The Bernstein Markov Property and Applications to Pluripotential Theory

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- K compact set in \mathbb{C} or \mathbb{C}^n
- $\blacksquare ||f||_{\mathcal{K}} := \max_{\mathcal{K}} |f|.$
- μ positive finite Borel measure, supp $\mu \subseteq K$, $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_+(K)$.
- $\mathscr{P}^m(K)$ space of complex polynomials of deg $\leq m$ on K.

$$\bullet N_m := \dim \mathscr{P}^m = \binom{n+m}{m}.$$

 $\blacksquare \mathscr{P}^{m}_{\mu}(K) \text{ Hilbert space } \Big(\mathscr{P}^{m}, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{L^{2}_{\mu}} \Big).$

Since \mathscr{P}^m is a finite dimensional TVS all norms are comparable. In particular there exists $0 < C(\mu, K, m) < \infty$ such that

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{\mu(K)}} \|p\|_{L^2_{\mu}} \leq \|p\|_{K} \leq C(\mu, K, m) \|p\|_{L^2_{\mu}} \quad \forall p \in \mathscr{P}^m(K).$$



Bernstein Markov Property (BMP)

Let $K \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ be compact and $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_+(K)$, then the (K, μ) is said to enjoy the **Bernstein Markov Property** if there exists a sequence $\{C_m\}_{m \in \mathbb{N}}$ such that

$$\|p\|_{\mathcal{K}} \le C_m \|p\|_{L^2_{\mu}} \quad \forall p \in \mathscr{P}^m(\mathcal{K}),$$
$$\limsup_{m} C_m^{1/m} \le 1.$$
(1)





Several variants have been introduced

- Weighted BMP Given a weight function $w : K \to [0, +\infty[$ one looks at $||pw^m||_K$ and $||pw^m||_{L^2_u}$ for $p \in \mathscr{P}^m$.
- **Strong BMP** If for any $w \in C(K)$ (K, μ, w) has the WBMP.
- **Rational BMP** For a given compact set $P, K \cap P = \emptyset$, we set

$$\mathscr{R}^{m}(\mathsf{P}) := \{p_{m}/q_{m} : p_{m}, q_{m} \in \mathscr{P}^{m}(\mathsf{K}), \ Z(q_{m}) \subset \mathsf{P}\},\$$

then we compare $||r||_{\mathcal{K}}$ and $||r||_{L^2_{\mu}}$ for $r \in \mathscr{R}^m(P)$. Weighted Rational and Strong Rational BMP etc.



- The first steps are made by Szego, Faber, Erdós and Turan.
- Classical weight on the real line.
- Leja L^* condition.
- Systematic study for general measures in the plane early '90s Stahl, Totik [9]. Regular measures.
- Determining measure: Widom and Ullman.

Here we follow the approach of Berman, Boucksom, Nymstrom [6], Bloom and Levenberg [3], which is more adapted to the scv context and pluripotential theory.

Some Examples



1 $K = \overline{\mathbb{D}}, \mu = \delta_0$. This is not a BM couple. It should be that μ defines at least a norm.

2 $K := \overline{\mathbb{D}} \times \overline{\mathbb{D}}$, supp $\mu = S(K)$ the Šilov boundary and $\mu := ds \otimes ds$. Instead it is. Monomials are orthonormal...

$$||p||_{\mathcal{K}} = \left|p(z_0)\right| \le \sqrt{\sum_{|\alpha| \le m} |c_{\alpha}|^2} \sqrt{\sum_{|\alpha| \le m} |z_0|^{2\alpha}} = \sqrt{\frac{(m+2)(m+1)}{2}} ||p||_{L^2_{\mu}}$$

 μ should be thick on S(K)...

- It has been shown that there exists a BM measure for D with discrete carrier in the interior of the disk.
 In general we find out only sufficient conditions.
- 4 But the weight $w(z) = \exp(-|z|^2)$ makes $(\overline{\mathbb{D}}, ds, w)$ not a WBM triple.



