Equidistribution Review 5

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The n-dimensional Torus

When we take [0,1] and define an equivalence relation by

$$a \sim a \ \forall a, \quad 0 \sim 1,$$

we glued its two ends and get a circle.

• Equivalently, we can think of the object above as $\mathbb{T}=\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z},$ where

$$a \sim b \in \mathbb{R} \iff a - b \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

• We can generalize this to n-tuples: $\mathbb{R}^n/\mathbb{Z}^n$ is the space where

$$a \sim b \in \mathbb{R}^n \iff a - b \in \mathbb{Z}^n.$$

• We call $\mathbb{T}^n = \mathbb{R}^n / \mathbb{Z}^n$ the *n* dimensional torus.

Structure of the n-dimensional Torus

- You can make Tⁿ a group under addition, adding component by component and moding out by Zⁿ.
- By-component multiplication is not well defined.

The equivalence relation works nicely with the group structure:

If you think about ℝⁿ and ℤⁿ as groups under addition, and consider equivalence relation making ℝⁿ into Tⁿ as a map

$$f:\mathbb{R}^n\to\mathbb{T}^n,$$

then

$$f(a+b)=f(a)+f(b).$$

Besides, applying f to the entire $\mathbb{R}^n/\mathbb{Z}^n$ is the same as applying it to each component.

Every dense sequence has a UD subsequence

We construct $\{y_n\}$ from $\{x_n\}$ as follows:

Take a U.D. sequence {r_k}. For example, the sequence you get by keeping track of inserted terms of the Farey sequence.

Pick

$$x_{n_k}\in B_{\frac{1}{2^k}}(r_k),$$

and let $y_k = x_{n_k}$.

For N much larger than 2^m, chance of hitting an interval (a, b) is bounded above and below by Farey sequence hitting the interval

$$U_m = (a - \frac{1}{2^m}, b + \frac{1}{2^m}), \text{ resp. } L_m(a + \frac{1}{2^m}, b - \frac{1}{2^m})$$

We can make *m* large, and use

$$\lim_{N\to\infty}\frac{\#|r^k\in U_m|}{N}\to |U_m|, \text{ resp. } L_m.$$

Every dense sequence has a UD rearrangement

Ideas in constructing $\{y_n\}$ from $\{x_n\}$:

- 1. You want to range through all of (0, 1) infinitely many times meaning, for every interval (a, b), you should draw things from it infinitely many times in our rearrangement.
- 2. Be careful of the amount of oscillation you need the interval between drawing two numbers from (a, b) small compared to the number of already drawn terms.

As an example for the "oscillation" phenomenon in a sequence that would have seemed uniform: if you write all digits in the natural numbers in a row from the smallest to largest, the chances of 1 being the leading digit ranges from $\approx 30\%$ to $\approx 11\%$. See Benford's law.

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One example this construction process of $\{y_n\}$ from $\{x_n\}$:

- 1. Let the m^{th} triangular number $T(m) = \frac{m(m+1)}{2}$
- 2. Pick y_k , where

$$T(m-1)+1\leq k\leq T(m),$$

in the interval

$$\left(\frac{k-T(m-1)-1}{m},\frac{k-T(m-1)}{m}\right).$$

- 3. The number of intervals of length $\frac{1}{m} \subset (a, b)$ goes to (b-a)m as m gets large.
- 4. The number of terms in each iteration of step 2 is small, i.e. O(n), compared to terms we alreadyhttps://www.overleaf.com/project/5f0f3f5f7b2f95000108aa51 picked out, i.e. O(n²), so the oscillation for different truncations N is also small.

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