

Correctness, proof completeness, and novelty audit

The Dirichlet spectrum

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SUMMARY

01	Statements	Correct
02	Proofs	Contains incorrect or incomplete proofs
03	Novelty	No non-novelty findings

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01 / STATEMENTS

Statements

Correct

The interval theorem for Dirichlet spectra in every matrix dimension other than $(1, 1)$, its weighted lattice-flow extension, and the stated ψ -spectrum consequences are correct. The printed upper-uniformity construction fails at rational line parameters, but a direct uniform Dirichlet estimate repairs both affected applications. The remaining notation errors are mechanically identifiable as typos.

Theorem 1: The full Dirichlet spectrum is an interval outside dimension $(1, 1)$

Page 2 and pages 6–14 · Theorem 1 and its deduction from Theorems 2 and 5 · arXiv:2412.05858v1

Correct

For the compacta $K_\varepsilon = \{\Lambda : \lambda_1(\Lambda) \geq \varepsilon\}$, the extended threshold equals the limsup of the first minimum along the diagonal orbit. Lemma 2 identifies its appropriate power with the limsup defining the Dirichlet constant. The topological theorem produces every interior value from the dense full-measure set of maximal limsup points and the dense connected family on which the limsup is zero. The zero endpoint is realized on those rational affine families, while the maximal endpoint is realized on a full-measure set. This gives $\mathbb{D}_{m,n} = [0, \Delta]$ and uncountably many realizations in every open set when $\max(m, n) > 1$.

Theorem 2: Weighted extended spectra for arbitrary compact exhaustions

Page 3 and pages 10–14 · Theorem 2 and Section 5.1 · arXiv:2412.05858v1

Correct

Composing the continuous exhaustion gauge with $g_{t,\alpha,\beta}\Lambda_\Theta$ gives the continuous function required by Theorem 5. For $n = 1$, rational affine lines supply the upper-uniform family. The direct Dirichlet estimate recorded under Proofs is uniform in the line parameter and tends to zero because $\alpha_{\max} < 1$. For $n \geq 2$, rational affine planes $\Theta\mathbf{i} = \mathbf{z}$ contain a fixed contracting lattice vector. Kleinbock–Weiss equidistribution shows that almost every expanding-horosphere point visits every E_c with $c < b$ at arbitrarily large times. The endpoint arguments then give the entire interval $[0, b]$.

Theorem 3 and Corollary 1: The ψ -Dirichlet spectrum and prescribed uniform exponent

Pages 4–5 and 14–20 · Theorem 3, Corollary 1, and technical lemmas · arXiv:2412.05858v1

Correct

The same connected-family argument applies to $\lambda_{\Theta,\psi}$. When $n = 1$, the additional condition $t^m\psi(t) \rightarrow \infty$ is exactly $\psi(t)^{-1/m} = o(t)$; the repaired direct Dirichlet estimate under Proofs then tends uniformly to zero. For $n \geq 2$, the fixed rational kernel vector contracts as $t^{-1/n}$. Lemma 1 transfers the almost-everywhere positive limsup for the Dirichlet scale t^{-1} to infinite limsup at the smaller function $\psi = o(t^{-1})$, supplying the dense maximal set. Lemma 2 then converts the power-law choice of ψ into the claimed simultaneous prescription of the uniform exponent and the critical limsup.

Definitions of χ and χ_γ : The approximating vector is printed in the wrong ambient set

Pages 1 and 4 · definitions of $\chi(\Theta, t)$ and $\chi_\gamma(\Theta, t)$ · arXiv:2412.05858v1

Typo

Both displays place $\mathbf{p}$ in $\mathbb{R}^m$. Literally, the minimum would then be zero by choosing $\mathbf{p} = \Theta \mathbf{q}$. Every surrounding statement, formula (4), the definition of $\lambda_{\Theta, \psi}$, Lemma 2, and every proof instead use $\mathbf{p} \in \mathbb{Z}^m$. Replacing $\mathbb{R}^m$ by $\mathbb{Z}^m$ in the two displays is therefore a uniquely determined symbol correction. Under the audit's typo rule, it does not make the central theorems incorrect.

02 / PROOFS

Proofs

Contains incorrect or incomplete proofs

The topological interpolation theorem and the technical comparison lemmas are correct. In both $n = 1$ homogeneous-space applications, however, the printed proof asks for an infinite strictly improving approximation sequence even when the line parameter is rational, where no such sequence exists. A direct Dirichlet estimate gives a verified uniform repair. The remaining notation and indexing slips are local and harmless.

