

# Numerical matrix method for quantum periodic potentials

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10.1.0 for Microsoft Windows (64-bit) (March 24, 2015)
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## Dimerized KP Model

Functions that for a KP potential with lattice parameter  $a=1$  and  $n_b$  barriers:

(I) evaluate the Hamiltonian matrix  $H_{nm}$  [Eq. (17)]

(II) solve Eq. (10) to find the eigenenergies and eigenfunctions.

The size of the system is  $L=n_b*a=n_b$ .

The positions of the  $n_b$  barriers are stored in the vector (or list)  $xrV$ , and the corresponding widths and heights are stored in vectors  $bV$  and  $V0V$ , respectively.

*Note that these vectors  $xrV$ ,  $bV$  and  $V0V$  describe the periodic potential.*

*We use units such as  $\hbar^2/2\mu=1$ ,  $\mu$  being the mass of the particle.*

Functions  $F_{nm}$  [Eq. (20)]

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In[2]:= f[k_, x_, L_] := f[k, x, L] = Sin[k * Pi * x / L] / (Pi * k)
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In[3]:= Fnm[n_, m_, x_, L_] := f[m - n, x, L] - f[m + n, x, L]
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In[4]:= Fnn[n_, x_, L_] := x / L - f[2 * n, x, L]
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Functions  $h_{nm}$  [Eq. (18)]

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In[5]:= hnm[n_, m_, s_, b_, L_] := Fnm[n, m, s + b / 2, L] - Fnm[n, m, s - b / 2, L]
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In[6]:= hnn[n_, s_, b_, L_] := Fnn[n, s + b / 2, L] - Fnn[n, s - b / 2, L]
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Matrix elements  $H_{nm}$  [Eq. (17)]

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In[7]:= HHnn[n_, L_, V0V_, xrV_, bV_] := N[(n * Pi / L) ^2 +
      Sum[V0V[[k]] * hnn[n, xrV[[k]], bV[[k]], L], {k, 1, Length[xrV]}] ]
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In[8]:= HHnm[n_, m_, L_, V0V_, xrV_, bV_] :=
      Sum[V0V[[k]] * hnm[n, m, xrV[[k]], bV[[k]], L], {k, 1, Length[xrV]}] // N
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The function *HamiltonianMatrix* provides the  $N \times N$  Hamiltonian matrix for the KP potential given by  $xrV$ ,  $bV$  and  $V0V$ , where  $N=Nterms$

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In[9]:= HamiltonianMatrix[Nterms_, L_, V0V_, xrV_, bV_] :=
      Table[If[n == m, HHnn[n, L, V0V, xrV, bV], HHnm[n, m, L, V0V, xrV, bV]],
      {n, 1, Nterms}, {m, 1, Nterms}]
```

The function *soluKP* provides the solution of Eq. (13).

The list of energies is provided directly by the function *EnV*. The  $n$ -th element of this matrix is the eigenvalue  $E_n$

The matrix of coefficients  $c_m^{(n)}$  of Eq. (14) are provided by *cnMatrix*. The element  $(n,m)$  of this matrix is just the coefficient  $c_m^{(n)}$ .

```
In[10]:= soluKP[Nterms_, L_, V0V_, xrV_, bV_] := soluKP[Nterms, L, V0V, xrV, bV] =
      Eigensystem[N[HamiltonianMatrix[Nterms, L, V0V, xrV, bV]]] // Chop //
      Transpose // Sort // Transpose
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In[11]:= EnV[Nterms_, L_, V0V_, xrV_, bV_] :=
      EnV[Nterms, L, V0V, xrV, bV] = soluKP[Nterms, L, V0V, xrV, bV][[1]]
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In[12]:= cnMatrix[Nterms_, L_, V0V_, xrV_, bV_] :=
      cnMatrix[Nterms, L, V0V, xrV, bV] = soluKP[Nterms, L, V0V, xrV, bV][[2]]
```

The function *psi* provides an estimate of  $n$ -th eigenfunction according the formula

$$\psi_n(x) \simeq \sum_{m=1}^{N^*} c_m^{(n)} \varphi_m(x)$$

When  $Nast=N^*$  is equal to  $Nterm=N$ , this expression is just Eq. (14).

The function *ProbDensity* is just  $|\psi_n(x)|^2$

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In[13]:= psi[n_, x_, Nast_, Nterms_, L_, V0V_, xrV_, bV_] := Sqrt[2 / L] *
      Sum[cnMatrix[Nterms, L, V0V, xrV, bV][[n, m]] * Sin[m * Pi * x / L], {m, 1, Nast}]
```

