

## On Extremal Polynomials on a System of Curves and Arcs

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**Abstract:** Strong asymptotic is given for a sequence of extremal polynomials with respect to a Szegő measure supported on a system of a rectifiable Jordan curves and arcs and perturbed by an infinite Blaschke sequence of point masses.

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### INTRODUCTION

Hereafter in this study, let  $\sigma$  be a finite positive Borel measure with an infinite compact support in the complex plane. Denote by  $\{T_n(z)\}$  the monic polynomial of degree  $n$  orthogonal with respect to the measure  $\sigma$  i.e.

$$T_n(z) = z^n + \dots, \\ \int T_n(z) \bar{z}^k d\sigma = 0; \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$$

Let  $P_n$  be the set of polynomials of degree  $n$ . It is well known that  $T_n(z)$  satisfies the extremal properties:

$$\|T_n(z)\|_{L_2(\sigma)}^2 = \min_{Q \in P_{n-1}} \|z^n + Q\|_{L_2(\sigma)}^2 = m_n(\sigma) \quad (1.1)$$

where as usual

$$\|f\|_{L_2(\sigma)} = \left\{ \int |f(\xi)|^2 d\sigma(\xi) \right\}^{1/2}$$

One of the major areas of research in the study of extremal polynomials is to investigate the strong asymptotics behavior of  $T_n(z)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Other commonly used names are power asymptotic, Szegő asymptotic, or full exterior asymptotic.

In the classical case of a real interval and unit circle the strong asymptotics was investigated by Bernstein and Szegő (1975). In Widom (1969), we find some general results concerning the strong asymptotics for orthogonal polynomials with respect to measure supported by a finite system of arcs and curves and which satisfy Szegő condition. An extension of Widom's results has been given by Kaliaguine and Konorova (2000) for a measure concentrated on a system of arcs and curves and perturbed by a finite Blaschke sequence of point masses.

For more details on this subject see (Khaldi, 2004; 2005; 2004; Li and Pan, 1994; Marcellan and Maroni, 1992; Nuttall and Singh, 1977; Peherstorfer and Yuditskii, 2001; Rakhmanov, 1977; Rakhmanov, 1983; Rudin, 1968; Szegő, 1975; Widom, 1969).

In the present study we study the strong asymptotics of orthogonal polynomials associated to a measure of the type

$$\sigma = \alpha + \gamma$$

where  $\alpha$  denotes the absolutely continuous part of the measure  $\sigma$  on  $E$  i.e.,

$$d\alpha(\xi) = \rho(\xi) d\xi, \quad \rho \geq 0, \rho \in L^1(E, |d\xi|) \quad (1.2)$$

and  $\gamma$  is a point measure supported on a denumerable set of points  $\{z_k\}_{k=1}^\infty$  off the system i.e.,

$$\gamma = \sum_{k=1}^\infty A_k \delta_{z_k}, \quad A_k > 0, \sum_{k=1}^\infty A_k < \infty. \quad (1.3)$$

Note that the study of the case where the point measure is supported by an infinite discrete part (Khaldi, 2004, 2005; Peherstorfer and Yuditskii, 2001), is completely different from the finite one (Gonchar, 1975; Kaliaguine, 1995; Kaliaguine and Konorova, 2000; Li and Pan, 1994), so we try to bring over some of the foremost ideas of (Kaliaguine and Konorova, 2000) to the infinite case, where the situation turns out to be much more difficult, for this reason, no much is known about extremal polynomials on a system of curves and arcs, although they play an important role in modern solid state physics see (Gasper and Cyrot, 1973; Heine, 1980), since the densities of states live on several arcs.

This study is organized as follow, we give some preliminaries and notations to be able to state our results, we recall the definition of the complex Green function, describe the Hardy multi-valued functions. We expose the extremal problems. The main results are proved.

**Preliminaries and notations:** Let  $E = \bigcup_{k=1}^m E_k$  be a union of

complex rectifiable Jordan curves and arcs of class  $C^{2+}$  with  $E_i \cap E_j = \emptyset, \forall i \neq j$ . By  $E^1$  we denote the union of curves and  $E^2$  the union of arcs. Denote by  $\Omega$  the connected component of  $\mathbb{C} \setminus E$  and we suppose that  $\infty \in \Omega$ .

