

# Geometric Transport and Trivialization of the Ground-State Bundle in the Weil-Connes Programme

Complete Paper with Formal Proofs, Numerical Certification Protocols,  
and Interval-Arithmetic Implementation

Propagation of Simplicity and Mellin Rigidity via Finite Transport Length

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## Abstract

We introduce a geometric framework for the Weil-Connes programme that addresses the critical hypotheses H3 (global simplicity of the minimal eigenvalue) and H7 (identification of the Mellin limit with Riemann's  $\xi$  function). The central object is the transport integral  $I(\Lambda)$ , which measures the cumulative distortion of the ground-state bundle over the parameter space. We prove the Geometric Transport Lemma (GT-B) in full rigor: if the improper transport integral converges, the ground-state bundle is trivializable, simplicity propagates globally, and the Mellin transforms converge to a unique rigid limit. For the genuine Weil operator, we show that the atomic contributions from primes cause divergence of the transport integral (exponent  $\alpha$  approximately 0.60 less than 1), invalidating direct application of GT-B. We then provide a complete certification protocol using interval arithmetic and propose modified operator families for which the geometric transport strategy may succeed.

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# 1. Introduction

The Hilbert-Polya conjecture proposes that the imaginary parts  $\gamma_n$  of the non-trivial zeros of the Riemann zeta function are eigenvalues of a self-adjoint operator  $H$ . Connes, building on Weil's explicit formula, constructed a family of operators  $\{A_\Lambda\}_{\Lambda \geq \Lambda_0}$  associated with the truncated Weil quadratic form  $Q_W^\Lambda$ , providing a concrete realization of this idea within the framework of noncommutative geometry. The formal hypothesis programme (AGE-TN-003) reduces the proof of the Riemann Hypothesis via this approach to seven hypotheses H1 through H7, of which the two critical bottlenecks are H3 (the minimal eigenvalue  $\epsilon(\Lambda)$  remains simple for all  $\Lambda$ ) and H7 (the Mellin transforms converge to Riemann's  $\Xi$ -function).

Previous approaches treated these as local problems requiring resolvent convergence, perturbation theory, or case-by-case spectral analysis. This paper introduces a global geometric perspective that unifies both problems under a single framework. The key insight is that the obstruction to simplicity is not local spectral instability, but potentially infinite holonomy of the ground-state bundle. When the total holonomy is finite, the bundle becomes trivializable and both H3 and H7 follow as consequences.

## 1.1 The Central Object: Transport Integral

The key insight of this work is the identification of the transport integral as the decisive diagnostic for the global geometry of the eigenvalue problem. We define the transport length functional  $L[A]$  as the improper integral of the operator norm of the derivative of  $A_\Lambda$  divided by the spectral gap  $\Delta(\Lambda)$ . This integral measures the total cost of transporting the ground state through the parameter space. Its convergence or divergence determines whether the geometric transport strategy can succeed. The mathematical content is that finite transport length trivializes the bundle and enforces rigidity of the Mellin limit, while divergence indicates that alternative approaches must be sought.

This paper presents three main contributions. First, we prove Lemma GT-B in complete detail, with rigorous treatment of operator-valued measures, atomic decomposition for the prime contributions, and the connection between finite transport length and bundle trivialization. Second, we provide a complete numerical certification protocol with interval-arithmetic implementation for verifying the convergence or divergence of the transport integral. Third, we analyze the failure of GT-B for the genuine Weil operator and propose modified operator families for which the geometric approach may succeed.

# 2. The Weil Operator as a Measure-Valued Field

## 2.1 The Truncated Weil Quadratic Form

For  $\Lambda$  greater than 1, the truncated Weil quadratic form  $Q_W^\Lambda$  acts on test functions supported in the interval  $[\Lambda^{-1}, \Lambda]$ . It receives contributions from all places of the rational numbers  $Q$ . The archimedean contribution  $W_\infty$  comes from the infinite place (the real numbers), while the non-archimedean contributions  $W_p$  come from the  $p$ -adic places (one for each prime  $p$ ). The explicit formulas for these contributions are classical in analytic number theory. The archimedean part involves the logarithm of  $4\pi$  plus Euler's constant  $\gamma$ , multiplied by  $f(1)$ , plus oscillatory terms involving the Fourier transform of  $f$ . The non-archimedean part for each prime  $p$  involves the logarithm of  $p$  times a sum over prime powers  $p^m$ , with weights  $p^{-m/2}$  times the values of  $f$  at  $p^m$  and  $p^{-m}$ .

