

Renormalons, R -evolution and Renormalon Sum Rule

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Precise determination of the strong coupling α_s provided by investigations of the τ **hadronic width**

$$R_\tau = \frac{N_C}{2} S_{\text{EW}} |V_{ud}|^2 \left[1 + \delta^{(0)} + \delta_{\text{EW}} + \sum_{D \geq 2} \delta_{ud}^{(D)} \right].$$

Dominant theoretical uncertainty resides in

- Higher-order perturbative QCD corrections \rightarrow **Renormalons**
- Different possibilities of resumming the perturbative series:

Fixed-order PT (FOPT) vs. Contour-improved PT (CIPT)

Fixed-order vs. Contour-improved PT

- Central quantity in the analysis of hadronic τ decays: **Adler function**

$$D(s) = -s \frac{d}{ds} \Pi(s),$$

$$i(p^2 g_{\mu\nu} - p_\mu p_\nu) \Pi(p^2) = \int dx e^{ipx} \langle 0 | T \{ j_\mu(x) j_\nu^\dagger(0) \} | 0 \rangle.$$

- R_τ expressed in terms of the Adler function: ($x = s/M_\tau^2$)

$$R_\tau = -6\pi i \oint_{|x|=1} \frac{dx}{x} (1-x)^3 (1+x) D(M_\tau^2 x).$$

- General structure of the Adler function in the chiral limit:
($a_\mu = \alpha_s(\mu)/\pi$)

$$D(s) = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_\mu^n \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} k c_{n,k} \log^{k-1} \left(\frac{-s}{\mu^2} \right).$$

Fixed-order vs. Contour-improved PT

$$\Rightarrow \delta^{(0)} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{\mu}^n \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} k c_{n,k} \oint_{|x|=1} \frac{dx}{x} (1-x)^3 (1+x) \log^{k-1} \left(\frac{-M_{\tau}^2 x}{\mu^2} \right)$$

- **FOPT**: Set $\mu^2 = M_{\tau}^2$.

$$\delta_{\text{FO}}^{(0)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_{M_{\tau}}^n \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} k c_{n,k} J_{k-1}.$$

- **CIPT**: Set $\mu^2 = -M_{\tau}^2 x$.

$$\delta_{\text{CI}}^{(0)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_{n,1} J_n^a(M_{\tau}^2)$$

$$J_n^a(M_{\tau}^2) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \oint_{|x|=1} \frac{dx}{x} (1-x)^3 (1+x) \left(\frac{\alpha_s(-M_{\tau}^2 x)}{\pi} \right)^n.$$

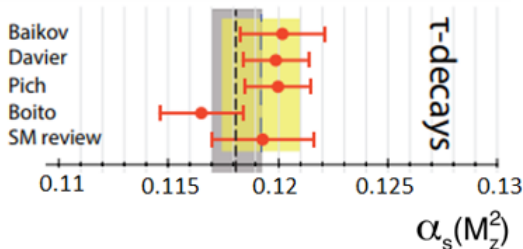
Fixed-order vs. Contour-improved PT

- **Current status** using corrections up to $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4)$: ($\alpha_s(M_\tau) = 0.32$)

$$\delta_{\text{FO}}^{(0)} = 0.1959 \pm 0.006,$$

$$\delta_{\text{CI}}^{(0)} = 0.1814 \pm 0.003.$$

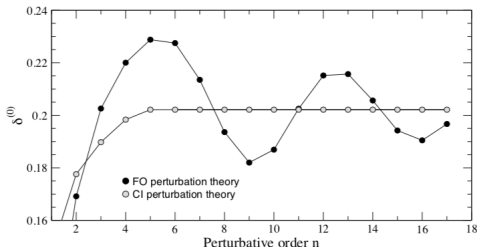
$$\Rightarrow \delta_{\text{FO}}^{(0)} - \delta_{\text{CI}}^{(0)} = 0.0145 \gg \Delta\delta^{(0)}$$



Higher-Order Models [Beneke, Jamin '08]

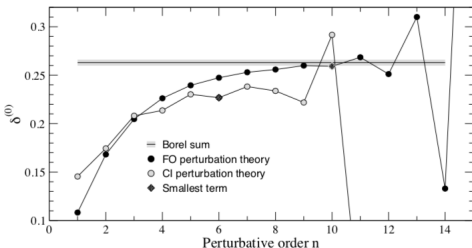
1) Truncated Adler Function

- All unknown coefficients $c_{n,1}$ are set to zero.
- CIPT becomes exact.
- FOPT oscillates around CIPT result.



