

BIVARIATE TRUNCATED MOMENT PROBLEMS  
WITH ALGEBRAIC VARIETY  
IN THE NONNEGATIVE QUADRANT IN  $\mathbb{R}^2$   
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# HYPONORMALITY AND SUBNORMALITY

$\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$ : algebra of operators on a Hilbert space  $\mathcal{H}$

$T \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{H})$  is

- **normal** if  $T^*T = TT^*$
- **quasinormal** if  $T$  commutes with  $T^*T$
- **subnormal** if  $T = N|_{\mathcal{H}}$ , where  $N$  is normal and  $N\mathcal{H} \subseteq \mathcal{H}$
- **hyponormal** if  $T^*T \geq TT^*$

normal  $\implies$  quasinormal  $\implies$  subnormal  $\implies$  hyponormal

For  $S, T \in \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{H})$ ,  $[S, T] := ST - TS$ .

- An  $n$ -tuple  $\mathbf{T} \equiv (T_1, \dots, T_n)$  is (jointly) hyponormal if

$$[\mathbf{T}^*, \mathbf{T}] := \begin{pmatrix} [T_1^*, T_1] & [T_2^*, T_1] & \cdots & [T_n^*, T_1] \\ [T_1^*, T_2] & [T_2^*, T_2] & \cdots & [T_n^*, T_2] \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ [T_1^*, T_n] & [T_2^*, T_n] & \cdots & [T_n^*, T_n] \end{pmatrix} \geq 0.$$

- For  $k \geq 1$ , an operator  $T$  is  $k$ -hyponormal if  $(T, \dots, T^k)$  is (jointly) hyponormal, i.e.,

$$\begin{pmatrix} [T^*, T] & \cdots & [T^{*k}, T] \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ [T^*, T^k] & \cdots & [T^{*k}, T^k] \end{pmatrix} \geq 0$$

- (Bram-Halmos):

$T$  subnormal  $\Leftrightarrow T$  is  $k$ -hyponormal for all  $k \geq 1$ .

# UNILATERAL WEIGHTED SHIFTS

- $\alpha \equiv \{\alpha_k\}_{k=0}^{\infty} \in \ell^{\infty}(\mathbb{Z}_+)$ ,  $\alpha_k > 0$  (all  $k \geq 0$ )
- $W_{\alpha} : \ell^2(\mathbb{Z}_+) \rightarrow \ell^2(\mathbb{Z}_+)$

$$W_{\alpha} e_k := \alpha_k e_{k+1} \quad (k \geq 0)$$

- When  $\alpha_k = 1$  (all  $k \geq 0$ ),  $W_{\alpha} = U_+$ , the (unweighted) unilateral shift
- In general,  $W_{\alpha} = U_+ D_{\alpha}$  (polar decomposition)
- $\|W_{\alpha}\| = \sup_k \alpha_k$

# WEIGHTED SHIFTS AND BERGER'S THEOREM

Given a bounded sequence of positive numbers (weights)

$\alpha \equiv \alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots$ , the **unilateral weighted shift** on  $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}_+)$  associated with  $\alpha$  is

$$W_\alpha e_k := \alpha_k e_{k+1} \quad (k \geq 0).$$

The **moments** of  $\alpha$  are given as

$$\gamma_k \equiv \gamma_k(\alpha) := \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } k = 0 \\ \alpha_0^2 \cdot \dots \cdot \alpha_{k-1}^2 & \text{if } k > 0 \end{cases}.$$

- $W_\alpha$  is never normal
- $W_\alpha$  is hyponormal  $\Leftrightarrow \alpha_k \leq \alpha_{k+1}$  (all  $k \geq 0$ )

# BERGER MEASURES

- (Berger; Gellar-Wallen)  $W_\alpha$  is **subnormal** if and only if there exists a positive Borel measure  $\xi$  on  $[0, \|W_\alpha\|^2]$  such that

$$\gamma_k = \int t^k d\xi(t) \quad (\text{all } k \geq 0).$$

$\xi$  is the **Berger measure** of  $W_\alpha$ .

- The Berger measure of  $U_+$  is  $\delta_1$ .
- For  $0 < a < 1$  we let  $S_a := \text{shift}(a, 1, 1, \dots)$ .
- The Berger measure of  $S_a$  is  $(1 - a^2)\delta_0 + a^2\delta_1$ .
- The Berger measure of  $B_+$  (the Bergman shift) is **Lebesgue measure on the interval  $[0, 1]$** ; the weights of  $B_+$  are  $\alpha_n := \sqrt{\frac{n+1}{n+2}}$  ( $n \geq 0$ ).

