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ASYMPTOTIC ESTIMATES OF SOME S_n CHARACTERS
AND THE IDENTITIES OF THE 2×2 MATRICES

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Abstract

By carefully studying the multiplicity of an S_n character, related to the polynomial identities of the 2×2 matrices, we

show $\left(\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\pi} + \varepsilon \right) \frac{4}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{1}{n\sqrt{n}} 4^n \lesssim c_n(F_2) \lesssim \frac{4}{\sqrt{\pi}} \frac{1}{n\sqrt{n}} 4^n$, where $\varepsilon > 0$ is a

certain multi-integral of a positive function, which has not yet been evaluated. The results hint that the upper bound ($\approx t_n(F_2)$) is probably the asymptotic values of $c_n(F_2)$.

INTRODUCTION

This paper uses the methods introduced in [2], and considerably sharpen the results obtained there, further closing the gap between the lower and the upper bounds for $c_n(F_2)$.

Let $\text{Par}(n)$ be the set of partitions of n , and $\Lambda_\ell(n) = \{\lambda \in \text{Par}(n) \mid \lambda = (a_1, \dots, a_\ell)\}$ be the partitions with $\leq \ell$ parts. Let χ_λ be the S_n -irreducible character corresponding to $\lambda \in \text{Par}(n)$, and $\{\chi_n(F_2)\}$ be the co-character sequence of the 2×2 matrices F_2 [2].

Write $\lambda = (\omega_1 + \dots + \omega_4, \omega_2 + \omega_3 + \omega_4, \omega_3 + \omega_4, \omega_4) \in \Lambda_4(n)$. In [2] we saw:

$$\chi_n(F_2) = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda_4(n)} m_\lambda \chi_\lambda \quad [2, \text{Introduction}]$$

with the multiplicities m_λ satisfying $m_\lambda \geq (\omega_1 + 1)(\omega_2 - 1)(\omega_3 + 1)$ for $\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3 \geq 2$. [2, Th. 3.22]

In [2, §4] the S_n character, $\psi_\ell(n)$, was introduced, with multiplicities $Y_\ell(\lambda)$:

$$\psi_\ell(n) = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda_\ell(n)} Y_\ell(\lambda) \cdot \chi_\lambda$$

It was shown that

$$Y_4(\omega_1 + \dots + \omega_4, \omega_2 + \omega_3 + \omega_4, \omega_3 + \omega_4, \omega_4) \leq (\omega_1 + 1)(\omega_2 + 1)(\omega_3 + 1) \quad [2, \text{Th. 4.9}]$$

If $\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3$ are "large", this implies that

$$Y_4(\lambda) \lesssim m_\lambda, \quad \deg \psi_4(n) \lesssim \deg \chi_n(F_2) = c_n(F_2). \quad [2, \text{Th. 4.16}]$$

The asymptotic value

$$\deg \psi_4(n) \approx \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\pi} \cdot \frac{4}{\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \cdot 4^n \quad [2, 4.2]$$

thus produced an asymptotic lower bound for $c_n(F_2)$.

The theory of trace identities provided the asymptotic upper bound

$$c_n(F_2) \lesssim t_n(F_2) \approx \frac{4}{\sqrt{\pi}} \cdot \frac{1}{n\sqrt{n}} \cdot 4^n,$$

where $t_n(F_2)$ are the trace co-dimensions of F_2 .

In this paper we study more carefully the multiplicities $Y_4(\lambda)$. Using asymptotic and geometric methods we prove: For most large $\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3$, $Y_4(\omega_1 + \dots + \omega_4, \omega_2 + \omega_3 + \omega_4, \omega_3 + \omega_4, \omega_4)$ is significantly smaller than $\frac{1}{2} \omega_1 \omega_2 \omega_3$. Thus, for such λ , $2Y_4(\lambda) \lesssim m_\lambda$, and hence

$$\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\pi} \cdot \frac{4}{\sqrt{\pi}} \cdot \frac{1}{n\sqrt{n}} \cdot 4^n \lesssim c_n(F_2) \left(\lesssim \frac{4}{\sqrt{\pi}} \cdot \frac{1}{n\sqrt{n}} \cdot 4^n \right).$$

Most of the asymptotic techniques needed here are developed in [1]. The geometric methods for studying $Y_4(\lambda)$ were introduced in [2, §4].

