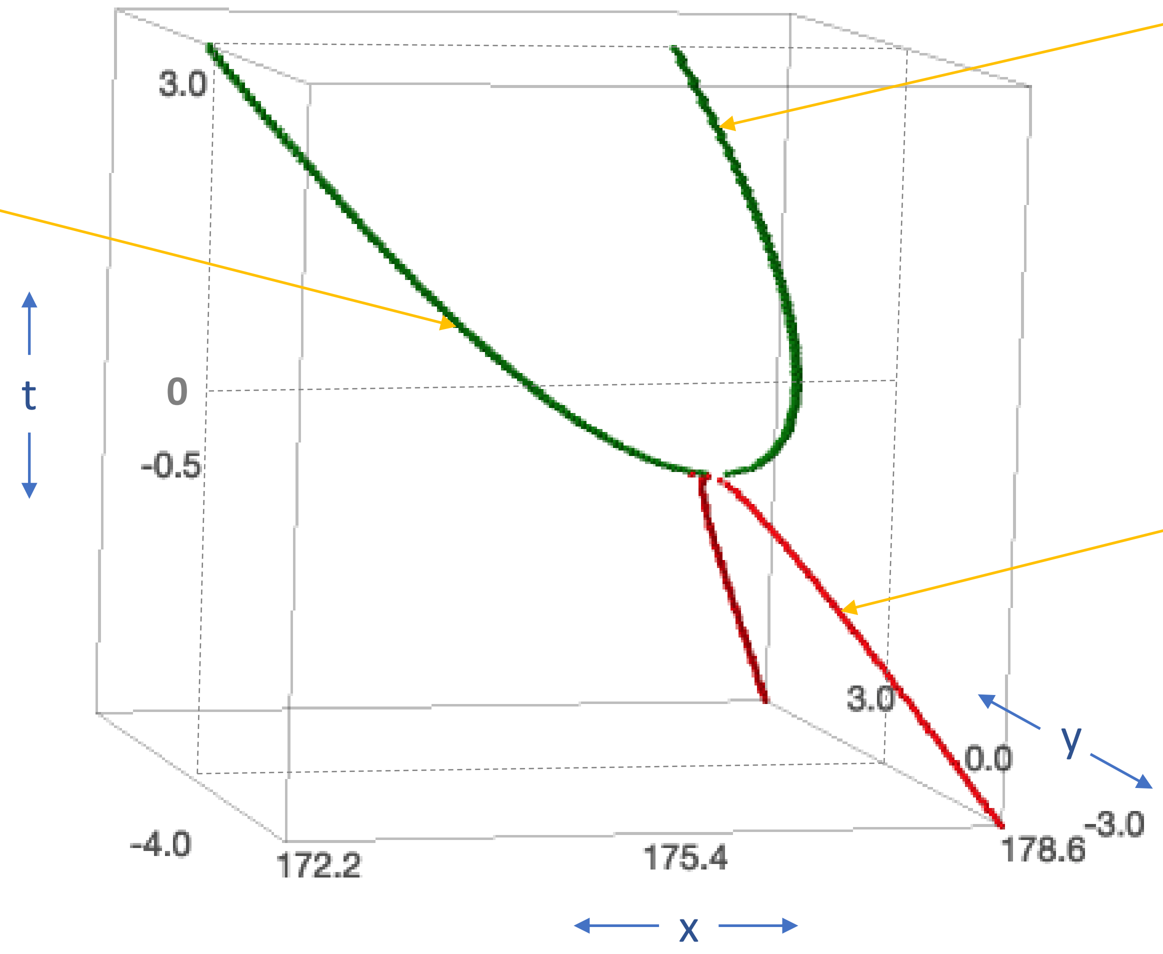
$$e_A + e_B \leq \sum_{n=1}^{N}(1+|\gamma| N^{|\kappa|} n^y)\frac{b_n^t}{n^{\mathrm{Re}(s_*)}}\left(\exp\left(\frac{\frac{t^2}{16}\log^2\frac{x}{4\pi n^2}+0.626}{x-6.66}\right)-1\right)$$

$$e_{C,0} \leq \left(\frac{x}{4\pi}\right)^{-\frac{1+y}{4}}\exp\left(-\frac{t}{16}\log^2\frac{x}{4\pi}+\frac{1.24\times(3^y+3^{-y})}{N-0.125}+\frac{3|\log\frac{x}{4\pi}+i\frac{\pi}{2}|+10.44}{x-8.52}\right)$$