# MULTIVARIABLE WEIGHTED SHIFTS

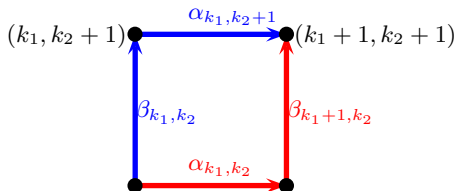
$$\alpha_{\mathbf{k}}, \beta_{\mathbf{k}} \in \ell^\infty(\mathbb{Z}_+^2), \quad \mathbf{k} \equiv (k_1, k_2) \in \mathbb{Z}_+^2 := \mathbb{Z}_+ \times \mathbb{Z}_+$$
$$\ell^2(\mathbb{Z}_+^2) \cong \ell^2(\mathbb{Z}_+) \otimes \ell^2(\mathbb{Z}_+).$$

We define the **2-variable weighted shift**  $\mathbf{T} \equiv (T_1, T_2)$  by

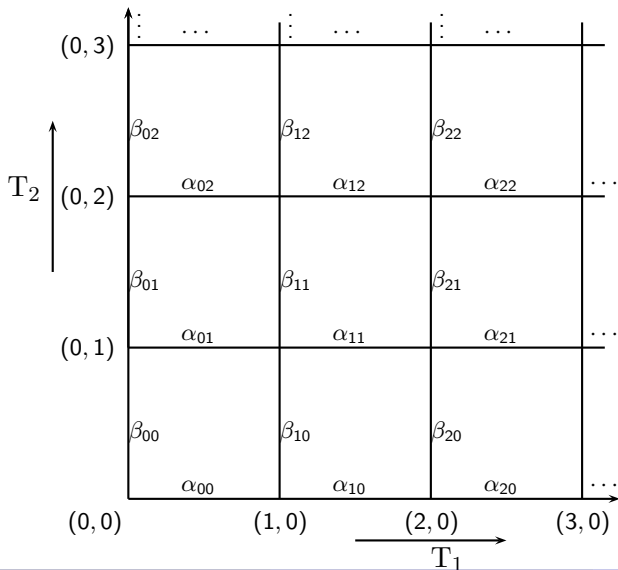
$$T_1 e_{\mathbf{k}} := \alpha_{\mathbf{k}} e_{\mathbf{k} + \varepsilon_1} \quad T_2 e_{\mathbf{k}} := \beta_{\mathbf{k}} e_{\mathbf{k} + \varepsilon_2},$$

where  $\varepsilon_1 := (1, 0)$  and  $\varepsilon_2 := (0, 1)$ . Clearly,

$$T_1 T_2 = T_2 T_1 \iff \beta_{\mathbf{k} + \varepsilon_1} \alpha_{\mathbf{k}} = \alpha_{\mathbf{k} + \varepsilon_2} \beta_{\mathbf{k}} \quad (\text{all } \mathbf{k}).$$



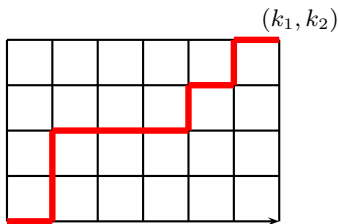




We now recall the notion of **moment** of order  $\mathbf{k}$  for a commuting pair  $(\alpha, \beta)$ . Given  $\mathbf{k} \in \mathbb{Z}_+^2$ , the moment of  $(\alpha, \beta)$  of order  $\mathbf{k}$  is  $\gamma_{\mathbf{k}} \equiv \gamma_{\mathbf{k}}(\alpha, \beta)$

$$:= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \mathbf{k} = 0 \\ \alpha_{(0,0)}^2 \cdot \dots \cdot \alpha_{(k_1-1,0)}^2 & \text{if } k_1 \geq 1 \text{ and } k_2 = 0 \\ \beta_{(0,0)}^2 \cdot \dots \cdot \beta_{(0,k_2-1)}^2 & \text{if } k_1 = 0 \text{ and } k_2 \geq 1 \\ \alpha_{(0,0)}^2 \cdot \dots \cdot \alpha_{(k_1-1,0)}^2 \cdot \beta_{(k_1,0)}^2 \cdot \dots \cdot \beta_{(k_1,k_2-1)}^2 & \text{if } k_1 \geq 1 \text{ and } k_2 \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

By commutativity,  $\gamma_{\mathbf{k}}$  can be computed using any nondecreasing path from  $(0, 0)$  to  $(k_1, k_2)$ .



- (Jewell-Lubin)

$$\begin{aligned} W_\alpha \text{ is subnormal} &\Leftrightarrow \gamma_{\mathbf{k}} := \prod_{i=0}^{k_1-1} \alpha_{(i,0)}^2 \cdot \prod_{j=0}^{k_2-1} \beta_{(k_1-1,j)}^2 \\ &= \int t_1^{k_1} t_2^{k_2} d\mu(t_1, t_2) \quad (\text{all } \mathbf{k} \geq \mathbf{0}). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the study of subnormality for multivariable weighted shifts is intimately connected to **multivariable real moment problems**.

# THE SUBNORMAL COMPLETION PROBLEM

Consider the following completion problem: **Given**

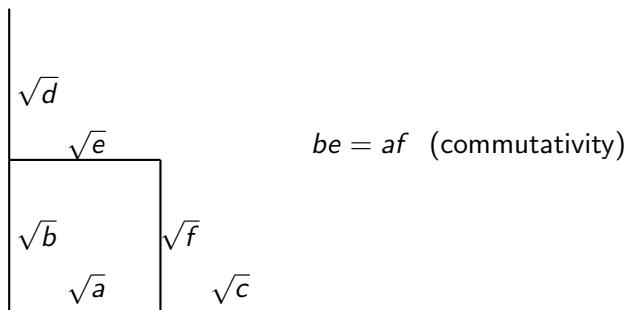


FIGURE: The initial family of weights  $\Omega_1$

we wish to add infinitely many weights and generate a subnormal 2-variable weighted shift, whose Berger measure interpolates the initial family of weights.

