

# Ergodic Theory Motivated by Sarnak's Conjecture in Number Theory

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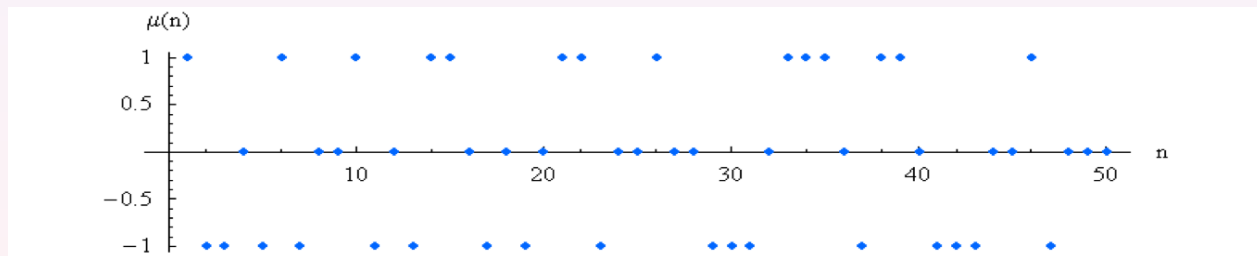
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# The Möbius Function

The Möbius function is an arithmetic function on the set  $\mathbb{N}$  of natural numbers:

$$\mu(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1, \\ (-1)^r & \text{if } n = p_1 \cdots p_r, \text{ a product of distinct prime numbers,} \\ 0 & \text{if } p^2 | n \text{ for some prime number.} \end{cases}$$



# Multiplicative

$$\mu(nm) = \mu(n)\mu(m), \quad (n, m) = 1.$$

# The Primitive $n^{\text{th}}$ Roots of Unity

$$\mu(n) = \sum_{1 \leq k \leq n, (k,n)=1} e^{2\pi i \frac{k}{n}}$$

and

$$\sum_{d|n} \mu(d) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1, \\ 0 & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

# Inversion

Suppose  $\alpha(n)$  and  $\beta(n)$  are two arithmetic functions such that

$$\alpha(n) = \sum_{d|n} \beta(d).$$

$$f: X \rightarrow X$$

$$f^{\circ n}: X \rightarrow X$$

Then

$$\beta(n) = \sum_{d|n} \mu\left(\frac{n}{d}\right) \alpha(d) = \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) \alpha\left(\frac{n}{d}\right).$$

For example, for a flow  $\{f^{\circ n}: X \rightarrow X\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ , let

$$\alpha(n) = \#\left(\{x \in X \mid f^{\circ n}(x) = x\}\right)$$

and

$$\beta(n) = \#\left(\{x \in X \mid f^{\circ n}(x) = x, f^{\circ k}(x) \neq x, 1 \leq k \leq n-1\}\right)$$

# Riemann Zeta Function

Let

$$\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s} \quad \text{Re } s > 1$$

be the Riemann zeta function. We have

$$\frac{1}{\zeta(s)} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(n)}{n^s}.$$

The statement (conjecture) that for any  $\epsilon > 0$

$$\sum_{n=1}^N \mu(n) = O_{\epsilon}(N^{\frac{1}{2}+\epsilon})$$

is equivalent to the Riemann hypothesis.

# Zero Mean

The Möbius function has the zero mean, that is,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \mu(n) = 0,$$

$$\mathbb{E} \mu = 0$$

which is equivalent to the prime number theorem,

$$\pi(x) \sim \frac{x}{\log x} + o(\cdot)$$

where  $\pi(x)$  is the number of prime numbers  $\leq x$ .

# $\mu(n)$ in views of dynamics

Consider a compact metric space with the shift on it,

$$\Sigma_3 = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \{-1, 0, 1\} = \{v = \cancel{j_1} j_2 \cdots j_n \cdots\}; \sigma_3 : v \rightarrow \sigma(v) = \underline{j_2} \cdots \underline{j_n} \cdots$$

Then  $\mu = \mu(1)\mu(2)\cdots\mu(n)\cdots$  is a point in  $\Sigma_3$  and

$$\sigma_3 : \Lambda = \overline{\{\sigma_3^{\circ n}(\mu) \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}} \rightarrow \Lambda$$

is the Möbius flow.

compact subset

$$\sigma_3 : \Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda$$

## Question

Is the Möbius flow simple or complicate?



