

MUTUAL SINGULARITY OF SPECTRA OF DYNAMICAL SYSTEMS

GIVEN BY "SUMS OF DIGITS" TO DIFFERENT BASES

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0. Summary

In [3], it was proved that if  $(p,q) = 1$  and  $a$  and  $b$  are irrational numbers, then the following two arithmetic functions  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  have mutually singular spectral measures :

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(n) &= \exp(2\pi i a s_p(n)) \\ \beta(n) &= \exp(2\pi i b s_q(n)) \end{aligned} \quad (n \in \mathbb{N}) ,$$

where  $s_p(n)$  ( $s_q(n)$ ) is the sum of digits in the  $p$ -adic ( $q$ -adic) representation of  $n$ . Here we prove a slightly stronger result that the two shift dynamical systems corresponding to the strictly ergodic sequences  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  have mutually singular spectral measures.

That is to say that for any  $f \in L_2(\mu_\alpha)$  and  $g \in L_2(\mu_\beta)$  such that  $\int f d\mu_\alpha = \int g d\mu_\beta = 0$ , where  $\mu_\alpha$  and  $\mu_\beta$  are the measures on  $\mathbb{T}^{\mathbb{N}}$  ( $\mathbb{T}$  being the unit circle in the complex plane) for which  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are generic with respect to the shift, respectively, the spectral measures  $\Lambda_{\alpha, f}$  and  $\Lambda_{\beta, g}$  are mutually singular, where  $\Lambda_{\alpha, f}(\Lambda_{\beta, g})$  is the measure  $\Lambda$  on  $\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$  determined by the relation

$$((T^n f, f)_{\mu_\alpha}) = \int e^{2\pi i \lambda n} d\Lambda(\lambda) \quad ((T^n g, g)_{\mu_\beta}) = \int e^{2\pi i \lambda n} d\Lambda(\lambda) \quad \text{for all } n \in \mathbb{N}$$

( $T$  denoting the shift as well as the isometry on  $L_2$  induced by the shift).

1. Mutual singularity of spectra and disjointness

Given two dynamical systems  $X = (X, \mu, S)$  and  $Y = (Y, \nu, T)$ . We consider, in the obvious way,  $L_2(\mu)$  and  $L_2(\nu)$  as subspaces of  $L_2(\mu \times \nu)$ . For  $f \in L_2(\mu \times \nu)$ ,  $H(f)$  denotes the closed subspace of  $L_2(\mu \times \nu)$  spanned by  $f, (S \times T)f, (S \times T)^2 f, \dots$ . The following theorem is essentially due to A.N. Kolmogorov.

Theorem A.

$X$  and  $Y$  have mutually singular spectral measures if and only if

- (1)  $X$  and  $Y$  are disjoint in the sense of H. Furstenberg, and
- (2) for any  $f \in L_2(\mu)$  and  $g \in L_2(\nu)$  such that  $\int f d\mu = \int g d\nu = 0$ ,  $f \in H(f+g)$ .

Proof :

We prove only that the mutual singularity of spectra implies the disjointness, since the other parts follows easily from [4]. Assume that  $X$  and  $Y$  are not disjoint. Then there exists a probability measure  $\xi \neq \mu \times \nu$  on  $X \times Y$  which is  $S \times T$ -invariant and satisfies that  $\xi|_X = \mu$  and  $\xi|_Y = \nu$ . Take  $f \in L_2(\mu)$  and  $g \in L_2(\nu)$  such that  $\int f d\mu = \int g d\nu = 0$  and  $(f, g)_\xi \neq 0$ . Since

$$\frac{1}{N} \left\| \sum_{n=1}^N e^{-2\pi i \lambda n} S^n f \right\|_\mu^2 d\lambda \rightarrow \Lambda_{X, f}$$

$$\frac{1}{N} \left\| \sum_{n=1}^N e^{-2\pi i \lambda n} T^n g \right\|_\nu^2 d\lambda \rightarrow \Lambda_{Y, g}$$

