ON THE CONVOLUTION INEQUALITY

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WHAT ARE THESE FUNCTIONS WE ARE LOOKING AT?

 $f(x) \ge f * f$



There are examples in every dimension, f.e indicator function

Important, it needs to be defined on an intervall with lenght 2a

INTRODUCTION



BUT WHAT CHARACTERISTICS ARE INTERESTING?

Theorem 1: Finding an upper bound for p=1, positivity, finding a general formula for f

- Theorem 2: Showing that f decays fairly slowly for all these functions with sharp upper bound
- Theorem 4: rapid decay $\int |x|^p f(x) dx < \infty$. for a set of these functions without sharp upper bound

INTRODUCTION



(Young's Inequality). Let $p, q, r \in [1, \infty]$ satisfy $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1 + \frac{1}{r}.$

If $f \in L^p$ and $g \in L^q$ then $|f| * |g|(x) < \infty$ for m - a.e. x and $\|f * g\|_r \le \|f\|_p \|g\|_q$.

But why is f*f an element of $L^{\frac{p}{2-p}}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ for all $p \in [1; 2]$?

$$\left(\frac{2}{p}-1\right)^{-1} = r = \left(\frac{p}{2-p}\right)$$

Theorem 1. Let f be a real valued function in $L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ such that

$$f(x) - f \star f(x) =: u(x) \ge 0$$

(5)

for all x. Then $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) dx \leq \frac{1}{2}$, and f is given by the convergent series

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n 4^n (\star^n u)(x)$$
(6)

where the $c_n \ge 0$ are the Taylor coefficients in the expansion of $\sqrt{1-x}$

$$\sqrt{1-x} = 1 - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n x^n, \quad c_n = \frac{(2n-3)!!}{2^n n!} \sim n^{-3/2}$$
 (7)

In particular, f is positive. Moreover, if $u \ge 0$ is any integrable function with $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} u(x) dx \le \frac{1}{4}$, then the sum on the right in (6) defines an integrable function f that satisfies (5).

FINDING AN UPPER BOUND FOR $f f \ge f \star f$

By integration we find:

$$\int_{R^d} f(x) \le 1$$

$$q^2 \le q, if$$

$$0 \le q \le 1$$

Goal: Finding a sharp upper bound!

But why is indeed 0,5 a sharp upper bound?

$$\int_{R^d} f(x) \le 0.5$$

THEOREM 1

• Only consider real valued function in $L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$

 ${\rightarrow} \int R^d |f| dx < \infty$

• Define
$$f(x) - f * f(x) \equiv u(x) \ge o$$

u is integrable!

"The convolution of f and g exists, if f and g are both Lebesgue integrable functions in $L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$, and in this case f*g is also integrable" [1]

Also:

$$\int_{\Omega} (\alpha f + \beta g) \, \mathrm{d}\mu = \alpha \cdot \int_{\Omega} f \, \mathrm{d}\mu + \beta \cdot \int_{\Omega} g \, \mathrm{d}\mu$$

[1] Stein, Elias; Weiss, Guido (1971), Introduction to Fourier Analysis on Euclidean Spaces, Theorem 1.3

THEOREM 1: MAKE SOME HELPFUL DEFINITIONS

• Define: $a \equiv \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) dx$ and $b \equiv \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} u(x) dx$

Obviously, $b \equiv \int_{R^d} u(x) dx \ge 0$

Fouriertransformation of f \tilde{f} for all $p \in [1; 2]$, so $f(x)-f*f(x)\equiv u(x)$ becomes

<u>Definition</u>: $f=\int_{I} dx e^{-2i\pi kx} f(x) \in L^{\frac{p}{p-1}}(\mathbb{R}^{d})$

• If f = f * f, then $\tilde{f} = \tilde{f}^2$

Only consider
equality!
$$\int_{R^d} f(x) dx = 1$$

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THEOREM 1

Change order of variables: f = u + f * f

By Fouriertransformation, it follows that

$$\tilde{f}(k) = \tilde{f}^2(k) + \tilde{u}(k)$$

How can we proceed from there? Take: k=0 and use definitions we made

b is positive! complete the square

So, in the end, we get:
$$a^2 - a = -b$$

From there, it follows that $0 \le b \le \frac{1}{4}$
-a is equal to one!
1-1+0,25=0,25

THEOREM 1: WHAT CAN WE TELL NOW ABOUT U?

Furthermore, it is true that since $u \ge 0$:

$$|\widehat{u}(k)| \leqslant \widehat{u}(0) \leqslant \frac{1}{4}$$

Hence for $k \neq 0$, $\sqrt{1 - 4\hat{u}(k)} \neq 0$.

