

Multiple Fourier Series

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Fourier series in one dimension

- A periodic function $f(x)$ with a period of 2π and for which $\int_0^{2\pi} f(x)^2 dx$ is finite has a Fourier series expansion

$$f(x) \sim \frac{1}{2}a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx]$$

and, this fourier series converges to $f(x)$ in the mean
[Weinberger, 1965].

- If $f(x)$ is continuously differentiable, its Fourier series converges uniformly.

Periodic Functions

- Consider a function $f(x_1, x_2)$ (p_1, p_2) -periodic in variables x_1 and x_2 [Osgood, 2007]

$$f(x_1 + n_1 p_1, x_2 + n_2 p_2) = f(x_1, x_2) \quad \forall \quad x_1, x_2 \in \mathcal{R}; n_1, n_2 \in \mathcal{Z}.$$

- Assuming p_1 and p_2 to be 1, the new condition is

$$f(x_1 + n_1, x_2 + n_2) = f(x_1, x_2) \quad \forall \quad x_1, x_2 \in [0, 1]^2.$$

- If we use vector notation, and write \mathbf{x} for (x_1, x_2) , and \mathbf{n} for pairs (n_1, n_2) of integers, then we can write the condition as

$$f(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{n}) = f(\mathbf{x}) \quad \forall \quad \mathbf{x} \in [0, 1]^2, \mathbf{n} \in \mathcal{N}.$$

- In d dimensions, we have $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d)$ and $\mathbf{n} = (n_1, n_2, \dots, n_d)$. and so the vector notation becomes

$$f(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{n}) = f(\mathbf{x}) \quad \forall \quad \mathbf{x} \in [0, 1]^d, \mathbf{n} \in \mathcal{N}.$$

Complex Exponentials

- In 2-D, the building blocks for periodic function $f(x_1, x_2)$ are the product of complex exponentials in one variable. The general higher harmonic is of the form

$$e^{2\pi i n_1 x_1} e^{2\pi i n_2 x_2},$$

and we can imagine writing the Fourier series expansion as

$$\sum_{n_1, n_2} c_{n_1, n_2} e^{2\pi i n_1 x_1} e^{2\pi i n_2 x_2},$$

with an equivalent vector notation using $\mathbf{n} = (n_1, n_2)$.

$$\sum_{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^2} c_{\mathbf{n}} e^{2\pi i n_1 x_1} e^{2\pi i n_2 x_2}.$$

- So the Fourier series expansion in **2-D** looks like

$$\sum_{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^2} c_{\mathbf{n}} e^{2\pi i \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{x}}.$$

Complex Exponentials (contd.)

- Similarly, in **d-D**, the corresponding complex exponential is

$$e^{2\pi i n_1 x_1} e^{2\pi i n_2 x_2} \dots e^{2\pi i n_d x_d},$$

and we can imagine writing the Fourier series expansion as

$$\sum_{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_d} c_{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_d} e^{2\pi i n_1 x_1} e^{2\pi i n_2 x_2} \dots e^{2\pi i n_d x_d}.$$

with an equivalent vector notation using $\mathbf{n} = (n_1, n_2, \dots, n_d)$.

$$\sum_{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^d} c_{\mathbf{n}} e^{2\pi i n_1 x_1} e^{2\pi i n_2 x_2} e^{2\pi i n_d x_d}.$$

- So the Fourier series expansion in **d-D** looks like

$$\sum_{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^d} c_{\mathbf{n}} e^{2\pi i \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{x}}.$$

Vector Notation Summarized

- The Fourier series expansion in $\mathbf{d}\text{-D}$ is approximated as

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\mathbf{n} \in \mathcal{Z}^d} c_{\mathbf{n}} e^{2\pi i \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{x}},$$

where $\mathbf{x} = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d] \in [0, 1]^d$, and $\mathbf{n} = [n_1, n_2, \dots, n_d] \in \mathcal{Z}^d$.

