

CUBIC COLUMN RELATIONS IN TRUNCATED MOMENT PROBLEMS

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A) Low-order polynomial approx. on subintervals of decreasing size

Commonly used Newton-Cotes formulas

$$\mathbf{T} \quad n = 1 \quad \int_a^b f(x) dx = \frac{h}{2}[f(a) + f(b)] - \frac{h^3}{12} f''(\xi)$$

$$\mathbf{S} \quad n = 2 \quad \int_a^b f(x) dx = \frac{h}{3}[f(a) + 4f(\frac{a+b}{2}) + f(b)] - \frac{h^5}{90} f^{(4)}(\xi)$$

$$\frac{3}{8} \quad n = 3 \quad \int_a^b f(x) dx = \begin{cases} \frac{3h}{8}[f(a) + 3f(a+h) + 3f(b-h) + f(b)] \\ - \frac{3h^5}{80} f^{(4)}(\xi) \end{cases}$$

$$n = 4 \quad \int_a^b f(x) dx = \begin{cases} \frac{2h}{45}[7f(a) + 32f(a+h) + 12f(\frac{a+b}{2}) \\ + 32f(b-h) + 7f(b)] - \frac{8h^7}{945} f^{(6)}(\xi) \end{cases}$$

B) Polynomial approximation of increasing degree, using fewer, strategically-placed nodes

DEFINITION

A quadrature (or cubature) rule of size p and precision m is a numerical integration formula which uses p nodes, is exact for all polynomials of degree at most m , and fails to recover the integral of some polynomial of degree $m + 1$.

Gaussian Quadrature (size n , precision $2n - 1$)

$$\int_{-1}^1 f(t) dt = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \rho_j f(t_j^{(n)}) \text{ for every polynomial } f \in \mathbf{R}_{2n-1}[t]$$

(Gaussian means minimum number of nodes possible)

Interpolating Equations:

$$\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \rho_j t_j^k = \int_{-1}^1 t^k dt = \begin{cases} 0 & k = 1, 3, \dots, 2n-1 \\ \frac{2}{k+1} & k = 0, 2, \dots, 2n-2 \end{cases}$$

Example: $n = 2$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{rcl} \rho_0 + \rho_1 & = & 2 \\ \rho_0 t_0 + \rho_1 t_1 & = & 0 \\ \rho_0 t_0^2 + \rho_1 t_1^2 & = & \frac{2}{3} \\ \rho_0 t_0^3 + \rho_1 t_1^3 & = & 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\rho_0 = \rho_1 = 1; \quad t_0 = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}, \quad t_1 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}.$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 \sum_{k=0}^3 a_k t^k = \sum_{j=0}^1 \rho_j \sum_{k=0}^3 a_k t_j^k$$

NA textbooks prove this by using orthogonal Legendre polynomials
($t_0 < \dots < t_{n-1}$ are the zeros of the n th Legendre polynomial)

(RC-L. Fialkow, 1990) Can do this as follows:

$\gamma_0 := 2$, $\gamma_1 := 0$, $\gamma_2 := \frac{2}{3}$, $\gamma_3 := 0$, $\gamma_4 := \frac{2}{5}$, etc.

Assume n even, and form the Hankel matrix

$$H(n) := \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & \frac{2}{3} & \cdots & 0 & \frac{2}{n+1} \\ 0 & \frac{2}{3} & 0 & \cdots & \frac{2}{n+1} & 0 \\ \frac{2}{3} & 0 & \cdots & 0 & \frac{2}{n+3} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ 0 & \frac{2}{n+1} & 0 & \cdots & \frac{2}{2n-1} & 0 \\ \frac{2}{n+1} & 0 & \frac{2}{n+3} & \cdots & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

label the columns $1, T, T^2, \dots$,

observe that $T^n = \varphi_0 1 + \dots + \varphi_{n-1} T^{n-1}$,

build the polynomial

$$g(t) := t^n - (\varphi_0 + \dots + \varphi_{n-1} t^{n-1}),$$

(non-iterative construction of Legendre polynomials)

find its zeros ($t_0 < \dots < t_{n-1}$),

and compute the densities using the Vandermonde system

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ t_0 & t_1 & \cdots & t_{n-1} \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots \\ t_0^{n-1} & t_1^{n-1} & \cdots & t_{n-1}^{n-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \rho_0 \\ \rho_1 \\ \cdots \\ \rho_{n-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_0 \\ \gamma_1 \\ \cdots \\ \gamma_{n-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

With K. Clouse (1996 honors undergrad at Iowa) we checked that Gaussian quadrature together with [Tot] makes approximation very precise:

$$\int_0^1 f(t) dt \cong \int_0^1 B_{2n-1}(f)(t) dt = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \rho_j B_{2n-1}(f)(t_j^{(n)})$$

for $f(t) = e^{-t^2}$, $\sin(\sin x)$, $\ln(x^2 + 1)$, $\sin(e^x)$, $\frac{e^x}{x}$, $\sqrt{4 + x^3}$, $\frac{\sin x}{\pi + x}$.

The basic idea is to augment the original Hankel matrix by one row and one column at a time, preserving the rank (which a fortiori preserves positivity):

$$H(n) \prec H(n+1) \prec \dots H(\infty)$$

Then define

$$\langle p, q \rangle_{H(\infty)} := (H(\infty)\widehat{p}, \widehat{q})_{\ell_2},$$

and show that

$$\langle p, q \rangle_{H(\infty)} = \int p \bar{q} \, d\mu$$

for some finitely atomic rep. meas., with $\text{supp } \mu = \mathcal{Z}(g)$.

Our operator-theoretic methods have allowed to solve the so-called truncated moment problem in the real line (Hausdorff, Stieltjes, Hamburger).

