

Semi-classical limit in complex analysis

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Semi-classical limit

- Semi-classical limit is the process about taking the limit of large quantum (or large orbits, energies).
- "Semi-classical limit" plays an important role in modern mathematical research.

Plan of the talk

- Part I: Asymptotic behavior of Gaussian integrals: The asymptotic behavior of Gaussian integrals best represents the spirit of "semi-classical limit".
- Part II: Semi-classical limit in geometry: Witten introduced semi-classical analytic proof of classical Morse inequalities at 1982. After Witten, "semi-classical limit" becomes a powerful tool in modern mathematical research.
- Part III: Semi-classical limit in complex analysis: We will introduce a "semi-classical limit" proof of Fefferman's famous theorem about boundary behavior of biholomorphic mappings.

Gaussian integrals

- Consider the integral $\int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-x^2+ix^4} \chi(x) dx$, $\chi \in \mathcal{C}_c^\infty(D)$, $\chi \equiv 1$ near $x = 0$, D is a small open set of 0 in \mathbb{R} .
- The study of such kind of integrals is closely related to many important problems in modern mathematical research.
- It is very difficult to calculate such kind of integrals.

Semi-classical Gaussian integrals

- Consider the integral $I_k := \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{k(-x^2+ix^4)} \chi(x) dx$, $k \gg 1$.
- Can we understand large k -behavior of I_k ?

Semi-classical Gaussian integrals

- $I_k := \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{k(-x^2+ix^4)} \chi(x) dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-x^2+ik(\frac{x}{\sqrt{k}})^4} \chi(\frac{x}{\sqrt{k}}) dx.$
- $\lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \sqrt{k} I_k = \int_{\mathbb{R}} e^{-x^2} dx = \sqrt{\pi}.$
- Moreover, we can show that
 $I_k \sim k^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sqrt{\pi} + k^{-\frac{3}{2}} a_1 + k^{-\frac{5}{2}} a_2 + \dots, a_j \in \mathbb{R}.$

Stationary phase formula of Hörmander and Melin-Sjöstrand

- $D \in \mathbb{R}^n$: open set.
- $F \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(D)$, $\text{Im } F \geq 0$.
- $\text{Im } F(0) = 0$, $F'(0) = 0$, $\det F''(0) \neq 0$.
- $F' \neq 0$ in $D \setminus \{0\}$.

Stationary phase formula of Hörmander and Melin-Sjöstrand

- Let $u \in \mathcal{C}_c^\infty(D)$.



$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{ikF(x)} u(x) dx \\ &= e^{ikF(0)} \det \left(\frac{kF''(0)}{2\pi i} \right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sum_{j < N} k^{-j} (L_j u)(0) + O(k^{-N}). \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

- L_j : Differential operator of order $\leq 2j$, $L_0 = I$.

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- L_j : Differential operator of order $\leq 2j$, $L_0 = I$.
- The behavior of u at the critical point determines the integral $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} e^{ikF(x)} u(x) dx$.

Example

- Let $\Gamma(\lambda + 1) = \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-t} t^\lambda dt$: Gamma function.
- Let $t = \lambda(1 + s)$.

Example

- $\Gamma(\lambda + 1) = \int_{-1}^{+\infty} e^{-\lambda(1+s)} \lambda^{\lambda+1} (1+s)^\lambda ds = e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{\lambda+1} \int_{-1}^{+\infty} e^{-\lambda(s-\log(1+s))} ds.$
- We now study the large λ -behavior of

$$e^\lambda \lambda^{-\lambda-1} \Gamma(\lambda + 1) = \int_{-1}^{+\infty} e^{-\lambda(s-\log(1+s))} ds$$

(semi-classical limit of Gamma function).

Example



$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{-1}^{+\infty} e^{-\lambda(s-\log(1+s))} ds \\ &= \int_{-1}^{+\infty} e^{-\lambda(s-\log(1+s))} u(s) ds + \int_{-1}^{+\infty} e^{-\lambda(s-\log(1+s))} (1-u(s)) ds. \end{aligned}$$

- $u \in C_c^\infty(U)$, $u \equiv 1$ near 0, U is an open set of 0 in \mathbb{R} .