Theorem 5: Nested connected interpolation realizes every intermediate limsup

Pages 8–10 · Theorem 5 and its proof · arXiv:2412.05858v1

Correct and complete

At each stage a point with value above c is joined, inside one connected member of the distinguished family, to a point whose entire late-time tail is below $c - \varepsilon_k$. The two closed subsets defined by staying below $c - \varepsilon_{k+1}$ and reaching at least c cannot separate that connected set, so an intermediate point and a smaller neighborhood satisfy both the upper bound and a near- c witness. Compactly nested closures give a common point; the covering time intervals bound its eventual values by c , and the witnesses force limsup c . Diagonal avoidance of a purported enumeration proves uncountability.

The $n = 1$ upper-uniformity estimates: The strictly improving sequence does not exist for rational parameters, but a direct estimate repairs both uses

Pages 11–15 · $n = 1$ cases in the proofs of Theorems 2 and 3 · arXiv:2412.05858v1

Incorrect as written · verified repair

Both applications choose an infinite sequence q_k with strictly decreasing errors $|q_k y - p_k|$. When $y \in \mathbb{Q}$, an exact zero error occurs and no infinite strictly decreasing sequence exists, so the subsequent balancing times are undefined; rational values of y do occur on the chosen affine lines. For any integer $N \geq 1$, Dirichlet's theorem instead gives $1 \leq q \leq N$ and $|qy - p| \leq 1/N$, uniformly in y . In the proof of Theorem 2, take N comparable to $t^{(1+\alpha_{\max})/2}$. Then the constructed lattice vector satisfies

$$\max \left\{ \frac{q}{t}, i_{\max} t^{\alpha_{\max}} |qy - p| \right\} \leq C t^{(\alpha_{\max}-1)/2} \longrightarrow 0.$$

In the proof of Theorem 3, take N comparable to $(t\psi(t)^{-1/m})^{1/2}$ to obtain

$$\max \left\{ \frac{q}{t}, i_{\max} \psi(t)^{-1/m} |qy - p| \right\} \leq C \left(\frac{\psi(t)^{-1/m}}{t} \right)^{1/2} \longrightarrow 0.$$

The constants are fixed on each rational affine line, so both estimates are uniform on compact subsets and verify the required upper uniformity for rational and irrational y at once. The two auxiliary claims should correspondingly require their threshold to be uniform on compact subsets; the repaired estimates satisfy that corrected premise. For $n \geq 2$, the printed fixed-kernel-vector argument is unaffected, and the equidistribution step supplies the dense maximal-limsup set.

Lemmas 1–4: Successive minimizers and limsup comparison

Pages 16–20 · technical lemmas and proofs · arXiv:2412.05858v1

Correct and complete

Successive minimizing pairs have strictly increasing denominator norms and strictly decreasing errors. Their balancing times are precisely the local maxima of $\lambda_{\Theta, \psi}$. If $\lambda_{\Theta, \psi}$ stayed bounded while $\psi = o(t^{-1})$, the products $\|\mathbf{q}_{k+1}\|^n \|\Theta \mathbf{q}_k - \mathbf{p}_k\|^m$ would tend to zero; balancing the same pairs at the Dirichlet scale would then force $\limsup \lambda_{\Theta, t^{-1}} = 0$, a contradiction. The analogous balancing calculation for ψ_γ yields exactly the exponent $1 + \gamma n/m$ and proves the comparison with $\chi_{\gamma n/m}$.

Section 5.2 line family: One occurrence of $\mathbb{Z}^m$ must be $\mathbb{Q}^m$

Page 14 · first paragraph of the $n = 1$ case in the proof of Theorem 3 · arXiv:2412.05858v1

Typo

The proof says “as before” but prints the line family with both $\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{Z}^m$; the earlier locally connected family has $\mathbf{i} \in \mathbb{Z}^m$ and $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{Q}^m$. The subsequent sentence invokes the earlier local-connectedness proof and the construction again chooses a denominator clearing $\mathbf{z}$, so $\mathbb{Q}^m$ is the intended set. Restoring it makes the cited argument apply verbatim.

Proof of Theorem 5: Two compact-set and enumeration indices are locally misstated

Pages 8–10 · base step and final uncountability paragraph · arXiv:2412.05858v1

Minor formal correction

Upper uniformity applies on compact sets, so the base-step bound should be stated on $X_{j_0} \cap \overline{\Omega_0}$ rather than all of X_{j_0} ; this is exactly the set used later. In the diagonal argument, exclude v_k when choosing the k th smaller neighborhood rather than the printed v_{k+1} . Both corrections are internal to the proof, mechanically preserve its induction, and change no theorem statement.

03 / NOVELTY

Novelty

No non-novelty findings

No non-novelty findings.

METHOD

Scope and decision rules

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