2) Large- β_0 Approximation

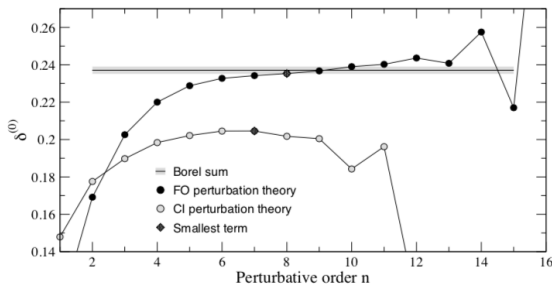
- $B[D](u) = \frac{32}{3} \frac{e^{-Cu}}{(2-u)}$
 $\times \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k k}{[k^2 - (1-u)^2]^2}$
- $D(\alpha) = \int_0^{\infty} du e^{-\frac{4\pi u}{\alpha_s \beta_0}} B[D](t)$



3) Ansatz: Physical Model for the Adler Function

$$B[D](u) = \frac{d_{-1}^{UV}}{(u+1)^{1+\gamma_1}} + \frac{d_2^{IR}}{(u-2)^{1+\gamma_2}} + \frac{d_3^{IR}}{(u-3)^{1+\gamma_3}} + d_0 + d_1 u$$

- Ansatz uses connection between renormalon singularities and operators in the OPE to reproduce the pole structure.
- Not possible to predict the **residues**.
- FOPT prevails.



We want to address the following questions:

- 1 What can we tell about the ambiguities related to renormalon singularities?
 - How well does the Borel integral quantify this ambiguity?
 - Are there alternative ways to estimate the size of the ambiguity?
- 2 Is it possible to improve the form of the Borel transform used in physical models for the Adler function if one does not rely on the large- β_0 approximation?
 - Can we gain more information on single renormalon singularities?

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Introduction: Renormalons and Borel Summation

- As long as interactions are "weak" in QFTs, perturbation theory allows us to express observables F as series

$$F = \sum_n r_n(\mu) \alpha_s^n(\mu).$$

- **BUT**: These series are usually divergent with $r_n \stackrel{n \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} a^n n! n^b Z(\mu)$.
- Working assumption: Perturbative series is **asymptotic**.
 - Best approximation given when truncating at smallest term.
 - Truncation error typically of the order of this minimal term.
- Important source of divergence \rightarrow **Renormalons**.
 - Related to small and large momentum behaviour in loop integrals (**IR** and **UV renormalons**).

How can we quantify the large order behaviour of perturbative series?

- In order to sum factorially divergent series **Borel summation** is especially useful:

The Borel transform of a series $F = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r_n \alpha_s^{n+1}$ is defined as

$$B[F](u) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r_n \frac{u^n}{n!}.$$

If $B[F](u)$ has no singularities for $u > 0$ and does not increase too rapidly for $u \rightarrow \infty$, the Borel integral

$$\tilde{F}(\alpha_s) = \int_0^{\infty} du e^{-\frac{4\pi u}{\alpha_s \beta_0}} B[F](u)$$

exists and F is called Borel-summable.

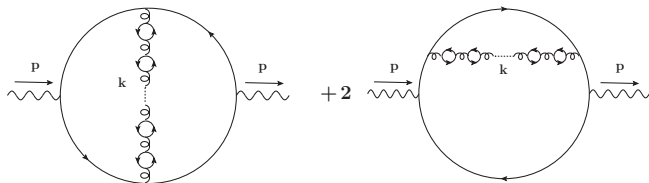
Example

- Consider the **Adler function**:

$$D(p^2) = 4\pi^2 p^2 \frac{d\Pi(p^2)}{dp^2}$$

$$i(p^2 g_{\mu\nu} - p_\mu p_\nu) \Pi(p^2) = \int dx e^{ipx} \langle 0 | T \{ j_\mu(x) j_\nu^\dagger(0) \} | 0 \rangle .$$

- Only exactly computable all order contributions: **Bubble chain diagrams** of massless quarks.