Example

- Let $F(s) := s - \log(1 + s)$.
- Since $F'(s) \neq 0$ outside $s = 0$, we can integrate by parts in s and get

$$\int_{-1}^{+\infty} e^{-\lambda(s - \log(1+s))} (1 - u(s)) ds = O(\lambda^{-N}), \quad \forall N \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Example

- From (1), we deduce

$$\int_{-1}^{+\infty} e^{-\lambda(s-\log(1+s))} u(s) ds = \sqrt{2\pi} \lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}} + a_1 \lambda^{-\frac{3}{2}} + a_2 \lambda^{-\frac{5}{2}} + \dots .$$

- We get

$$\Gamma(\lambda + 1) = \left(\frac{\lambda}{e}\right)^\lambda \sqrt{2\pi\lambda} (1 + b_1 \lambda^{-1} + b_2 \lambda^{-2} + \dots).$$

Example

- $\Gamma(n + 1) = n!, n \in \mathbb{N}$.
- $\Gamma(n + 1) = n! = \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n \sqrt{2\pi n} (1 + O(n^{-1}))$.
- We obtain Stirling's formula.

Semi-classical limit in geometry

- Witten used "semi-classical limit" to give a pure analytic proof of classical Morse inequalities.
- We will introduce briefly Witten's approach.

Morse theory

- M : compact smooth manifold of dimension n .
- Let $f \in C^\infty(M)$.
- For $x_0 \in M$, we call x_0 a critical point (of f) if $(df)(x_0) = 0$.

- For a critical point x_0 , we say x_0 is non-degenerate if
$$\det \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_j \partial x_\ell} (x_0) \right)_{j,\ell=1}^n \neq 0.$$
- f is a Morse function if every critical point of f is non-degenerate.
- We can always find a Morse function $f \in C^\infty(M)$.

- Fix a Morse function $f \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(M)$.
- $\text{Crit}(f) := \{\text{all critical points of } f\}$.

- Let $x_0 \in \text{Crit}(f)$, assume that $\left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x_j \partial x_\ell}(x_0)\right)_{j,\ell=1}^n$ has n_- negative eigenvalues, n_+ positive eigenvalues, $n_- + n_+ = n$.
- We call n_- the index of x_0 and denote $\text{ind}(x_0) = n_-$.
- For $j = 0, 1, \dots, n$, let $\text{Crit}(f, j) := \{x \in \text{Crit}(f); \text{ind}(x) = j\}$ and let $\#\text{Crit}(f, j)$ denote the cardinal number of $\text{Crit}(f, j)$.

- $H^r(M) = \frac{\text{Ker} \left(d: \mathcal{C}^\infty(M, \Lambda^r(T^*M)) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^\infty(M, \Lambda^{r+1}(T^*M)) \right)}{\text{Im} \left(d: \mathcal{C}^\infty(M, \Lambda^{r-1}(T^*M)) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^\infty(M, \Lambda^r(T^*M)) \right)}$: r -th De Rham cohomology group.
- $\dim H^r(M)$: r -th Betti number of M .

Theorem (Morse inequalities)

- $\dim H^r(M) \leq \#\text{Crit}(f, r), r = 0, 1, \dots, n.$
- $\sum_{r=0}^q (-1)^{q-r} \dim H^r(M) \leq \sum_{r=0}^q (-1)^{q-r} \#\text{Crit}(f, r),$
 $q = 0, 1, \dots, n.$
- $\sum_{r=0}^n (-1)^{n-r} \dim H^r(M) = \sum_{r=0}^n (-1)^{n-r} \#\text{Crit}(f, r).$

- $\sum_{r=0}^n (-1)^r \dim H^r(M) = \chi(M)$: Euler characteristic number of M .

- For $k \in \mathbb{N}$, consider

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta_k^{(r)} &:= \left(d^* + k(df)^{\wedge,*}\right) \left(d + k(df)^{\wedge}\right) + \left(d + k(df)^{\wedge}\right) \left(d^* + k(df)^{\wedge,*}\right) \\ &: \mathcal{C}^\infty(M, \Lambda^r(T^*M)) \rightarrow \mathcal{C}^\infty(M, \Lambda^r(T^*M)).\end{aligned}$$

- $e^{-\frac{t}{k}\Delta_k^{(r)}}(x, y) \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(M \times M, \Lambda^r(T^*M) \boxtimes (\Lambda^r(T^*M))^{-1})$: Heat kernel of $\Delta_k^{(r)}$.

