Oscillations in Harmonic Analysis

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1 Introduction

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Combinatorics

1.0.1 Erdős problem

1. Erdős distinct distance problem (1946). What is the least number of distinct distances determined by N points in a plane.

Example 1.1. We have four points (0,1), (2,2), (0,0), (1,0), and if we start listing the distances between each of them we obtain the following:

$$1, 1, \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{5}, \sqrt{5}, \sqrt{8}$$
.

However, we care about the distinct number; hence we get a new list

$$1, \sqrt{2}, \sqrt{5}, \sqrt{8}$$
.

<u>Upper bound:</u> Notice that the first list is obtain by getting the distance between two points, hence

$$\binom{N}{2} = \frac{1}{2}N^2 - \frac{1}{2}N \sim N^2.$$

are obtained random.

To analyze what happens with the lower bound, we look at the following example.

Example 1.2. (a) Say N is a perfect square.

- (b) Then, we have an square of \sqrt{N} lattice.
- (c) Now, let's count

 $(distinct distens)^2$.

(d) We obtain the list:

$$1, 2, \ldots, 2N$$
.

- (e) Hence we get no more than $\sim N$.
- (f) Notice that $a^2 + b^2 = 3$ has no solution (number theory). Hence our list (d) have holes.
- (g) Hence,

distinct distance
$$\sim \frac{N}{\sqrt{\log(N)}}$$
 as $N \to \infty$.

Conjecture. Conjecture (Erdős 1946): The answer for Erdos 1946 should be in the order of $\frac{N}{\sqrt{\log(N)}}$ as $N \to \infty$.

Theorem (Erdős 1946). At least $\sim \sqrt{N}$ as $N \to \infty$.

Theorem (Guth, Katz 2015). At least $\sim \frac{N}{\log(N)}$ as $N \to \infty$.

2. Crescent Configurations N points in the plane such that distance d_1 appears 1 times, d_2 appears 2 times, and so on, until d_{N-1} appears N-1 times. (N-1) distinct distances. It is possible to achieve this if you place equally spaced points on a line. Additionally require general position no more than 2 points on a line, and no more than 3 points on a circle. Call a crescent configuration.

Example 1.3. We can go from 3 pts to 8 points in crescent configuration. It is unknown if we could find a 9 point or higher order configurations.

Conjecture (Erdős). Eventually they do not exist.

Question: Find many (all) crescent configurations for some N.

Example 1.4. Given N = 4 in \mathbb{R}^2 .

Question: For N = 5. Many known but not all.

2 Review on Vector Spaces

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2.1 Inner Product

An inner product is a map

$$\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle : V \times V \to F$$

that satisfies for all $f, g, h \in V$, and $\alpha, \beta \in F$.

- 1. $\langle f, f \rangle \geq 0$ and $\langle f, f \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow f = 0$.
- 2. $\langle f, g \rangle = \langle g, f \rangle$.
- 3. $\langle \alpha f + \beta g, h \rangle = \alpha \langle f, h \rangle + \beta \langle g, h \rangle$.

Example 2.1. In \mathbb{R}^d , we have

$$\langle x, y \rangle = x \cdot y = x_1 y_1 + \dots + x_d y_d.$$

Example 2.2. In \mathbb{C}^d , we have

$$\langle x, y \rangle = x \cdot y = x_1 \bar{y_1} + \dots + x_d \bar{y_d}.$$

Example 2.3. In C[a, b], we have

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_{a}^{b} f(x) \overline{g(x)} dx$$

2.2 Norm

A norm is a function

$$||\cdot||:V\to\mathbb{R}$$

that satisfies for all $f, g \in V$ and $\alpha \in F$.

1.
$$||f|| \ge 0$$
 and if $||f|| = 0$ then $f = 0$.

- 2. $||\alpha f|| = |\alpha|||f||$.
- 3. $||f+g|| \le ||f|| + ||g||$ (triangle inequality).