- The Fourier co-efficients ($\hat{f} = c_{\mathbf{n}}$) can be defined by the integral

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{f}(\mathbf{n}) &= \int_{[0,1]} \dots \int_{[0,1]} e^{-2\pi i n_1 x_1} e^{-2\pi i n_2 x_2} \dots e^{-2\pi i n_d x_d} f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d) dx_1 \dots dx_d \\ &= \int_{[0,1]} \dots \int_{[0,1]} e^{-2\pi i (n_1 x_1 + n_2 x_2 + \dots + n_d x_d)} f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d) dx_1 dx_2 \dots dx_d \\ &= \int_{[0,1]^d} e^{-2\pi i \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}. \end{aligned}$$

Fourier series in two dimensions

- Let $f(x, y)$ be a continuously differentiable periodic function with a period of 2π in both of the variables:

$$f(x + 2\pi, y) = f(x, y + 2\pi) = f(x, y).$$

- For each value of y , we can expand $f(x, y)$ in a uniformly convergent Fourier series

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{2}a_0(y) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty}[a_n(y) \cos nx + b_n(y) \sin nx].$$

- The co-efficients

$$a_n(y) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x, y) \cos nx \, dx$$

$$b_n(y) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x, y) \sin nx \, dx$$

are continuously differentiable in y .

Fourier Series in two dimensions (contd.)

- Co-efficients can be expanded in uniformly convergent Fourier series

$$a_n(y) = \frac{1}{2}a_{n0} + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (a_{nm} \cos my + b_{nm} \sin my)$$

$$b_n(y) = \frac{1}{2}c_{n0} + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (c_{nm} \cos my + d_{nm} \sin my)$$

where

$$a_{nm} = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x, y) \cos nx \cos my \, dx \, dy$$

$$b_{nm} = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x, y) \cos nx \sin my \, dx \, dy$$

$$c_{nm} = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x, y) \sin nx \cos my \, dx \, dy$$

$$d_{nm} = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x, y) \sin nx \sin my \, dx \, dy.$$

Fourier Series in two dimensions (contd.)

- Putting the series for the coefficients into the series for $f(x,y)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}f(x, y) \sim & \frac{1}{4}a_{00} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} [a_{0m} \cos my + b_{0m} \sin my] \\& + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [a_{n0} \cos nx + c_{n0} \sin nx] \\& + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} [a_{nm} \cos nx \cos my + b_{nm} \cos nx \sin my \\& \quad + c_{nm} \sin nx \cos my + d_{nm} \sin nx \sin my]\end{aligned}$$

Proof of convergence of double Fourier series

- The Parseval equation gives

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x, y)^2 dx = \frac{\pi}{2} a_0(y)^2 + \pi \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [a_n(y)^2 + b_n(y)^2].$$

- The series on right converges uniformly in y . Hence we may integrate with respect to y term by term:

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x, y)^2 dx dy = \frac{\pi^2}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} a_0^2 dy + \pi^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} [a_n^2 + b_n^2] dy.$$

- We now apply the Parseval equation to the functions $a_n(y)$ and $b_n(y)$:

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} a_n(y)^2 dy = \frac{\pi}{2} a_{n0}^2 + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (a_{nm}^2 + b_{nm}^2)$$

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} b_n(y)^2 dy = \frac{\pi}{2} c_{n0}^2 + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (c_{nm}^2 + d_{nm}^2)$$

Proof of convergence of double Fourier series (contd.)

- Thus, we get the Parseval's equation for double Fourier series derived under the hypothesis that $f(x,y)$ is continuously differentiable.

$$\begin{aligned}\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x,y)^2 dx dy &= \frac{\pi^2}{4} a_{00}^2 + \frac{\pi^2}{2} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (a_{0m}^2 + b_{0m}^2) \\ &\quad + \frac{\pi^2}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_{n0}^2 + c_{n0}^2) \\ &\quad + \pi^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (a_{nm}^2 + b_{nm}^2 + c_{nm}^2 + d_{nm}^2)\end{aligned}$$

Proof of convergence of double Fourier series (contd.)

