

Uniformly bounded sets of orthonormal polynomials on the sphere

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He raises the question whether using kernels peaking at Fekete points one may increase the size of the uniformly bounded orthonormal system of sections.

For $M = \mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^{m-1}$ and L the hyperplane section bundle $\mathcal{O}(1)$ with the Fubini-Study metric one can identify

$$H^0(\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^{m-1}, L^N) \equiv \boxed{\text{space of homogeneous holomorphic polynomials of degree } N \text{ on } \mathbb{C}^m}$$

i.e.

$$H^0(\mathbb{C}\mathbb{P}^1, L^N) \equiv \mathcal{P}_N.$$

The L^p norm of a section is the corresponding norm of the polynomial over the sphere $\mathbb{S}^{2m-1} \subset \mathbb{C}^m$.

Theorem

Let L be a Hermitian holomorphic line bundle over a compact Kähler manifold M with positive curvature. Then for any $\varepsilon > 0$, there is a constant $C_\varepsilon > 0$ such that for any $N \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, we can find orthonormal holomorphic sections:

$$s_1^N, \dots, s_{n_N}^N \in H^0(M, L^N), \quad n_N \geq (1 - \varepsilon) \dim H^0(M, L^N),$$

such that $\|s_j^N\|_\infty \leq C_\varepsilon$ for $1 \leq j \leq n_N$ and for all $N \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

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We denote by $b_L(z, w)$ the normalized reproducing kernels.

The main example is the sphere $M = \mathbb{S}^m$, where the ϕ_i are spherical harmonics and the spaces E_L are the restriction to the sphere of the space of polynomials in \mathbb{R}^{m+1} .

Our result is the following:

Theorem

Given $\varepsilon > 0$ and $L \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ there exist $C_\varepsilon > 0$ and a set $\{s_1^L, \dots, s_{n_L}^L\}$ of orthonormal functions in E_L with $n_L \geq (1 - \varepsilon) \dim E_L$ such that $\|s_j^L\|_{L^\infty(M)} \leq C_\varepsilon$, for all $L \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ and $1 \leq j \leq n_L$.

Interpolation and Riesz sequences

For degree L we take n_L points in M

$$\mathcal{Z}(L) = \{z_{L,j} \in M : 1 \leq j \leq n_L\}, \quad L \geq 0,$$

and assume that $n_L \rightarrow \infty$ as $L \rightarrow \infty$. This yields a triangular array of points $\mathcal{Z} = \{\mathcal{Z}(L)\}_{L \geq 0}$ in M .

Definition

\mathcal{Z} is interpolating if and only if the normalized reproducing kernel of E_L at the points $\mathcal{Z}(L)$ form a Riesz sequence i.e.

$$C^{-1} \sum_{j=1}^{n_L} |a_{Lj}|^2 \leq \int_{\mathbb{S}^d} \left| \sum_{j=1}^{n_L} a_{Lj} b_L(z, z_{L,j}) \right|^2 d\sigma(z) \leq C \sum_{j=1}^{n_L} |a_{Lj}|^2,$$

for any $\{a_{Lj}\}_{L,j}$ with $C > 0$ independent of L . Observe $n_L \leq k_L$.

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If one has “good estimates” for the kernel one can see that for $\ell = 1, \dots, n_L$

$$s_\ell^L = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_L}} \sum_j \zeta^{i\ell} \sum_j G_{ij}^{-1/2} b_L(\cdot, z_{L,j}) \in E_L$$

where $\zeta = e^{2\pi i/n_L}$ is bounded and ON.

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Open problem

It is not known if there are Riesz basis of reproducing kernels in the spaces of spherical harmonics.

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Fekete points (extremal systems)

Let $\{\psi_1, \dots, \psi_{k_L}\}$ be any basis in E_L . A set of points $x_1^*, \dots, x_{k_L}^* \in M$ such that

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The next result provides us with Riesz sequences of reproducing kernels with cardinality almost optimal.

Theorem (M., Ortega-Cerdà, Pridhnani, Lev)

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For compact complex manifolds one can use directly these kernels to continue with the construction of flat sections. In the real setting the off-diagonal decay of the reproducing kernels is not fast enough. So we need to introduce better kernels.