The Truncated Real Moment Problem

Given a family of real numbers $\beta: \beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_{2n}$ with $\beta_0 > 0$, the **TMP** entails finding a positive Borel measure μ supported in the real line \mathbb{R} such that

$$\beta_i = \int t^i d\mu \quad (0 \leq i \leq 2n);$$

μ is called a **representing measure** for β .

THEOREM

FULL MP (**Hamburger, 1920**)

$$\exists \mu \Leftrightarrow A(n) := (\beta_{i+j})_{i,j=0}^n \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \beta_0 & \beta_1 & \beta_2 & \beta_3 & \cdots \\ \beta_1 & \beta_2 & \beta_3 & \ddots & \cdots \\ \beta_2 & \beta_3 & \ddots & \ddots & \cdots \\ \beta_3 & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \geq 0 \quad \forall \quad n \geq 0.$$

THEOREM

FULL MP (**Stieltjes, 1894**)

$\exists \mu$ with $\text{supp } \mu \subseteq [0, +\infty)$

$\Leftrightarrow (\beta_{i+j})_{i,j=0}^n \geq 0$ and $(\beta_{i+j+1})_{i,j=0}^n \geq 0 \ \forall \ n \geq 0.$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \beta_0 & \beta_1 & \beta_2 & \beta_3 & \cdots \\ \beta_1 & \beta_2 & \beta_3 & \ddots & \cdots \\ \beta_2 & \beta_3 & \ddots & \ddots & \cdots \\ \beta_3 & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \geq 0 \text{ and } \begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 & \beta_2 & \beta_3 & \beta_4 & \cdots \\ \beta_2 & \beta_3 & \beta_4 & \ddots & \cdots \\ \beta_3 & \beta_4 & \ddots & \ddots & \cdots \\ \beta_4 & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix} \geq 0$$

(localizing matrix)

THE TRUNCATED COMPLEX MOMENT PROBLEM

- Given $\gamma : \gamma_{00}, \gamma_{01}, \gamma_{10}, \dots, \gamma_{0,2n}, \dots, \gamma_{2n,0}$, with $\gamma_{00} > 0$ and $\gamma_{ji} = \bar{\gamma}_{ij}$, the **TCMP** entails finding a positive Borel measure μ supported in the complex plane \mathbb{C} such that

$$\gamma_{ij} = \int \bar{z}^i z^j d\mu \quad (0 \leq i + j \leq 2n);$$

μ is called a **rep. meas.** for γ .

- In earlier joint work with L. Fialkow,
- We have introduced an approach based on matrix positivity and extension, combined with a new “functional calculus” for the columns of the associated **moment matrix**.

- We have shown that when the TCMP is of **flat data type**, a solution always exists; this is compatible with our previous results for

$$\text{supp } \mu \subseteq \mathbb{R} \quad (\text{Hamburger TMP})$$

$$\text{supp } \mu \subseteq [0, \infty) \quad (\text{Stieltjes TMP})$$

$$\text{supp } \mu \subseteq [a, b] \quad (\text{Hausdorff TMP})$$

$$\text{supp } \mu \subseteq \mathbb{T} \quad (\text{Toeplitz TMP})$$

- Along the way we have developed new machinery for analyzing TMP's in **one or several real or complex variables**. For simplicity, in this talk we focus on **one complex variable or two real variables**, although several results have multivariable versions.

- Our techniques also give concrete algorithms to provide finitely-atomic rep. meas. whose atoms and densities can be explicitly computed.
- We have fully resolved, among others, the cases

$$\bar{Z} = \alpha 1 + \beta Z$$

and

$$Z^k = p_{k-1}(Z, \bar{Z}) \quad (1 \leq k \leq [\frac{n}{2}] + 1; \deg p_{k-1} \leq k - 1).$$

- We obtain applications to quadrature problems in numerical analysis.
- We have obtained a duality proof of a generalized form of the Tchakaloff-Putinar Theorem on the existence of quadrature rules for positive Borel measures on \mathbb{R}^d .

- Subnormal Operator Theory (unilateral weighted shifts)

For $\alpha_0 \leq \alpha_1 \leq \alpha_2 \leq \dots$, the weighted shift W_α is subnormal if and only if the moment problem $\alpha_0^2 \alpha_1^2 \dots \alpha_{k-1}^2 = \int s^k d\mu(s)$ is soluble.

- Physics (determination of contours)
- Computer Science (image recognition and reconstruction)
- Geography (location of proposed distribution centers)
- Probability (reconstruction of p.d.f.'s)

- Environmental Science (oil spills, via quadrature domains)
- Engineering (tomography)
- Optimization (finding the global minimum of a real polynomial in several real variables - J. Lasserre)
- Function Theory (a dilation-type structure theorem in Fejér-Riesz factorization theory - S. McCullough)
- Geophysics (inverse problems, cross sections)

Typical Problem: Given a 3-D body, let X-rays act on the body at different angles, collecting the information on a screen. One then seeks to obtain a constructive, optimal way to approximate the body, or in some cases to reconstruct the body.

