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# Error Estimates for Polyharmonic Cubature Formulas

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### Abstract

In the present article we shall present basic features of a polyharmonic cubature formula of degree s and corresponding error estimates. Main results are Markov-type error estimates for differentiable functions and error estimates for functions f which possess an analytic extension to a sufficiently large ball in the complex space  $\mathbb{C}^d$ .

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# 1 Introduction

Let  $C(\mathbb{R}^d)$  be the set of all continuous complex-valued functions on the euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^d$ . A *cubature formula C* is a linear functional on  $C(\mathbb{R}^d)$  of the form

$$C(f) := \alpha_1 f(x_1) + \dots + \alpha_N f(x_N).$$
<sup>(1)</sup>

The points  $x_1, ..., x_N$  are called *nodes* or *knots* and the coefficients  $\alpha_1, ..., \alpha_N \in \mathbb{R}$  the *weights*. A basic problem in numerical analysis is to approximate integrals of the form

$$\int f(x)d\mu(x)$$

for a (signed) measure  $\mu$  in the euclidean space  $\mathbb{R}^d$  by suitable cubature formulas.

An important characteristic of a cubature formula is exactness: the functional *C* is *exact on a subspace U* of  $C(\mathbb{R}^d)$  with respect to a measure  $\mu$  if

$$C(f) = \int f(x)d\mu(x)$$
<sup>(2)</sup>

holds for all  $f \in U$ . If  $U_s$  is the set of all polynomials  $\mathcal{P}_s$  of degree  $\leq s$ , and the cubature is exact on  $U_s$  but not on  $U_{s+1}$ , we say that *C* has *order s*. Exactness on the space  $\mathcal{P}_s$  can be expressed by the identities

$$C(x^{\alpha}) = \int x^{\alpha} d\mu(x)$$

for each multi-index  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, ..., \alpha_d) \in \mathbb{N}_0^d$  with  $|\alpha| := \alpha_1 + ... + \alpha_d \leq s$  where  $x^{\alpha} = x_1^{\alpha_1} ... x_d^{\alpha_d}$ . In the theory of cubature formula it is assumed that the *moments* 

$$\int x^{\alpha} d\mu(x)$$

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for  $|\alpha| \leq s$  exist and that they can be explicitly calculated. The problem is to find constructive methods for determining nodes and weights from this information. In particular, a cubature formula leads to a solution of the so-called *truncated moment problem*. For a discussion of cubature formulas we refer to [26], [27], [29] and the recent survey [7].

In [15] and [18] we have introduced a new type of functional which approximates the integral

$$\int f(x)d\mu(x) \tag{3}$$

for a class of measures  $\mu$  with support in the *ball* 

$$B_R = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^d : |x| < R \right\}$$
(4)

and continuous functions  $f : B_R \to \mathbb{C}$  where R is a positive number or  $\infty$ , and

$$r = |x| = \sqrt{x_1^2 + \dots + x_d^2}$$

is the euclidean norm of  $x = (x_1, ..., x_d) \in \mathbb{R}^d$ . The unit sphere will be denoted by

$$\mathbb{S}^{d-1} := \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R}^d : |x| = 1 \right\}$$

and endowed with the rotation invariant measure  $d\theta$ .

Our approach is based on the Fourier-Laplace series of the function f(x). In order to make concepts simpler we shall restrict our discussion in the introduction to the two-dimensional case where the Fourier-Laplace series is just the Fourier series of a function. Hence we define the basis functions

$$Y_{0,0}(x) = Y_{0,0}(r\cos t, r\sin t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$$
(5)

and

$$Y_{k,1}(x) = Y_{k,1}(r\cos t, r\sin t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}}r^k\cos kt$$
(6)

$$Y_{k,2}(x) = Y_{k,2}(r\cos t, r\sin t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}}r^k \sin kt$$
(7)

for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  where  $\mathbb{N}$  denotes the set of all natural numbers, and  $\mathbb{N}_0 := \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ . A point  $x \in \mathbb{R}^2$  is written as  $x = (r \cos t, r \sin t)$  where r is the radius of x and  $(\cos t, \sin t)$  is in the unit sphere. The Fourier coefficients of a continuous function f are defined by

$$f_{k,\ell}(r) = \int_0^{2\pi} f(r\cos t, r\sin t) \cdot Y_{k,\ell}(\cos t, \sin t) dt.$$

The *Fourier series* of the continuous function  $f : B_R \to \mathbb{C}$  is defined by the formal expansion

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=1}^{a_k} f_{k,\ell}(r) Y_{k,\ell}(\theta)$$
(8)

where  $a_0 = 1$  and  $a_k = 2$  for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $\theta = (\cos t, \sin t)$ . It is easy to see that  $f_{k,\ell}$  is a continuous function if f is continuous. Furthermore, if f is infinitely differentiable in  $B_R$  then the function

$$f_{k,\ell}(r)r^{-k}$$

is *even* (and infinitely differentiable), see [6]. Finally, if f is a polynomial then  $f_{k,\ell}(r)r^{-k}$  is a univariate polynomial in  $r^2$ , see Section 2 for more details.