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In[14]:= ProbDensity[n_, x_, Nast_, Nterms_, L_, V0V_, xrV_, bV_] :=
      Abs[psi[n, x, Nast, Nterms, L, V0V, xrV, bV]] ^2
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## Definition of a small dimerized KP system and plot of the potential

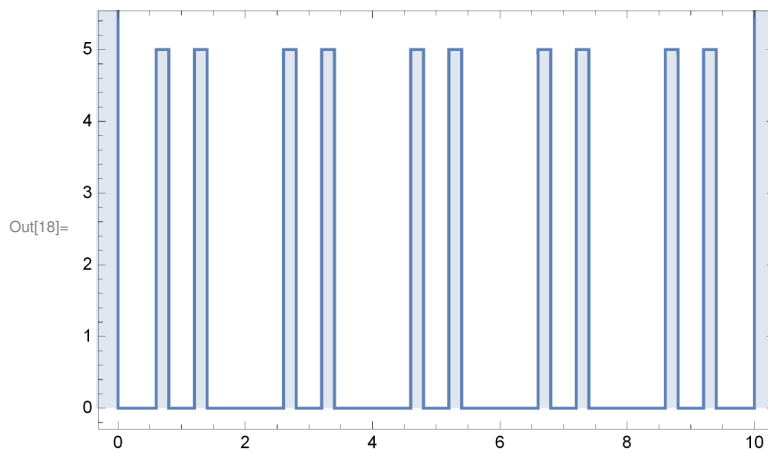
We generate the list of positions, widths and heights of the nb barriers of the KP potential. In this *example* the nb=10 barriers have width  $q=1/6$ , height  $v_0=100$  and they are placed at the middle of each unit cell. The shift parameter is  $u=0.1$

```
In[15]:= nb = 10; L = N[nb]; q = 1./5; v0 = 1/q; u = 0.2;
{xrVector = Table[-1./2 + k + u * (-1)^(k+1), {k, 1, nb}],
 bVector = Table[q, {k, 1, nb}],
 V0Vector = Table[v0, {k, 1, nb}]}
```

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Out[16]:= {{0.7, 1.3, 2.7, 3.3, 4.7, 5.3, 6.7, 7.3, 8.7, 9.3},
 {0.2, 0.2, 0.2, 0.2, 0.2, 0.2, 0.2, 0.2, 0.2, 0.2},
 {5., 5., 5., 5., 5., 5., 5., 5., 5., 5.}}
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The next instruction generates a plot of the potential defined above

```
In[17]:= leftWall = Plot[If[x < 0, 1.2 * v0, 0],
 {x, -1, 0.01}, Filling -> Bottom, PlotPoints -> 100, Frame -> True];
rightWall = Plot[If[x > L, 1.2 * v0, 0], {x, L - 0.01, L + 1},
 Filling -> Bottom, PlotPoints -> 100, Frame -> True];
KPpotential = Plot[Piecewise[Table[{V0Vector[[k]],
 xrVector[[k]] - bVector[[k]]/2 <= x <= xrVector[[k]] + bVector[[k]]/2,
 {k, 1, nb}]], {x, 0, nb}, Filling -> Bottom, PlotPoints -> 2000, Frame -> True];
Show[leftWall, rightWall, KPpotential, PlotRange -> {{-0.1, L + 0.1}, {0, 1.05 v0}}]
```



