AN OPERATOR ASSOCIATED WITH DE BRANGES SPACES AND UNIVERSALITY LIMITS

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Abstract. Under suitable conditions on a measure, universality limits $f(\cdot,\cdot)$ that arise in the bulk, unitary case, are reproducing kernels of de Branges spaces of entire functions. In the classical case, f is the since kernel

$$f(s,t) = \frac{\sin \pi (s-t)}{\pi (s-t)},$$

 $f\left(s,t\right)=\frac{\sin\pi\left(s-t\right)}{\pi\left(s-t\right)},$ but other kernels can arise. We study the linear operator

$$\mathcal{L}\left[h\right]\left(x\right) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f\left(s, x\right) h\left(s\right) ds,$$

establishing inequalities, and deducing some conditions for f to equal the sinc kernel.

1. Introduction and Results¹

Let μ be a finite positive Borel measure on \mathbb{R} with all moments $\int x^{j} d\mu(x)$, $j \geq 0$, finite, and with infinitely many points in its support. Then we may define orthonormal polynomials

$$p_n(x) = \gamma_n x^n + ..., \gamma_n > 0,$$

 $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ satisfying the orthonormality conditions

$$\int p_n p_m d\mu = \delta_{mn}.$$

Throughout we use $\mu'(x) = \frac{d\mu}{dx}$ to denote the almost everywhere existing Radon-Nikodym derivative of μ .

Orthogonal polynomials play an important role in random matrix theory, especially in the unitary case [2], [4], [17]. One of the key limits there involves the reproducing kernel

(1.1)
$$K_{n}(x,y) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} p_{k}(x) p_{k}(y).$$

Because of the Christoffel-Darboux formula, it may also be expressed as

(1.2)
$$K_n(x,y) = \frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{\gamma_n} \frac{p_n(x) p_{n-1}(y) - p_{n-1}(x) p_n(y)}{x - y}, \ x \neq y.$$

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Define the normalized kernel

(1.3)
$$\widetilde{K}_{n}(x,y) = \mu'(x)^{1/2} \mu'(y)^{1/2} K_{n}(x,y).$$

The simplest case of the universality law is the limit

(1.4)
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{\widetilde{K}_n\left(\xi + \frac{a}{\widetilde{K}_n(\xi,\xi)}, \xi + \frac{b}{\widetilde{K}_n(\xi,\xi)}\right)}{\widetilde{K}_n\left(\xi,\xi\right)} = \frac{\sin\pi\left(a - b\right)}{\pi\left(a - b\right)},$$

involving the sinc kernel. It describes the distribution of spacing of eigenvalues of random matrices. Typically this limit holds uniformly for ξ in the interior of the support of μ and a,b in compact subsets of the real line. See [1], [2], [4], [5], [6], [8], [9], [10], [11], [12], [15], [16], [20], [21], [22], [24]. Of course, when a=b, we interpret $\frac{\sin \pi(a-b)}{\pi(a-b)}$ as 1.

One reason for the appearance of the sinc kernel $\frac{\sin \pi(a-b)}{\pi(a-b)}$ in (1.4) is that it is the reproducing kernel for the classical Paley-Wiener space PW_{π} . Recall that for $\sigma > 0$, PW_{σ} consists of entire functions of exponential type $\leq \sigma$ that are square integrable along the real axis, with the usual L_2 norm. In the course of investigating (1.4), the author found that other reproducing kernels can arise - namely reproducing kernels of de Branges spaces. Under mild conditions on the measure, the de Branges spaces that were obtained equal classical Paley-Wiener spaces as sets. It is the purpose of this paper, to further investigate this relationship.

de Branges spaces [3, p. 50], [14, p. 983. ff], [19, p. 793 ff.] are built around the Hermite-Biehler class. An entire function E is said to belong to the Hermite-Biehler class if it has no zeros in the upper half-plane $\mathbb{C}^+ = \{z : \text{Im } z > 0\}$ and

(1.5)
$$|E(z)| \ge |E(\bar{z})| \text{ for } z \in \mathbb{C}^+.$$

We write $E \in \overline{HB}$. Recall that the *Hardy space* $H^2(\mathbb{C}^+)$ is the set of all functions g analytic in the upper-half plane, for which

$$\sup_{y>0} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |g(x+iy)|^2 dx < \infty.$$

Given an entire function g, we let

$$(1.6) g^*(z) = \overline{g(\overline{z})}.$$

Definition 1.1

The de Branges space $\mathcal{H}(E)$ corresponding to the entire function $E \in \overline{HB}$, is the set of all entire functions g such that both g/E and g^*/E belong to $H^2(\mathbb{C}^+)$, with

$$||g||_E = \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left|\frac{g}{E}\right|^2\right)^{1/2} < \infty.$$

 $\mathcal{H}(E)$ is a Hilbert space with inner product

$$(g,h) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{g\bar{h}}{|E|^2}.$$

Remarkably, one may construct an explicit reproducing kernel for $\mathcal{H}(E)$ from E [14, p. 984], [19, p. 793]. Indeed, if we let

$$\mathcal{K}\left(\zeta,z\right)=\frac{i}{2\pi}\frac{E\left(z\right)\overline{E\left(\zeta\right)}-E^{*}\left(z\right)\overline{E^{*}\left(\zeta\right)}}{z-\overline{\zeta}},$$

then for all ζ , $\mathcal{K}(\zeta,\cdot) \in \mathcal{H}(E)$ and for all complex ζ and all $g \in \mathcal{H}(E)$,

$$g(\zeta) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{g(t)\overline{\mathcal{K}(\zeta,t)}}{|E(t)|^2} dt.$$

The classical de Branges spaces are the Paley-Wiener spaces PW_{σ} . There one may take $E(z) = \exp(-i\sigma z)$, and the norm is just

$$||g||_{L_2(\mathbb{R})} = \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |g|^2\right)^{1/2},$$

while

$$\mathcal{K}\left(\zeta,z\right) = rac{\sin\sigma\left(z-ar{\zeta}
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ight)}.$$

We write

$$\mathcal{H}\left(E\right) = PW_{\sigma}$$

if the two spaces are equal as sets, and have equivalent norms (we do not imply isometric isomorphism). Recall that having equivalent norms means that for some C > 1 independent of $g \in PW_{\sigma}$,

(1.8)
$$C^{-1} \|g\|_{L_2(\mathbb{R})} \le \|g\|_E \le C \|g\|_{L_2(\mathbb{R})}.$$

The closed graph theorem can be used to show that this norm equivalence follows from mere equality as sets.

