Asymptotics of multiple orthogonal polynomials for cubic weight

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Abstract: We consider the type I and type II multiple orthogonal polynomials (MOPs), satisfying nonhermitian orthogonality with respect to the weight $\exp(-z^3)$ on two unbounded contours on the complex plane. Under the assumption that the orthogonality conditions are distributed with a fixed proportion α , we ?nd the detailed (rescaled) asymptotics of these MOPs, and describe the phase transitions of this limit behavior as a function of α . This description is given in terms of the vector critical measure, the saddle point of the energy functional comprising both attracting and repelling forces. These critical measures are characterized by a cubic equation (spectral curve), and their components live on trajectories of a canonical quadratic differential on the Riemann surface of this equation. The structure of these trajectories and their deformations as function of α plays the crucial role.

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