Evaluation of the first three gaps for the example and parameters considered in Fig. 6 ( $b=1/100$ ,  $V_0=100$ ,  $n_b=80$ ,

## $N=N_{\text{terms}}=200$ ) when $u=0.2$

### Definition of the dimerized KP system and obtention of $E_n$

We generate the list of positions, widths and heights of the nb barriers of the KP potential.  
In this *example* the nb=80, b=q=1/100, v0=100, N=Nterms=200 and u=0.2

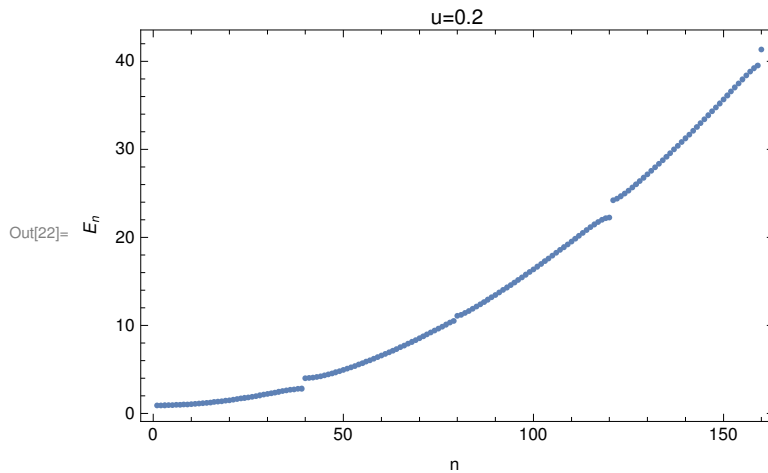
```
In[19]:= nb = 80; L = N[nb]; q = 1./100; v0 = 1/q; u = 0.2;
{xrVector = Table[-1./2 + k + u*(-1)^(k+1), {k, 1, nb}],
 bVector = Table[q, {k, 1, nb}],
 v0Vector = Table[v0, {k, 1, nb}]};
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The vector of the first N=Nterms energies  $E_n$  is calculated by means of the function EnV for u=0.2

```
In[21]:= Nterms = 200; Energies = EnV[Nterms, L, v0Vector, xrVector, bVector]
Out[21]:= {0.92555, 0.930041, 0.937524, 0.947998, 0.96146, 0.977908, 0.997337, 1.01974,
 1.04512, 1.07346, 1.10476, 1.139, 1.17618, 1.21628, 1.25928, 1.30518, 1.35394,
 1.40554, 1.45995, 1.51714, 1.57706, 1.63967, 1.70488, 1.77264, 1.84284,
 1.91536, 1.99004, 2.0667, 2.14506, 2.22479, 2.30544, 2.38638, 2.46677,
 2.54542, 2.62066, 2.69017, 2.75081, 2.7986, 2.82921, 4.02399, 4.05017, 4.0898,
 4.15275, 4.2347, 4.33166, 4.44049, 4.55887, 4.68514, 4.8181, 4.9569, 5.10092,
 5.24972, 5.40293, 5.56032, 5.72167, 5.88683, 6.05567, 6.2281, 6.40403,
 6.5834, 6.76615, 6.95222, 7.14159, 7.3342, 7.53002, 7.72902, 7.93116, 8.1364,
 8.34471, 8.55602, 8.77027, 8.98737, 9.20717, 9.42944, 9.6538, 9.87949,
 10.1048, 10.3253, 10.5243, 11.1002, 11.2058, 11.4141, 11.65, 11.897, 12.1505,
 12.4088, 12.6712, 12.9374, 13.207, 13.48, 13.7562, 14.0355, 14.318, 14.6036,
 14.8922, 15.1839, 15.4785, 15.776, 16.0765, 16.3799, 16.686, 16.9949,
 17.3066, 17.6208, 17.9376, 18.2568, 18.5783, 18.9018, 19.227, 19.5536, 19.881,
 20.2085, 20.5349, 20.8583, 21.1758, 21.482, 21.7678, 22.0154, 22.1934,
 22.2588, 24.2374, 24.4242, 24.6867, 24.9935, 25.327, 25.6778, 26.0407,
 26.4128, 26.7921, 27.1775, 27.5682, 27.9636, 28.3635, 28.7674, 29.1752,
 29.5866, 30.0017, 30.4202, 30.8421, 31.2672, 31.6956, 32.1271, 32.5617,
 32.9993, 33.4398, 33.8831, 34.3291, 34.7777, 35.2287, 35.6818, 36.1367,
 36.5929, 37.0496, 37.5054, 37.9584, 38.4044, 38.8353, 39.2322, 39.5478,
 41.3653, 41.5003, 41.8252, 42.2378, 42.6905, 43.1647, 43.652, 44.1486, 44.6521,
 45.1615, 45.6758, 46.1947, 46.7177, 47.2446, 47.7753, 48.3096, 48.8474,
 49.3887, 49.9334, 50.4814, 51.0327, 51.5872, 52.1451, 52.7061, 53.2704,
 53.8379, 54.4085, 54.9824, 55.5594, 56.1395, 56.7228, 57.3093, 57.8989,
 58.4916, 59.0875, 59.6865, 60.2886, 60.8938, 61.5022, 62.1137, 62.7133}
```

Plot of the energies  $E_n$  obtained by means of the matrix method versus  $n$  for  $u=0.2$