BASIC POSITIVITY CONDITION

\mathcal{P}_n : polynomials p in z and \bar{z} , $\deg p \leq n$

Given $p \in \mathcal{P}_n$, $p(z, \bar{z}) \equiv \sum_{0 \leq i+j \leq n} a_{ij} \bar{z}^i z^j$,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &\leq \int |p(z, \bar{z})|^2 d\mu(z, \bar{z}) \\ &= \sum_{ijkl} a_{ij} \bar{a}_{kl} \int \bar{z}^{i+l} z^{j+k} d\mu(z, \bar{z}) \\ &= \sum_{ijkl} a_{ij} \bar{a}_{kl} \gamma_{i+l, j+k}. \end{aligned}$$

- To understand this “**matricial**” **positivity**, we introduce the following lexicographic order on the rows and columns of $M(n)$:

$$1, z, \bar{z}, z^2, \bar{z}z, \bar{z}^2, \dots$$

Define $M[i, j]$ as in

$$M[3, 2] := \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_{32} & \gamma_{41} & \gamma_{50} \\ \gamma_{23} & \gamma_{32} & \gamma_{41} \\ \gamma_{14} & \gamma_{23} & \gamma_{32} \\ \gamma_{05} & \gamma_{14} & \gamma_{23} \end{pmatrix}$$

Then

$$(\text{“matricial” positivity}) \quad \sum_{ijkl} a_{ij} \bar{a}_{kl} \gamma_{i+\ell, j+k} \geq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow M(n) \equiv M(n)(\gamma) := \begin{pmatrix} M[0, 0] & M[0, 1] & \dots & M[0, n] \\ M[1, 0] & M[1, 1] & \dots & M[1, n] \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ M[n, 0] & M[n, 1] & \dots & M[n, n] \end{pmatrix} \geq 0.$$

For example,



$$M(1) = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_{00} & \gamma_{01} & \gamma_{10} \\ \gamma_{10} & \gamma_{11} & \gamma_{20} \\ \gamma_{01} & \gamma_{02} & \gamma_{11} \end{pmatrix},$$



$$M(2) = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_{00} & \gamma_{01} & \gamma_{10} & \gamma_{02} & \gamma_{11} & \gamma_{20} \\ \gamma_{10} & \gamma_{11} & \gamma_{20} & \gamma_{12} & \gamma_{21} & \gamma_{30} \\ \gamma_{01} & \gamma_{02} & \gamma_{11} & \gamma_{03} & \gamma_{12} & \gamma_{21} \\ \gamma_{20} & \gamma_{21} & \gamma_{12} & \gamma_{22} & \gamma_{31} & \gamma_{40} \\ \gamma_{11} & \gamma_{12} & \gamma_{21} & \gamma_{13} & \gamma_{22} & \gamma_{31} \\ \gamma_{02} & \gamma_{03} & \gamma_{12} & \gamma_{04} & \gamma_{13} & \gamma_{22} \end{pmatrix}.$$

In general,

$$M(n+1) = \begin{pmatrix} M(n) & B \\ B^* & C \end{pmatrix}$$

Similarly, one can build $M(\infty)$.

In the real case, $\mathcal{M}(n)_{ij} := \gamma_{i+j}$, $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}_+^2$.

Positivity Condition is not sufficient:

By modifying an example of K. Schmüdgen, we have built a family

$\gamma_{00}, \gamma_{01}, \gamma_{10}, \dots, \gamma_{06}, \dots, \gamma_{60}$ with positive invertible moment matrix $M(3)$ but **no** rep. meas. But this can also be done for $n = 2$.

A VERSION OF RIESZ-HAVILAND FOR TMP

Given a moment sequence β , the Riesz functional is

$$L_\beta(p) := p(\beta) \quad (p \in \mathbb{C}[z, \bar{z}]).$$

Recall the Riesz-Haviland Theorem:

$\exists \mu$ rep. meas. for $\beta \Leftrightarrow L \equiv L_\beta \geq 0$ on \mathcal{P}_+ .

- For TMP, the natural analogue won't work.
- We say that the Riesz functional L is K -positive if

$p \in \mathcal{P}$ and $p|K \geq 0 \Rightarrow L(p) \geq 0$.

- Consider the case
 $d = 1$, $K = \mathbb{R}$, and

$$M(2) := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \geq 0.$$

Then L_β is \mathbb{R} -positive, but no rep.meas. exists. For, in this case,

$$L(a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + a_4x^4) := a_0 + a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + 2a_4$$

To see that L is \mathbb{R} -positive, recall that if $p \in \mathcal{P}_4$ satisfies $p|_{\mathbb{R}} \geq 0$, then there exist $f, g \in \mathcal{P}_2$ such that $p = f^2 + g^2$.

Now

$$L(p) = L(f^2 + g^2) = \langle M(2)\hat{f}, \hat{f} \rangle + \langle M(2)\hat{g}, \hat{g} \rangle \geq 0;$$

thus, L is \mathbb{R} -positive.

Assume that μ is a representing measure for β . Since

$$\int (x-1)^2 d\mu = L(x^2 - 2x + 1) = \beta_2 - 2\beta_1 + \beta_0 = 0,$$

it follows that $(x-1)|_{\text{supp } \mu} \equiv 0$. We thus have $(x-1)x^3|_{\text{supp } \mu} \equiv 0$, so

$$0 = \int (x-1)x^3 d\mu = L(x^4 - x^3) = \beta_4 - \beta_3 = 1,$$

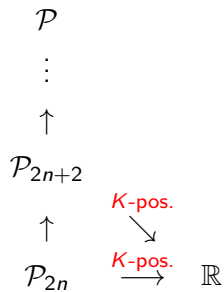
a contradiction. Thus L is K -positive, but β has no representing measure.

In TMP, K -positivity is a necessary (but not sufficient) condition for a K -representing measure μ .

THEOREM (TMP VERSION OF RIESZ-HAVILAND)

(RC-LF, 2007) $\beta \equiv \beta^{(2n)}$ admits a K -representing measure if and only if L_β admits a K -positive linear extension $L : \mathcal{P}_{2n+2} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$.

This Theorem implies the classical Riesz-Haviland, via Stochel's Theorem.



