

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{4\pi^2} - \frac{1}{\pi^2} A &= \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \left[k^2 |\hat{x}(k)|^2 + k^2 |\hat{y}(k)|^2 - ik \overline{\hat{x}(k)} \hat{y}(k) + ik \hat{x}(k) \overline{\hat{y}(k)} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \left[|k \hat{x}(k) - i \hat{y}(k)|^2 + |k \hat{y}(k) + i \hat{x}(k)|^2 + (k^2 - 1) (|\hat{x}(k)|^2 + |\hat{y}(k)|^2) \right] \\ &\geq 0.\end{aligned}$$

There is equality iff $\hat{x}(k) = \hat{y}(k) = 0 \forall |k| \geq 2$, and $\hat{x}(1) = i \hat{y}(1)$.

Then $|\hat{x}(1)|^2 = 2\pi^2$ and $x(s) = x(0) + 2\pi \cos(2\pi s)$,

$$y(s) = y(0) + 2\pi \sin(2\pi s).$$

□

Weyl ergodic theorem

We consider here one of the simplest dynamical systems, i.e. rotations of the circle. Given $y \in \mathbb{R}$, let F_y be the map $\mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}$:

$$F_y(x) = x + y.$$

The key objects of dynamical systems are orbits, or trajectories.

The orbit of $x_0 \in \mathbb{T}$ is the sequence $(x_0, F_y(x_0), F_y^2(x_0), \dots)$ obtained by iterating the map F_y , starting at x_0 . If y is rational, then $F_y^k(x_0) = x_0$ for some finite k , and the orbit contains finitely many distinct points. If y is irrational, the points do not repeat, and we shall prove that they are uniformly distributed in \mathbb{T} .

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Let $\langle f \rangle_r$ denote the time average of f , with $x_n = F_y^n(x_0)$,

$$\langle f \rangle_r = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N+1} \sum_{n=0}^N f(x_n).$$

Let $\langle f \rangle_{ph}$ denote the phase-space average of f :

$$\langle f \rangle_{ph} = \int_0^1 f(x) dx.$$

Theorem 3.5 (Weyl ergodic theorem)

Suppose that y is irrational. Then $\langle f \rangle_r = \langle f \rangle_{ph}$ for all $f \in C(\mathbb{T})$, and all $x_0 \in \mathbb{T}$.

(The claim is not true if y is rational!)

Proof: We first prove the theorem for functions $e^{2\pi i k x}$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

If $k=0$, both averages are equal to 1. If $k \neq 0$, then

$$\langle e^{2\pi i k x} \rangle_{ph} = 0, \text{ and}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\langle e^{2\pi i k x} \rangle_r &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N+1} \sum_{n=0}^N e^{2\pi i k (x_0 + ny)} \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N+1} e^{2\pi i k x_0} \frac{1 - (e^{2\pi i k y})^{N+1}}{1 - e^{2\pi i k y}} \\ &= 0.\end{aligned}$$

Notice that $e^{2\pi i k y} \neq 1$ if y is irrational. The property extends to all trigonometric polynomials by linearity. Trigonometric

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polynomials are dense in $C(\mathbb{T})$ with the sup norm, so for any $F \in C(\mathbb{T})$ and any $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists a trigonometric polyn. g such that $\|F - g\|_\infty < \frac{\varepsilon}{2}$. Then

$$\left| \frac{1}{N+1} \sum_{n=0}^N F(x_n) - \int_0^1 F(x) dx \right| \leq \left| \frac{1}{N+1} \sum_{n=0}^N g(x_n) - \int_0^1 g(x) dx \right| + \varepsilon.$$

Then

$$\limsup_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{1}{N+1} \sum_{n=0}^N F(x_n) - \int_0^1 F(x) dx \right| \leq \varepsilon.$$

This holds $\forall \varepsilon > 0$.

□

Corollary 3.6

If γ is irrational, the points of all orbits are distributed uniformly in \mathbb{T} , that is,

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\{n \in \{0, \dots, N\} : x_n \in I\}}{N+1} = |I|$$

For any interval $I \subset \mathbb{T}$, $|I|$ denotes the length of I .

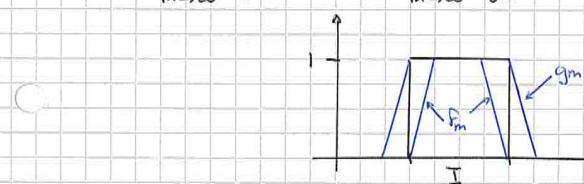
Proof: Let χ_I the characteristic function of I . The claim follows from Theorem 3.5 by choosing $f = \chi_I$. However, the theorem was only stated and proved for continuous functions. We need to extend it to χ_I .

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Let f_m, g_m be continuous functions that satisfy

$$f_m(x) \leq \chi_I(x) \leq g_m(x)$$

$$\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^1 f_m(x) dx = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^1 g_m(x) dx = |I|$$



Then

$$\frac{1}{N+1} \sum_{n=0}^N f_m(x_n) \leq \frac{1}{N+1} \sum_{n=0}^N \chi_I(x_n) \leq \frac{1}{N+1} \sum_{n=0}^N g_m(x_n).$$

Using Theorem 3.5 for f_m, g_m , we get

$$\int_0^1 f_m(x) dx \leq \liminf_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=0}^N \chi_I(x_n) \leq \limsup_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=0}^N \chi_I(x_n) \leq \int_0^1 g_m(x) dx.$$

This holds for any m , so we can take $m \rightarrow \infty$.

