ASYMPTOTIC BEHAVIOUR OF CUBOIDS MINIMISING DIRICHLET EIGENVALUES.

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We consider the shape optimisation of the Dirichlet eigenvalues of the Laplacian $\lambda_k, k \in \mathbb{N}$. In a collection of open sets in $\mathbb{R}^m, m \geq 2$, of prescribed measure, the focus is on determining a set which minimises the k-th Dirichlet eigenvalue. It is interesting to investigate the asymptotic behaviour of a sequence of such minimising sets as $k \to \infty$.

It was shown by Antunes and Freitas in 2012 that among planar rectangles of unit area, any sequence of minimising rectangles for the Dirichlet eigenvalues converges to the unit square as $k \to \infty$. The corresponding result for m = 3 was obtained in 2016 by van den Berg and Gittins. Some of the arguments used in these lower-dimensional cases cannot be invoked when $m \ge 4$.

For $m \geq 4$, we consider the collection of all unit-measure cuboids in \mathbb{R}^m , that is sets of the form $\prod_{i=1}^m (0, a_i)$. We prove that any sequence of such cuboids $(R_k^*)_k$ that minimise the Dirichlet eigenvalues converges to the unit cube as $k \to \infty$.

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