**Strategy:** The initial family needs to satisfy an obvious necessary condition, that is,

$$\mathcal{M}(\Omega_1) := \begin{pmatrix} \gamma_{00} & \gamma_{01} & \gamma_{10} \\ \gamma_{01} & \gamma_{02} & \gamma_{11} \\ \gamma_{10} & \gamma_{01} & \gamma_{20} \end{pmatrix} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ a & ac & be \\ b & be & bd \end{pmatrix} \geq 0.$$

We use tools and techniques from the theory of TMP to solve SCP in the foundational case of six prescribed initial weights; these weights give rise to the linear and quadratic moments. For  $\Omega_1$ , the natural necessary conditions for the existence of a subnormal completion are also sufficient.

To calculate explicitly the associated Berger measure, we compute the *algebraic variety* of the associated truncated moment problem; it turns out that this algebraic variety is precisely the support of the Berger measure of the subnormal completion.

In this case, solving the SCP consists of finding a *probability measure*  $\mu$  supported on  $\mathbb{R}_+^2$  such that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}_+^2} y^i x^j d\mu(x, y) = \gamma_{ij} \quad (i, j \geq 0, i + j \leq 2).$$

To ensure that the support of  $\mu$  remains in  $\mathbb{R}_+^2$  we will use the *localizing matrices*  $\mathcal{M}_x(2)$  and  $\mathcal{M}_y(2)$ ; each of these matrices will need to be appropriately defined and positive semidefinite.

## DEFINITION

Given  $m \geq 0$  and a finite family of positive numbers  $\Omega_m \equiv \{(\alpha_{\mathbf{k}}, \beta_{\mathbf{k}})\}_{|\mathbf{k}| \leq m}$ , we say that a 2-variable weighted shift  $\mathbf{T} \equiv (T_1, T_2)$  with weight sequences  $\alpha_{\mathbf{k}}^{\mathbf{T}}$  and  $\beta_{\mathbf{k}}^{\mathbf{T}}$  is a subnormal completion of  $\Omega_m$  if

- (i)  $\mathbf{T}$  is subnormal, and
- (ii)  $(\alpha_{\mathbf{k}}^{\mathbf{T}}, \beta_{\mathbf{k}}^{\mathbf{T}}) = (\alpha_{\mathbf{k}}, \beta_{\mathbf{k}})$

whenever  $|\mathbf{k}| \leq m$ .

## DEFINITION

Given  $m \geq 0$  and  $\Omega_m \equiv \{(\alpha_{\mathbf{k}}, \beta_{\mathbf{k}})\}_{|\mathbf{k}| \leq m}$ , we say that  $\hat{\Omega}_{m+1} \equiv \{(\hat{\alpha}_{\mathbf{k}}, \hat{\beta}_{\mathbf{k}})\}_{|\mathbf{k}| \leq m+1}$  is an *extension* of  $\Omega_m$  if  $(\hat{\alpha}_{\mathbf{k}}, \hat{\beta}_{\mathbf{k}}) = (\alpha_{\mathbf{k}}, \beta_{\mathbf{k}})$  whenever  $|\mathbf{k}| \leq m$ . When  $m = 1$ , we say that  $\Omega_1$  is quadratic.

Recall that a commuting pair  $(T_1, T_2)$  is *2-hyponormal* if the 5-tuple  $(T_1, T_2, T_1^2, T_1 T_2, T_2^2)$  is (jointly) hyponormal. For 2-variable weighted shifts and  $m = 2$ , this is equivalent to the condition

$$M_{\mathbf{u}}(2) := (\gamma_{\mathbf{u}+(m,n)+(p,q)})_{0 \leq p+q \leq 2, 0 \leq m+n \leq 2} \geq 0 \quad (\text{all } \mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{Z}_+^2);$$