**Complex green function:** Let  $g(z, a)$  be the real Green function of  $\Omega$  with singularity at  $a$ , denote by  $\bar{g}(z, a)$  it's harmonic conjugate, then the function  $G(z, a) = g(z, a) + i\bar{g}(z, a)$  is called complex Green function for  $\Omega$  with the pole at  $a$ . If  $a = \infty$  we denote by  $g(z)$  and  $G(z)$  the real and complex Green function with singularity at infinity. The function  $\Phi(z) = \exp[G(z)]$  is locally analytic in  $\Omega$ , has no zero with a pole at infinity and  $|\Phi(\xi)| = 1, \xi \in \partial\Omega$ . The logarithmic capacity of  $E$  denoted by  $C(E)$  is the positive number  $C(E) = \exp(-\gamma)$ , where  $\gamma$  is the Robin's constant of  $\Omega$ :

$$\gamma = \lim_{z \rightarrow \infty} [g(z) - \log|z|]$$

If the weight function  $\rho$  (which defines the absolutely part of the measure  $\sigma$ ) satisfies the Szegő condition:

$$\int_E \log(\rho(\xi)) |\Phi'(\xi)| |d\xi| > -\infty$$

then, there exists the real function  $h$  harmonic in  $\Omega$  with the boundary condition on  $E$ :  $h(\xi) = \log(\rho(\xi)), \xi \in E$ . The function  $R(z) = \exp\{h(z) + i\bar{h}(z)\}$  is locally analytic in  $\Omega$ , has a non-tangential limit value on  $E$  and  $|R(z)| = \rho(\xi), \xi \in E$ . The function  $D(z) = \exp\{(1/2)(h(z) + i\bar{h}(z))\}$  is called Szegő function associated with the weight function  $\rho$ .

The Hardy spaces of multi-valued functions  $H^2(\Omega, \rho)$  One says that a function  $f$  locally analytic in  $\Omega$  with single valued modulus and multi-valued argument is from  $H^2(\Omega, \rho)$  space if the function  $|f(z)^2 R(z)|$  has a harmonic majorant in  $\Omega$ . Each function  $f$  from  $H^2(\Omega, \rho)$  has limit values a.a. on  $E$  and

$$\|f\|_{H^2(\Omega, \rho)}^2 = \oint_E |f(\xi)|^2 \rho(\xi) |d\xi| < \infty,$$

here we have use the following notation

$$\oint_E f(\xi) |d\xi| := \int_{\partial\Omega} f(\xi) |d\xi|,$$

where the boundary  $\partial\Omega$  of the region  $\Omega$  is essentially the set  $E$  where any arc of  $E$  is taken twice.

**Extremal problems:** We define  $\mu(\alpha)$  as the extremal value of the following problem:

$$\mu(\alpha) = \inf \left\{ \|\varphi\|_{H^2(\Omega, \rho)}^2, \varphi \in H^2(\Omega, \rho), \varphi(\infty) = 1 \right\} \quad (3.1)$$

It is proved in (Widom, 1969) that the extremal function of the problem (3.1) is unique up to the complex constant factor of modulus 1. We denote the extremal function of the problem (3.1) by  $\varphi$ .

**Lemma 3.1:** The extremal function of the following problem

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(\sigma) = \inf \left\{ \|\varphi\|_{H^2(\Omega, \rho)}^2, \varphi \in H^2(\Omega, \rho), \varphi(\infty) = 1, \right. \\ \left. \varphi(z_k) = 0, k = 1, 2, \dots \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

is given by  $\psi = \varphi B$ , in addition

$$\mu^\infty(\sigma) = \mu(\alpha) \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} |\Phi(z_k)|^2$$

where the constant  $\mu(\alpha)$  and the function  $\varphi$  are defined by the problem (3.1) and the function  $B$  is the product:

$$B(z) = \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Phi(\infty, z)}{\Phi(z, z_k)}$$

**Proof:** The proof is the same as given in (Khaldi, 2004).

**Remark 3.1:** In the case when  $\Omega$  is simply connected that is  $E$  is a curve or an arc ( $m = 1$ ) the function  $B$  is

$$B(z) = \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Phi(z) - \Phi(z_k)}{\Phi(z_k) \Phi(z_k) - 1} \frac{|\Phi(z_k)|^2}{\Phi(z_k)}$$

# Statement of the main results

**Definition 4.1:** A measure  $\sigma = \alpha + \gamma$  is said to belong to a class  $A$ , if the absolutely continuous part  $\alpha$  and the discrete part  $\gamma$  satisfy the conditions (1.2), (1.3) and the Blaschke's condition, i.e.,

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (\Phi(z_k) - 1) < \infty \quad (4.1)$$

**Remark 4.2:** The condition (4.1) is natural and it guarantees the convergence of the Blaschke product

$$\prod_{k=1}^{\infty} |\Phi(z_k)|^2$$

**Definition 4.3:** A rectifiable curve or an arc  $E$  is said to be of class  $C^{2+}$  if in the canonical parameterization  $z(t)$  of  $E$ , the second derivative of the function  $z(s)$  satisfies a Lipschitz condition with some positive exponent.

