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DIFFERENTIATING THE ABSOLUTELY CONTINUOUS  
INVARIANT MEASURE OF AN INTERVAL MAP  $f$   
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**Abstract.** *Let the map  $f : [-1, 1] \rightarrow [-1, 1]$  have a.c.i.m.  $\rho$  (absolutely continuous  $f$ -invariant measure with respect to Lebesgue). Let  $\delta\rho$  be the change of  $\rho$  corresponding to a perturbation  $X = \delta f \circ f^{-1}$  of  $f$ . Formally we have, for differentiable  $A$ ,*

$$\delta\rho(A) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \int \rho(dx) X(x) \frac{d}{dx} A(f^n x)$$

*but this expression does not converge in general. For  $f$  real-analytic and Markovian in the sense of covering  $(-1, 1)$   $m$  times, and assuming an analytic expanding condition, we show that*

$$\lambda \mapsto \Psi(\lambda) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \lambda^n \int \rho(dx) X(x) \frac{d}{dx} A(f^n x)$$

*is meromorphic in  $\mathbf{C}$ , and has no pole at  $\lambda = 1$ . We can thus formally write  $\delta\rho(A) = \Psi(1)$ .*

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We postpone a discussion of the significance of our result, and start to describe the conditions under which we prove it. Note that these conditions are certainly too strong: suitable differentiability should replace analyticity, and a weaker Markov property should be sufficient. But the point of the present note is to show how it is that  $\Psi(\lambda)$  has no pole at  $\lambda = 1$ , rather than deriving a very general theorem.

**Setup.**

We assume that  $f : [-1, 1] \rightarrow [-1, 1]$  is real analytic and piecewise monotone on  $[-1, 1]$  in the following sense: there are points  $c_j$  ( $j = 0, \dots, m$ , with  $m \geq 2$ ) such that  $-1 = c_0 < c_1 < \dots < c_{m-1} < c_m = 1$  and, for  $j = 0, \dots, m$ ,

$$f(c_j) = (-1)^{j+1}$$

We assume that on  $[-1, 1]$  the derivative  $f'$  vanishes only on  $Z = \{c_1, \dots, c_{m-1}\}$ , and that  $f''$  does not vanish on  $Z$ . For  $j = 1, \dots, m$ , we have  $f[c_{j-1}, c_j] = [-1, 1]$ . In particular,  $f$  is Markovian. We shall also assume that  $f$  is *analytically expanding* in the sense of Assumption A below. The purpose of this note is to prove the following:

**Theorem.** *Under the above conditions, and Assumption A stated later, there is a unique  $f$ -invariant probability measure  $\rho$  absolutely continuous with respect to Lebesgue on  $[-1, 1]$ . If  $X$  is real-analytic on  $[-1, 1]$ , and  $A \in C^1[-1, 1]$ , then*

$$\Psi(\lambda) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \lambda^n \int_{-1}^1 \rho(dx) X(x) \frac{d}{dx} A(f^n x)$$

*extends to a meromorphic function in  $\mathbf{C}$ , without pole at  $\lambda = 1$ .*

Our proof depends on a change of variable which we now explain. We choose a holomorphic function  $\omega$  from a small open neighborhood  $U_0$  of  $[-1, 1]$  in  $\mathbf{C}$  to a small open neighborhood  $W$  of  $[-1, 1]$  in a Riemann surface which is 2-sheeted over  $\mathbf{C}$  near  $-1$  and  $1$ . We call  $\varpi = \omega^{-1} : W \rightarrow U_0$  the inverse of  $\omega$ . We assume that  $\omega(-x) = -\omega(x)$ ,  $\omega(\pm 1) = \pm 1$ ,  $\omega[-1, 1] = [-1, 1]$ ,  $\omega'(\pm 1) = \omega'''(\pm 1) = 0$ . We have thus

$$\omega(\pm(1 - \xi)) = \pm(1 - C\xi^2 + D\xi^4 \dots)$$

with  $C > 0$  and, if  $a > 0$ ,

$$\varpi(\pm(1 - a\xi^2 + b\xi^3 \dots)) = \pm(1 - \sqrt{\frac{a}{C}}\xi + \frac{b}{2\sqrt{aC}}\xi^2 \dots)$$