- **Main tool.** Let $\beta \equiv \beta^{(2n)}$ and let $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ be closed. Assume L_β is K -positive. Then $\beta \equiv \beta^{(2n-1)}$ has a K -representing measure.
- In general it is quite difficult to directly verify that an extension $\tilde{L} : \mathcal{P}_{2n+2} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is K -positive. One approach to establishing K -positivity or the existence of representing measures is through extensions of moment matrices.

POSITIVITY OF BLOCK MATRICES

THEOREM

(Smul'jan, 1959)

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B^* & C \end{pmatrix} \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} A \geq 0 \\ B = AW \\ C \geq W^*AW \end{cases}.$$

Moreover, $\text{rank} \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B^* & C \end{pmatrix} = \text{rank } A \Leftrightarrow C = W^*AW.$

COROLLARY

Assume $\text{rank} \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B^* & C \end{pmatrix} = \text{rank } A$. Then

$$A \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B^* & C \end{pmatrix} \geq 0.$$

We say that

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B^* & C \end{pmatrix}$$

is a *flat extension* of A . Observe that

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B^* & C \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A & AW \\ W^*A & W^*AW \end{pmatrix}.$$

COROLLARY

Assume that

$$\begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B^* & C \end{pmatrix} \geq 0.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ B^* & C \end{pmatrix} &= \begin{pmatrix} A & AW \\ W^*A & W^*AW \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & C - W^*AW \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{A} & \sqrt{AW} \end{pmatrix}^* \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{A} & \sqrt{AW} \end{pmatrix} \\ &\quad + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sqrt{C - W^*AW} \end{pmatrix}^* \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \sqrt{C - W^*AW} \end{pmatrix} \\ &\quad \text{(sum-of-squares representation).} \end{aligned}$$

FUNCTIONAL CALCULUS

For $p \in \mathcal{P}_n$, $p(z, \bar{z}) \equiv \sum_{0 \leq i+j \leq n} a_{ij} \bar{z}^i z^j$, let \hat{p} denote the vector of coefficients and define

$$p(Z, \bar{Z}) := \sum a_{ij} \bar{Z}^i Z^j \equiv M(n) \hat{p}.$$

If there exists a rep. meas. μ , then

$$p(Z, \bar{Z}) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \text{supp } \mu \subseteq \mathcal{Z}(p).$$

The following is our analogue of recursiveness for the TCMP

(RG) If $p, q, pq \in \mathcal{P}_n$, and $p(Z, \bar{Z}) = 0$,

then $(pq)(Z, \bar{Z}) = 0$.

SINGULAR TMP; REAL CASE

- Given a finite family of moments, build moment matrix.
- Identify all column relations $p(Z, \bar{Z}) = 0$, i.e., $M(n)\hat{p} = 0$.
- Build algebraic variety

$$\mathcal{V} := \bigcap_{p \in \mathcal{P}_n, \hat{p} \in \ker \mathcal{M}(n)} \mathcal{Z}_p.$$

- Always true: in the presence of a measure,

$$\text{supp } \mu \subseteq \mathcal{V}.$$

Therefore,

$$r := \text{rank } \mathcal{M}(n) \leq \text{card supp } \mu \leq v := \text{card } \mathcal{V}(\gamma).$$

Thus, if the variety is finite there's a natural candidate for $\text{supp } \mu$, i.e.,

$$\text{supp } \mu = \mathcal{V}(\gamma)$$

(It is possible for the inclusion $\text{supp } \mu \subseteq \mathcal{V}$ to be proper.)

- Finite rank case
- Flat case
- Extremal case
- Recursively generated relations
- Strategy: Build positive extension, repeat, and eventually extremal
 $\text{rank } M(n) \leq \text{rank } M(n+1) \leq \text{card } \mathcal{V}(M(n+1)) \leq \text{card } \mathcal{V}(M(n))$
- General case.

FIRST EXISTENCE CRITERION

THEOREM

(RC-L. Fialkow, 1998) Let γ be a truncated moment sequence. TFAE:

(i) γ has a rep. meas.;

(ii) γ has a rep. meas. with moments of all orders;

(iii) γ has a compactly supported rep. meas.;

(iv) γ has a finitely atomic rep. meas. (with at most $(n+2)(2n+3)$ atoms);

(v) $M(n) \geq 0$ and for some $k \geq 0$ $M(n)$ admits a positive extension $M(n+k)$, which in turn admits a flat (i.e., rank-preserving) extension $M(n+k+1)$ (here $k \leq 2n^2 + 6n + 6$).

CASE OF FLAT DATA

Recall: If μ is a rep. meas. for $M(n)$, then $\text{rank } M(n) \leq \text{card supp } \mu$.

$$\gamma \text{ is flat if } M(n) = \begin{pmatrix} M(n-1) & M(n-1)W \\ W^*M(n-1) & W^*M(n-1)W \end{pmatrix}.$$

THEOREM

(RC-L. Fialkow, 1996) If γ is flat and $M(n) \geq 0$, then $M(n)$ admits a unique flat extension of the form $M(n+1)$.

THEOREM

(RC-L. Fialkow, 1996) The truncated moment sequence γ has a rank $M(n)$ -atomic rep. meas. if and only if $M(n) \geq 0$ and $M(n)$ admits a flat extension $M(n+1)$.

