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# Sub and supersolutions in shape optimization

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## Generic problem

$$\min_{|\Omega|=m} F(\lambda_1(\Omega), \dots, \lambda_k(\Omega)),$$

or (to be simple)

$$\min_{|\Omega|=m} \lambda_k(\Omega),$$

$\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^N$  open,  $|\Omega|$  the Lebesgue measure,

$$\lambda_1(\Omega) \leq \lambda_2(\Omega) \leq \dots \leq \lambda_k(\Omega)$$

the first  $k$  eigenvalues of the Laplacian with **Dirichlet** b.c.

Questions :

- ▶ existence of a solution :  $\Omega$
- ▶ properties of  $\Omega$  coming from **optimality** : regularity, symmetry, convexity,...**is it the ball** ?
- ▶ numerical computations

## Examples

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u = \lambda u & \text{in } \Omega \\ u = 0 & \text{on } \partial\Omega \end{cases}$$

$$0 < \lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_k \leq \dots \rightarrow +\infty$$

Variational definition :

$$\lambda_1(\Omega) = \min_{u \in H_0^1(\Omega), u \neq 0} \frac{\int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^2 dx}{\int_{\Omega} |u|^2 dx}$$

$$\lambda_k(\Omega) = \min_{S_k \in H_0^1(\Omega)} \max_{u \in S_k} \frac{\int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^2 dx}{\int_{\Omega} |u|^2 dx}$$

## Rayleigh 1877

Faber-Krahn 1920 : the solution of

$$\min_{|\Omega|=m} \lambda_1(\Omega)$$

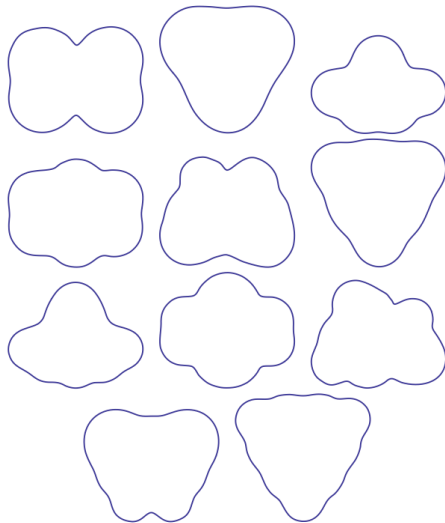
is the **ball**.

Proof : Schwarz rearrangement of  $u \in H_0^1(\Omega)$ ,  $u \geq 0$  on a ball.

## Other eigenvalues

- ▶  $\min_{|\Omega|=m} \lambda_2(\Omega)$  : **two balls** of volume  $\frac{m}{2}$ , Faber-Krahn 1923
- ▶  $\min \frac{\lambda_1(\Omega)}{\lambda_2(\Omega)}$  : **ball**, Ashbaugh-Benguria 1993
- ▶  $\min_{|\Omega|=m} \lambda_3(\Omega)$  : **conjecture** : ball in 2D
- ▶  $\min_{|\Omega|=m} \lambda_4(\Omega)$  : **conjecture** : two balls of different measures in 2D
- ▶  $\min_{|\Omega|=m} \lambda_{13}(\Omega)$  : is not a union of balls, Wolf and Keller 1992
- ▶  $\min_{|\Omega|=m} \lambda_5(\Omega)$  : is not a union of balls, Oudet 2002

Oudet 2004, **Antunes-Freitas 2012** :  $\lambda_5$  to  $\lambda_{15}$



## Existence of a solution

Theorem Buttazzo-Dal Maso 1991

Let  $D$  be bounded and open. If  $F$  is increasing in each variable and l.s.c., the problem

$$\min_{|\Omega|=c, \Omega \subset D} F(\lambda_1(\Omega), \dots, \lambda_k(\Omega))$$

has a solution.

Examples :

- ▶  $F(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k) = 5\lambda_1 + \lambda_2\lambda_5$
- ▶  $F(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k) = \lambda_k$
- ▶ not admissible  $F(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k) = \lambda_1 - \lambda_2$



## Idea of the proof

- ▶  $(\Omega_n)_n$  minimizing sequence
- ▶  $\Omega_{n_k} \rightarrow \mu$  in an appropriate sense :  $\gamma$ -convergence
- ▶  $\lambda_j(\Omega_{n_k}) \rightarrow \lambda_j(\mu)$  the spectrum follows the geometry

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u + \mu u = \lambda u & \text{in } D \\ u \in H_0^1(D) \cap L^2(D, \mu) \end{cases}$$

- ▶ mononicity implies that  $\mu$  is a true domain

The solution depends on  $D$ , and is a priori not smooth (even not open)!

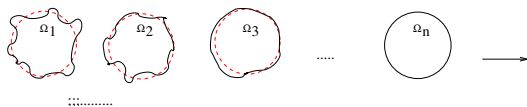
## Global minimizers ?