```
In[22]:= ListPlot[Table[{n, Energies[[n]]}, {n, 1, 2 * nb}], Frame → True,
  FrameLabel -> {"n ", "En"}, PlotLabel → StringJoin[{"u=", ToString[u]}]]
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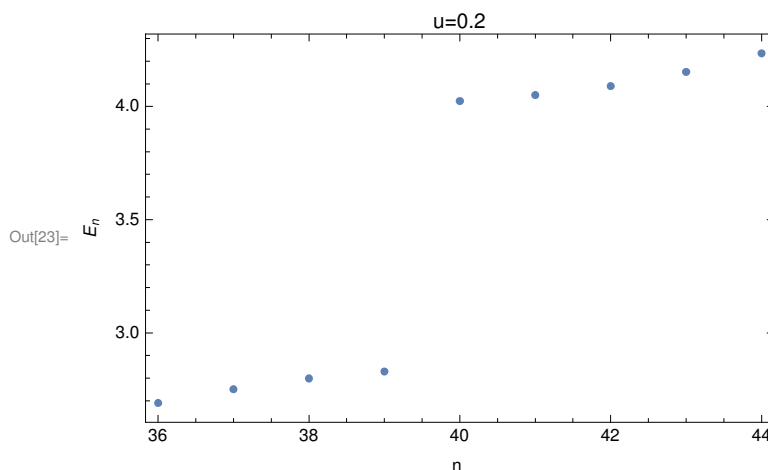
## Evaluation of the gaps

### First gap

A zoom around the *first* gap and energies of the near levels for  $u=0.2$

```
In[23]:= zoom = Table[{n, Energies[[n]]}, {n, nb/2 - 4, nb/2 + 4}];
Print[{"n ", "En"}, "=", zoom]; ListPlot[zoom, Frame → True,
  FrameLabel -> {"n ", "En"}, PlotLabel → StringJoin[{"u=", ToString[u]}]]

{n , En}={{36, 2.69017}, {37, 2.75081}, {38, 2.7986}, {39, 2.82921},
  {40, 4.02399}, {41, 4.05017}, {42, 4.0898}, {43, 4.15275}, {44, 4.2347}}
```



A crude estimation of the *first* gap that appears between  $n=39 \equiv \text{ngap}$  and  $n=40$  for the sifth  $u=0.2$

```
In[24]:= ngap = 39; {StringJoin[{"u=", ToString[u]}],
  Energies[[ngap + 1]] - Energies[[ngap]]}
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Out[24]= {u=0.2, 1.19479}

The improved estimation of the *first* gap that appears between  $n=39 \equiv \text{ngap}$  and  $n=40$  for  $u=0.2$ , obtained as the difference between the extrapolation value at the middle point from the right,  $E_{n+1} - (E_{n+2} - E_{n+1})/2$ , and from the left,  $E_n - (E_{n+1} - E_{n-1})/2$ .

