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# Spectral Theory of Orthogonal Polynomials

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Recall  $C_0$  step-by-step says

$$-\log(a_1) = Z(\mu) - Z(\mu_1) + \mathcal{E}_0(J) - \mathcal{E}_0(J_1)$$

where  $\mathcal{E}_0(J) = \sum_{j,\pm} \log |\beta^\pm(J)|$ ,  $E = \beta + \beta^{-1}$ ,  $|\beta| > 1$

and  $Z(\mu) = -\frac{1}{2}S(\mu^{(0)} | \mu) - \frac{1}{2} \log 2$

(Note  $S(\mu^{(0)} | \mu_0) = -\log 2$ )

$$= \frac{1}{4\pi} \int \log \left( \frac{\sin \theta}{\operatorname{Im} M(e^{i\theta})} \right) d\theta.$$

$d\mu^{(0)} = \operatorname{Sz}(\frac{d\theta}{2\pi})$ . Recall  $d\mu_0 = \operatorname{Sz}(\sin^2 \theta \frac{d\theta}{\pi})$  is free half-line.

So formally,  $C_0$  is

$$-\log \left( \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} a_j \right) = Z(\mu) - \mathcal{E}_0(J)$$

Unlike  $P_2$ , not all terms positive.



# (Extended) Shohat–Nevai Theorem

**Theorem** (Extended Shohat–Nevai Theorem). *Let  $d\mu = f(x) dx + d\mu_s$ .  $\sigma_{\text{ess}}(J) = [-2, 2]$ . Suppose that*

$$\sum_{n,\pm} (|E_n^\pm| - 2)^{\frac{1}{2}} < \infty$$

*Then*

$$\int_{-2}^2 (4 - x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \log f(x) > -\infty \Leftrightarrow \overline{\lim} a_1 \cdots a_n > 0$$

*In that case*

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n - 1)^2 + b_n^2 < \infty$$

$\prod_{n=1}^N a_n$ ,  $\sum_{n=1}^N (a_n - 1)$ ,  $\sum_{n=1}^N b_n$  all have limits  
(in  $(0, \infty)$ , resp.,  $(-\infty, \infty)$ )

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**Remarks.** 1.  $\sum(|E_n^\pm| - 2)^{\frac{1}{2}} < \infty$  is called Blaschke condition for reasons we'll see below.

2. One variant of this theorem is that among the three conditions:

(i)  $\sum(|E_n^\pm| - 2)^{\frac{1}{2}} < \infty$ ;

(ii) Szegő integral  $> -\infty$ ,

(iii)  $\lim(a_1 \cdots a_n)$  exists in  $(0, \infty)$  (not just  $\overline{\lim}$ ),  
any two imply the third.

3. Recall Lieb–Thirring (proven for Jacobi by Hundertmark–Simon)

$$\sum(|E_n^\pm| - 2)^p \leq \sum(|a_n - 1|^{p+\frac{1}{2}} + |b_n|^{p+\frac{1}{2}}) \text{ for } p \geq \frac{1}{2}.$$



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Thus  $J - J_0 \in \ell_1$  (trace class), equivalent to  $\sum |a_n - 1| + |b_n| < \infty$  implies both Blaschke condition and  $\lim (a_1 \cdots a_n)$  exists so we have

**Nevai Conjecture.**  $\sum |a_n - 1| + |b_n| < \infty \Rightarrow$  Szegő condition.

We refer you to [SzTh], Section 3.8 for the proof of the extended Shohat–Nevai Theorem. The idea is to use the  $C_0$  step-by-step sum rule and lsc of  $Z$  much like we did for Killip–Simon.



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**Theorem** (Damanik–Simon [Inv. Math **165** (2006), 1–50]).  
*Let the Jacobi parameters obey*

(a)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n - 1)^2 + b_n^2 < \infty$

(b)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \prod_{j=1}^n a_j$  and

(c)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^n b_j$  exist in  $(0, \infty)$  and  $\mathbb{R}$ .

*Then, for all  $z \in \mathbb{D} \setminus \{0\}$  with  $z + z^{-1} \notin \sigma(J)$ ,  
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z^n p_n(z + z^{-1})$  exists uniformly on compacts and is  
non-zero.*

*Conversely, if that limit exists uniformly and is non-zero for  
 $\{z \mid |z| = r\}$  for all  $r \in (0, \varepsilon)$ , then (a)–(c) hold.*





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**Corollary** (Peherstorfer-Yuditskii [Proc. AMS **129** (2001) 3213–3220]). *If  $\sum_{n,\pm} (|E_n^\pm| - 2)^{\frac{1}{2}} < \infty$  and Szegő condition holds, then  $\lim z^n p_n(z + z^{-1})$  exists, etc.*

For by Shohat–Nevai, we get all the required conditions for above theorem.

For each  $\frac{1}{2} \leq p < \frac{3}{2}$ , Damanik–Simon construct examples with  $a_n \equiv 1$ ,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n^2 < \infty$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=1}^n b_j$  exists but  $\sum (|E_n^\pm| - 2)^p = \infty$ .

For such examples, the Szegő condition fails, but you still get Szegő asymptotics ! This came as a surprise to many. Of course, if an  $\ell^2$  condition holds, then the sum is finite for  $p = 3/2$  by Killip–Simon.



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Here is the idea of the construction, at least if  $p < 1$ .

For whole line  $a_n \equiv 1$ ,  $b_n = 0$  for  $n \neq 0$ ,  $b_0 = \pm\varepsilon$  has a single eigenvalue of size  $\pm 2 \pm C\varepsilon^2 + O(\varepsilon^3)$ .

(I think  $C = \frac{1}{4}$ ?)

