

Avoiding Local Parametrix Problems

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Orthogonal Polynomials on $[-1, 1]$

Notation and conventions for this talk:

- $p_n(x)$ will denote **monic** orthogonal polynomials
- orthogonality measure $d\mu(x) = \rho(x)dx$ satisfies the **Szegő condition**:

$$\int_{-1}^1 \frac{\log \rho(z)}{\sqrt{1-z^2}} dz > -\infty$$

- $\rho(z)$ will satisfy additional **analyticity conditions** for the R-H analysis (later)

Plancherel–Rotach Asymptotics

Theorem (Szegő)

Assume $d\mu = \rho(z)dz$ satisfies the Szegő condition and let $D(z)$ be the Szegő function

$$D(z) := \exp\left(\frac{\sqrt{z^2 - 1}}{2\pi} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{\log \rho(x)}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}} \frac{dx}{z - x}\right), \quad D_\infty := \lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} D(z),$$

which is holomorphic on $\mathbb{C} \setminus [-1, 1]$. Then

$$p_n(z) = \frac{D_\infty}{D(z)} \overbrace{\frac{\varphi(z)^{n+1/2}}{2^{n+1/2}(z^2 - 1)^{1/4}}}^{\approx z^n} (1 + \varepsilon_n(z))$$

where $\varphi(z) = z + \sqrt{z^2 - 1}$, $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [-1, 1]$ and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \varepsilon_n(z) = 0, \quad z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [-1, 1]$$

Simplified Relation

Just think!

$$p_n(z) \sim \frac{z^n D_\infty}{D(z)} (1 + \varepsilon_n(z))$$

where $D(z)$ is explicitly computable from the weight function $\rho(x)$.

We want to bound $\varepsilon_n(z) \Leftarrow$ R-H method

R-H Problem for Orthogonal Polynomials

Theorem (Fokas, Its, Kitaev '91)

Let $\rho(z)$ be integrable on $[-1, 1]$. Find a 2×2 matrix valued function $Y^n(z)$ such that

- $Y^n(z)$ has holomorphic entries in $\mathbb{C} \setminus [-1, 1]$.

- $Y_+^n(z) = Y_-^n(z) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho(z) \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad z \in (-1, 1)$

- $\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} Y^n(z) \begin{pmatrix} z^{-n} & 0 \\ 0 & z^n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

Then $(Y^n(z))_{11} = p_n(z)$, where $p_n(z)$ is the n -th monic orthogonal polynomial associated to the weight function $\rho(x)$.

R-H Problem for Orthogonal Polynomials

In fact we have

$$Y^n(z) = \begin{pmatrix} p_n(z) & \mathcal{C}^{(-1,1)}(p_n \rho)(z) \\ \gamma_{n-1} p_{n-1}(z) & \gamma_{n-1} \mathcal{C}^{(-1,1)}(p_{n-1} \rho)(z) \end{pmatrix}$$

where $\gamma_n := -2\pi i \|p_n\|_{L^2((-1,1), \rho(x) dx)}^{-2}$ is a **normalization constant** and

$$\mathcal{C}^\Sigma : L^2(\Sigma) \rightarrow \mathcal{O}(\mathbb{C} \setminus \Sigma), \quad \Phi(k) \mapsto \mathcal{C}^\Sigma \Phi(z) := \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_\Sigma \frac{\Phi(k)}{k - z} dk$$

is the **Cauchy operator** (convolution with the Cauchy kernel $(k - z)^{-1}$).

Known Results

The R-H characterization of orthogonal polynomials can be used to compute the convergence rate $\varepsilon_n(z)$ for certain **smooth** $\rho(z)$.

Theorem (Kuijlaars, McLaughlin, Van Assche, Vanlessen '04)

Assume the weight function $\rho_{Jac}(z)$ has the form

$$\rho_{Jac}(z) = (1 - z)^\alpha (1 + z)^\beta h(z)$$

where $\alpha, \beta > -1$ and h has an analytic continuation to a neighbourhood of $[-1, 1]$. Then

$$\varepsilon_n(z) \sim \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Pi_k(z)}{n^k}$$

where the $\Pi_k(z)$ can be explicitly computed and the expansion is uniform away from $[-1, 1]$. In particular $\varepsilon_n(z) = O(n^{-1})$.

A. Kuijlaars, K.T-R McLaughlin, W. Van Assche and M. Vanlessen, *The Riemann–Hilbert approach to strong asymptotics for orthogonal polynomials on $[-1, 1]$* , Adv. Math. **188**(2), 337–398 (2004).

Nonlinear steepest descent analysis

Problem: Y^n has not a suitable form for analysis (no partition into n -dependent and n -independent part...)

Define

$$T^n(z) := \begin{pmatrix} 2^n & 0 \\ 0 & 2^{-n} \end{pmatrix} Y^n(z) \begin{pmatrix} \varphi(z)^{-n} & 0 \\ 0 & \varphi(z)^n \end{pmatrix}$$

Then (note $\varphi(z) = z + \sqrt{z^2 - 1}$, $\varphi_+(z)\varphi_-(z) = 1$, $z \in (-1, 1)$)

- $T_+^n(z) = T_-^n(z) \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_+(z)^{-2n} & \rho(z) \\ 0 & \varphi_-(z)^{-2n} \end{pmatrix}$, $z \in (-1, 1)$
- $\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} T^n(z) = \mathbb{1}$