that is,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \gamma_{\mathbf{u}} & \gamma_{\mathbf{u}+(0,1)} & \gamma_{\mathbf{u}+(1,0)} & \gamma_{\mathbf{u}+(0,2)} & \gamma_{\mathbf{u}+(1,1)} & \gamma_{\mathbf{u}+(2,0)} \\ \gamma_{\mathbf{u}+(0,1)} & \gamma_{\mathbf{u}+(0,2)} & \gamma_{\mathbf{u}+(1,1)} & \gamma_{\mathbf{u}+(0,3)} & \gamma_{\mathbf{u}+(1,2)} & \gamma_{\mathbf{u}+(2,1)} \\ \gamma_{\mathbf{u}+(1,0)} & \gamma_{\mathbf{u}+(1,1)} & \gamma_{\mathbf{u}+(2,0)} & \gamma_{\mathbf{u}+(1,2)} & \gamma_{\mathbf{u}+(2,1)} & \gamma_{\mathbf{u}+(3,0)} \\ \gamma_{\mathbf{u}+(0,2)} & \gamma_{\mathbf{u}+(0,3)} & \gamma_{\mathbf{u}+(1,2)} & \gamma_{\mathbf{u}+(0,4)} & \gamma_{\mathbf{u}+(1,3)} & \gamma_{\mathbf{u}+(2,2)} \\ \gamma_{\mathbf{u}+(1,1)} & \gamma_{\mathbf{u}+(1,2)} & \gamma_{\mathbf{u}+(2,1)} & \gamma_{\mathbf{u}+(1,3)} & \gamma_{\mathbf{u}+(2,2)} & \gamma_{\mathbf{u}+(3,1)} \\ \gamma_{\mathbf{u}+(2,0)} & \gamma_{\mathbf{u}+(2,1)} & \gamma_{\mathbf{u}+(3,0)} & \gamma_{\mathbf{u}+(2,2)} & \gamma_{\mathbf{u}+(3,1)} & \gamma_{\mathbf{u}+(4,0)} \end{pmatrix} \geq 0$$

(all  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{Z}_+^2$ ).  $M_{\mathbf{u}}(2)$  detects the *2-hyponormality* of  $(T_1, T_2)$ .



Recall the initial weight diagram:

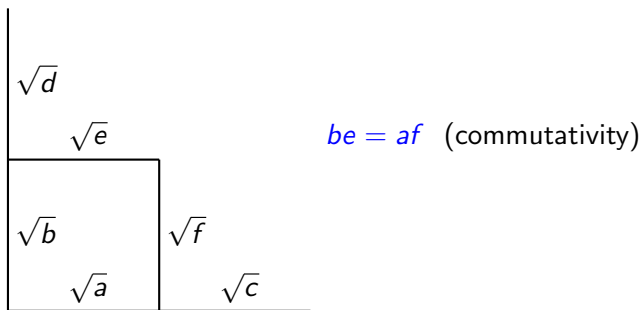


FIGURE: The initial family of weights  $\Omega_1$

with its associated moment matrix

$$M(\Omega_1) := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ a & ac & be \\ b & be & bd \end{pmatrix}.$$

## NOTATION

We also need the notion of **localizing matrix**; in this case, these are  $M_x(2)$  and  $M_y(2)$ .

Giving a  $6 \times 6$  moment matrix  $M(2)$ , with rows and columns labeled  $1, X, Y, X^2, XY$  and  $Y^2$ , the **localizing matrix**  $M_x(2)$  is a  $3 \times 3$  matrix obtained from  $M(2)$  by selecting the three columns  $X, X^2$  and  $XY$  and the top three rows. Similarly, the **localizing matrix**  $M_y(2)$  consists of the columns  $Y, XY$  and  $Y^2$  and the top three rows.

## THEOREM

(RC, S.H. Lee and J. Yoon; 2010) Let  $\Omega_1$  be a quadratic, commutative, initial set of positive weights, and assume  $\mathcal{M}(\Omega_1) \geq 0$ . Then there exists a *quartic commutative extension*  $\hat{\Omega}_3$  of  $\Omega_1$  such that  $\mathcal{M}(\hat{\Omega}_3)$  is a *flat extension* of  $\mathcal{M}(\Omega_1)$ , and  $\mathcal{M}_x(\hat{\Omega}_3) \geq 0$  and  $\mathcal{M}_y(\hat{\Omega}_3) \geq 0$ . As a consequence,  $\Omega_1$  *admits a subnormal completion*  $\mathbf{T}_{\hat{\Omega}_\infty}$ .

## Sketch of Proof.

- Six new weights,  $\hat{\alpha}_{20}, \hat{\beta}_{20}, \hat{\alpha}_{11}, \hat{\beta}_{11}, \hat{\alpha}_{02}$  and  $\hat{\beta}_{02}$  can be chosen in such a way that  $M_x(\hat{\Omega}_3) \geq 0$  and  $M_y(\hat{\Omega}_3) \geq 0$ .
- Once this is done, the next step is to employ techniques from truncated moment problems to establish the existence of a flat extension  $M(\hat{\Omega}_3)$  of  $M(\Omega_1)$ .
- Using the Flat Extension Theorem, there exists a representing measure  $\mu$  for  $M(1)$ , and the positivity of the localizing matrices  $M_x(2)$  and  $M_y(2)$  means that  $\text{supp } \mu \subseteq \mathbb{R}_+^2$ .
- Thus,  $\mu$  will be the Berger measure of a subnormal 2-variable weighted shift  $\mathbf{T}_{\Omega_\infty}$ , which will be the desired subnormal completion of  $\Omega_1$ .

Let us build  $M(2)$ .

Since  $M(1) \equiv M(\Omega_1) \geq 0$ , it follows that  $\det \begin{pmatrix} ac & be \\ be & bd \end{pmatrix} \geq 0$ , i.e.,

$$acd \geq be^2.$$

By the commutativity of  $\Omega_1$ , we have

$$af = be,$$

and therefore

$$cd \geq ef.$$

A straightforward calculation shows that

$$\det M(1) = acbd - b^2e^2 - a^2bd + 2ab^2e - b^2ac$$

and that

$$\det M(1) > 0 \implies cd - ef > 0.$$

WLOG,  $c \geq e$ . We also assume that  $a < c$ , since otherwise a trivial solution exists.