 $\mathscr{P}^m_\mu := (\mathscr{P}^m, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{L^2_\mu(K)})$ is a reproducing kernel Hilbert space, being the kernel

$$\mathcal{K}^{\mu}_{m}(z,\zeta) := \sum_{|lpha| \leq m} q_{lpha}(z,\mu) ar{q}_{lpha}(\zeta,\mu). \ \{q_{lpha}\}_{|lpha| \leq m} ext{ o.n.b.}$$

$$B_m^{\mu}(z) := K_m(z,z) = \langle K_m^{\mu}(z,\zeta); K_m^{\mu}(z,\zeta) \rangle_{L^2_{\mu(\zeta)}(K)}.$$

Let $\delta_z \in L(\mathscr{P}^m_\mu, \mathbb{C})$ be the point-wise evaluation, for any $z \in K$ we have $||\delta_z|| = \sqrt{B^{\mu}_m(z)}$.

The best possible constant in (1) is $\sqrt{||B_m^{\mu}||_{\kappa}}$.

The dd^c operator



For an open set $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ and $u \in C^2(\Omega)$, one defines first $\overline{\partial} := \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial(\cdot)}{\partial \overline{z_j}} d\overline{z_j}$, $d := (\partial + \overline{\partial})$ and $d^c := i(-\partial + \overline{\partial})$,

$$\mathrm{dd}^{\mathrm{c}} u := 2i \sum_{j,k=1}^{n} \frac{\partial^{2} u}{\partial z_{j} \partial \bar{z}_{k}}(z) \mathrm{d} z_{j} \wedge \mathrm{d} \bar{z}_{k}.$$

For any *plurisubharmonic u* we can define by smoothing

 $dd^{c} u$ as a positive (1, 1) current

i.e., an element of the dual of the test forms of bidegree (n-1, n-1) such that

$$\langle \mathrm{dd}^{\mathrm{c}} u, \theta \rangle > 0 \quad \forall \theta \in SP^{(n-1,n-1)}(\Omega).$$



Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}^2$ be a domain

1 if $u \in PSH$ and θ is a positive (1, 1) form

$$\langle \mathsf{dd}^{\mathsf{c}} \, u \wedge \theta, \psi \rangle := \langle \mathsf{dd}^{\mathsf{c}} \, u, \theta \wedge \psi \rangle \ \forall \psi \in \mathcal{D}^{(n-2,n-2)}(\Omega) = C^{\infty}_{\mathsf{c}}(\Omega).$$

2 if $u \in C^2(\Omega)$ then we have $\forall \varphi \in C^{\infty}_c(\Omega)$

$$\int_{\Omega} \varphi (\mathrm{dd}^{\mathrm{c}} \, u)^2 = \int_{\Omega} u \, \mathrm{dd}^{\mathrm{c}} \, \varphi \wedge \mathrm{dd}^{\mathrm{c}} \, u.$$

... but the r.h.s. takes sense even for $u \in \mathsf{PSH} \cap L^{\infty}_{loc}$...



Theorem [Chern Levine Nirenberg]

For any $K \subset \Omega$ there exist C > 0 and compact set $L \subset \Omega \setminus K$ such that $\int (dd^{c} u)^{n} \leq C ||u||_{L}^{n} \quad \forall u \in C^{2}(\Omega).$

$$\int_{\mathcal{K}} (\mathrm{dd}^{\mathsf{c}} \, u)^n \leq C \|u\|_L^n \quad \forall u \in C^2(\Omega)$$

Combining C.L.N. estimate and

Proposition

Any (p, p) positive current has measure coefficients.

Bedford and Taylor find out that

Monge Ampere Operator

For $u \in \mathsf{PSH}(\Omega) \cap L^\infty_{\mathsf{loc}}$ one can iteratively define $(\mathsf{dd}^c u)^n$ as a positive measure by

 $\langle (\mathsf{dd}^{\mathsf{c}} u)^{k+1}, \theta \rangle := \langle \mathsf{dd}^{\mathsf{c}} \theta \wedge (\mathsf{dd}^{\mathsf{c}} u)^{k}, u \rangle. \ \forall \theta \in \mathcal{D}^{n-k-1,n-k-1}(\Omega)$

Theorem [Bedford Taylor][2]

The operator $(dd^c)^n$ is continuous w.r.t. the weak * topology under any point-wise converging decreasing sequence of functions.

This is a fully non linear partial diff operator that in the case n = 1 corresponds to the distributional Laplacian.