# The complexity of the Möbius flow

The complexity of a dynamical system can be measured by a number called the entropy  $h$ . ←

flow

$\Sigma_3 \wedge$   
 $\downarrow \mathcal{L}$   
 $\Sigma_2 \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{N})$

Consider another compact metric space and the shift on it,

$$\Sigma_2 = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \{0, 1\} = \{w = i_1 i_2 \cdots i_n \cdots\}; \sigma_2 : w \rightarrow \sigma(w) = i_2 \cdots i_n \cdots$$

$\Lambda \xrightarrow{\sigma_3} \Lambda \leftarrow$   
 $\downarrow \mathcal{L}$   
 $\mathcal{U}(\mathbb{N}) \rightarrow \mathcal{U}(\mathbb{N})$

Let  $w = \iota(v) = i_1 i_2 \cdots i_n \cdots = j_1^2 j_2^2 \cdots j_n^2 \cdots$ . The point  $\iota(\mu) \in \Sigma_2$  records all square free natural numbers, which has the density  $\frac{6}{\pi^2}$  in  $\mathbb{N}$ . This implies that the entropy  $h(\sigma_2 | \iota(\Lambda))$  is  $\frac{6}{\pi^2} \log 2$ . Thus the entropy  $h(\sigma_3 | \Lambda)$  is positive since  $\sigma_2 : \iota(\Lambda) \rightarrow \iota(\Lambda)$  is a factor of  $\sigma_3 : \Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda$ . This says that the Möbius flow is complicate and random.

# Oscillation

The Möbius function not only has the zero mean but also is oscillating (Davenport, 1937),

$$\int \mu e^{2\pi i \theta} = 0$$

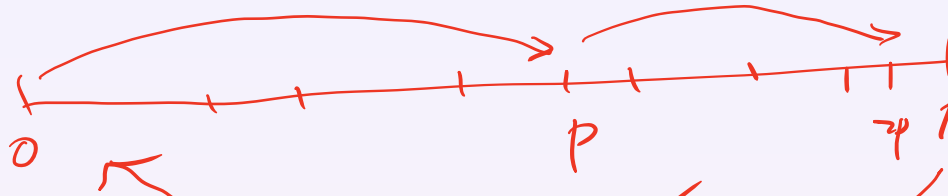
$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \mu(n) e^{2\pi i \theta n} = 0, \quad \forall 0 \leq \theta < 1.$$



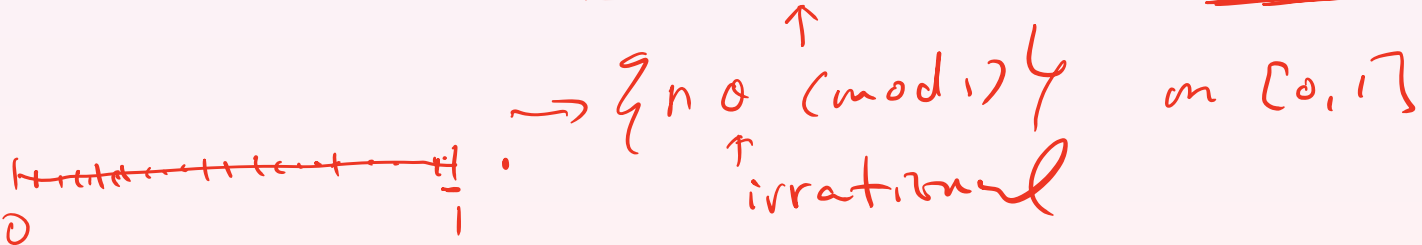
Here  $R_\theta(z) = e^{2\pi i \theta} z$  from the unit circle  $T$  into itself is the rigid rotation of angle  $\theta$ . This says that  $\mu$  and the flow  $\{R_\theta^{\circ n}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  are linearly disjoint, that is,

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \mu(n) R_\theta^{\circ n}(1) = 0, \quad \forall 0 \leq \theta < 1.$$

# Dynamics of Rigid Rotations



- 1) The flow  $\{R_\theta^{\circ n}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  has zero entropy. ✓
- 1) The flow  $\{R_\theta^{\circ n}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is equicontinuous.
- 2) If  $\theta = p/q$  with  $(p, q) = 1$  is a rational number, then  $R_\theta$  is periodic, that is,  $R_\theta^{\circ q} = Id$ .
- 3) If  $\theta$  is irrational number, then  $\{R_\theta^{\circ n}(z)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is dense on  $T$  for any  $z$  and, moreover,
  - i) the flow  $\{R_\theta^{\circ n}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is uniquely ergodic. ✓
  - ii)  $\{R_\theta^{\circ n}(z)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is equidistributed on  $T$  for any  $z$  (Weyl, 1910).