To build  $M(2)$ , we first need six new weights (the quadratic weights).

Since the extension  $\hat{\Omega}_3$  will also be commutative, two of these weights will be expressible in terms of other weights.

We thus denote  $\hat{\alpha}_{20}$  by  $\sqrt{p}$ ,  $\hat{\alpha}_{11}$  by  $\sqrt{q}$ ,  $\hat{\alpha}_{02}$  by  $\sqrt{r}$ , and  $\hat{\beta}_{02}$  by  $\sqrt{s}$  ( $\hat{\beta}_{20}$  and  $\hat{\beta}_{11}$  can be written in terms of the other four new weights). It follows that

$$M(2) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a & b & ac & be & bd \\ a & ac & be & acp & beq & bdr \\ b & be & bd & beq & bdr & bds \\ ac & acp & beq & & & \\ be & beq & bdr & & & \\ bd & bdr & bds & & & \end{pmatrix}$$

(with the lower right-hand  $3 \times 3$  corner yet undetermined).

We now focus on the top three rows of  $M(2)$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & X & Y & X^2 & XY & Y^2 \\ 1 & a & b & ac & be & bd \\ a & ac & be & acp & beq & bdr \\ b & be & bd & beq & bdr & bds \end{pmatrix}$$

from which we get:

$$M_x(2) = \begin{pmatrix} X & X^2 & XY \\ a & ac & be \\ ac & acp & beq \\ be & beq & bdr \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M_y(2) = \begin{pmatrix} Y & XY & Y^2 \\ b & be & bd \\ be & beq & bdr \\ bd & bdr & bds \end{pmatrix}.$$

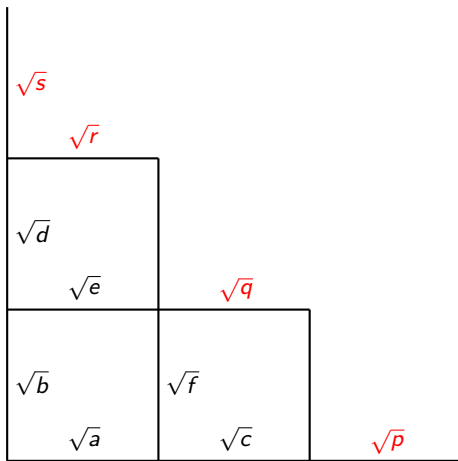


FIGURE: The family of weights  $\hat{\Omega}_3$



Since the zero-th row of a subnormal completion of  $\Omega_1$  will be a subnormal completion of the zero-th row of  $\Omega_1$ , which is given by the weights  $a < c$ , we let  $p := c$ . By  $L$ -shaped propagation, having  $\alpha_{10} = \hat{\alpha}_{20}$  immediately implies that  $\hat{\alpha}_{11} = \sqrt{c}$ , that is,  $q := c$ . Thus,

$$M_x(2) = \begin{pmatrix} a & ac & be \\ ac & ac^2 & bce \\ be & bce & bdr \end{pmatrix}.$$

By Choleski's Algorithm (or its generalization, proved by J.L. Smul'jan in 1959),  $M_x(2) \geq 0$  if and only if  $bdr \geq \frac{(be)^2}{a}$ , so that we need  $r \geq \frac{ef}{d}$ .

Thus, provided we take  $r \geq \frac{ef}{d}$ , the positivity of  $M_x(2)$  is guaranteed. It remains to show that we can choose  $s$  in such a way that  $s \geq d$  and  $M_y(2) \equiv M_y(2)(s) \geq 0$ . This can certainly be done:

$$s = \frac{a^2cd^2 - 2abde^2 + b^2e^3}{a^2d(c - e)}.$$

To complete the proof, we need to define the  $3 \times 3$  lower right-hand corner of  $M(2)$ , and then show that  $M(2)$  is a flat extension of  $M(1)$ , and therefore  $M(2) \geq 0$ . This is done by examining the rank of  $M(1)$ .

**Case 1:**  $e = c$ . We have  $d \geq f$ , so we can take  $r := c$  and guarantee that  $M_x(2) \geq 0$ . We also let  $s := d$ . We then have

$$M_y(2) = \begin{pmatrix} b & bc & bd \\ bc & bc^2 & bcd \\ bd & bcd & bd^2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

It follows at once that  $\text{rank } M_y(2) = 1$ , and therefore  $M_y(2) \geq 0$  (and of course  $s \geq d$ ).

**Case 2:**  $e < c$ . We define  $r$  by this extremal value, i.e.,  $r := \frac{ef}{d}$ . This immediately implies that  $\hat{\beta}_{11} := \sqrt{f}$ , and by propagation,  $\hat{\beta}_{1j} := \sqrt{f}$  (all  $j \geq 2$ ) in any subnormal completion. The resulting weight diagram is shown below.

