

$B(\gamma_2 - \gamma_1)$  is not empty.

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DUALITY PROPERTIES FOR THE EXTREME VALUES  
OF INTEGRALS IN DISTRIBUTED MOMENTS

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Here we investigate the general properties of the extremal problems for the so-called distributed moment problem, arising in optimal control [5]. Our considerations concern only the case of elliptic partial differential equations but the same theorems can be proved for arbitrary linear p.d.e.

Let  $G$  be a bounded domain in  $R^n$  and the operator  $L(x, D) = \sum_{|k| \leq 2m} a_k D^k$  be an elliptic differential operator of order  $2m$  with sufficiently smooth coefficients in the closed hull  $\bar{G}$  [1].

We introduce the set of functions [1, 2]

$$N(L) = \left\{ h(x); h(x) \in N(L), Lh(x) = 0, x \in \bar{G}, h(x) \in C^{m-1}(\bar{G}) \cap C^{2m}(G) \right\}$$

$$N_+(L) = \left\{ h(x); h(x) \in N(L), h(x) \geq 0, x \in \bar{G} \right\}.$$

The following boundary operators are given [3]

$$B_j(x, D) = \sum_{|k| \leq m_j} b_{jk} D^k, \quad j=1, \dots, m.$$

We suppose that the region  $G$  and the operators  $L, B_j$  satisfy

for the conditions studied in [2,3] which provide solvability of the boundary value problem

$$(1) \quad \begin{aligned} I(x,D)h(x) &= 0, \quad x \in \bar{G} \\ B_j(x,D)h(x) &= g_j(x), \quad x \in \partial G, \quad j=1, \dots, m, \end{aligned}$$

for sufficiently regular functions  $g_j(x)$  on the boundary  $\partial G$ . Through  $\mathcal{M}(G)$  and  $\mathcal{M}(\partial G)$  we denote the set of all Radon measures (mass distributions) in  $\bar{G}$ ,  $G$  respectively [2]

The following generalization of the sweeping-out method of Poincaré [4] will be used [2]:

Lemma 1. For any measure  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}(G)$  there exists a vector  $\nu = (\nu_j) \in [\mathcal{M}(\partial G)]^m$  such that the following equality holds

$$(2) \quad \int_{\bar{G}} h(x) d\mu(x) = \sum_{j=1}^m \int_G B_j h(y) d\nu_j(y), \quad \forall h(x) \in N(L).$$

We shall use the abbreviations of (2):

$$(3) \quad \mu(h) = \nu(Bh) \quad \text{or} \quad \prod \mu = \nu$$

For a given vector measure  $\nu \in [\mathcal{M}(\partial G)]^m$  consider the set of all mass distributions (positive measures) [5]

$$(4) \quad B(\nu) = \left\{ \mu \in \mathcal{M}(G); \prod \mu = \nu, \mu \geq 0 \right\}$$

For a given continuous function  $w(x)$ ,  $x \in \bar{G}$ , let us introduce the following sets:

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{P}(w) &= \left\{ h(x) \in N(L); h(x) \leq w(x), x \in \bar{G} \right\}, \\ \bar{F}(w) &= \left\{ h(x) \in N(L); h(x) \geq w(x), x \in \bar{G} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

The sets  $\bar{P}$  and  $\bar{F}$  are not empty since every constant is

in  $N(L)$ .

Theorem 1. Let the vector measure  $\nu \in [\mathcal{M}(\partial G)]^m$  be given.

Then

a) The equalities hold

$$(6) \quad \min \left\{ \int_{\bar{G}} w(x) d\mu(x); \mu \in B(\nu) \right\} = \max \left\{ \nu(h); h \in \bar{P} \right\}$$

$$(7) \quad \max \left\{ \int_{\bar{G}} w(x) d\mu(x); \mu \in B(\nu) \right\} = \min \left\{ \nu(h); h \in \bar{F} \right\}$$

b) The integral

$$(8) \quad \int_{\bar{G}} w(x) d\mu(x), \quad \mu \in B(\nu)$$

takes its minimal (maximal) value for  $\mu = \mu_0 \in B(\nu)$  if and only if there exists a function  $h_0(x) \in \bar{P}(w)$  (resp.  $h_0(x) \in \bar{F}(w)$ ) which coincides with  $w(x)$  in those points  $x \in \bar{G}$  where  $d\mu_0 \neq 0$ .

The proof is similar to the one for the one-dimensional case in [7, p.175].

Let us introduce the notations:

$$\underline{I}(\nu, w) = \min \left\{ \int_{\bar{G}} w(x) d\mu(x); \mu \in B(\nu) \right\}$$

$$\overline{I}(\nu, w) = \max \left\{ \int_{\bar{G}} w(x) d\mu(x); \mu \in B(\nu) \right\}$$

From Theorem 1 easily follows

Corollary 1. For a given measure  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}(G)$  the deviations

$$\Delta(\mu) = \int_{\bar{G}} w(x) d\mu(x) - \underline{I}(\prod \mu, w); \quad D(\mu) = \overline{I}(\prod \mu, w) - \int_{\bar{G}} w(x) d\mu(x)$$

are isotone nondecreasing functions of  $\mu$  i.e.  $D(\mu_8)$

$$(\mu''') \quad \text{and} \quad D(\mu') \leq D(\mu'') \quad \text{if} \quad d\mu' \leq d\mu''$$

Corollary 2. The dispersion  $D(\nu) = \overline{I}(\nu, w) - \underline{I}(\nu, w)$  is an isotonic increasing function of  $\nu$  i.e.  $D(\nu_1) \leq D(\nu_2)$  if the set