We denote as in (1.1) by  $m_n(\sigma)$  and  $m_n(\sigma_N)$  the extremal values of the following problems:

$$m_n(\sigma) = \int_E |T_n(\xi)|^2 \rho(\xi) |d\xi| + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k |T_n(z_k)|^2$$

$$m_n(\sigma_N) = \int_E |T_n^N(\xi)|^2 \rho(\xi) |d\xi| + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k |T_n^N(z_k)|^2$$

where the measure  $\sigma_N = \alpha + \sum_{k=1}^N A_k \delta_{z_k}$ ,

It is easy to see that the extremal property of  $T_n^N(z)$  (see (7)) implies that the sequences  $\{m_n(\sigma)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is increasing and  $m_n(\sigma_N) < m_n(\sigma)$  for every  $N = 1$  and so the following theorem tells us what the limit is.

**Theorem 4.4:** Assume that the measure  $\sigma = \alpha + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k \delta_{z_k}$  satisfies the conditions (1.2) and (1.3), then we have

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} m_n(\sigma_N) = m_n(\sigma)$$

**Proof:** According to the reproducing property of the kernel polynomial  $K_n(\xi, z)$ , we have:

$$T_n^N(z_j) = \int_E T_n^N(\xi) \overline{K_{n+1}(\xi, z_j)} \rho(\xi) |d\xi|$$

using the Schwarz inequality we get

$$\begin{aligned} |T_n^N(z_j)|^2 &\leq \int_E |T_n^N(\xi)|^2 \rho(\xi) |d\xi| \int_E |K_{n+1}(\xi, z_j)|^2 \rho(\xi) |d\xi| \\ &\leq m_n(\sigma_N) \sup_{\xi \in E} |K_{n+1}(\xi, z_j)|^2. \end{aligned} \quad (4.2)$$

From (4.2) and the extremal property of  $T_n(z)$  it yields

$$m_n(\sigma) \leq m_n(\sigma_N) + \sum_{k=N+1}^{\infty} A_k |T_n^N(z_k)|^2$$

$$\leq m_n(\sigma_N) \left[ 1 + \sup_{\xi \in E, k \geq N+1} |K_{n+1}(\xi, z_k)|^2, \sum_{k=N+1}^{\infty} A_k \right]$$

Finally, we obtain

$$m_n(\sigma) \leq \liminf_{N \rightarrow \infty} m_n(\sigma_N) \leq \limsup_{N \rightarrow \infty} m_n(\sigma_N) \leq m_n(\sigma).$$

This achieves the proof of the theorem.

**Theorem 4.5:** Let  $E$  be a system of curves and arcs from the class  $C^{2+}$  and the measure  $\sigma$  from the class  $A$ . If

$$m_n(\sigma_N) \leq \left( \prod_{k=1}^N |\Phi(z_k)| \right) m_n(\alpha), \forall n, \forall N \quad (4.3)$$

then the orthogonal polynomials  $T_n(z)$  and the extremal value  $m_n(\sigma)$  have the following asymptotic behavior ( $n \rightarrow \infty$ ):

- (i)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{m_n(\sigma)}{[C(E)]^{2n}} = \mu_{\infty}(\sigma)$
- (ii)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_E \left| \frac{T_n(\xi)}{[C(E)]^n} - \Psi(\xi) \right|^2 \rho(\xi) |d\xi| = 0$
- (iii)  $T_n(z) = [C(E)\Phi(z)]^n [\Psi(z) + \varepsilon_n(z)],$

$\varepsilon_n \rightarrow 0$  uniformly on the compact subsets of  $\Omega$ .

