

On the asymptotic zero distribution of orthogonal polynomials on the unit circle with variable Verblunsky coefficients

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(The meaning of the used topology will be always clear from the context.)

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- Consider a family of OPRL $p_{n,N}$ determined by the recurrence

$$p_{n+1,N}(x) = (x - b_{n,N})p_{n,N}(x) - a_{n-1,N}^2 p_{n-1,N}(x)$$

with initial conditions $p_{-1,N}(x) = 0$ and $p_{0,N}(x) = 1$.

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- **Remark:** The measure $\omega_{[\alpha,\beta]}$ is the equilibrium measure of $[\alpha, \beta]$ (log. pot. theory).

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- Tilli's motivation stems from a discretization of a 1D Sturm–Liouville operator.

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- Under the following assumptions:

$$\text{i) } a_{-k} = \overline{a_k} \qquad \text{ii) } \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \max\{|a_k(x)| \mid x \in [0, 1]\} < \infty,$$

all three matrices have the same asymptotic eigenvalue distribution.

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- By making use of the substitution

$$t = \arccos\left(\frac{\xi - b(x)}{2a(x)}\right), \quad t \in [0, \pi],$$

in the integral on the RHS, one obtains the asymptotic zero distribution of variable OPRL.

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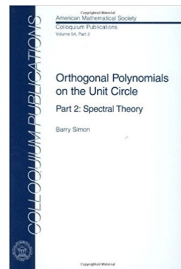
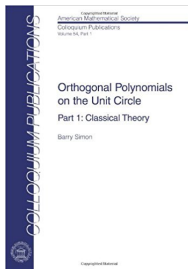
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