

# Bergman-Szegő kernel asymptotics in weakly pseudoconvex finite type cases

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Questions:

- find generalization of RMT in higher dimensions?
- biholomorphism classification of domains in higher dimensions
- more robust biholomorphism invariants?

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Properties:

1.  $\Pi_U(z, z') = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \varphi_j(z) \overline{\varphi_j(z')}$ , for  $\{\varphi_j\}_{j=1}^{\infty}$  ONB of  $H_{(2)}^0(U)$ .
2.  $\overline{\Pi_U(z, z')} = \Pi_U(z', z)$
3.  $\Pi_U(z, z')$  hol./antihol. in  $z/z'$ , smooth in the interior
4. (U bounded)  $\Pi_U(z, z) > 0$  in the interior

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## Theorem (Bergman 1921)

Let  $F : U_1 \rightarrow U_2$  be a biholomorphism between two domains. Then it is an isometry  $F_* g^{U_1} = g^{U_2}$ .

## Proof.

From defining property  $\Pi_{U_1}(z, w) = \det \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} \right) [\Pi_{U_2}(F(z), F(w))] \overline{\det \left( \frac{\partial F}{\partial w} \right)}$ .

Mixed partials of Jacobians are zero.



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Computing curvatures:  $\mathbb{D}^1 \times \mathbb{D}^1 \not\cong \mathbb{D}^2$ ,  $E_p \not\cong E_{p'}$  for  $p \neq p'$  (not biholomorphic).

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## Theorem (Fefferman '74)

Let  $U_1, U_2 \subset \mathbb{C}^n$  smoothly bounded and strongly pseudoconvex. Then  $U_1 \cong U_2$  (biholomorphic)  $\iff \exists$  CR diffeomorphism  $\partial U_1 \cong \partial U_2$ .

## Proof.

Uses Bergman kernel expansion. Given  $U = \{\rho < 0\}$ ,  $d\rho|_{\partial U} \neq 0$  (boundary defining function), then

$$\begin{aligned}\Pi_U(z, z) &= a(z) \rho^{-n-1} + b(z) \ln(-\rho) \\ &\sim \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} a_j(x) \rho^{-n-1+j} + \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} b_j(x) \rho^j \ln(-\rho), \quad \text{as } \rho \rightarrow 0,\end{aligned}$$

for  $a(z), b(z) \in C^\infty(\overline{U})$ ,  $z = (x, \rho)$  local coord near boundary. Study geodesic flow for Bergman metric near boundary to obtain boundary extension.

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Examples:

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Where  $T^{1,0}X = T^{1,0}\mathbb{C}^n \cap T_{\mathbb{C}}X$ .

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$x \in X$  is weakly/ strongly pseudoconvex  $\iff \mathcal{L}_x(., J_x.)$  is positive definite/semi-definite

$x \in X$  is finite type  $\iff HX$  is bracket generating at  $x$

type of a point  $x \in X$  is  $r(x) = 1 + \min \# \text{ brackets in } HX \text{ necessary to generate } TX$   
type of strongly pseudoconvex point  $x \in X$  is  $r(x) = 2$ .

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Choosing Hermitian metric on  $T^{1,0}X$  & volume form  $\mu$ .

$$\text{Kohn Laplacian: } \square_b^q := \bar{\partial}_b^{q-1} \left( \bar{\partial}_b^{q-1} \right)^* + (\bar{\partial}_b^q)^* \bar{\partial}_b^q$$

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Theorem (Lempert '92)

Let  $(X^3, T^{1,0}X)$  strongly pseudoconvex three dimensional CR manifold admitting a transversal, CR circle action. Then it is embeddable into  $\mathbb{C}^N$ .

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Note: regrouped amplitude  $b(t; x, y) \in S_{t, \frac{1}{2}, cl}^n$  (lies in a more general class;

$$\partial_x^\alpha \partial_y^\beta \partial_t^\gamma b = O\left(t^{n+\frac{1}{2}(|\alpha|+|\beta|)-\gamma}\right)$$

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More generally when  $Y(q)$  condition fails..

Theorem (Hsiao '10, Hsiao-Marinescu '17)

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# Bergman asymptotics

Specialize to  $X = \partial U$ .

Consider Poisson operator

$$P : C^\infty(X) \rightarrow C^{-\infty}(U)$$
$$\square_U P = 0, \gamma P = I.$$

## Theorem (Boutet de Monvel '71)

The Poisson operator maps  $P : H^s(X) \rightarrow H^{s+\frac{1}{2}}(U)$ . Furthermore  $P^*P : C^\infty(X) \rightarrow C^\infty(X)$  is elliptic, injective pseudodifferential of order  $-1$  with  $\sigma(P^*P)^{-1} = \sigma(\Delta_X)$ .

Furthermore  $P$  approximately relates the Bergman-Szegő projectors  $\Pi_U = "P(P^*P)^{-1}\Pi_b^0 P"$  (at highest order)

Using the above recover/refine Fefferman's theorem

# Bergman semiclassics

Second specialization  $X = S^1 L$ .