(weakly)

and the property of the affinity  $\rho[2]$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \rho(\Lambda_{x,f}, \Lambda_{y,g}) \\ & \geq \overline{\lim}_N \int \frac{1}{N} \left| \left| \sum_{n=1}^N e^{-2\pi i \lambda n} S^n f \right| \right|_{\mu} \left| \left| \sum_{n=1}^N e^{-2\pi i \lambda n} T^n g \right| \right|_{\nu} d\lambda \\ & \geq \overline{\lim}_N \int \frac{1}{N} \left| \sum_{n=1}^N e^{-2\pi i \lambda n} S^n f, \sum_{n=1}^N e^{-2\pi i \lambda n} T^n g \right|_{\xi} d\lambda \\ & \geq \overline{\lim}_N \frac{1}{N} \left| \int \left( \sum_{n=1}^N e^{-2\pi i \lambda n} S^n f, \sum_{n=1}^N e^{-2\pi i \lambda n} T^n g \right)_{\xi} d\lambda \right| \\ & = |(f,g)_{\xi}| > 0 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\Lambda_{x,f}$  and  $\Lambda_{y,g}$  are not mutually singular.

2. Disjointness of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$

To prove the disjointness of the two dynamical systems given by  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  in §0, it is sufficient to prove that any  $\gamma$  and  $\delta$  in the orbit closures of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , respectively, with respect to the shift are independent of each other. The proof by J. Besineau [1] for the independency of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  works well for these  $\gamma$  and  $\delta$ . Thus, we have the disjointness of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

3. Mutual singularity of dynamical systems given by  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$

Let  $(X, \mu, S)$  be a dynamical system. Let  $f$  and  $g$  be in  $L_2(\mu)$ . Then we have

Lemma

- (1)  $\Lambda_{cf} = |c|^2 \Lambda_f$ , where  $c$  is a constant.
- (2)  $\Lambda_{f+g} \leq 2\Lambda_f + 2\Lambda_g$ .
- (3)  $|\Lambda_f - \Lambda_g| < \|f-g\|^2 + 2\|f\| \|f-g\|$ , where  $|\Lambda_f - \Lambda_g|$  is the total variance of the measure  $\Lambda_f - \Lambda_g$ .

Proof :

(1) is clear. To prove (2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda_{f+g} &= w\text{-}\lim_N \frac{1}{N} \left\| \sum_{\lambda=1}^N e^{-2\pi i n \lambda} S^n(f+g) \right\|^2 d\lambda \leq \\ &\leq w\text{-}\lim_N \frac{2}{N} \left( \left\| \sum_{\lambda=1}^N e^{-2\pi i n \lambda} S^n f \right\|^2 + \left\| \sum_{\lambda=1}^N e^{-2\pi i n \lambda} S^n g \right\|^2 \right) d\lambda = \\ &= 2\Lambda_f + 2\Lambda_g \end{aligned}$$

(3) follows from the fact that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \Lambda_f - \Lambda_g \right| &\leq \frac{1}{N} \int \left| \left\| \sum_{\lambda=1}^N e^{-2\pi i n \lambda} S^n f \right\|^2 - \left\| \sum_{\lambda=1}^N e^{-2\pi i n \lambda} S^n g \right\|^2 \right| d\lambda \leq \\ &\leq \frac{1}{N} \int \left\| \sum_{\lambda=1}^N e^{-2\pi i n \lambda} S^n(f-g) \right\|^2 + \\ &+ 2 \left\| \sum_{\lambda=1}^N e^{-2\pi i n \lambda} S^n(f-g) \right\| \left\| \sum_{\lambda=1}^N e^{-2\pi i n \lambda} S^n f \right\| d\lambda \leq \\ &< \|f-g\|^2 + 2\|f-g\| \|f\| \end{aligned}$$

Because of this lemma, to prove the mutual singularity of dynamical systems given by  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , it is sufficient to show that  $\Lambda_{\alpha, f}$  and  $\Lambda_{\beta, g}$  are mutually singular for  $f$  and  $g$  of the form

$$\begin{aligned} f(\gamma) &= \gamma^{M_0(T\gamma)} M_1 \dots (T^k \gamma)^{M_k} - C \\ g(\gamma) &= \gamma^{N_0(T\gamma)} N_1 \dots (T^k \gamma)^{N_k} - D \end{aligned}$$

( $k=1, 2, \dots, M_i, N_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ ;  $C, D$  are constants such that  $\int f d\mu_\alpha = \int g d\mu_\beta = 0$ )