□

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4. FOURIER TRANSFORMS IN \mathbb{R}^d

4.1 Fourier transform of L^1 functions.

The Fourier transform of $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ is the function $\hat{f}(k)$, $k \in \mathbb{R}^d$, given by

$$\hat{f}(k) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-2\pi i k \cdot x} f(x) dx$$

where $k \cdot x = k \cdot x$ denote the usual inner product in \mathbb{R}^d .

The following properties are more or less immediate:

- The map $F \mapsto \hat{F}$ is linear.
- \hat{F} is continuous. This follows from $\hat{F}(k+\eta) = \int e^{-2\pi i (k+\eta) \cdot x} F(x) dx$. The dominated convergence theorem allows to take the limit $\eta \rightarrow 0$ under the integral sign. Then \hat{F} is measurable.
- $\hat{F} \in L^\infty(\mathbb{R}^d)$. $\|\hat{F}\|_\infty \leq \|F\|_1$, with equality if F is nonnegative.
- $\lim_{|k| \rightarrow \infty} \hat{F}(k) = 0$ (Riemann-Lebesgue lemma). Proof in exercise.
- $\widehat{F \times g}(k) = \hat{F}(k) \hat{g}(k)$. This follows from Fubini theorem.
- If $F(x)$ and $x F(x)$ are L^1 functions, then \hat{F} is differentiable and $\frac{d}{dk} \hat{F}(k) = -2\pi i \widehat{x F}(k)$.
- If F and F' are L^1 functions, then $\widehat{\frac{d}{dx} F}(k) = 2\pi i k \widehat{F}(k)$.

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The gaussian function plays a very important rôle. In particular, it is a fixed point of the Fourier transform. With $d > 0$, let

$$g_d(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\pi \|x\|^2/2}$$

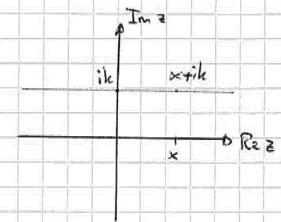
Proposition 4.1

The Fourier transform of a Gaussian is a Gaussian:

$$\widehat{g}_d(k) = e^{-\pi d \|k\|^2}$$

Proof: We can suppose that $d=1$ because everything factorises with respect to dimensions. Also, a change of variables reduces to the case $d=1$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{g}_1(k) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-2\pi i k x} e^{-\pi x^2} dx \\ &= e^{-\pi k^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\pi(x+ik)^2} dx \\ &= e^{-\pi k^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\pi x^2} dx \\ &= e^{-\pi k^2}. \end{aligned}$$



We used complex analysis to change the contour of integration ($e^{-\pi z^2}$ is analytic in the whole of \mathbb{C}). \square

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The gaussian function can be used to formulate an inverse Fourier transform that holds for any continuous L^1 function.

In the case where $\hat{f} \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$, the inverse transform is like the Fourier transform, but with i instead of $-i$.

Proposition 4.2

If $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ is continuous, then

$$f(x) = \lim_{\varepsilon \searrow 0} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{2\pi i k x} \hat{g}_\varepsilon(k) \hat{f}(k) dk,$$

If, in addition, we have $\hat{f} \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$, then

$$f(x) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{2\pi i k x} \hat{f}(k) dk.$$

The second claim is a straightforward consequence of the first claim, by dominated convergence.

Proof: The right side of the first equation is equal to

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{\varepsilon \searrow 0} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{2\pi i k x} \hat{g}_\varepsilon(k) \left[\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{-2\pi i k y} f(y) dy \right] dk = \\ & \quad \text{Fubini: } \lim_{\varepsilon \searrow 0} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(y) \left[\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} e^{2\pi i k(x-y)} \hat{g}_\varepsilon(k) dk \right] dy \\ & \quad \text{Prop. 4.1: } \lim_{\varepsilon \searrow 0} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(y) g_\varepsilon(x-y) dy. \end{aligned}$$

It remains to verify that g_ε "converges to Dirac" as $\varepsilon \searrow 0$.

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Same argument as before.

$$f * g_\varepsilon(x) = \int_{|x-y|<1} f(y) g_\varepsilon(x-y) dy + \int_{|x-y|\geq 1} f(y) g_\varepsilon(x-y) dy$$

The second integral is less than

$$\int_{|x-y|\geq 1} |f(y)| g_\varepsilon(x-y) dy \leq \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{\frac{d}{2}}} \cdot \frac{1}{\varepsilon^{\frac{d}{2}}} \|f\|_1 \rightarrow 0$$

as $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$. After the substitution $x-y = \sqrt{\varepsilon} u$, the first integral is equal to

$$\int_{|u|<\frac{1}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}}} f(x-\sqrt{\varepsilon} u) g_\varepsilon(u) du \rightarrow f(x)$$

by dominated convergence (since f is continuous, $f(x-\sqrt{\varepsilon} u)$ is bounded uniformly in $|u|<\frac{1}{\sqrt{\varepsilon}}$). \square

4.2. Poisson summation formula

This is a curious and useful identity, that mixes Fourier series and Fourier transform.

Theorem 4.3

Assume that $f \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$ and that there exist $C < \infty$, $\varepsilon > 0$, such that

$$(1+x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon} |f(x)| \leq C, \quad (1+x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}+\varepsilon} |f'(x)| \leq C$$

for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Then

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} f(x+n) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{2\pi i n x} \hat{f}(n).$$

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