- ▶ replace  $D = \mathbb{R}^N$  : key point for optimality conditions

# Global minimization in $\mathbb{R}^N$

Concentration-compactness principle for functions P.L. Lions : 3 possibilities

► compactness :



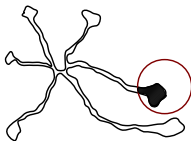
by translation one can concentrate the mass

► dichotomy :



"two distancing pieces"

► vanishing :



nowhere mass concentration

## Theorem B. 1998

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## Application to $\lambda_3$

B. Henrot 1998

$$\min_{|\Omega|=m} \lambda_3(\Omega)$$

- ▶ if compactness, we construct  $\mu$  and by monotonicity  $\implies$  existence of a solution
- ▶ if dichotomy, we replace the minimizing sequence by  $\Omega_k^1 \cup \Omega_k^2$  !  
The optimum consists on three balls...



## Mazzoleni and Pratelli JMPA 2013

Different approach for existence in  $\mathbb{R}^N$ .

Theorem (Independent on the optimization problem)

*For every smooth open set there exists a bounded open set of the same measure, with controlled diameter and lower or equal first  $k$ -eigenvalues.*

Consequence : the existence result of Buttazzo-Dal Maso is global in  $\mathbb{R}^N$  ! Existence of one bounded minimizer.

## Free boundary approach

Alt and Caffarelli 1981 : the capacity problem

$K$  given

$$\min \left\{ \int |\nabla u|^2 dx + |\{u > 0\}| : u \in H_0^1(\text{box}), u = 1 \text{ on } K \right\}.$$

The free boundary  $\partial\{u > 0\}$  = the shape

- ▶ exists
- ▶ is smooth
- ▶ satisfies density estimates

Tool : local perturbations in balls.

Energy and  $\lambda_1$  : Pierre-Briançon-Hayouni-Lamboley-Landais  
1996-2008

## Free boundary approach : shape subsolutions

For  $f \equiv 1$ , the torsion energy

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Theorem (B. ARMA 2012)

If  $\Omega$  is a subsolution then  $\Omega$  is *bounded* and has *finite perimeter*.

- ▶ Only inner perturbations allowed!
- ▶ If  $\int_{B_{2r}(x)} u dx$  is small enough, then  $u \equiv 0$  on  $B_r(x) \implies$  *inner density, boundedness and control of the diameter.*
- ▶ Control on  $\int_0^\varepsilon |\nabla u| dx \implies$  *finite perimeter.*

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The variation of the torsion controls the variation of the eigenvalue, with a constant depending on the larger domain :

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## Shape supersolutions : regularity of minimizers

Supersolution= optimal for outer geometric perturbations !

Theorem (Alt-Caffarelli, ... Pierre)

Let  $f \in L^\infty(\Omega)$  and the function  $u \in \tilde{H}_0^1(\Omega)$  which satisfies the following conditions :

- (a)  $-\Delta u = f$  in  $[\tilde{H}_0^1(\Omega)]'$  ;
- (b) there are constants  $r_0 \leq 1$  and  $C_b$  such that for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ , every  $0 < r \leq r_0$  and every  $\varphi \in H_0^1(B_r(x))$  we have

$$|\langle \Delta u + f, \varphi \rangle| \leq C_b \|\nabla \varphi\|_{L^2} |B_r|^{1/2}. \quad (3)$$

Then  $u$  is Lipschitz continuous on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , with controlled constant.

If  $\lambda_k$  were simple  $\implies$  the result applies !

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Theorem (B., Mazzoleni, Pratelli, Velichkov 2013)

For every bounded shape supersolution  $\Omega^*$  of the problem

$$\min \left\{ \lambda_k(\Omega) : \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d, |\Omega| = c \right\},$$

there exists a Lipschitz  $k$ -th eigenfunction.

Example : under the constraint  $|\Omega| = m$ , any minimizer  $\Omega$  of

$$\lambda_1(\Omega) + \dots + \lambda_k(\Omega)$$

is an open set and all eigenfunctions up to  $k$  are Lipschitz.

## Multiphase shape optimization (B. Velichkov 2013)

$$\min \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^N \lambda_{k_i}(\Omega_i) + c \left| \bigcup_{i=1}^N \Omega_i \right| : \Omega_i \cap \Omega_j = \emptyset, \Omega_i \subseteq D \right\}$$

- ▶ general existence of quasi-open sets B. Buttazzo, Henrot 1998
- ▶ each cell is a sub solution : finite perimeter, density estimates
- ▶ no triple junction points : multiphase monotonicity formula Caffarelli, Jerison and Kenig

$$\prod_{i=1}^3 \left( \frac{1}{r^{2+\epsilon}} \int_{B_r} \frac{|\nabla u_i|^2}{|x|^{d-2}} dx \right) \leq C_d \left( 1 + \sum_{i=1}^3 \int_{B_1} \frac{|\nabla u_i|^2}{|x|^{d-2}} dx \right).$$

## Numerical results (Bogosel 2013)



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Thank you for your attention !