If f is sufficiently smooth then the Fourier series (8) converges absolutely and uniformly on compact subsets of  $B_R$  to the function f(x) and one obtains that

$$\begin{split} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f(x) d\mu &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=1}^{a_k} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f_{k,\ell}(r) Y_{k,\ell}(\theta) d\mu(x) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=1}^{a_k} \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f_{k,\ell}(r) r^{-k} Y_{k,\ell}(x) d\mu(x). \end{split}$$

We shall now call a signed measure  $\mu$  with support in  $B_R \subset \mathbb{R}^2$  pseudo-positive if the inequality

$$h(|x|) Y_{k,\ell}(x) d\mu(x) \ge 0$$

holds for every non-negative continuous function  $h : [0, R] \to [0, \infty)$  and for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , and  $\ell = 1, ..., a_k$ . By the Riesz representation theorem there exist unique non-negative measures  $\mu_{k,\ell}$  defined on [0, R], which we call *component measures*, such that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^2}^{\infty} h(t) d\mu_{k,\ell}(t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} h(|x|) Y_{k,\ell}(x) d\mu$$

holds for all  $h \in C[0,R]$ . Using this notation we obtain

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^2} f(x) d\mu = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=1}^{a_k} \int_0^{\infty} f_{k,\ell}(r) r^{-k} d\mu_{k,\ell}(r).$$

In passing, we mention that radially symmetric measures are pseudo-positive.

The main idea in our approach is to use quadrature formulas to approximate the univariate integrals

$$\int_{0}^{k} f_{k,\ell}(r) r^{-k} d\mu_{k,\ell}(r).$$
(9)

Thus we assume in our approach that the Fourier coefficients  $f_{k,\ell}(r)$  are known. One may use Fast-Fourier Transform to find approximations of  $f_{k,\ell}$  and to combine these with our approach in order to find cubature formulas only involving the function values of f – a topic which we want to consider in a future paper.

Next we want to discuss which kind of quadrature formulas for approximating (9) are useful. Due to the fact that  $f_{k,\ell}(r)r^{-k}$  is an even function for smooth f we shall require that the quadrature formula is exact for all polynomials of the form  $r^{2j}$  for j = 0, ..., 2s - 1 where s a given natural number. By taking the transformation  $\sqrt{r}$  this means that the transformed quadrature formula should be exact for all polynomial  $t^j$  for j = 0, ..., 2s - 1 – and here the classical Gauß-Jacobi quadrature enters the game.

Our polyharmonic cubature formula is now defined in the following way: given a pseudo-positive measure  $\mu$  we consider the component measures  $\mu_{k,\ell}(r)$ . Let  $\mu_{k,\ell}^{\psi}$  be the image measure of  $\mu_{k,\ell}$  for the transformation  $\psi : [0, \infty) \to [0, \infty)$  defined by  $\psi(r) = r^2$ , so

$$\int_{0}^{\infty} f_{k,\ell}(r) r^{-k} d\mu_{k,\ell}(r) = \int_{0}^{\infty} f_{k,\ell}\left(\sqrt{t}\right) t^{-k/2} d\mu_{k,\ell}^{\psi}(t).$$

For the non-negative univariate measures  $\mu_{k,\ell}^{\psi}$  we shall use the univariate Gauß-Jacobi quadratures  $v_{k,\ell}^{(s)}$  of order 2s - 1 as an approximation of  $\mu_{k,\ell}^{\psi}$ . The polyharmonic cubature  $T^{(s)}(f)$  of degree s is then defined by

$$T^{(s)}(f) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=1}^{a_k} \int_0^{\infty} f_{k,\ell}(\sqrt{t}) t^{-\frac{1}{2}k} dv_{k,\ell}^{(s)}(t).$$

The cubature formula  $T^{(s)}$  will be defined at first only for polynomials: then the sum in the definition of  $T^{(s)}(f)$  is actually a finite sum and no convergence questions occur. The cubature formula  $T^{(s)}$  has the property that

$$T^{(s)}\left(|x|^{2j}Y_{k,\ell}(x)\right) = \int |x|^{2j}Y_{k,\ell}(x)d\mu(x)$$

for all j = 0, ..., 2s - 1 and for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,  $\ell = 1, ..., a_k$ . This is equivalent to the functional  $T^{(s)}$  being exact on the space of all polynomials of polyharmonic order  $\leq 2s$ .

In [15] we investigated the truncated moment problem for pseudo-positive measures. In the present article we shall present a Markov-type error estimate for the polyharmonic cubature formula and apply this estimate to functions f which possess an analytic extension on the ball in  $\mathbb{C}^d$  with center 0 and sufficiently large radius. For an error estimate of polyharmonic cubature formula based on complex methods we refer to [16]. As general background information we mention as well our unpublished manuscript [18] which contains also instructive examples.

The paper is organized in the following way: in Section 2 we shall provide background material about spherical harmonics and Fourier-Laplace series which is necessary for the case d > 2. In Section 3 we give a short review of properties of the polyharmonic cubature formulas. Section 4 contains the main result of the paper – an error estimate for  $T^{(s)}$  which is based on the error estimate of Markov for quadratures.

