

Tutorial 6

P is a simple closed curve & parametrized by $\gamma(s) = (x(s), y(s))$

$$\text{length } L = \int_a^b |\gamma'(s)| ds = \int_a^b (x'(s)^2 + y'(s)^2)^{1/2} ds$$

$$\text{area } A = \frac{1}{2} \left| \int_a^b x(s)y'(s) - x'(s)y(s) ds \right|.$$

isoperimetric ineq. $A \leq \frac{L^2}{4\pi}$

the equality holds iff P is a circle.

$\{\xi_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty} \subset [0,1)$ is said to be equidistributed if

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\{1 \leq n \leq N : \xi_n \in (a,b)\}}{N} = b-a.$$

Thm 2.1 If γ is irrational, then $\langle n\gamma \rangle$ is equidistributed in $[0,1)$

Weyl's Criterion ξ_1, ξ_2, \dots equidistributed in $[0,1)$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N e^{2\pi i k \xi_n} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } N \rightarrow \infty.$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \sim \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \chi_{[a,b]}(n\gamma) \rightarrow \int_0^1 \chi_{[a,b]}(x) dx \\ \sim \text{any cont. \& periodic of period 1 function} \\ \sim \text{trigonometric polynomials} \end{array} \right)$$

4.5.1 Prove that any curve Γ admits a parametrization by arc-length.

Proof. Suppose η is any parametrization, and $h(s) = \int_a^s |\eta'(t)| dt$.

Then $h(s)$ is the arc-length. Since h is monotonely increasing, the inverse of h exists and $(h^{-1})'(t) = \frac{1}{h'(h^{-1}(t))}$.

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} |(\eta \circ h^{-1})'(t)| &= |\eta'(h^{-1}(t))| \frac{1}{|h'(h^{-1}(t))|} \\ &= |\eta'(h^{-1}(t))| \frac{1}{|\eta'(h^{-1}(t))|} = 1. \end{aligned}$$

□

4.5.5. Prove that $\langle (\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2})^n \rangle$ is not distributed in $[0, 1)$.

Proof. $U_n = \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n + \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n$ is the solution of the difference equation $U_{r+1} = U_r + U_{r-1}$ with $U_1 = 1, U_2 = 3$. So U_n are integers.

Note that $\left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right) \in (-1, 0)$. Therefore, when n is large

$\left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n \in (-\varepsilon_0, \varepsilon_0)$ for some $\varepsilon_0 > 0$, and then the

fractional part of $\left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n$ is in $[0, \varepsilon_0) \cup (1-\varepsilon_0, 1)$.

So $\langle (\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2})^n \rangle$ is not equidistributed in $[0, 1)$.

□

4.5.8 Show that for any $a \neq 0$, σ satisfying $0 < \sigma < 1$, the sequence

$\langle a n^\sigma \rangle$ is equidistributed in $[0, 1)$.

(Hint: Prove that $\sum_{n=1}^N e^{2\pi i b n^\sigma} = O(N^\sigma) + O(N^{1-\sigma})$ if $b \neq 0$.)

Proof: $\langle a n^\sigma \rangle$ is equidistributed in $[0, 1)$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \chi_{[a,b)}(a n^\sigma) \rightarrow \int_0^1 \chi_{[a,b)}(x) dx \text{ as } N \rightarrow \infty.$$

Since $\chi_{[a,b)}$ can be approximated by trigonometric polynomials,

it suffices to prove $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N e^{2\pi i k a n^\sigma} \rightarrow 0$ as $N \rightarrow \infty$ for $k \in \mathbb{N}$, $k \neq 0$.

$$\text{Let } b \triangleq a k: \left| \int_1^N e^{2\pi i b x^\sigma} dx \right| = \left| \frac{x^{1-\sigma}}{2\pi i b \sigma} e^{2\pi i b x^\sigma} \Big|_1^N - \int_1^N \frac{(1-\sigma)x^{-\sigma}}{2\pi i b \sigma} e^{2\pi i b x^\sigma} dx \right|$$

$$= \left| \frac{N^{1-\sigma} e^{2\pi i b N^\sigma} - e^{2\pi i b}}{2\pi i b \sigma} \right| + \int_1^N \frac{(1-\sigma)x^{-\sigma}}{|2\pi i b \sigma|} dx$$

$$\leq \frac{N^{1-\sigma} + 1}{2\pi |b| \sigma} + \frac{(1-\sigma)}{2\pi |b| \sigma} \int_1^N x^{-\sigma} dx = O(N^{1-\sigma})$$

$$\left| \sum_{n=1}^N e^{2\pi i b n^\sigma} - \int_1^N e^{2\pi i b x^\sigma} dx \right| = \left| \sum_{n=1}^{N+1} \int_n^{n+1} (e^{2\pi i b n^\sigma} - e^{2\pi i b x^\sigma}) dx + e^{2\pi i b N^\sigma} \right|$$

$$\leq \sum_{n=1}^{N+1} \int_n^{n+1} |e^{2\pi i b n^\sigma} - e^{2\pi i b x^\sigma}| dx + 1$$

$$\leq \sum_{n=1}^{N+1} \int_n^{n+1} 2\pi b |x^\sigma - n^\sigma| dx + 1$$

$$\leq 2\pi b \sum_{n=1}^{N+1} \int_n^{n+1} |(n+1)^\sigma - n^\sigma| dx + 1$$

$$= 2\pi b (N^\sigma - 1) + 1 = O(N^\sigma).$$

So $\sum_{n=1}^N e^{2\pi i b n^\sigma} = O(N^\sigma) + O(N^{1-\sigma})$, and then $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N e^{2\pi i b n^\sigma} \rightarrow 0$.

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