```
In[25]:= ngap = 39;
ExtrapolationValueFromTheRight =
  Energies[[ngap + 1]] - (Energies[[ngap + 2]] - Energies[[ngap + 1]]) / 2;
ExtrapolationValueFromTheLeft =
  Energies[[ngap]] + (Energies[[ngap]] - Energies[[ngap - 1]]) / 2;
Print[StringJoin[{"Extrapolation value from the right=",
  ToString[ExtrapolationValueFromTheRight]}]];
Print[StringJoin[{"Extrapolation value from the left=",
  ToString[ExtrapolationValueFromTheLeft]}]];
ImprovedValueOfTheGap = ExtrapolationValueFromTheRight -
  ExtrapolationValueFromTheLeft

Extrapolation value from the right=4.0109
Extrapolation value from the left=2.84451

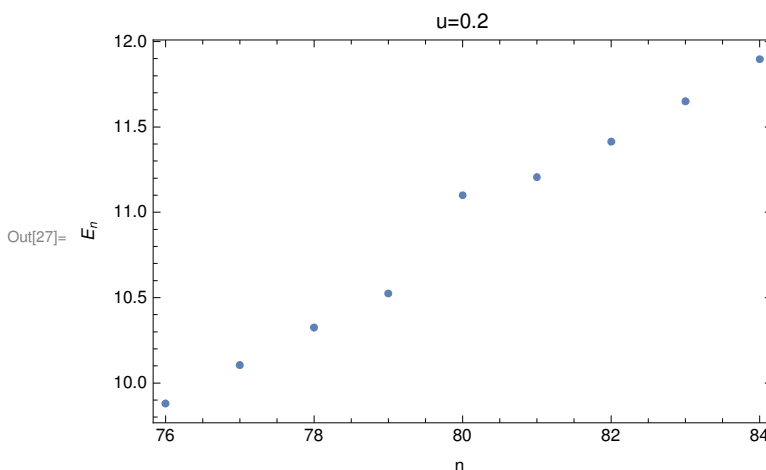
Out[26]= 1.16639
```

## Second gap

A zoom around the *second* gap and energies of the near levels for  $u=0.2$

```
In[27]:= zoom = Table[{n, Energies[[n]]}, {n, nb - 4, nb + 4}];
Print[{"n ", "En"}, "=", zoom]; ListPlot[zoom, Frame → True,
  FrameLabel -> {"n ", "En"}, PlotLabel -> StringJoin[{"u=", ToString[u]}]]

{n , En}={{76, 9.87949}, {77, 10.1048}, {78, 10.3253}, {79, 10.5243},
  {80, 11.1002}, {81, 11.2058}, {82, 11.4141}, {83, 11.65}, {84, 11.897}}
```



A crude estimation of the *second* gap that appears between  $n=79 \equiv \text{ngap}$  and  $n=80$  for  $u=0.2$

```
In[28]:= ngap = 79; Energies[[ngap + 1]] - Energies[[ngap]]

