

On the real polynomial Bohnenblust–Hille inequality

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....complicated recursive formula....but in any case

$$B_{\mathbb{C},m}^{\text{mult}} < (m-1)^{0.31}$$

Complex multilinear BH: estimates for the constants

	Optimal	2014	2013	1995	1978	1931
$B_{C,3}^{\text{mult}} \leq$?	1.2184	1.24	1.27	2	4.17
$B_{C,4}^{\text{mult}} \leq$?	1.2889	1.32	1.44	2.83	6.73
$B_{C,5}^{\text{mult}} \leq$?	1.3474	1.42	$\approx ???1.44$	4	10.51
$B_{C,6}^{\text{mult}} \leq$?	1.3978	1.47	1.83	5.66	16.09
$B_{C,7}^{\text{mult}} \leq$?	1.4422	1.53	≈ 2.06	8	24.33
$B_{C,8}^{\text{mult}} \leq$?	1.4821	1.58	≈ 2.33	11.32	36.45
$B_{C,9}^{\text{mult}} \leq$?	1.5183	1.63	2.63	16	54.24
$B_{C,10}^{\text{mult}} \leq$?	1.5515	1.68	2.96	22.63	80.29
$B_{C,100}^{\text{mult}} \leq$?	2.5118	4.55	$1.56 \cdot 10^5$	$7.9 \cdot 10^{14}$	$8.14 \cdot 10^{15}$

Best known estimates

The best known (upper) formulas for the case of real and complex scalars, up to now, are:

(Bayart, D.P., Seoane, Advances in Mathematics 2014.

$$B_{\mathbb{C},m}^{\text{mult}} \leq \prod_{j=2}^m \Gamma\left(2 - \frac{1}{j}\right)^{\frac{j}{2-2j}}.$$

For real scalars and $m \geq 14$,

$$B_{\mathbb{R},m}^{\text{mult}} \leq 2^{\frac{446381}{55440} - \frac{m}{2}} \prod_{j=14}^m \left(\frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{j}\right)}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right)^{\frac{j}{2-2j}}$$

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for $2 \leq m \leq 13$.

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For instance, for **real** scalars,

$$B_{\mathbb{R},10}^{\text{mult}} \leq 2.6656$$

$$B_{\mathbb{R},100}^{\text{mult}} \leq 6.1493$$

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$$\sqrt{2} \leq B_{\mathbb{R},2}^{\text{mult}} \leq \sqrt{2}$$

$$1.587 \leq B_{\mathbb{R},3}^{\text{mult}} \leq 1.6818$$

$$1.681 \leq B_{\mathbb{R},4}^{\text{mult}} \leq 1.8877$$

$$1.741 \leq B_{\mathbb{R},5}^{\text{mult}} \leq 2.0586$$

$$2^{1-\frac{1}{n}} \leq B_{\mathbb{R},n}^{\text{mult}} \leq 2^{\frac{446381}{55440} - \frac{m}{2}} \prod_{j=14}^m \left(\frac{\Gamma(\frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{j})}{\sqrt{\pi}} \right)^{\frac{j}{2-2j}} < 1.3m^{0.36482}.$$

for $m \geq 14$. This last expression is dominated by (D. Diniz, G. Munoz,

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Theorem (Bayart, D.P, Seoane)

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{K_m}{\sqrt{\frac{\ln m}{m}}} = 1.$$

This finishes a problem that numerous researchers have been chipping away at for more than fifteen years.

Back to real scalars

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Theorem (Campos, Jimenez, Munoz, D.P and Seoane)

$$B_{\mathbb{R},m}^{\text{pol}} > \left(\frac{2\sqrt[4]{3}}{\sqrt{5}} \right)^m > (1.17)^m$$

for all positive integers $m > 1$.

Let m be an even integer. Consider the m -homogeneous polynomial

$$R_m(x_1, \dots, x_m) = (x_1^2 - x_2^2 + x_1x_2)(x_3^2 - x_4^2 + x_3x_4) \cdots (x_{m-1}^2 - x_m^2 + x_{m-1}x_m).$$

Since $\|R_2\| = 5/4$, it is simple to see that

$$\|R_m\| = (5/4)^{m/2}.$$

From the BH inequality for R_m we have

$$\left(\sum_{|\alpha|=m} |a_\alpha|^{\frac{2m}{m+1}} \right)^{\frac{m+1}{2m}} \leq D_{\mathbb{R},m} \|R_m\|,$$

that is,

$$D_{\mathbb{R},m} \geq \frac{\left(3\frac{m}{2}\right)^{\frac{m+1}{2m}}}{\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^{\frac{m}{2}}} \geq \frac{(\sqrt{3})^{\frac{m+1}{2}}}{\left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^{\frac{m}{2}}} > \left(\frac{2\sqrt[4]{3}}{\sqrt{5}}\right)^m.$$

The case m is odd is similar. Keeping the previous notation, consider the m homogeneous polynomial

$$R_m(x_1, \dots, x_{2m})$$

$$= (x_{2m} + x_{2m-1}) R_{m-1}(x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}) + (x_{2m} - x_{2m-1}) R_{m-1}(x_m, \dots, x_{2m-2})$$

and we get the same estimate.

The case of real scalars

In fact we have

Theorem (Campos, Jimenez, Munoz, D.P, Seoane)

$$\limsup_m \left(B_{\mathbb{R},m}^{pol} \right)^{1/m} = 2.$$

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consider $P_{\mathbb{C}}$ and we easily get from our estimate for complex scalars (and big m),

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\sum_{|\alpha|=m} |a_\alpha|^{\frac{2m}{m+1}} \right)^{\frac{m+1}{2m}} &\leq (1 + \varepsilon)^m \|P_{\mathbb{C}}\| \\ &\leq (1 + \varepsilon)^m 2^{m-1} \|P\| \\ &\leq (2 + \delta)^m \|P\| \end{aligned}$$

and we conclude that

$$\limsup_m (B_m^{pol})^{1/m} \leq 2.$$

The other inequality is a little bit more technical.

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