

# Curvature Inequalities for Operators in the Cowen-Douglas Class of a Planar Domain

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These conditions ensure the existence of a rank 1 Hermitian holomorphic vector bundle  $E_T$  over  $\Omega^*$ , that is,

$$E_T := \{(w, v) \in \Omega^* \times \mathcal{H} : v \in \text{Ker}(T - w)\}, \pi(w, v) = w$$

and there exist a holomorphic frame  $w \rightarrow \gamma(w)$  with the property  $\text{Ker}(T - w) = \text{span} \{\gamma(w)\}$ .

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- The expression of the curvature  $\mathcal{K}_\gamma(w)$  is independent of the choice of the frame  $\gamma$ . So, we call it curvature of the operator  $T$  and denote it by  $\mathcal{K}_T(w)$ .

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- The kernel  $K$  is complex valued function defined on  $\Omega \times \Omega$ , which is holomorphic in the first and anti-holomorphic in the second variable and is positive semi-definite in the sense that  $((K(z_i, z_j)))$  is positive semi-definite for every subset  $\{z_1, \dots, z_n\}$  of  $\Omega$ .

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- The space  $\ker(M^* - \bar{w})^2 = \text{span}\{K_w, \bar{\partial} K_w\}$  is an invariant subspace for  $M^*$ .
- Representing the restriction of the operator  $M^*$  to this subspace with respect to an orthonormal basis as a  $2 \times 2$  matrix, we have

$$M^*|_{\ker(M^* - \bar{w})^2} = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{w} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\mathcal{K}_T(\bar{w})}} \\ 0 & \bar{w} \end{pmatrix}.$$

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Now assume  $\overline{\Omega^*}$ , the closure of  $\Omega^*$ , is a spectral set for an operator  $M^*$  in  $B_1(\Omega^*)$ . For an arbitrary fixed point  $w \in \Omega$  and  $r \in \text{Rat}(\overline{\Omega^*})$ , we have

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- Contractivity condition gives a curvature inequality :

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Equivalently, since  $S_\Omega(z, w) = S_{\Omega^*}(\bar{w}, \bar{z})$ , the curvature inequality takes the form

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Abrahamse and Douglas('76) has characterized the unitary equivalence class of such operator. These are called bundle shift of multiplicity one. Their results also proves that adjoint of each of the bundle shift lies in  $B_1(\Omega^*)$  having  $\overline{\Omega^*}$  as a spectral set.

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- The linear space  $(H_{E_\alpha}^2, ds)$  is complete with respect to this norm making it into a Hilbert space.
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where  $u_\lambda$  is the harmonic function on  $\Omega$  with continuous boundary value  $\frac{1}{2} \log \lambda$ .

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$$\overline{S(z, w)} ds = \frac{1}{i} L(z, w) dz, \quad w \in \Omega \text{ and } z \in \partial\Omega$$

- For each fixed  $w$  in  $\Omega$ , the function  $S_w(z)$  is holomorphic in a neighbourhood of  $\Omega$  and  $L_w(z)$  is holomorphic in a neighbourhood of  $\Omega - \{w\}$  with a simple pole at  $w$ .  $L_w(z)$  is non vanishing on  $\bar{\Omega} - \{w\}$ . The function  $S_w(z)$  is non vanishing on  $\partial\Omega$  and has exactly  $n$  zeros in  $\Omega$ .



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Nehari has extended these result for the kernel  $K^{(\lambda)}(z, w)$ .

## Theorem 10 (Nehari'50)

*Let  $\lambda$  be a positive continuous function on  $\partial\Omega$ . Then there exist two analytic function  $K^{(\lambda)}(z, w)$  and  $L^{(\lambda)}(z, w)$  with the following properties: for each fixed  $w$  in  $\Omega$ , the function  $K_w^{(\lambda)}(z)$  and  $L_w^{(\lambda)}(z) - (2\pi(z - w))^{-1}$  are holomorphic in  $\Omega$ ;  $|K_w^{(\lambda)}(z)|$  is continuous on  $\bar{\Omega}$  and  $|L_w^{(\lambda)}(z)|$  is continuous in  $\bar{\Omega} - C_\epsilon$ , where  $C_\epsilon$  denotes a small open disc about  $w$ ;  $K_w^{(\lambda)}(z)$  and  $L_w^{(\lambda)}(z)$  are connected by the identity*

$$\overline{K_w^{(\lambda)}(z)}\lambda(z)ds = \frac{1}{i}L_w^{(\lambda)}(z)dz, \quad w \in \Omega \text{ and } z \in \partial\Omega$$

*These properties determine both functions uniquely.*

- Let  $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$  be the zeros of the Szégo kernel  $S_\zeta(z)$  in  $\Omega$ .

