
The Truncated Moment Problem for Unital Commutative \mathbb{R} -Algebras

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Abstract

Let A be a unital commutative \mathbb{R} -algebra, K a closed subset of the character space of A , and B a linear subspace of A . For a linear functional $L : B \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, we investigate conditions under which L admits an integral representation with respect to a positive Radon measure supported in K . When A is equipped with a submultiplicative seminorm, we employ techniques from the theory of positive extensions of linear functionals to prove a criterion for the existence of such an integral representation for L . When no topology is prescribed on A , we identify suitable assumptions on A , K , B and L which allow us to construct a seminormed structure on A , so as to exploit our previous result to get an integral representation for L .

Our main theorems allow us to extend some well-known results on the Classical Truncated Moment Problem, the Truncated Moment Problem for point processes, and the Subnormal Completion Problem for 2-variable weighted shifts. We also analyze the relation between the Full and the Truncated Moment Problem in our general setting; we obtain a suitable generalization of Stochel's Theorem, which readily applies to Full Moment Problems for localized algebras.

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