For "nice" compact set K we can solve the Dirichlet problem

 $\begin{cases} (\mathrm{dd}^{\mathsf{c}} \, u)^n = 0 & \text{ in } \Omega := \mathbb{C}^n \setminus K \\ u \equiv_{\mathsf{q},\mathsf{e}.} 0 & \text{ in } \partial K \\ u \in \mathcal{L} \text{ Lelong class.} \end{cases}$

The unique solution V_{K}^{*} is said **Extremal Function**.



The solution is in the sense of Perron-Bremermann

$$V_{K}^{*}(z) := \limsup_{\zeta \to z} \left(\sup\{u(\zeta) \in \mathcal{L} \ , \ u|_{K} \leq 0 \} \right)$$

If it is continuous the compact set is said \mathcal{L} regular. By Siciak and Zaharyuta's results we have

$$V_{\mathcal{K}} = \log \Phi_{\mathcal{K}} := \log^{+} \sup\{|p|^{1/\deg p} : \|p\|_{\mathcal{K}} \le 1\}.$$

And Bernstein-Walsh-Siciak Inequality follows

$$|p(z)| \leq ||p||_{\mathcal{K}} \exp(\deg pV_{\mathcal{K}}^*(z)).$$

The measure

$$\mu_{K} := (\mathsf{dd^{c}} \, V_{K}^{*})^{n}$$

is said the equilibrium measure.

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LS asymptotic. If (K, μ) has the BMP and K is \mathcal{L} regular then

$$\limsup_{m} d_{\infty}(f, \mathscr{P}^{m})^{1/m} = \frac{1}{R} \text{ (i.e., } f \in hol(\{V_{K} < \log R\}))$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\lim_{m} \sup_{m} ||f - \mathscr{L}_{m}f||_{K}^{1/m} = \frac{1}{R} \text{ (here } \mathscr{L}_{m} \text{ is the LS projection).}$$

Moreover

$$\limsup_{m} \|f - \mathscr{L}_m f\|_{L^2_{\mu}}^{1/m} \leq \frac{1}{R} \Rightarrow f \in hol(\{V_K < \log R\}).$$



■ *m*-th roots asymptotic. For regular compact set *K*

$$(K,\mu)$$
 has BMP
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 $\lim_{m} \frac{1}{2m} \log B^{\mu}_{m} = V_{K}$ loc. uniformly in \mathbb{C}^{n} .





Free energy asymptotic. If (K, μ) has the BMP then we have

$$\limsup_{m} \left(\int_{K^{N_m}} \left| \det \operatorname{VDM}_m(z_1, \dots, z_{N_m}) \right|^2 d\mu(z_1) \dots d\mu(z_{N_m}) \right)^{\frac{n+1}{2nmN_m}} = \delta(K)$$

i.e., the l.h.s. is maximal among $\{v \in \mathcal{M}^+(K) : v(K) = \mu(K)\}$. This is the main tool for proving



$$\frac{B_m^{\mu}}{N_m}\mu \rightharpoonup^* \mu_K.$$



.. and all these results go straightforward into the *weighted* setting.



From the example we guess μ should be *thick* on S(K)... We had $\lim_{r\to 0^+} \mu(B(z, r))/r = 1 \ \forall z \in S(K)$.

Theorem [Stahl Totik]

Let μ be positive Borel measure with compact support $K = \text{supp }\mu$ in \mathbb{C} , suppose that K is a non-polar regular set w.r.t. the Dirichlet problem for the Laplace operator and there exists t > 0 such that

$$\lim_{r\to 0^+} \operatorname{cap}\left(\{z\in K: \mu(B(z,r))>r^t\}\right) = \operatorname{cap}(K).$$

Then (K, μ) has the BMP.



Here cap(K) is the logarithmic capacity of the set K,

$$\operatorname{cap}(K) := \max_{\nu \in \mathcal{M}_1(K)} \exp\left(\int \int \log |z - \zeta| d\nu(z) d\nu(\zeta)\right).$$

That is the (inverse of the exponential) of the minimum of the logarithmic energy functional: the variational formulation of the Dirichlet problem for the Laplacian in $\mathbb{C} \setminus K$.



Theorem [Bloom Levenberg]

Let μ be positive Borel measure with compact support $K := \operatorname{supp} \mu \subset B(0, 1)$ in \mathbb{C}^n , suppose that K is a non-pluripolar \mathcal{L} -regular set and there exists t > 0 such that

$$\lim_{r \to 0^+} \operatorname{Cap}(\{z \in K : \mu(B(z, r)) > r^t\}, B(0, 1)) = \operatorname{Cap}(K, B(0, 1)).$$
(2)

Then (K, μ) has the BMP.