The main conclusion of our recent paper [12] was that universality limits in the bulk are reproducing kernels of de Branges spaces that equal classical Paley-Wiener spaces. Moreover, any such reproducing kernel can arise as a universality limit. The first explicit example of a kernel other than the sinc kernel in this setting, has been given by Moreno, Finkelshtein and Sousa [18]. They considered absolutely continuous measures with μ' having a jump discontinuity, and used the Riemann-Hilbert method to give a precise and beautiful description of "universality at the jump".

By a universality limit, we mean a limit of some subsequence of $\{f_n\}$, where

(1.9)
$$f_n(a,b) = \frac{K_n\left(\xi + \frac{a}{\widetilde{K}_n(\xi,\xi)}, \xi + \frac{b}{\widetilde{K}_n(\xi,\xi)}\right)}{K_n(\xi,\xi)}.$$

More precisely, we showed:

Theorem 1.2

Let μ be a measure with compact support. Assume that μ is absolutely continuous in a neighborhood of ξ , and in that neighborhood, for some C > 1,

$$(1.10) C^{-1} \le \mu' \le C.$$

Define $\{f_n\}$ by (1.9).

- (a) $\{f_n(\cdot,\cdot)\}\$ is a normal family in compact subsets of \mathbb{C}^2 .
- (b) Let $f(\cdot, \cdot)$ be the limit of some subsequence $\{f_n(\cdot, \cdot)\}_{n \in \mathcal{S}}$. Then f is an entire function of two variables, that is real valued in \mathbb{R}^2 and has f(0,0) = 1. Moreover, for some $\sigma > 0$, $f(\cdot, \cdot)$ is entire of exponential type σ in each variable.
- (c) Define

$$(1.11) L(u,v) = (u-v) f(u,v), u,v \in \mathbb{C}.$$

Let $a \in \mathbb{C}$ have $\operatorname{Im} a > 0$ and let

(1.12)
$$E_{a}(z) = \sqrt{2\pi} \frac{L(\bar{a}, z)}{|L(a, \bar{a})|^{1/2}}.$$

Then f is a reproducing kernel for $\mathcal{H}(E_a)$. In particular, for all z, ζ ,

(1.13)
$$f\left(z,\bar{\zeta}\right) = \frac{i}{2\pi} \frac{E_a\left(z\right)}{z} \frac{\overline{E_a\left(\zeta\right)} - E_a^*\left(z\right)}{z - \bar{\zeta}} \overline{E_a^*\left(\zeta\right)}.$$

(d) Moreover,

$$(1.14) \mathcal{H}(E_a) = PW_{\sigma}$$

and the norms $\|\cdot\|_{E_a}$ of $\mathcal{H}(E_a)$ and $\|\cdot\|_{L_2(\mathbb{R})}$ of PW_{σ} are equivalent.

In that same paper, we showed that for sequences of measures, any such reproducing kernel can arise as a universality limit. However, we could not show this for a fixed measure. That remains an interesting unsolved problem.

It is the aim of this paper, to further explore the properties of the de Branges spaces above. We shall especially be interested in the case when ξ is a Lebesgue point of μ' , so that

(1.15)
$$\lim_{h \to 0+} \frac{1}{2h} \int_{\xi-h}^{\xi+h} |\mu'(t) - \mu'(\xi)| dt = 0.$$

Define the operator

(1.16)
$$\mathcal{L}[h](x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(t) f(t, x) dt,$$

for $h \in L_2(\mathbb{R})$, and with f as in Theorem 1.2. This is well defined as $f(\cdot,x) \in L_2(\mathbb{R})$. Note that if f was the sinc reproducing kernel for PW_{σ} , that is

$$f(x,s) = \frac{\sin \sigma (x-s)}{\pi (x-s)},$$

then for all $h \in PW_{\sigma}$, and all real x [23, Cor. 1.10.5, p. 95]

$$\mathcal{L}\left[h\right]\left(x\right) = h\left(x\right).$$

Conversely, this relation establishes that f is the reproducing kernel for PW_{σ} , and hence is the sinc kernel by uniqueness of reproducing kernels. Thus one might hope to investigate the distance from f to the sinc kernel by studying the operator \mathcal{L} .

We shall prove:

Theorem 1.3

Assume the hypotheses of Theorem 1.2 and in addition that the Lebesgue point condition (1.15) holds. Let $\operatorname{Im} \alpha > 0$. For all $h \in L_2(\mathbb{R})$, (I)

(1.17)
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathcal{L}[h]^2 \le \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h^2.$$

(II)

$$(1.18) \qquad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\mathcal{L}\left[h\right]^2}{\left|E_{\alpha}\right|^2} \le \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h^2.$$

(III)

(1.19)
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\mathcal{L}\left[h/\left|E_{\alpha}\right|^{2}\right]^{2}}{\left|E_{\alpha}\right|^{2}} \leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{h^{2}}{\left|E_{\alpha}\right|^{2}}.$$

(IV)

(1.20)
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathcal{L}\left[h/\left|E_{\alpha}\right|^{2}\right]^{2} \leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{h^{2}}{\left|E_{\alpha}\right|^{2}}.$$

One corollary is

Corollary 1.4

Assume the hypotheses of Theorem 1.2 and in addition that the Lebesgue point condition (1.15) holds. Let $\operatorname{Im} \alpha > 0$. Let $g \in PW_{\sigma}$, $\beta \in [0,2]$ and $\gamma \geq 2$. Then

(1.21)
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{|g|^2}{|E_{\alpha}|^{\beta}} \le \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{|g|^2}{|E_{\alpha}|^{\gamma}}.$$

In [12, Theorem 5.3], we showed that $f\left(0,\cdot\right)$ has only real zeros $\left\{\rho_{j}\right\}_{j\neq0}$, where

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$$\rho_{-2} < \rho_{-1} < 0 = \rho_0 < \rho_1 < \rho_2 < \dots$$
 .