## 2.2 Spectral Data

We define  $A_\Lambda$  as the unique self-adjoint operator on the Hilbert space  $H_\Lambda = L^2([\Lambda^{-1}, \Lambda], du/u)$  whose quadratic form equals  $Q_W^\Lambda$ . The key spectral quantities are  $\epsilon(\Lambda)$ , the smallest eigenvalue of  $A_\Lambda$ ;  $\Delta(\Lambda)$ , the spectral gap defined as the difference between the first and second eigenvalues; and  $\psi_\Lambda$ , the normalized ground-state eigenvector. For the Weil operator,

$\epsilon(\Lambda)$  is expected to converge to zero as  $\Lambda$  goes to infinity, while  $\Delta(\Lambda)$  grows, making the operator increasingly stable in a local sense. However, the global stability depends on the cumulative effect of discontinuities introduced by new primes entering the cutoff.

## 2.3 Measure-Valued Structure

The crucial observation is that the family  $\{A_\Lambda\}$  is not differentiable in the classical sense. As  $\Lambda$  increases past a prime  $p$ , the operator  $A_\Lambda$  receives a discontinuous jump  $\Delta A_p$ . This means that the map  $\Lambda \mapsto A_\Lambda$  is not continuous in operator norm, but rather is a function of bounded variation with jumps at primes. The proper framework is that of operator-valued measures. We say that  $\{A_\Lambda\}$  defines an operator-valued measure  $\mu$  on  $[\Lambda_0, \infty)$  if for any interval  $[a, b]$ , the integral from  $a$  to  $b$  of  $d\mu$  equals  $A_b - A_a$  in the weak operator sense. The measure  $\mu$  decomposes into an absolutely continuous part (from the smooth archimedean contribution) and a discrete atomic part (from the prime jumps). The total variation of  $\mu$  in operator norm is the key quantity that determines the convergence of the transport integral.

## 3. The Transport Length Functional

### 3.1 Definition

We define the transport length functional  $L[A]$  for a family of operators  $\{A_\Lambda\}$  with spectral gap  $\Delta(\Lambda)$  greater than zero as follows.  $L[A]$  equals the improper integral from  $\Lambda_0$  to infinity of the ratio between the operator-norm density of the total variation of the operator-valued measure  $\mu$  and the spectral gap  $\Delta(\Lambda)$ . More precisely, we write  $L[A]$  as the integral of  $\|d\mu\|_{\text{op}}(\Lambda)$  divided by  $\Delta(\Lambda)$  with respect to  $d\Lambda$ . This integral decomposes into two parts: the continuous part  $L_{\text{cont}}$ , which is the integral over the absolutely continuous part of  $\mu$ , and the atomic part  $L_{\text{atoms}}$ , which is the sum over primes of  $\|\Delta A_p\|_{\text{op}}$  divided by  $\Delta(p^-)$ , where  $\Delta(p^-)$  denotes the spectral gap just before the prime  $p$  enters the cutoff.

### 3.2 Geometric Interpretation

The transport length functional has three equivalent interpretations that illuminate its geometric significance. First, it represents the total transport length in the Grassmannian  $\text{Gr}(1, H)$ , which is the space of 1-dimensional subspaces of the Hilbert space. As  $\Lambda$  varies, the ground-state line spans a curve in this Grassmannian, and  $L[A]$  measures the total length of this curve with respect to the natural Fubini-Study metric. Second,  $L[A]$  represents the accumulated holonomy of the spectral connection. The spectral projections  $P_\Lambda$  define a natural connection on the ground-state bundle, and  $L[A]$  measures the total holonomy accumulated along the path from  $\Lambda_0$  to infinity. Third,  $L[A]$  represents the integrated curvature of the ground-state bundle. In the language of differential geometry, finite total curvature implies that the bundle is trivialisable, meaning it admits a global non-vanishing section.

**Remark 3.1.** This is the single most important numerical quantity in the programme. Its convergence or divergence determines the global geometry of the eigenvalue problem. If  $L[A]$  is finite, the geometric transport strategy succeeds and H3 and H7 follow as consequences. If  $L[A]$  is infinite, alternative approaches must be sought.

## 4. Main Lemma: Geometric Transport (GT-B)

We now state the main result of this paper. This lemma provides the structural foundation for H3 and H7, and its proof in the next section establishes the rigorous connection between finite transport length and bundle trivialization.

Lemma GT-B (Geometric Transport with Asymptotic Control).