If Lower bound $\geq$ Upper bound then $H_t(x+iy) \neq 0$

Real example of trajectories of real and complex zeros of $H_t(x+iy)$

Zeroes get denser as one moves away from the origin, so there are more zeros to the right of x_n then to the left, hence their trajectories "lean" leftwards.



Once a zero becomes real, it stays real forever and ends up roughly equally spaced with:

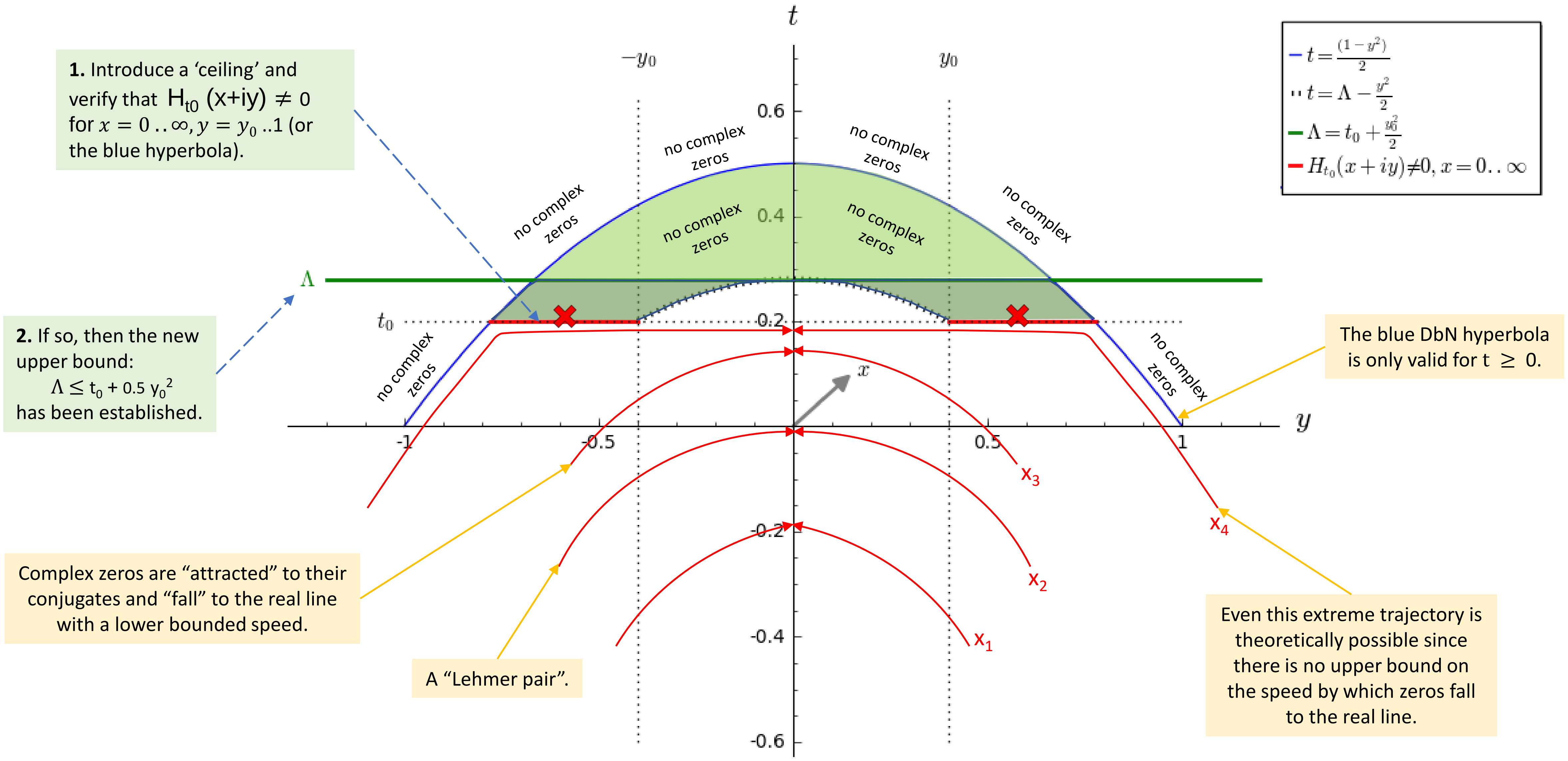
$$z_{j+1}(t) - z_j(t) = (1 + o(1))\frac{4\pi}{\log z_j(t)}$$

