

CUBIC COLUMN RELATIONS  
IN TRUNCATED MOMENT PROBLEMS  
(JOINT WORK WITH SEONGUK YOO)

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# 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  $\mu$  supported in the complex plane  $\mathbb{C}$  such that

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

$\mu$  is called a **rep. meas.** for  $\gamma$ .

- 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

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

- 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  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .

# 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

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

# 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

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

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



For example,

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

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

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  $n = 2$ .

# FUNCTIONAL CALCULUS

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

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

If there exists a rep. meas.  $\mu$ , 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
- Build algebraic variety  $\mathcal{V}$
- Consider the ideal  $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{P} \equiv \mathbb{R}[x, y]$  generated by poly's arising from column relations
- The ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  is always radical, i.e.,  
$$\mathcal{I} = \sqrt{\mathcal{I}} := \{f \in \mathcal{P} : f^k \in \mathcal{I} \text{ for some } k \geq 1\}$$
- If  $\mathcal{V}$  is finite, then  $\mathcal{I}$  is zero-dimensional, i.e.,  $V(\mathcal{I})$  is finite, where  
$$V(\mathcal{I}) := \{x \in \mathbb{C}^2 : f(x) = 0 \text{ for all } f \in \mathcal{I}\}$$

- Always true:

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

so if the variety is finite there's a natural candidate for  $\text{supp } \mu$

- Finite rank case
- Flat case
- Extremal case
- Recursively generated relations
- Build positive extension, repeat, and eventually flatten
- General case.

# FIRST EXISTENCE CRITERION

## THEOREM

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

- (i)  $\gamma$  has a rep. meas.;
- (ii)  $\gamma$  has a rep. meas. with moments of all orders;
- (iii)  $\gamma$  has a compactly supported rep. meas.;
- (iv)  $\gamma$  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  $\mu$  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  $\gamma$  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  $\gamma$  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  $\mu$  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

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

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)
- $\bar{Z} = A 1 + B Z$  (supp  $\mu \subseteq$  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.  $\mu$ . Moreover, it is possible to find  $\mu$  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  $\mu$  with  $\text{card supp } \mu \leq 6$ .

## COROLLARY

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

# EXTREMAL MP; $r = v$

The *algebraic variety* of  $\beta$  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  $\beta$  admits a representing measure  $\mu$ , 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

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

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

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

# BASIC NECESSARY CONDITIONS FOR THE EXISTENCE OF A REPRESENTING MEASURE

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

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

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

Consistency implies

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

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  $\beta$  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,  $\beta$  is *consistent*, and  $r \leq v$ , does  $\beta$  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)  $\beta$  has a representing measure;
- (ii)  $\beta$  has a unique representing measure, which is rank  $\mathcal{M}(n)$ -atomic (minimal);
- (iii)  $\mathcal{M}(n) \geq 0$  and  $\beta$  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

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

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

- 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)  $\text{card } \mathcal{Z}(q_7) = 7$ . 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.,

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

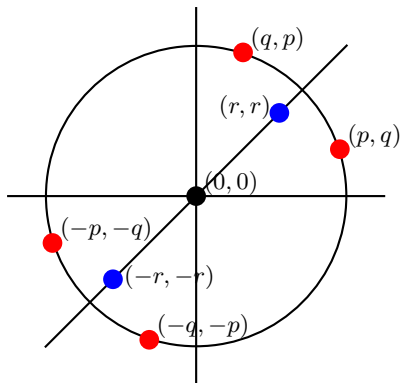


FIGURE 1. The 7-point set  $\mathcal{Z}(q_7)$ , where  $r = \sqrt{\frac{t-u}{2}}$ ,  $p = \frac{1}{2}(2u + \sqrt{4u^2 - t^2})$  and  $p^2 + q^2 = u$

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

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

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



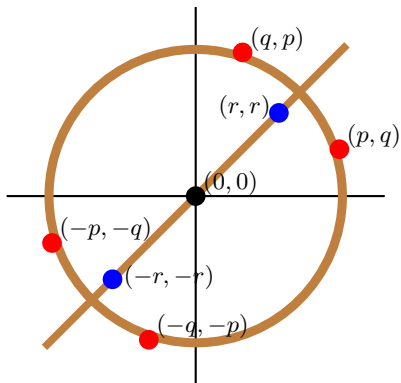


FIGURE 2. The sets  $\mathcal{Z}(q_7)$  and  $\mathcal{Z}(q_{LC})$

## MAIN THEOREM

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

$$\begin{cases} \Lambda(q_{LC}) & = 0 \\ \Lambda(zq_{LC}) & = 0. \end{cases} \quad (8.5)$$

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,

$$q_{LC}(Z, \bar{Z}) = 0 \quad (8.6)$$

**Proof.** ( $\implies$ ) Let  $\mu$  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 (8.5), 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  $\Lambda(fq_7 + g\bar{q}_7 + hq_{LC}) = 0$ . **Consistency** will be established once we show that all degree-six polynomials vanishing in  $\mathcal{Z}(q_7)$  are of the form  $fq_7 + g\bar{q}_7 + hq_{LC}$ .

## 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

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

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

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

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

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

Using Lagrange Interpolation, it is easy to verify that  $S$  is **onto**.

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  $\dim \mathcal{P}_6 = 21$ . We have now established that  $\dim \mathcal{I} = \dim \mathcal{P}_6$ , that is,  $\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{P}_6$ .

# SUMMARY

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