- Assuming $f(x,y)$ is such that $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x,y)^2 dx dy$ is finite implies that $f(x,y)$ can be approximated in the mean by continuously differentiable functions. As such, Parseval equation remains valid for such functions.
- Additionally, we know that the functions $\cos(nx) \cos(my)$, $\cos(nx) \sin(my)$, $\sin(nx) \cos(my)$, and $\sin(nx) \sin(my)$ are orthogonal in the sense that

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(nx) \cos(my) \cos(kx) \cos(lx) dx dy = 0 \text{ unless } n = k, m = l,$$
$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(nx) \cos(my) \cos(kx) \sin(lx) dx dy = 0$$

and so forth.

Proof of convergence of double Fourier series (contd.)

- Therefore, we find that:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left[f(x, y) - \left(\frac{1}{4} a_{00} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=1}^M [a_{0m} \cos(my) + b_{0m} \sin(my)] + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N [a_{n0} \cos(nx) + c_{n0} \sin(nx)] \right. \right. \\
 & \quad \left. \left. + \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{m=1}^M [a_{nm} \cos(nx) \cos(my)] + [b_{nm} \cos(nx) \sin(my)] + [c_{nm} \sin(nx) \cos(my)] + [d_{nm} \sin(nx) \sin(my)] \right) \right]^2 dx dy \\
 & = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x, y)^2 dx dy - \left(\frac{\pi^2}{4} a_{00}^2 + \frac{\pi^2}{2} \sum_{m=1}^M [a_{0m}^2 + b_{0m}^2] + \frac{\pi^2}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N [a_{n0}^2 + c_{n0}^2] \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \pi^2 \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{m=1}^M [a_{nm}^2 + b_{nm}^2 + c_{nm}^2 + d_{nm}^2] \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

- In the above expression we have used

$$\int_a^b [f(x) - \sum_1^N c_n \phi_n(x)]^2 \rho(x) dx = \int_a^b f^2 \rho dx - \sum_1^N c_n^2 \int_a^b \phi_n^2 \rho dx.$$

- By Parseval's equation, the R.H.S. approaches 0 as $N, M \rightarrow \infty$. So, Fourier series converges to $f(x, y)$ in the mean as $N, M \rightarrow \infty$.

Proof of convergence of double Fourier series (contd.)

- Furthermore, it can be shown that if $f(x,y)$ is continuous and continuously differentiable, and if the squares of its second partial derivatives have finite integrals, then the double fourier series converges absolutely and uniformly to $f(x,y)$ as a double series.

Fourier series examples

Examples..

Laplace's Equation in a Cube

We consider the problem $\nabla^2 u = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = 0$ where,

- $0 < x < \pi, 0 < y < \pi, 0 < z < \pi,$
- $u = 0$ for $x = 0, x = \pi, y = 0, y = \pi$, and $z = \pi$,
- $u(x, y, 0) = g(x, y)$

This problem arises in electrostatics when u is the potential whose value g is given on the face $z = 0$, while other faces are perfect conductors kept at zero potential.

u can also be interpreted as an equilibrium temperature distribution when the faces are kept at temperatures 0 and g , respectively.

Laplace's Equation in a Cube (contd.)

- Maximum principle holds for Laplace's equation in 3 as well as 2 dimensions, so this 3-D boundary value problem for Laplace's equation has at most one solution which varies continuously with boundary values.
- We use the method of separation of variables to solve this problem.
Consider the product function

$$u = X(x)Y(y)Z(z)$$

that solves the Laplace's equation

$$\nabla^2 u = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = 0.$$

- By this substitution, we get

$$\frac{\nabla^2 u}{u} = \frac{X''}{X} + \frac{Y''}{Y} + \frac{Z''}{Z} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{X''}{X} + \frac{Y''}{Y} = -\frac{Z''}{Z} = C_1$$

Laplace's Equation in a Cube (contd.)