Let  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are sequences such that

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(n) &= \exp 2\pi i (M_0 s_p(n) + M_1 s_p(n+1) + \dots + M_r s_p(n+k)) - C \\ \psi(n) &= \exp 2\pi i (N_0 s_q(n) + N_1 s_q(n+1) + \dots + N_r s_q(n+k)) - D \end{aligned}$$

Then  $\Lambda_{\alpha, f}$  and  $\Lambda_{\beta, g}$  are the spectral measures  $\Lambda_\phi$  and  $\Lambda_\psi$  of the sequences  $\phi$  and  $\psi$ , respectively, in the sense of [2]. Let

$$\phi_L(n) = e^{2\pi i E a s_p(\lfloor \frac{n}{L} \rfloor)} A_{(n-p^L \lfloor \frac{n}{L} \rfloor)} - C$$

$$\psi_L(n) = e^{2\pi i F b s_q(\lfloor \frac{n}{L} \rfloor)} B_{(n-q^L \lfloor \frac{n}{L} \rfloor)} - D$$

where  $E = \sum_{i=0}^k M_i$  ,  $F = \sum_{i=0}^k N_i$  and

$$A(\ell) = \exp 2\pi i (M_0 s_p(\ell) + \dots + M_k s_p(\ell))$$

$$B(\ell) = \exp 2\pi i (N_0 s_q(\ell) + \dots + N_k s_q(\ell)) .$$

Then, it is easy to see that  $\phi_L$  and  $\psi_L$  converge to  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  , respectively, as  $L \rightarrow \infty$  in the sense of Besicovich norm. Therefore  $\Lambda_{\phi_L}(\Lambda_{\psi_L})$  converges to  $\Lambda_{\phi}(\Lambda_{\psi})$  in the sense of total variance (cf. Lemma). Therefore our conclusion follows from the statement that  $\Lambda_{\phi_L}$  and  $\Lambda_{\psi_L}$  are mutually singular. The last statement can be proved in the following way.

Case 1 :  $E = F = 0$  . Then  $\phi_L$  and  $\psi_L$  are cyclic sequences whose cycles are coprime. Thus  $\Lambda_{\phi_L}$  and  $\Lambda_{\psi_L}$  are mutually singular

Case 2 :  $E \neq 0$  ,  $F = 0$  . Since

$$(*) \quad d\Lambda_{\phi_L+C}(\lambda) = \left| \frac{1}{p^L} \sum_{\ell=0}^{p^L-1} A(\ell) e^{-2\pi i \lambda \ell} \right|^2 d\Lambda_{\eta}(p^L \lambda)$$

where  $\eta(n) = e^{2\pi i E a s_p(n)}$  is known [2] to have a continuous spectral measure,  $\Lambda_{\phi_L+C}$  is continuous. This implies that  $C = 0$  and  $\Lambda_{\phi_L}$  is continuous. Since  $\Lambda_{\psi_L}$  is discrete,  $\Lambda_{\phi_L}$  and  $\Lambda_{\psi_L}$  are mutually singular.

Case 3 :  $E = 0$  ,  $F \neq 0$  . Parallely as in case 2 .

Case 4 :  $E \neq 0$  ,  $F \neq 0$  . Then as was shown in case 2,  $C = D = 0$  .

Let  $\eta$  be as in case 2 and  $\zeta(n) = e^{2\pi i F b s_q(n)}$  . It is known [3] that  $\Lambda_\eta$  and  $\Lambda_\zeta$  are mutually singular. Since (\*) and

$$d\Lambda_\eta(p^L \lambda) = \left| \frac{1}{p^L} \prod_{\ell=0}^{L-1} e^{2\pi i (E a s_p(\ell) - \ell \lambda)} \right|^{-2} d\Lambda_\eta(\lambda) ,$$

$\Lambda_{\phi_L}$  is absolutely continuous with respect to  $\Lambda_\eta$  .

Parallely,  $\Lambda_{\psi_L}$  is absolutely continuous with respect to  $\Lambda_\zeta$  .

Thus  $\Lambda_{\phi_L}$  and  $\Lambda_{\psi_L}$  are mutually singular. Thus we proved

Theorem B.

The two dynamical systems given by  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  in §0 have mutually singular spectral measures.

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