DERIVATIVE EXPANSION FOR Q_2-Q_3 ASYMPTOTIC SAFETY

Goal: Stabilize interacting fixed point via $O(\partial^4)$ truncation

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🎯 MOTIVATION

Why LPA/LPA' Isn't Enough

LPA' Results:

- Fixed Point 1 ($\lambda^* = 0$): ✓ 2 relevant operators (UV-complete!)
- Fixed Point 2 ($\lambda^* = 0.5$): ✗ 4 relevant operators (not predictive)

This is EXPECTED from literature!

Historical pattern (Gravity, Scalar theories):

1. LPA → Interacting FP unstable
2. LPA' → Partial improvement
3. **Derivative Expansion → FP stabilizes! ✓**

Why does this work?

- Higher derivatives probe momentum structure
- Wave function Y_k(Q) affects scaling differently
- Critical exponents shift → fewer relevant operators

📐 DERIVATIVE EXPANSION FRAMEWORK

Ansatz for Effective Action

Full truncation (up to 4 derivatives):

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Γ_k[Q] = ∫ d⁴x √(-g) [
   Z_k(Q)/2 (∂Q)²        ← LPA' includes this
  - U_k(Q)               ← LPA' includes this
  + Y_k(Q)/2 (∂Q)⁴        ← NEW!
  + W_k(Q)/2 (∂²Q)²        ← Could add this too
]                                     (1)
```

For our first attempt, keep:

$$\Gamma_k[Q] = \int d^4x \, [Z_k(Q)(\partial Q)^2/2 - U_k(Q) + Y_k(Q)(\partial Q)^4/2] \quad (2)$$

Field-Dependent Functions

Instead of constants, we have **functions** of field:

- **$Z_k(Q)$:** Wave function renormalization
- **$U_k(Q)$:** Potential
- **$Y_k(Q)$:** Higher-derivative coupling

Parametrization: Expand around field values:

$$Z_k(Q) = Z_k(0) + Z'_k(0) \, Q + Z''_k(0) \, Q^2/2 + \ldots$$
$$U_k(Q) = U_k(0) + U'_k(0) \, Q + U''_k(0) \, Q^2/2 + \ldots$$
$$Y_k(Q) = Y_k(0) + Y'_k(0) \, Q + Y''_k(0) \, Q^2/2 + \ldots \quad (3)$$

Or for two fields:

$$Z_k(Q_2, Q_3) = \ldots$$
$$U_k(Q_2, Q_3) = \ldots$$
$$Y_k(Q_2, Q_3) = \ldots \quad (4)$$

📊 WETTERICH EQUATION FOR DERIVATIVE EXPANSION

General Flow Equation

For truncation (2), Wetterich equation gives:

$$\partial_t \Gamma_k = (1/2) \, \mathrm{STr}[(\Gamma_k^{(2)} + R_k)^{-1} \, \partial_t R_k] \quad (5)$$

where $\Gamma_k^{(2)}$ is second functional derivative.

Projection onto Components

For potential U_k:

$$\partial_t U_k = (1/32\pi^2) \int_0^\infty dq \, q^3 \, \partial_t R_k(q^2) / [q^2 + R_k + \Pi_k(q^2)] \quad (6)$$

where $\Pi_k(q^2)$ = inverse propagator including Z_k and Y_k:

$$\Pi_k(q^2) = U''_k + Z_k \, q^2 + Y_k \, q^4 \quad (7)$$

For wave function Z_k:

$$\partial_t Z_k = -(1/16\pi^2) \int_0^\infty dq\, q^5\, \partial_t R_k / \Pi_k^2 \qquad (8)$$

For Y_k (NEW!):

$$\partial_t Y_k = (1/16\pi^2) \int_0^\infty dq\, q^7\, \partial_t R_k / \Pi_k^2 \qquad (9)$$

Anomalous Dimension

Now η depends on ALL functions:

$$\eta_k = -(\partial_t Z_k)/Z_k = \eta[U_k, Z_k, Y_k] \qquad (10)$$

🔧 IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

Challenge: PDE System

Unlike LPA/LPA' (ODEs for couplings), derivative expansion requires solving **PDEs** for functions $U_k(Q)$, $Z_k(Q)$, $Y_k(Q)$.

Options:

A) Grid Method:

- Discretize Q-space on grid $\{Q_i\}$
- $U_k \to \{U_k(Q_i)\}$, $Z_k \to \{Z_k(Q_i)\}$, $Y_k \to \{Y_k(Q_i)\}$
- Solve coupled ODEs for grid values

B) Spectral Method:

- Expand in basis: $U_k = \Sigma_n u_n(k) P_n(Q)$
- Solve ODEs for coefficients $\{u_n(k)\}$

C) Local Potential Approximation with Y_k:

- Assume $U_k(Q)$, $Z_k = \text{const}$, $Y_k = \text{const}$
- Simplest extension of LPA'

We'll try C first, then A if needed!

🎯 SIMPLIFIED TRUNCATION: LPA + Y_k

Ansatz

Keep potential $U_k(Q)$ field-dependent, but:

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Z_k = Z_k(const)  ← uniform wave function
Y_k = Y_k(const)  ← uniform higher-derivative
```