#### Polyharmonic polynomials and Spherical harmonics 2

We shall write  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$  in spherical coordinates  $x = r\theta$  with  $\theta \in \mathbb{S}^{d-1}$ . Let  $\mathcal{H}_k(\mathbb{R}^d)$  be the set of all harmonic homogeneous complex-valued polynomials of degree k. Then  $f \in \mathcal{H}_k(\mathbb{R}^d)$  is called a *solid harmonic* and the restriction of f to  $\mathbb{S}^{d-1}$  a spherical harmonic of degree k and we set

$$a_k := \dim \mathcal{H}_k\left(\mathbb{R}^d\right),\tag{10}$$

see [28], [25], [1], [13] for details. Throughout the paper we shall assume

$$\mathcal{X}_{k,\ell}: \mathbb{R}^d \to \mathbb{R}, \ell = 1, ..., a_k, \tag{11}$$

is an *orthonormal basis* of  $\mathcal{H}_k\left(\mathbb{R}^d\right)$  with respect to the scalar product

$$\langle f,g \rangle_{\mathbb{S}^{d-1}} := \int_{\mathbb{S}^{d-1}} f(\theta) \overline{g(\theta)} d\theta$$

We shall often use the trivial identity  $Y_{k,\ell}(x) = r^k Y_{k\ell}(\theta)$  for  $x = r\theta$ . Further we define the surface area  $\omega_d$  by

$$\omega_d = \int_{\mathbb{S}^{d-1}} 1 d\theta.$$

The Fourier-Laplace series of the continuous function  $f : B_R \to \mathbb{C}$ , is defined by the formal expansion

$$f(r\theta) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=1}^{a_k} f_{k,\ell}(r) Y_{k,\ell}(\theta)$$
(12)

where  $a_k$  is defined in (10) and the Fourier-Laplace coefficient  $f_{k,\ell}(r)$  is defined by

$$f_{k,\ell}(r) = \int_{\mathbb{S}^{d-1}} f(r\theta) Y_{k,\ell}(\theta) d\theta$$
(13)

for any non-negative real number *r* with  $0 \le r < R$ .

There is a strong interplay between algebraic and analytic properties of the function f and those of the Fourier-Laplace coefficients  $f_{k,\ell}$ . For example, if f(x) is a polynomial in the variable  $x = (x_1, ..., x_d)$  then the Fourier-Laplace coefficient  $f_{k,\ell}$ . is of the form  $f_{k,\ell}(r) = r^k p_{k,\ell}(r^2)$  where  $p_{k,\ell}$  is a univariate polynomial, see e.g. in [28] or [26]. Hence, the Fourier-Laplace series (12) of a polynomial f(x) is equal to

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\deg f} \sum_{\ell=1}^{a_k} p_{k,\ell}(|x|^2) Y_{k,\ell}(x)$$
(14)

where deg *f* is the total degree of *f* and  $p_{k,\ell}$  is a univariate polynomial of degree  $\leq \deg f - k$ . This representation is often called the Gauss representation.

A similar formula is valid for a much larger class of functions. Let us recall that a function  $f: G \to \mathbb{C}$  defined on an open set G in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  is called *polyharmonic of order* N if f is 2N times continuously differentiable and

$$\Delta^N u(x) = 0 \tag{15}$$

for all  $x \in G$  where

$$\Delta = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_1^2} + \dots + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x_d^2}$$

is the Laplace operator and  $\Delta^N$  the *N*-th iterate of  $\Delta$ . The theorem of Almansi states that for a polyharmonic function *f* of order *N* defined on the ball  $B_R = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^d : |x| < R\}$  there exist univariate polynomials  $p_{k,\ell}(t)$  of degree  $\leq N - 1$  such that

$$f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=1}^{a_k} p_{k,\ell}(|x|^2) Y_{k,\ell}(x)$$
(16)



where convergence of the sum is uniform on compact subsets of  $B_R$ , see e.g. [26], [3], [2] and [17] for further extensions. Neglecting at the moment questions of convergence we see that

$$\int f(x) d\mu(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=1}^{a_k} \int p_{k,\ell}(|x|^2) Y_{k,\ell}(x) d\mu(x).$$

Note that  $p_{k,\ell}$  is a univariate function depending on  $|x|^2$  and note that  $|x|^{2s} Y_{k,\ell}(x)$  is indeed a polynomial and therefore

$$\int |x|^{2s} Y_{k,\ell}(x) d\mu(x)$$

can be expressed as a sum of monomial moments. The above mentioned Gauss decomposition just says that each multivariate polynomial f(x) is indeed a linear combination of polynomials of the type  $|x|^{2s} Y_{k,\ell}(x)$ .

These considerations have led us to the following definition: a signed measure  $\mu$  with support in  $B_R \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  is pseudopositive with respect to the orthonormal basis  $Y_{k,\ell}$ ,  $\ell = 1, ..., a_k$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$  if the inequality

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} h(|x|) Y_{k,\ell}(x) d\mu(x) \ge 0$$
(17)

holds for every non-negative continuous function  $h : [0, R] \to [0, \infty)$  and for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,  $\ell = 1, 2, ..., a_k$ . Then the following can be proved, see [15].