[We may for instance take

$$\omega(x) = \sin \frac{\pi x}{2} \quad , \quad \varpi(x) = \frac{2}{\pi} \arcsin x$$

or

$$\omega(x) = \frac{1}{16}(25x - 10x^3 + x^5) \quad , \quad \varpi(x) = \frac{16}{25}x \dots \quad ]$$

The function  $g : \varpi \circ f \circ \omega$  from  $[-1, 1]$  to  $[-1, 1]$  has monotone restrictions to the intervals  $\varpi[c_{j-1}, c_j] = [d_{j-1}, d_j]$ . It is readily seen that  $g_j$  extends to a holomorphic function in a neighborhood of  $[d_{j-1}, d_j]$ , and that

$$g_1(-1 + \xi) = -1 + \sqrt{f'(-1)}\xi + \alpha_- \xi^3 \dots$$

$$g_m(1 - \xi) = (-1)^{m+1}(1 - \sqrt{|f'(1)|}\xi - \alpha_+ \xi^3 \dots)$$

with no  $\xi^2$  terms in the right-hand sides [this follows from our choice of  $\omega$ , which has no  $\xi^3$  term]. One also finds that, for  $j = 1, \dots, m-1$

$$g_j(d_j - \xi) = (-1)^{j+1}(1 - \sqrt{\frac{|f''(c_j)|}{2C}}\omega'(d_j)\xi + \gamma_j \xi^2 \dots)$$

$$g_{j+1}(d_j + \xi) = (-1)^{j+1}(1 - \sqrt{\frac{|f''(c_j)|}{2C}}\omega'(d_j)\xi - \gamma_j \xi^2 \dots)$$

where  $\gamma_j$  is the same in the two relations. We note the following easy consequences of the above developments:

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $\psi_j : [-1, 1] \rightarrow [d_{j-1}, d_j]$  be the inverse of  $g_j$  for  $j = 1, \dots, m$  (increasing for  $j$  odd, decreasing for  $j$  even). Then*

$$\psi_1(-1 + \xi) = -1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{f'(-1)}}\xi + \beta_- \xi^3$$

$$\psi_m((-1)^{m+1}(1 - \xi)) = 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{|f'(1)|}}\xi + \beta_+ \xi^3$$

(there are no  $\xi^2$  terms in the right-hand sides). If  $j < m$ ,

$$\psi_j((-1)^{j+1}(1 - \xi)) = d_j - \sqrt{\frac{2C}{|f''(c_j)|}}\frac{1}{\omega'(d_j)}\xi + \delta_j \xi^2$$

$$\psi_{j+1}((-1)^{j+1}(1 - \xi)) = d_j + \sqrt{\frac{2C}{|f''(c_j)|}}\frac{1}{\omega'(d_j)}\xi + \delta_j \xi^2$$

(with the same coefficient  $\delta_j$ ).  $\square$

As inverses of the  $g_j$ , the functions  $\psi_j$  extend to holomorphic functions on a neighborhood of  $[-1, 1]$ . We impose now the condition that  $f$  is *analytically expanding* in the following sense:

**Assumption A** *We have  $[-1, 1] \subset U \subset \mathbf{C}$ , with  $U$  bounded open connected, such that the  $\psi_j$  extend to continuous functions  $\bar{U} \mapsto \mathbf{C}$ , holomorphic in  $U$ , and with  $\psi_j \bar{U} \subset U$ .  $[\bar{U}$  denotes the closure of  $U$ ].*

Let  $\phi$  be holomorphic on a neighborhood of  $\bar{U}$ . Given a sequence  $\mathbf{j} = (j_1, \dots, j_\ell, \dots)$  we define  $\phi_{\mathbf{j}\ell} = \phi \circ \psi_{j_1} \cdots \circ \psi_{j_\ell}$  and note that the  $\phi_{\mathbf{j}\ell}$  are uniformly bounded in a neighborhood of  $\bar{U}$ . We may thus choose  $\ell(r)$  for  $r = 1, 2, \dots$  such that the subsequence  $(\phi_{\mathbf{j}\ell(r)})_{r=1}^\infty$  converges uniformly on  $\bar{U}$  to a limit  $\tilde{\phi}_{\mathbf{j}}$ . Writing  $\tilde{U} = \cup_{j=1}^m \psi_j \bar{U}$  we have