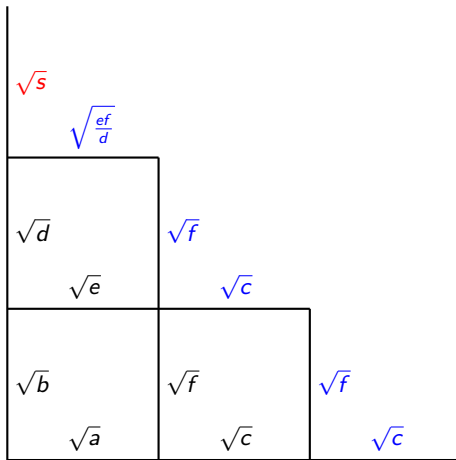


FIGURE: The family  $\Omega_1$  augmented with the inclusion of the quadratic weights

Of significant importance is the calculation of the associated algebraic variety, which arises from the column relations in  $M(1)$ , particularly the column relation

$$Y = \frac{b(c - e)}{c - a} \cdot 1 + \frac{f - b}{c - a} X.$$

It is actually possible to provide a concrete description of the Berger measure for the subnormal completion in terms of the initial data.

#### REMARK

Flat extensions **may not exist for bigger families of initial weights**. That is, one can build an example of a quartic family of initial weights  $\Omega_2$  for which the associated moment matrix  $\mathcal{M}(2)$  admits a representing measure, but such that  $\mathcal{M}(2)$  has no flat extension  $\mathcal{M}(3)$ .

Here's a concrete example:

$$\gamma_{00} = 1$$

$$\gamma_{01} = 1 \quad \gamma_{10} = 1$$

$$\gamma_{02} = 2 \quad \gamma_{11} = 0 \quad \gamma_{20} = 3$$

$$\gamma_{03} = 4 \quad \gamma_{12} = 0 \quad \gamma_{21} = 0 \quad \gamma_{30} = 9$$

$$\gamma_{04} = 9 \quad \gamma_{13} = 0 \quad \gamma_{22} = 0 \quad \gamma_{31} = 0 \quad \gamma_{40} = 28$$

$$\tilde{\gamma}_{00} = 1$$

$$\tilde{\gamma}_{01} = 4 \quad \tilde{\gamma}_{10} = 5$$

$$\tilde{\gamma}_{02} = 17 \quad \tilde{\gamma}_{11} = 19$$

$$\tilde{\gamma}_{03} = 76 \quad \tilde{\gamma}_{12} = 77$$

$$\tilde{\gamma}_{04} = 354 \quad \tilde{\gamma}_{13} = 331$$

## REMARK

The SCP in the previous Example does admit a solution, and the subnormal completion has a 6-atomic Berger measure. It turns out that  $M(2)$  has rank 5, and admits an extension  $M(3)$  of rank 6, and this  $M(3)$  admits a flat extension  $M(4)$ .

- D. Kimsey (2014) has a very nice paper in IEOT, in which he describes generalizations of these results:  
The cubic complex moment problem, IEOT 80(2014), 353–378.
- Similarly, K. Idrissi and E.H. Zerouali extend the notion of recursively generated weighted shift and discuss an alternative approach to the SCP:  
K. Idrissi and E.H. Zerouali, Multivariable recursively generated weighted shifts and the 2-variable subnormal completion problem, Kyungpook Math. J. 58(2018), 711–732.

# ONE-STEP EXTENSIONS OF SUBNORMAL 2-VARIABLE WEIGHTED SHIFTS

Consider the following **reconstruction-of-the-measure problem**:

Given two probability measures  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  on  $\mathbb{R}_+^2$ , find necessary and sufficient conditions for the existence of a probability measure  $\mu$  on  $\mathbb{R}_+^2$  with  $\text{supp}\mu \not\subseteq (\mathbb{R}_+ \times 0) \cup (0 \times \mathbb{R}_+)$  such that

$$\frac{s d\mu(s, t)}{\int s d\mu(s, t)} = d\mu_1(s, t) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{t d\mu(s, t)}{\int t d\mu(s, t)} = d\mu_2(s, t).$$

This readily implies that

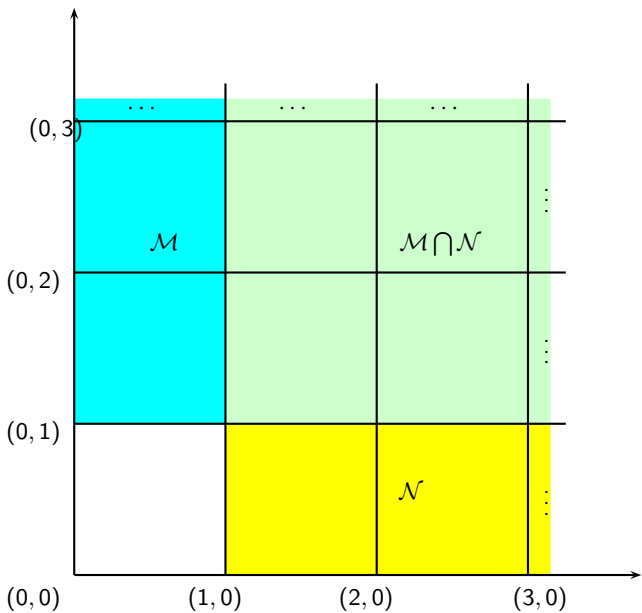
$$td\mu_1(s, t) = \lambda sd\mu_2(s, t)$$

for some  $\lambda > 0$ ; this condition, while clearly necessary for the existence of  $\mu$ , is by no means sufficient.