The complex parts of zeros attract each other and the real parts repel each other. From isolating the imaginary "force", it can be derived that all complex zeroes will be forced into the real axis in a finite time leading to the bound:

$$\Lambda \leq t + \frac{1}{2}\sigma_{max}^2(t)$$

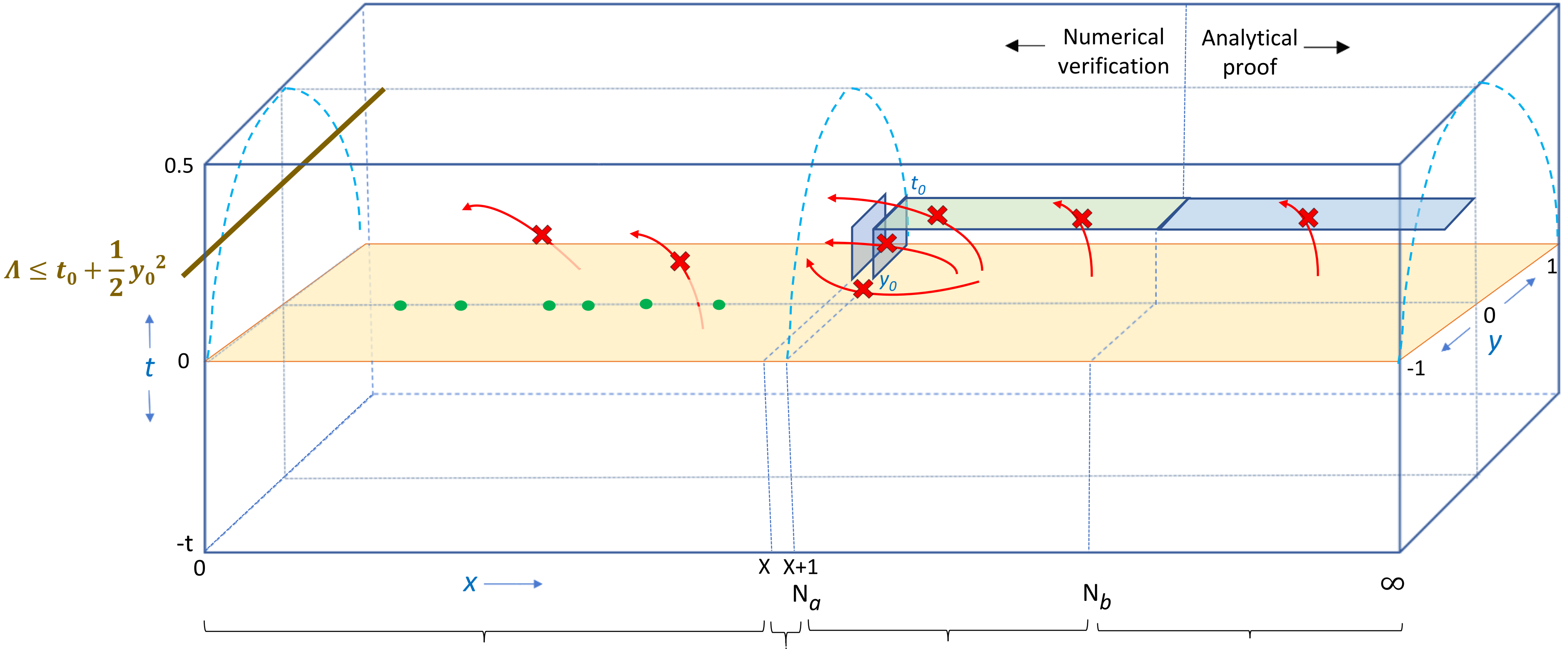
trajectory of a complex zero — trajectory of a real zero