# Sarnak's conjecture

*continuous*

*$f: X \rightarrow X$ , piece-wise  
 $f^{o n} : X \rightarrow X$  continuous*

Suppose the flow  $\{f^{o n} : X \rightarrow X\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  on a compact metric space  $X$  has zero entropy. Then for any complex-valued continuous function  $\phi : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  and any  $x \in X$ , the Möbius function  $\mu(n)$  is linearly disjoint with the observation  $\{\phi(f^n(x))\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ , that is,

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \mu(n) \phi(f^n(x)) = 0.$$

# Sarnak's conjecture and Equicontinuous Flows



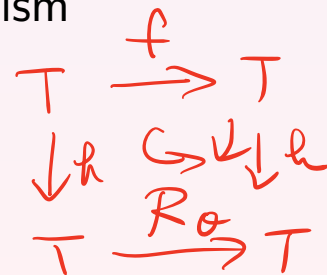
A flow  $\{f^{on} : X \rightarrow X\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is equicontinuous if  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists \delta > 0$  such that for any  $x, y \in X$  with  $d(x, y) < \delta$ ,  $d(f^{on}(x), f^{on}(y)) < \epsilon$  for all  $n \geq 0$ .

Sarnak's conjecture holds for all equicontinuous flows. ✓

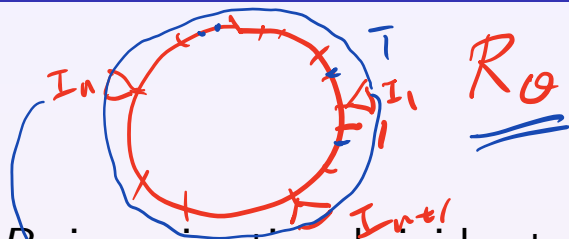


The flow  $\{f^{on} : T \rightarrow T\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  for an orientation-preserving circle homeomorphism  $f$  with an irrational rotation number  $\theta$  is equicontinuous if and only if  $f$  is topologically conjugate to the rigid rotation  $R_\theta$ , that is, there is a circle homeomorphism  $h : T \rightarrow T$  such that

$$h \circ f = R_\theta \circ h.$$



# Non-Equicontinuous Circle Homeomorphisms



$$h(f) = 0$$

Suppose  $R_\theta$  is an irrational rigid rotation. Consider the orbit  $\{R_\theta^{on}(1)\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  and a sequence of pairwise disjoint intervals  $\{I_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  on  $T$  with  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |I_n| \leq 1$ . Enlarge each point  $R_\theta^{on}(1)$  to the interval  $I_n$ , we reconstruct the unit circle  $T$  and define a circle homeomorphism  $f$  such that  $f : I_n \rightarrow I_{n+1}$  as an increasing linear map mapping endpoints to endpoints and  $f = R_\theta$  on  $T \setminus (\cup_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n)$ . We call these circle homeomorphisms Denjoy counter-examples. Every Denjoy counter-example is non-equicontinuous and has zero entropy.

# Our Purpose

We would like to understand the oscillating properties presented in the Möbius function  $\mu(n)$  as well as other arithmetic functions and classify all zero entropy flows such that the linear disjointness happens in ergodic theory which can be applied back to number theory.

# Log-Uniform Oscillating Sequence

Let  $\mathbf{c} = (c_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of complex numbers. We say that  $\mathbf{c}$  is a *log-uniform oscillating sequence* if there are two constants  $A > 1$  and  $B > 0$  such that

$$\sup_{0 \leq \theta < 1} \left| \sum_{n=1}^N c_n e^{2\pi i n \theta} \right| \leq B \frac{N}{\log^A N}, \quad \forall N \geq 2,$$

with the control condition

$$\sum_{n=1}^N |c_n|^\lambda = O(N), \quad \text{for some } \lambda > 1. \quad (1)$$

The Möbius function  $\mu(n)$  is an example of log-uniform oscillating sequences due to Davenport.



# An Ergodic Theorem

## Theorem

Suppose  $(X, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$  is a Borel probability measurable space and  $f : X \rightarrow X$  is an automorphism. Suppose  $\mathbf{c} = (c_n)$  is a log-uniform oscillating sequence. Then for any  $\phi \in L^1(X, \mathcal{B}, \nu)$ , we have that

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N c_n \phi(f^n(x)) = 0, \nu\text{-a.e. } x \in X.$$

improve every point  
to

See Sarnak, Lecture Notes; J, Nonlinearity

# Oscillating Sequence

## Definition

Let  $\mathbf{c} = (c_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of complex numbers. We say that  $\mathbf{c}$  is an *oscillating sequence* if for any  $0 \leq \theta < 1$ ,

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

$$\mathbb{E}(\vec{c} e^{2\pi i \theta}) = 0$$

with the control condition (1).