## Theorem 11

*The operator  $M^*$  on the Hilbert space  $(H^2(\Omega), \lambda ds)$  is extremal at  $\bar{\zeta}$ , that is,  $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial w \partial \bar{w}} \log K^{(\lambda)}(w, w)|_{w=\zeta} = 4\pi^2 (S_\Omega(\zeta, \zeta))^2$  if and only if  $L_\zeta^{(\lambda)}(z)$  has  $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$  as the zero set.*

- Consider the closed convex set  $M_1$  in  $(H^2(\Omega), \lambda(z)ds)$  defined by

$$M_1 := \{f \in (H^2(\Omega), \lambda(z)ds) : f(\zeta) = 0, f'(\zeta) = 1\}.$$

- Now consider the extremal problem of finding

$$\inf \{\|f\|^2 : f \in M_1\}.$$

- The unique function  $F$  in  $(H^2(\Omega), \lambda(z)ds)$  is a solution to the extremal problem iff  $F \in M_1$  and  $F$  is orthogonal to the subspace

$$\begin{aligned} H_1 &= \{f \in (H^2(\Omega), \lambda(z)ds) : f(\zeta) = 0, f'(\zeta) = 0\} \\ &= (\text{Span}\{K_\zeta^{(\lambda)}, \bar{\partial}K_\zeta^{(\lambda)}\})^\perp. \end{aligned}$$

- $\inf\{\|f\|^2 : f \in M_1\} = \frac{1}{K^{(\lambda)}(\zeta, \zeta)} \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial w \partial \bar{w}} \log K^{(\lambda)}(w, w) \Big|_{w=\zeta} \right)^{-1}$ .
- Now consider the function  $g$  in  $M_1$  defined by

$$g(z) := \frac{K_{\zeta}^{(\lambda)}(z) F_{\zeta}(z)}{2\pi S(\zeta, \zeta) K^{(\lambda)}(\zeta, \zeta)}, \quad z \in \Omega,$$

where  $F_{\zeta}(z) = \frac{S_{\zeta}(z)}{L_{\zeta}(z)}$  denote the Ahlfors map for the domain  $\Omega$  at the point  $\zeta$

- Using the reproducing property for the kernel function  $K^{(\lambda)}$  and the fact that  $|F_{\zeta}(z)| \equiv 1$  on  $\partial\Omega$ , it is straightforward to verify that

$$\|g\|_{\lambda ds}^2 = \left( K^{(\lambda)}(\zeta, \zeta) 4\pi^2 S(\zeta, \zeta)^2 \right)^{-1}.$$

- Consequently we have,

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial w \partial \bar{w}} \log K^{(\lambda)}(w, w) |_{w=\zeta} \geq 4\pi^2 (S_{\Omega}(\zeta, \zeta))^2.$$

- So equality holds iff  $g$  solve the extremal problem iff  $g$  is orthogonal to the subspace  $H_1$ .
- $g$  is orthogonal to  $H_1$  iff  $I_f$  vanishes for all  $f \in H_1$ .
- $$I_f = \int_{\partial\Omega} f(z) \overline{K_{\zeta}^{(\lambda)}(z) F_{\zeta}(z)} \lambda(z) ds = \frac{1}{i} \int_{\partial\Omega} f(z) \overline{F_{\zeta}(z)} L_{\zeta}^{(\lambda)}(z) dz$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial\Omega} \frac{f(z) L_{\zeta}^{(\lambda)}(z) (2\pi L_{\zeta}(z))}{S_{\zeta}(z)} dz$$
- Using residue theorem, we get that  $I_f$  vanishes for all  $f \in H_1$  iff the set of zeros of the function  $L_{\zeta}^{(\lambda)}(z)$  in  $\Omega$  is  $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$ .

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Hence using the uniqueness part of the Nehari's Theorem, we get

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Again, using the uniqueness in Nehari's Theorem we get

$$L_\zeta^{(\lambda)}(z) = S_\zeta(z) L_\zeta(z) (S(\zeta, \zeta))^{-1}, \quad z \in \bar{\Omega} - \{\zeta\}.$$

Again, the zero set of the function  $L_\zeta^{(\lambda)}(z)$  is  $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$ .

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- In fact this is true of any doubly connected bounded domain  $\Omega$  with Jordan analytic boundary. Since using connectedness argument, in such cases, again we will have  $\omega_1(\Omega) = (0, 1)$ .

**Thank You**