$$\max_{z \in \bar{U}} |\phi_{\mathbf{j}\ell(r)}| \geq \max_{z \in \tilde{U}} |\phi_{\mathbf{j}\ell(r)}| \geq \max_{z \in \tilde{U}} |\phi_{\mathbf{j}\ell(r+1)}|$$

so that  $\max_{z \in \bar{U}} |\tilde{\phi}_{\mathbf{j}}| = \max_{z \in \tilde{U}} |\tilde{\phi}_{\mathbf{j}}|$  and, since  $\tilde{U}$  is compact  $\subset U$  connected,  $\tilde{\phi}_{\mathbf{j}}$  is constant. Therefore  $\phi$  is constant on  $\cap_{\ell=0}^\infty \psi_{j_1} \circ \cdots \circ \psi_{j_\ell} \bar{U}$ . Since this is true for all  $\phi$ , the intersection  $\cap_{\ell=0}^\infty \psi_{j_1} \circ \cdots \circ \psi_{j_\ell} \bar{U}$  consists of a single point  $\tilde{z}(\mathbf{j})$ . Given  $\epsilon > 0$  we can thus, for each  $\mathbf{j}$ , find  $\ell$  such that  $\text{diam} \psi_{j_1} \circ \cdots \circ \psi_{j_\ell} \bar{U} < \epsilon$ . Hence (using the compactness of the Cantor set of sequences  $\mathbf{j}$ ) one can choose  $L$  so that the  $m^L$  sets

$$\psi_{j_1} \circ \cdots \circ \psi_{j_L} \bar{U}$$

have diameter  $< \epsilon$ . The open connected set

$$V = \cup_{j_1, \dots, j_L} \psi_{j_1} \circ \cdots \circ \psi_{j_L} U$$

satisfies  $[-1, 1] \subset V \subset U$ , and  $\psi_j \bar{V} = \cup_{j_1, \dots, j_L} \psi_j \circ \psi_{j_1} \circ \cdots \circ \psi_{j_L} \bar{U} \subset \cup_{j_0, j_1, \dots, j_{L-1}} \psi_{j_0} \circ \psi_{j_1} \circ \cdots \circ \psi_{j_{L-1}} U = V$ . This shows that  $U$  can be replaced in Assumption A by a set  $V$  contained in an  $\epsilon$ -neighborhood of  $[-1, 1]$ .

Since we have shown above that  $\text{diam} \psi_{j_1} \circ \cdots \circ \psi_{j_L} \bar{U} < \epsilon$ , we see that  $\psi_1^L$  maps a small circle around  $-1$  strictly inside itself. We have thus  $\psi_1^L(-1) < -1$  (*i.e.*,  $f'(-1) > 1$ ) and similarly, if  $m$  is odd,  $\psi_m^L(1) < 1$  (*i.e.*,  $f'(1) > 1$ ).

The following two lemmas state some easy facts to be used later.

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $H$  be the Hilbert space of functions  $\bar{U} \rightarrow \mathbf{C}$  which are square integrable (with respect to Lebesgue) and holomorphic in  $U$ . The operator  $\mathcal{L}$  on  $H$  defined by*

$$(\mathcal{L}\Phi)(z) = \sum_{j=1}^m (-1)^{j+1} \psi_j'(z) \Phi(\psi_j(z))$$

*is holomorphy improving. In particular  $\mathcal{L}$  is compact and trace-class.  $\square$*

**Lemma 3.** *On  $[-1, 1]$  we have*

$$(\mathcal{L}\Phi)(x) = \sum_j |\psi_j'(x)| \Phi(\psi_j(x))$$

*hence  $\Phi \geq 0$  implies  $\mathcal{L}\Phi \geq 0$  ( $\mathcal{L}$  preserves positivity) and*

$$\int_{-1}^1 dx (\mathcal{L}\Phi)(x) = \int_{-1}^1 dx \Phi(x)$$

( $\mathcal{L}$  preserves total mass).  $\square$

**Lemma 4.**  $\mathcal{L}$  has a simple eigenvalue  $\mu_0 = 1$  corresponding to an eigenfunction  $\sigma_0 > 0$ . The other eigenvalues  $\mu_k$  ( $k \geq 1$ ) satisfy  $|\mu_k| < 1$ , and their (generalized) eigenfunctions  $\sigma_k$  satisfy  $\int_{-1}^1 dx \sigma_k(x) = 0$ .