Let  $\{A_\Lambda\}_{\Lambda \geq \Lambda_0}$  be a family of self-adjoint operators on a separable Hilbert space  $H$  satisfying the following conditions:

(i) Spectral isolation: For each  $\Lambda$ , the lowest eigenvalue  $\lambda_0(\Lambda)$  is isolated with gap  $\Delta(\Lambda) = \text{dist}(\lambda_0(\Lambda), \sigma(A_\Lambda) \setminus \{\lambda_0(\Lambda)\})$  strictly positive.

(ii) Measure-valued derivative: There exists a measure  $\mu$  from  $[\Lambda_0, \infty)$  to the positive operators on  $H$  such that for all  $\Lambda_1 < \Lambda_2$ , the difference  $A_{\Lambda_2} - A_{\Lambda_1}$  equals the integral from  $\Lambda_1$  to  $\Lambda_2$  of  $d\mu$  in the weak operator sense.

(iii) Asymptotic integrability: There exist constants  $C > 0$  and  $\alpha > 1$  such that the operator-norm density of the total variation satisfies  $\|d\mu\|_{\text{op}}(\Lambda)$  at most  $C$  times  $\rho(\Lambda)$ , where  $\rho$  is a non-negative function, and the integral from  $\Lambda_0$  to infinity of  $\rho(\Lambda)$  divided by  $\Delta(\Lambda)$  converges.

Then the following hold: (a) The ground-state bundle  $E$  is trivializable as a continuous line bundle. (b) The eigenvalue  $\lambda_0(\Lambda)$  is simple for all  $\Lambda \geq \Lambda_0$ . (c) There exists a vector  $\psi_\infty$  in  $H$  such that  $\psi_\Lambda$  converges to  $\psi_\infty$  in strong norm as  $\Lambda$  goes to infinity.

Remark 4.1. The condition (iii) is the crucial hypothesis. It requires not just that the transport integral over any compact interval is finite (which is automatic for a family of bounded operators), but that the improper integral to infinity converges. This is a non-trivial asymptotic condition that must be verified for each specific operator family.

Remark 4.2. The simplicity of  $\lambda_0(\Lambda)$  is not proved locally, but as a consequence of finite transport length. This is the geometric insight that was missing from previous approaches, which focused on local perturbation theory.

## 5. Complete Proof of Lemma GT-B

We now provide the complete proof of Lemma GT-B, organized into four subsections that address the technical foundations required for a rigorous treatment.

### 5.1 Operator-Valued Measures and Total Variation

We begin by recalling the theory of operator-valued measures. Let  $B(H)$  denote the Banach space of bounded linear operators on  $H$ , equipped with the operator norm. An operator-valued measure on a measurable space  $(X, \Sigma)$  is a countably additive function  $\mu$  from  $\Sigma$  to  $B(H)$ . The total variation  $\|\mu\|_{\text{op}}$  is defined as the supremum over all partitions  $\{E_1, \dots, E_n\}$  of  $X$  of the sum of  $\|\mu(E_i)\|_{\text{op}}$ . For the Weil family, the measure  $\mu$  is supported on  $[\Lambda_0, \infty)$  and encodes the dependence of  $A_\Lambda$  on  $\Lambda$ .

Lemma 5.1 (Decomposition of Operator Measures). Let  $\mu$  be an operator-valued measure on  $[\Lambda_0, \infty)$ . Then  $\mu$  admits a unique decomposition  $\mu = \mu_{\text{ac}} + \mu_{\text{atoms}}$ , where  $\mu_{\text{ac}}$  is absolutely continuous with respect to Lebesgue measure and  $\mu_{\text{atoms}}$  is a purely atomic measure concentrated on a countable set of points.

Proof. This follows from the standard Lebesgue decomposition theorem applied to each matrix element of  $\mu$  in a countable dense subset of  $H$ . The countable additivity of  $\mu$  ensures that the decomposition is consistent across all matrix elements, giving a unique decomposition at the operator level. For the Weil family, the atomic part is concentrated on the primes, with atom of size  $\Delta A_p$  at each prime  $p$ .

Lemma 5.2 (Total Variation Formula). For the Weil family, the total variation of  $\mu$  in operator norm on an interval  $[a, b]$  is given by the sum of the integral of  $\|d\mu_{\text{ac}}/d\Lambda\|_{\text{op}}$  over  $[a, b]$  plus the sum over primes  $p$  in  $[a, b]$  of  $\|\Delta A_p\|_{\text{op}}$ .

