

Time-per-Revolution in the Prime-Driven Torus

Abstract

Periodic parameter spaces and their resonance phenomena are captured by toroidal windings. We show that:

1. The classical Tonnetz is the case $n = 2$, a 2-torus T_{Tonnetz}^2 with rational angular increments encoding musical fifths and thirds.
2. The Prime-FM model is the case $n = 8$, an 8-torus T_{PrimeFM}^8 with twist fractions derived from prime-gap ratios.
3. Both admit the same linear-flow description $\theta(t) = \theta(0) + t\omega \pmod{2\pi}$, differing only in the choice of ω .

1 Definitions

Definition 1 (n -Torus).

$$T^n = \underbrace{S^1 \times \cdots \times S^1}_n = \mathbb{R}^n / (2\pi\mathbb{Z})^n,$$

with coordinates $\theta = (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_n) \pmod{2\pi}$.

Definition 2 (Linear Flow). Given $\omega \in \mathbb{R}^n$, the discrete flow $\Phi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow T^n$ is

$$\Phi(t) = \theta(0) + t\omega \pmod{2\pi}.$$

2 Periodicity versus Density

Proposition 1. If each ratio $\omega_i/\omega_j \in \mathbb{Q}$, then $\Phi(t)$ is periodic. Otherwise, its orbit is dense in an embedded sub-torus of T^n .

Proof. Standard results on linear flows on tori (Kronecker's theorem). □

3 Tonnetz as T_{Tonnetz}^2

Define two angular velocities on $\mathbb{Z}_{12} \cong S^1$:

$$\omega_F = 2\pi \frac{7}{12}, \quad \omega_M = 2\pi \frac{4}{12}.$$

Then

$$T_{\text{Tonnetz}}^2 = S_F^1 \times S_M^1, \quad \Phi_{\text{Tonnetz}}(t) = (t\omega_F, t\omega_M) \pmod{2\pi}.$$

Since $\omega_F/\omega_M = 7/4 \in \mathbb{Q}$, all orbits close after at most 12 steps.

4 Prime-FM Model as T_{PrimeFM}^8

Let p_1, \dots, p_8 be eight successive primes and set

$$\phi_i = \frac{p_i}{\sum_{j=1}^8 p_j}, \quad \omega_i = 2\pi \phi_i.$$

Then

$$T_{\text{PrimeFM}}^8 = \prod_{i=1}^8 S_i^1, \quad \Phi_{\text{PrimeFM}}(t) = (t\omega_1, \dots, t\omega_8) \pmod{2\pi}.$$

Each $\omega_i/\omega_j = p_i/p_j \in \mathbb{Q}$, so the flow is periodic with period $\sum_j p_j$.

5 Unified Theorem and Proof

Theorem 1. *Both the Tonnetz and the Prime-FM constructions are instances of the linear flow $\Phi(t) = \theta(0) + t\omega \pmod{2\pi}$ on T^n , differing only in n and the choice of ω .*

Proof. 1. By definition $T^n = \mathbb{R}^n/(2\pi\mathbb{Z})^n$.

2. Any $\omega \in \mathbb{R}^n$ yields $\Phi(t) = t\omega \pmod{2\pi}$.

3. Tonnetz: $n = 2$, $\omega = (2\pi \frac{7}{12}, 2\pi \frac{4}{12})$.

4. Prime-FM: $n = 8$, $\omega_i = 2\pi p_i / \sum_j p_j$.

5. Conclusion: Same underlying toroidal-winding framework.

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6 Conclusion

The classical Tonnetz ($n = 2$, rational intervals) and the Prime-FM 8-torus ($n = 8$, prime-ratio twists) both realize toroidal resonance as linear flows on T^n . Rational vs. irrational-ratio regimes govern closed orbits versus dense quasi-periodicity, unifying musical and number-theoretic resonances in one geometric paradigm.