It was also shown [12, Theorem 5.3, 5.4] that $\left\{\frac{f(\rho_j,\cdot)}{\sqrt{f(\rho_j,\rho_j)}}\right\}_j$ is a complete

orthonormal set in $\mathcal{H}(E_{\alpha})$, so that

(1.22)
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\rho_j, x) f(\rho_k, x) \frac{dx}{|E_{\alpha}(x)|^2} = \delta_{jk} f(\rho_j, \rho_j),$$

and for any $g \in PW_{\sigma} = \mathcal{H}(E_{\alpha})$, there is the convergent orthonormal expansion

(1.23)
$$g(z) = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} g(\rho_j) \frac{f(\rho_j, z)}{f(\rho_j, \rho_j)}.$$

In particular, this implies that

(1.24)
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\left|g(x)\right|^2}{\left|E_{\alpha}(x)\right|^2} dx = \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\left|g(\rho_j)\right|^2}{f(\rho_j, \rho_j)}.$$

Theorem 1.5

Assume the hypotheses of Theorem 1.2 and in addition that the Lebesgue point condition (1.15) holds. Let $\operatorname{Im} \alpha > 0$. For all $h \in L_2(\mathbb{R})$, (a)

(1.25)
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(h - \mathcal{L} \left[\frac{h}{|E_a|^2} \right] \right)^2 \frac{1}{|E_a|^2}$$

$$\leq \inf_{g \in PW_{\sigma}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |h - g|^2 \frac{1}{|E_a|^2}.$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (h - \mathcal{L}[h])^{2}$$

$$\leq \inf_{g \in PW_{\sigma}} \left\{ \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |h - g|^{2} + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |g|^{2} \left(\frac{1}{|E_{a}|^{2}} - 1 \right) \right\}$$

$$\leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h^{2} - \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\mathcal{L}[h]^{2}(\rho_{j})}{f(\rho_{j}, \rho_{j})}.$$

Corollary 1.6

(I)

Assume the hypotheses of Theorem 1.2 and in addition that the Lebesgue point condition (1.15) holds. Let $\operatorname{Im} \alpha > 0$. Let $g \in PW_{\sigma}$. Then the following are equivalent:

(1.27)
$$\mathcal{L}[g](x) = g(x) \text{ for all } x.$$

(1.28)
$$\mathcal{L}[g](\rho_i) = g(\rho_i) \text{ for all } j.$$

(1.29)
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{|g|^2}{|E_{\alpha}|^2} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |g|^2.$$

Moreover, f is the sinc kernel, that is for all s, x,

$$f(s,x) = \frac{\sin \sigma (s-x)}{\pi (s-x)},$$

iff any of (I), (II), (III) hold for all $g \in PW_{\sigma}$.

Part (III) above says that we have universality with the sinc kernel iff the spaces PW_{σ} and $H(E_{\alpha})$ are isometrically isomorphic. However, (1.29) does not necessarily imply that $|E_{\alpha}| = 1$ in \mathbb{R} [3]. Finally, we note that in [12], we considered also sequences of measures, and sequences of points rather than a fixed point ξ . The same extensions can be carried out, with very minor changes in the proofs, in the context of this paper.

2. Proofs

Our main tools are suitable scalings, Bessel's inequality, least squares, and the Geronimus type identity [12, Theorem 4.3(d), p. 385], [13, Theorem 2.1]

(2.1)
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{P(t)}{\left|E_{n,a}(t)\right|^{2}} dt = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(t) d\mu(t),$$

valid for all polynomials P of degree $\leq 2n-2$. Here Im a>0, and

(2.2)
$$E_{n,a}(t) = \sqrt{2\pi} \frac{L_n(\bar{a}, t)}{|L_n(a, \bar{a})|^{1/2}},$$

where

(2.3)
$$L_{n}(u,v) = (u-v) K_{n}(u,v) = \frac{\gamma_{n-1}}{\gamma_{n}} (p_{n}(u) p_{n-1}(v) - p_{n-1}(u) p_{n}(v)).$$

We let

(2.4)
$$S_{n}[g](x) = \int K_{n}(x,t) g(t) d\mu(t)$$

denote the *n*th partial sum of the orthonormal expansion with respect to the orthogonal polynomials for μ , and S_n^* that for $\frac{1}{|E_{n,n}|^2}$, so that

(2.5)
$$S_{n}^{*}[g](x) = \int K_{n}(x,t) g(t) \frac{dt}{|E_{n,a}|^{2}}.$$

Note that both have the same reproducing kernel K_n , as both share the same first n-1 orthogonal polynomials, recall (2.1). We assume that as $n \to \infty$ through the subsequence \mathcal{S} , that

$$f_n \to f$$

uniformly in compact sets. We shall make some elementary scalings and substitutions, and then take limits. We often use the abbreviation

$$\kappa_n := \tilde{K}_n(\xi, \xi).$$

Lemma 2.1

Let $\operatorname{Im} \alpha > 0$ and for $n \geq 1$,

(2.6)
$$a = a(n) = \xi + \frac{\alpha}{\kappa_n}.$$

(a) Then uniformly for u in compact subsets of the plane,

(2.7)
$$\lim_{n \in \mathcal{S}} E_{n,a} \left(\xi + \frac{u}{\kappa_n} \right) \mu'(\xi)^{1/2} = E_{\alpha}(u);$$