Example

- Calculation: ($Q^2 = -p^2$, $\mu^2 = Q^2$, $\alpha_s = \alpha_s(Q)$, $\hat{k}^2 = -k^2/Q^2$)

$$D \sim \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_s^n \int_0^{\infty} \frac{d\hat{k}^2}{\hat{k}^2} \omega(\hat{k}^2) \left[\frac{n_f \alpha_s}{6\pi} \ln \left(\hat{k}^2 e^{-5/3} \right) \right]^n$$

- Large logarithmic enhancement for $\hat{k}^2 \gg 1$ and $\hat{k}^2 \ll 1$.
- Split integral at $\hat{k}^2 = e^{5/3}$ and perform integration for **small** and **large** momenta:

$$\omega(\hat{k}^2) = \frac{3C_F}{2\pi} \hat{k}^4 + \mathcal{O}(\hat{k}^6 \ln \hat{k}^2),$$

$$\omega(\hat{k}^2) = \frac{C_F}{3\pi} \frac{1}{\hat{k}^2} \left(\ln \hat{k}^2 + \frac{5}{6} \right) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\ln \hat{k}^2}{\hat{k}^4}\right)$$

Example

- Result: $(\int_0^1 dx \ln^n(x) = (-1)^n n!)$

$$D \sim \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_s^{n+1} \left[e^{10/3} \left(-\frac{n_f}{12\pi} \right)^n n! + e^{-5/3} \left(\frac{n_f}{6\pi} \right)^n n! \left(n + \frac{11}{6} \right) + \dots \right]$$

- **Leading IR renormalon** and **leading UV renormalon** behaviour.
- Drawback of bubble chain diagrams: n_f -terms only give small contribution of the complete perturbative coefficients.
- Take step beyond the quark bubble diagrams \rightarrow **Naive Non-Abelianization (NNA)**

$$n_f \rightarrow -\frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{11}{3} C_A - \frac{2}{3} n_f \right) = -\frac{3}{2} \beta_0$$

\Rightarrow Large- β_0 approximation.

- Takes some non-Abelian contributions into account.

Example

$$D \sim \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\alpha_s \beta_0}{4\pi} \right)^{n+1} \left[e^{10/3} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^n n! + e^{-5/3} (-1)^n n! \left(n + \frac{11}{6} \right) + \dots \right]$$

- Perform Borel transformation in variable u :

$$B[D](u) \sim \frac{2e^{10/3}}{2-u} + e^{-5/3} \left(\frac{1}{(1+u)^2} + \frac{5}{6} \frac{1}{(1+u)} \right) + \dots$$

- Information on divergent behaviour of $D(\alpha_s)$ encoded in the singularities of its Borel transform \rightarrow "Renormalon poles".
 - UV-poles \rightarrow sign-alternating factorial divergence.
 - IR-poles \rightarrow fixed-sign factorial divergence.
- Poles closest to the origin $u = 0$ of the Borel plane dominate **high order behaviour**.

Example

- **General structure** of Borel transform for a renormalon pole at $u = p/2$:

$$B[D](u) \sim \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} g_l^{(p)} \frac{\Gamma(1 + \hat{b}_1 p + \delta - l)}{(u - p/2)^{1 + \hat{b}_1 p + \delta - l}}$$

$$\frac{1}{(u - p/2)^{1 + \delta}} \sim \left(\frac{\mu}{Q}\right)^p \sum_n \alpha_s^n(\mu) \left[\Gamma(1 + n + \delta) \left(\frac{2\beta_0}{p}\right)^{n + \delta} + \dots \right]$$

$$\hat{b}_1 = \beta_1 / (2\beta_0), \quad g_l^{(p)} = g_l^{(p)}(p, \{\beta_n\})$$

- **Deficiencies** of the large- β_0 approximation:
 - Analytic structure of Borel transform and strength of its singularities not reproduced correctly.
 - Does not yield all singularities \rightarrow e.g. instantons.
- We still use large- β_0 approximation to study main features related to renormalon poles.