Let  $(\mu_k, \sigma_k)$  be a listing of the eigenvalues and generalized eigenfunctions of the trace-class operator  $\mathcal{L}$ . For each  $\mu_k$  there is some  $\sigma_k$  such that  $\mathcal{L}\sigma_k = \mu_k\sigma_k$ , hence

$$\begin{aligned} |\mu_k| \int_{-1}^1 dx |\sigma_k(x)| &= \int_{-1}^1 dx |\mu_k\sigma_k(x)| = \int_{-1}^1 dx |(\mathcal{L}\sigma_k)(x)| \\ &\leq \int_{-1}^1 dx (\mathcal{L}|\sigma_k|)(x) = \int_{-1}^1 dx |\sigma_k(x)| \end{aligned}$$

hence  $|\mu_k| \leq 1$ . Denote by  $S_<$  and  $S_1$  the spectral spaces of  $\mathcal{L}$  corresponding to eigenvalues  $\mu_k$  with  $|\mu_k| < 1$ , and  $|\mu_k| = 1$  respectively. If  $\sigma_k \in S_<$  then, for some  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$0 = \int_{-1}^1 dx ((\mathcal{L} - \mu_k)^n \sigma_k)(x) = \int_{-1}^1 dx (1 - \mu_k)^n \sigma_k(x)$$

hence  $\int_{-1}^1 dx \sigma_k(x) = 0$ .

On the finite dimensional space  $S_1$ , there is a basis of eigenvectors  $\sigma_k$  diagonalizing  $\mathcal{L}$  (if  $\mathcal{L}|_{S_1}$  had non-diagonal normal form,  $\|\mathcal{L}^n|_{S_1}\|$  would tend to infinity with  $n$ , in contradiction with  $\int_{-1}^1 dx |(\mathcal{L}^n\Phi)(x)| \leq \int_{-1}^1 dx |\Phi(x)|$ ). We shall now show that, up to multiplication by a constant  $\neq 0$ , we may assume  $\sigma_k \geq 0$ . If not, because  $\sigma_k$  is continuous and the intervals  $\psi_{j_1} \circ \dots \circ \psi_{j_n}[-1, 1]$  are small for large  $n$  (mixing), we would have  $|(\mathcal{L}^n\sigma_k)(x)| < (\mathcal{L}^n|\sigma_k|)(x)$  for some  $n$  and  $x$ . This would imply  $\int_{-1}^1 dx |(\mathcal{L}^n\sigma_k)(x)| < \int_{-1}^1 dx |\sigma_k(x)|$  in contradiction with  $\mathcal{L}\sigma_k = \mu_k\sigma_k$  and  $|\mu_k| = 1$ . From  $\sigma_k \geq 0$  we get  $\mu_k = 1$ , and the corresponding eigenspace is at most one dimensional (otherwise it would contain functions not  $\geq 0$ ). But we have  $1 \notin S_<$  because  $\int_{-1}^1 dx 1 \neq 0$ , so that  $S_1 \neq \{0\}$ . Thus  $S_1$  is spanned by an eigenfunction, which we call  $\sigma_0$ , to the eigenvalue  $\mu_0 = 1$ . Finally,  $\sigma_0 > 0$  because if  $\sigma_0(x) = 0$  we would have also  $\sigma_0(y) = 0$  whenever  $g^n(y) = x$ , which is not compatible with  $\sigma_0$  continuous  $\neq 0$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 5.** If we normalize  $\sigma_0$  by  $\int_{-1}^1 dx \sigma_0(x) = 1$ , then  $\sigma_0(dx) = \sigma_0(x)dx$  is the unique  $g$ -invariant probability measure absolutely continuous with respect to Lebesgue on  $[-1, 1]$ . In particular,  $\sigma_0(dx)$  is ergodic.