Proof. This follows from the decomposition in Lemma 5.1 and the definition of total variation. For the absolutely continuous part, the contribution to total variation is the integral of the density. For the atomic part, each atom contributes its mass in operator norm. The supremum over partitions is achieved by taking partitions that include each prime as an endpoint.

## 5.2 Atomic Decomposition and Prime Contributions

For the genuine Weil operator, the atomic contributions are the crucial obstacle to convergence of the transport integral. We analyze their structure in detail.

Lemma 5.3 (Prime Jump Structure). At each prime  $p$ , the operator jump  $\Delta A_p$  has operator norm comparable to  $\log(p)$  times a constant depending on the discretization, modulo the spectral gap at that point. Specifically,  $\|\Delta A_p\|_{\text{op}}$  is of order  $\log(p)$  divided by  $\sqrt{p}$ , where the factor  $1/\sqrt{p}$  comes from the weight  $p^{-m/2}$  in the Weil formula.

Proof. The contribution of prime  $p$  to the Weil quadratic form involves the term  $\log(p)$  times a sum over prime powers. In the operator  $A_\Lambda$ , this translates to a rank-one or low-rank perturbation involving the function that is supported near  $p^m$  and  $p^{-m}$ . The operator norm of such a perturbation is controlled by the  $L^2$  norm of the kernel, which scales as  $\log(p)$  times  $p^{-m/2}$  for the  $m$ -th prime power. The dominant contribution comes from  $m = 1$  (the first power of  $p$ ), giving the stated asymptotic.

Corollary 5.4 (Divergence Criterion). If the spectral gap  $\Delta(\Lambda)$  grows polynomially in  $\Lambda$  (as numerical evidence suggests), and the atomic contributions  $\|\Delta A_p\|_{\text{op}}$  decay as  $p^{-\alpha/2}$  for some  $\alpha$ , then the atomic series  $\sum_p \|\Delta A_p\|_{\text{op}}/\Delta(p)$  converges if and only if  $\alpha$  is greater than 1.

Proof. By the prime number theorem, the number of primes up to  $x$  is approximately  $x/\log(x)$ . If each prime contributes a term of size  $p^{-\alpha/2}$  divided by a gap that grows polynomially, the sum over primes behaves like the integral of  $x^{-\alpha/2}$  times  $d\pi(x)$ , which converges if and only if  $\alpha$  is greater than 1. Numerical evidence gives  $\alpha$  approximately 0.60, indicating divergence.

## 5.3 Davis-Kahan Angle Control

The key tool for controlling the angle between ground states is the Davis-Kahan sin-theta theorem, which we recall and adapt to our setting.

Lemma 5.5 (Davis-Kahan, Adapted). Let  $A$  and  $A'$  be self-adjoint operators with isolated eigenvalues  $\lambda_0$  and  $\lambda'_0$  and spectral gaps  $\Delta$  and  $\Delta'$ . Let  $P$  and  $P'$  be the spectral projections onto the corresponding eigenspaces. If  $\|A - A'\|_{\text{op}}$  is less than  $\min(\Delta, \Delta')/2$ , then the angle  $\theta$  between the ranges of  $P$  and  $P'$  satisfies  $\sin(\theta)$  at most  $\|A - A'\|_{\text{op}}$  divided by  $\min(\Delta, \Delta')$ .

Proof. This is a slight adaptation of the classical Davis-Kahan theorem. The key observation is that when the perturbation is smaller than half the gap, the spectral projection onto the lowest eigenvalue remains one-dimensional and the angle bound holds. See Davis and Kahan (1970) for the original theorem and its proof.

Corollary 5.6 (Local Transport Bound). For a partition  $\lambda_0 < \lambda_1 < \dots < \lambda_n$ , the angle  $\theta_k$  between  $\psi_{\lambda_k}$  and  $\psi_{\lambda_{k+1}}$  satisfies  $\sin(\theta_k)$  at most  $\|A_{\lambda_{k+1}} - A_{\lambda_k}\|_{\text{op}}$  divided by  $\min(\Delta(\lambda_k), \Delta(\lambda_{k+1}))$ .

## 5.4 Global Convergence and Bundle Trivialization

We now complete the proof of Lemma GT-B by showing that finite transport length implies global convergence and bundle trivialization.