Ambiguity of the Borel Integral

- Evaluate the **Borel integral**

$$\tilde{D}(\alpha_s) = \int_0^\infty du e^{-\frac{4\pi u}{\beta_0 \alpha_s}} B[D](u).$$

- $B[D](u)$ has **singularities for $u > 0$** (IR renormalons) \rightarrow To regulate the integral we can move the contour **above** or **below** the singularities in the complex plane.
- **Ambiguity of the Borel integral!**
- How well does the Borel integral quantify the size of the ambiguity?
 - Traditional ansatz: $\Delta D(\alpha_s) = \text{Im} \left[\int_0^\infty du e^{-\frac{4\pi u}{\beta_0 \alpha_s}} B[D](u) \right]$
 - Alternative ways to quantify the ambiguity?

Ambiguity of the Borel Integral

- Estimate ambiguity of the **leading IR renormalon**: $B[D](u) \sim \frac{1}{u-2}$

$$\Delta D(Q^2) \sim \oint du e^{-\frac{4\pi u}{\beta_0 \alpha_s(Q)}} \frac{1}{u-2} \propto \left(e^{-\frac{2\pi}{\beta_0 \alpha_s(Q)}} \right)^4 \sim \frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^4}{Q^4}$$

- Ambiguity is related to **non-perturbative power corrections**.
- Important connection:
IR pole at $u > 0 \leftrightarrow$ Addition of higher dimensional terms in OPE
- In general: IR renormalon singularity at $u = p/2$ is related to non-pert. matrix element $\langle 0 | \mathcal{O} | 0 \rangle \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^p$.

Operator Product Expansion

- Consider OPE for the Adler function:

$$D(Q) = C_0(Q, \mu) + C_{GG}(Q, \mu) \frac{\langle 0 | G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A,\mu\nu} | 0 \rangle}{Q^4} + \mathcal{O}(1/Q^6)$$

- Gluon condensate $\langle 0 | G_{\mu\nu}^A G^{A,\mu\nu} | 0 \rangle \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^4$ cancels ambiguity caused by IR renormalon at $u = 2$.
→ Scaling behaviour of power corrections can be inferred from IR renormalon poles
- Strength of renormalon poles related to **anomalous dimension** of operators in OPE.

Operator Product Expansion - General Case

- OPE of a **dimensionless observable** σ in the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme:

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma(Q) &= \hat{C}_0(Q) \mathbb{1} + \bar{C}_1(Q, \mu) \frac{\bar{\theta}_1(\mu)}{Q^p} + \dots \\ &= \hat{C}_0(Q) \mathbb{1} + \hat{C}_1(Q) \frac{\hat{\theta}_1}{Q^p} + \dots \text{ (RGI-OPE)}\end{aligned}$$

- Perturbative coefficients in \hat{C}_0 factorially enhanced,
→ Recall: $\hat{C}_0 \sim (\mu/Q)^p \sum_n \alpha_s^n(\mu) n! (2\beta_0/p)^n$ for large n .
- Cancellations between $\hat{C}_0(Q)$ and $\hat{\theta}_1$ at large orders.
- Cancellation between \hat{C}_0 and $\hat{\theta}_1$ improved by switching to the MSR-scheme that subtracts renormalon contributions at **new scale** R :

$$\begin{aligned}C_0(Q, R) &= \hat{C}_0(Q) - \left(\frac{R}{Q}\right)^p \delta C_0(R) \\ \delta C_0(R) &= \sum_n a_n(R) \alpha_s^n(R) \sim \left(\frac{\mu}{R}\right)^p \sum_n \alpha_s^n(\mu) n! \left(\frac{2\beta_0}{p}\right)^n\end{aligned}$$

Operator Product Expansion - General Case

- OPE in the MSR-scheme becomes:

$$\sigma(Q) = C_0(Q, R)\mathbb{1} + \hat{C}_1(Q) \frac{\theta_1(R)}{Q^p} + \dots,$$
$$\theta_1(R) = \hat{\theta}_1 + R^p \delta C_0(R)$$

- What are **appropriate values** for R in the OPE?
 - $\theta_1(R)$ requires $R \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$.
 - $C_0(Q, R)$ requires $R \sim Q$.
- No choice for R avoids large logs in both, $C_0(Q, R)$ and $\theta_1(R)$.
→ **Solution**: RGE for the scale R .

$$\Rightarrow C_0(Q, \Lambda \gtrsim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}) = C_0(Q, Q) + \int_{\Lambda}^Q d \ln R \frac{dC_0(Q, R)}{d \ln R}$$

→ **R-evolution**.