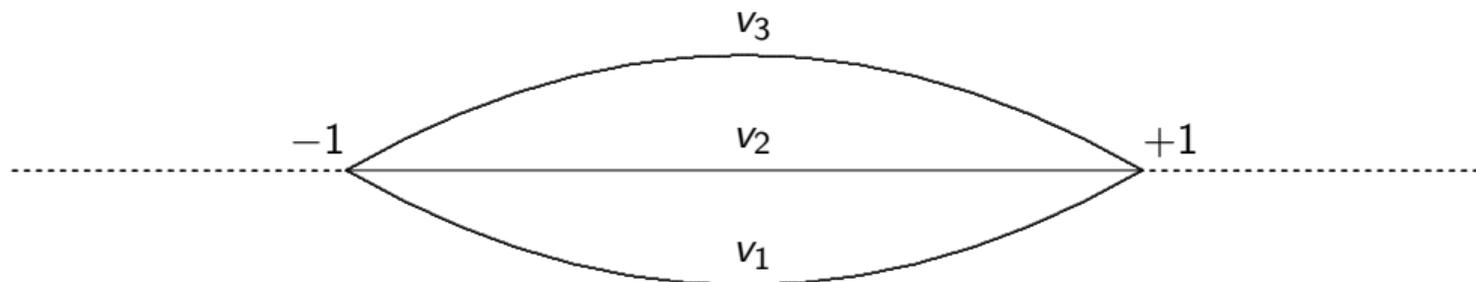
\Rightarrow n -dependence in the jump matrices + normalization at infinity.

Opening of the Lense

Factorize the jump matrix:

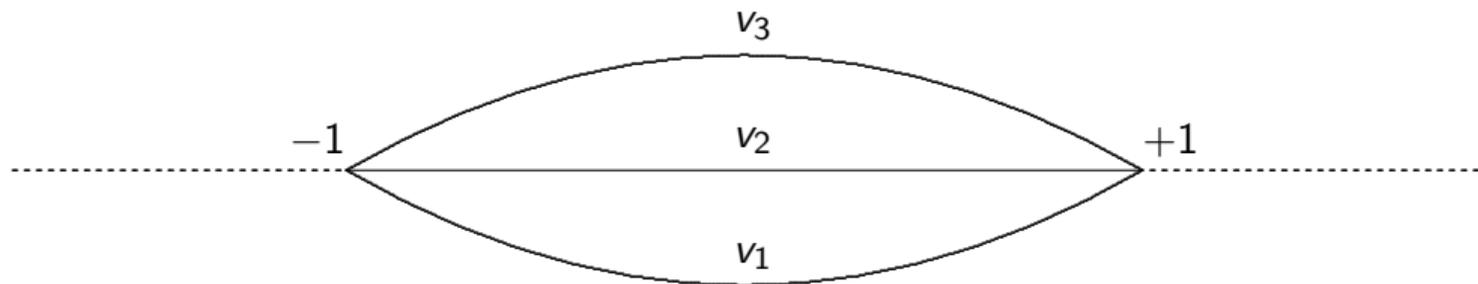
$$\begin{pmatrix} \varphi_+(z)^{-2n} & \rho(z) \\ 0 & \varphi_-(z)^{-2n} \end{pmatrix} = \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \rho(z)^{-1} \varphi_-(z)^{-2n} & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{=:v_1} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \rho(z) \\ -\rho(z)^{-1} & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{=:v_2} \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \rho(z)^{-1} \varphi_+(z)^{-2n} & 1 \end{pmatrix}}_{=:v_3}$$

and **split** the jump contour accordingly:



Note: $\varphi(z)^{-2n} \rightarrow 0$ uniformly away ± 1 , as $\varphi(z) > 1$ for $z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [-1, 1]$!

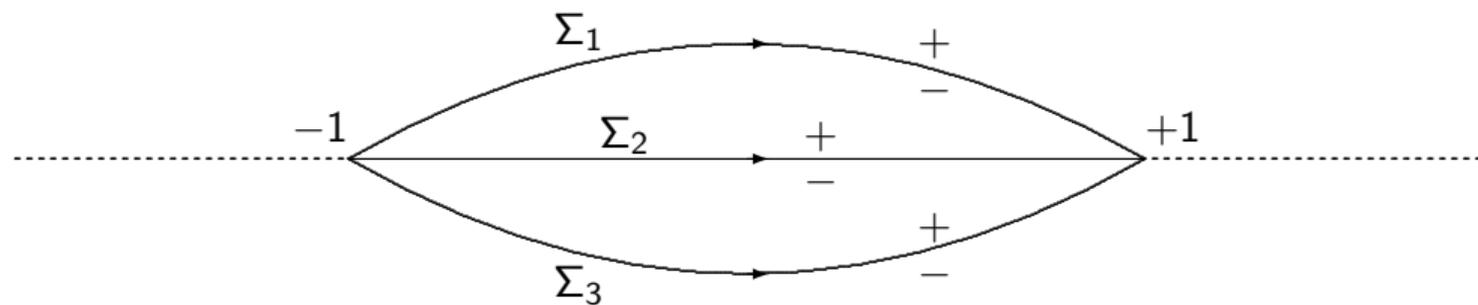
Solution inside the Lense



The new solution will have a different form **inside the lense**:

$$S^n(z) = \begin{cases} T^n(z), & z \text{ outside of the lense} \\ T^n(z) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -\rho(z)^{-1}\varphi(z)^{-2n} & 1 \end{pmatrix}, & z \text{ in the upper part of the lense} \\ T^n(z) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \rho(z)^{-1}\varphi(z)^{-2n} & 1 \end{pmatrix}, & z \text{ in the lower part of the lense} \end{cases}$$