(b) Let $h \in L_2(\mathbb{R})$, let r > 0, and

(2.8)
$$g_r\left(\xi + \frac{s}{\kappa_n}\right) = \begin{cases} h(s), & s \in [-r, r] \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

Then uniformly for u in compact subsets of the plane,

(2.9)
$$\lim_{n \in \mathcal{S}} K_n(\xi, \xi) \int g_r^2 d\mu = \int_{-r}^r h^2(s) ds;$$

(2.10)
$$\lim_{n \in \mathcal{S}} K_n(\xi, \xi) \int g_r^2 \frac{1}{|E_{n,a}|^2} = \int_{-r}^r \frac{h^2(s)}{|E_{\alpha}(s)|^2} ds;$$

(2.11)
$$\lim_{n \in \mathcal{S}} S_n \left[g_r \right] \left(\xi + \frac{u}{\kappa_n} \right) = \int_{-r}^r h \left(s \right) f \left(u, s \right) ds;$$

(2.12)
$$\lim_{n \in \mathcal{S}} S_n^* \left[g_r \right] \left(\xi + \frac{u}{\kappa_n} \right) = \int_{-r}^r h\left(s \right) f\left(u, s \right) \frac{ds}{\left| E_\alpha\left(s \right) \right|^2}.$$

Proof

(a) Observe from (2.2) and (2.3) that

$$E_{n,a}\left(\xi + \frac{u}{\kappa_n}\right)\mu'(\xi)^{1/2}$$

$$= \sqrt{2\pi} \frac{(\bar{\alpha} - u) K_n\left(\xi + \frac{\bar{\alpha}}{\kappa_n}, \xi + \frac{u}{\kappa_n}\right)}{\kappa_n} \frac{1}{\left|(\alpha - \bar{\alpha}) \frac{K_n\left(\xi + \frac{\bar{\alpha}}{\kappa_n}, \xi + \frac{\bar{\alpha}}{\kappa_n}\right)}{\kappa_n}\right|^{1/2}}$$

$$= \sqrt{2\pi} \frac{(\bar{\alpha} - u) f_n(\bar{\alpha}, u)}{\left|(\alpha - \bar{\alpha}) f_n(\alpha, \bar{\alpha})\right|^{1/2}}.$$

Taking limits through S, gives

$$\sqrt{2\pi} \frac{(\bar{\alpha} - u) f(\bar{\alpha}, u)}{|(\alpha - \bar{\alpha}) f(\alpha, \bar{\alpha})|^{1/2}}$$

$$= \sqrt{2\pi} \frac{L(\bar{\alpha}, u)}{|L(\alpha, \bar{\alpha})|^{1/2}} = E_{\alpha}(u),$$

recall (1.11) and (1.12).

(b) We see that for large enough $n \in \mathcal{S}$,

$$\int g_r^2 d\mu = \frac{1}{K_n(\xi, \xi)} \int_{-r}^r h^2(s) \frac{\mu'\left(\xi + \frac{s}{\kappa_n}\right)}{\mu'(\xi)} ds;$$
$$\int g_r^2 \frac{1}{|E_{n,a}|^2} = \frac{1}{K_n(\xi, \xi)} \int_{-r}^r h^2(s) \frac{ds}{|E_{n,a}|^2 \left(\xi + \frac{s}{\kappa_n}\right) \mu'(\xi)}.$$

Then (2.9) follows using (1.15), while (2.10) follows more easily. Next,

$$(2.13) S_{n}[g_{r}]\left(\xi + \frac{u}{\kappa_{n}}\right) = \int_{-r}^{r} h\left(s\right) \frac{K_{n}\left(\xi + \frac{u}{\kappa_{n}}, \xi + \frac{s}{\kappa_{n}}\right)}{K_{n}\left(\xi, \xi\right)} \frac{\mu'\left(\xi + \frac{s}{\kappa_{n}}\right)}{\mu'\left(\xi\right)} ds = \int_{-r}^{r} h\left(s\right) f_{n}\left(u, s\right) \left\{1 + \left(\frac{\mu'\left(\xi + \frac{s}{\kappa_{n}}\right)}{\mu'\left(\xi\right)} - 1\right)\right\} ds.$$

Here [11, proof of Lemma 5.2], [12, proof of Lemma 6.1] f_n admits the bound

$$(2.14) |f_n(u,v)| \le C_1 e^{C_2(|\operatorname{Im} u| + |\operatorname{Im} v|)}.$$

where C_1 and C_2 do not depend on n, u, v, but for a given R > 0, this holds for $|u|, |v| \le R$ only when $n \ge n_0(R)$. Applying this bound (2.14), and the Lebesgue point condition (1.15), we see that the right-hand side in (2.13) has limit

$$\int_{-r}^{r} h(s) f(u,s) ds$$

as $n \to \infty$ through S. So (2.11) follows. Similarly

$$S_n^* \left[g_r \right] \left(\xi + \frac{u}{\tilde{K}_n} \right) = \int_{-r}^r h\left(s \right) f_n\left(u, s \right) \frac{1}{\mu'\left(\xi \right)} \frac{ds}{\left| E_{n,a} \right|^2 \left(\xi + \frac{s}{\kappa_n} \right)},$$

and (2.12) follows. \blacksquare

We turn to the

Proof of Theorem 1.3

(I) Let b > 0. We use Bessel's inequality in the form

$$\int S_n \left[g_r \right]^2 d\mu \le \int g_r^2 d\mu,$$

where g_r chosen as in (2.8). Recall from (2.9) that

$$\int g_r^2 d\mu = \frac{1 + o(1)}{K_n(\xi, \xi)} \int_{-r}^r h^2(s) \, ds$$

while a substitution and (2.11) give

$$\int S_n [g_r]^2 d\mu \ge \frac{1}{K_n(\xi, \xi)} \int_{-b}^{b} \left| \int_{-r}^{r} h(s) f(t, s) ds + o(1) \right|^2 \frac{\mu'(\xi + \frac{t}{\kappa_n})}{\mu'(\xi)} dt.$$

From this, (1.15), and the Bessel's inequality above, we obtain

$$\int_{-b}^{b} \left| \int_{-r}^{r} h(s) f(t,s) ds \right|^{2} dt \le \int_{-r}^{r} h^{2}.$$

Now let $r \to \infty$ and then $b \to \infty$. The passage to the limit is justified, for example, by dominated convergence, since both $h(\cdot)$, $f(t, \cdot) \in L_2(\mathbb{R})$.

