

Quantitative characterizations of weights and parabolic boundary value problems

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By maximum principle, for any $z \in \Omega$, the mapping $f \mapsto u_f(z)$ is a positive bounded linear functional. The Radon measure

$$\omega_\Omega^z(E) = u_{1_E}(z)$$

is called the harmonic measure with pole at z .

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Change of pole: If $z, w \in \Omega$, then there is a constant $C(z, w)$ such that for all Borel sets $E \subset \partial\Omega$

$$\frac{1}{C(z, w)} \omega_{\Omega}^z(E) \leq \omega_{\Omega}^w(E) \leq C(z, w) \omega_{\Omega}^z(E).$$

Measure theoretic properties do not depend (much) on z .

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Further, Dirichlet problem (non-tangential a.e. limits)

is solvable in $L^p(\partial\Omega)$ iff every ω_Ω^z is in $\text{RH}_{p'}(\partial\Omega)$.
 In particular, it is solvable for some $p \in (1, \infty)$ if $\omega_\Omega^z \in A_\infty$.

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Divergence form elliptic equations

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{div} A \nabla u &= 0, & \text{in } \Omega \\ u &= g, & \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{aligned}$$

with $A : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ satisfying

- ▶ condition on boundedness and measurability;
- ▶ ellipticity condition: there is $M_0 > 0$ such that for all $\xi \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$\inf_{x \in \Omega} A(x) \xi \cdot \xi \geq M_0 |\xi|^2;$$

- ▶ something more.

$A = I$ in rough domains \sim rough A in smooth domains

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Then for c large enough

- ▶ ρ is an injection $\mathbb{R}_+^{n+1} \rightarrow \Omega$;
- ▶ the pull back of Laplacian under ρ is $\operatorname{div} A \nabla \cdot$ (for some A);
- ▶ it holds $|\nabla A(x, t)| \leq C/t$;
- ▶ $t|\nabla A(x, t)|^2 dxdt$ is Carleson measure.

Definition (Carleson measure)

Denote $R(x, r) = B(x, r) \times (0, r)$. A measure on $\mathbb{R}^n \times (0, \infty)$ is Carleson if

$$\|\mu\|_C := \sup_{x,r} \frac{\mu(R(x, r))}{r^n} < \infty.$$

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- ▶ Smoothness:

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These have elliptic measure in A_∞ (Kenig–Pipher 2001).

Weak Dahlberg–Kenig–Pipher condition

Set

$$\alpha_{A,2}(x, t) = \inf_{A_0} \left(\frac{1}{t^{n+1}} \iint_{(t/2, t) \times B(x, t)} |A(x, s) - A_0|^2 dx ds \right)^{1/2}.$$

If

$$d\mu_{A,2} = \alpha_{A,2}(x, t)^2 \frac{dt dx}{t}$$

is density of a Carleson measure, then A is a weak **D**-matrix (or DKP).

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- ▶ Chord-arc domains with small constants have harmonic measures with small A_∞ constants (David–Li–Mayboroda 2022).

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where

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$$\beta(x, \lambda)^2 = \frac{\iint_{R(x, \lambda)} |\nabla u(y, t) - \langle \partial_{n+1} u \rangle_{R(x, \lambda)} e_{n+1}|^2 dy dt}{\iint_{R(x, \lambda)} |\nabla u(y, t)|^2 dy dt}$$

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Remark:

- ▶ By a result of Fefferman–Kenig–Pipher, the Carleson norm of the left hand side being finite implies A_∞ .
- ▶ By a result of Korey, the vanishing Carleson implies asymptotically flat A_∞ .

Proof scheme III: Weights (B-E-S)

Theorem (Bortz–Egert–S 2022)

Let $n \geq 1$ and let $D \geq 1$. Then there exist constants $C, \varepsilon > 0$ such that the following holds. Let w be a weight with doubling constant D and let u_w be its heat extension. Let

$$d\mu(x, t) = |\nabla \log u_w(x, t^2)|^2 t \, dx dt.$$

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Remark: A Littlewood–Paley decomposition argument allows to control the generic kernel by heat kernel.

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This is standard interior estimate for heat equation plus

- ▶ parabolic **forward** Harnack due to positivity;
- ▶ parabolic **backward** Harnack due to doubling of initial data.

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- ▶ III: FTC in t , heat equation, divergence theorem, key lemma.
- ▶ II: FTC in x , key lemma.

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with $A : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ satisfying the conditions similar to as in the elliptic case and $B : \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}_+^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ satisfying

$$z_{n+1} |B(t, z)| \leq \varepsilon$$

for a structural parameter $\varepsilon > 0$.

Let $W(z)$ be the Whitney type parabolic cylinder around z : for $z = (t, x, \lambda)$

$$W(z) = (t - \lambda^2, t + \lambda^2) \times Q(x, \lambda/2) \times (\lambda/2, \lambda).$$

Definition (Weak-DKP condition, parabolic)

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$$\alpha_B(z) = \left(\int_{W(z)} |B(y)|^2 y_{n+2}^2 dy \right)^{1/2}, \quad \alpha_{A,B}(z) = \alpha_A(z) + \alpha_B(z).$$

Define $\mu_{A,B}(z) = \alpha_{A,B}(z)^2 z_{n+2}^{-1}$. We say that (A, B) satisfies a weak DKP-condition if $\|\mu_{A,B}\|_{C(E)} < \infty$.

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If $\|\nu\|_C \leq \delta$, then $\omega \ll dt dx$ and denoting $k = \frac{d\omega}{dt dx}$, we have for all (t, x, λ) with $R(t, x, 2\lambda) \subset R(t_0, x_0, \lambda_0)$

$$\log \left(\iint_{Q^{bdry}(t,x;\delta^a\lambda)} k(\tau, y) d\tau dy \right) - \iint_{Q^{bdry}(t,x;\delta^a\lambda)} \log k(\tau, y) d\tau dy \leq C\sqrt{\delta}.$$

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