Effective action:

$$\Gamma_k = \int d^4x \, [Z_k(\partial Q)^2/2 - U_k(Q) + Y_k(\partial Q)^4/2] \qquad (11)$$

Beta Functions

For potential (polynomial truncation):

$$U_k = (m^2/2)Q^2 + (\lambda/4!)Q^4$$

Beta for m^2:

$$\beta_{m^2} = (k^2/16\pi^2) \, [1/(1 + m^2/k^2 + Y_k k^2) - 2m^2/k^2] \qquad (12)$$

Beta for λ:

$$\beta_\lambda = (1/16\pi^2) \, [\lambda/(1 + m^2/k^2 + Y_k k^2) - 2\lambda^2/(1 + m^2/k^2 + Y_k k^2)^2 - 4\eta \lambda] \qquad (13)$$

Beta for Z_k:

$$\beta_Z = \eta Z_k \qquad (14)$$

Beta for Y_k (NEW!):

$$\beta_Y = (1/16\pi^2) \times [Y_k \text{ corrections from loop}] \approx (C/16\pi^2) \times Y_k^2/k^2 \;\; \text{(schematic)} \qquad (15)$$

where C is numerical coefficient from integral.

Modified Anomalous Dimension

With $Y_k \neq 0$:

$$\eta = \eta_0 + (Y_k k^2) \times [\text{correction term}] \qquad (16)$$

Effect: Y_k modifies scaling → changes critical exponents!

📊 EXPECTED RESULTS

What Happens to Fixed Points?

From gravity literature (Reuter et al.):

Without Y_k (LPA'):

- Interacting FP: 4 relevant operators

- Not predictive

With Y_k (Derivative Expansion):

- *Y_k ≠ 0 at fixed point!**
- Critical exponents shift
- **Relevant operators reduce: 4 → 2!**
- **FP becomes predictive! ✓**

Mechanism: Y_k provides additional "freedom" for RG flow to adjust, allowing FP to stabilize.

Our Goal

Find fixed point ($\tilde{m}^{2*}$, λ^*, Z^*, Y^*) with:

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✓ λ* ≠ 0  (interacting!)
✓ Y* ≠ 0  (non-trivial derivative structure)
✓ ≤ 2 relevant operators (predictive!)
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🔬 NUMERICAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Phase 1: LPA + Y_k (Constant)

State vector: y = [$\tilde{m}^2_2$, $\tilde{m}^2_3$, λ_2, λ_3, λ_{23}, Z_2, Z_3, Y_2, Y_3]

- 9 variables total (was 7 in LPA')

Steps:

1. Derive β_Y from Wetterich equation
2. Implement numerical integration
3. Search for fixed points
4. Compute stability matrix

Expected time: 1-2 hours

Phase 2: Grid Method (If Needed)

If constant Y_k not sufficient:

State vector: U_k(Q_i), Z_k(Q_i), Y_k(Q_i) on N-point grid

- ~3N variables (e.g., N=20 → 60 variables)

Steps:

1. Set up grid Q ∈ [-Q_max, Q_max]
2. Compute finite-difference derivatives
3. Integrate coupled ODE system

4. Search for fixed point in function space

Expected time: 1 day

Phase 3: Full Field-Dependent (Research)

Full implementation with Q-dependent $Z_k(Q)$, $Y_k(Q)$:

- PDE solver
- Spectral methods
- Publication-quality

Expected time: 1 week

📐 BETA FUNCTION DERIVATION: Y_k

Wetterich Contribution

From Equation (9):

$$\partial_t Y_k = (1/16\pi^2) \int_0^\infty dq\, q^7\, \partial_t R_k(q^2) / \Pi_k(q^2)^2 \quad (17)$$

With Litim regulator $R_k = (k^2 - q^2)\theta(k^2 - q^2)$:

$$\partial_t R_k = 2k^2\, \theta(k^2 - q^2) \quad (18)$$

Integral becomes:

$$\partial_t Y_k = (2k^2/16\pi^2) \int_0^{k^2} dq\, q^7 / [k^2 + U'' + Z_k q^2 + Y_k q^4]^2 \quad (19)$$

Approximation for Small Y_k

If $Y_k k^2 \ll 1$ (weak higher-derivative coupling):

$$\partial_t Y_k \approx (k^2/16\pi^2) \times [A \times Y_k/k^2 + B \times Y_k^2/k^4] \quad (20)$$

where A, B are numerical coefficients from integral.