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $\mu$  be a pseudo-positive measure on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  with support in  $B_R \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ . Then there exist unique non-negative measures  $\mu_{k,\ell}$  with support in [0,R], which we call component measures, such that

$$\int_{0}^{\infty} h(t) d\mu_{k,\ell}(t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} h(|x|) Y_{k,\ell}(x) d\mu$$
(18)

holds for all  $h \in C[0,R]$ . Further

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) d\mu = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=1}^{a_k} \int_0^{\infty} f_{k,\ell}(r) r^{-k} d\mu_{k,\ell}(r)$$
(19)

for each  $f \in C(\mathbb{R}^d)$  whose Fourier-Laplace series has only finitely many non-zero terms.

Let  $\psi : [0, \infty) \to [0, \infty)$  be the transformation  $\psi(t) = t^2$  and let  $\mu_{k,\ell}^{\psi}$  be the image measure of  $\mu_{k,\ell}$  under  $\psi$ . Then (19) becomes

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) d\mu = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=1}^{a_k} \int_0^\infty f_{k,\ell} \left(\sqrt{t}\right) t^{-\frac{1}{2}k} d\mu_{k,\ell}^{\psi}(t).$$
(20)

The *main idea* is simple and consists in replacing in formula (20) the non-negative univariate measures  $\mu_{k,\ell}^{\psi}$  by their univariate Gauß-Jacobi quadratures  $v_{k,\ell}^{(s)}$  of order 2s-1. Then we obtain a functional  $T^{(s)}$  defined on the set  $\mathbb{C}[x_1, x_2, ..., x_d]$  of all polynomials by setting

$$T^{(s)}(f) := \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=1}^{a_k} \int_0^\infty f_{k,\ell}\left(\sqrt{t}\right) t^{-\frac{1}{2}k} dv_{k,\ell}^{(s)}(t).$$
(21)

Since *f* is a polynomial the series is finite and therefore  $T^{(s)}$  is well-defined.

Sometimes it is useful to rewrite the definition of  $T^{(s)}(f)$  using the variable r instead of t. If we define  $\psi^{-1}(t) = \sqrt{t}$  (so  $\psi^{-1}$  is the inverse function of  $\psi$ ) and if  $\sigma_{k,\ell}^{(s)}$  is the image measure of  $v_{k,\ell}^{(s)}$  under  $\psi^{-1}$ , then we may write

$$T^{(s)}(f) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=1}^{a_k} \int_0^{\infty} f_{k,\ell}(r) r^{-k} d\sigma_{k,\ell}^{(s)}(r).$$

# **3** Basic properties of the polyharmonic cubature

We shall recall from [15] and [18] some basic properties for the polyharmonic cubature formula:

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $\mu$  be a pseudo-positive measure with support in the ball  $B_R$ . Then the functional  $T^{(s)} : \mathbb{C}[x_1, x_2, ..., x_d] \to \mathbb{C}$  is continuous with respect to the supremum norm provided that the summability assumption

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=1}^{a_k} \int_0^{\infty} r^{-k} d\mu_{k,\ell}(r) < \infty$$
(22)

holds.

*Proof.* Since  $\mu$  has support in  $B_R$  the measures  $\mu_{k,\ell}$  have support in [0,R]. For the Fourier-Laplace coefficient  $f_{k,\ell}$  we have

$$\left|f_{k,\ell}\left(r\right)\right| \leq C \max_{|x| \leq R} \left|f\left(x\right)\right| \text{ for } 0 \leq r \leq R$$

Hence

$$\left| \int_{0}^{\infty} f_{k,\ell}(r) r^{-k} d\sigma_{k,\ell}^{(s)}(r) \right| \leq C \max_{|x| \leq R} \left| f(x) \right| \int_{0}^{\infty} r^{-k} d\sigma_{k,\ell}^{(s)}(r) d\sigma_{$$

and

$$\left|T^{(s)}(f)\right| \le C \max_{|x|\le R} \left|f(x)\right| \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=1}^{a_k} \int_0^\infty r^{-k} d\sigma_{k,\ell}^{(s)}(r).$$
(23)

For the convergence in (23) it suffices to prove

$$\int_{0}^{\infty} r^{-k} d\sigma_{k,\ell}^{(s)}(r) \le \int_{0}^{\infty} r^{-k} d\mu_{k,\ell}(r).$$
(24)

This inequality follows from the extremal property of the Gauß–Jacobi quadrature, see Theorem 4.1 in Chapter 4 of [21].

By the Riesz representation theorem there exists a signed measure  $\sigma^{(s)}$  with support in the closed ball  $B_R$  such that

$$T^{(s)}(f) = \int_{B_R} f(x) d\sigma^{(s)}(x)$$

for all continuous functions  $f: B_R \to \mathbb{C}$ . Moreover, the component measures of the pseudo–positive measure  $\sigma^{(s)}$  are exactly the univariate measures  $\sigma_{k,\ell}^{(s)}$ .

Note that the summability condition (22) can be rephrased in terms of the measure  $\mu$  by the identity

$$\int_{0}^{\infty} r^{-k} d\mu_{k,\ell}(r) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} Y_{k,\ell}\left(\frac{x}{|x|}\right) d\mu.$$

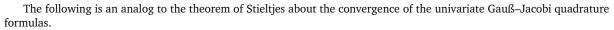
We summarize the results in the following

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $\mu$  be a pseudo-positive signed measure with support in the closed ball  $B_R$  satisfying the summability condition (22). Then for each natural number *s* there exists a unique pseudo-positive, signed measure  $\sigma^{(s)}$  with support in  $B_R$  such that (i) The support of each component measure  $\sigma^{(s)}$  of  $\sigma^{(s)}$  has cardinality  $\leq s$ .