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$X$  strongly pseudoconvex iff  $(L, h^L)$  positive

$k$ th Fourier component of  $\Pi_b^0 = \Pi_k : L^2(X, L^k) \rightarrow H^0(X, L^k)$

This gives

Theorem (Tian '90, Catlin '97, Zelditch '98)

Let  $Y^{2n}$  cpx manifold.  $(L, h^L)$  positive, Hermitian, holomorphic. The Bergman kernel admits on-diagonal expansion

$$\Pi_k(y, y) \sim k^n [b_0(y) + b_1(y)k + \dots]$$

valid in  $C^\alpha$  for all  $\alpha$ .

Different more geometric method: Dai-Liu-Ma '06, Ma-Marinescu '07 (without Boutet de Monvel -Sjöstrand). Based on local index theory of Bismut-Lebeau '91).

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$$d^H(x, 0) = |x_1| + |x_2| + |x_3|^{1/r(x')}.$$

$(d^H(x, 0)$  is equivalent to the sub-Riemannian CC distance between  $x, 0$ ).

Similar bounds for boundaries of weakly pseudoconvex finite type domains in  $\mathbb{C}^2$ :  
McNeal '89, Nagel-Rosay-Stein-Wainger '89

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$$\Pi(x, 0) = \int_0^\infty dt e^{itx_3} b(x; t) + C^\infty(X)$$

where  $b \sim t^{\frac{2}{r}} \left[ \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} t^{-\frac{j}{r}} b_j \left( t^{\frac{1}{r}} x_1, t^{\frac{1}{r}} x_2 \right) \right] \in S_{\frac{1}{r}, \text{cl}}^{\frac{2}{r}}(\mathbb{R}_{x_1, x_2}^2 \times \mathbb{R}_t)$ ,  $b_j \in \mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^2)$ .

Christ estimates are equivalent to  $b \in S_{\frac{1}{r}, \text{cl}}^{\frac{2}{r}}(\mathbb{R}_{x_1, x_2}^2 \times \mathbb{R}_t)$  (i.e.

$\partial_t^k \partial_x^\alpha b = O\left(t^{m-k+\frac{|\alpha|}{r}}\right)$  without classical expansion).

# Bergman asymptotics

Specializations:

## Theorem (Hsiao-S. '20)

Let  $X^3 = \partial U$  be boundary of weakly pseudoconvex, finite type domain  $U = \{\rho < 0\} \subset \mathbb{C}^2$ . For any point  $x' \in X = \partial U$  on the boundary, of type  $r = r(x')$ , the Bergman kernel satisfies the asymptotics

$$\Pi_U(z, z) \sim \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(-\rho)^{2+\frac{2}{r}-\frac{1}{r}j}} a_j + \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} b_j (-\rho)^j \log(-\rho),$$

as  $z \rightarrow x'$  for some set of reals  $a_j, b_j$  with  $a_0 > 0$ .

Fefferman '74 (strongly pseudoconvex case), D'Angelo '78 (ellipsoids),  
Boas-Straube-Yu '95 (h-extendible/semiregular domains), Kamimoto '98, '04 (tube domains, toric domains)...

# Weakly pseudoconvex embedding

## Theorem (Marinescu-S. '18)

Let  $Y^2$  Riemann surface.  $(L, h^L)$  Hermitian, holomorphic, semi-positive. Assume that  $R^L$  vanishes to finite order at each point. The Bergman kernel admits on-diagonal expansion

$$\Pi_k(y, y) \sim k^{\frac{2}{r}} \left[ b_0(y) + b_1(y) k^{-\frac{2}{r}} + b_2(y) k^{-\frac{4}{r}} \dots \right]$$

where  $r = r(y) = 2 + \text{ord}_y(R^L)$ .

More generally Hsiao-S. '20 expansion of Fourier modes of Szegő kernel under locally-free, transversal CR circle action.

## Theorem (Hsiao-S. '20)

Let  $X$  be a compact weakly pseudoconvex three dimensional CR manifold of finite type admitting a transversal, CR circle action. Then it has an equivariant CR embedding into some  $\mathbb{C}^N$ .

Lempert '92 (strongly pseudoconvex case), Christ '89 ( $X$  weakly pseudoconvex, finite type with  $\bar{\partial}_b$  closed range).

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Step 2. Local Bergman projector  $B_t : L^2(\mathbb{R}_p^2) \rightarrow \ker(\partial_t)$  on  $q = 0$ , where

$$\partial_t = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_{p_1} + i\partial_{p_2}) + \frac{1}{2}t(\partial_{p_1}\varphi + i\partial_{p_2}\varphi).$$

Show  $B_t(p, p') \in \hat{S}_{\frac{1}{r}, \text{cl}}^{\frac{2}{r}, 0}$ .

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Step 3. Define almost analytic continuations of kernels in  $\hat{L}_{\frac{1}{r}, \text{cl}}^{m,k}$ .

Relate almost analytic extension of  $B_t$  to original Szegő kernel  $\Pi_b(x, 0)$  on  $\mathbb{R}_x^3$ .  
This part uses Christ estimates and Green's function.

Thank you.