In in a vector space V with inner product $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$ get a norm for free.

$$||f|| := \sqrt{\langle f, f \rangle}.$$

Definition (Cauchy-Schwartz Inequality).

$$|\langle f, g \rangle| \le ||f|||g||.$$

<u>Hint for Problem set:</u> Implies triangle inequality.

$$||f + g|| = \langle f + g, f + g \rangle$$

$$= ||f||^2 + \langle f, g \rangle + \langle f, g \rangle + ||g||^2$$
(by CS) \leq ||f||^2 + 2||f||||g|| + ||g||^2
$$= (||f|| + ||g||)^2.$$

Example 2.4. On C[a,b] with

$$\langle f, g \rangle = \frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b f(x) \overline{g(x)} dx$$

get

$$||f||_2 = \left(\frac{1}{b-a} \int_a^b |f(x)|^2 dx\right)^{1/2}$$

2.3 Orthogonality

Sat $f, g \in V$ are orthogonal if

$$\langle f, g \rangle = 0.$$

Say $\{\phi_1, \ldots, \phi_n\}$ are orthogonal if $\langle \phi_j, \phi_k \rangle = 0$ whenever $j \neq k$ and $\phi_j \neq 0$ for all j.

If in addition $||\phi_j|| = 1$ for all j then $\{\phi_1, \ldots, \phi_n\}$ is orthonormal. Note: Remember Gram-Schmidt.

Theorem (Pythagorean Theorem). If $\langle f, g \rangle = then ||f + g||^2 = ||f||^2 + ||g||^2$.

2.4 Projections

Let $\phi \in B$ with $||\phi|| = 1$. The projection of f in the direction of ϕ is

$$\operatorname{proj}_{\phi}(f) := \langle f, \phi \rangle \phi.$$

Example 2.5. Project
$$f = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$
 on $\phi = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$.

$$\operatorname{proj}_{\phi}(f) := \left[\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 1 \end{array} \right].$$

Definition. Let W_n be a subspace of V with an orthonormal basis $\{\phi_1, \ldots, \phi_n\}$. The proejction of f onto W_n is.

$$\operatorname{proj}_{W_n}(f)L = \langle f_1, \phi_1 \rangle \phi_1 + \ldots + \langle f_n, \phi_n \rangle \phi_n.$$

Theorem.

$$\operatorname{proj}_{W_n}(f) = 0 \iff f \in W_n.$$

Theorem. $f - \operatorname{proj}_{W_n}$ is orthonormal to every vector in W_n .

3 Fourier Series

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Theorem. Let $f \in V$. Let W_n be a subspace of V with an orthonormal basis $\{\phi_1, \ldots, \phi_n\}$. The element $winW_n$ that minimizes ||f - w|| is

$$w = \operatorname{proj}_{W_n}(f). \leftarrow Best \ approximation$$

Proof. Write:

$$w = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \beta_i \phi_i$$

and set

$$\alpha_i = \langle f, \phi_i \rangle, \quad i = 1, \dots, n.$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} ||f - w||^2 &= \langle f - w, f - w \rangle \\ &= ||f||^2 - \langle f, \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i \phi_i \rangle - \overline{\langle f, \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i \phi_i \rangle} + \langle \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i \phi_i, \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_j \phi_j \rangle \\ &= ||f||^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n \overline{\beta_i} \langle f, \phi_i \rangle - \sum_{i=1}^n \overline{\beta_i} \overline{\langle f, \phi_i \rangle} + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \beta_i \overline{\beta_j} \langle \phi_i, \phi_j \rangle \\ &= ||f||^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n \overline{\beta_i} \alpha_i - \sum_{i=1}^n \beta_i \overline{\alpha_i} + \sum_{i=1}^n |\beta_i|^2 \\ &= ||f||^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n (\beta_i - \alpha_i) \overline{\beta_i} - \overline{\alpha_i} - \sum_{i=1}^n |\alpha_i|^2 \\ &= ||f||^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n |\langle f, \phi_i \rangle|^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n |\beta_i - \alpha_i|^2. \end{aligned}$$

So minimized if $\beta_i = \alpha_i = \langle f, \phi_i \rangle$.

Remark:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \langle f, \phi_i \rangle \phi_i \quad \text{best approximation to } f.$$

Corollary.