- Again,

$$\frac{X''}{X} = C_1 - \frac{Y''}{Y} = C_2.$$

So we have,

$$X'' - C_2 X = 0,$$

$$Y'' - (C_1 - C_2) Y = 0,$$

$$Z'' + C_1 Z = 0.$$

- The homogeneous boundary conditions give

$$X(0) = X(\pi) = 0,$$

$$Y(0) = Y(\pi) = 0,$$

$$Z(\pi) = 0.$$

Laplace's Equation in a Cube (contd.)

- We must have $C_2 = -n^2$, where n is a positive integer, with the corresponding eigen function

$$X = \sin nx.$$

- For Y , we have $C_1 - C_2 = -m^2$, where m is another positive integer, and

$$Y = \sin my.$$

- Then $C_1 = -m^2 - n^2$, so that Z is a multiple of

$$\sinh \sqrt{m^2 + n^2} (\pi - z).$$

Laplace's Equation in a Cube (contd.)

- We seek a solution of the form

$$u(x, y, z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \alpha_{nm} \sinh \sqrt{m^2 + n^2} (\pi - z) \sin nx \sin my.$$

- Putting $z = 0$, we formally obtain

$$g(x, y) = u(x, y, 0) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \alpha_{nm} \sinh \sqrt{m^2 + n^2} \pi \sin nx \sin my.$$

- Therefore from the double Fourier series expansion we have

$$\alpha_{nm} \sinh \sqrt{m^2 + n^2} \pi = d_{mn} = \frac{4}{\pi^2} \int_0^\pi \int_0^\pi g(x, y) \sin nx \sin my dx dy.$$

- Then

$$u(x, y, z) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{d_{nm}}{\sinh \sqrt{n^2 + m^2} \pi} \sinh \sqrt{n^2 + m^2} (\pi - z) \sin nx \sin my$$

3D Wave Equation in a Cube

We consider the problem

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \right) = 0$$

with initial conditions

$$u(0, y, z, t) = u(\pi, y, z, t) = 0,$$

$$u(x, 0, z, t) = u(x, \pi, z, t) = 0,$$

$$u(x, y, 0, t) = u(x, y, \pi, t) = 0,$$

$$u(x, y, z, 0) = f(x, y, z),$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, y, z, 0) = g(x, y, z).$$

Solution to this hyperbolic problem describes the propagation of sound waves from an initial disturbance in a cubical room...



3D Wave Equation in a Cube (contd.)

The formal solution to this problem is given by

$$u(x, y, z, t) = \sum \sum \sum [d_{lmn} \cos \sqrt{l^2 + m^2 + n^2} ct \\ + \tilde{d}_{lmn} \frac{\sin \sqrt{l^2 + m^2 + n^2} ct}{\sqrt{l^2 + m^2 + n^2} c}] \sin lx \sin my \sin nz,$$

where

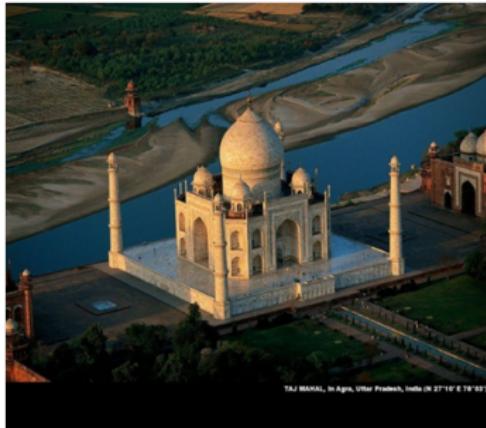
$$d_{lmn} = \frac{8}{\pi^3} \int_0^\pi \int_0^\pi \int_0^\pi f(x, y, z) \sin lx \sin my \sin nz dx dy dz,$$

$$\tilde{d}_{lmn} = \frac{8}{\pi^3} \int_0^\pi \int_0^\pi \int_0^\pi g(x, y, z) \sin lx \sin my \sin nz dx dy dz.$$