For continuous  $A$  on  $[-1, 1]$  we have

$$\int_{-1}^1 \sigma_0(dx)(A \circ g)(x) = \int_{-1}^1 dx \sigma_0(x)A(g(x)) = \int_{-1}^1 dx (\mathcal{L}\sigma_0)(x)A(x) = \int_{-1}^1 \sigma_0(dx)A(x)$$

so that  $\sigma_0(dx)$  is  $g$ -invariant. Let  $\tilde{\sigma}(x)dx$  be another  $g$ -invariant probability measure absolutely invariant with respect to Lebesgue. Then, if  $\tilde{\sigma} \neq \sigma_0$

$$\int_{-1}^1 dx |\sigma_0(x) - \tilde{\sigma}(x)| = \int_{-1}^1 dx |(\mathcal{L}(\sigma_0 - \tilde{\sigma}))(x)|$$

$$< \int_{-1}^1 dx (\mathcal{L}|\sigma_0 - \tilde{\sigma}|)(x) = \int_{-1}^1 dx |\sigma_0(x) - \tilde{\sigma}(x)|$$

by mixing: contradiction.  $\square$

**Lemma 6.** *Let  $H_1 \subset H$  consist of those functions  $\Phi$  with derivatives vanishing at  $\pm 1$ :  $\Phi'(-1) = \Phi'(1) = 0$ . Then  $\mathcal{L}H_1 \subset H_1$  and  $\sigma_0 \in H_1$ .*

$\mathcal{L}H_1 \subset H_1$  is an easy calculation using Lemma 1. Furthermore, by Lemma 4,  $\sigma_0 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathcal{L}^n \frac{1}{2}$ , and  $\frac{1}{2} \in H_1$  implies  $\sigma_0 \in H_1$ .  $\square$

The image  $\rho(dx) = \rho(x)dx$  of  $\sigma_0(x)dx$  by  $\omega$  is the unique  $f$ -invariant probability measure absolutely continuous with respect to Lebesgue on  $[-1, 1]$ . We have

$$\rho(x) = \sigma_0(\varpi x) \varpi'(x)$$

Consider now the expression

$$\Psi(\lambda) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \lambda^n \int_{-1}^1 \rho(dx) X(x) \frac{d}{dx} A(f^n x)$$

where we assume that  $X$  extends to a holomorphic function in a neighborhood of  $[-1, 1]$  and  $A \in \mathcal{C}^1[-1, 1]$ . For sufficiently small  $|\lambda|$ , the series defining  $\Psi(\lambda)$  converges. Writing  $B = A \circ \omega$  and  $x = \omega y$  we have

$$X(x) \frac{d}{dx} A(f^n x) = X(\omega y) \frac{1}{\omega'(y)} \frac{d}{dy} B(g^n y)$$

hence

$$\Psi(\lambda) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \lambda^n \int_{-1}^1 dy \sigma_0(y) \frac{X(\omega y)}{\omega'(y)} \frac{d}{dy} B(g^n y)$$

Defining  $Y(y) = \sigma_0(y) X(\omega y) / \omega'(y)$ , we see that  $Y$  extends to a function holomorphic in a neighborhood of  $[-1, 1]$ , which we may take to be  $U$ , except for simple poles at  $-1$  and  $1$ . We may write

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-1}^1 dy \sigma_0(y) \frac{X(\omega y)}{\omega'(y)} \frac{d}{dy} B(g^n y) &= \int_{-1}^1 dy Y(y) g'(y) \cdots g'(g^{n-1} y) B'(g^n y) \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 ds (\mathcal{L}_0^n Y)(s) B'(s) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$(\mathcal{L}_0 \Phi)(s) = \sum_{j=1}^m (-1)^{j+1} \Phi(\psi_j s)$$

and we have thus

$$\Psi(\lambda) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \lambda^n \int_{-1}^1 ds (\mathcal{L}_0^n Y)(s) B'(s)$$

**Lemma 7.** *Let  $H_0 \subset H$  be the space of functions vanishing at  $-1$  and  $1$ . Then  $\mathcal{L}_0 H_0 \subset H_0$ .*

This follows readily from Lemma 1.  $\square$

**Lemma 8.** *There are meromorphic functions  $\Phi_{\pm}$  with Laurent series*

$$\Phi_{\pm}(z) = \frac{1}{z \mp 1} + O(z \mp 1)$$

at  $\pm 1$  and  $\Phi_{\pm}(\mp 1) = 0$  such that

$$\begin{cases} \mathcal{L}_0 \Phi_- = \sqrt{f'(-1)} \Phi_- \\ \mathcal{L}_0 \Phi_+ = \sqrt{f'(1)} \Phi_+ & \text{if } m \text{ is odd} \\ \mathcal{L}_0(\Phi_+/\sqrt{|f'(1)|} + \Phi_-/\sqrt{f'(-1)}) = \tilde{Y} \in H_0 & \text{if } m \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