R-H Problem for S^n



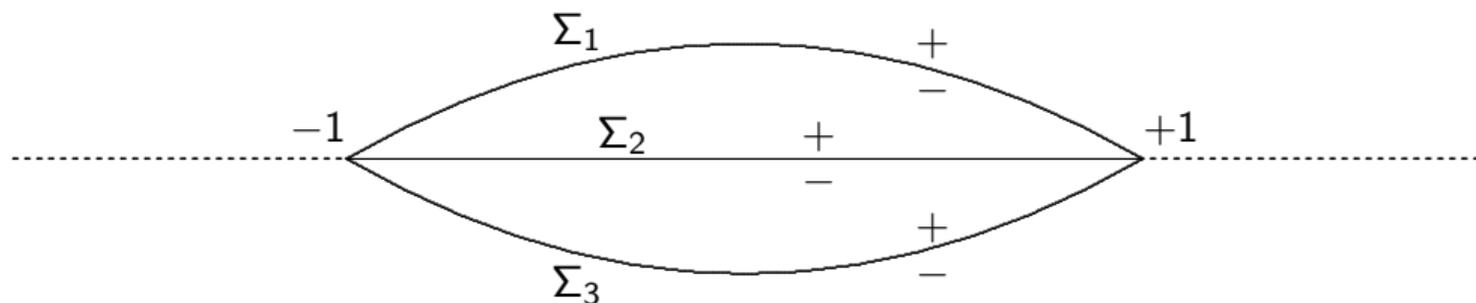
Jump condition:

$$S_+^n(k) = S_-^n(k)v_S^n(k)$$

where

$$v_S^n(k) = \begin{cases} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \rho(k)^{-1}\varphi(k)^{-2n} & 1 \end{pmatrix}, & \text{for } k \in \Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_3, \\ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \rho(k) \\ -\rho(k)^{-1} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, & \text{for } k \in \Sigma_2 = (-1, 1), \end{cases}$$

Behaviour of v_S^n



$v_S^n(k)$ is n -independent for $k \in [-1, 1]$.

$$v_S^n(k) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \underbrace{O(\rho(k)^{-1} \varphi(k)^{-2n})}_{\rightarrow 0 \text{ uniformly away from } \pm 1}, \quad k \in \Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_3$$

Because,

$$|\varphi(z)| > 1, \quad z \in \mathbb{C} \setminus [-1, 1]$$

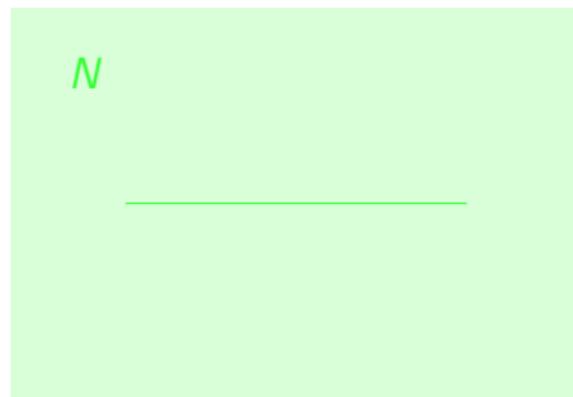
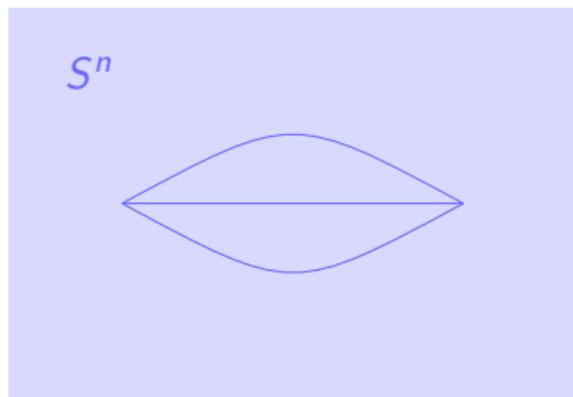
$$\lim_{z \rightarrow k} |\varphi(z)| = 1, \quad k \in [-1, 1]$$

R-H Solutions S^n and N

Partition of R-H problems into **constant** and **decaying** parts

We now ignore the jump matrix on $\Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_3$:

\Rightarrow We get a R-H problem for N with jump **only on** $[-1, 1]$:



The Model R-H problem for N

We get the **model problem** (outer parametrix problem)

$$N_+(k) = N_-(k) \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \rho(k) \\ -\rho(k)^{-1} & 0 \end{pmatrix}}_{=:v_{\mathcal{N}}(k)}, \quad k \in (-1, 1)$$