Changing the kernel

Given $0 < \varepsilon \leq 1$ let $\beta_\varepsilon : [0, +\infty) \mapsto [0, 1]$ be a nonincreasing \mathcal{C}^∞ function such that $\beta_\varepsilon(x) = 1$ for $x \in [0, 1 - \varepsilon]$ and $\beta_\varepsilon(x) = 0$ if $x > 1$. We consider the following **Bochner-Riesz** type kernels

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When $\varepsilon = 0$ we “recover” the reproducing kernel for E_L . Observe that $\|B_L^\varepsilon(\cdot, w)\|_2^2 \sim L^m$ for any $w \in M$.

These kernels have better pointwise estimates (Filbir-Mhaskar (10))

$$|B_L^\varepsilon(z, w)| \lesssim \frac{L^m}{(1 + Ld(z, w))^N}, \quad z, w \in M$$

where one can take any $N > m$.

One can replace the reproducing kernels by the Bochner-Riesz type and still get a Riesz sequence:

Lemma

Given $\varepsilon > 0$ there exist a set of $n_{L,\varepsilon}$ points $\{z_j\}_{j=1,\dots,n_{L,\varepsilon}}$ with $n_{L,\varepsilon} \geq (1 - \varepsilon) \dim E_L$ such that the normalized Bochner-Riesz type kernels $\{b_L^\varepsilon(\cdot, z_j)\}_{j=1,\dots,n_{L,\varepsilon}}$ form a Riesz sequence (uniformly in L).

Jaffard (90)

Let (X, d) be a metric space such that for all $\epsilon > 0$ there exists C_ϵ such that

$$\sup_{s \in X} \sum_{t \in X} \exp(-\epsilon d(s, t)) \leq C_\epsilon.$$

Suppose that

$$\sup_{s \in X} \sum_{t \in X} \frac{1}{|1 + d(s, t)|^N} < \infty,$$

and for $\alpha > N$ the matrix $A = (A(s, t))_{s, t \in X}$ is such that

$$|A(s, t)| \leq \frac{C}{|1 + d(s, t)|^\alpha}.$$

Then, if A is invertible as an operator in ℓ^2 the matrix A^{-1} (and also $A^{-1/2}$) satisfies the same kind of bound and therefore it is bounded in ℓ^p for $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ by Schur's Lemma.

We define the $n_{L,\varepsilon} \times n_{L,\varepsilon}$ Gramian matrix

$$\Delta = (\Delta_{ij})_{i,j=1,\dots,n_{L,\varepsilon}}, \quad \text{where } \Delta_{ij} = \langle b_L^\varepsilon(\cdot, z_i), b_L^\varepsilon(\cdot, z_j) \rangle,$$

where the points z_j for $j = 1, \dots, n_{L,\varepsilon}$ are given by the previous Lemma.

This matrix defines a bounded operator in ℓ^2 which is also bounded below (uniformly in L).

Because of the structure of the regularized kernel we have the following estimate for the entries of the Gramian:

$$|\Delta_{ij}| = \frac{1}{k_L} \left| \int_M B_L^\varepsilon(z, z_i) \overline{B_L^\varepsilon(z, z_j)} dV(z) \right| \lesssim \frac{1}{(1 + Ld(z_i, z_j))^N}.$$

Then as

Proposition

For $\{z_j\} \subset M$ uniformly separated

$$\sup_i \sum_j \frac{1}{(1 + Ld(z_i, z_j))^N} \lesssim 1.$$

One can apply Jaffard's result getting the estimates

$$\|\Delta^{-1/2}\|_{\ell^\infty \rightarrow \ell^\infty} \leq \max_i \sum_j |\Delta_{ij}^{1/2}| \lesssim 1.$$

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$$\langle s_i^L, s_k^L \rangle = \frac{1}{n_{L,\varepsilon}} \sum_{j=1}^{n_{L,\varepsilon}} \zeta^{j(i-k)} = \delta_{ik}, \quad 1 \leq i, k \leq n_{L,\varepsilon}.$$

To verify that the s_i^L are indeed uniformly bounded. Define the linear maps

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So, finally we get

$$\|s_i^L\|_{L^\infty(M)} \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_{L,\varepsilon}}} \|F_L\|_{\ell^\infty \rightarrow L^\infty(M)} \|\Delta^{-1/2}\|_{\ell^\infty \rightarrow \ell^\infty} \lesssim 1,$$

for all $L \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ and $1 \leq i \leq n_{L,\varepsilon}$.

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