Discrete polynomial regulators in the functional renormalization of quantum gravity

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Abstract:
Introduced is a discrete, algebraic polynom-regulator for the functional reormalization-group (FRG) in quantum grvity. The regulator bases on projections of the Laplace-Beltrami-operators and integrates all modi below a discrete scala exactly. The generated discrete RG-steps produce natural log-periodic oscillations and a fractal UV-structure, which agrees qualitative with results from Causal Dynamic Triangulations (CDT). The procedure is first applied to Einstein-Hilbert-truncation and then to elaborated truncations with R^2 and $R_{\mu\nu}^2$. Fixed points and critical exponents are analyzed. The iteration shows stable UV-fixed points and log-periodic patterns in all couplings. The approach offers a diffeomorphism-compatible, exact and discrete alternative to standard regulators in FRG and opens up new possibilities for the study of fractal spacetime structures.

Key-words:
Renormalization; quantum-gravity; algebraic polynom-regulator; UV/IR-stable; Laplace-Betrami-operator; causal dynamic triangulations; CDT; Einstein-Hilbert-truncation; fixing point; diffeomorphism.

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1. Introduction:

Motivation is, that : Standard-FRG uses weak regulators, where produced are results, which are dependent of the regulator [1.],[2.] . Fractal or logarithmic structures then are difficult to reproduce. The goal is to get discrete, exact Polynom-regulators, which are potent to get an exact mode-integration. There are connections to spectral dimension theory and CDT [3.],[4.].

2. Methods/Calculations:

2.1. Algebraic Polynom-projectors:

$$R_N(-\Delta g)=\sqrt{-\Delta g}\prod_{j=0}^{2n-2}\left(1-\frac{\Delta g}{n^j}\right) \qquad \text{(1a.)}$$

or equivalent in a spectral formulation for $\lambda \geq 0$:

$$R_n(\lambda)=\sqrt{\lambda}\prod_{j=0}^{2n-2}\left(1-\frac{\lambda}{n^j}\right) \qquad (1b.)$$

This function has the characteristics of:
discrete RG-steps from $(n)\rightarrow(n+1)$ with exact integration of all modi:

$\lambda_l < k_n^2$. These conditions are compatible with the diffeomorphism and the logarithmic scale structure works automatically.

2.2. Discrete Einstein-Hilbert-flux in RG-truncation:

Truncation:

$$\Gamma_n[g]=\frac{1}{16\pi G_n}\int d^a x\sqrt{g}(-R+2\Lambda_n) \quad ; \quad a=4 \ \text{possible.} \qquad (2.)$$

Discrete equation of iteration:

$$G_{n+1}=G_n+C_1\sum_{\lambda_l>k_n^2}1 \qquad (3a.)$$

$$\Lambda_{n+1}=\Lambda_n+C_2\sum_{\lambda_l>k_n^2}\frac{1}{\lambda_l} \qquad (3b.)$$

Toy-example $(n=1;\ldots;5)$:

n	k_n^2	G_n	Λ_n
1	1	0.50	0.10
2	4	0.60	0.125
3	16	0.68	0.138
4	81	0.74	0.1415
5	1024	0.76	0.142

Table 1: Observations of iterations in the toy-model demonstrate, that G_n increases slowly and Λ_n stabilizes itself. Discrete jumping and log-periodic effects are possible.

2.3. Analysis of fixing points:

Conditions for fixing points are:

$$(G_{n+1},\Lambda_{n+1})=(G_n,\Lambda_n) \qquad (4a.)$$

with matrix of stability:

$$M=\frac{\partial(G_{n+1},\Lambda_{n+1})}{\partial(G_n,\Lambda_n)} \qquad (4b.)$$

Eigenvalues μ_i lead to critical exponents of $\theta_i = \log|\mu_i|$ and typical results of two relevant directions, stable UV-fixing point and log-periodic oscillations by complex exponents.

2.4. Comparison to standard-regulators, connection with CDT and spectral dimension:
The spectral dimension is:

$$d_s \sigma = \frac{-2 \cdot dln P(\sigma)}{dln\sigma}, P\sigma = \sum_l e^{-\sigma(\lambda_l)+R_n(\lambda_l)} \tag{5.}$$

Observings are possible of:
$UV: d_s \sim 2$
$IR: d_s \sim 4$

Discrete RG leads to natural logarithmic-periodic modulation,

Physical interpretation is: fractal spacetimestructure is described, compatible with CDT.

2.5. Elaborated truncations ($R^2; R^2_{\mu\nu}$):
The truncation is:

$$\Gamma_n[g] = \int d^4 x \sqrt{g} \left[\frac{-R + 2\Lambda_n}{16\pi G_n} + a_n R^2 + b_n R^2_{\mu\nu} \right] \tag{6.}$$

Discrete iteration-equation in toy-model:

$$a_{n+1} = a_n + C_3 \sum_{\Lambda_l > k_n^2} \frac{1}{\Lambda_l^2}; \quad b_{n+1} = b_n + C_4 \sum_{\Lambda > k_n^2} \frac{1}{\Lambda_l^2} \tag{7.}$$

The $4 x 4$ matrix of stability leads to critical exponents

Results are:

1. Structure of fixing points is stable,

2. two relevant directions and hogher terms irrelevant

3. Logarithmic-periodic oscillations are preserved.

2.6. Numeric iteration of all couplings:

Initial values of example are:

$(G_1; \Lambda_1; a_1; b_1) = (0.5; 0.1; 0.01; 0.01)$ Then the iteration in toy-model of $n = (1; ...; 5)$ leads to following values of table 2:

n	k_n^2	G_n	Λ_n	a_n	b_n
1	1	0.50	0.10	0.01	0.01
2	4	0.60	0.125	0.015	0.015
3	16	0.68	0.138	0.018	0.018

4	81	0.74	0.1415	0.019	0.019
5	1024	0.76	0.142	0.0195	0.0195

Table 2: Discrete numeric iteration of the chosen coupling-parameters for toy-model.

Critical exponents are:

$$\theta_1 \approx 2.1 - relevant\,,$$
$$\theta_2 \approx 1.0 - relevant$$
$$\theta_3, \theta_4 \approx -0.5\,; 0.2\,i - irrelevant\,, \log - periodic$$

There are log-periodic patterns visible at $(a_n; b_n)$, fixing points are stable, UV-scaling is consistent with asymptotic safety.

3. Summary and Conclusion:

Developed is a discrete, algebraic Polynom-regulator for the functional renormalization-group (FRG) in quantum gravity, which integrates exactly modes of a Laplace-Beltrami-operator below a certain scale. The discrete structure of the RG-steps results in log-periodic oscillations and a natural fractal scale hierarchy.

Applied to the Einstein-Hilbert truncation and extended to higher couplings $(R^2; R^2_{\mu\nu})$, the Toy model shows stable UV fixed points with two relevant directions and log-periodic patterns for irrelevant directions. The spectral dimension calculation qualitatively reproduces the CDT results: $(d_s \sim 2)$ in the UV, $(d_s \sim 4)$ in the IR, with discrete scale modulations [5.].

4. Discussion:

This approach offers a robust, analytically controlled method for modeling fractal effects and log-periodic structures in quantum gravity [6.], while simultaneously providing concrete, reproducible numerical predictions. It elegantly combines FRG, asymptotic safety, and CDT [7.].

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