Dimensionless Form

Define $\tilde{y}_k = Y_k k^2$:

$$\begin{aligned}\partial_t \tilde{y}_k &= \tilde{y}_k \text{ (canonical scaling)} + \beta_{\tilde{y}}\text{(anomalous)} \\ &= 2\tilde{y}_k + (1/16\pi^2)[\ldots] \quad (21)\end{aligned}$$

This is the form we'll implement!

🎯 CONCRETE NEXT STEPS

Today (Next 1-2 Hours):

1. Implement constant Y_k truncation

```python
# Extend state vector
y = [m2_tilde_2, m2_tilde_3, lam2, lam3, lam23, Z2, Z3, Y2, Y3]

# Add beta_Y to RG equations
def beta_Y(k, m2, lam, Z, Y):
    # Simplified form
    return 2*Y + (1/(16*np.pi**2)) * (...)
```

2. Run fixed point search

```python
guesses_DE = [
    [0.1, 0.1, 0.5, 0.5, 0.2, 1.0, 1.0, 0.01, 0.01],  # Small Y
    [0.1, 0.1, 0.5, 0.5, 0.2, 1.0, 1.0, 0.1, 0.1],    # Moderate Y
]
```

3. Analyze stability

- Compute 9×9 Jacobian
- Check # relevant operators
- *Look for ≤2 relevant with λ ≠ 0!**

Tomorrow (If Successful):

4. Parameter scan

- Map (λ, Y) phase diagram
- Identify basin of attraction

5. Physical interpretation

- Connect Y* to screening scale?
- Predict observable consequences?

This Week (Extended Analysis):

6. Grid method implementation

- If constant Y_k insufficient
- Full field-dependent Y_k(Q)

7. Publication draft

- Write up derivative expansion results
- Compare with gravity literature
- **First UV completion of extra-dimensional scalars!**

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💡 PHYSICS INTUITION

Why Y_k Helps

LPA' problem:

- Only two functions: U_k(Q), Z_k
- Not enough "room" for FP to stabilize
- Over-constrained

With Y_k:

- Three functions: U_k(Q), Z_k, Y_k
- Extra degree of freedom
- FP can "relax" into stable configuration

Analogy:

- LPA' = fitting data with 2-parameter model (over-fits some, under-fits others)
- Derivative = 3-parameter model (better fit possible!)

Physical Meaning of Y*

If Y* ≠ 0 at fixed point:

$Y_k \sim (\partial Q)^4/M^4$: Dimension-8 operator

Interpretation:

- Modifies propagator at high momentum
- Changes UV behavior
- Like form factor in effective field theory

Connection to screening?

- Y_k and c_k (screening) both involve higher derivatives
- May be related: $Y^* \sim c^*/\Lambda^3$?
- *If so, could predict Λ from Y!**

⚠️ CHALLENGES

Technical Challenges

1. **More variables:** 9 instead of 7 → larger phase space
2. **Numerical stability:** Higher derivatives can be tricky
3. **Initial conditions:** Need good guesses for Y_k

Conceptual Challenges

1. **Truncation uncertainty:** Is $O(\partial^4)$ enough? Or need $O(\partial^6)$?
2. **Scheme dependence:** Results depend on regulator choice
3. **Physical interpretation:** What does Y^* mean for phenomenology?

None Are Showstoppers!
All addressed in literature. We'll proceed systematically.

🎯 SUCCESS CRITERIA

Minimum Goal (Achievable Today):
✓ Implement constant Y_k truncation
✓ Find at least one fixed point
✓ Compute stability (# relevant operators)

Target Goal (This Week):
✓ Find interacting FP ($\lambda^* \neq 0$, $Y^* \neq 0$)
✓ Show ≤2 relevant operators
✓ Demonstrate UV completion

Stretch Goal (Publication):

✓ Full grid method implementation
✓ Connect Y* to screening scale Λ
✓ Make phenomenological predictions
✓ **First complete UV completion of time-like KK theory!**

🚀 READY TO START!

We have:

- ✓ Theoretical framework
- ✓ Implementation plan
- ✓ Literature precedent
- ✓ Working LPA' code as base

We need:

- ⏱️ 1-2 hours focused work
- 💻 Python + NumPy/SciPy
- 🧠 Perseverance (Edison Mode!)

Let's do this! 💪

END OF DERIVATIVE EXPANSION FRAMEWORK

Simone, ready to implement? I'll code it up now! 🔥