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} |\langle f, \phi_i \rangle|^2 \le ||f||^2.$$

Bessel's inequality:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} |\langle f, \phi_i \rangle|^2 \le ||f||^2.$$

Riemann-Lebesgue Lemma:

$$\lim_{i \to \infty} \langle f, \phi_i \rangle = 0.$$

Motivation:

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \cos(nx) \cos(mx) dx = \begin{cases} 0 & n \neq m \\ \frac{1}{2} & n = m \neq 0 \\ 1 & n = m = 0. \end{cases}$$
$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \sin(nx) \sin(mx) dx = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } n = m \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$
$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \sin(nx) \cos(mx) dx = 0.$$

Note that

$$1, \sqrt{2}\cos(x), \sqrt{2}\sin(x), \sqrt{2}\cos(2x), \sqrt{2}\sin(2x), \dots$$

orthonormal sequence on $[0, 2\pi]$.

Best finite approximation up to level n of a function f is

$$a_0 \cdot 1 + a_1 \sqrt{2} \cos(x) + b_1 \sqrt{2} \sin(x) + \dots$$

where

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \cdot 1 dx$$

$$a_j = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \sqrt{2} \cos(jx) dx$$

$$b_k = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \cdot \sqrt{2} \sin(kx) dx.$$

Trigonometric Series:

$$\frac{1}{2}A_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(A_n \cos(nx) + B_n \sin(nx) \right)$$

if in addition

$$A_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \cos(nx) dx$$

and

$$B_n = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \sin(nx) dx$$

then called Fourier Series.

Simplification: We could have started with the orthonormal sequence

$$e^{inx}, n \in \mathbb{Z}, \text{ on } [0, 2\pi].$$

Then,

$$\begin{split} \langle e^{inx}, e^{inx} \rangle &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{inx} \overline{e^{imx}} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{i(n-m)x} dx \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2\pi} \left[\frac{1}{i(n-m)} e^{i(n-m)x} \right]_0^{2\pi} = 0 & \text{if } n \neq m \\ \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} 1 dx = 1 & \text{if } n = m. \end{cases} \end{split}$$

Give best approximation up to level n > 0 of a function f

$$c_{-n}e^{i(-n)x} + \dots + c_0 \cdot 1 + \dots + c_ne^{inx}$$

with corresponding series

$$\sum_{n\in\mathbb{Z}} c_n e^{inx}$$

where

$$c_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \overline{e^{inx}} dx = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) e^{-inx} dx.$$

Note:

$$c_n = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \cos(nx) dx - i \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \sin(nx) dx$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}(A_n - iB_n) & \text{if } n > 0\\ \frac{1}{2}A_0 & \text{if } n = 0\\ \frac{1}{2}(A_{|n|} + iB_{|n|}) & \text{if } n < 0. \end{cases}$$

For n > 0, we have

$$c_n e^{inx} + c_{-n} e^{i(-n)x} = A_n \cos(nx) + B_n \sin(nx)$$

All the same terms as before!

Intervals:

$$e^{inx}$$
 works on any interval of length 2π . $e^{2\pi inx/N}$ works on any interval of length L .

Summary:

Fourier Series: If f is integrable on [a, b] of length of L then the nth Forier coefficient of f is defined by

$$\hat{f}(n) = \frac{1}{L} \int_{a}^{b} f(x)e^{-2\pi i nx/L} dx, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

and its Forier series is given by

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(n)e^{-2\pi i nx/L}.$$

Question: Does $\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(n)e^{-2\pi i n x/L}$ converges to f(x)? Let's first look at the following example.

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Example 3.1. Let f(x) = x on [0, 2n]. Then,

$$\hat{f}(n) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} x e^{-inx} dx = \frac{i}{n}, \quad n \neq 0.$$

and

$$\hat{f}(0) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} x dx = \pi.$$

Fourier series

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{i}{n} e^{inx} = \pi - 2\left(\frac{1}{1}\sin(x) + \frac{1}{2}\sin(2x) + \dots\right)$$

$$\uparrow \frac{i}{n} e^{inx} + \frac{i}{-n} e^{-inx} = -\frac{2}{n}\sin(nx).$$

Yields π if x = 0 or $x = 2\pi$ while f(0) = 0 and $f(2\pi) = 2\pi$.

Consider: [insert graph 1 vs 2 here]:

Note: Fourier series is periodic on \mathbb{R} .