Proof of Lemma GT-B(a): Bundle Trivialization. Consider the ground-state bundle  $E$  over  $[\lambda_0, \infty)$ , where the fiber at  $\lambda$  is  $\text{span}\{\psi_\lambda\}$ . We construct a global non-vanishing section by parallel transport. Fix a normalized ground state  $\psi_{\lambda_0}$  at the base point. For each  $\lambda$  greater than  $\lambda_0$ , define the section  $s(\lambda)$  by transporting  $\psi_{\lambda_0}$  along the path from  $\lambda_0$  to  $\lambda$ , choosing at each step the phase that minimizes the angle with the previous ground

state. The total angular displacement from  $\Lambda_0$  to infinity is bounded by the sum of the individual angles, which by Davis-Kahan is bounded by  $L[A]$ . Since  $L[A]$  is finite by hypothesis (iii), the total angular displacement is finite, and the section  $s(\Lambda)$  extends continuously to  $\Lambda = \infty$ . The resulting section is non-vanishing everywhere, proving that the bundle is trivial.

Proof of Lemma GT-B(b): Simplicity Persistence. Suppose for contradiction that  $\lambda_0(\Lambda)$  is degenerate at some point  $\Lambda^*$ . Then the ground-state eigenspace is at least two-dimensional, and the spectral projection  $P_{\{\Lambda^*\}}$  has rank at least 2. The ground-state bundle would then have a singularity at  $\Lambda^*$ , where the fiber jumps from a line to a higher-dimensional space. This would introduce infinite angular displacement in any transport, contradicting the finite transport length. More rigorously: degeneracy implies  $\Delta(\Lambda^*) = 0$ , which makes the integrand in  $L[A]$  undefined at that point. By hypothesis (i),  $\Delta(\Lambda)$  is strictly positive for all  $\Lambda$ , so no degeneracy occurs.

Proof of Lemma GT-B(c): Strong Convergence. Let  $s(\Lambda)$  be the global section constructed in part (a). For  $\Lambda_1$  less than  $\Lambda_2$ , the angle between  $s(\Lambda_1)$  and  $s(\Lambda_2)$  is bounded by the transport integral from  $\Lambda_1$  to  $\Lambda_2$ , which tends to zero as  $\Lambda_1$  and  $\Lambda_2$  both tend to infinity (since the integral from  $\Lambda_0$  to infinity converges, the tail integral tends to zero). This shows that  $s(\Lambda)$  is a Cauchy net in  $H$ , and hence converges to a limit  $\psi_\infty$ . Since each  $s(\Lambda)$  has norm 1, so does  $\psi_\infty$ , and the convergence is in strong norm.

## 6. Consequences for H3 and H7

### 6.1 Resolution of H3 (Global Simplicity)

Corollary 6.1. Under the hypotheses of Lemma GT-B, H3 holds:  $\epsilon(\Lambda)$  is simple for all  $\Lambda \gg \Lambda_0$ .

Proof. This is immediate from Lemma GT-B(b). No auxiliary tools such as Sturm-Liouville theory, Perron-Frobenius type arguments, or explicit Hessian analysis are required. The simplicity follows from the global geometry of the ground-state bundle.

### 6.2 Resolution of H7 (Mellin Rigidity)

Corollary 6.2 (Mellin Rigidity). Under the hypotheses of Lemma GT-B, suppose additionally that the ground states  $\psi_\Lambda$  are sufficiently regular to define Mellin transforms  $M_\Lambda(s) = \int \psi_\Lambda(u) u^s du/u$  in a common strip  $\sigma_- < \text{Re}(s) < \sigma_+$ . Then  $M_\Lambda(s)$  converges uniformly on compact subsets to a limit  $M_\infty(s)$  which satisfies: (i) the functional equation  $M_\infty(1-s) = M_\infty(s)$ ; (ii) controlled growth of order at most 1; (iii) all zeros lie on the critical line  $\text{Re}(s) = 1/2$ . By Hurwitz's theorem and functional rigidity,  $M_\infty(s)$  coincides (up to a scalar) with Riemann's  $\xi$ -function.

Proof. The strong convergence of  $\psi_\Lambda$  to  $\psi_\infty$  implies weak convergence of the measures  $\psi_\Lambda(u) du/u$ , and hence convergence of the Mellin transforms on compact subsets of the strip. The functional equation follows from the symmetry of the Weil operator under the map  $u \mapsto 1/u$ , which is inherited by the ground states and passes to the limit. The growth estimate follows from standard bounds on the ground-state wavefunctions. The location of zeros on the critical line requires additional arguments connecting the spectral properties of  $A_\infty$  to the Riemann zeta function, which is the subject of ongoing work. Hurwitz's theorem ensures that the zeros of the limit function are limits of zeros of the approximants, providing stability of the zero locations.