Theorem (Atiyah-Singer-Patodi-Witten)

- For every $t > 0$ and $k > 0$:
- $\dim H^r(M) \leq \int_M \text{Tr} e^{-\frac{t}{k} \Delta_k^{(r)}}(x, x) dV_M(x)$, $r = 0, 1, \dots, n$
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Semi-classical limit in geometry

- In general, it is very difficult to calculate $\text{Tr} e^{-\frac{t}{k} \Delta_k^{(r)}}(x, x)$.
- When k goes to infinity, $e^{-\frac{t}{k} \Delta_k^{(r)}}(x, y)$ converges to well-known heat kernel on \mathbb{R}^n (Heat kernel of Harmonic oscillator).

- We can calculate that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \lim_{k \rightarrow +\infty} \int_M \text{Tr} e^{-\frac{t}{k} \Delta_k^{(r)}}(x, x) dV_M(x) = \#\text{Crit}(f, r), \quad (2)$$

$$r = 0, 1, \dots, n.$$

- From Theorem I and (2), we get classical Morse inequalities.

Semi-classical limit in complex analysis

- Riemann mapping theorem: If U is a non-empty simply connected open subset of \mathbb{C} , $U \neq \mathbb{C}$, then there exists a biholomorphic mapping f from U onto the open unit disk $D = \{z \in \mathbb{C}; |z| < 1\}$.
- The Riemann mapping theorem for high dimensional domains is not true.

Semi-classical limit in complex analysis

- If the boundary of U is smooth, then the Riemann mapping function can be extended smoothly to the boundary,
- On high dimensional case, it is important to know boundary regularities of a biholomorphic mapping.

Semi-classical limit in complex analysis

- $M := \{z \in \mathbb{C}^n; \rho(z) < 0\}$, $\rho \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(\mathbb{C}^n, \mathbb{R})$, $d\rho \neq 0$ on ∂M .
- M is called strongly pseudoconvex if $\left(\frac{\partial^2 \rho}{\partial z_j \partial \bar{z}_\ell}(z)\right)_{j, \ell=1}^n$ is positive definite at every point of $\partial M := \{z \in \mathbb{C}^n; \rho(z) = 0\}$.

Semi-classical limit in complex analysis

- Open problem in several complex variables: Let M_1, M_2 be bounded strongly pseudoconvex domains in \mathbb{C}^n and let $F : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$ be a biholomorphic map. If F can be extended smoothly up to the boundary of M_1 .
- Charles Fefferman solved this problem at 1974 (his Fields medal work).

Semi-classical limit in complex analysis

- Fefferman used very difficult and complicated harmonic analysis to solve this problem.
- In the rest of this talk, I will give a "semi-classical limit" proof of Fefferman's theorem.

- $M := \{z \in \mathbb{C}^n; \rho(z) < 0\}$: bounded strongly pseudoconvex domain.
- $H^0(M) := \{u \in L^2(M); \bar{\partial}u = 0\}$.

- Let $\{f_1, f_2, \dots\}$ be an orthonormal basis of $H^0(M)$.
- Bergman kernel $B(x, y) := \sum_{j=1}^{+\infty} f_j(x) \overline{f_j(y)}$.
- $B(x, y) \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(M \times M)$, $B(x, y) \in \mathcal{C}^\infty(M \times \overline{M})$.

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- Fefferman:

$$B(x, x) = \frac{a(x)}{\rho(x)^{n+1}} + b(x) \log(-\rho(x)), \quad a, b \in C^\infty(\overline{M}).$$

- Question: Can we have semi-classical version of $B(x, y)$?
- Goal: Find some kernel $A_k(x, y)$ such that A_k can produce many holomorphic functions as $k \rightarrow +\infty$ and $A_k(x, y)$ is easier to calculate or use.

Example

- $M = \mathbb{B}_n := \{z \in \mathbb{C}^n; |z|^2 < 1\}$: unit ball.
- $B_{\mathbb{B}_n}(z, w) = \frac{n!}{\pi^n} \frac{1}{(1-z\bar{w})^{n+1}}$.