## PROBLEM

*Assume that  $W_{(\alpha,\beta)}|_{\mathcal{M}}$  and  $W_{(\alpha,\beta)}|_{\mathcal{N}}$  are subnormal with Berger measures  $\mu_{\mathcal{M}}$  and  $\mu_{\mathcal{N}}$ , respectively. Find necessary and sufficient conditions on  $\mu_{\mathcal{M}}$ ,  $\mu_{\mathcal{N}}$  and  $\beta_{00}$  for the subnormality of  $W_{(\alpha,\beta)}$ .*



The following result provides a concrete solution in terms of  $\mu_{\mathcal{M}}$ ,  $\mu_{\mathcal{N}}$  and  $\beta_{00}$ .

## THEOREM

Assume that  $W_{(\alpha,\beta)}|_{\mathcal{M}}$  and  $W_{(\alpha,\beta)}|_{\mathcal{N}}$  are subnormal with Berger measures  $\mu_{\mathcal{M}}$  and  $\mu_{\mathcal{N}}$ , respectively, and let  $c := \frac{\int s d\mu_{\mathcal{M}}}{\int t d\mu_{\mathcal{N}}} \equiv \frac{\alpha_{01}^2}{\beta_{10}^2}$ . Then  $W_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  is subnormal if and only if the following four conditions hold:

- (i)  $\frac{1}{t} \in L^1(\mu_{\mathcal{M}})$ ;
- (ii)  $\frac{1}{s} \in L^1(\mu_{\mathcal{N}})$ ;
- (iii)  $c\beta_{00}^2 \left\| \frac{1}{s} \right\|_{L^1(\mu_{\mathcal{N}})} \leq 1$ ;
- (iv)  $\beta_{00}^2 \left\{ \left\| \frac{1}{t} \right\|_{L^1(\mu_{\mathcal{M}})} (\mu_{\mathcal{M}})^{\text{ext}} + c \left\| \frac{1}{s} \right\|_{L^1(\mu_{\mathcal{N}})} \delta_0 - \frac{c}{s} (\mu_{\mathcal{N}})^{\text{X}} \right\} \leq \delta_0$ .

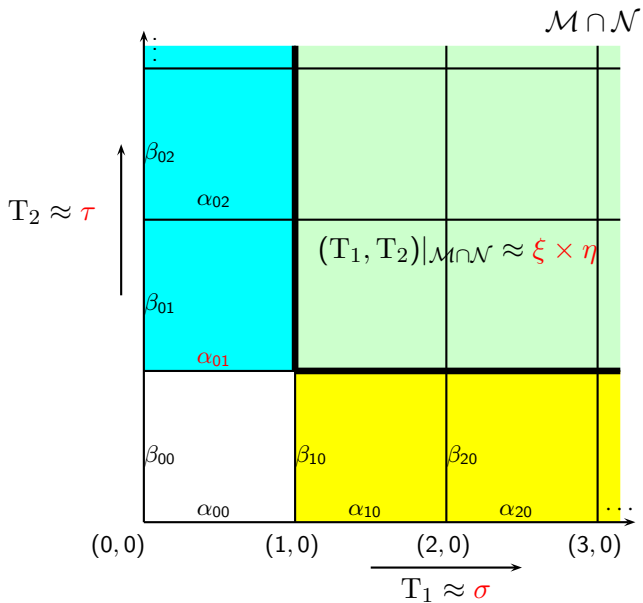
To state the following result, recall that when the core of a 2-variable weighted shift  $W_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  is of tensor form, it follows that the Berger measure of the restriction of  $W_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  to  $\mathcal{M} \cap \mathcal{N}$  splits as a Cartesian product of two 1-variable measures. As a special case, we now have:

### THEOREM

( $W_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  has a *core of tensor form*.) Assume that  $W_{(\alpha,\beta)}|_{\mathcal{M}}$  and  $W_{(\alpha,\beta)}|_{\mathcal{N}}$  are subnormal with Berger measures  $\mu_{\mathcal{M}}$  and  $\mu_{\mathcal{N}}$ , respectively, and let  $\rho := \mu_{\mathcal{M}}^{\times}$ , i.e.,  $\rho$  is the Berger measure of  $\text{shift}(\alpha_{01}, \alpha_{11}, \dots)$ . Also assume that  $\mu_{\mathcal{M} \cap \mathcal{N}} = \xi \times \eta$  for some 1-variable probability measures  $\xi$  and  $\eta$ .

