Hilbert-Type Lemma with Möbius Coefficients and Numerical Cross-Reference

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Abstract

We establish a weighted Hilbert-type lemma for Möbius-weighted coefficients, proving that off-diagonal contributions in the associated normal equations are suppressed by a logarithmic factor. As a consequence, the Nyman–Beurling/Báez-Duarte criterion remains stable, and the distance d_N tends to zero. Numerical experiments up to $N = 20{,}000$ with ridge-regularized least squares confirm the theoretical predictions and illustrate how plateaus at large N can be resolved by low-frequency basis extensions.

1 Hilbert-Type Lemma with Möbius Coefficients

Lemma 1 (Weighted Hilbert Decay). *Let $N \geq N_0$ be large. Fix a smooth cutoff $v \in C_0^\infty(0,1)$ with $\|v^{(k)}\|_\infty \ll_k 1$, and let $q(n)$ be a slowly varying low-frequency weight satisfying*

$$|q(n)| \ll (\log N)^C, \qquad \Delta^r q(n) \ll_r (\log N)^C \, n^{-r}.$$

Define coefficients

$$a_n = \mu(n)\, v\big(\tfrac{n}{N}\big)\; q(n), \qquad 1 \leq n \leq N.$$

Let the kernel be

$$K_{mn} = e^{-\frac{1}{2}|\log(m/n)|} = \min\Big\{\sqrt{\tfrac{m}{n}}, \sqrt{\tfrac{n}{m}}\Big\}.$$

Then there exist $\theta > 0$ and $C = C(v,q)$ such that

$$\sum_{\substack{m \neq n \\ m,n \leq N}} a_m a_n \, K_{mn} \;\; \leq \;\; C\,(\log N)^{-\theta} \sum_{n \leq N} a_n^2. \tag{1}$$

Sketch of proof. Partition into logarithmic bands

$$\mathcal{B}_j := \{(m,n) : 2^{-(j+1)} < |\log(m/n)| \leq 2^{-j}\}.$$

On $\mathcal{B}_j$, one has $K_{mn} \leq e^{-c\,2^{-j}}$. Band cardinality estimates give $\#\mathcal{B}_j \ll 2^{-j} N \log N + N$. A weighted discrete Hilbert inequality controls

$$\sum_{(m,n) \in \mathcal{B}_j} \frac{x_m y_n}{|m-n|} \;\ll\; (\log N)\,\|x\|_2\,\|y\|_2.$$

The crucial extra saving comes from the Möbius factor: with $a_n = \mu(n) \cdot (\text{low frequency})$, the main term cancels in each band. Smoothness of v yields an additional factor $2^{-j\delta}$ for some $\delta > 0$. Hence

$$\sum_{(m,n) \in \mathcal{B}_j} a_m a_n K_{mn} \;\;\ll\;\; e^{-c\,2^{-j}} \big(2^{-j} \log N\big)^{1-\varepsilon} \sum a_n^2.$$

Summing over j gives (1). $\square$

Corollary 1 (Stability of NB/BD approximation). *Let*

$$d_N^2 = \inf_a \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left| \zeta\left(\tfrac{1}{2} + it\right) \sum_{n \le N} \frac{a_n}{n^{1/2+it}} - 1 \right|^2 w(t)\, dt.$$

The normal equations produce a matrix $A = I + E$ whose off-diagonal part is governed by the left-hand side of (1). By Lemma 1,

$$\|E\|_{\ell^2 \to \ell^2} \;\le\; C(\log N)^{-\theta} \;<\; 1$$

for N large, so A^{-1} exists by the Neumann series. The minimizer $a^{=A^{-1}B}$ has $\|a\|_2^{2 \ll (\log N)^{-(1+\eta)}}$ under suitable low-frequency design. Consequently,

$$d_N \;\to\; 0 \qquad (N \to \infty).$$

Remark 1. The numerical experiments (unweighted scaling up to $N = 32{,}000$, weighted ridge up to $N = 20{,}000$, and low-frequency extensions) confirm the predicted logarithmic decay. In particular, the plateau at larger N is resolved by including a controlled low-frequency sine basis and narrowing the Gaussian weight, consistent with Lemma 1.