Our calculations show that $c_n(F_2)$ is significantly larger than that lower bound, although we do not know yet by how much

(the computer may know). This hints that the upper bound

$$\frac{4}{\sqrt{\pi}} \cdot \frac{1}{n\sqrt{n}} \cdot 4^n \approx t_n(F_2) \text{ is probably the asymptotic value for } c_n(F_2).$$

This also suggests that $(\omega_1 + 1)(\omega_2 - 1)(\omega_3 + 1)$ is very close to m_λ , which asymptotically determines the co-characters $\chi_n(F_2)$. The remark about $\chi_n(F_k)$, $k \geq 3$, at the end of [2, Introduction], is still valid here.

§1. THE ASYMPTOTIC EXPRESSION FOR $Y_4(\lambda)$

Keep the notations of [1] and [2]: $a, \delta > 0$:

$$\text{Par}(n) \supseteq \Lambda_4(n, a, \delta) = \left\{ \left(\frac{n}{4} + c_1\sqrt{n}, \dots, \frac{n}{4} + c_4\sqrt{n} \right) \mid a \geq c_1 \geq \dots \geq c_4 \geq -a, c_j - c_{j+1} \geq \delta \right\}$$

and
$$\bar{S}_4(n) = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda_4(n)} Y_4(\lambda) d_\lambda.$$

By [2,4,14], $\bar{S}_4(n)$ is approximated (as $a \rightarrow \infty$) by:

$$\bar{S}_4(n, a, a^{-4}) = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda_4(n, a, a^{-4})} Y_4(\lambda) d_\lambda.$$

For $\lambda \in \Lambda_4(n, a, a^{-1})$, we approximate $Y_4(\lambda)$ asymptotically by $Y'_4(\lambda)$, to be defined later. The compactness of $P_4(a) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^3$, [1,§2], and the continuity of the functions involved here, imply that $\bar{S}_4(n)$ is approximated by

$$S'_4(n, a, a^{-4}) = \sum_{\lambda \in \Lambda_4(n, a, a^{-4})} Y'_4(n) d_\lambda$$

(moreover, d_λ can be replaced by its asymptotic value, [1,F.1.1]).

Let $\lambda = (\frac{n}{4} + c_1\sqrt{n}, \dots, \frac{n}{4} + c_j\sqrt{n}) \in \Lambda_4(n, a, \delta)$, then

$c_j - c_{j+1} = \gamma_j \geq \delta$, and $\omega_j = \gamma_j \sqrt{n}$, $j = 1, 2, 3$. By [2, Th. 4.9],

$$Y_4(\lambda) = \sum_{\substack{i_1+i_2+i_3=m \\ 0 \leq i_j \leq \omega_j}} \{ \min(\omega_1+i_2-i_1, \omega_2+i_3-i_2) + 1 \}$$

where
$$m = \left\lfloor \frac{\omega_1 + 2\omega_2 + 3\omega_3}{4} \right\rfloor.$$

We are thus led to consider the integral points $(i) = (i_1, i_2, i_3)$ on the intersection of the plane $H_m : x+y+z = m$ with the box

$$B_\omega = \{ 0 \leq x \leq \omega_1, 0 \leq y \leq \omega_2, 0 \leq z \leq \omega_3 \}. \quad [2, §4]$$

For each such point we have the corresponding summand:

$$\min(\omega_1 + i_2 - i_1, \omega_2 + i_3 - i_2) + 1.$$

Consider the line L on H_m determined by

$$\omega_1 + y - x = \omega_2 + z - y.$$

Together with $x+y+z = m$, this yields

$$y = \frac{1}{3}(\omega_2 - \omega_1 + m) = c(\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3) = c(\omega).$$

Note that, when $m = \frac{\omega_1 + 2\omega_2 + 3\omega_3}{4}$, then

$$c(\omega) = \frac{1}{4}(2\omega_2 - \omega_1 + \omega_3).$$

L splits $H_m \cap B_\omega$ into H_1 and H_2 , $H_1 \cup H_2 = H_m \cap B_\omega$. Let $S_j = H_j \cap \mathbb{Z}^3$, $j = 1, 2$.