(ii)  $\int P d\mu = \int P d\sigma^{(s)}$  for all polynomials P with  $\Delta^{2s} P = 0$ .

*Proof.* The exactness of the Gauß-Jacobi quadratures  $v_{k,\ell}^{(s)}$  for polynomials of degree  $\leq 2s - 1$  implies that  $T^{(s)}$  and  $\mu$  coincide on the set of all polynomials P such that  $\Delta^{2s}P = 0$ . This is due to the fact that in the Laplace–Fourier expansion the coefficients are given by  $f_{k,\ell}(r) = r^k p_{k,\ell}(r^2)$  where  $p_{k,\ell}$  are polynomials of degree 2s - 1.

**Definition 3.1.** The measure  $\sigma^{(s)}$  constructed in the last Theorem will be called the **polyharmonic Gauß-Jacobi measure** of order *s* for the measure  $\mu$ .



**Theorem 3.3.** Let  $\sigma^{(s)}$  be the polyharmonic Gauß-Jacobi measure of order s for the measure  $\mu$ , obtained in Theorem 3.2. Then

$$\int f(x) d\sigma^{(s)} \to \int f(x) d\mu \qquad \text{for } s \to \infty$$

holds for every function  $f \in C(B_R)$ .

*Proof.* For any polynomial *P* the convergence  $T^{(s)}(P) \to P$  holds for  $s \to \infty$ . By standard results, the convergence  $T^{(s)}(f) \to f$  carries over to all continuous functions  $f : B_R \to \mathbb{C}$  provided there exists a constant C > 0 such that

$$T^{(s)}(f) \Big| \le C \max_{|x| \le R} \Big| f(x) \Big|.$$

for all natural numbers *s* and all  $f \in C(B_R)$ .

In a similar way one can prove the following result:

**Theorem 3.4.** Let  $\mu$  be a pseudo-positive signed measure with support in  $B_R$  satisfying the summability condition (22) and let  $\sigma^{(s)}$  be the polyharmonic Gauß-Jacobi measure of order s. If  $f \in C^{2s}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  has the property that

$$\frac{d^{2s}}{dt^{2s}}\left[f_{k,\ell}\left(\sqrt{t}\right)t^{-\frac{1}{2}k}\right]\geq 0,$$

for all  $t \in (0, \mathbb{R}^2)$  and for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,  $\ell = 1, 2, ..., a_k$ , then the following inequality

$$\int f(x)d\sigma^{(s)} \leq \int f(x)d\mu$$

holds.

Let us note that every signed measure  $d\mu$  with bounded variation may be represented (non-uniquely) as a difference of two pseudo-positive measures. We refer to [15] for instructive examples of pseudo-positive measures.

# 4 Error estimate of the Polyharmonic Gauss-Jacobi Cubature formula

The topic of estimation of quadrature formulas for smooth and analytic functions is a widely studied one. Beyond the classical monographs [22], [8, p. 344], [9], we provide further and more recent publications, as [5], [10], [11], [12], [20], [23].

We recall here the following error estimate of Markov:

**Theorem 4.1.** (Markov) Let v be a non-negative measure over the interval [a, b] and let  $v^s$  be the Gauss-Jacobi measure of order s. Define for every  $g \in C[a, b]$  the error

$$E_{s}(g) := \int_{a}^{b} g(t) dv(t) - \int_{a}^{b} g(t) dv^{(s)}(t).$$

If  $g \in C^{2s}[a, b]$  then

$$|E_{s}(g)| \leq \frac{1}{(2s)!} \sup_{a < \xi < b} |g^{(2s)}(\xi)| \int_{a}^{b} |Q^{s}(t)|^{2} dv(t)$$

where  $Q^{s}(t)$  is the orthogonal polynomial of degree s, with leading coefficient 1, relative to v.

We shall prove now the following analogue:

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**Theorem 4.2.** Let  $0 < R < \infty$  and let  $\psi : [0, \infty) \to [0, \infty)$  be defined by  $\psi(t) = t^2$ . Let  $\mu$  be a pseudo-positive signed measure with support in  $B_R$  satisfying the summability condition (22), and let  $\sigma^{(s)}$  be the polyharmonic Gauß-Jacobi measure of order s. Define for every  $f \in C(B_R)$  the error functional

$$E_{s}(f) := \int f(x) d\mu(x) - \int f(x) d\sigma^{(s)}(x).$$

If  $f \in C^{2s}(B_R) \cap C(\overline{B_R})$  then the error  $E_s(f)$  is less than or equal to

$$\frac{1}{(2s)!} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=1}^{a_k} \sup_{0 < \xi < R^2} \left| \frac{d^{2s}}{dt^{2s}} \left[ f_{k,\ell} \left( \sqrt{t} \right) t^{-\frac{1}{2}k} \right] (\xi) \left| \int_0^{R^2} \left| Q_{k,\ell}^s \left( t \right) \right|^2 d\mu_{k\ell}^{\psi} (\xi) \right|^2 d\mu_{k\ell}^{\psi} (\xi) \left| Q_{k,\ell}^s \left( t \right) \right|^2 d\mu_{k\ell}^s (\xi) \left| Q_{k\ell}^s \left| Q_{k\ell}^$$

Here  $Q_{k,\ell}^s(t)$  is the orthogonal polynomial of degree s with respect to the measure  $\mu_{k\ell}^{\psi}$ , having a leading coefficient equal to 1; if the support of  $\mu_{k,\ell}$  has less than s points,  $Q_{k,\ell}^s$  is defined to be 0.