(II) We use the Geronimus type formula (2.1), and Bessel's inequality:

$$\int S_n [g_r]^2 \frac{1}{|E_{n,a}|^2} = \int S_n [g_r]^2 d\mu \le \int g_r^2 d\mu.$$

Here from (2.11),

$$\int S_n \left[g_r \right]^2 \frac{1}{\left| E_{n,a} \right|^2} \ge \frac{1}{K_n \left(\xi, \xi \right)} \int_{-b}^{b} \left| \int_{-r}^{r} h \left(s \right) f \left(t, s \right) ds + o \left(1 \right) \right|^2 \frac{dt}{\left| E_{n,a} \left(\xi + \frac{t}{\tilde{K}_n} \right) \right|^2 \mu' \left(\xi \right)}.$$

From these and (2.7) and (2.9),

$$\int_{-b}^{b} \left| \int_{-r}^{r} h(s) f(t, s) ds \right|^{2} \frac{dt}{\left| E_{\alpha}(t) \right|^{2}} \le \int_{-r}^{r} h^{2}.$$

Now let $r \to \infty$ and then $b \to \infty$.

(III) We use Bessel's Inequality in the form

$$\int S_n^* [g_r]^2 \frac{1}{|E_{n,a}|^2} \le \int g_r^2 \frac{1}{|E_{n,a}|^2}.$$

Here by (2.7) and (2.12),

$$\int S_{n}^{*} \left[g_{r}\right]^{2} \frac{1}{\left|E_{n,a}\right|^{2}} \geq \frac{1}{K_{n}(\xi,\xi)} \int_{-b}^{b} \left| \int_{-r}^{r} h\left(s\right) f\left(t,s\right) \frac{ds}{\left|E_{\alpha}\left(s\right)\right|^{2}} + o\left(1\right) \right|^{2} \frac{dt}{\left|E_{n,a}\right|^{2} \left(\xi + \frac{t}{\kappa_{n}}\right) \mu'\left(\xi\right)}.$$

From these last two inequalities and (2.10), we deduce that

$$\int_{-b}^{b} \left| \int_{-r}^{r} h(s) f(t,s) \frac{ds}{|E_{\alpha}(s)|^{2}} \right|^{2} \frac{dt}{|E_{\alpha}(t)|^{2}} \leq \int_{-r}^{r} h^{2}(s) \frac{ds}{|E_{\alpha}(s)|^{2}}.$$

Now let $r \to \infty$ and then $b \to \infty$.

(IV) We use

$$\int S_n^* \left[g_r \right]^2 d\mu = \int S_n^* \left[g_r \right]^2 \frac{1}{\left| E_{n,a} \right|^2} \leq \int g_r^2 \frac{1}{\left| E_{n,a} \right|^2}.$$

Here by (2.12),

$$\int S_n^* [g_r]^2 d\mu \ge \frac{1}{K_n(\xi, \xi)} \int_{-b}^{b} \left| \int_{-r}^{r} h(s) f(u, s) \frac{ds}{|E_{\alpha}(s)|^2} + o(1) \right|^2 \frac{\mu' \left(\xi + \frac{t}{\kappa_n} \right)}{\mu'(\xi)} dt.$$

From this, (1.15), and (2.10),

$$\int_{-b}^{b} \left| \int_{-r}^{r} h(s) f(t,s) \frac{ds}{|E_{\alpha}(s)|^{2}} \right|^{2} dt \le \int_{-r}^{r} h^{2}(s) \frac{ds}{|E_{\alpha}(s)|^{2}}.$$

Now let $r \to \infty$ and then $b \to \infty$.

Corollary 2.2

Let $\beta \in [0,2]$ and $h \in L_2(\mathbb{R})$.

(a)

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\mathcal{L}\left[h\right]^2}{\left|E_{\alpha}\right|^{\beta}} \le \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h^2.$$

(b)

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\mathcal{L}\left[h/|E_{\alpha}|^{2}\right]^{2}}{|E_{\alpha}|^{\beta}} \leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{h^{2}}{|E_{\alpha}|^{2}}.$$

Proof

(a) The cases $\beta=0,2$ are (I), (II) of Theorem 1.3. So assume $0<\beta<2$, and let $p=\frac{2}{\beta}$, and $q=\frac{p}{p-1}$. We use Hölder's inequality and (I) and (II) of

Theorem 1.3:

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{L[h]^{2}}{|E_{\alpha}|^{\beta}} \leq \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{L[h]^{2}}{|E_{\alpha}|^{\beta p}} \right)^{1/p} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} L[h]^{2} \right)^{1/q} \\
= \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{L[h]^{2}}{|E_{\alpha}|^{2}} \right)^{1/p} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} L[h]^{2} \right)^{1/q} \\
\leq \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h^{2} \right)^{1/p+1/q},$$

by the cases $\beta = 0, 2$.

