

Recent Developments in the Eigenvalue Distribution of
Sparse-Spectral Limiting Operators

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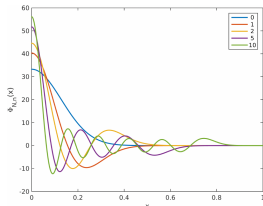
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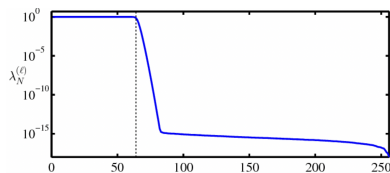


FIGURE: Eigenvalues λ_k

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Slepian 1964 - generalized prolate spheroidal functions (GPSFs) - Both the space and frequency domains are balls

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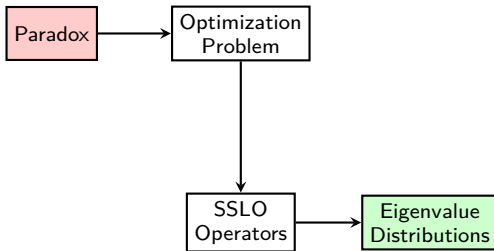
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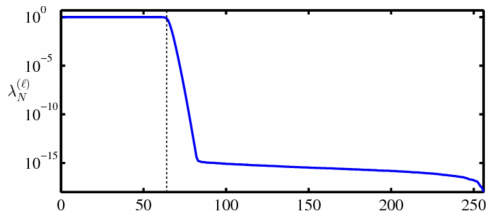
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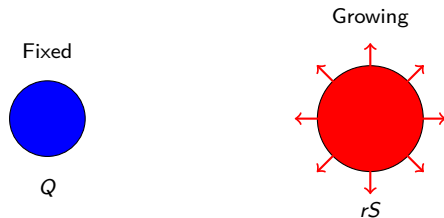
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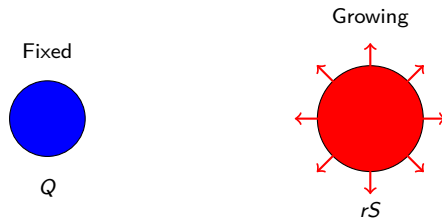
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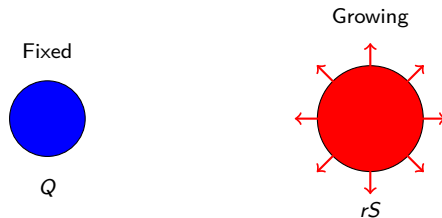


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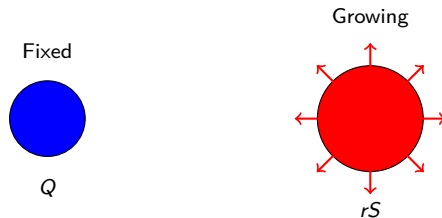
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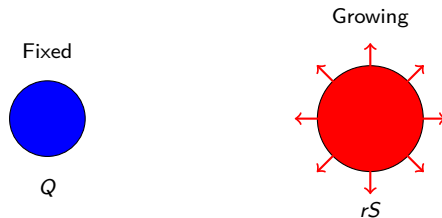
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- ▶ construction of wave packets
- ▶ Using the wave packets for counting

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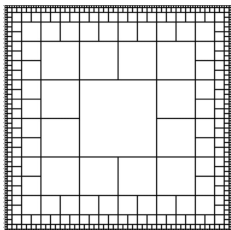
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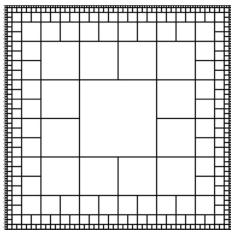
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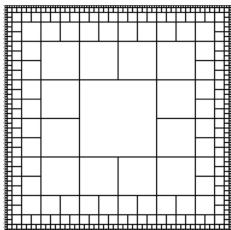
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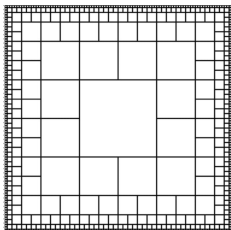
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(If (7), we say ϕ_k "mimic" the eigenfunctions.)

Now, an application of Functional Analysis Lemma to the SSLO's and the wave packets completes the proof of theorem.

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2. **Interpolation.** Using our wave packets $\{g_i\}$, the main objective of the interpolation problem is to determine the coefficients $\{a_i\}_{i=1}^n$ such that

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Any input is welcome!

To summarize the key takeaways:

- ▶ Defined the spatio-spectral limiting operators (SSLO) for given fixed space and frequency domains, and highlighted some of the spectral properties of these operators.
- ▶ Discussed the significant role of spatio-spectral limiting operators in various applications.
- ▶ Highlighted the results in eigenvalue distribution regions in higher dimensions for three special cases of space and frequency domains:
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