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} N(z) = \mathbb{1}$$

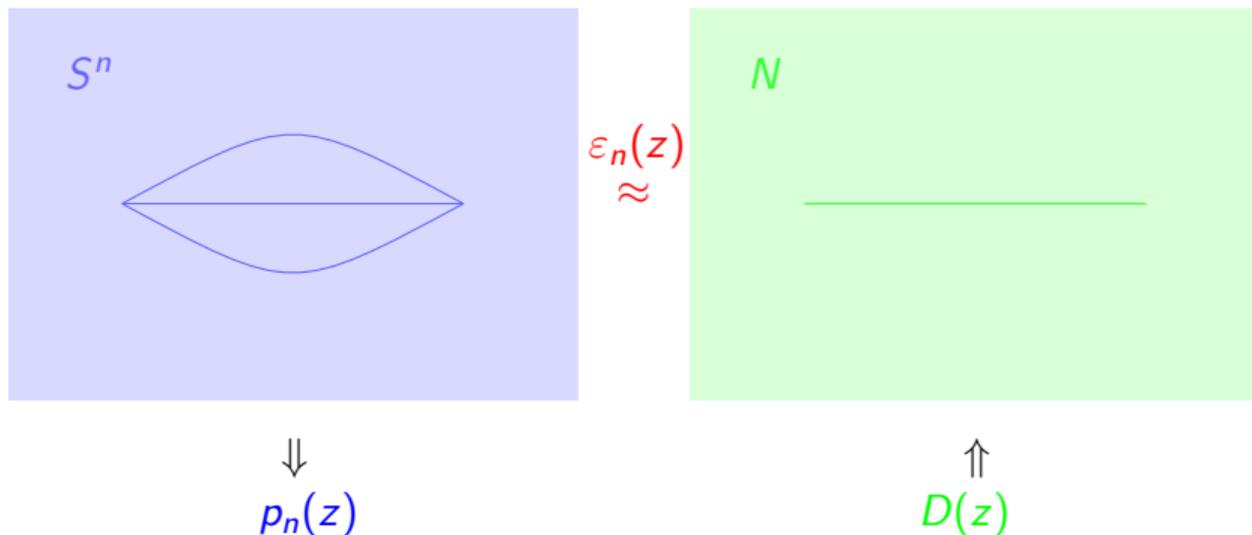
This R-H problem is explicitly solvable:

$$N(z) = \begin{pmatrix} D_\infty & 0 \\ 0 & D_\infty^{-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{a(z) + a(z)^{-1}}{2} & \frac{a(z) - a(z)^{-1}}{2i} \\ \frac{a(z) - a(z)^{-1}}{-2i} & \frac{a(z) + a(z)^{-1}}{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} D(z) & 0 \\ 0 & D(z)^{-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Here $a(z) = \left(\frac{z-1}{z+1}\right)^{1/4}$.

Solutions S^n and N cont.

Recall: $p_n(z) \sim D(z)^{-1}(1 + \varepsilon_n(z))$



Problem: Jump matrices are not close in the ∞ -norm to each other!

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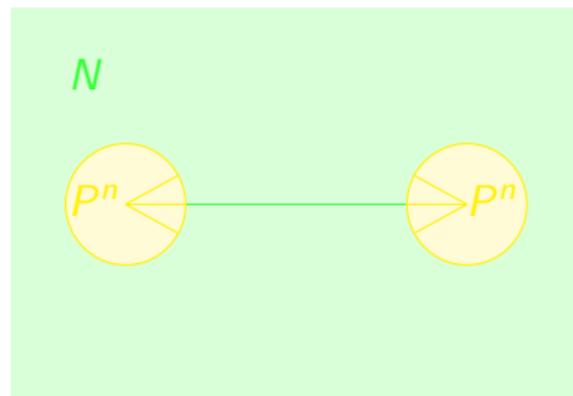
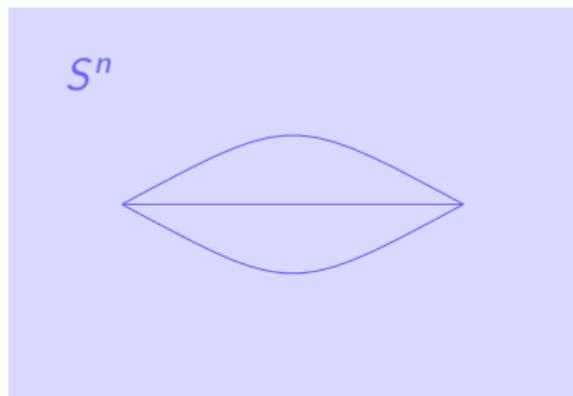
$$v_S^n(k) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \underbrace{O(\rho(k)^{-1} \varphi(k)^{-2n})}_{\rightarrow 0 \text{ uniformly away from } \pm 1}, \quad k \in \Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_3$$

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such that

- jumps of S^n and P^n match inside the discs
- $\|N - P^n\|_\infty \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ on the boundary of the discs

Local Parametrix Problem

All P^n , $n \in \mathbb{N}$ are derived from an \hat{P}^∞ .

\Rightarrow need to solve a local parametrix (Bessel, Airy, ...) R-H problem for \hat{P}^∞

Deriving the \hat{P}^∞ R-H Problem

The local parametrix problem \hat{P}^∞ is obtained from P^n through

- An n -dependent change of variables $z \rightarrow \zeta$,
- Conjugation to make the jump matrices ζ -independent
- A limit $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Bessel Parametrix Problem

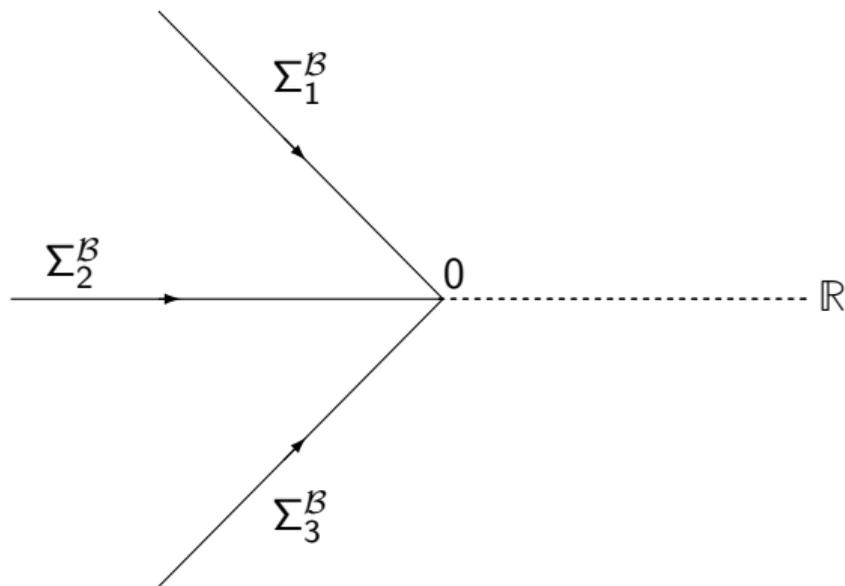


Figure: Contour for the Bessel R-H problem

Bessel Parametrix Problem

The choice $\rho_{\text{Jac}}(z) = (1 - z)^\alpha(1 + z)^\beta h(z)$ leads to the following local parametrix problem around $z = +1$:

$$\widehat{P}_+^\infty(\zeta) = \widehat{P}_-^\infty(\zeta)v_B(\zeta) \quad \text{with} \quad v_B(\zeta) = \begin{cases} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ e^{\alpha\pi i} & 1 \end{pmatrix}, & \text{for } \zeta \in \Sigma_1^B, \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ e^{-\alpha\pi i} & 1 \end{pmatrix}, & \text{for } \zeta \in \Sigma_3^B, \\ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, & \text{for } \zeta \in \Sigma_2^B. \end{cases}$$

$$\widehat{P}_-^\infty(\zeta) \rightarrow (2\pi\zeta^{1/2})^{-\sigma_3/2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\begin{pmatrix} 1 & i \\ i & 1 \end{pmatrix} + o(1) \right) e^{2\zeta^{1/2}\sigma_3}$$

uniformly as $\zeta \rightarrow \infty$. **Note:** Jump matrices do not depend on ζ

Analytic Continuation

Problem: requires analytic continuation properties of $\rho(z)$ in the yellow disc!

Recall: Kuijlaars et al considered the weight function

$$\rho_{\text{Jac}}(z) = (1 - z)^\alpha (1 + z)^\beta h(z)$$

where $h(x)$ has an **analytic continuation** in a neighbourhood of $[-1, 1]$.

- $(1 - z)^\alpha$, $(1 + z)^\beta$ introduce **multiplicative** jump conditions.
- \Rightarrow Local parametrix problem and solution \hat{P}^∞ can be computed 😊

Logarithmic Weight Function

O. Conway, P. Deift considered recently the logarithmic weight

$$\rho_{\log}(z) = \log \frac{2c}{1-z}, \quad z \in (-1, 1), \quad c > 1.$$

The logarithm introduces an additional jump conditions.

T. O. Conway and P. Deift, *Asymptotics of Polynomials Orthogonal with respect to a Logarithmic Weight*, SIGMA **14**, 056, 66 pages (2018).

Logarithmic parametrix problem

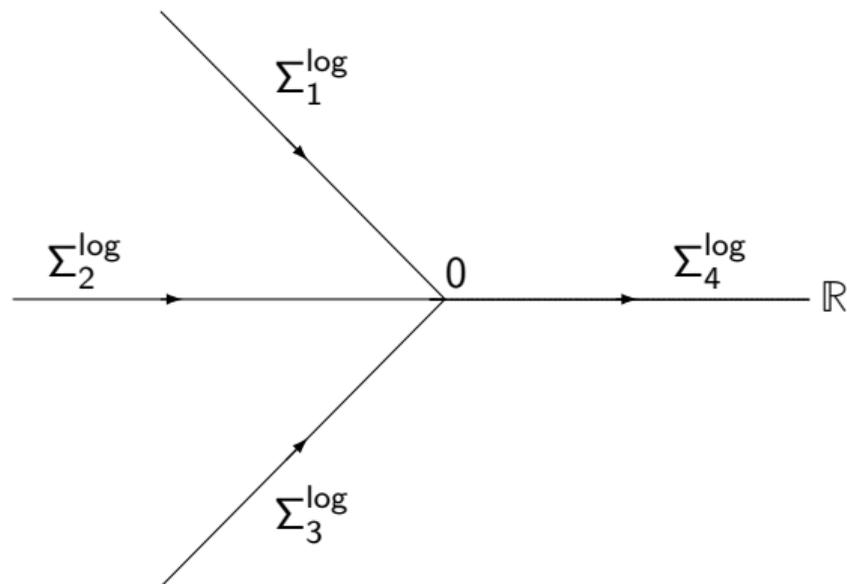


Figure: Contour for logarithmic local parametrix problem

Note: There is an additional jump contour Σ_4^{\log}

Logarithmic parametrix problem cont.

$$\widehat{P}_+^\infty(\zeta) = \widehat{P}_-^\infty(\zeta) v_{\log}(\zeta) \quad \text{with} \quad v_{\log}(\zeta) = \begin{cases} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, & \text{for } \zeta \in \Sigma_1^{\log}, \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, & \text{for } \zeta \in \Sigma_3^{\log}, \\ \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, & \text{for } \zeta \in \Sigma_2^{\log}. \\ \left(\sqrt{\frac{\log |\frac{2k}{\zeta}| + i\pi}{\log |\frac{2k}{\zeta}| - i\pi}} \right)^{\sigma_3}, & \text{for } z \in \Sigma_4^{\log} \end{cases}$$

No solution to the above R-H problem is known ☹️

The authors avoided this issue through a comparison to the Legendre problem ($\rho_{Leg}(z) \equiv 1$).

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The Cauchy Integral Operator

Let $\Phi(k) \in L^2(\Sigma)$. Define the **Cauchy Operator** \mathcal{C}^Σ by

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$$\Phi(k) \mapsto \mathcal{C}^\Sigma \Phi(z) := \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_\Sigma \frac{\Phi(k)}{k - z} dk$$

Define the **Cauchy Boundary Operators** \mathcal{C}_\pm^Σ by

$$\mathcal{C}_\pm^\Sigma \Phi(k) := \lim_{z \rightarrow k_\pm} \mathcal{C}^\Sigma \Phi(z)$$

$\mathcal{C}_\pm^\Sigma : L^2(\Sigma) \rightarrow L^2(\Sigma)$ are bounded linear operators.