The De Bruijn – Newman Λ and a ‘ceiling’ the complex zeroes can’t cross



Possible trajectory of a complex zero $(H_t\,(x+i|y|_{>0}) = 0)$

“ Barrier” approach to assure $H_t\,(x+iy) \neq 0$ for a certain $y>y_0$, t_0.



1. Area where the RH has been verified e.g. $6x10^{10}$ certain, 10^{13} to be confirmed. Or assume that it has been verified up to X.

2. Verify $H_t\,(x+iy) \neq 0$ in the Barrier area $x=X..X+1$, $y=y_0..1$, $t=0..t_0$

3. Verify $H_{t0}\,(x+iy_0) \neq 0$ i.e. Lemma lower bound > Error upper bound.

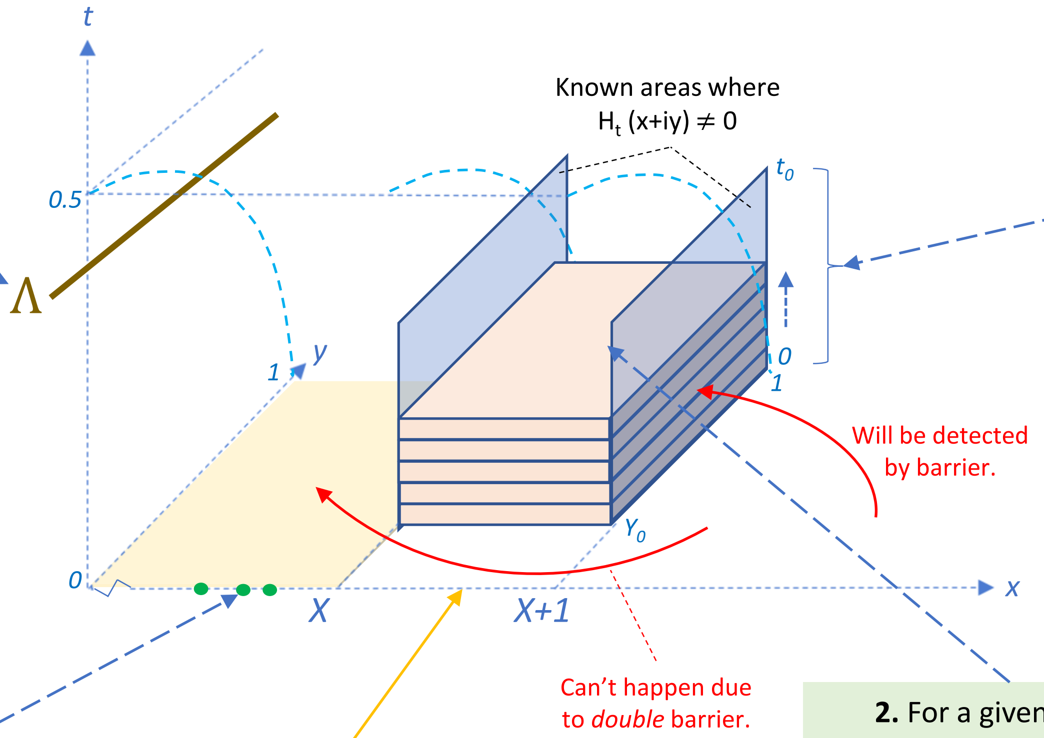
4. Analytical proof that $H_{t0}\,(x+iy_0) \neq 0$

Possible trajectories of a complex zeros that should be “blocked”.