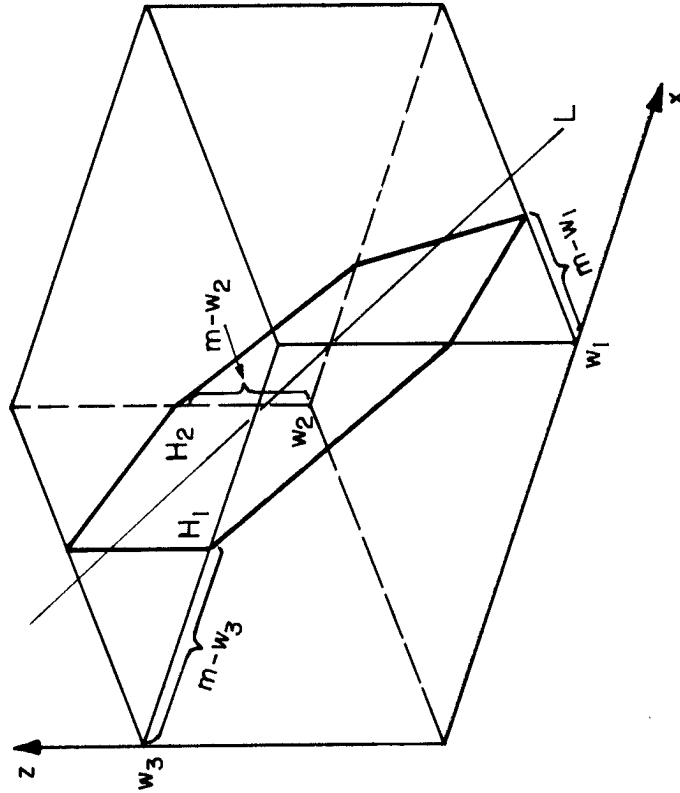


FIG. 1

Clearly, $(i) \in S_1 \Leftrightarrow \min(\omega_1 + i_2 - i_1, \omega_2 + i_3 - i_2) = \omega_1 + i_2 - i_1$, and similarly for $(i) \in S_2$. It follows that

$$Y_4(\lambda) = (\omega_1 + 1) \# S_1 + (\omega_2 + 1) \# (S_2 \setminus L) + \sum_{(i) \in S_1} (i_2 - i_1) + \sum_{(i) \in S_2 \setminus L} (i_3 - i_2). \tag{1.1}$$

We now explain how to replace $Y_4(\lambda)$ by $Y_4'(\lambda) \approx Y_4(\lambda)$, where the summations are replaced by integrations. This is done as follows:

Let $\mu = \mu(\gamma) = \frac{1}{4}(\gamma_1 + 2\gamma_2 + 3\gamma_3)$, then

$$m = m(\omega) = [\mu\sqrt{n}].$$

Write $\mu\sqrt{n} = [\mu\sqrt{n}] + \epsilon_n$, $0 \leq \epsilon_n < 1$, to conclude that

$$\frac{[\mu\sqrt{n}]}{\mu\sqrt{n}} = \frac{\mu\sqrt{n} - \epsilon_n}{\mu\sqrt{n}} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 1$$

so $m = [\mu\sqrt{n}] \approx \mu\sqrt{n}$.

Thus $c = c(\omega) = \frac{1}{3}(\omega_2 - \omega_1 + m) \approx \frac{1}{3}(\gamma_2 - \gamma_1 + \mu)\sqrt{n}$,

$$\frac{1}{3}(\gamma_2 - \gamma_1 + \mu)\sqrt{n} = \frac{1}{4}(2\gamma_2 - \gamma_1 + \gamma_3)\sqrt{n} = \bar{c}(\gamma)\sqrt{n}$$

$$\bar{c}(\gamma) = \frac{1}{4}(2\gamma_2 - \gamma_1 + \gamma_3)$$

$$c = c(\omega) \approx \bar{c}(\gamma)\sqrt{n}.$$

Let $H_\mu = \{x+y+z = \mu\}$

$$B_\gamma = \{0 \leq x \leq \gamma_1, 0 \leq y \leq \gamma_2, 0 \leq z \leq \gamma_3\},$$

and let ℓ be the line on H_μ with

$$y = \bar{c}(\gamma);$$

ℓ splits $B_\gamma \cap H_\mu$ into the corresponding $h_1 \cup h_2$.

Denote by D_α the dilation by $\alpha : D_\alpha(x, y, z) = (\alpha x, \alpha y, \alpha z)$.

finally, let P_1 denote the projection on the x - y plane, P_2 on the y - z plane.

Projections and dilations commute!