Another Cauchy-type Integral Operator

For a Riemann–Hilbert problem with jump matrix $v(k)$ define

$$w(k) := v(k) - \mathbb{1} \in L^\infty(\Sigma)$$

and the bounded operator

$$\mathcal{C}_w^\Sigma : L^2(\Sigma) \rightarrow L^2(\Sigma), \quad \Phi(k) \mapsto \mathcal{C}_-^\Sigma(\Phi \cdot w)(k)$$

Note: $\|\mathcal{C}_w^\Sigma\|_{L^2(\Sigma) \rightarrow L^2(\Sigma)} \lesssim \|w\|_{L^\infty(\Sigma)}$

Singular Integral Formulation

Theorem (Zhou '89)

There is a bijective correspondence between normalized solutions $M(z)$ of a Riemann–Hilbert problem with $M_-(k) - \mathbb{1} \in L^2(\Sigma)$ and solutions of the associated singular integral equation

$$(\mathbb{1} - \mathcal{C}_w^\Sigma)\Phi = \mathcal{C}_-^\Sigma(w)$$

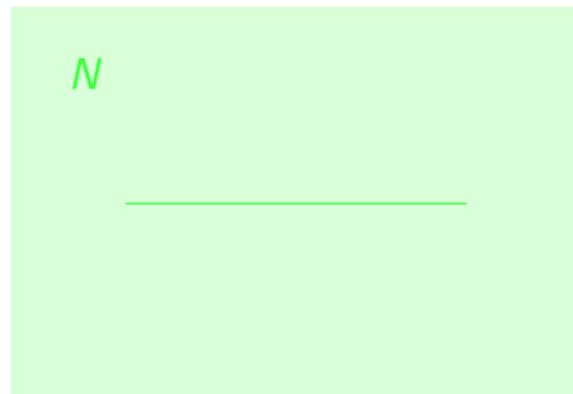
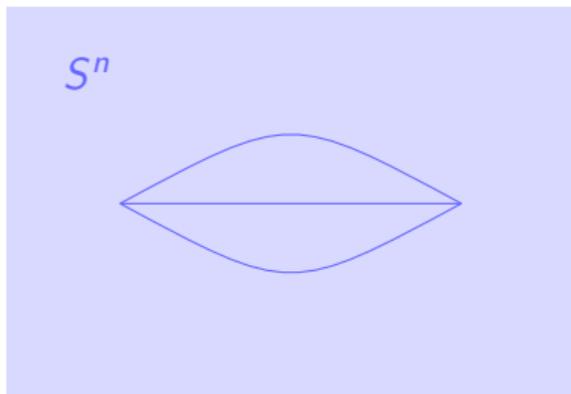
given by

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$$M(z) \longrightarrow \Phi(k) := M_-(k) - \mathbb{1}.$$

A Reminder

- The following arguments hold in various application of R-H problems.
- For illustration we will keep referring back to the orthogonal polynomials R-H problems:



Two Singular Integral Equations

Consider

$$(\mathbb{1} - \mathcal{C}_{w_N})\Phi_N = \mathcal{C}_-^\Sigma(w_N), \quad (\mathbb{1} - \mathcal{C}_{w_S^n})\Phi_S^n = \mathcal{C}_-^\Sigma(w_S^n)$$

corresponding to the R-H problems for S^n and N .

To understand the convergence rate of $\varepsilon_n(z) \rightarrow 0$, we need to understand the convergence rate of $S^n \rightarrow N$ or equivalently:

$$\Phi_S^n \rightarrow \Phi_N \quad \text{in } L^2(\Sigma), \quad n \rightarrow \infty$$

Two Singular Integral Equations

$$(\mathbb{1} - \mathcal{C}_{w_{\mathcal{N}}})\Phi_{\mathcal{N}} = \mathcal{C}_{-}^{\Sigma}(w_{\mathcal{N}}), \quad (\mathbb{1} - \mathcal{C}_{w_{\mathcal{S}}^n})\Phi_{\mathcal{S}}^n = \mathcal{C}_{-}^{\Sigma}(w_{\mathcal{S}}^n)$$

We have

$$w_{\mathcal{S}}^n \rightarrow w_{\mathcal{N}} \text{ in } L^2(\Sigma) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathcal{C}_{-}^{\Sigma}(w_{\mathcal{S}}^n) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_{-}^{\Sigma}(w_{\mathcal{N}}) \text{ in } L^2(\Sigma)$$

but

$$\|\mathcal{C}_{w_{\mathcal{S}}^n}^{\Sigma} - \mathcal{C}_{w_{\mathcal{N}}}^{\Sigma}\|_{L^2(\Sigma) \rightarrow L^2(\Sigma)} = \|\mathcal{C}_{w_{\mathcal{S}}^n - w_{\mathcal{N}}}^{\Sigma}\|_{L^2(\Sigma) \rightarrow L^2(\Sigma)} \lesssim \underbrace{\|w_{\mathcal{S}}^n - w_{\mathcal{N}}\|_{L^{\infty}(\Sigma)}}_{\neq 0}$$

The Plan

Note:

- $\|w_S^n - w_N\|_{L^p(\Sigma)} \rightarrow 0$ for $p \in [1, \infty)$.
- $w_S^n - w_N$ is concentrated around ± 1 (stationary points of the phase function)

Idea:

1. Show a priori estimates of the form:

$$\Phi_S^n = S_-^n - \mathbb{1}, \Phi_N = N - \mathbb{1} \text{ do not "blow up" around } \pm 1,$$

2. Show that $\mathcal{C}_{w_S^n} \rightarrow \mathcal{C}_{w_N}$ on the space of functions that *do not "blow up" near ± 1* ,
3. Conclude: $\Phi_S^n \rightarrow \Phi_N$ away from ± 1 .