Symmetry in Nature



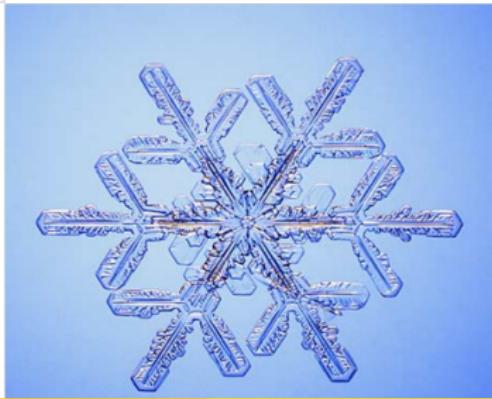
Symmetry in Architecture



TAJ MAHAL, In Agra, Uttar Pradesh, India (N 27°10' E 78°03')



Symmetry in Snowflakes



1-D Repetitive Patterns

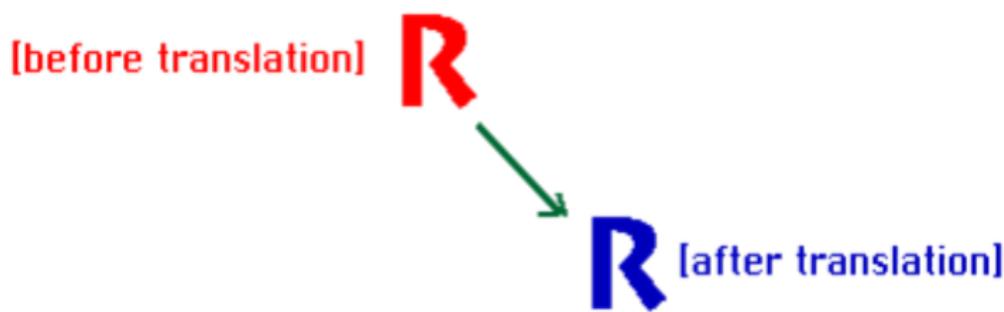


2-D Repetitive Patterns



Isometries of the Euclidean plane (Translation)

To translate an object means to move it without rotating or reflecting it.
Every translation has a direction and a distance.



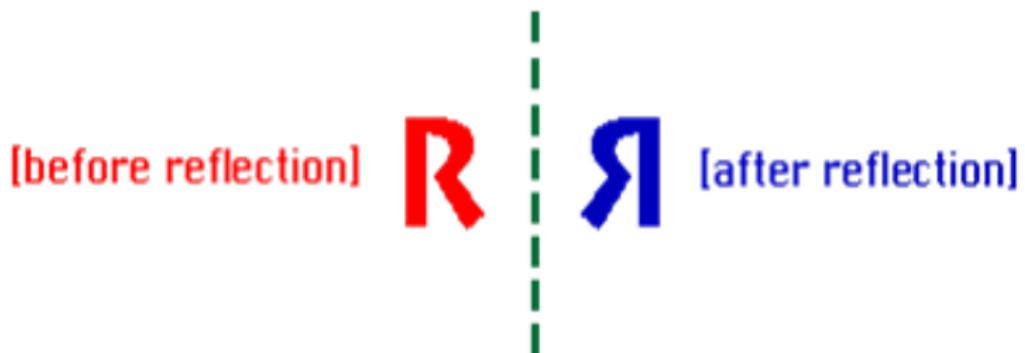
Isometries of the Euclidean plane (Rotation)

To rotate an object means to turn it around. Every rotation has a center and an angle.