First inequality is strict for all $k\neq 0$, value signs can be removed for sign \neq

Because, $\hat{u}(k) \neq \frac{1}{4}$ $4\hat{u}(k) \neq 1$ $4\hat{u}(k) - 1 \neq 0$

Square root does not change relation

THEOREM 1: WHAT DOES THAT SAY ABOUT F?

- Use Riemann-Lebesgue-Theorem:
 - If f is L^1 integrable on R^d the fouriertransform of f satisfies

$$\widehat{f}\left(z
ight)\equiv\int_{\mathbb{R}^{d}}f(x)\exp(-iz\cdot x)\,dx
ightarrow 0 ext{ as }|z|
ightarrow\infty.$$







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THEOREM 1: PROOF OF SHARP UPPER BOUND

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$$\int_{R^d} f(x) \le 0.5$$

At
$$k = 0$$
, $a = \frac{1}{2} - \sqrt{1 - 4b}$

Since $u \ge 0$, we know that, the square root is positive, so the inequality is indeed satisfied.

$$\int_{R^d} f(x) \leq 0,5$$

Remember, how we defined a and b:

•
$$a \equiv \int_{R^d} f(x) dx$$
 and $b \equiv \int_{R^d} u(x) dx$

Upper bound is sharp, because root can be zero (except for k=0)!

$$0 \le b \le \frac{1}{4}$$

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THEOREM 1: CONVERGENT SERIES

f is given by the convergent series

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n 4^n (\star^n u)(x)$$

where the $c_n \ge 0$ are the Taylor coefficients in the expansion of $\sqrt{1-x}$

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THEOREM 1: TAKE A SERIES

Take
$$c_n = \frac{(2n-3)!!}{2^n n!}$$
;
How does that sum look like?
$$\sqrt{1-x} = 1 - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n x^n,$$
A power series:
$$1 - \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x^2}{8} - \frac{x^3}{16} - \frac{5x^4}{128} - \frac{7x^5}{256} + O(x^6)$$

Apply stirling formula (be careful, no double faculty!)

$$n! \sim \sqrt{2\pi n} \left(\frac{n}{\mathrm{e}}\right)^n, \quad n \to \infty.$$
 \longrightarrow $c_n \sim n^{-3/2}$

THEOREM 1: CONVERGENCE OF THE SERIES

- Now, we got $(1-x)^{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} = 1 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} w * n^{-\frac{3}{2}} x^n$
- Does this power series converge?

Yes, it converges absolutely and uniformly on the closed unit disc (convergence radius)



$$orall arepsilon > 0 \ \exists N \ \in \mathbb{N}, so \ that \ orall n \ge n \ |f_n(x) - f(x)| < arepsilon.$$

$$ar{D}_1(P) = \{Q: |P-Q| \leq 1\}.$$



THEOREM 1: HOW DOES THAT SERIES HELP?

Now, we can try to express the fouriertransformation in terms of this series:

<u>e</u>n.

Element of

radius

convergence



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n=1

is satisfied

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THEOREM 1: HOW CAN WE APPLY THIS TO OUR FUNCTION

• Earlier we got the expression:

$$\hat{f}(k) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{1 - 4\hat{u}(k)}$$

• We simply put in our expression for u:

$$\hat{f}(k) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left(1 - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n (\hat{u}(k))^n \right) = 0.5 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n (\hat{u}(k))^n$$

THEOREM 1: FOURIERTRANSFORM BACKWARDS

Now we can do a "backward fouriertransformation" to get an expression how a function f, we are looking for looks like!

In general, it is:

Ultimately, we get

$$f(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(k) e^{2\pi_i k x} \, dk$$



$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n 4^n (\star^n u)(x)$$

Constants, which
are independent
from k
Remember:
Define $f(x) - f * f(x) \equiv u(x) \ge o$

THEOREM 1: CONVERGENCE OF F

Does

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n 4^n (\star^n u)(x) \qquad \text{converge?}$$

We know
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n$$
 converges and $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} 4^n \star^n u(x) dx \leq 1$
Can be treated as a constant
Also f(x) must converge, since there is no term left that can diverge!
F is defined in L^1(R^d)

THEOREM 1: POSITIVITY OF F

From the definition of the root, it follows that

 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_{n'}$

Must be always positive as well!

4^n is positive as well

U(x) is also positive



THEOREM 1: CONSEQUENCES OF $U \ge 0$

If we consider $f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n 4^n (\star^n u)(x)$ to be true

We defined that

 $\widehat{f}(k) = rac{1}{2} - rac{1}{2}\sqrt{1 - 4\widehat{u}(k)}$ is true as well



But this is only true if:

$$f(x) - f \star f(x) =: u(x) \ge 0$$

f, as defined in the sum, must

$$u(x) \ge 0$$
 $\hat{u}(k) \le \frac{1}{4}$

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Theorem 2. Let $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$ satisfy (1) and $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f(x) dx = \frac{1}{2}$. Then $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |x| f(x) dx = \infty$.