We have:

$$(1) B_\omega = D_{\sqrt{n}}(B_\gamma).$$

$$(2) H_m \approx D_{\sqrt{n}}(H_\mu), \text{ in the sense that the two planes are parallel, with distance } \leq 1 \text{ between them.}$$

Similarly,

$$(3) H_m \cap B_\omega \approx D_{\sqrt{n}}(H_\mu \cap B_\gamma).$$

$$(4) L \approx D_{\sqrt{n}}(l) \text{ and}$$

$$(5) H_j \approx D_{\sqrt{n}}(h_j), j = 1, 2 \text{ (in the above sense).}$$

It follows that

$$(6) P_1(H_1) \approx P_1(D_{\sqrt{n}}(h_1)) = D_{\sqrt{n}}(P_1(h_1)) \text{ in the sense that the two are polygons (in the } x\text{-}y \text{ plane) with parallel boundaries}$$

and the distance between two corresponding edges is less than

$$1. \text{ Similarly, } P_2(H_2) \approx P_2(D_{\sqrt{n}}(h_2)) = D_{\sqrt{n}}(P_2(h_2)).$$

To simplify $Y_4(\lambda)$, we need the following trivial:

Lemma 1: Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ be a "nice" domain (a polygon, for example) and let $f(x, y)$ be continuous and homogeneous of degree

ν on $\Omega : f(\alpha x, \alpha y) = \alpha^\nu f(x, y)$. Then

$$\iint_{D_{\sqrt{n}}(\Omega)} f(x, y) dx dy = n^{\nu/2} \iint_{\Omega} f(u, v) du dv \approx \sum_{\substack{(i_1, i_2) \in \\ D_{\sqrt{n}}(\Omega) \cap \mathbb{Z}^2}} \frac{f(i_1, i_2) \epsilon}{\sqrt{n}}.$$

Proof. Substitute $x = \sqrt{n}u$, $y = \sqrt{n}v$ to get $=$. Approximate $\iint_{\Omega} f(u,v)dudv$ by the Riemann sum determined by the lattice $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\mathbb{Z}^2$ to get \approx .

Lemma 2: Let Ω be a polygon, and A_n a sequence of polygons in \mathbb{R}^2 such that $A_n \approx D_{\sqrt{n}}(\Omega)$ (in the sense defined previously). Let $f(x,y)$ be any continuous function, then

$$\iint_{D_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}}(A_n)} f(x,y)dxdy \approx \iint_{A_n} f(x,y)dxdy.$$

Proof. By Lemma 1 (=), it is enough to show that

$$\iint_{D_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}}(A_n)} f(u,v)dudv \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \iint_{\Omega} f(u,v)dudv.$$

This is obvious, since by assumptions, $D_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}}(A_n) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \Omega$, and f is continuous. \square

Corollary 3: Let Ω, A_n be polygons as in Lemma 2, $f(x,y)$ as in Lemma 1, then

$$\sum_{(i_1, i_2) \in A_n \cap \mathbb{Z}^2} \frac{f(i_1, i_2)}{\sqrt{n}} \approx \iint_{D_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}}(\Omega)} f(x,y)dxdy.$$

Special Cases 4: First, let $A_n = P_1(H_1) \approx D_{\sqrt{n}}(P_1(h_1)) = P_1(H_1^*)$ with $f(x,y) = y-x$ ($v=1$), then (in 1.1)

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{(i_1, i_2, i_3) \in S_1} \frac{(i_2 - i_1)}{(i_1, i_2) \in P_1(S_1)} = \sum_{(i_2 - i_1)} \frac{(i_2 - i_1)}{(i_1, i_2) \in P_1(S_1)} \\ & = \sum_{(i_1, i_2) \in P_1(H_1) \cap \mathbb{Z}^2} \frac{(i_2 - i_1)}{(i_1, i_2)} \\ & \approx \iint_{P_1(H_1)} (y-x)dxdy \approx \iint_{P_1(H_1^*)} (y-x)dxdy. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, $\sum_{(i_1) \in S_2} (i_3 - i_2) \approx \iint_{P_2(H_2)} (z-y)dydz \approx \iint_{P_2(H_2^*)} (z-y)dydz$.