"Barrier" approach: how to clear the barrier?

$t = t + (\text{minABB}^{eff} - 0.5) / |\frac{\partial}{\partial t}|$

0. Pick a promising combination of t_0, y_0 and an X to lower $\Lambda \leq t_0 + 0.5\, y_0^2$



3. Use an adaptive mesh to establish the optimal next t and continue with 2. until $t = t_0$.

$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}$ *upper bound required*

Fast integral based approach developed.

1. Area cleared since all ζ-zeros have been, or are assumed to be, verified to be on the critical line.

Location of Barrier can be optimized by selecting an X and X+1 with a relatively high value of ABB^{eff} (and where the 'mollified' lower lemma bound is sufficiently positive).

2. For a given t, clear rectangle X..X+1, $y = y_0..1$ (or a point on the hyperbola) using the argument principle and Rouché's theorem.

$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y}$ *upper bound required*

Available software tools:

- Barrier_Location_Optimizer
- Stored_Sums_Generator
- WindingNumber_Calculator

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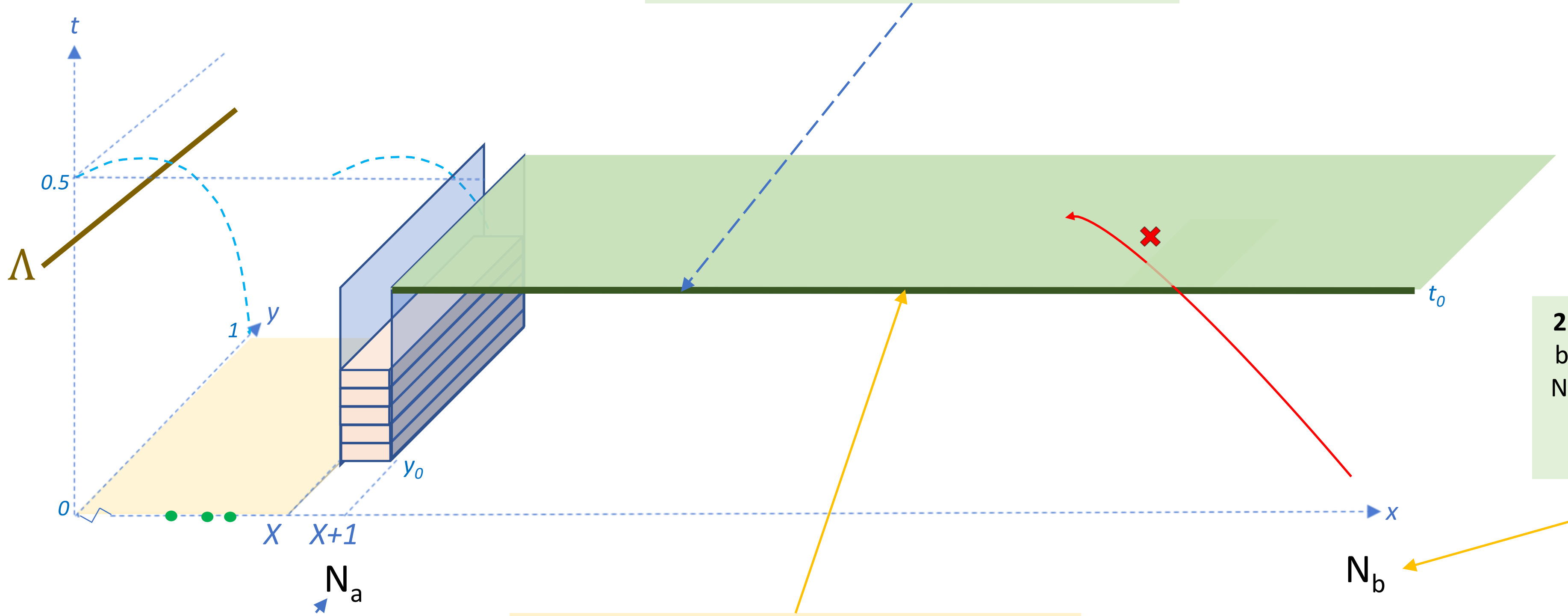
“Barrier” approach: how to verify the area from the barrier up to N_b?