To find μ concretely, let $r := \text{rank } M(n)$ and look for the relation

$$Z^r = c_0 1 + c_1 Z + \dots + c_{r-1} Z^{r-1}.$$

We then define

$$p(z) := z^r - (c_0 + \dots + c_{r-1} z^{r-1})$$

and solve the [Vandermonde](#) equation

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \dots & 1 \\ z_0 & \dots & z_{r-1} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ z_0^{r-1} & \dots & z_{r-1}^{r-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \rho_0 \\ \rho_1 \\ \dots \\ \rho_{r-1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_{00} \\ \gamma_{01} \\ \dots \\ \gamma_{0r-1} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then

$$\mu = \sum_{j=0}^{r-1} \rho_j \delta_{z_j}.$$

THE QUARTIC MOMENT PROBLEM

Recall the lexicographic order on the rows and columns of $M(2)$:

$$1, Z, \bar{Z}, Z^2, \bar{Z}Z, \bar{Z}^2$$

- $Z = A 1$ (Dirac measure)
- $\bar{Z} = A 1 + B Z$ ($\text{supp } \mu \subseteq \text{line}$)
- $Z^2 = A 1 + B Z + C \bar{Z}$ (flat extensions always exist)
- $\bar{Z}Z = A 1 + B Z + C \bar{Z} + D Z^2$

$$D = 0 \Rightarrow \bar{Z}Z = A 1 + B Z + \bar{B} \bar{Z} \text{ and } C = \bar{B}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\bar{Z} - B)(Z - \bar{B}) = A + |B|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{W}W = 1 \text{ (circle), for } W := \frac{Z - \bar{B}}{\sqrt{A + |B|^2}}.$$

The functional calculus we have constructed is such that $p(Z, \bar{Z}) = 0$ implies $\text{supp } \mu \subseteq \mathcal{Z}(p)$.

When $\{1, Z, \bar{Z}, Z^2, \bar{Z}Z\}$ is a basis for $\mathcal{C}_{M(2)}$, the associated algebraic variety is the zero set of a real quadratic equation in $x := \text{Re}[z]$ and $y := \text{Im}[z]$.

Using the flat data result, one can reduce the study to cases corresponding to the following four real conics:

- (a) $\bar{W}^2 = -2iW + 2i\bar{W} - W^2 - 2\bar{W}W$ parabola; $y = x^2$
- (b) $\bar{W}^2 = -4i1 + W^2$ hyperbola; $yx = 1$
- (c) $\bar{W}^2 = W^2$ pair of intersect. lines; $yx = 0$
- (d) $\bar{W}W = 1$ unit circle; $x^2 + y^2 = 1$.

THEOREM QUARTIC

(RC-L. Fialkow, 2005) Let $\gamma^{(4)}$ be given, and assume $M(2) \geq 0$ and $\{1, Z, \bar{Z}, Z^2, \bar{Z}Z\}$ is a basis for $\mathcal{C}_{M(2)}$. Then $\gamma^{(4)}$ admits a rep. meas. μ . Moreover, it is possible to find μ with $\text{card supp } \mu = \text{rank } M(2)$, except in some cases when $\mathcal{V}(\gamma^{(4)})$ is a *pair of intersecting lines*, in which cases there exist μ with $\text{card supp } \mu \leq 6$.

COROLLARY

Assume that $M(2) \geq 0$, $M(2)$ singular, and that $\text{rank } M(2) \leq \text{card } \mathcal{V}(\gamma^{(4)})$. Then $M(2)$ admits a representing measure.

EXTREMAL REAL MP; $r = v$

The *algebraic variety* of β is

$$\mathcal{V} \equiv \mathcal{V}_\beta := \bigcap_{p \in \mathcal{P}_n, \hat{p} \in \ker \mathcal{M}(n)} \mathcal{Z}_p,$$

where $\mathcal{Z}_p = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : p(x) = 0\}$.

- If β admits a representing measure μ , then

$$p \in \mathcal{P}_n \text{ satisfies } \hat{p} \in \ker \mathcal{M}(n) \Leftrightarrow \text{supp } \mu \subseteq \mathcal{Z}_p$$

Thus $\text{supp } \mu \subseteq \mathcal{V}$, so $r := \text{rank } \mathcal{M}(n)$ and $v := \text{card } \mathcal{V}$ satisfy

$$r \leq \text{card } \text{supp } \mu \leq v.$$

Easy Example:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Observe that $X = 1$, so $\mathcal{V} = \{1\}$, and therefore $r = 2$ and $v = 1$. It follows that this TMP admits no representing measure.

If $p \in \mathcal{P}_{2n}$ and $p|_{\mathcal{V}} \equiv 0$, then $\Lambda(p) = \int p \, d\mu = 0$.

Here Λ is the **Riesz functional**, given by $\Lambda(\bar{z}^i z^j) := \gamma_{ij}$

BASIC NECESSARY CONDITIONS FOR THE EXISTENCE OF A REPRESENTING MEASURE

$$\text{(Positivity)} \quad \mathcal{M}(n) \geq 0 \quad (8.1)$$

$$\text{(Consistency)} \quad p \in \mathcal{P}_{2n}, \quad p|_{\mathcal{V}} \equiv 0 \implies \Lambda(p) = 0 \quad (8.2)$$

$$\text{(Variety Condition)} \quad r \leq v, \text{ i.e., } \text{rank } \mathcal{M}(n) \leq \text{card } \mathcal{V}. \quad (8.3)$$

Consistency implies

$$\text{(Recursiveness)} \quad p, q, pq \in \mathcal{P}_n, \quad \widehat{p} \in \ker \mathcal{M}(n) \implies \widehat{pq} \in \ker \mathcal{M}(n). \quad (8.4)$$

(ideal-like property)

Previous results:

- For $d = 1$ (the *T Hamburger* MP for \mathbb{R}), positivity and recursiveness are sufficient
- For $d = 2$, there exists $\mathcal{M}(3) > 0$ for which β has no representing measure
- In general, *Positivity*, *Consistency* and the *Variety Condition* are **not** sufficient.

