

Homework0 - Kuijlaars

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Exercise 0.1

The semi-circle law is given by

$$d\mu_{sc} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{4 - x^2} dx \quad \text{on } [-2, 2]$$

a. Compute its Stieltjes transform $F(z) := \int_{-2}^2 \frac{d\mu_{sc}(x)}{z - x}$ for $z \in \mathbb{C} - [-2, 2]$ by the means of contour integration.

Proof. a. We know

$$F(z) = \int_{-2}^2 \frac{d\mu_{sc}(x)}{z - x} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-2}^2 \frac{\sqrt{4 - x^2}}{z - x} dx$$

and hence

$$F(z) = \frac{z + \sqrt{z^2 - 4}}{2}$$

b. We know

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0^+} \text{Im} F(x - i\epsilon) &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \text{Im} \left(\frac{x - i\epsilon + \sqrt{x^2 - 4 - \epsilon^2 - 2ix\epsilon}}{2} \right) \\ &= \text{Im} \left(\frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 4}}{2} \right) \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

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Exercise 0.2

Let μ be a measure on \mathbb{C} with compact support. Show that U^μ is superharmonic on \mathbb{C} and harmonic on $\mathbb{C} - \text{supp}(\mu)$

Proof. We know by Fubini's theorem

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} U^\mu(z_0 + re^{i\theta}) d\theta &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \int \ln \frac{1}{|z_0 + re^{i\theta} - s|} d\mu(s) d\theta \\ &= \int \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \ln \frac{1}{|z_0 + re^{i\theta} - s|} d\theta d\mu(s) \\ &\leq \int \ln \frac{1}{|z_0 - s|} d\mu(s) \\ &= U^\mu(z_0) \end{aligned}$$

when $z_0 \in$

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Exercise 0.3

In our study of equilibrium measures we will associate with a function $V : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty\}$ a probability measure μ on \mathbb{R} and a constant l such that

$$2U^\mu + V = l, \quad \text{on the support of } \mu$$

$$2U^\mu + V \geq l, \quad \text{on } \mathbb{R}$$

Suppose that μ is a probability measure satisfying the equations above for some constant l . Let x_0 be a point where V assumes its minimum on \mathbb{R} , prove that $x_0 \in \text{supp}(\mu)$.

Proof. If $x \notin \text{supp}(\mu)$, we know there exists $\epsilon > 0$ such that $\mu((x_0 - \epsilon, x_0 + \epsilon)) = 0$

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