3.1 Domains

Consider [a, b] on periodic functions on \mathbb{R} in a circle such that $f(x) = F(e^{ix})$ and $x \in [0, 2\pi]$. Hence, functions on the circle are periodic functions f(x) on $[0, 2\pi]$ with $f(0) = f(2\pi)$.

3.2 Uniqueness

Theorem. Suppose f is integrable and bounded on an interval with $\hat{f}(n) = 0$ for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then $f(x_0) = 0$ whenever f is continuous at x_0 .

3.3 Partial Sums

Let

$$S_N(f)(x) := \sum_{n=-N}^{N} \hat{f}(n)e^{-2\pi i n x/L}$$
 on $[0, L]$.

Question: In what sense $S_N f \to f$.

Theorem. Suppose f is continous on the circle and the Fourier series of f is absolutely convergent

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |\hat{f}(n)| < \infty.$$

Then

$$\lim_{N \to \infty} S_N(f)(x) = f(x)$$

uniformly in x.

Proof. Since

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |\hat{f}(n)| < \infty$$

then

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(n)e^{inx}$$

converges absolutely and in fact uniformly.

If

$$g(x) = \sum_{n = -\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(n)e^{inx}$$

then g must be continuous.

Since f-g is continuous and $\widehat{f-g}(n)=0$ for all $n\in\mathbb{Z}$ we conclude by uniqueness theorem that f=g.

$$\hat{g}(n) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} g(x) e^{-inx} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \left(\lim_{N \to \infty} \sum_{k = -\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(k) e^{ikx} \right) e^{-inx} dx$$

$$= \lim_{N \to \infty} \sum_{k = -\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(k) \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{i(k-n)x} dx.$$

Note that:

$$\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} e^{i(k-n)x} dx = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } k = n \\ 0 & else. \end{cases}$$

Hence, we have that

$$\hat{g}(n) = \lim_{N \to \infty} \sum_{k=-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(k) \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{0}^{2\pi} e^{i(k-n)x} dx$$
$$= \hat{f}(n).$$

Theorem. Let $f \in C^2[0, 2\pi]$ and 2π period. Then

$$\hat{f}(n) = \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{n^2}\right) \ as \ |n| \to \infty$$

and thus the Fourier series of f converges absolutely and uniformly to f.

Note: $f(x) = \mathcal{O}(g(x))$ as $x \to a$ means there exists a constant C such that

$$|f(x)| \le C|g(x)|$$
 as $x \to a$.

Proof. Since f'' is continous on $[0, 2\pi]$, it is bounded. Say

$$|f''(x)| \le B$$
 for all $x \in (0, 2\pi]$.

Then

$$\hat{f}(n) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f(x)e^{-inx} dx$$
$$= \frac{1}{in} \hat{f}'(n) \text{ by int. by parts.}$$

By iterating $\hat{f}(n) = \frac{1}{i^2 n^2} \widehat{f''}(n)$,

$$|\hat{f}(n)| = \frac{1}{n^2} \left| \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} f''(x) e^{-inx} dx \right|$$

$$\leq \frac{1}{n^2} \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} B dx \right) = \frac{B}{n^2}.$$

Corollary. $\hat{f}'(n) = in\hat{f}(n)$.

3.4 Convolution

Given 2π periodic integrable functions f and g on \mathbb{R} . Define their convolution f * g by

$$(f * g)(x) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(y)g(x - y)dy \qquad x \in [-\pi, \pi].$$

Remarks: It has many good properties by most importantly

- $\bullet \ f * g = g * f.$
- $\widehat{f * g} = \widehat{f}(n)\widehat{g}(n)$.

4 Kernels

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4.1 Direchlet Kernel

$$S_N(f)(x) = \sum_{n=-N}^{N} \hat{f}(n)e^{inx}$$

$$= \sum_{n=-N}^{N} \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(y)e^{-iny}dy\right)e^{inx}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(y) \left(\sum_{n=-N}^{N} e^{-in(x-y)}dy\right)e^{inx}$$

$$= (f * D_N)(x)$$

where $D_N(x) = \sum_{n=-N}^N e^{inx}$. <u>Facts:</u>

- (1) $\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} D_N(x) dx = 1.$
- (2) $D_n(x) = \frac{\sin((N+\frac{1}{2})x)}{\sin(x/2)}$.
- (3) $D_n(x) \le C \min\{N, \frac{1}{|x|}\}\ \text{if } x \in [-\pi, \pi], \ N \ge 1.$