QUESTION C

Suppose $\mathcal{M}(n)(\beta)$ is singular. If $\mathcal{M}(n)$ is positive, β is *consistent*, and $r \leq v$, does β admit a representing measure?

The next result gives an affirmative answer to Question C in the *extremal* case, i.e., $r = v$.

THEOREM EXT

(RC, L. Fialkow and M. Möller, 2005) For $\beta \equiv \beta^{(2^n)}$ **extremal**, i.e., $r = v$, the following are equivalent:

- (i) β has a representing measure;
- (ii) β has a unique representing measure, which is rank $\mathcal{M}(n)$ -atomic (minimal);
- (iii) $\mathcal{M}(n) \geq 0$ and β is consistent.

CUBIC COLUMN RELATIONS

Since we know how to solve the **singular** Quartic MP, WLOG we will assume $M(2) > 0$.

Recall

THEOREM A

(RC-L. Fialkow) If $M(n)$ admits a column relation of the form $Z^k = p_{k-1}(Z, \bar{Z})$ ($1 \leq k \leq \lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 1$ and $\deg p_{k-1} \leq k - 1$), then $M(n)$ admits a flat extension $M(n+1)$, and therefore a representing measure.

Now, if $k = 3$, Theorem A can be used only if $n \geq 4$. Thus, one strategy is to somehow **extend $M(3)$ to $M(4)$** and **preserve the column relation $Z^3 = p_2(Z, \bar{Z})$** . This requires checking that the C block in the extension satisfies the Toeplitz condition, something highly nontrivial.

Here's a different approach:

We'd like to study the case of **harmonic** poly's: $q(z, \bar{z}) := f(z) - \overline{g(z)}$,
with $\deg q = 3$.

Recall that $\text{rank } M(n) \leq \text{card } \mathcal{Z}(q)$

so of special interest is the case when $\text{card } \mathcal{Z}(q) \geq 7$, since otherwise the
TMP admits a flat extension, or has no representing measure. In the case
when $g(z) \equiv z$, we have

LEMMA

(Wilmschurst '98, Sarason-Crofoot, '99, Khavinson-Swiatek, '03)

$$\text{card } \mathcal{Z}(f(z) - \bar{z}) \leq 7.$$

Bézout's Theorem predicts $\text{card } \mathcal{Z}(f(z) - \bar{z}) \leq 9$

- To get 7 points is not easy, as most complex cubic harmonic poly's tend to have 5 or fewer zeros. One way to maximize the number of zeros is to impose **symmetry conditions** on the zero set K . Also, the substitution $w = z + b/3$ (which produces an equivalent TMP) transforms a cubic $z^3 + bz^2 + cz + d$ into $w^3 + \tilde{c}w + \tilde{d}$; WLOG, we always assume that there's no quadratic term in the analytic piece.
- Now, for a poly of the form $z^3 + \alpha z + \beta \bar{z}$, it is clear that $0 \in K$ and that $z \in K \Rightarrow -z \in K$. Another natural condition is to require that K be **symmetric with respect to the line $y = x$** , which in complex notation is $z = i\bar{z}$. When this is required, we obtain $\alpha \in i\mathbb{R}$ and $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$. Thus, the column relation becomes $Z^3 = itZ + u\bar{Z}$, with $t, u \in \mathbb{R}$.

Under these conditions, one needs to find only two points, one on the line $y = x$, the other outside that line.

We thus consider the **harmonic** polynomial $q_7(z, \bar{z}) := z^3 - itz - u\bar{z}$.

PROPOSITION

(RC-S. Yoo, '09) card $\mathcal{Z}(q_7) = 7$. In fact, for $0 < |u| < t < 2|u|$,

$$\mathcal{Z}(q_7) = \{0, p + iq, q + ip, -p - iq, -q - ip, r + ir, -r - ir\},$$

where $p, q, r > 0$, $p^2 + q^2 = u$ and $r^2 = \frac{t-u}{2}$.

To prove this result, we first identify the two real poly's

$\text{Re } q_7 = x^3 - 3xy^2 + ty - ux$ and $\text{Im } q_7 = -y^3 + 3x^2y - tx + uy$ and calculate $\text{Resultant}(\text{Re}q_7, \text{Im}q_7, y)$, which is the determinant of the Sylvester matrix, i.e.,

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} -3x & t & x^3 - ux & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -3x & t & x^3 - ux & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -3x & t & x^3 - ux \\ -1 & 0 & 3x^2 + u & -tx & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 & 3x^2 + u & -tx \end{pmatrix} \\ = x(u - t + 2x^2)(u + t + 2x^2)(16x^4 - 16x^2u + t^2).$$

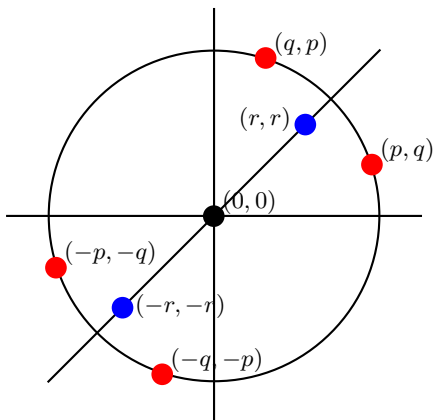


FIGURE 1. The 7-point set $\mathcal{Z}(q_7)$, where $r = \sqrt{\frac{t-u}{2}}$, $p = \frac{1}{2}(2u + \sqrt{4u^2 - t^2})$ and $p^2 + q^2 = u$

The fact that q_7 has the **maximum** number of zeros predicted by the Lemma is significant to us, in that each **sextic** TMP with **invertible** $M(2)$ and a column relation of the form $q_7(Z, \bar{Z}) = 0$ **either does not admit a representing measure or is necessarily extremal**.