Next, choose $f(x,y) = 1$ ($v=0$) to conclude

$$\#S_1 = \sum_{(i_1) \in S_1} 1 \approx \iint_{P_1(H_1^*)} dx dy = \text{Area}(P_1(H_1^*)),$$

and similarly,

$$\#(S_2 \setminus L) \approx \#S_2 \approx \text{Area}(P_2(H_2^*)).$$

Thus $Y_4(\lambda) \approx Y_4^*(\lambda) = \omega_1 \text{Area}(P_1(H_1^*)) + \omega_2 \text{Area}(P_2(H_2^*)) + \iint_{P_1(H_1^*)} (y-x)dxdy + \iint_{P_2(H_2^*)} (z-y)dydz$. (1.2)

Recall: $P_j(H_j^*) = D_{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}}(P_j(h_j))$, $j=1,2$, i.e. m can be replaced by $m' = \frac{1}{4}(\omega_1 + 2\omega_2 + 3\omega_3)$ and c by $c' = \frac{1}{4}(2\omega_2 - \omega_1 + \omega_3)$.

§2. THE MAIN RESULT FOR $Y_4(\lambda)$

The main result of this paper is

Theorem 5: Let $\lambda \in \Lambda_4(n, a, \delta)$ ($a, \delta > 0$),

$\lambda = (\omega_1 + \dots + \omega_4, \omega_2 + \omega_3 + \omega_4, \omega_3 + \omega_4, \omega_4)$, then for large n ,

$$Y_4(\lambda) \approx \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \omega_1 \omega_2 \omega_3 - \frac{1}{8} \min(\omega_1, \omega_3) (\omega_1 - \omega_3)^2 & \text{if } \omega_2 > \frac{|\omega_1 - \omega_3|}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \omega_2 \min(\omega_1, \omega_3) (\omega_2 + \min(\omega_1, \omega_3)) \leq \frac{1}{2} \omega_1 \omega_2 \omega_3 - \frac{1}{2} \omega_2 \min(\omega_1, \omega_3) & \text{if } \omega_2 \leq \frac{|\omega_1 - \omega_3|}{2}. \end{cases}$$

Note. It follows that for such λ 's, $Y_4(\lambda) < \frac{1}{2} \omega_1 \omega_2 \omega_3$ (large n), hence $2Y_4(\lambda) < \omega_1 \omega_2 \omega_3$. By [2, Th. 3.22],

$\omega_1 \omega_2 \omega_3 \lesssim m_\lambda$ so for large n ,

$$\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{\pi} \cdot \frac{4}{\sqrt{\pi}} \cdot \frac{1}{n\sqrt{n}} \cdot 4^n \approx 2 \deg \psi_4(n) < c_n(F_2).$$

Moreover, this inequality neglects at least the sums

$$2 \left(\sum_{\omega_2 > \left| \frac{\omega_1 - \omega_3}{2} \right|} \frac{1}{8} \min(\omega_1, \omega_3) (\omega_1 - \omega_3)^2 d_\lambda + \sum_{\omega_2 \leq \left| \frac{\omega_1 - \omega_3}{2} \right|} \frac{1}{2} \omega_2^2 \min(\omega_1, \omega_3) d_\lambda \right)$$

which would increase the lower bound significantly. Their actual asymptotic computations involve complicated multi-integrals, yet to be done. This hints that the upper bound ($\approx t_n(F_2)$) is, probably, the asymptotic value of $c_n(F_2)$.

The proof of Theorem 5 is based on formula (1.2), and is done by geometric methods. The proof itself falls into subdivisions corresponding to the various inequalities among $\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3$. By (1.2) we may assume

$$m = \frac{\omega_1 + 2\omega_2 + 3\omega_3}{4}$$

and $c = \frac{1}{4}(2\omega_2 - \omega_1 + \omega_3)$.

Therefore $0 < c \Leftrightarrow 2\omega_2 > (\omega_1 - \omega_3)$ } $\Leftrightarrow \omega_2 > \left| \frac{\omega_1 - \omega_3}{2} \right|$.
 $\omega_2 > c \Leftrightarrow 2\omega_2 > (\omega_3 - \omega_1)$

Thus, the case $\omega_2 > \left| \frac{\omega_1 - \omega_3}{2} \right|$ corresponds to $0 < c < \omega_2$,

and $\omega_2 \leq \left| \frac{\omega_1 - \omega_3}{2} \right|$ to $c \leq 0$ or $\omega_2 \leq c$.