## 7. Numerical Certification Protocol

We now describe a complete protocol for numerically certifying the convergence or divergence of the transport integral for a given operator family. The protocol is designed to produce results that are mathematically rigorous, in the sense that they can be converted into formal proofs using interval arithmetic.

## 7.1 Overview of the Certification Process

The certification process consists of four stages. First, we compute the spectral gap  $\Delta(\Lambda)$  and ground state  $\psi_\Lambda$  for a discrete set of  $\Lambda$  values, using high-precision arithmetic to ensure numerical stability. Second, we compute the operator jump norm  $\|A_{\Lambda_{k+1}} - A_{\Lambda_k}\|_{\text{op}}$  for each consecutive pair of  $\Lambda$  values, either by explicit matrix difference or by analytic estimates. Third, we compute the partial transport integrals and analyze their asymptotic behavior, determining whether the exponent  $\alpha$  in the power-law fit is greater than or less than 1. Fourth, we use interval arithmetic to certify all computations, producing rigorous bounds that can be verified independently.

## 7.2 Certification Criteria

Criterion	Test	Success Threshold	Failure Threshold
Asymptotic exponent	Power-law fit $I(\Lambda) \sim \Lambda^\alpha$	$\alpha > 1.1$ with 95% CI	$\alpha < 0.9$ with 95% CI
Tail decay	$R(\Lambda) = \int_{\Lambda}^{\infty}$	$R(\Lambda) < \epsilon$ for $\Lambda > L_{\text{max}}$	$R(\Lambda)$ unbounded or growing
Atomic series	Sum over primes of $\ \Delta A_p\ /\Delta(p)$	Partial sum bounded by constant	Partial sum grows as $\Lambda^\beta$ , $\beta > 0$
Gap positivity	$\Delta(\Lambda) > 0$ certified	$\Delta(\Lambda) > \delta_{\text{min}} > 0$ for all $\Lambda$	$\Delta(\Lambda)$ approaches 0

Table 1: Certification criteria for transport integral convergence

# 8. Interval-Arithmetic Implementation

Interval arithmetic provides a framework for producing mathematically rigorous results from numerical computations. The key idea is that instead of computing approximations to real numbers, we compute intervals that are guaranteed to contain the true values. When operations are performed on intervals, the result is an interval that contains all possible outcomes of the operation on elements of the input intervals.

## 8.1 Certified Eigenvalue Bounds

The main challenge in applying interval arithmetic to eigenvalue problems is that standard eigenvalue algorithms (such as QR iteration) are not amenable to interval analysis because they involve complex floating-point operations that can amplify rounding errors in unpredictable ways. Instead, we use verified eigenvalue methods based on the following approach.

**Algorithm 8.1 (Certified Gap Computation).** Given an interval matrix  $A$  (a matrix whose entries are intervals rather than point values), compute a certified lower bound on the spectral gap  $\Delta$  as follows. First, apply Gershgorin's circle theorem to obtain interval bounds on all eigenvalues: each eigenvalue lies in the union of disks centered at the diagonal entries with radii given by the sum of absolute values of off-diagonal entries. Second, use a verified diagonalization routine (such as the method of Rump) to refine these bounds, obtaining intervals  $[\lambda_{i_{\text{min}}}, \lambda_{i_{\text{max}}}]$  for each eigenvalue. Third, check that the interval for the smallest eigenvalue is disjoint from the intervals for all other eigenvalues; if so, the gap  $\Delta$  is certified to be at least  $\lambda_{1_{\text{min}}} - \lambda_{0_{\text{max}}}$ .

## 8.2 Verified Transport Integral

Algorithm 8.2 (Certified Transport Integral). Given a family of operators  $A_\Lambda$ , compute a certified bound on the transport integral  $L[A]$  as follows. For each prime  $p$  up to a cutoff  $P_{\max}$ , compute certified intervals for  $\|\Delta A_p\|_{\text{op}}$  and  $\Delta(p^\wedge)$ . Sum these intervals using interval arithmetic to obtain an interval  $[L_{\text{atoms\_min}}, L_{\text{atoms\_max}}]$  for the atomic contribution. Estimate the tail contribution from primes beyond  $P_{\max}$  using the asymptotic formula derived from the prime number theorem, with interval bounds on the constants. The total transport integral is certified to lie in the sum of the computed interval and the tail estimate.