As a consequence, the existence of a representing measure will be established once we prove that such a TMP is **consistent**. This means that for each poly p of degree at most 6 that vanishes on $\mathcal{Z}(q_7)$ we must verify that $\Lambda(p) = 0$.

Since $\text{rank } M(3) = 7$, there must be another column relation besides $q_7(Z, \bar{Z}) = 0$. Clearly the columns

$$1, Z, \bar{Z}, Z^2, \bar{Z}Z, \bar{Z}^2, \bar{Z}Z^2$$

must be linearly independent (otherwise $M(3)$ would be a flat extension of $M(2)$), so the new column relation must involve $\bar{Z}Z^2$ and \bar{Z}^2Z . An analysis using the properties of the functional calculus shows that, **in the presence of a representing measure**, the new column relation must be

$$\bar{Z}^2Z + i\bar{Z}Z^2 - iuZ - u\bar{Z} = 0.$$

NOTATION

In what follows, $\mathbb{C}_6[z, \bar{z}]$ will denote the space of complex polynomials in z and \bar{z} of degree at most 6, and let

$$\begin{aligned} q_{LC}(z, \bar{z}) &:= \bar{z}^2 z + i \bar{z} z^2 - i u z - u \bar{z} \\ &= i(z - i \bar{z})(\bar{z} z - u). \end{aligned}$$

Observe that the zero set of q_{LC} is the union of a line and a circle, and that $\mathcal{Z}(q_7) \subset \mathcal{Z}(q_{LC})$.

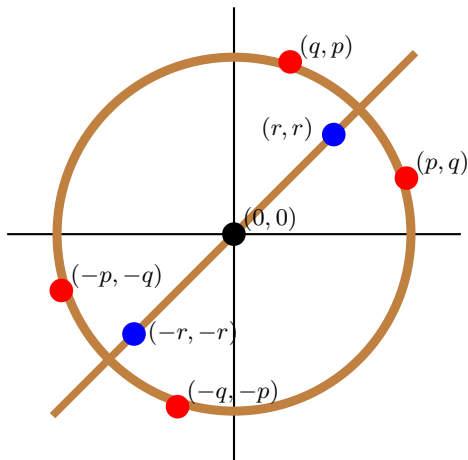


FIGURE 2. The sets $\mathcal{Z}(q_7)$ and $\mathcal{Z}(q_{LC})$

MAIN THEOREM (RC & S. YOO, J. FUNCT. ANAL., 2014)

Let $M(3) \geq 0$, with $M(2) > 0$ and $q_7(Z, \bar{Z}) = 0$. There exists a representing measure for $M(3)$ if and only if

$$\begin{cases} \Lambda(q_{LC}) &= 0 \\ \Lambda(zq_{LC}) &= 0. \end{cases} \quad (9.1)$$

Equivalently,

$$\begin{cases} \operatorname{Re} \gamma_{12} - \operatorname{Im} \gamma_{12} = u(\operatorname{Re} \gamma_{01} - \operatorname{Im} \gamma_{01}) &= 0 \\ \gamma_{22} = (t + u)\gamma_{11} - 2u \operatorname{Im} \gamma_{02} &= 0. \end{cases}$$

Equivalently,

$$q_{LC}(Z, \bar{Z}) = 0 \quad (9.2)$$

Proof. (\implies) Let μ be a representing measure. We know that $7 \leq \text{rank } M(3) \leq \text{card supp } \mu \leq \text{card } \mathcal{Z}(q_7) = 7$, so that $\text{supp } \mu = \mathcal{Z}(q_7)$ and $\text{rank } M(3) = 7$. Thus,

$$\Lambda(q_7) = \int q_7 d\mu = 0.$$

Similarly, since $\text{supp } \mu \subseteq \mathcal{Z}(q_{LC})$, we also have

$$\Lambda(q_{LC}) = \Lambda(zq_{LC}) = 0,$$

as desired.

(\Leftarrow) On $\mathcal{Z}(q_7)$ we have $z^3 = itz + u\bar{z}$. Using this relation and (9.1), we can prove that $\Lambda(\bar{z}^i z^j q_{LC}) = 0$ for all $0 \leq i + j \leq 3$. For example,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{z}q_{LC} - izq_{LC} &= (\bar{z} - iz)(\bar{z}^2 z + i\bar{z}z^2 - iuz - u\bar{z}) \\
 &= -uz^2 + \bar{z}z^3 - u\bar{z}^2 + \bar{z}^3 z \\
 &= -uz^2 + \bar{z}(itz + u\bar{z}) - u\bar{z}^2 + (-it\bar{z} + uz)z \\
 &= 0,
 \end{aligned}$$

and therefore $\Lambda(\bar{z}q_{LC}) = i\Lambda(zq_{LC}) = 0$. It follows that for $f, g, h \in \mathbb{C}_3[z, \bar{z}]$ we have $\Lambda(\textcolor{red}{f}q_7 + \textcolor{red}{g}\bar{q}_7 + \textcolor{red}{h}q_{LC}) = 0$. **Consistency** will be established once we show that all degree-six polynomials vanishing in $\mathcal{Z}(q_7)$ are of the form $\textcolor{red}{f}q_7 + \textcolor{red}{g}\bar{q}_7 + \textcolor{red}{h}q_{LC}$.

