Weyl's Law on Compact Heisenberg Manifolds

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Theorem (Weyl-1911)

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• One can generalize Weyl's law to Riemannian manifolds.

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- Every CR manifold comes with a Kohn Laplacian (CR version of standard Laplacian).

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• Main result:

Theorem (BGS⁺2021)

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• Compared to Weyl's law for standard Laplacian on S^{2n-1} ,

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• **Stanton-Tartakoff:** "Because of the group structure and its relationship to the Levi metric, analysis on the Heisenberg group is simpler than on other strongly pseudoconvex CR manifolds."

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• For $\alpha < 0$, n > 0,

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Corollary (FKZ2021)

Fix $d \ge 2$. Let $N(\lambda)$ be the eigenvalue counting function for \Box_b on M acting on (p,q)-forms, where $0 \le p < d + 1$, 0 < q < d. We have that

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- Hypersurface case: Weyl's law for the Kohn Laplacian on functions.
- Non-hypersurface case: Weyl's law the Kohn Laplacian on both functions and forms.

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