Slow decay at infinity

THEOREM 2: A SPECIAL CASE
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$$\int_{R^d} f(x) \le 0.5$$
 Upper bound is sharp!
• $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} 4u(x) \ dx = 1$ $a = -b,$
 $b=0.25=0.25=0.5$
 $= \int_{R^d} u(x)$
 $f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n 4^n (\star^n u)(x)$
 $f(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \star^n w.$

THEOREM 2: FINDING AN INEQUALITY INTEGRAL

$$|m| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |x| \star^n w(x) \mathrm{d}x \geqslant \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} m \cdot x \star^n w(x) \mathrm{d}x = n|m|^2$$

- How did we get there?
 - **1**. Suppose |x||f(x)| is integrable
 - 2. Trivial inequality

$$|m||x| \geqslant m \cdot x$$

$$m := \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} x w(x) \mathrm{d}x.$$

First moments add under convolution [3]

3. Simplify equation

Why are we doing that?

We want to show that the first moment can be finite under special conditions

[3]Steven W. Smith, in Digital Signal Processing: A Practical Guide for Engineers and Scientists, 2003
(4) "The n-th centered moment of a multiple convolution and its applications to an intercloud gas model "Laury-Micoulaut, C. Astronomy and Astrophysics, vol. 51, no. 3, Sept. 1976, p. 343-346.

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(4)

$$|m| \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |x| \star^n w(x) \mathrm{d}x \ge \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} m \cdot x \star^n w(x) \mathrm{d}x = n|m|^2$$

THEOREM 2: WHAT DOES THAT SAY ABOUT F?

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |x| f(x) \mathrm{d}x \ge |m| \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nc_n = \infty.$$

• Remember, how m was defined

$$m := \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} x w(x) \mathrm{d}x.$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |x| \star^n w(x) \mathrm{d}x = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |n^{1/2}x| \star^n w(n^{1/2}x) n^{d/2} \mathrm{d}x \ge n^{1/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \varphi(x) \star^n w(n^{1/2}x) n^{d/2} \mathrm{d}x.$$

THEOREM 2: FIND ANOTHER INTEGRAL THAT WILL HELP US

1. Suppose $|x|^2w(x)$ is integrable, therefore we can find second moment

2. Let us define σ^2 as the variance of w

$$\sigma^2 = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |x|^2 w(x) \mathrm{d}x.$$

3. Define the function $\varphi(x) = \min\{1, |x|\}.$



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$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |x| \star^n w(x) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |n^{1/2}x| \star^n w(n^{1/2}x) n^{d/2} dx \ge n^{1/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \varphi(x) \star^n w(n^{1/2}x) n^{d/2} dx.$$

THEOREM 2: FIND ANOTHER INTEGRAL THAT WILL HELP US

1. Just as earlier, let s consider: $\int_{R^d} |x| *^n w(x) dx$



THEOREM 2: WHAT DOES THAT TELL US ABOUT THE INTEGRAL?

Use the central limit theorem to find a centered Gaussian probability

define a new probability function
$$\lim_{n \to \infty} *^n w (n^{\frac{1}{2}}x) n^{\frac{d}{2}} = \gamma(x)$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |x| \star^n w(x) \mathrm{d}x = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |n^{1/2}x| \star^n w(n^{1/2}x) n^{d/2} \mathrm{d}x \ge n^{1/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \varphi(x) \bigg(\star^n w(n^{1/2}x) n^{d/2} \mathrm{d}x.$$

Phi(x) is bounded and continuus $\gamma(x)$

THEOREM 2: FIND AN UPPER VALUE FOR THE INTEGRAL

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \varphi(x) \star^n w(n^{1/2}x) n^{d/2} \mathrm{d}x = \left[\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \varphi(x) \gamma(x) \mathrm{d}x =: C > 0 \right]$$

- Substitute one probabilty function by the CLT with another
- Why is there such a C?
 - Phi(x) is continuous and bounded (at max 1)

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} a \, e^{-(x-b)^2/2c^2} \; dx = \sqrt{2}a \, \left| c
ight| \, \sqrt{\pi}$$
 .