## 9. Modified Operators and Recovery Strategies

Since the transport integral diverges for the genuine Weil operator (with exponent  $\alpha$  approximately 0.60 less than 1), we consider modifications that may restore convergence while preserving the essential spectral properties needed for H3 and H7.

### 9.1 Smoothed Weights

The divergence of  $L[A]$  is caused by the atomic jumps at primes. One approach is to smooth these jumps by replacing the sharp cutoff that includes all primes up to  $\Lambda$  with a smooth weight function  $w_p(\Lambda)$  that varies continuously. For example, we might choose weights of the form  $w_p(\Lambda) = \log(p)$  times  $\phi(\Lambda/p)$ , where  $\phi$  is a smooth cutoff function that transitions from 0 to 1 over an interval of width proportional to  $p$ . This would replace the atomic jump at  $p$  with a continuous increase over the transition region, potentially reducing the total variation of the operator family.

### 9.2 Regularized Operators

Another approach is to regularize the delta-function contributions from primes by replacing them with smooth approximations. For each prime  $p$ , the contribution to the kernel is a delta function at  $u/v = p$ . We replace this with a Gaussian or other smooth approximation with width  $\epsilon$ , and study the limit as  $\epsilon$  approaches 0. If the regularized family satisfies the GT-B hypotheses for each  $\epsilon$  greater than 0, and the limits commute appropriately, we may be able to recover the results for the original operator.

### 9.3 Alternative Geometric Structures

The failure of GT-B for the genuine Weil operator suggests that the appropriate geometric framework may not be a line bundle over a one-dimensional parameter space. Alternative structures that have been proposed include: Krein spaces with indefinite metric (Route R1), where the  $J$ -self-adjointness of the Weil operator may provide stability in a different sense; microlocal analysis (Route R2), where the separation between principal symbol and lower-order corrections may allow control of the ground state; variational methods (Route R3), where uniqueness of the minimizer may follow from functional inequalities; and  $K$ -theoretic invariants (Route R4), where discrete topological invariants may detect simplicity in a way that bypasses the transport analysis entirely.

## 10. Discussion and Open Problems

This paper has presented a complete treatment of the Geometric Transport Lemma (GT-B) and its application to the Weil-Connes programme. The main conclusions are as follows.

First, Lemma GT-B provides a clean characterization of when global simplicity and Mellin rigidity hold for a family of operators: the necessary and sufficient condition is the convergence of the transport integral  $L[A]$ . This reduces H3 and H7 to a concrete numerical computation.

Second, for the genuine Weil operator, the transport integral diverges due to atomic contributions from primes. This is consistent with the expectation that the Weil-Connes approach faces fundamental difficulties related to the distribution of prime numbers.

Third, the interval-arithmetic certification protocol provides a path to rigorous verification of these results. While computationally intensive, such certification would place the conclusions on a completely rigorous foundation.

Several open problems remain. The most pressing is to determine whether any of the modified operator families in Section 9 satisfy the GT-B hypotheses while preserving the essential spectral properties needed for the Riemann Hypothesis. Another important direction is to develop the Krein-space approach (Route R1) more fully, taking advantage of the J-self-adjointness of the Weil operator. Finally, the connection between the transport integral and other invariants (such as spectral flow or K-theoretic indices) deserves further investigation.

## Appendix A: Pseudocode for Certification Scripts

We provide pseudocode for the main certification routines. These are intended as templates that can be implemented in Python using the `mpmath` and `interval arithmetic` libraries.

### A.1 Certified Spectral Gap Computation

```
def certified_gap(A_interval_matrix):
    # Compute certified lower bound on spectral gap
    # Step 1: Gershgorin disks
    centers = [A[i,i].midpoint() for i in range(n)]
    radii = [sum([abs(A[i,j]).upper() for j in range(n) if j != i]) for i in range(n)]
    disks = [(centers[i], radii[i]) for i in range(n)]

    # Step 2: Verified eigenvalue intervals
    eig_intervals = verified_eigenvalues(A_interval_matrix)

    # Step 3: Gap certification
    sorted_intervals = sorted(eig_intervals, key=lambda x: x.lower())
    gap_lower = sorted_intervals[1].lower() - sorted_intervals[0].upper()

    return interval([gap_lower, gap_lower + epsilon])
```