Isometries of the Euclidean plane (Reflection)

To reflect an object means to produce its mirror image. Every reflection has a mirror line. A reflection of an "R" is a backwards "R".



Isometries of the Euclidean plane (Glide Reflection)

A glide reflection combines a reflection with a translation along the direction of the mirror line. Glide reflections are the only type of symmetry that involve more than one step.

[before glide reflection]



Seventeen 2-D patterns

| Wallpaper Group | Finite Presentation |
|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| P111 | $\langle x, y : xy = yx \rangle$ |
| P1m1 | $\langle x, y, z : x^2 = y^2 = 1, xz = zx, yz = zy \rangle$ |
| P1g1 | $\langle x, y : x^2 = y^2 \rangle$ |
| C1m1 | $\langle x, y : x^2 = 1, xy^2 = y^2x \rangle$ |
| P211 | $\langle t_1, t_2, t_3 : t_1^2 = t_2^2 = t_3^2 = (t_1 t_2 t_3)^2 = 1 \rangle$ |
| P2mm | $\langle r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4 : r_1^2 = r_2^2 = r_3^2 = r_4^2 = (r_1 r_2)^2 = (r_2 r_3)^2 = (r_3 r_4)^2 = (r_4 r_1)^2 = 1 \rangle$ |
| P2mg | $\langle p, q, r : p^2 = q^2 = r^2 = 1, pq = rpr \rangle$ |
| P2gg | $\langle p, q, r : p^2 = q^2, r^2 = 1, rpr = q^{-1} \rangle$ |
| C2mm | $\langle p, q, r : p^2 = q^2 = r^2 = (pq)^2 = (prqr)^2 = 1 \rangle$ |

Table: Wallpaper Group patterns and their Finite Presentations

Seventeen 2-D patterns

| Wallpaper Group | Finite Presentation |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| P3 | $\langle u, v, w : u^3 = v^3 = w^3 = uvw = 1 \rangle$ |
| P3m1 | $\langle r, s : r^2 = s^3 = (rs^{-1}rs)^3 = 1 \rangle$ |
| P31m | $\langle p, q, r : p^2 = q^2 = r^2 = (pq)^3 = (qr)^3 = (rp)^3 = 1 \rangle$ |
| P4 | $\langle a, b, c, d, e : a^2 = b^2 = c^2 = d^2 = abcd = 1,$ $= e^5, e^{-1}de = a, e^{-2}de^2 = b, e^3de^{-3} = c \rangle$ |
| P4mm | $\langle p, q, r : p^2 = q^2 = r^2 =$ $(pq)^4 = (qr)^2 = (rp)^4 = 1 \rangle$ |
| P4gm | $\langle a, b, c, d, e : a^2 = b^2 = c^2 = d^2$ $= (ab)^2 \rangle = (bc)^2 = (cd)^2 = (da)^2 = e^4 = 1$ |
| P6 | $\langle a, b : a^3 = b^2 = ab^6 = 1 \rangle$ |
| P6mm | $\langle p, q, r : p^2 = q^2 = r^2 = qr^3 = rp^2 = pq^6 = 1 \rangle$ |

Table: Wallpaper Group patterns and their Finite Presentations

Discrete dynamical systems

The system given by the recurrence relations

$$\begin{aligned}x_{n+1} &= x_n - f(x_n, y_n) \\y_{n+1} &= y_n - g(x_n, y_n)\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

is called a discrete dynamical system.