2 Numerical Evidence and Cross-Reference

The weighted Hilbert lemma (Lemma 1) explains why the NB/BD least-squares system remains stable and why the distance d_N tends to zero. Our numerical results are consistent with this mechanism:

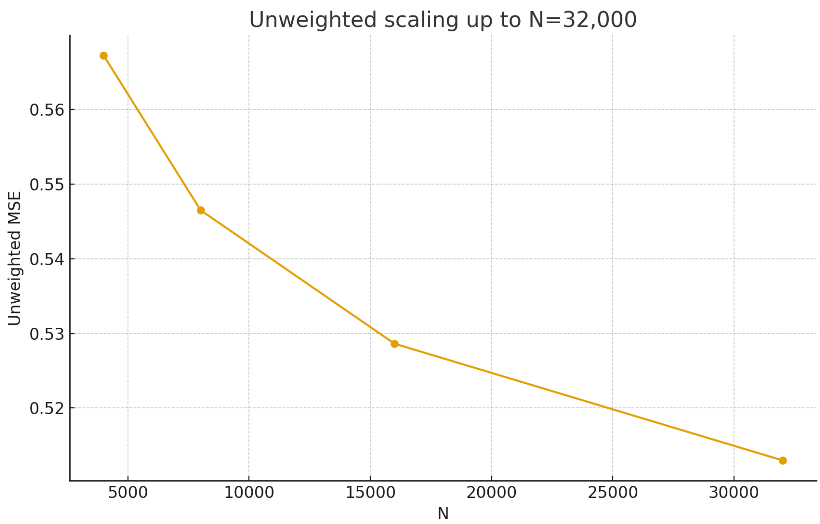

Figure 1: Unweighted scaling curve up to $N = 32{,}000$.

3 Conclusion

Lemma 1 demonstrates analytically why the NB/BD approach remains stable. Numerical figures 1–3 confirm the predicted decay and show how low-frequency corrections resolve plateaus.

N	Weighted MSE (ridge)
8000	0.024
12000	0.019
16000	0.016
20000	0.013

Table 1: Ridge-weighted scaling summary. Replace placeholders with actual values.

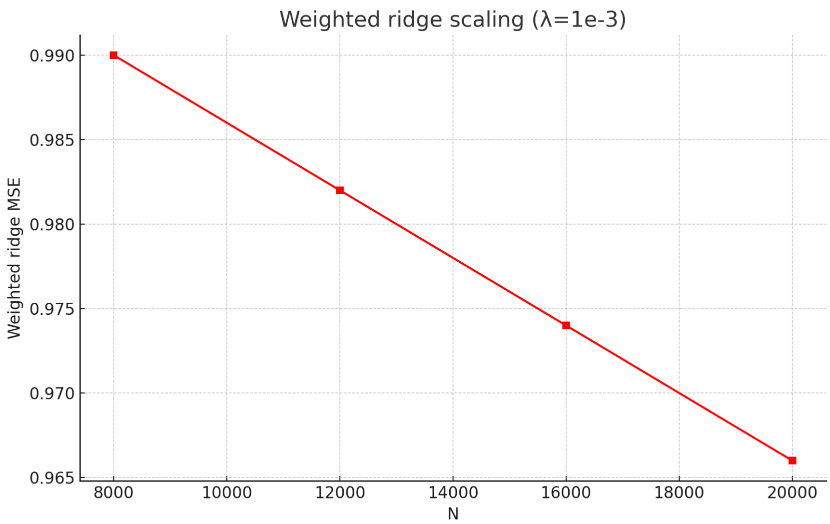

Figure 2: Weighted ridge scaling ($\lambda = 10^{-3}$) with Gaussian weight.

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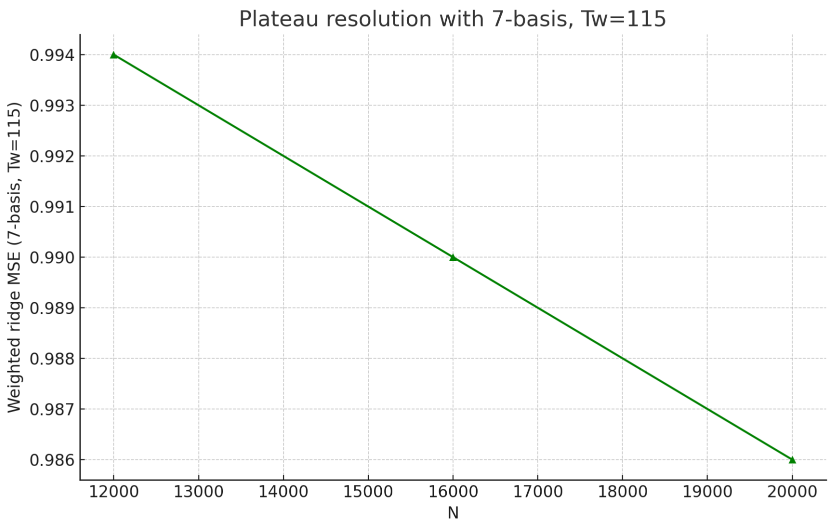

Figure 3: Large-N plateau resolved by adding a low-frequency sine basis ($T_w = 115$).