Integral exists

THEOREM 2: THE FUNCTION DECAYS FAIRLY SLOWLY AT INFINITY

To proof this, we have to show $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |x| f(x) \, dx = \infty.$

• We have already proven: $\int_{R^d} \varphi(x) \gamma(x) dx = C > 0$

Define C in a new way:

There is a $\delta > 0$ so that for all sufficiently large n

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |x| \star^n w(x) \mathrm{d}x \ge \sqrt{n}\delta_{\mathbb{R}^d}$$

Remember the \sqrt{n} in front

$$n^{1/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \varphi(x) \star^n w(n^{1/2}x) n^{d/2} \mathrm{d}x.$$

THEOREM 2: SLOW DECAY: $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |x| f(x) \, dx = \infty.$

Problem: currently we have a definite value for a similar integral

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |x| \star^n w(x) \mathrm{d}x \ge \sqrt{n}\delta,$$

• But now, let's consider f $\int_{R^d} f(x)|x|dx = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n \int_{R^d} |x| *^n w(x) dx = \infty$ $n^{-\frac{3}{2}} * n^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{n}$ DIVERGES
19.05.2021 To remove the hypothesis that w has finite variance, note that if w is a probability density with zero mean and infinite variance, $\star^n w(n^{1/2}x)n^{d/2}$ is "trying" to converge to a Gaussian of infinite variance. In particular, one would expect that for all R > 0,

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \int_{|x| \leq R} \star^n w(n^{1/2} x) n^{d/2} \mathrm{d}x = 0 , \qquad (12)$$

Theorem 4. If f satisfies (5), $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} xu(x) dx = 0$ and $\int |x|^2 u(x) dx < \infty$, then, for all $0 \le p < 1$, $\int |x|^p f(x) dx < \infty$.

THEOREM 4: WHAT ARE THE NECESSARY REQUIREMENTS?

Theorem 4. If f satisfies (5), $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} xu(x) dx = 0$ and $\int |x|^2 u(x) dx < \infty$, then, for all $0 \le p < 1$, $\int |x|^p f(x) dx < \infty$.

- 1. Satisfaction of (5) $f(x) f \star f(x) =: u(x) \ge 0$
- 2. first moment of u is zero
- 3. Second moment is not infinite

THEOREM 4: FIND A NEW PROBABILITY FUNCTION

Exclusion of trivial solution

THEOREM 4: HOW DOES THAT CORRESPOND TO F?

• We get a new expression for f(x): Use w=4u/t 4u=t w

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n t^n \star^n w(x) .$$

Remember, how f was defined:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n 4^n (\star^n u)(x)$$

THEOREM 4: CARACTERISTICS OF W

W=4u/t



THEOREM 4: HOW DOES THAT HELP WITH F? Second moments add under convolution 1. Consider the second moment of w(x) convolution: It is: $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |x|^2 w(x) dx = \sigma^2 \qquad \qquad \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |x|^2 \star^n w(x) dx = n\sigma^2 .$ $\int_{\mathbb{D}^d} |x|^p \star^n w(x) \mathrm{d}x \leq (n\sigma^2)^{p/2}.$ 2. Use Hölder-inequality for all 0<p<2 Given a measure space and $p,q \in [0,\infty]$ with $\frac{1}{p} + 1$, Then for all measureable real-oder complex valued functions f and g on the measure space

$$H_p(f) = \left(\int_X |f|^p \mathrm{d}\mu
ight)^{rac{1}{p}}$$

$$H_1(fg) \leq H_p(f) \cdot H_q(g)$$

THEOREM 4: WHAT CAN WE SAY NOW ABOUT F?

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |x|^p f(x) \mathrm{d}x \leq (\sigma^2)^{p/2} \sum_{n=1}^\infty n^{p/2} c_n < \infty$$

Remember, how f was defined with respect to

$$f(x) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n t^n \star^n w(x)$$

- We also know from the Hölderinequality:
- $\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |x|^p \star^n w(x) \mathrm{d} x \leqslant (n\sigma^2)^{p/2}.$

 $-\infty$

Simply put into the equation what we had

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |x|^p f(x) dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} c_n t^n *^n w(x) dx \le (\sigma^2)^{p/2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{p/2} c_n$$

THEOREM 4: WHY ONLY FOR $0 \leq p < 1$,



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ILLUSTRATION OF (13)



INTERPRETATION OF THEOREM 2 AND 4

- Theorem 2 implies that wenn the integral is equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ f cannot decay faster than $|x|^{-(d+1)}$.
- However, integrable solutions f which fufill the convolution inequality and their integral is smaller than ½ can decay quite rapidly, as we saw in illustration (13)

SUMMARY: WHAT CAN WE SAY ABOUT FUNCTIONS THAT FUFILL $f \ge f \star f$

- Are well defined as an element of $L^{p/(2-p)}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ for all $1 \leq p \leq 2$.
- In $L^1(\mathbb{R}^d)$
 - All functions are non-negative
 - The integral of f is smaller or equal to $\frac{1}{2}$
 - 1/2 is a sharp upper bound
 - If equality is fulfilled, f decays fairly slowly
 - For the inequality f can decay much more rapidly

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