Fix a sequence of numbers  $\beta_j$  of alternating sign,  $|\beta_j| \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\beta_1 > 0$ , and integers,  $0 < m_1 < m_2 < \dots$ . Take  $a_n \equiv 1$ ,  $b_n = 0$  if  $n \notin \{m_j\}$ .  $b_{m_j} = \beta_j$ . As  $m_1, m_{j+1} - m_j, \dots$  all get very large,  $J$  has eigenvalues very close to  $(-1)^{j+1} [2 + C\beta_j^2]$ , at least for  $j$  large.

Take  $\beta_j = k^{-\beta}$ ,  $j = 2k - 1$ ;  $\beta_j = -k^{-\beta}$ ,  $j = 2k$ .

Trivially,  $\sum_{n=1}^N \beta_n$  converges to 0 and if  $\beta > \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n^2 < \infty$ .

$|E_j^{\pm}| - 2 \sim Cj^{-2\beta}$ . If  $2\beta p < 1$ ,  $\sum (|E_j^{\pm}| - 2)^p = \infty$ .



# Szegő Asymptotics—Results

That Szegő asymptotics implies the conditions on the  $a$ 's and  $b$ 's is not hard. For each  $n$ , for  $z$  near 0,

$$z^n p_n(z + \frac{1}{z}) = \frac{1}{a_1 \cdots a_n} (1 + z(\sum_{j=1}^n b_j) + O(z^2))$$

so  $z^n p_n(z + \frac{1}{z})$  is analytic near  $z = 0$  and Szegő asymptotics implies convergence of the Taylor coefficients.

The first two coefficients give convergence of  $\prod_1^n a_j$  and  $\sum_1^n b_j$  by the above and the third coefficient yields the conditional convergence of  $\sum_1^n (a_j - 1)^2 + b_j^2$  but since the sum of positive numbers, conditional convergence implies absolute convergence.

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In the last lecture, we defined the Weyl solution,  $g_n(x)$ ,  
 $x \in \mathbb{C} \setminus \sigma(J)$

We say we have Jost asymptotics at  $z_0$  if and only if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} -z_0^{-(n+1)} g_n(z_0 + \frac{1}{z_0}) \equiv \frac{1}{u(z_0)}$$

exists and is non-zero. In that case,  $u$  is called the Jost  
function, the Jost solution is defined to be

$$u_n(z) = -u(z) g_{n-1}(z + \frac{1}{z})$$

so  $u_n(z) \sim z^n$ .



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Define  $x_n = -z_0^{-(n+1)} g_n(z_0 + \frac{1}{z_0})$ ,  $y_n = z_0^n p_n(z_0 + \frac{1}{z_0})$ .

**Theorem** (Damanik–Simon). *Suppose  $a_n \rightarrow 1$ ,  $b_n \rightarrow 0$ . Fix  $z_0$ . Then  $\lim x_n = x_\infty$  if and only if  $\lim y_n = y_\infty$  and then*

$$x_\infty y_\infty = (1 - z^2)^{-1}$$

**Proof** (Christensen–Simon–Zinchenko [Const. Approx **33** (2011), 365–403]). The Wronskian of  $p_n$  and  $q_n$  is 1, so the Wronskian of  $p_n$  and  $g_n = q_n + m p_n$  is 1 also. Thus, with  $G_{nn} = \langle \delta_n, (J - (z + z^{-1}))^{-1} \delta_n \rangle$

$$G_{nn} = p_{n-1}(z + z^{-1}) g_{n-1}(z + z^{-1})$$



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Let  $J_0$  be the whole line free ( $a_n \equiv 1, b_n \equiv 0$ ) Jacobi matrix.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then, } G_{nn}^{(0)}(z) &\equiv \langle \delta_n, (J_0 - (z + z^{-1}))^{-1} \delta_n \rangle \\ &= -(z - z^{-1})^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

(by computing Wronskian of  $z^{-n}$  and  $z^n$ )

and  $a_n \rightarrow 1, b_n \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \lim G_{nn}(z) = G_{00}^{(0)}(z)$ .

Thus,  $y_{n-1} x_{n-1} \rightarrow (1 - z^2)^{-1} \Rightarrow \text{result}$ .



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Rather than prove Jost asymptotics in the Damanik–Simon generality, we suppose we have a Szegő condition and a Blaschke condition and sketch how to get Szegő asymptotics directly but still using the Jost function. (Our approach follows Peherstorfer-Yuditskii.)

The condition  $\sum ||E_j^\pm| - 2|^{\frac{1}{2}} < \infty$  is equivalent to  $\sum(1 - |\beta_j^\pm|) < \infty$  where  $E_j^\pm = \beta_j^\pm + (\beta_j^\pm)^{-1}$ ,  $|\beta_j| < 1$ .

Thus,  $B(z) = \prod b_{\beta_j^\pm}(z)$  exists (hence Blaschke condition) and one defines

$$u(z) = B(z) \exp \left( \int \frac{e^{i\theta} + z}{e^{i\theta} - z} \log \left( \frac{\sin \theta}{\operatorname{Im} M(e^{i\theta})} \right) \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} \right)$$

where  $\operatorname{Im} M(e^{i\theta}) = \pi f(2 \cos \theta)$  (if  $0 < \theta < \pi$ ).



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By the Szegő condition, the integral defines a function  $E(z)$  with  $(1 - z^2) E(z)^{-1} \in H^2$ .

A calculation reminiscent of Szegő's yields

$$\int \left| p_n(x) - \frac{\operatorname{Im}[\bar{u}(e^{i\theta(x)})e^{i(n+1)\theta(x)}]}{\sin(\theta(x))} \right|^2 f(x) dx + \int |p_n(x)|^2 d\mu_s(x) \text{ goes to zero.}$$

This implies Szegő and Jost asymptotics and that  $u$  as defined above is the Jost function.