Define

$$p_{\pm}(z) = \frac{1}{z \mp 1} - \frac{1}{4}(z \mp 1)$$

then Lemma 1 yields

$$\begin{cases} (\mathcal{L}_0 - \sqrt{f'(-1)})p_- = u_- \in H_0 \\ (\mathcal{L}_0 - \sqrt{f'(1)})p_+ = u_+ \in H_0 & \text{if } m \text{ is odd} \\ \mathcal{L}_0 p_+ + \sqrt{|f'(1)|} p_- = u_0 \in H_0 & \text{if } m \text{ is even} \end{cases}$$

Since  $f'(-1) > 1$ , Lemma 4 shows that  $\mathcal{L} - \sqrt{f'(-1)}$  is invertible on  $H$ , hence there is  $v_-$  such that

$$(\mathcal{L} - \sqrt{f'(-1)})v_- = u'_-$$

and since  $\int_{-1}^1 dx u'_-(x) = 0$ , also  $\int_{-1}^1 dx v_-(x) = 0$  and we can take  $w_- \in H_0$  such that  $w'_- = v_-$ . Then

$$((\mathcal{L}_0 - \sqrt{f'(-1)})w_-)' = (\mathcal{L} - \sqrt{f'(-1)})w'_- = (\mathcal{L} - \sqrt{f'(-1)})v_- = u'_-$$

so that

$$(\mathcal{L}_0 - \sqrt{f'(-1)})w_- = u_-$$

without additive constant because the left-hand side is in  $H_0$  by Lemma 7. In conclusion

$$(\mathcal{L}_0 - \sqrt{f'(-1)})(p_- - w_-) = 0$$

and we may take  $\Phi_- = p_- - w_-$ .

If  $m$  is odd,  $\Phi_+$  is handled similarly. If  $m$  is even, taking  $\Phi_+ = p_+$  and writing  $\tilde{Y} = u_0/\sqrt{|f'(1)|} - w_-$  we obtain

$$\mathcal{L}_0\left(\frac{\Phi_+}{\sqrt{|f'(1)|}} + \frac{\Phi_-}{\sqrt{f'(-1)}}\right) = \tilde{Y} \in H_0$$



which completes the proof.  $\square$

We have  $\sigma_0 \in H_1$  (Lemma 6), and  $X \circ \omega \in H_1$  by our choice of  $\omega$ . Also

$$\omega'(\pm(1 - \xi)) = 2C\xi - 4D\xi^3 \dots$$

so that

$$Y = \mathbf{C}\Phi_- + \mathbf{C}\Phi_+ + H_0$$

If  $m$  is odd let  $Y = c_- \Phi_- + c_+ \Phi_+ + Y_0$ , with  $Y_0 \in H_0$ . Then

$$\Psi(\lambda) = \frac{c_-}{1 - \lambda\sqrt{f'(-1)}} \int_{-1}^1 ds \Phi_-(s)B'(s) + \frac{c_+}{1 - \lambda\sqrt{f'(1)}} \int_{-1}^1 ds \Phi_+(s)B'(s) + \Psi_0(\lambda)$$

where  $\Psi_0$  is obtained from  $\Psi$  when  $Y$  is replaced by  $Y_0$ .

If  $m$  is even let  $Y = c_- \Phi_- + \tilde{c}(\Phi_+/\sqrt{|f'(1)|} + \Phi_-/\sqrt{f'(-1)}) + Y_0$ , with  $Y_0 \in H_0$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi(\lambda) &= \frac{c_-}{1 - \lambda\sqrt{f'(-1)}} \int_{-1}^1 ds \Phi_-(s)B'(s) + \tilde{c} \int_{-1}^1 ds \left( \frac{\Phi_+}{\sqrt{|f'(1)|}} + \frac{\Phi_-}{\sqrt{f'(-1)}} \right) B'(s) \\ &\quad + \lambda \tilde{\Psi}(\lambda) + \Psi_0(\lambda) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\tilde{\Psi}(\lambda)$  is obtained from  $\Psi$  when  $Y$  is replaced by  $\tilde{Y}$ .