FUNDAMENTAL THEOREM OF LINEAR ALGEBRA

Let T be a linear transformation from \mathcal{X} to \mathcal{Y} , and consider the exact sequence

$$0 \rightarrow \ker T \hookrightarrow \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \operatorname{Ran} T \rightarrow 0.$$

Then

$$\dim \ker T - \dim \mathcal{X} + \dim \operatorname{Ran} T = 0.$$

Equivalently,

$$\dim \mathcal{X} = \dim \ker T + \dim \operatorname{Ran} T.$$

PROPOSITION (REPRESENTATION OF POLYNOMIALS)

Let $\mathcal{P}_6 := \{p \in \mathbb{C}_6[z, \bar{z}] : p|_{\mathcal{Z}(q_7)} \equiv 0\}$ and let

$\mathcal{I} := \{p \in \mathbb{C}_6[z, \bar{z}] : p = fq_7 + g\bar{q}_7 + hq_{LC} \text{ for some } f, g, h \in \mathbb{C}_3[z, \bar{z}]\}$.

Then $\mathcal{P}_6 = \mathcal{I}$.

Proof. Clearly, $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{P}_6$. We shall show that $\dim \mathcal{I} = \dim \mathcal{P}_6$. Let

$T : \mathbb{C}^{30} \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}_6[z, \bar{z}]$ be given by

$$(a_{00}, \dots, a_{30}, b_{00}, \dots, b_{30}, c_{00}, \dots, c_{30}) \longmapsto$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (a_{00} + a_{01}z + a_{10}\bar{z} + \dots + a_{30}\bar{z}^3)q_7 \\ & + (b_{00} + b_{01}z + b_{10}\bar{z} + \dots + b_{30}\bar{z}^3)\bar{q}_7 \\ & + (c_{00} + c_{01}z + c_{10}\bar{z} + \dots + c_{30}\bar{z}^3)q_{LC}. \end{aligned}$$

Recall that $30 = \dim \mathbb{C}^{30} = \dim \ker T + \dim \operatorname{Ran} T$, and observe that $\mathcal{I} = \operatorname{Ran} T$, so that $\dim \mathcal{I} = \operatorname{rank} T$.

To determine $\operatorname{rank} T$, we first determine $\dim \ker T$. Using Gaussian elimination, we prove that $\dim \ker T = 9$ whenever $ut \neq 0$. It follows that $\operatorname{rank} T = 30 - 9 = 21$, that is, $\dim \mathcal{I} = 21$.

Now consider the **evaluation map** $S : \mathbb{C}_6[z, \bar{z}] \longrightarrow \mathbb{C}^7$ given by

$$S(p(z, \bar{z})) := (p(w_0, \bar{w}_0), p(w_1, \bar{w}_1), p(w_2, \bar{w}_2), \\ p(w_3, \bar{w}_3), p(w_4, \bar{w}_4), p(w_5, \bar{w}_5), p(w_6, \bar{w}_6)).$$

Again, $\dim \ker S + \dim \operatorname{Ran} S = \dim \mathbb{C}_6[z, \bar{z}] = 28$. Using Lagrange Interpolation, it is easy to verify that S is **onto**, i.e., **rank** $S = 7$.

Moreover, **ker** $S = \mathcal{P}_6$. Since $\dim \mathbb{C}_6[z, \bar{z}] = 28$, it follows that **dim ker** $S = 21$, and a fortiori that **dim** $\mathcal{P}_6 = 21$.

Therefore, **dim** $\mathcal{I} = 21 = \dim \mathcal{P}_6$, and since $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{P}_6$, we have established that $\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{P}_6$, as desired.

YET ANOTHER APPROACH TO TMP:

THE DIVISION ALGORITHM

Division Algorithm in $\mathbb{R}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$

Fix a monomial order $>$ on $\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}^n$ and let $F = (f_1, \dots, f_s)$ be an ordered s -tuple of polynomials in $\mathbb{R}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$. Then every $f \in \mathbb{R}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ can be written as

$$f = a_1 f_1 + \dots + a_s f_s + r,$$

where $a_i \in \mathbb{R}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$, and either $r = 0$ or r is a linear combination, with coefficients in \mathbb{R} , of monomials, none of which is divisible by any of the leading terms in f_1, \dots, f_s .

Furthermore, if $a_i f_i \neq 0$, then we have

$$\text{multideg}(f) \geq \text{multideg}(a_i f_i).$$

- The Division Algorithm work is as follows: we identify sufficiently many polynomials f_1, \dots, f_s vanishing on $\mathcal{V}(\beta)$, and simultaneously in the kernel of the Riesz functional L_β . By the Division Algorithm, any polynomial f vanishing on $\mathcal{V}(\beta)$ can be written as $f = a_1 f_1 + \dots + a_s f_s + r$, which readily implies that r must also vanish on $\mathcal{V}(\beta)$. Due to the divisibility condition on the monomials of r , and the characteristics of $\mathcal{V}(\beta)$, which generate an invertible Vandermonde matrix, we then prove that $r \equiv 0$.
- With some additional work, it is then possible to prove that $f \in \ker L_\beta$, which establishes the Consistency of β .

SUMMARY

- Given a finite family of moments, build moment matrix
- Identify all column relations, and build algebraic variety \mathcal{V}
- Always true: $r \leq \text{card supp } \mu \leq v$
- Finite rank case; flat case
- Quartic Case
- Extremal case (must check Consistency)
- Harmonic cubic poly's in Sextic Case
- General singular case
- Invertible case still a big mystery...

THE CASE OF INVERTIBLE $M(2)$

(L. Fialkow and J. Nie, 2010) Consider a quartic moment problem with invertible $M(2)$. Then there exists a representing measure.

The proof is abstract, using convex analysis.

(RC and S. Yoo, 2013) Concrete construction of a representing measure, when $M(2)$ is invertible. Moreover, there exists a 6-atomic representing measure, that is, $M(2)$ admits a flat extension $M(3)$.

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