*Proof.* Since  $f \in C^{2s}(B_R) \cap C(\overline{B_R})$  it is easy to see that the Fourier-Laplace coefficients  $f_{k,\ell} \in C^{2s}(0,R) \cap C[0,R]$ . Let  $\mu_{k,\ell}$  and  $\sigma_{k,\ell}$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$ ,  $\ell = 1, ..., a_k$ , and  $\sigma^{(s)}$  be as in Theorem 3.2. From the definitions it follows

$$E_{s}(f) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=1}^{a_{k}} \int_{0}^{R} f_{k,\ell}(r) r^{-k} d\mu_{k,\ell} - \int_{0}^{R} f_{k,\ell}(r) r^{-k} d\sigma_{k,\ell}^{(s)}$$

Further  $f_{k,\ell}(r)r^{-k}$  is integrable with respect to  $\mu_{k,\ell}$  since  $f_{k,\ell}$  is continuous on [0,R] and condition (22) holds. Let us fix the pair of indices  $(k,\ell)$ . If the support of  $\mu_{k,\ell}$  has less than *s* points we know that  $\mu_{k,\ell} = \sigma_{k,\ell}^{(s)}$ . So assume that the support of  $\mu_{k,\ell}$  has at least *s* points and in our construction  $v_{k,\ell}^{(s)}$  is the Gauß-Jacobi measure of  $\mu_{k,\ell}^{\psi}$ . Consequently

$$e\left(f_{k,\ell}\right) := \int_{0}^{R} f_{k,\ell}\left(r\right) r^{-k} d\mu_{k,\ell}\left(r\right) - \int_{0}^{R} f_{k,\ell}\left(r\right) r^{-k} d\sigma_{k,\ell}^{(s)}\left(r\right)$$
$$= \int_{0}^{R^{2}} f_{k,\ell}\left(\sqrt{t}\right) t^{-\frac{1}{2}k} d\mu_{k,\ell}^{\psi}\left(t\right) - \int_{0}^{R^{2}} f_{k,\ell}\left(\sqrt{t}\right) t^{-\frac{1}{2}k} dv_{k,\ell}^{(s)}\left(t\right).$$

By Markov's error estimate one obtains with  $g_{k,\ell}(t) := f_{k,\ell}(\sqrt{t}) t^{-\frac{1}{2}k}$  the inequality

$$e\left(f_{k,\ell}\right) \leq \frac{1}{(2s)!} \sup_{0 < \xi < R^2} \left|g_{k,\ell}^{(2s)}(\xi)\right| \int_{0^2}^{R^2} \left|Q_{k,\ell}^s(t)\right|^2 d\mu_{k,\ell}^{\psi}(t).$$

The proof is complete.

Now we are going to apply the results for holomorphic functions in several variables. We define the complex ball in  $\mathbb{C}^d$  with center 0 and radius  $\tau$  by

$$B_{\tau}^{\mathbb{C}} = \{ (w_1, ..., w_d) \in \mathbb{C}^d : \sum_{j=1}^d |w_j|^2 < \tau^2 \}$$

We assume that f is holomorphic on  $B_{\tau}^{\mathbb{C}}$  for  $\tau > R$ . For fixed  $\theta \in \mathbb{S}^{d-1}$  we define a map

$$\varphi_{\theta} : \{ z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < \tau \} \to B_{\tau}^{\mathbb{C}} \text{ by } \varphi_{\theta}(z) = z\theta$$

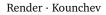
which is clearly holomorphic. Hence  $f_{\theta}$  defined by  $f_{\theta}(z) = f(z\theta) = f \circ \varphi_{\theta}(z)$  is holomorphic. It follows that  $f_{k,\ell}(z)$  defined by

$$f_{k,\ell}(z) = \int_{\mathbb{S}^{d-1}} f(z\theta) Y_{k,\ell}(\theta) d\theta$$
(25)

is a holomorphic extension of  $f_{k,\ell}$  to  $\{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| < \tau\}$ . For further material about analytic extensions of Fourier-Laplace series and Fourier-Laplace coefficients we refer to [14], [17] and [24].

Now we need the following result:

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**Lemma 4.3.** Let f be a holomorphic function on the open ball  $B_{\tau}^{\mathbb{C}}$  for  $\tau > 0$ . Let  $f_{k,\ell}$  be the Fourier-Laplace coefficient of f and define

$$p_{k,\ell}(t) = f_{k,\ell}\left(\sqrt{t}\right) \cdot t^{-k/2}$$

for  $0 < t < \tau^2$  Then the following inequality

$$\left|\frac{d^{s}}{dt^{s}}p_{k,\ell}(t)\right| \leq \sqrt{\omega_{d}} \max_{u \in [0,2\pi], \theta \in \mathbb{S}^{d-1}} \left|f\left(e^{iu}\rho\theta\right)\right| \frac{\rho^{2-k}s!}{\left(\rho^{2}-t\right)^{s+1}}$$
(26)

holds for all  $0 < t < \rho^2 < \tau^2$  and for all natural numbers s.