Writing  $\mu_{\pm} = \sqrt{f'(\pm 1)}$  we see that  $\Psi(\lambda)$  has two poles at  $\mu_{\pm}^{-1}$  if  $m$  is odd, and one pole at  $\mu_-^{-1}$  if  $m$  is even; the other poles are those of  $\Psi_0(\lambda)$  and possibly  $\tilde{\Psi}(\lambda)$ . Since  $Y_0 \in H_0$  and  $\mathcal{L}_0 H_0 \subset H_0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_0(\lambda) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \lambda^n \int_{-1}^1 ds (\mathcal{L}_0^n Y_0)(s) B'(s) = - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \lambda^n \int_{-1}^1 ds (\mathcal{L}_0^n Y_0)'(s) B(s) \\ &= - \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \lambda^n \int_{-1}^1 ds (\mathcal{L}^n Y_0)'(s) B(s) \end{aligned}$$

It follows that  $\Psi_0(\lambda)$  extends meromorphically to  $\mathbf{C}$  with poles at the  $\mu_k^{-1}$ . We want to show that the residue of the pole at  $\mu_0^{-1} = 1$  vanishes. By Lemma 4,  $\int_{-1}^1 dx \sigma_k(x) = 0$  for  $k \geq 1$ . Thus, up to normalization, the coefficient of  $\sigma_0$  in the expansion of  $Y_0'$  is

$$\int_{-1}^1 dx Y_0'(x) = Y_0(1) - Y_0(-1) = 0$$

because  $Y_0 \in H_0$ . Therefore  $\Psi_0(z)$  is holomorphic at  $z = 1$ , and the same argument applies to  $\tilde{\Psi}(z)$ , concluding the proof of the theorem.  $\square$

**Discussion.**

It can be argued that the *physical measure* describing a physical dynamical system is an SRB (Sinai-Ruelle-Bowen) measure  $\rho$  (see the recent reviews [10], [1] which contain a number of references), or an a.c.i.m.  $\rho$  in the case of a map of the interval. But, typically, physical systems depend on parameters, and it is desirable to know how  $\rho$  depends on the parameters (*i.e.*, on the dynamical system). The dependence is smooth for uniformly hyperbolic dynamical systems (see [4], [5] and references given there), but discontinuous in general.

The present note is devoted to an example in support of an idea put forward in [7]: that derivatives of  $\rho(A)$  with respect to parameters can be meaningfully defined in spite of discontinuities. An ambitious project would be to have Taylor expansions on a large set  $\Sigma$  of parameter values and, using a theorem of Whitney [9], to connect these expansions by a function extrapolating  $\rho(A)$  smoothly outside of  $\Sigma$ . In a different dynamical situation, that of KAM tori, a smooth extension à la Whitney has been achieved by Chierchia and Gallavotti [2], and Pöschel [3].

In our study we have considered only a rather special set  $\Sigma$  consisting of maps satisfying a Markov property. But note that the studies of a.c.i.m. for maps of the interval, and of SRB measures for Hénon-like maps, are typically based on perturbations of a map satisfying a Markov property (for the use of slightly more general Misiurewicz-type maps see [8], which also gives references to earlier work).

The function  $\Psi(\lambda)$  that we have encountered is related to the *susceptibility*  $\omega \mapsto \Psi(e^{i\omega})$  giving the response of a system to a periodic perturbation. The existence of a holomorphic extension of the susceptibility to the upper half complex plane is expected to follow from *causality* (causality says that cause precedes effect, resulting in a *response function*  $\kappa$  having support on the positive half real axis, and its Fourier transform  $\hat{\kappa}$  extending holomorphically to the upper half complex plane). A discussion of nonequilibrium statistical mechanics [6] shows that the expected support and holomorphy properties hold close to equilibrium, or if uniform hyperbolicity holds. In the example discussed in this note,  $\kappa$  has the right support property, but increases exponentially at infinity, and holomorphy in the upper half plane fails, corresponding the existence of a pole of  $\Psi$  at  $\lambda = 1/\sqrt{f'(-1)}$ . This might be expressed by saying that  $\rho$  is *not linearly stable*. The physically interesting situation of *large systems* (thermodynamic limit) remains quite unclear at this point.

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