But here $\operatorname{Cap}(K, \Omega)$ is capacity in the **non-linear** pluripotential theory in \mathbb{C}^n related to the Monge Ampere complex operator, namely the **relative capacity** $\operatorname{Cap}(K, \Omega)$ w.r.t. a hyperconvex sup-set Ω of K.

Relative Capacity in \mathbb{C}^n

$$\operatorname{Cap}(\mathcal{K},\Omega) := \sup \left\{ \int_{\mathcal{K}} (\operatorname{dd}^{c} u)^{n} : u \in \operatorname{PSH}(\Omega), 0 \le u \le 1 \right\}$$

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The proof of these results relays on the following facts

- (A) The regularity assumption on the set: V_{κ}^* is continuous.
- (B) Bernstein Walsh Siciak lemma.

$$|p(z)| \le ||p||_{\mathcal{K}} \exp(\deg(p) V_{\mathcal{K}}(z)).$$
(3)

(C) The following theorem

Capacity Convergence [Bloom Levenberg]

For any sequence of compact subsets of the compact non pluripolar \mathcal{L} -regular set K the following facts are equivalent

(i)
$$\lim_{j} \operatorname{Cap}(K_{j}, B(0, 1)) = \operatorname{Cap}(K, B(0, 1)).$$

(ii) $\lim_{j} V_{K_{i}^{*}} = V_{K}^{*}$ locally uniformly in \mathbb{C}^{n} .



Motivation: LDP for vector energy problems [4].

Theorem [P.]

Let *K* be a regular non polar compact set in the complex plane, $\Omega := \mathbb{C}_{\infty} \setminus \hat{K}$ and $P \subset \Omega$ a compactum. Let $\mu \in \mathcal{M}(K)$, supp $\mu = K$ and suppose there exists a positive *t* such that

$$\lim_{t\to 0^+} \operatorname{cap}\left(\{z: \mu(B(z,r)) \ge r^t\}\right) = \operatorname{cap}(K).$$
(4)

Then μ enjoys the Bernstein Markov property on *K* for the rational functions with poles in *P*.

Idea of the proof



We replace the Bernstein Walsh Siciak Inequality by

$$|r_m(z)| \leq ||r||_{\mathcal{K}} \exp\left(\sum_{z_j \in \text{Poles}(r_m)} g_{\Omega_{\mathcal{K}}}(z, z_j)\right) \quad \forall r_m \in \mathscr{R}_m(\mathcal{K}, \mathcal{P}).$$

Here $g_{\Omega_{\kappa}}(z, z_j)$ is the generalized Green function • We recover a modified capacity convergence result.

Proposition [P.]

Let $K \subset \mathbb{C}$ be a regular non polar compact set, let Ω_K be the unbounded component of $\mathbb{C} \setminus K$ and P a compact subset of Ω_K such that $P \cap K = \emptyset$. Then there exist a domain D such that $K \subset D$ and $P \cap \overline{D} = \emptyset$, such that for any sequence $\{K_j\}$ of compact subsets of K the following are equivalent (here Ω_{K_j} is defined similarly to Ω_K).

$$\lim_{j} \operatorname{cap}(K_{j}) = \operatorname{cap}(K).$$
$$\lim_{j} g_{\Omega_{j}}(z, a) = g_{\Omega}(z, a) \text{ loc. unif. for } z \in D \text{ unif. for } a \in P.$$



In the case of a closed unbounded set *K* and an admissible weight function $w : \mathbb{C} \to [0, +\infty[$, can we do something?

Idea:

- **Compactification**, we look at the real sphere.
- search for Strong BMP, leads to
- **complexification**: $\mathcal{A} := \{z \in \mathbb{C}^3 : \sum z_i^2 = 1\}$ of the sphere
- use Pluripotential Theory for Algebraic Submanifold.

In such a setting the proof of an adapted formulation of sufficient mass density condition works provided an adapted version of the capacity convergence result.