Out[28]= 0.575834
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The improved estimation of the *second* gap that appears between  $n=79 \equiv \text{ngap}$  and  $n=80$  for  $u=0.2$ , obtained as the difference between the extrapolation value at the middle point from the right,  $E_{n+1} - (E_{n+2} - E_{n+1})/2$ , and from the left,  $E_n - (E_{n+1} - E_n)/2$ .

```
In[29]:= ngap = 79;
ExtrapolationValueFromTheRight =
  Energies[[ngap + 1]] - (Energies[[ngap + 2]] - Energies[[ngap + 1]]) / 2;
ExtrapolationValueFromTheLeft =
  Energies[[ngap]] + (Energies[[ngap]] - Energies[[ngap - 1]]) / 2;
Print[StringJoin[{"Extrapolation value from the right=",
  ToString[ExtrapolationValueFromTheRight]}]];
Print[StringJoin[{"Extrapolation value from the left=",
  ToString[ExtrapolationValueFromTheLeft]}]];
{StringJoin[{"u=", ToString[u]}], ImprovedValueOfTheGap =
  ExtrapolationValueFromTheRight - ExtrapolationValueFromTheLeft}

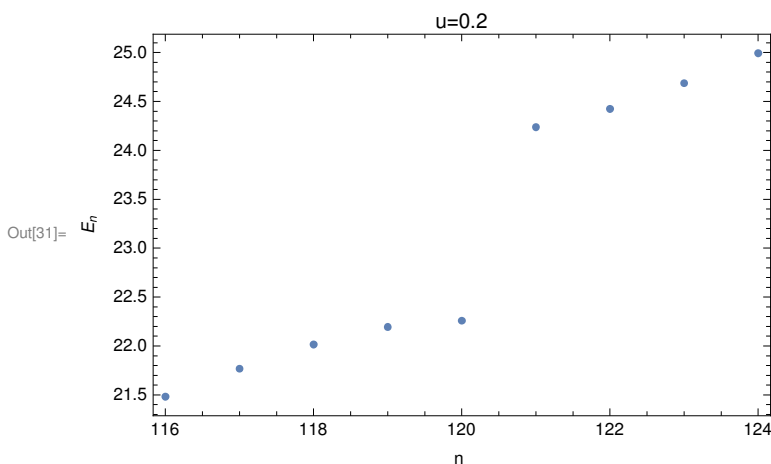
Extrapolation value from the right=11.0473
Extrapolation value from the left=10.6239
Out[30]= {u=0.2, 0.423478}
```

## Third gap

A zoom around the *third* gap and energies of the near levels for  $u=0.2$

```
In[31]:= zoom = Table[{n, Energies[[n]]}, {n, 3 nb / 2 - 4, 3 nb / 2 + 4}];
Print[{"n ", "En", "=", zoom]; ListPlot[zoom, Frame → True,
  FrameLabel -> {"n ", "En"}, PlotLabel -> StringJoin[{"u=", ToString[u]}]]

{n , En}={{116, 21.482}, {117, 21.7678}, {118, 22.0154}, {119, 22.1934},
  {120, 22.2588}, {121, 24.2374}, {122, 24.4242}, {123, 24.6867}, {124, 24.9935}}
```



A crude estimation of the *third* gap that appears between  $n=120 \equiv \text{ngap}$  and  $n=121$  for  $u=0.2$

```
In[32]:= ngap = 120; Energies[[ngap + 1]] - Energies[[ngap]]

Out[32]= 1.97866
```

The improved estimation of the *third* gap that appears between  $n=120 \equiv \text{ngap}$  and  $n=121$  for  $u=0.2$ , obtained as the difference between the extrapolation value at the middle point from the right,  $E_{n+1} - (E_{n+2} - E_{n+1})/2$ , and from the left,  $E_n - (E_{n+1} - E_{n-1})/2$ .

```
In[33]:= ngap = 120;
ExtrapolationValueFromTheRight =
  Energies[[ngap + 1]] - (Energies[[ngap + 2]] - Energies[[ngap + 1]]) / 2;
ExtrapolationValueFromTheLeft =
  Energies[[ngap]] + (Energies[[ngap]] - Energies[[ngap - 1]]) / 2;
Print[StringJoin[{"Extrapolation value from the right=",
  ToString[ExtrapolationValueFromTheRight]}]];
Print[StringJoin[{"Extrapolation value from the left=",
  ToString[ExtrapolationValueFromTheLeft]}]];
{StringJoin[{"u=", ToString[u]}], ImprovedValueOfTheGap =
  ExtrapolationValueFromTheRight - ExtrapolationValueFromTheLeft}

Extrapolation value from the right=24.144
Extrapolation value from the left=22.2914

Out[34]= {u=0.2, 1.8526}
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