- **R-evolution equation:**

$$\frac{d C_0(Q, R)}{d \ln R} = -\frac{1}{Q^p} \frac{d}{d \ln R} \left(R^p \delta C_0(R) \right) = -\left(\frac{R}{Q} \right)^p \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \gamma_n^R \left(\frac{\alpha_s(R)}{4\pi} \right)^{n+1}$$
$$\Rightarrow C_0(Q, R_1) - C_0(Q, R_0) = -\frac{1}{Q^p} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \gamma_n^R \int_{R_0}^{R_1} d \ln R R^p \left(\frac{\alpha_s(R)}{4\pi} \right)^{n+1}$$

- Sums systematically **asymptotic renormalon series** and **large logs** to all orders.
- Free of renormalon ambiguities.
(Recall: **Ambiguity** $\sim \mathcal{O}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^p)$, independent of R)
- R-evolution equation takes **higher power IR sensitivities** into account.
(Common RGEs only have logarithmic scale dependence.)

R-evolution: Connection to Borel integral

- Consider **large- β_0 approximation** \rightarrow R-evolution series collapses exactly to a single term:

$$[C_0(Q, R_1) - C_0(Q, R_0)]_{LL} = -\gamma_0^R \int_{R_0}^{R_1} dR \frac{R^{p-1}}{Q^p} \left(\frac{\alpha_s(R)}{4\pi} \right)$$

- Change of variables: $t_R = -2\pi/(\beta_0\alpha_s(R))$ and $u = -p(t/t_R - 1)/2$

$$[C_0(Q, R_1) - C_0(Q, R_0)]_{LL} = \int_0^\infty du [B(R_1, u) - B(R_0, u)] e^{-\frac{4\pi u}{\beta_0\alpha_s}}$$

$$B(R, u) \sim \left(\frac{R}{Q} \right)^p \frac{a_0}{u - p/2}$$

- Renormalon ambiguities cancel in difference of the Borel functions.
- 1st Application of R-evolution:** Estimation of renormalon ambiguities.

2nd Application of R -evolution - Renormalon Sum Rule

- Solution of R -evolution equation yields **analytic expression** for the **normalization of singular terms** in the Borel transform.
- Derivation:

$$R \frac{d}{dR} C_0(Q, R) = - \left(\frac{R}{Q} \right)^p \gamma^R[\alpha_s(R)] = - \left(\frac{R}{Q} \right)^p \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \gamma_n^R \left(\frac{\alpha_s(R)}{4\pi} \right)^{n+1+\delta}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow C_0(Q, R) - \hat{C}_0(Q) &= - \int_0^R d \ln \bar{R} \frac{\bar{R}^p}{Q^p} \gamma^{\bar{R}}[\alpha_s(\bar{R})] \\ &= \left(\frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}{Q} \right)^p \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} S_k^{(p)} \frac{e^{i\pi(\hat{b}_1 p + k)}}{p^{-\hat{b}_1 p - \delta}} \Gamma(-\hat{b}_1 p - k - \delta, p t_R) \end{aligned}$$

$$t_R = -2\pi/(\beta_0 \alpha_s(R)), \quad \hat{b}_1 = \beta_1/(2\beta_0), \quad S_k^{(p)} = S_k^{(p)}(a_n, \beta_n)$$

Renormalon Sum Rule

- Algebraic manipulations:
 - **Asymptotic expansion** of incomplete Gamma functions in $\alpha_s(R)$.
 - Perform **Borel transform**.
 - Use identities for **hypergeometric functions**.
- Leads to:

$$B[C_0(Q, R) - \hat{C}_0(Q)](u) = -2 \left(\frac{R}{Q}\right)^p \left[P_{p/2} \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} g_l^{(p)} \frac{\Gamma(1 + \hat{b}_1 p + \delta - l)}{(p - 2u)^{1 + \hat{b}_1 p + \delta - l}} + \dots \right]$$
$$P_{p/2} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{S_k^{(p)} p^{k + \hat{b}_1 p + \delta}}{\Gamma(1 + k + \hat{b}_1 p + \delta)}.$$

- Analytic expression for **normalization** $P_{p/2}$ of singular contributions that quantify the $\mathcal{O}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^p)$ renormalon ambiguity \rightarrow **Renormalon Sum Rule**.

