Non-self-adjoint Toeplitz matrices with purely real spectrum and related problems

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It is a very surprising feature of banded Toeplitz matrices that the asymptotic reality of the eigenvalues (claim 1) forces all eigenvalues of all $T_n(b)$ to be real (claim 3). Hence, if, for instance, the 2×2 matrix $T_2(b)$ has a non-real eigenvalue, there is no chance for the limiting set $\Lambda(b)$ to be real!

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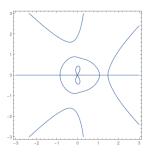
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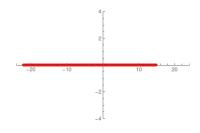
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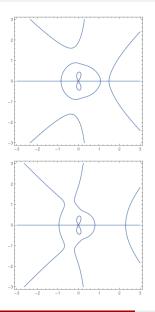
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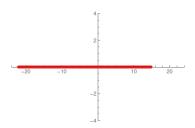
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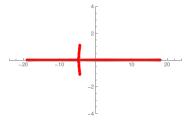
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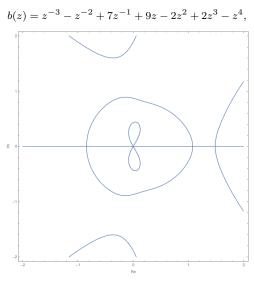
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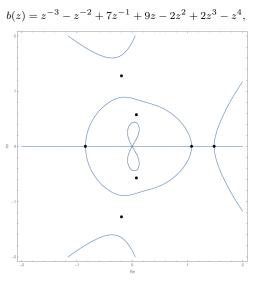
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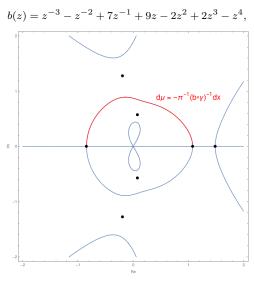
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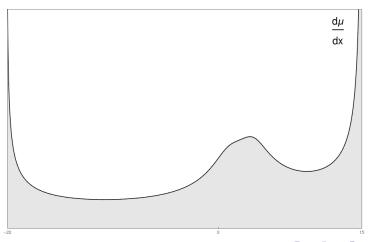
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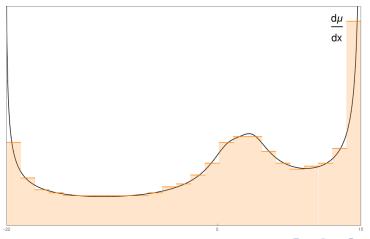


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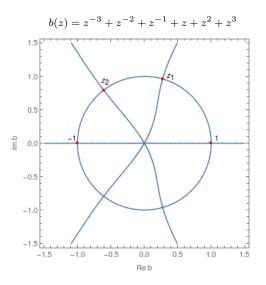
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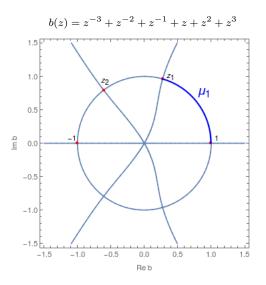
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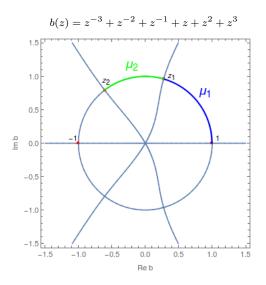
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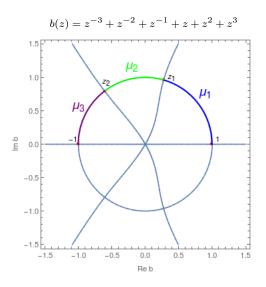
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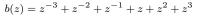


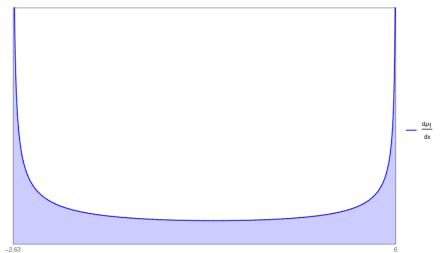


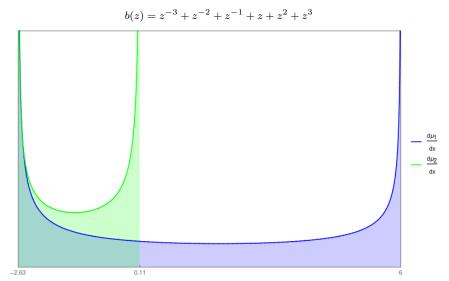


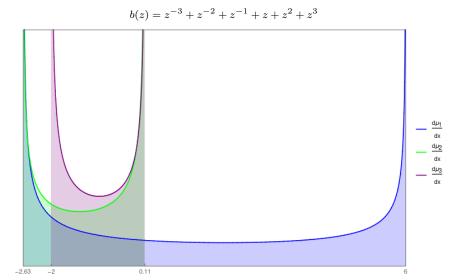


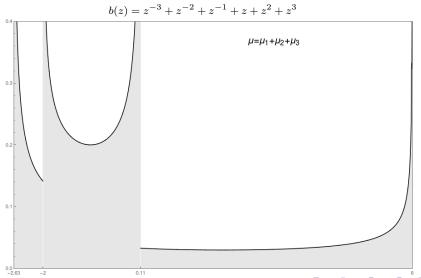


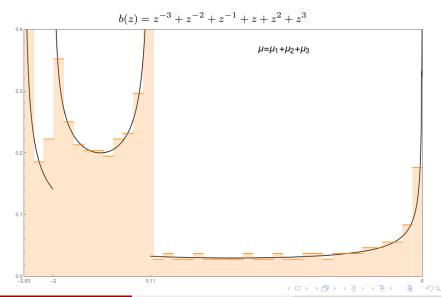












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