There is a specific $\mathbb{C}-\text{linear}$ change of (Rudin) coordinates [7] such that

$$\mathcal{A} \subset \{(z,w) \in \mathbb{C}^m \times \mathbb{C}^{n-m} : |w|^2 \le C(1+|z|^2)\}.$$

Sadullaev [8] defined $V_{K}^{*}(\cdot, \mathcal{A})$ and gave sense to pluripotential theory on algebraic sets.

Notation: for R >> 1 we use the pseudo-ball

$$\Omega(r) := \{(z,w) \in \mathcal{A} : |z|^2 - R^2 < r\}.$$

 $\Omega := \Omega(-\sqrt{R^2-1}).$



Theorem [P.]

Let $\mathcal{A} \subset \mathbb{C}^n$ be an algebraic variety of pure dimension m < n, $\mathcal{A}_{\text{reg}} \supset \Omega_0 \supset K$ where K is a compact \mathcal{L} regular nonpluripolar set. Let $\{K_j\}_{j \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of compact subsets of K, then the following are equivalent.

(i)
$$\lim_{j} \operatorname{Cap}(K_{j}, \Omega) = \operatorname{Cap}(K, \Omega).$$

(ii) $V^*_{\mathcal{K}_i}(\cdot, \mathcal{A}) \to V^*_{\mathcal{K}}(\cdot, \mathcal{A})$ locally uniformly on \mathcal{A} .



The proof is similar to the original one ... **if** we provide a modified version of the *Capacities Comparison Theorem* of Alexander and Taylor [1].

To do it ,first we re-defined the (modified) Tchebyshev constant as

$$m_{\nu}(K,\mathcal{A}) := \inf\{\|p\|_{K} : p \in \mathscr{P}_{\mathbb{C}}(K), \deg p \le \nu, \|p\|_{|z|\le 1} \ge 1\},\$$

$$T(K,\mathcal{A}) := \inf_{\nu>0} m_{\nu}^{1/\nu}(K,\mathcal{A}).$$

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Theorem [P.]

Let \mathcal{A} be a *m*-dimensional algebraic variety of \mathbb{C}^n , such that for an R > 1 $\mathcal{A}_{reg} \supset \Omega_0$, then for any $r < -\sqrt{R^2 - 1}$ there exist two positive constants c_1, c_2 such that for any compact set $K \subset \Omega_r$

$$\exp\left[-\left(\frac{c_1}{\operatorname{Cap}(K,\Omega)}\right)^{1/m}\right] \ge T(K,\mathcal{A}),$$
$$T(K,\mathcal{A}) \ge \exp\left(-\frac{c_2}{\operatorname{Cap}(K,\Omega)}\right).$$

In particular for any $E \subseteq K$ we have

$$\|V_E(z,\mathcal{A})\|_{\Omega} \leq \frac{c_2}{\operatorname{Cap}(E,\Omega)}.$$

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Among other issues we need a further sharpening of Chern Levine Nirenberg Estimate for $u \leq 0$

$$\begin{split} & \mathsf{CLN} \ \int_{\mathcal{K}} (\mathsf{dd}^{\mathsf{c}} \, u)^n \leq C \|u\|_L^m \ \forall u \in C^2(B) \\ & \mathsf{AT} \ \int_{\mathcal{K}} (\mathsf{dd}^{\mathsf{c}} \, u)^m \leq C(-u(0)) \|u\|_B^{m-1} \ u \in \mathsf{PSH}(B) \\ & \mathsf{New} \ \int_{\mathcal{K}} (\mathsf{dd}^{\mathsf{c}} \, u)^m \leq C \int_{\Omega(z_0,r)} -u \, (\mathsf{dd}^{\mathsf{c}} \, \rho)^m \, \|u\|_{\Omega}^{m-1} \ u \in \mathsf{PSH}(\Omega) \\ & \Omega \subset \Omega(z_0,r) \subset \mathcal{A}. \end{split}$$

The main tool here is the Lelong Jensen Formula proven by Demailly [5].

For the case of the relative extremal function the r.h.s. integral can be dominated by the same function for the projected set, i.e.,

$$\int_{\Omega(z_0,r)} -U_{K,\Omega(z_0,r)} \left(\mathsf{dd}^{\mathsf{c}} \rho\right)^m \leq C'(r) \left(-U_{\pi K,B_{\mathbb{C}^m}}(z_0)\right).$$





Thank you for the attention.

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