Sum Rule as a probe for renormalon ambiguities:

$$P_{p/2} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{S_k^{(p)} p^{k+\hat{b}_1 p + \delta}}{\Gamma(1+k+\hat{b}_1 p + \delta)}$$

- Apply sum rule $P_{p/2}$ to any perturbative series as a **probe for** $\mathcal{O}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^p)$ renormalon ambiguities.
 - $P_{p/2} \approx 0$ or $P_{p/2} \neq 0$.
- **Application:** Use Sum Rule to gain more information on the coefficients of renormalon poles in physical models for the Adler function.

→ Study Adler function in the large- β_0 approximation to illustrate the applications of the R -evolution.

Application: Large- β_0 Approximation

- **Borel transform** of the Adler function in large- β_0 : [Broadhurst '93]

$$B[D](u) \Big|_{\mu^2=-p^2} = \frac{4}{\beta_0} \frac{32}{3} e^{-Cu} \frac{1}{2-u} \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k k}{(k^2 - (1-u)^2)^2}$$

- C : Scheme-dependent constant ($C = -5/3$ in $\overline{\text{MS}}$).
- Pole structure:
 - **Simple pole** at $u = 2$.
 - **Simple and double poles** at integer u (except for $u = 0, 1$).
- Taylor expanding $B[D](u)$ in u and performing the Borel integral term by term gives:

$$D(Q) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n \alpha_s^{n+1}(Q),$$

$$a_n = a_n^{2,(1)} + \sum_{k_{\text{IR}}=3}^{\infty} \left[a_n^{k_{\text{IR}},(1)} + a_n^{k_{\text{IR}},(2)} \right] + \sum_{k_{\text{UV}}=-\infty}^{-1} \left[a_n^{k_{\text{UV}},(1)} + a_n^{k_{\text{UV}},(2)} \right]$$

$$a_n^{k,(1)} \sim n!/k^{(n+1)}, \quad a_n^{k,(2)} \sim (n+1)!/k^{(n+2)}$$

Application: Large- β_0 Approximation

R -evolution for the Adler function:

- Consider contribution of a **simple IR renormalon** pole at $u = p/2 > 0$:

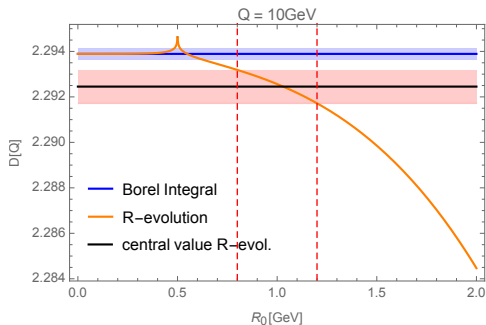
$$D^{(p/2)}(Q, R_0) = \frac{1}{Q^p} \int_{R_0 \gtrsim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}^Q d \ln R R^p \gamma_{p/2}^R[\alpha_s(R)]$$

- In large- β_0 : $\gamma^R[\alpha_s(R)]$ reduces exactly to a single term.

$$\Rightarrow D^{(p/2)}(Q, R_0) \sim e^{-\frac{2\pi p}{\beta_0 \alpha_s(Q)}} \left[\Gamma\left(0, -\frac{2\pi p}{\beta_0 \alpha_s(R_0)}\right) - \Gamma\left(0, -\frac{2\pi p}{\beta_0 \alpha_s(Q)}\right) \right]$$

R-evolution vs. Borel Integration

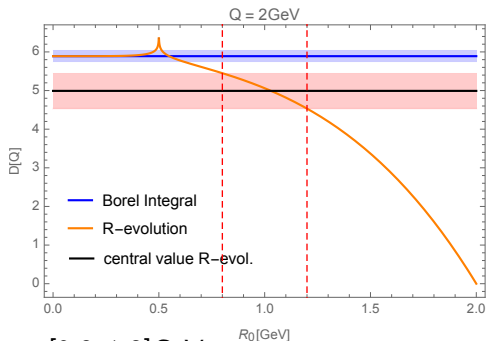
Example: $u = 2$ renormalon ($Q = 10 \text{ GeV}$)



- Variation: $R_0 \in [0.8, 1.2] \text{ GeV}$.
- Central values:
 - $\sigma_B = 2.2939 \pm 0.0002$.
 - $\sigma_R = 2.2925 \pm 0.0007$.
- Relative deviation of the **R-evolution central value** compared to the Borel integral: $\Delta_{\frac{R-B}{B}} \approx 0.06\%$.

