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The core variety of a multisequence in the truncated moment problem

Abstract

Let K denote a nonempty closed subset of \mathbb{R}^n , let $m = 2d$, and let $\beta \equiv \beta^{(m)} = \{\beta_i\}_{i \in \mathbb{Z}_+^n, |i| \leq m}$, $\beta_0 > 0$, denote a real n -dimensional multisequence of finite degree m . The *Truncated K -Moment Problem* concerns the existence of a positive Borel measure μ , supported in K , such that

$$\beta_i = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} x^i d\mu \quad (i \in \mathbb{Z}_+^n, |i| \leq m).$$

The *core variety* of β , $\mathcal{V} \equiv \mathcal{V}(\beta)$, is an algebraic variety in \mathbb{R}^n that contains the support of any such K -representing measure. In previous work we showed, conversely, that if \mathcal{V} is a nonempty compact set, or \mathcal{V} is nonempty and is a determining set for polynomials of degree at most m (in particular, if $\mathcal{V} = \mathbb{R}^n$), then β admits a \mathcal{V} -representing measure. We describe some additional cases where a nonempty core variety implies the existence of a representing measure.

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