3. Only the lower *Lemma* bound for the **line** y_0, t_0 needs to be verified to stay above the error bounds, since the Lemma bound monotonically increases for y going to 1.



2. A fast Approximate *Triangle* bound is used to establish the Nb point after which analytical proof takes over (currently ‘unmollified’ bound only).

1. Select a ‘mollifier’ that makes the *Lemma* bound sufficiently positive.

A fast “Sawtooth” mechanism has been developed, that only calculates the required incremental *Lemma* Bound terms and only requires a full calculation when the incremental bound passes a user defined threshold.

Available software tools:
- N_a_Lemmabound_calculator
- N_b_Location_Finder
- LemmaBound_Sawtooth_calculator

Possible trajectory of a complex zeros that should be “blocked”.

The Barrier model in action: some real numbers (wip)

Selected with Barrier Location optimizer → x, Barrier offset

Selected with LemmaBound utility → mollifier primes, Lemma bound value, Na

Selected with N_b Location finder → Triangle bound value, Nb

x	Barrier offset	RH verified?	t_0	y_0	Λ	Winding number	mollifier primes	Lemma bound value	Na	Triangle bound value	Nb	
6.00E+10	155019	yes	0.20	0.20	0.22	0	(2,3,5,7)	0.067	69098	0.077	1.7E+06	✓
1.00E+11	78031	yes	0.19	0.20	0.21	0	(2,3,5,7)	0.067	89206	0.081	6.0E+06	✓
1.00E+12	46880	yes	0.18	0.20	0.20	0	(2,3,5)	0.135	282094	0.089	1.3E+07	✓
5.00E+12	194858	yes [1)]	0.17	0.20	0.19	0	(2,3,5)	0.180	630783	0.116	1.5E+07	✓
1.00E+13	9995	not yet	0.16	0.20	0.18	0	(2,3,5)	0.109	892062	0.091	3.0E+07	✓
1.00E+14	2659	not yet	0.15	0.20	0.17	0	(2,3,5)	0.195	2820947	0.076	7.0E+07	✓
1.00E+15	21104	not yet	0.14	0.20	0.16	0	(2,3,5)	0.251	8920620	0.073	2.0E+08	✓
1.00E+16	172302	not yet	0.13	0.20	0.15	0	(2,3,5)	0.278	28209479	0.077	7.0E+08	✓
1.00E+17	31656	not yet	0.12	0.20	0.14	0	(2,3,5)	0.279	89206205	0.080	3.0E+09	✓
1.00E+18	44592	not yet	0.11	0.20	0.13	0	(2,3)	0.207	282094791	0.103	2.0E+10	
1.00E+19	12010	not yet	0.10	0.20	0.12	tbd	(2,3)	0.128	892062059	0.097	1.5E+11	
1.00E+20	37221	not yet	0.09	0.20	0.11	tbd	(2,3,5)	0.037	2820947918	0.075	1.5E+12	

1) Gourdon-Demichel 2004

Software used and useful links

All software was developed in two languages and all results were reconciled:

- Symbolic math programming language - **pari/gp** (https://pari.math.u-bordeaux.fr)
  - Short development time
  - Relatively fast

- Arithmetic Balls C-based library - **Arb** (http://arblib.org)
  - Longer development time
  - Very fast (up to 20 x pari/gp)

All software and results are free to use (under the LGPL-terms) and can be found here:

https://github.com/km-git-acc/dbn_upper_bound