R-evolution vs. Borel Integration

Example: $u = 2$ renormalon ($Q = 2 \text{ GeV}$)



- Variation: $R_0 \in [0.8, 1.2] \text{ GeV}$.
- Central values:
 - $\sigma_B = 5.89 \pm 0.15$.
 - $\sigma_R = 4.99 \pm 0.46$.
- Relative deviation of the **R-evolution central value** compared to the Borel integral: $\Delta_{\frac{R-B}{B}} \approx 15\%$.

Renormalon Sum Rule in large- β_0 approximation:

$$B[C_0(Q, R) - \hat{C}_0(Q)](u) = (-2)^{-\delta} \left(\frac{R}{Q}\right)^p P_{p/2} \frac{1}{(u - p/2)^{1+\delta}},$$

$$P_{p/2} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{S_k^{(p)} p^{k+\delta}}{\Gamma(1+k+\delta)},$$

$$S_k^{(p)} = \frac{\gamma_k^R}{(2\beta_0)^{k+1}},$$

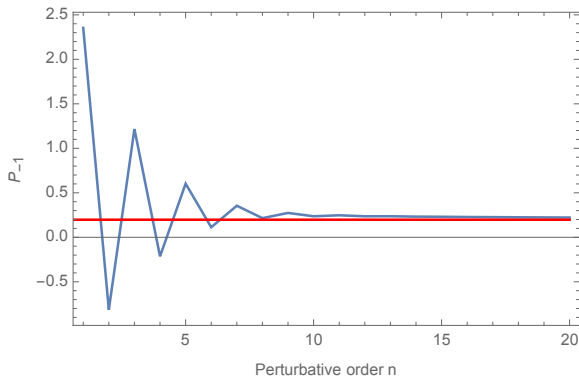
$$\gamma_k^R = a_k \cdot p - 2(n + \delta)\beta_0 a_{k-1}.$$

- Different possibilities:

- $P_{p/2}$ converges to non-zero value $\rightarrow \mathcal{O}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^p)$ renormalon.
- $P_{p/2} \approx 0 \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^p)$ renormalon not present.
- $P_{p/2}$ diverges $\rightarrow \mathcal{O}(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^{p'})$ renormalon with $p' < p$ exists.

Application: Large- β_0 Approximation

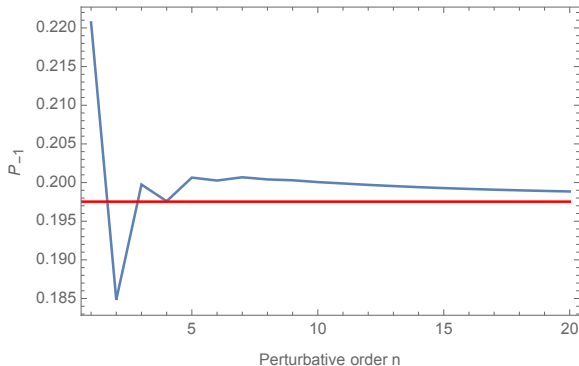
Sum Rule as a probe for the leading double pole at $u = -1$.
($C = -5/3$)



- Sum rule converges to the **residue** of the leading UV double pole at $u = -1$ (red line).

Application: Large- β_0 Approximation

**Sum Rule as a probe for the leading double pole at $u = -1$.
($C=7/10$)**



- Convergence of the sum rule can be improved with an appropriate choice of C .

- We discussed FOPT and CIPT.
- We addressed the following issues:
 - Quantification of ambiguities related to IR renormalon poles.
 - Possibilities to improve the form of the Borel transform used in physical models for the Adler function.
- Concept of R -evolution:
 - Provides alternative way to quantify the size of renormalon ambiguities.
 - Renormalon Sum Rule: Estimation of the normalization of singular terms in the Borel transform for a given perturbative series.

Outlook:

- Use Renormalon Sum Rule to gain more information about the pole structure of $B[D](u)$ in physical models for the Adler function.
 - Apply Sum Rule to exactly known coefficients up to $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^4)$.
- α_s from τ decays:
 - Impact of our results on the value of α_s determined from hadronic τ decays?