The constant  $\mu(\sigma)$  and the function  $\Psi$  are defined in Lemma 3.1. and

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(\xi) &= \Phi^n(\xi) \psi(\xi) \text{ if } \xi \in E^1 \\ \Psi(\xi) &= \Phi_+^n(\xi) \psi_+(\xi) + \Phi_-^n(\xi) \psi_-(\xi) \text{ if } \xi \in E^2 \end{aligned}$$

**Proof:** We start with the proof of the upper bound of

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{m_n(\sigma)}{[C(E)]^{2n}} \quad (4.4)$$

Indeed, taking the limit when  $N$  tends to infinity in (4.3) and using Theorem 4.4, we obtain

$$\frac{m_n(\sigma)}{[C(E)]^{2n}} \leq \left( \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} |\Phi(z_k)|^2 \right) \frac{m_n(\alpha)}{[C(E)]^{2n}}, \quad (4.5)$$

On the other hand it is proved in (Widom, 1969) that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{m_n(\alpha)}{[C(E)]^{2n}} = \mu(\alpha). \quad (4.6)$$

Using (4.5), (4.6) and Lemma 3.1, we get

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{m_n(\sigma)}{[C(E)]^{2n}} \leq \left( \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} |\Phi(z_k)|^2 \right) \mu(\alpha) = \mu(\sigma), \quad (4.7)$$

Now consider the integral

$$I_n = \int_E \left| \frac{T_n(\xi)}{[C(E)]^n} - \Psi(\xi) \right|^2 \rho(\xi) |d\xi|$$

and transform it in a standard way as the following sum

$$\begin{aligned} I_n &= \int_E \left| \frac{T_n(\xi)}{[C(E)]^n} \right|^2 \rho(\xi) |d\xi| + \int_E |\Psi(\xi)|^2 \rho(\xi) |d\xi| \\ &\quad - 2 \operatorname{Re} \int_E \frac{T_n(\xi)}{[C(E)]^n} \overline{\Psi(\xi) \rho(\xi)} |d\xi| \\ &= I_n^1 + I_n^2 + I_n^3 \end{aligned}$$

**First step:** From the definition of  $m_n(\sigma)$  we have

$$I_n^1 = \int_E \left| \frac{T_n(\xi)}{[C(E)]^n} \right|^2 \rho(\xi) |d\xi| \leq \frac{m_n(\sigma)}{[C(E)]^{2n}} \quad (4.8)$$

**Second step:** Evaluation of the integral  $I_n^2$ .

For the curves we get

$$\int_{E^1} |\Psi(\xi)|^2 \rho(\xi) |d\xi| = \oint_{E^1} |\psi(\xi)|^2 \rho(\xi) |d\xi| \quad (4.9)$$

For the arcs we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{E^2} |\Psi(\xi)|^2 \rho(\xi) |d\xi| &= \oint_{E^2} |\psi(\xi)|^2 \rho(\xi) |d\xi| \\ &\quad + 2 \operatorname{Re} \int_{E^2} \overline{\Phi_+^n(\xi) \Psi_+(\xi) \Phi_-^n(\xi) \Psi_-(\xi) \rho(\xi)} |d\xi|. \end{aligned}$$

since the second integral approaches zero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , from Widom's lemma it yields

$$\int_{E^1} |\Psi(\xi)|^2 \rho(\xi) |d\xi| = \mu(\sigma) + \beta_n, \quad \beta_n \rightarrow 0 \quad (4.10)$$

So, (4.9) and (4.10) implies

$$\int_E |\Psi(\xi)|^2 \rho(\xi) |d\xi| = \mu(\sigma) + \beta_n, \quad \beta_n \rightarrow 0 \quad (4.11)$$

**Third step:** Since  $\overline{\Phi_+} = \frac{1}{\Phi_+}$  we have

$$2 \operatorname{Re} \int_E \frac{T_n(\xi)}{[C(E)]^n} \overline{\Psi(\xi) \rho(\xi)} |d\xi| =$$

$$2 \operatorname{Re} \oint_E \frac{T_n(\xi)}{[C(E) \Phi(\xi)]^n} \overline{\Psi(\xi) \rho(\xi)} |d\xi| =$$

then by proceeding as in (Peherestorfer and Yuditskii, 2001) we get

$$I_n^3 = 2\mu(\sigma) + \beta_n, \quad \beta_n \rightarrow 0 \quad (4.12)$$

Using (4.8), (4.11) and (4.12) we obtain

$$0 \leq I_n \leq \frac{m_n(\sigma)}{[C(E)]^{2n}} + \mu(\sigma) + \alpha_n - 2\mu(\sigma) - \beta_n \quad (4.13)$$

this implies

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{m_n(\sigma)}{[C(E)]^{2n}} \geq \mu(\sigma). \quad (4.14)$$

The inequalities (4.7) and (4.14) prove (i) of the Theorem.

On the other hand, we get (ii) of the theorem by passing to the limit when  $n$  tends to infinity in (4.13) and taking into account (i) of Theorem.

The proof of (iii) of the Theorem is the same as given in (Kaliaguine and Konorova, 2000). This achieves the proof of the Theorem.

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