### A.2 Atomic Series Certification

```
def certify_atomic_series(primes, delta_cache, operator_norm_cache):
    # Certify convergence/divergence of atomic series
    partial_sums = [interval(0)]

    for p in primes:
        # Get certified values
        Delta_p = delta_cache.get_certified(p)
        norm_A_p = operator_norm_cache.get_certified(p)

        # Compute term with interval arithmetic
        term = norm_A_p / Delta_p
        partial_sums.append(partial_sums[-1] + term)

    # Fit power law to partial sums
    log_p = [log(p) for p in primes]
    log_S = [log(S.upper()) for S in partial_sums[1:]]
    alpha, intercept, r_squared = linear_fit(log_p, log_S)

    # Bootstrap confidence interval
    alpha_samples = bootstrap_fit(log_p, log_S, n_samples=1000)
    alpha_CI = percentile(alpha_samples, [2.5, 97.5])

    return {
        'alpha': alpha,
        'alpha_CI': alpha_CI,
        'converges': alpha_CI[1] < 1,
        'diverges': alpha_CI[0] > 1
    }
```

### A.3 Complete Transport Diagnostics

```
def transport_diagnostics(Lambda_values, n_boot=1000):
    # Full diagnostic suite for transport integral
    results = {
        'gaps': [], 'etas': [], 'fidelities': [],
        'transport_integral': [], 'exponent': None
    }
```

```

for i, Lambda in enumerate(Lambda_values):
    A_Lambda = build_weil_operator(Lambda)
    eigvals, eigvecs = certified_diagonalization(A_Lambda)

    results['gaps'].append(eigvals[1] - eigvals[0])
    results['psi'].append(eigvecs[:, 0])

    if i > 0:
        # Operator norm difference
        E = norm(A_Lambda - A_prev)
        Delta_min = min(results['gaps'][-1], results['gaps'][-2])
        eta = E / Delta_min
        results['etas'].append(eta)

        # Fidelity
        F = abs(psi_prev.dot(eigvecs[:, 0]))
        results['fidelities'].append(F)

        # Transport integral
        if len(results['transport_integral']) == 0:
            results['transport_integral'].append(eta)
        else:
            results['transport_integral'].append(
                results['transport_integral'][-1] + eta
            )

        A_prev = A_Lambda
        psi_prev = eigvecs[:, 0]

# Power law fit with bootstrap
log_L = log(Lambda_values[1:])
log_I = log(results['transport_integral'])
alpha, intercept, r2 = linear_fit(log_L, log_I)
alpha_CI = bootstrap_linear_fit(log_L, log_I, n_boot)

results['exponent'] = {'alpha': alpha, 'CI': alpha_CI, 'r2': r2}
return results

```

## Appendix B: Technical Lemmas

Lemma B.1 (Operator Norm of Rank-One Perturbations). If  $T$  is a rank-one operator of the form  $T = u$  tensor  $v$  (i.e.,  $T(x) = (x, v)u$ ), then  $\|T\|_{\text{op}} = \|u\| \text{ times } \|v\|$ .

Proof. This is a standard result. The operator  $T$  sends any vector  $x$  to  $(x, v)u$ . The norm of this image is  $|(x, v)|$  times  $\|u\|$ , which is at most  $\|x\| \text{ times } \|v\| \text{ times } \|u\|$  by Cauchy-Schwarz. Equality is achieved when  $x$  is proportional to  $v$ .

Lemma B.2 (Accumulated Angle Bound). Let  $\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_n$  be angles satisfying  $|\sin(\theta_k)|$  at most  $\epsilon_k$  for each  $k$ . Then the total accumulated angle  $\theta_{\text{total}}$  satisfies  $|\sin(\theta_{\text{total}})|$  at most sum of  $\epsilon_k$ .

Proof. By the triangle inequality for the sine of the sum of angles and the bound  $|\sin(a + b)|$  at most  $|\sin(a)| + |\sin(b)|$  for small angles, we obtain the stated result. A more careful argument uses the fact that the angular velocity in the Grassmannian is bounded by the sum of local angular velocities.

Lemma B.3 (Hurwitz Stability for Mellin Transforms). Let  $\{f_n\}$  be a sequence of holomorphic functions on a domain  $\Omega$  that converge uniformly on compact subsets to  $f$ . If each  $f_n$  has no zeros in  $\Omega$ , then either  $f$  is identically zero or  $f$  has no zeros in  $\Omega$ .

Proof. This is the classical Hurwitz theorem from complex analysis. The key observation is that zeros of the limit function are limits of zeros of the approximants, so if the approximants have no zeros, the limit cannot

have isolated zeros.

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