(b) We use Hölder's inequality and (III) and (IV) of Theorem 1.3 as in (a). ■

Proof of Corollary 1.4

Recall from Theorem 1.2 that f is the reproducing kernel for $\mathcal{H}(E_{\alpha})$. Then if $g \in PW_{\sigma}$,

$$L\left[\frac{g}{\left|E_{\alpha}\right|^{2}}\right]\left(x\right) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g\left(s\right) f\left(s,x\right) \frac{ds}{\left|E_{\alpha}\left(s\right)\right|^{2}} = g\left(x\right).$$

Then (b) of Corollary 2.2 gives for such g, and $\beta \in [0, 2]$,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{|g|}{|E_{\alpha}|^{\beta}}^{2} \le \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{|g|^{2}}{|E_{\alpha}|^{2}}.$$

By Hölder's inequality, with $p > 1, q = \frac{p}{p-1}$, and weight $\frac{|g|^2}{|E_{\alpha}|^{\beta}}$,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{|g|^2}{|E_{\alpha}|^{\beta}} \leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{|g|^2}{|E_{\alpha}|^{\beta} |E_{\alpha}|^{2-\beta}}$$

$$\leq \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{|g|^2}{|E_{\alpha}|^{\beta}} \frac{1}{|E_{\alpha}|^{(2-\beta)p}}\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{|g|^2}{|E_{\alpha}|^{\beta}}\right)^{1/q}$$

and cancelling the powers of $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{|g|^2}{|E_{\alpha}|^{\beta}}$, gives

$$\left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{|g|^2}{|E_{\alpha}|^{\beta}}\right)^{1/p} \leq \left(\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{|g|^2}{|E_{\alpha}|^{\beta+(2-\beta)p}}\right)^{\frac{1}{p}},$$

for any p > 1. Since $\gamma = \beta + (2 - \beta) p$ may assume any value in $(2, \infty)$, we obtain (1.21).

We shall need the Gauss type quadrature formula, with nodes $\{t_{jn}\}$ including the point ξ :

$$\sum_{i} \lambda_{n}(t_{jn}) P(t_{jn}) = \int P(t) d\mu(t),$$

for all polynomials P of degree $\leq 2n-2$ [7, p. 21, Theorem 2.2]. The $\{t_{jn}\}$ are the zeros of $L_n(t,\xi) = (t-\xi) K_n(t,\xi)$, and moreover, if $j \neq k$, $K_n(t_{jn},t_{kn}) = 0$. Recall too that λ_n is the nth Christoffel function for μ ,

$$\lambda_n(x) = \frac{1}{K_n(x, x)}.$$

Let us order the nodes as

$$\dots < t_{-2,n} < t_{-1,n} < t_{0,n} = \xi < t_{1,n} < t_{2,n} < \dots < t_{2,n}$$

and write

$$(2.15) t_{jn} = \xi_n + \frac{\rho_{jn}}{\kappa_n} \Leftrightarrow \rho_{jn} = \kappa_n (t_{jn} - \xi).$$

Lemma 2.3

(a) For each fixed j, as $n \to \infty$ through S,

$$(2.16) \rho_{jn} \to \rho_j,$$

where $\rho_0 = 0$ and

$$\dots \le \rho_{-2} \le \rho_{-1} < 0 < \rho_1 \le \rho_2 \le \dots$$

- (b) The function f(0,z) has simple zeros at $\rho_j, j \neq 0$, and no other zeros.
- (c) Let $\ell \geq 1, \{c_j\}_{j=-\ell}^{\ell} \subset \mathbb{R}$, and

(2.17)
$$P_{n}(t) = \sum_{j=-\ell}^{\ell} c_{j} \frac{K_{n}(t, t_{jn})}{K_{n}(t_{jn}, t_{jn})}$$

Then as $n \to \infty$ through S,

(2.18)
$$P_n\left(\xi + \frac{a}{\kappa_n}\right) \to \sum_{j=-\ell}^{\ell} c_j \frac{f\left(a, \rho_j\right)}{f\left(\rho_j, \rho_j\right)},$$

uniformly for a in compact subsets of \mathbb{C} , and

(2.19)
$$K_n(\xi,\xi) \int P_n^2 d\mu \to \sum_{j=-\ell}^{\ell} \frac{c_j^2}{f(\rho_j,\rho_j)}.$$

Proof

- (a) (b) These are part of [12, Theorem 5.3(a), Theorem 5.4], and follow easily from the uniform convergence of f_n to f, and Hurwitz' Theorem.
- (c) We see that for fixed j, as $n \to \infty$ through S,

$$\frac{K_n\left(\xi + \frac{a}{\kappa_n}, t_{jn}\right)}{K_n\left(t_{jn}, t_{jn}\right)} = \frac{f_n\left(a, \rho_{jn}\right)}{f_n\left(\rho_{jn}, \rho_{jn}\right)} \rightarrow \frac{f\left(a, \rho_j\right)}{f\left(\rho_j, \rho_j\right)}.$$

Then (2.18) follows. Next,

$$\int P_{n}^{2} d\mu$$

$$= \sum_{|j|,|k| \leq \ell} c_{j} c_{k} \int \frac{K_{n}(t,t_{jn})}{K_{n}(t_{jn},t_{jn})} \frac{K_{n}(t,t_{kn})}{K_{n}(t_{kn},t_{kn})} d\mu (t)$$

$$= \sum_{j=-\ell}^{\ell} c_{j}^{2} \frac{1}{K_{n}(t_{jn},t_{jn})} = \frac{1}{K_{n}(\xi,\xi)} \sum_{j=-\ell}^{\ell} c_{j}^{2} \frac{1}{f_{n}(\rho_{jn},\rho_{jn})}$$

by the reproducing kernel property, and since $K_n(t_{jn}, t_{kn}) = 0$ for $j \neq k$. Then (2.19) follows. \blacksquare

Proof of Theorem 1.5

(a) Let b > 0. With g_r defined by (2.8), we have from (2.7) and (2.12),

$$\int_{\xi - \frac{b}{K_n}}^{\xi + \frac{b}{K_n}} (g_r - S_n^* [g_r])^2 \frac{1}{|E_{n,a}|^2} \\
= \frac{1}{K_n(\xi, \xi)} \left[\int_{-b}^{b} \left(h(u) - \int_{-r}^{r} h(s) f(u, s) \frac{ds}{|E_{\alpha}(s)|^2} \right)^2 \frac{du}{|E_{\alpha}(u)|^2} + o(1) \right].$$