Translational Symmetry

Suppose that the phase portrait has a period T along the x -axis. The phase portrait is invariant after the transformation $x' = x + T$ and $y' = y$. Substituting x' and y' into (1), we have

$$\begin{aligned}x'_{n+1} &= x'_n - f(x'_n + T, y'_n) \\y'_{n+1} &= y'_n - g(x'_n + T, y'_n)\end{aligned}\tag{2}$$

For (1) and (2) to be identical, we must have

$$\begin{aligned}f(x + T, y) &= f(x, y) \\g(x + T, y) &= g(x, y)\end{aligned}\tag{3}$$

Similarly, if the phase portrait has a period T^* along the y -axis, it can be shown that

$$\begin{aligned}f(x, y + T^*) &= f(x, y) \\g(x, y + T^*) &= g(x, y)\end{aligned}\tag{4}$$

Reflection Symmetry

Suppose that the phase portrait has reflective symmetry about the x-axis.
Let $x' = x$ and $y' = -y$. Then we have,

$$\begin{aligned}x'_{n+1} &= x'_n - f(x'_n, -y'_n) \\y'_{n+1} &= y'_n + g(x'_n, -y'_n)\end{aligned}\tag{5}$$

From invariance of the transformation we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}f(x, -y) &= f(x, y) \\g(x, -y) &= -g(x, y)\end{aligned}\tag{6}$$

Similarly, if the phase portrait has reflective symmetry about the y-axis,
then

$$\begin{aligned}f(-x, y) &= -f(x, y) \\g(-x, y) &= g(x, y)\end{aligned}\tag{7}$$

Glide Reflective Symmetry

Suppose that phase portrait has a period T along x -axis and a glide reflection in the same direction. Let $x' = x + \frac{T}{2}$ and $y' = -y$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned}x'_{n+1} &= x'_n - f(x'_n + \frac{T}{2}, -y'_n) \\y'_{n+1} &= y'_n + g(x'_n + \frac{T}{2}, -y'_n)\end{aligned}\tag{8}$$

From invariance of the transformation we obtain

$$f(x + \frac{T}{2}, -y) = f(x, y), \quad g(x + \frac{T}{2}, -y) = -g(x, y)\tag{9}$$

Similarly, if the phase portrait has a period T^* about the y -axis and a glide reflection in the same direction, then

$$\begin{aligned}f(-x, y + \frac{T^*}{2}) &= -f(x, y) \\g(-x, y + \frac{T^*}{2}) &= g(x, y).\end{aligned}\tag{10}$$

Rotational Symmetry

Suppose that the phase portrait remains unchanged after a rotation of an angle θ counter clockwise. Let

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = T_\theta \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \quad (11)$$

Substituting (11) into (1), we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} x'_{n+1} \\ y'_{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x'_n \\ y'_n \end{bmatrix} - T_\theta \begin{bmatrix} f \\ g \end{bmatrix} \quad (12)$$

From (1) and (12), we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(x', y') &= \cos \theta f(x, y) - \sin \theta g(x, y) \\ g(x', y') &= \sin \theta f(x, y) + \cos \theta g(x, y) \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

Eliminating $g(x, y)$ from (13), we obtain

$$f(x'', y'') - 2\cos \theta f(x', y') + f(x, y) = 0, \quad (14)$$

Dynamical systems with P6mm Symmetry

We chose the wallpaper group P6mm as an example and show how to construct dynamical system with this symmetry as shown in [Chung, 1993]. Patterns having other symmetries can be constructed in a similar fashion. P6mm has a 6-fold rotational symmetry. To obtain a phase portrait of (1) with P6mm symmetry we substitute $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$ into (14) and obtain

$$f(x'', y'') - f(x', y') + f(x, y) = 0. \quad (15)$$

To find the general solution of (15), we express $f(x, y)$ as a linear combination of the function $h(x^{(n)}, y^{(n)})$ ($n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$) where $h(x, y)$ is any function and the point $y^{(n)}$ is a rotation of the point $(x, y) = (x^{(0)}, y^{(0)})$ by an angle $\frac{n\pi}{3}$ counter-clockwise i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y) &= rh(x, y) + sh(x', y') + th(x'', y'') \\ &\quad + uh(-x, -y) + vh(-x', -y') + wh(-x'', -y'') \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

where r, s , t , u , v and w are real numbers.

