

86. Weyl's Type Criterion for General Distribution Mod 1

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1. In 1916, Weyl [6] has proposed the following necessary and sufficient condition for uniform distribution mod 1 of the real number sequences which is now called *Weyl's criterion*: *The sequence (x_n) , $(n=1, 2, 3, \dots)$ is uniformly distributed mod 1, if and only if*

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N e^{2\pi i \nu x_n} = 0$$

for any natural number ν .

Schoenberg [5], in 1928, first generalized the concept of uniform distribution mod 1 to that of general distribution mod 1 (or asymptotic distribution mod 1) and obtained many interesting results including generalizations of Weyl's criterion. Later many mathematicians have also proposed various forms of criteria for general distribution mod 1 (cf. [3]). But their criteria were not of exponential sum type. Among them, Helmsberg [2] has made an interesting contribution to this field with view points concerning mainly numerical computations of the integrals of type: $\int_0^{\infty} f(x)dx$. Recently the first author found a natural generalization of Weyl's criterion (Theorem 1) which seems new to the authors. In this note, we give this criterion for generally distributed mod 1 sequences with some applications: estimations of some trigonometric sums, a generalization of Erdős-Turán's theorem and a generalization of LeVeque's inequality. The proof of these results and other results in various directions will be given elsewhere.

2. **Definition.** Let $\mu(x)$ be a distribution function with $\mu(0)=0$, $\mu(1)=1$, $d\mu(x)=w(x)dx$ where $w(x)$ is the density function of $\mu(x)$ satisfying the following conditions: (a) $w(x)$ is piecewise continuous on $[0, 1]$ and $0 < w(x) < +\infty$. (b) The number of the discontinuity points of $w(x)$ is finite. (c) $\#\{z \in [0, 1] \mid \lim_{x \rightarrow z-0} w(x) = 0 \text{ or } \lim_{x \rightarrow z+0} w(x) = 0\} < \infty$, where $\#A$ denotes the number of elements of the set A . Then, the real number sequence $(x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is called μ -distributed mod 1, if

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \chi([0, x) : \{x_n\}) = \mu(x)$$

for each $x \in [0, 1]$, where $\chi([0, x) : w)$ is the indicator function of $[0, x)$ and $\{x\}$ denotes the fractional part of x .

3. **Results.** Then we have the main theorem.

Theorem 1. *The sequence (x_n) is μ -distributed mod 1, if and only if*

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$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{e^{2\pi i \nu x_n}}{w(\{x_n\})} = \delta_{\nu,0}$$

for all $\nu \in \mathbf{Z}$, where $\delta_{\nu,\mu}$ is Kronecker's delta.

From Theorem 1, we have the following two examples of estimations of trigonometric sums.

$$(1) \quad \sum_{n \leq x} \sqrt{1 - \{\sin(n\theta)\}^2} e^{2\pi i \nu \sin(n\theta)} = o(x)$$

for any $\nu \in \mathbf{N}$ and any $\theta \in \mathbf{Q}$.

$$(2) \quad \sum_{n \leq x} 2^{\{na\}} e^{2\pi i \nu 2^{\{na\}}} = o(x)$$

for any $\nu \in \mathbf{N}$ and any irrational α , where $o(\cdot)$ denotes Landau's small o -symbol.

Next, we give the following generalizations of Erdős-Turán's theorem and LeVeque's inequality.

Theorem 2. For any $m \in \mathbf{N}$, any sequence $\xi = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N\}$ with $0 \leq x_j < 1$ and any distribution function $\mu(x)$, we have

$$D_N \leq C_1 \left(\frac{6}{m+1} + \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{\nu=1}^m \left(\frac{1}{\nu} - \frac{1}{m+1} \right) \left| \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{e^{2\pi i \nu x_n}}{w(x_n)} - \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{w(x_n)} - 1 \right) \right| \right. \\ \left. + 6 \left| \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{w(x_n)} - 1 \right| + 4 \left| \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{x_n}{w(x_n)} - \frac{1}{2} \right| \right),$$

where

$$D_N = D_N(\xi; \mu) = \sup_{0 \leq a < b \leq 1} \left| \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \chi([a, b) : x_n) - (\mu(b) - \mu(a)) \right|$$

is the discrepancy of the sequence ξ with respect to $\mu(x)$ and C_1 is a computable constant depending only on $\mu(x)$.

Theorem 3. For any $m \in \mathbf{N}$, any sequence $\xi = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N\}$ with $0 \leq x_j < 1$ and any distribution function $\mu(x)$, we have

$$D_N \leq C_2 \left(\frac{6}{\pi^2} \sum_{\nu=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\nu^2} \left| \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{e^{2\pi i \nu x_n}}{w(x_n)} - \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{w(x_n)} - 1 \right) \right|^2 \right. \\ \left. + 4 \max \left(\left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{x_n}{w(x_n)} - \frac{1}{2} \right)^3, 0 \right) \right. \\ \left. - 4 \min \left(\left(\left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{x_n}{w(x_n)} - \frac{1}{2} \right) - \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{w(x_n)} - 1 \right) \right)^3, 0 \right) \right)^{1/3},$$

where C_2 is a computable constant depending only on $\mu(x)$.

In these theorems, the extra term:

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{x_n}{w(x_n)} - \frac{1}{2}$$

appears. In case of uniform distribution mod 1, this term does not appear due to the invariance of the discrepancy extended over all half-open intervals mod 1 under the translation: $T(x_n) = x_n + c$ ([3], p. 114).

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