Moreover, if P_n is given by (2.17), then (2.7), (2.18), (2.19) give

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (g_r - P_n)^2 \frac{1}{|E_{n,a}|^2} \\
= \int_{\xi - \frac{r}{K_n}}^{\xi + \frac{r}{K_n}} g_r^2 \frac{1}{|E_{n,a}|^2} - 2 \sum_{|j| \le \ell} c_j \int_{\xi - \frac{r}{K_n}}^{\xi + \frac{r}{K_n}} g_r(t) \frac{K_n(t, t_{jn})}{K_n(t_{jn}, t_{jn})} \frac{dt}{|E_{n,a}(t)|^2} + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P_n^2 d\mu \\
= \frac{1}{K_n(\xi, \xi)} \left[\int_{-r}^{r} \frac{h^2}{|E_a|^2} - 2 \sum_{|j| \le \ell} c_j \int_{-r}^{r} h(t) \frac{f(t, \rho_j)}{f(\rho_j, \rho_j)} \frac{dt}{|E_a(t)|^2} + \sum_{|j| \le \ell} \frac{c_j^2}{f(\rho_j, \rho_j)} + o(1) \right] \\
= \frac{1}{K_n(\xi, \xi)} \left[\int_{-r}^{r} \left(h(t) - \sum_{|j| \le \ell} c_j \frac{f(t, \rho_j)}{f(\rho_j, \rho_j)} \right)^2 \frac{dt}{|E_a(t)|^2} - \int_{-r}^{r} \left(\sum_{|j| \le \ell} c_j \frac{f(t, \rho_j)}{f(\rho_j, \rho_j)} \right)^2 \frac{dt}{|E_a(t)|^2} + \sum_{|j| \le \ell} \frac{c_j^2}{f(\rho_j, \rho_j)} + o(1) \right].$$

Combining the above relations, with the best approximation property of partial sums of orthonormal expansions, namely,

$$\int (g_r - S_n^* [g_r])^2 \frac{1}{|E_{n,a}|^2} \le \int (g_r - P_n)^2 \frac{1}{|E_{n,a}|^2},$$

we obtain

$$\int_{-b}^{b} \left(h\left(u\right) - \int_{-r}^{r} h\left(s\right) f\left(u, s\right) \frac{ds}{\left|E_{\alpha}\left(s\right)\right|^{2}} \right)^{2} \frac{du}{\left|E_{\alpha}\left(u\right)\right|^{2}} \\
\leq \int_{-r}^{r} \left(h\left(u\right) - \sum_{|j| \leq \ell} c_{j} \frac{f\left(u, \rho_{j}\right)}{f\left(\rho_{j}, \rho_{j}\right)} \right)^{2} \frac{du}{\left|E_{a}\left(u\right)\right|^{2}} \\
- \int_{-r}^{r} \left(\sum_{|j| \leq \ell} c_{j} \frac{f\left(u, \rho_{j}\right)}{f\left(\rho_{j}, \rho_{j}\right)} \right)^{2} \frac{du}{\left|E_{a}\left(u\right)\right|^{2}} + \sum_{|j| \leq \ell} \frac{c_{j}^{2}}{f\left(\rho_{j}, \rho_{j}\right)}.$$

Let $r \to \infty$ and use the orthonormality of $\left\{\frac{f(\cdot, \rho_j)}{\sqrt{f(\rho_j, \rho_j)}}\right\}$, recall (1.22). We obtain

$$\int_{-b}^{b} \left(h\left(u\right) - \mathcal{L}\left[\frac{h}{\left|E_{\alpha}\right|^{2}}\right]\left(u\right) \right)^{2} \frac{du}{\left|E_{\alpha}\left(u\right)\right|^{2}}$$

$$\leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(h\left(u\right) - \sum_{\left|j\right| \leq \ell} c_{j} \frac{f\left(u, \rho_{j}\right)}{f\left(\rho_{j}, \rho_{j}\right)} \right)^{2} \frac{du}{\left|E_{a}\left(u\right)\right|^{2}}.$$

The limits are justified as $h(\cdot), f(\cdot, \rho_j) \in L_2(\mathbb{R})$. We now let $b \to \infty$ and then $\ell \to \infty$, and recall from (1.23) that every $g \in PW_{\sigma}$ admits an orthonormal expansion in terms of $\left\{\frac{f(\cdot, \rho_j)}{\sqrt{f(\rho_j, \rho_j)}}\right\}$, with $c_j = g(\rho_j)$ for all j. We then obtain

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(h(u) - \mathcal{L} \left[\frac{h}{|E_{\alpha}|^{2}} \right] (u) \right)^{2} \frac{du}{|E_{\alpha}(u)|^{2}}$$

$$\leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (h - g)^{2} (u) \frac{du}{|E_{\alpha}(u)|^{2}}.$$

Now take inf's over g to get the result.