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From (15) and (16), we get $t=s-r$, $u=-r$, $v=-s$, and $w=r-s$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y) &= r[h(x, y) - h(-x, -y)] + s[h(x', y') - h(-x', -y')] \\ &\quad + (s-r)[h(x'', y'') - h(-x'', -y'')]. \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

From (13), we have

$$g(x, y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}f(x, y) - \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}f(x', y'). \quad (18)$$

Since the pattern also has a reflection in a line (x-axis), the function $h(x, y)$ chosen should satisfy (6). From the periodic property of the pattern, we obtain from (3)

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y) &= f(x + T, y) = f(x, y + \alpha T) \\ g(x, y) &= g(x + T, y) = g(x, y + \alpha T) \end{aligned} \quad (19)$$

where $\alpha = \sqrt{3}$ or $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$.

Dynamical systems with P6mm Symmetry (contd.)

Considering the possible choices of $h(x, y)$, and assuming that $h(x, y)$ is periodic along the x-axis with period 2π and the y-axis with period $2\sqrt{3}\pi$. Then, $h(x, y)$ may be expressed in Fourier series as

$$\begin{aligned} h(x, y) = & \sum a_{mn} \cos(mx) \cos\left(\frac{ny}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + \sum b_{mn} \cos(mx) \sin\left(\frac{ny}{\sqrt{3}}\right) \\ & + \sum c_{mn} \sin(mx) \cos\left(\frac{ny}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + \sum d_{mn} \sin(mx) \sin\left(\frac{ny}{\sqrt{3}}\right). \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

From (6) and (17), the first, second and fourth sums on R.H.S. vanish. Therefore,

$$h(x, y) = \sum c_{mn} \sin(mx) \cos\left(\frac{ny}{\sqrt{3}}\right) \quad (21)$$

Dynamical systems with P6mm Symmetry (contd.)

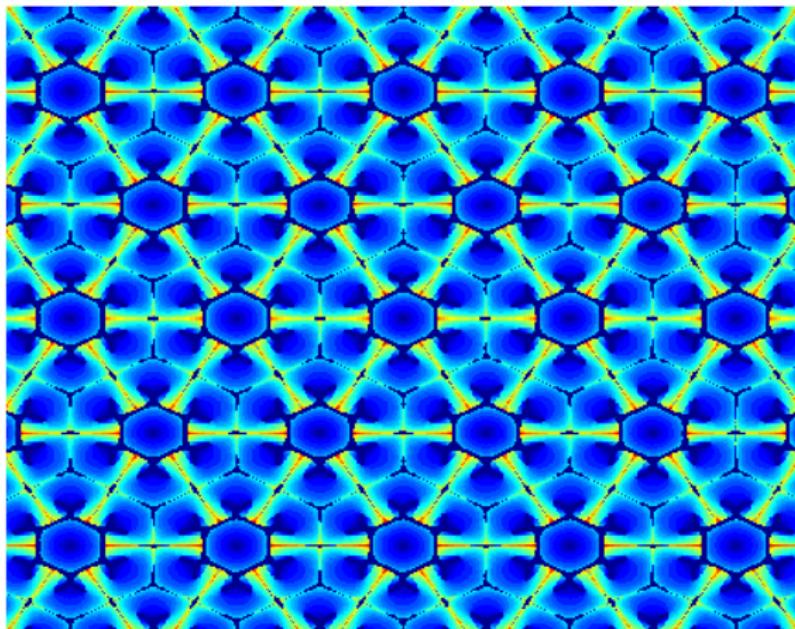
Assuming

$$h(x, y) = \sin(x) \cos\left(\frac{2y}{\sqrt{3}}\right) \quad (22)$$

we calculate $f(x,y)$ and $g(x,y)$ using (17,18) which are then substituted in (1).

Dynamical systems with P6mm Symmetry (contd.)

The corresponding pattern was programmed in Matlab and the result is shown in the figure below.



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