Proof. We apply Cauchy-Schwarz inequality to the integral (25) obtaining

$$\left|f_{k,\ell}\left(z\right)\right|^{2} \leq \int_{\mathbb{S}^{d-1}} \left|f\left(z\theta\right)\right|^{2} d\theta \cdot \int_{\mathbb{S}^{d-1}} \left|Y_{k,\ell}\left(\theta\right)\right|^{2} d\theta$$

Since  $Y_{k,\ell}$  is orthonormal we obtain for  $z = |z| e^{iu}$  and  $|z| = \rho$ 

$$\left|f_{k,\ell}\left(z\right)\right|^{2} \leq \omega_{d} \max_{u \in [0,2\pi], \theta \in \mathbb{S}^{d-1}} \left|f\left(e^{iu}\rho\theta\right)\right|^{2}.$$
(27)

Let us recall the Cauchy estimates for a holomorphic function g in the ball  $|z| < \tau$  applied for  $|z| = \rho$ 

$$\left|g^{(n)}(0)\right| \leq \frac{n!}{\rho^n} \max_{|z|=\rho} \left|g(z)\right|$$

We apply this estimate to the holomorphic function  $f_{k,\ell}(z)$  and n = m + k and we use (27):

$$\left|\frac{d^{m+k}}{dz^{m+k}}f_{k,\ell}\left(0\right)\right| \leq \frac{(k+m)!}{\rho^{m+k}}\sqrt{\omega_d} \max_{u \in [0,2\pi], \theta \in \mathbb{S}^{d-1}} \left|f\left(e^{iu}\rho\theta\right)\right|.$$
(28)

Since  $f_{k,\ell}(z)$  is holomorphic for  $|z| < \tau$  we can write  $f_{k,\ell}$  as a power series. Further it is known (see [6]) that

$$f_{k,\ell}^{(j)}(0) = 0$$
 for  $j = 0, ..., k - 1$ ,

Hence we can write for  $|z| < \tau$ 

$$f_{k,\ell}(z) = \sum_{m=k}^{\infty} \frac{1}{m!} \frac{d^m}{dr^m} f_{k,\ell}(0) \cdot z^m.$$

It is known that  $r^{-k}f_{k,\ell}(r)$  is an even function (see [6]), hence we can obtain a description for the function  $p_{k,\ell}(r^2)$ :

$$p_{k,\ell}\left(r^{2}\right) = r^{-k}f_{k,\ell}\left(r\right) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(k+2m)!} \frac{d^{2m+k}}{dr^{2m+k}} f_{k,\ell}\left(0\right) \cdot r^{2m}.$$

Then for  $t = r^2$  we conclude that

$$p_{k,\ell}(t) = \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(k+2m)!} \frac{d^{2m+k}}{dr^{2m+k}} f_{k,\ell}(0) \cdot t^m.$$

We infer that

$$\frac{d^s}{dt^s} p_{k,\ell}(t) = \sum_{m=s}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(k+2m)!} \frac{m!}{(m-s)!} \frac{d^{2m+k}}{dt^{2m+k}} f_{k,\ell}(0) \cdot t^{(m-s)}.$$

Now (28) implies

$$\left|\frac{d^s}{dt^s}p_{k,\ell}(t)\right| \leq \sqrt{\omega_d} \max_{u \in [0,2\pi], \theta \in \mathbb{S}^{d-1}} \left| f\left(e^{iu}\rho\theta\right) \right| \frac{1}{\rho^{k+2s}} \sum_{m=s}^{\infty} \frac{m!}{(m-s)!} \left(\frac{t}{\rho^2}\right)^{m-s}.$$

For |x| < 1 we have

$$\sum_{m=s}^{\infty} \frac{m!}{(m-s)!} x^{m-s} = \frac{d^s}{dx^s} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} x^m = \frac{d^s}{dt^s} \frac{1}{1-x} = s! (1-x)^{-s-1}$$

and we see that

$$\left|\frac{d^{s}}{dt^{s}}p_{k,\ell}(t)\right| \leq \sqrt{\omega_{d}} \max_{u \in [0,2\pi], \theta \in \mathbb{S}^{d-1}} \left|f\left(e^{iu}\rho\theta\right)\right| \frac{s!}{\rho^{k+2s}} \left(1-\frac{t}{\rho^{2}}\right)^{-s-1}$$

which gives (26).