The case $\omega_2 \leq \left| \frac{\omega_1 - \omega_3}{2} \right|$

Here there are two subcases, (α) and (β):

(α) $\omega_1 \geq \omega_3$, so $0 < 2\omega_2 \leq \omega_1 - \omega_3$, therefore $2\omega_2 + \omega_3 \leq \omega_1$ (2.1)

and thus $c = \frac{1}{4}(2\omega_2 - \omega_1 + \omega_3) \leq 0$,

hence $P_1(H_1') = \emptyset$

and $Y_4'(\lambda) = \omega_2 \text{Area}(P_2(H_2')) + \iint_{P_2(H_2')} (z-y) dy dz$.

Since $m - \omega_1 = \frac{1}{4}(2\omega_2 - 3(\omega_1 - \omega_3)) \leq \frac{1}{4}(2\omega_2 - (\omega_1 - \omega_3)) \leq 0$

and $m - \omega_3 = \frac{1}{4}(2\omega_2 + \omega_1 - \omega_3) \geq \frac{1}{4}(2\omega_2 + 2\omega_2) = \omega_2 \geq 0$,

therefore $\omega_1 \geq m \geq \omega_2 + \omega_3$.

Thus Figure 1 becomes Figure 2a:

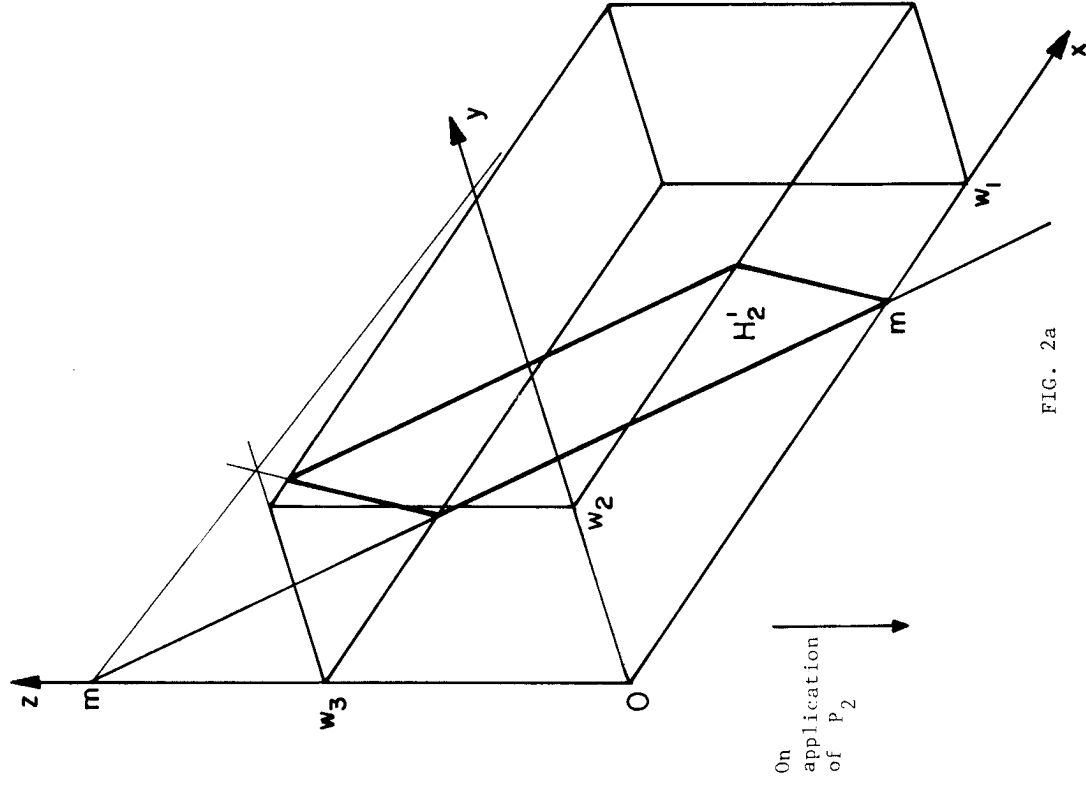


FIG. 2a

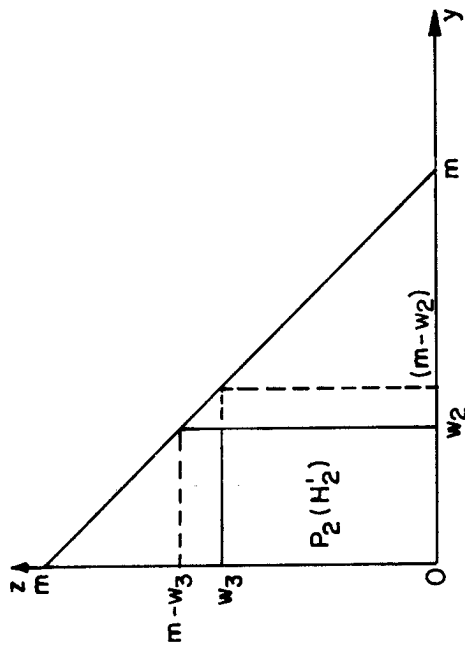


FIG. 2b

Clearly, $\omega_2 \text{Area}(P_2(H'_2)) = \omega_2^2 \omega_3$

and
$$\iint_{P_2(H'_2)} (z-y) dy dz = \int_0^{\omega_3} \int_0^{\omega_2} (z-y) dy dz =$$

$$= \int_0^{\omega_3} (\omega_2 z - \frac{1}{2} \omega_2^2) dz = \frac{1}{2} (\omega_2 \omega_3^2 - \omega_3^3 \omega_2^2),$$

so that