Some Standard Assumptions

Partition $\Sigma = \Sigma^{mod} \dot{\cup} \Sigma^{exp}$

$$v_{\mathcal{N}}(k) = \begin{cases} v_S^n(k), & k \in \Sigma^{mod}, \\ \mathbb{1}, & k \in \Sigma^{exp}. \end{cases}$$

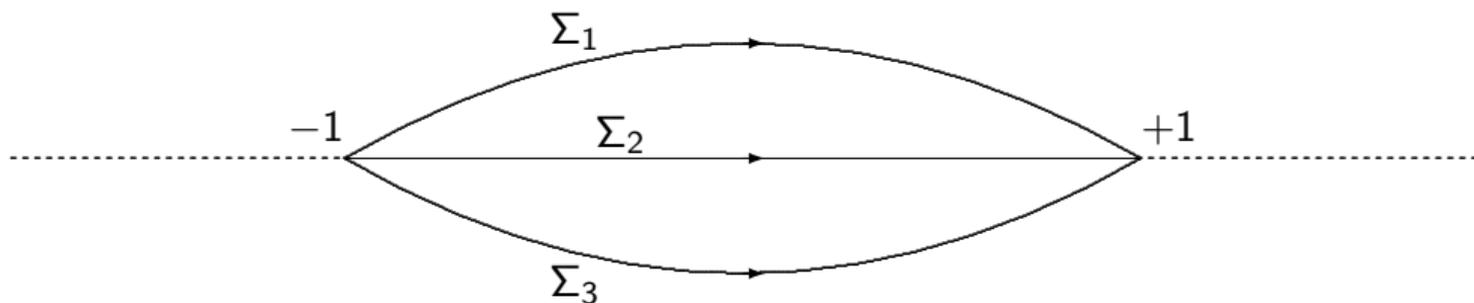
and

$$v_S^n(k) \rightarrow \mathbb{1}, \quad k \in \Sigma^{exp}$$

exponentially fast away from a finite number of points (e.g. ± 1).

Our Example

In our example $\Sigma^{\text{mod}} = (-1, 1)$, $\Sigma^{\text{exp}} = \Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_3$:



Residual R-H problem

Define $R^n := S^n N^{-1}$. Then:

$$R_+^n(k) = R_-^n(k) v_{\mathcal{R}}^n(k), \quad k \in \Sigma^{\text{exp}}$$

where

$$v_{\mathcal{R}}^n(k) = N(k) v_S^n(k) N^{-1}(k), \quad k \in \Sigma^{\text{exp}}$$

and

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} R^n(z) = \mathbb{1}.$$

The Bijection again

Recall the bijection from Zhou's Theorem:

$$\Phi(k) \longrightarrow R^n(z) := \mathbb{1} + \mathcal{C}^{\Sigma^{\text{exp}}}((\Phi + \mathbb{1})w_{\mathcal{R}}^n)(z),$$

$$R^n(z) \longrightarrow \Phi(k) := R_-^n(k) - \mathbb{1}.$$

Note:

$$\begin{aligned} R^n(z) &= \mathbb{1} + \mathcal{C}^{\Sigma^{\text{exp}}}((\Phi + \mathbb{1})w_{\mathcal{R}}^n)(z) = \mathbb{1} + \mathcal{C}^{\Sigma^{\text{exp}}}(R_-^n w_{\mathcal{R}}^n)(z) \\ &= \mathbb{1} + \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\Sigma^{\text{exp}}} \frac{R_-^n(k) w_{\mathcal{R}}^n(k)}{k - z} dk \end{aligned}$$

A Priori Estimates

So we have:

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We want **a priori estimates** on $\|S_-^n\|_{L^p(\Sigma^{\text{exp}})}$ and $\|w_S^n N^{-1}\|_{L^q(\Sigma^{\text{exp}})}$ such that

$$\|S_-^n\|_{L^p(\Sigma^{\text{exp}})} \|w_S^n N^{-1}\|_{L^q(\Sigma^{\text{exp}})} \rightarrow 0$$

A Priori Estimates cont.

Having an a priori estimates such that

$$\|S_-^n\|_{L^p(\Sigma^{\text{exp}})} \|W_S^n N^{-1}\|_{L^q(\Sigma^{\text{exp}})} \leq \delta(n) \rightarrow 0$$

we get

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or equivalently ($R^n = S^n N^{-1}$)

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Recall: $p_n(z) \sim D(z)^{-1}(1 + \varepsilon_n(z))$

Outline of the talk

1. Orthogonal Polynomials on $[-1, 1]$
2. Avoiding Local Parametrix Problems
3. Orthogonal Polynomials revisited

A Priori Estimates for S^n

Recall: S^n is built from $p_n, p_{n-1}, \mathcal{C}^{(-1,1)}(p_n\rho)$ and $\mathcal{C}^{(-1,1)}(p_{n-1}\rho)$

\Rightarrow The **a priori estimate** for $S^n(z)$ is based on the following theorem:

Theorem

Assume the weight $\rho(z), z \in (-1, 1)$ satisfies the Szegő condition. Then

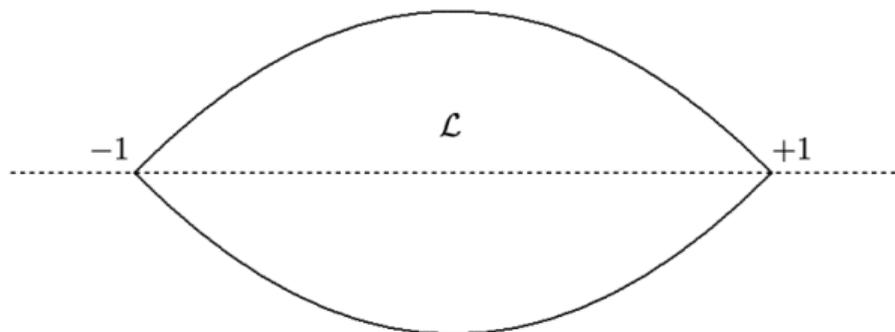
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^{-n} \|p_n\|_{L^2([-1,1], \rho(z) dz)} = \sqrt{\pi} \exp\left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{\log \rho(z)}{\sqrt{1-z^2}} dz\right).$$

A Priori Estimate for N

Note: N is built from the Szegő function $D(z)$, which depends only on $\rho(z)$ (so does w_S^n).

⇒ The **a priori estimate** for $w_S^n(z)N(z)$ is derived from the following assumptions on the weight functions $\rho(z)$, $z \in (-1, 1)$:

- $\rho(z)$ has an analytic continuation to a lense-shaped neighbourhood \mathcal{L}
- $\rho(z), \rho(z)^{-1} \in O((z \pm 1)^{-1/\nu+\delta})$ for some $\nu > 8, \delta > 0$



Lense shaped Neighbourhood \mathcal{L}

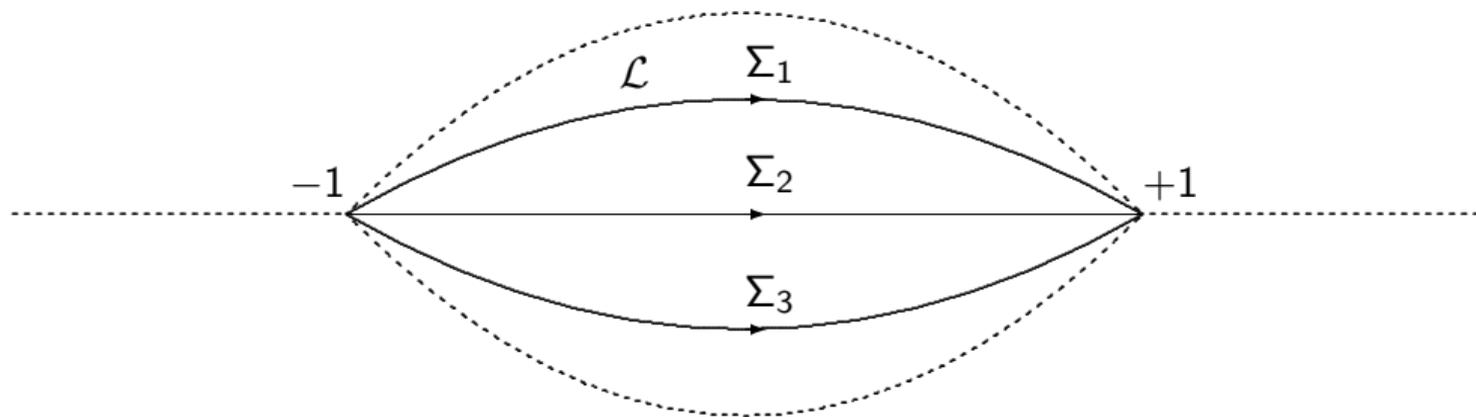


Figure: Jump contour for S .

Main Result

Theorem (P. '20)

Assume the weight function $\rho(z)$ has an analytic continuation to a lense-shaped neighbourhood \mathcal{L} , and satisfies:

$$|\rho(z)| = O(|z \pm 1|^{-1/\nu+\delta}), \quad |\rho(z)^{-1}| = O(|z \pm 1|^{-1/\nu+\delta}), \quad z \in \mathcal{L}$$

for some $\nu > 8$ and $\delta > 0$. Then the corresponding orthogonal polynomials satisfy

$$p_n(z) = D(z)^{-1} \frac{D_\infty \varphi(z)^{n+1/2}}{2^{n+1/2} (z^2 - 1)^{1/4}} \left(1 + \underbrace{O(n^{-\lambda} z^{-1})}_{= \varepsilon_n(z)} \right)$$

locally uniformly in $\mathbb{C} \setminus [-1, 1]$ and $\lambda = 1/2 - 4/\nu > 0$.

M. P., *Riemann–Hilbert Theory without local Parametrix Problems: Applications to Orthogonal Polynomials*, to appear in *J. Math. Anal. Appl.*

Recap

- We have shown how one can avoid local parametrix problems in R-H theory, provided one has certain a priori estimates.
- We have derived the a priori estimates for the R-H problem for orthogonal polynomials on $[-1, 1]$
- We obtained an improved error estimate in the Plancherel–Rotach asymptotics for the orthogonal polynomials.
- More generally, we compared two R-H problems in the coarser L^p -**norm** of the jump matrices, instead of the standard L^∞ -**norm**.

Outlook

- Find further applications for R-H problems with no known local parametrix solutions \widehat{P}^∞ ,
- Try to understand the behaviour of \widehat{P}^∞ for the logarithmic weight (see also Van Assche '99 on irrationality of $\zeta(2n+1)$ and Magnus '18),
- Derive "better" a priori estimates to improve the error terms

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Thank You!