Combining the last two results we obtain:

**Theorem 4.4.** Let  $\mu$  be a pseudo-positive signed measure with support in  $B_R$  satisfying the summability condition (22) and let  $\sigma^{(s)}$  be the polyharmonic Gauß-Jacobi measure of order s. Then the error  $E_s(f)$  is less than or equal to

$$\frac{\sqrt{\omega_d}\rho^2}{\left(\rho^2 - R^2\right)^{2s+1}} \max_{w \in \mathbb{C}^n, |w| \le \rho} \left| f\left(w\right) \right| \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=1}^{a_k} \frac{1}{\rho^k} \int_0^{R^2} \left| Q_{k,\ell}^s\left(t\right) \right|^2 d\mu_{k,\ell}^\psi\left(t\right)$$

for all functions  $f: B_R \to \mathbb{C}$  which possess a holomorphic extension to the complex ball  $B_{\tau}^{\mathbb{C}}$  for  $\tau > R$  where  $\rho$  is any number with  $R < \rho < \tau$ .

*Proof.* By Theorem 4.2 the error  $E_s(f)$  is less than or equal

$$\frac{1}{(2s)!} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=1}^{a_k} \sup_{0<\xi< R^2} \left| \frac{d^{2s}}{dt^{2s}} \left[ f_{k,\ell} \left( \sqrt{t} \right) t^{-\frac{1}{2}k} \right] (\xi) \right| \int_0^{R^2} \left| Q_{k,\ell}^s \left( t \right) \right|^2 d\mu_{k\ell}^{\psi}$$

Lemma 4.3 applied for index 2*s* and for  $p_{k,\ell}(t) = f_{k,\ell}(\sqrt{t}) t^{-\frac{1}{2}k}$  shows that

$$\left|\frac{d^{2s}}{dt^{2s}}p_{k,\ell}(t)\right| \leq \sqrt{\omega_d} \max_{u \in [0,2\pi], \theta \in \mathbb{S}^{d-1}} \left|f\left(e^{iu}\rho\theta\right)\right| \frac{\rho^{2-k}(2s)!}{\left(\rho^2 - t\right)^{2s+1}}$$

Using that  $\rho^2 - \xi \ge R^2$  for  $0 < \xi < R^2$  we conclude that the error  $E_s(f)$  is less than or equal

$$\sqrt{\omega_{d}} \max_{u \in [0,2\pi], \theta \in \mathbb{S}^{d-1}} \left| f\left(e^{iu} \rho \theta\right) \right| \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=1}^{a_{k}} \frac{\rho^{2-k}}{\left(\rho^{2} - R^{2}\right)^{2s+1}} \int_{0}^{R^{2}} \left| Q_{k,\ell}^{s}\left(t\right) \right|^{2} d\mu_{k\ell}^{\psi}$$

and the statement is proven.

We can simplify the estimate in the following way:

**Theorem 4.5.** Let  $\mu$  be a pseudo-positive signed measure with support in  $B_R$  satisfying the summability condition (22) and let  $\sigma^{(s)}$  be the polyharmonic Gauß-Jacobi measure of order s. Then the error  $E_s(f)$  is less than or equal to

$$\frac{\sqrt{\omega_d}\rho^2 R^{2s}}{\left(\rho^2 - R^2\right)^{2s+1}} \max_{w \in \mathbb{C}^n, |w| \le \rho} \left| f\left(w\right) \right| \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\ell=1}^{a_k} \left(\frac{R}{\rho}\right)^k \int_0^{\kappa} r^{-k} d\mu_{k,\ell}\left(r\right)$$

for all functions  $f : B_R \to \mathbb{C}$  which possess a holomorphic extension to the complex ball  $B_{\tau}^{\mathbb{C}}$  for  $\tau > R$  where  $\rho$  is any number with  $R < \rho < \tau$ .

*Proof.* Note that the polynomial  $Q_{k,\ell}^{s}(t)$  of degree *s* is of the form

$$Q_{k,\ell}^{s}\left(t\right) = \left(t - t_{1,k,\ell}\right) \dots \left(t - t_{s,k,\ell}\right)$$

where the points  $t_{j,k,\ell}$  are in the interval  $(0, R^2)$ . It follows that  $|t - t_{j,k,\ell}| < R^2$  and we obtain the estimate

$$\int_{0}^{R^{2}} \left| Q_{k,\ell}^{s}(t) \right|^{2} d\mu_{k,\ell}^{\psi}(t) \leq R^{2s} \int_{0}^{R^{2}} 1 d\mu_{k,\ell}^{\psi}(t) = R^{2s} \int_{0}^{R} 1 d\mu_{k,\ell}(r).$$

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Since

$$\int_{0}^{R} 1 d\mu_{k,\ell}(r) = \int_{0}^{R} r^{k} r^{-k} d\mu_{k,\ell}(r) \le R^{k} \int_{0}^{R} r^{-k} d\mu_{k,\ell}(r)$$

we can finally estimate

$$\frac{1}{\rho^{k}} \int_{0}^{R^{2}} \left| Q_{k,\ell}^{s}(t) \right|^{2} d\mu_{k,\ell}^{\psi}(t) \le R^{2s} \left( \frac{R}{\rho} \right)^{k} \int_{0}^{R} r^{-k} d\mu_{k,\ell}(r)$$

and in view of Theorem 4.4 the statement is proved.

Finally we see that

$$\frac{R^2}{\rho^2 - R^2} < 1$$

is equivalent to the condition  $2R^2 < \rho^2$ . Thus for functions *f* which have a holomorphic extension to the complex ball with radius  $\tau > 2R^2$  we obtain an estimate where the error decreases rapidly when the order of the polyharmonic cubature is increased.

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