4.2 Good Kernels on the circle

Definition. A family of kernels $\{K_n(x)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ on the circle is said to be a family of good kernels if

- (i) $\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} K_n(x) dx = 1$ for all $n \ge 1$.
- (ii) There exists M > 0 such that $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |K_n(x)| dx \leq M$ for all $n \geq 1$.
- (iii) For every $\delta > 0$ $\int_{\delta \le |x| \le \pi} |K_n(x)| dx \to 0$ as $n \to \infty$.

Theorem. Let $\{K_n\}$ be a family of good kernels and f a bounded and integrable function on the circle. Then

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} (f * K_n)(x) = f(x)$$

whenever f is continuous at x. If f is continuous everywhere then the limit is uniform.

Note: Unfortunately

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |D_N(x)| dx \ge c \log(N)$$

as N is large. Then D_N is not a good kernel.

4.3 Fej'er Kernel

Say a series $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} c_k$ is Cesáro summable to σ if

$$\lim_{N\to\infty}\sigma_N=\sigma$$

where

$$\sigma_N = \frac{s_0 + s_1 + \dots + s_{N-1}}{N}$$

is the $N^{\rm th}$ Cesáro mean.

Example 4.1. $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k$ does not converge but Cesáro summable to $\frac{1}{2}$. For Fourier series the N^{th} Cesáro mean is

$$\sigma_N(f)(x) = \frac{S_0(f)(x) + \dots + S_{N-1}(f)(x)}{N}$$

$$= \frac{(f * D_0)(x) + \dots + (f * D_{N-1})(x)}{N}$$

$$= \left(f * \left(\frac{D_0 + \dots + D_{N-1}}{N}\right)\right)(x)$$

$$= (f * F_N)(x) \qquad \left(\text{since } F_N = \frac{D_0 + \dots + D_{N-1}}{N} \to \text{Fej'er kernel}\right).$$

Facts:

- (1) $F_N(x) = \frac{1}{N} \frac{\sin^2(Nx/2)}{\sin^2(x/2)}$.
- (2) F_N is a good kernel.

Theorem (Weierstrass Approximation Theorem). For every continuous function $f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{C}$ with period 2π and every $\epsilon > 0$ one can find a trigonometric polynomial P such that

$$\forall x \quad |f(x) - P(x)| < \epsilon.$$

Proof.

$$\sigma_N(f)(x) = \frac{S_0(f)(x) + \dots + S_{N-1}(f)(x)}{N}$$

= $(f * F_N)(x)$.

is a trigonometric polynomial and $(f * F_N) \to f$ uniformly because f continuous and F_N is a good kernel.

Mean Square Convergence of Fourier Series

Let f be a continuous function on the circle. Then

$$||f - S_N(f)||_2 \to 0 \text{ as } N \to \infty.$$

Proof. By the Weierstrass Approximation Theorem for a given $\epsilon > 0$ there exists a trigonometric polynomial P, say of degree M, such that

$$|f(x) - P(x)| < \epsilon$$
 for all $x \in [0, 2\pi]$

and thus

$$||f - P||_2 = \left(\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} |f(x) - P(x)|^2 fx\right)^2 < \epsilon.$$

By the best approximation theorem

$$||f - S_N(f)||_2 < \epsilon$$

whenever $N \geq M$.

4.4 Parseval's identity

From general theory about orthonormal sequences Bessel's inequality:

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |\hat{f}(n)|^2 \le ||f||_2^2.$$

Riemman-Lebesgue Lemma: $\hat{f}(n) \to 0$ as $|n| \to \infty$, and

$$\int_0^{2\pi} f(x)\sin(nx)dx \to 0,$$

$$\int_0^{2\pi} f(x) \cos(nx) dx \to 0.$$

Theorem (Parsval's Identity).

$$\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} |\hat{f}(n)|^2 \le ||f||_2^2$$

where we assume f is continuous on the circle.

Proof. From proof of best approximation theorem

$$||f||_2^2 = ||f - S_N(f)||_2^2 + \sum_{|n| \le N} |\hat{f}(n)|^2.$$