Weighted Bergman kernel on \mathbb{B}_n

- For $m \in \mathbb{N}$,
 $H_m^0(\mathbb{B}_n) = \text{span} \{z_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots z_n^{\alpha_n} |_{\mathbb{B}_n}; \alpha_1 + \cdots + \alpha_n = m\}$.
- $B_m = B_m(x, y) = \sum_{j=1}^{d_m} g_{j,m}(x) \overline{g_{j,m}(y)}$, $\{g_{1,m}, \dots, g_{d_m,m}\}$:
orthonormal basis of $H_m^0(\mathbb{B}_n)$.
- $B_m(x, y) \in C^\infty(\overline{\mathbb{B}_n} \times \overline{\mathbb{B}_n})$.

Weighted Bergman kernel on \mathbb{B}_n

- Let $\chi \in C_c^\infty(I, \mathbb{R}_+)$, $\chi \equiv 1$ near l_0 , $l_0 \in I \in \mathbb{R}_+$ open intervals.
- For $k \in \mathbb{N}$, put
$$A_k(z, w) := \sum_{m \in \mathbb{N}} \chi\left(\frac{m}{k}\right) B_m(z, w) \in C^\infty(\overline{\mathbb{B}_n} \times \overline{\mathbb{B}_n}).$$

Weighted Bergman kernel on \mathbb{B}_n

- $A_k(z, w) = \frac{1}{\pi^n} \int_0^{+\infty} e^{ikt\Psi_0(z,w)} k^{n+1} \chi(t) t^n dt.$
- $\Psi_0(z, w) = i(1 - z\bar{w}).$
- Question: How to define $A_k(z, w)$ on general strongly pseudoconvex domains?

Observation

- Let $R_0 = \sum_{j=1}^n (z_j \frac{\partial}{\partial z_j} - \bar{z}_j \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_j})$.
- $T_{R_0} := B_{\mathbb{B}_n} \circ R_0 \circ B_{\mathbb{B}_n} : \text{Dom } T_{R_0} \subset L^2(\mathbb{B}_n) \rightarrow L^2(\mathbb{B}_n)$:
Toeplitz operator on \mathbb{B}_n .
- $H_m^0(\mathbb{B}_n)$: eigenspace of T_{R_0} corresponding to the eigenvalue m .

Weighted Bergman kernel on strongly pseudoconvex domains

- $M := \{z \in \mathbb{C}^n; \rho(z) < 0\}$: bounded strongly pseudoconvex domain.
- $R := \sum_{j=1}^n \left(\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial \bar{z}_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial z_j} - \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial z_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}_j} \right)$.
- $T_R := \frac{1}{2} \left(B \circ (R + R^*) \circ B \right) : \text{Dom } T_R \subset L^2(M) \rightarrow L^2(M)$: Toeplitz operator.

Weighted Bergman kernel on strongly pseudoconvex domains

- T_R : self-adjoint.
- The spectrum $\text{Spec}(T_R) \subset \mathbb{R}$ of T_R consists only of isolated eigenvalues, is bounded from below and has only $+\infty$ as a point of accumulation.

Weighted Bergman kernel on strongly pseudoconvex domains

- Let $\{f_1, f_2, \dots\} \subset C^\infty(\overline{M})$ be an orthonormal basis of $H^0(M)$ so that $T_R f_j = \lambda_j f_j$, $j = 1, 2, \dots$
- $A_k(x, y) := \sum_{j=1}^{+\infty} \chi(\frac{\lambda_j}{k}) f_j(x) \overline{f_j(y)} \in C^\infty(\overline{M})$.
- The key point: When $k \rightarrow +\infty$, $A_k(x, y)$ converges to the unit ball case.

Main result (jointly with George Marinescu)

Theorem I

With the notations and assumptions above, as $k \rightarrow +\infty$, on $\overline{M} \times \overline{M}$,

$$A_k(x, y) = \int_0^{+\infty} e^{ikt\Psi(x,y)} b(x, y, t, k) dt + O(k^{-\infty}),$$
$$b(x, y, t, k) \sim \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} b_j(x, y, t) k^{n+1-j}, \quad b_0(x, y, t) \neq 0, \quad (3)$$
$$b_j(x, y, t), b(x, y, t, k) \in C^\infty(\overline{M} \times \overline{M} \times I), \quad I \in \mathbb{R}_+,$$

$$\Psi(z, w) \in C^\infty(\overline{M} \times \overline{M}), \quad \text{Im } \Psi \geq 0, \quad (4)$$
$$\Psi(z, z) = -i\rho(z).$$

- $b_0(x, x, t) = \frac{1}{\pi^n} \det(\mathcal{L}_x)\chi(t)t^n \neq 0, x \in \partial M.$
- By using the asymptotic expansion of $A_k(x, y)$, we can produce many holomorphic functions on M .