$$Y'_4(\lambda) = \omega_2^2 \omega_3 + \frac{1}{2} (\omega_2 \omega_3^2 - \omega_3^3 \omega_2^2) = \frac{1}{2} (\omega_2 \omega_3^2 + \omega_2^2 \omega_3) =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \omega_2 \omega_3 (\omega_2 + \omega_3) \leq \frac{1}{2} \omega_2 \omega_3 (\omega_1 + \omega_2) =$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \omega_1 \omega_2 \omega_3 - \frac{1}{2} \omega_2^2 \omega_3. \tag{by (2.1)}$$

For (α) , $\omega_3 = \min(\omega_1, \omega_3)$, therefore

$$Y_4(\lambda) \approx Y'_4(\lambda) = \frac{1}{2} \omega_2 \min(\omega_1, \omega_3) (\omega_2 + \min(\omega_1, \omega_3))$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{2} \omega_1 \omega_2 \omega_3 - \frac{1}{2} \omega_2 \min(\omega_1, \omega_3),$$

as required.

(β) $\omega_3 > \omega_1$, $0 < 2\omega_2 \leq \omega_3 - \omega_1$. Then

$$2\omega_2 + \omega_1 \leq \omega_3 \tag{2.2}$$

and thus $c \geq \omega_2$ ($c = \frac{1}{4}(2\omega_2 - \omega_1 + \omega_3)$). Hence, for this case,

$P_2(H'_2) = \emptyset$, and

$$Y'_4(\lambda) = \omega_1 \text{Area}(P_1(H'_1)) + \iint_{P_1(H'_1)} (y-x) dx dy.$$

Here $m - \omega_3 = \frac{1}{4}(2\omega_2 + \omega_1 - \omega_3) \leq 0$

and $m - \omega_1 = \frac{1}{4}(2\omega_2 - 3(\omega_1 - \omega_3)) > \frac{1}{4}(2\omega_2 + 6\omega_2) > 2\omega_2 > 0$ [by (2.2)]

hence $\omega_3 \geq m > \omega_1 + \omega_2$.

Figure 1 now becomes Figure 3a:

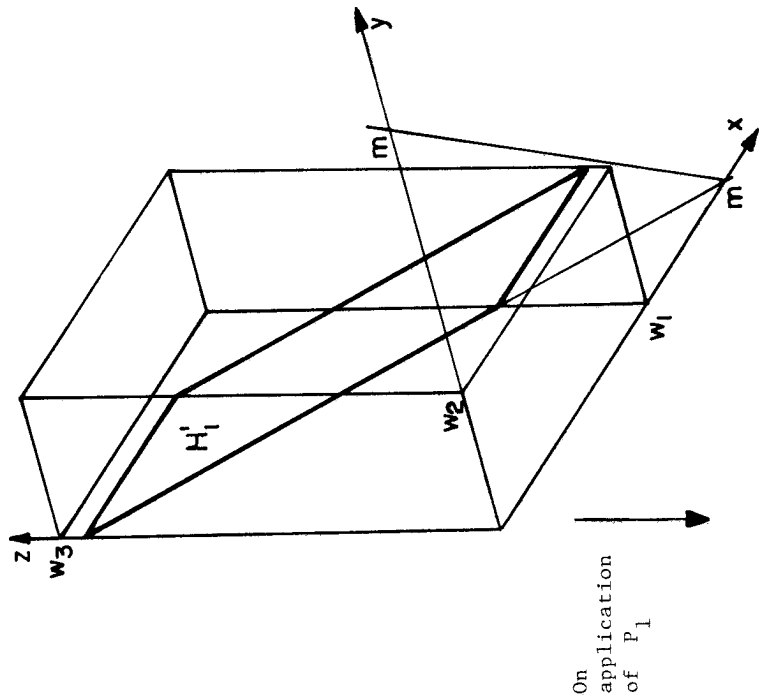


FIG. 3a

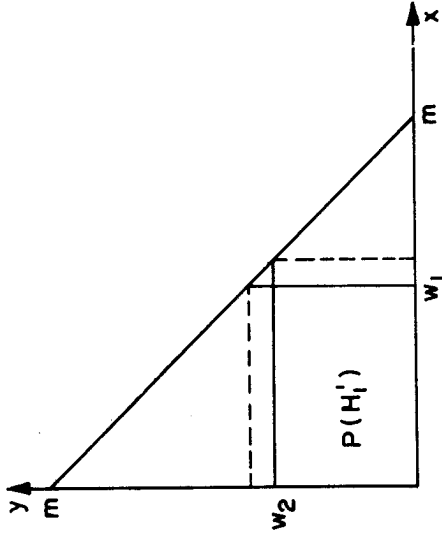


FIG. 3b

Now, $\omega_1 \text{Area}(P_1(H'_1)) = \omega_1^2 \omega_2$

and
$$\iint_{P_1(H'_1)} (y-x) dx dy = \frac{1}{2} (\omega_1 \omega_2^2 - \omega_1^2 \omega_2)$$

so
$$Y'_4(\lambda) = \frac{1}{2} \omega_1 \omega_2 (\omega_2 + \omega_1) \leq \frac{1}{2} \omega_1 \omega_2 \omega_3 - \frac{1}{2} \omega_2^2 \omega_1 \quad [\text{by (2.2)}]$$

For (β), $\omega_1 = \min(\omega_1, \omega_3)$, therefore

$$\begin{aligned} Y_4(\lambda) &\approx Y'_4(\lambda) = \frac{1}{2} \omega_2 \min(\omega_1, \omega_3) (\omega_2 + \min(\omega_1, \omega_3)) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \omega_1 \omega_2 \omega_3 - \frac{1}{2} \omega_2^2 \min(\omega_1, \omega_3) \end{aligned}$$

as required.

(α) and (β) complete the case $\omega_2 \leq \left| \frac{\omega_1 - \omega_3}{2} \right|$:

$$\begin{aligned} Y_4(\lambda) &\approx \frac{1}{2} \omega_2 [\min(\omega_1, \omega_3)] (\omega_2 + \min(\omega_1, \omega_3)) \\ &\leq \frac{1}{2} \omega_1 \omega_2 \omega_3 - \frac{1}{2} \omega_2^2 \min(\omega_1, \omega_3) \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

The case $\omega_2 > \left| \frac{\omega_1 - \omega_3}{2} \right|$

Here $0 < c < \frac{1}{2} \omega_2$, hence $P_i(H'_i) \neq \emptyset$, $i=1,2$. Also, each $P_i(H'_i)$ might be a polygon more complicated than the previous rectangles. For these reasons, the evaluation of $Y'_4(\lambda)$ in this case, although similar in nature to the previous calculations, is longer and much more involved.

It is subdivided into the subcases $\omega_1 \geq \omega_3$ or $\omega_1 < \omega_3$. We did it by drawing $P_i(H'_i)$, $i=1,2$, on the same plane, then evaluating the corresponding expression for $Y'_4(\lambda)$. This involved the computation, by Green's theorem, of $\iint_D (x_1 - x_2) dx_1 dx_2$ over the various possible polygons $D = P_i(H'_i)$. We spare the reader the details, which lead to

$$Y'_4(\lambda) \approx \frac{1}{2} \omega_1 \omega_2 \omega_3 - \frac{1}{8} \min(\omega_1, \omega_3) \cdot (\omega_1 - \omega_3)^2, \text{ if } \omega_2 > \left| \frac{\omega_1 - \omega_3}{2} \right|, \text{ and}$$

thus completes the proof of Theorem 5.

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