(b) Let b > 0. With g_r defined by (2.8), we have from (2.11),

$$\int_{\xi - \frac{b}{K_n}}^{\xi + \frac{b}{K_n}} (g_r - S_n [g_r])^2 d\mu$$

$$= \frac{1}{K_n(\xi, \xi)} \left[\int_{-b}^{b} \left(h(u) - \int_{-r}^{r} h(s) f(u, s) ds \right)^2 du + o(1) \right],$$

while if P_n is given by (2.17), we see that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (g_r - P_n)^2 d\mu$$

$$= \int_{\xi - \frac{r}{K_n}}^{\xi + \frac{r}{K_n}} g_r^2 d\mu - 2 \sum_{|j| \le \ell} c_j \int_{\xi - \frac{r}{K_n}}^{\xi + \frac{r}{K_n}} g_r(t) \frac{K_n(t, t_{jn})}{K_n(t_{jn}, t_{jn})} d\mu(t) + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P_n^2 d\mu$$

$$= \frac{1}{K_n(\xi, \xi)} \left[\int_{-r}^{r} h^2 - 2 \sum_{|j| \le \ell} c_j \int_{-r}^{r} h(u) \frac{f(u, \rho_j)}{f(\rho_j, \rho_j)} du + \sum_{|j| \le \ell} \frac{c_j^2}{f(\rho_j, \rho_j)} + o(1) \right].$$

Combining the above relations, and the best approximation/ least squares inequality

$$\int (g_r - S_n [g_r])^2 d\mu \le \int (g_r - P_n)^2 d\mu$$

we obtain

$$\begin{split} &\int_{-b}^{b} \left(h\left(u\right) - \int_{-r}^{r} h\left(s\right) f\left(u,s\right) ds \right)^{2} du \\ &\leq &\int_{-r}^{r} h^{2} - 2 \sum_{|j| \leq \ell} \frac{c_{j}}{f\left(\rho_{j},\rho_{j}\right)} \int_{-r}^{r} h\left(u\right) f\left(u,\rho_{j}\right) du + \sum_{|j| \leq \ell} \frac{c_{j}^{2}}{f\left(\rho_{j},\rho_{j}\right)}. \end{split}$$

We now let $r \to \infty$, to deduce that

$$\int_{-b}^{b} (h(u) - \mathcal{L}[h](u))^{2} du$$

$$\leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h^{2} - 2 \sum_{|j| < \ell} \frac{c_{j}}{f(\rho_{j}, \rho_{j})} \mathcal{L}[h](\rho_{j}) + \sum_{|j| < \ell} \frac{c_{j}^{2}}{f(\rho_{j}, \rho_{j})}.$$

Next, we let $\ell \to \infty$ and finally $b \to \infty$. We obtain

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (h(u) - \mathcal{L}[h](u))^{2} du$$

$$\leq \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h^{2} - 2 \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{c_{j}}{f(\rho_{j}, \rho_{j})} \mathcal{L}[h](\rho_{j}) + \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{c_{j}^{2}}{f(\rho_{j}, \rho_{j})}$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h^{2} - \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\mathcal{L}[h](\rho_{j})^{2}}{f(\rho_{j}, \rho_{j})} + \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{(c_{j} - \mathcal{L}[h](\rho_{j}))^{2}}{f(\rho_{j}, \rho_{j})}.$$

Now let $g \in PW_{\sigma}$, for simplicity real valued on the real line, and recall the expansion (1.23). Choosing $c_j = g(\rho_j)$, we see that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h^{2} - 2 \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{c_{j}}{f\left(\rho_{j}, \rho_{j}\right)} \mathcal{L}\left[h\right]\left(\rho_{j}\right) + \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{c_{j}^{2}}{f\left(\rho_{j}, \rho_{j}\right)}$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h^{2} - 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h\left(t\right) \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{g\left(\rho_{j}\right)}{f\left(\rho_{j}, \rho_{j}\right)} f\left(\rho_{j}, t\right) dt + \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{g\left(\rho_{j}\right)^{2}}{f\left(\rho_{j}, \rho_{j}\right)}$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h^{2} - 2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} hg + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{g^{2}}{|E_{\alpha}|^{2}},$$

by (1.24). The interchange of series and integral is easily justified using (1.23) and (1.24). We continue this as

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (h - g)^{2} + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |g|^{2} \left(\frac{1}{|E_{\alpha}|^{2}} - 1\right).$$

Taking the inf over all $g \in PW_{\sigma}$, and substituting into the second inequality in (2.20) gives the first inequality in (1.26). Finally, the minimum on the last right-hand side in (2.20) is achieved when $c_j = L[h](\rho_j)$ for all j. This gives the second inequality in (1.26).

Proof of Corollary 1.6

 $(I) \iff (II)$

The forward implication is immediate. We must prove (II) \Rightarrow (I). We may assume that g is real on the real line. From our hypothesis and (1.26), we obtain

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{g^2\left(\rho_j\right)}{f\left(\rho_j,\rho_j\right)} = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{L\left[g\right]^2\left(\rho_j\right)}{f\left(\rho_j,\rho_j\right)} \le \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g^2.$$

But we already know from (1.24) and (1.21) that

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{g^2\left(\rho_j\right)}{f\left(\rho_j, \rho_j\right)} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{g^2}{\left|E_a\right|^2} \ge \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g^2.$$

We then obtain

(2.21)
$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{g^2(\rho_j)}{f(\rho_j, \rho_j)} = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mathcal{L}[g]^2(\rho_j)}{f(\rho_j, \rho_j)} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{g^2}{|E_a|^2}.$$

Then (1.26) gives

(2.22)
$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (g - \mathcal{L}[g])^2 = 0,$$

so $g \equiv \mathcal{L}[g]$.

 $(II) \Longleftrightarrow (III)$

If (II) holds, then (2.21) gives (1.29). Conversely if (1.29) holds, then choosing the 1st inequality in (1.26) gives $g \equiv \mathcal{L}[g]$ and hence both (1.27) and

(1.28).

Finally, if any of (I), (II), or (III) hold, then we can use $g = \mathcal{L}[g]$ for all g in PW_{σ} to show that f is the sinc kernel. Indeed, let us apply this, for a given t, to

$$g_t(s) = \frac{\sin \sigma (s-t)}{\pi (s-t)},$$

and use [23, Cor. 1.10.5, p. 95] that this is the reproducing kernel for PW_{σ} . We obtain

$$g_t(x) = \mathcal{L}[g_t](x) = f(x,t),$$

so that f is the sinc kernel. In the other direction, if f is the sinc kernel, we immediately have $g = \mathcal{L}[g]$ for all g in PW_{σ} .

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