Theorem

- Let M_j be a strongly pseudoconvex domain of \mathbb{C}^n , $j = 1, 2$.
- Let $F : M_1 \rightarrow M_2$ be a biholomorphic map.
- Then, F extends smoothly to the boundary of M_1 .

"Semi-classical limit" proof of Fefferman's theorem



$$B_1(x, y) = B_2(F(x), F(y)) \det F'(x) \overline{\det F'(y)}. \quad (5)$$

- If $\det F'(x)$ is unbounded on M_1 .
- $\exists \{x_s\}_{s=1}^{+\infty} \subset M_1$, $\lim_{s \rightarrow +\infty} x_s = p \in \partial M_1$, such that $\lim_{s \rightarrow +\infty} |\det F'(x_s)| = +\infty$.
- Assume $\lim_{s \rightarrow +\infty} F(x_s) = q \in \partial M_2$.

"Semi-classical limit" proof of Fefferman's theorem

- From (3), we can find $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n \in M_2$ so that for every $k \gg 1$,

$$A_{k,2}(q, a_0) \neq 0, \quad (6)$$

$$\det \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_j} \left(\frac{A_{k,2}(x, a_\ell)}{A_{k,2}(x, a_0)} \right) \right)_{j,\ell=1}^n \Big|_{x=q} \neq 0. \quad (7)$$

"Semi-classical limit" proof of Fefferman's theorem

- From (6), (7) and some straightforward calculation, we can find $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n \in M_2$ so that for every $k \gg 1$,

$$B_2(q, a_0) \neq 0, \quad (8)$$

$$\det \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_j} \left(\frac{B_2(x, a_\ell)}{B_2(x, a_0)} \right) \right)_{j, \ell=1}^n \Big|_{x=q} \neq 0. \quad (9)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} B_1(x_s, F^{-1}(a_0)) \\ = B_2(F(x_s), a_0) \det F'(x_s) \overline{\det F'(F^{-1}(a_0))}. \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

- From (8) and (10), we get a contradiction.

"Semi-classical limit" proof of Fefferman's theorem

- Similarly, $\det(F^{-1})'(x)$ is bounded and hence $\det F'|_{\partial M_1} \neq 0$.
- Define $u_j(z) := \frac{B_1(z, F^{-1}(a_j))}{B_1(z, F^{-1}(a_0))}$, $v_j(z) := \frac{B_2(z, a_j)}{B_2(z, a_0)}$, $j = 1, \dots, n$.
- From (9), $\{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$ is a system of local holomorphic coordinates defined near q .

"Semi-classical limit" proof of Fefferman's theorem

- From (5), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_j} \left(\frac{B_1(x, F^{-1}(a_\ell))}{B_1(x, F^{-1}(a_0))} \right) \right)_{j,\ell=1}^n \\ &= \left(\frac{\partial F_\ell}{\partial z_j}(x) \right)_{j,\ell=1}^n \circ \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial z_j} \left(\frac{B_2(F(x), a_\ell) \det F'(a_\ell)}{B_2(F(x), a_0) \det F'(a_0)} \right) \right)_{j,\ell=1}^n. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

- From (11), $\{u_1, \dots, u_n\}$ is a system of local holomorphic coordinates defined near $p = F^{-1}(q)$.

"Semi-classical limit" proof of Fefferman's theorem

- $v_j(F(z)) = \overline{\left(\frac{\det F'(F^{-1}(a_0))}{\det F'(F^{-1}(a_j))}\right)} u_j(z), j = 1, \dots, n.$
- In terms of local coordinates $\{u_1, \dots, u_n\}, \{v_1, \dots, v_n\},$

$$\begin{aligned} & F(u_1, \dots, u_n) \\ &= \text{diag} \left(\overline{\left(\frac{\det F'(F^{-1}(a_0))}{\det F'(F^{-1}(a_1))}\right)}, \dots, \overline{\left(\frac{\det F'(F^{-1}(a_0))}{\det F'(F^{-1}(a_n))}\right)} \right). \end{aligned}$$

- F can be extended smooth to the boundary of $M_1.$

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- Find "semi-classical limit" in your study.

Thank you for your attention!