Then  $W_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  is subnormal if and only if the following three conditions hold:

- (i)  $\frac{1}{t} \in L^1(\mu_{\mathcal{M}})$ ;
- (ii)  $\beta_{00}^2 \left\| \frac{1}{t} \right\|_{L^1(\mu_{\mathcal{M}})} \leq 1$ ;
- (iii)  $\left( \beta_{00}^2 \left\| \frac{1}{t} \right\|_{L^1(\tau_1)} \right) \rho = \left( \beta_{00}^2 \left\| \frac{1}{t} \right\|_{L^1(\mu_{\mathcal{M}})} \right) \rho \leq \sigma$ .



# AN APPLICATION

We will now see that **one-step extensions may not exist**, even under very favorable assumptions of subnormality for the restriction of  $W_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  to  $\mathcal{M} \vee \mathcal{N}$ . For instance, both  $W_{(\alpha,\beta)}|_{\mathcal{M}}$  and  $W_{(\alpha,\beta)}|_{\mathcal{N}}$  can be unitarily equivalent, and yet for no  $\beta_{00}$  is  $W_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  subnormal. To see this, let us assume that  $W_{(\alpha,\beta)}|_{\mathcal{M}}$  and  $W_{(\alpha,\beta)}|_{\mathcal{N}}$  are subnormal with the Berger measures  $\mu_{\mathcal{M}}$  and  $\mu_{\mathcal{N}}$ , respectively. Assume also that  $Y = X$ . Let  $\mu_{\mathcal{M}} = \mu_{\mathcal{N}}$  be a diagonal measure  $\epsilon$  on  $X \times X$ , that is,  $\text{supp } \epsilon \subseteq \{(s, t) \in X \times X : s = t\}$ ; we loosely describe this by  $d\epsilon(s, t) = d\epsilon(s, s) = d\epsilon(t, t)$ .

Then by the techniques of disintegration of measures, we can see that

$$\epsilon^X = \epsilon^Y, \quad \left\| \frac{1}{s} \right\|_{L^1(\mu_{\mathcal{N}})} = \left\| \frac{1}{t} \right\|_{L^1(\mu_{\mathcal{M}})} = \left\| \frac{1}{s} \right\|_{L^1(\epsilon^X)} = \left\| \frac{1}{t} \right\|_{L^1(\epsilon^Y)}$$

and

$$(\mu_{\mathcal{M}})_{\text{ext}}^X = (\epsilon)_{\text{ext}}^X = \epsilon^X.$$

Thus, in the Theorem we have  $c = 1$  and therefore

$$c\beta_{00}^2 \left\| \frac{1}{s} \right\|_{L^1(\mu_{\mathcal{N}})} \leq 1 \iff \beta_{00}^2 \left\| \frac{1}{s} \right\|_{L^1(\epsilon^X)} \leq 1$$

and

$$\beta_{00}^2 \left\{ \left\| \frac{1}{t} \right\|_{L^1(\mu_{\mathcal{M}})} d(\mu_{\mathcal{M}})_{\text{ext}}^X + \left\| \frac{1}{s} \right\|_{L^1(\mu_{\mathcal{N}})} d\delta_0(s) - \frac{d(\mu_{\mathcal{N}})^X}{s} \right\} \leq d\delta_0(s)$$

$$\iff \beta_{00}^2 \left\{ \left\| \frac{1}{t} \right\|_{L^1(\epsilon^Y)} \epsilon^X + \left\| \frac{1}{t} \right\|_{L^1(\epsilon^Y)} \delta_0 - \frac{\epsilon^X}{s} \right\} \leq \delta_0.$$



We can summarize these calculations as follows.

### PROPOSITION

Let  $W_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  be the 2-variable weighted shift given above. Then  $W_{(\alpha,\beta)}$  is subnormal if and only if

(i)  $\beta_{00}^2 \left\| \frac{1}{s} \right\|_{L^1(\epsilon^X)} \leq 1;$

(ii)  $\beta_{00}^2 \left\{ \left\| \frac{1}{t} \right\|_{L^1(\epsilon^Y)} \epsilon^X + \left\| \frac{1}{t} \right\|_{L^1(\epsilon^Y)} \delta_0 - \frac{\epsilon^X}{s} \right\} \leq \delta_0.$

We now present a concrete example.

### EXAMPLE

Let  $\mu_{\mathcal{M}} = \mu_{\mathcal{N}}$  be the 2-variable probability measure on  $[0, 1]^2$  with moments  $\gamma_{(k_1, k_2)} := \frac{1}{k_1 + k_2 + 1}$  ( $k_1, k_2 \geq 0$ ). It is easy to see that  $\mu_{\mathcal{M}} = \mu_{\mathcal{N}} = \epsilon$  is a **diagonal measure** on  $[0, 1]^2$ ; specifically,  $\epsilon$  is **normalized Lebesgue measure on the diagonal of  $[0, 1]^2$** . It follows that  $\epsilon^X = \epsilon^Y$  is the Lebesgue measure on  $[0, 1]$ . Therefore, we have:  $W_{(\alpha, \beta)}$  is **never subnormal** for any choice of  $\beta_{00}$ . For,  $\frac{1}{5} \notin L^1(\epsilon^X)$ , which is a necessary condition for subnormality.

**Muito obrigado pela sua atenção!**