See Fan-J, ETDS, 2018. ✓

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# More Examples and Counterexamples of Oscillating Sequences

- $e^{2\pi i(1-\alpha)}$
- ▶ The sequence  $(\underline{e^{2\pi i n \alpha}})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  for some  $0 \leq \alpha < 1$  is not an oscillating sequence.
  - ▶ The sequence  $(\underline{e^{2\pi i \alpha n \log n}})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  for any  $\alpha > 0$  is an oscillating sequence.
  - ▶ The sequence  $(\underline{e^{2\pi i n^2 \alpha}})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  for any rational number  $\alpha$  is not an oscillating sequence.
  - ▶ The sequence  $(\underline{e^{2\pi i n^2 \alpha}})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  for any irrational number  $\alpha$  is an oscillating sequence.

# Oscillating Sequence in Arithmetic

## Definition

Let  $\mathbf{c} = (c_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of complex numbers. We say that  $\mathbf{c}$  is an *oscillating sequence* in arithmetic if for any  $0 \leq \theta < 1$ , for any  $q \geq 1$  and  $1 \leq r < q$ ,

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{\substack{1 \leq n \leq N, \\ n \equiv r \pmod{q}}} c_n e^{2\pi i n \theta} = 0$$

with the control condition (1).

An oscillating sequence is an oscillating sequence in arithmetic (see H. Daboussi and H. Delange, J. Lond. Math. Soc., 1982 and Fan-J, ETDS, 2018, Proposition 4).

# Linear Disjointness

$$x \rightarrow f^1 x \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow f^h x$$

Suppose  $f : X \rightarrow X$  is a (piece-wise) continuous map from a compact metric space  $X$  into itself. For any complex-valued continuous function  $\phi : X \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  and any  $x \in X$ , we call  $(\phi(f^{\circ n} x))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  an observation.

## Definition

We say a sequence  $\mathbf{c} = (c_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of complex numbers is linearly disjoint from  $f$  if

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N c_n \phi(f^{\circ n} x) = 0$$

for all observations  $(\phi(f^{\circ n} x))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ .

# Mean Lyapunov Stability

## Definition



We say that  $f$  is mean-L-stable (briefly, MLS) if for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $d(x, y) < \delta$  implies  $d(f^{\circ n}x, f^{\circ n}y) < \epsilon$  for all  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  except for a subset  $E = E_{x,y}$  of natural numbers with  $\overline{D}(E) < \epsilon$  Here

$$\overline{D}(E) = \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#(E \cap [1, n])}{n}$$

S. V. Fomin, Dokl. Akad. Nauk SSSR, 1951.

# Minimal Mean Lyapunov Stability

A subset  $K \subseteq X$  is said to be minimal if  $\overline{\{f^{\circ n}x\}_{n=0}^{\infty}} = K$  for any  $x \in K$ .

## Definition

We say that  $f$  is minimal MLS (briefly, MMLS) if for every minimal subset  $K \subseteq X$ ,  $f|_K$  is MLS.

See Fan-J, ETDS, 2018

# Minimal Mean Attractability

## Definition

We say  $x \in X$  is mean attracted to  $K$  if  $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists z = z_{\epsilon, x} \in K$  such that

$$\limsup_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N d(f^{\circ n} x, f^{\circ n} z) < \epsilon.$$

mean attractor

The basin  $B(K)$  is the set of all points  $x \in X$  which are meanly attracted to  $K$ . We say that  $f$  is minimal mean attractable (briefly, MMA) if  $X = \bigcup_K B(K)$  where  $K$  varies among all minimal subsets of  $X$ .

See Fan-J, ETDS, 2018



# MMLS and MMA and Oscillation

Theorem (Fan-J, ETDS, 2018)

Any oscillating sequence  $\mathbf{c} = (c_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is linearly disjoint from any MMA and MMLS  $f$ . More precisely,

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N c_n \phi(f^{\circ n} x) = 0, \quad \forall \phi \in C(X, \mathbb{C}), \quad \forall x \in X.$$

The limit is uniform on each minimal subset.

# MMLS and MMA and Sarnak's Conjecture

Since an MMA and MMLS ~~dynamical system~~ <sup>flow</sup> has zero entropy, our result confirms Sarnak's conjecture for a large class of dynamical systems with zero entropy.

## Corollary

Sarnak's conjecture holds for all MMLS and MMA ~~dynamical systems~~ <sup>flows</sup>.

This corollary generalizes many works from other people on Sarnak's conjecture, for examples, [P. Sarnak, Lecture Notes; 2010](#) ; [D. Karagulyan, Ark. Mat.,; 2015](#), [J. Li, P. Oprocha, G. Y. Yang, and T. Zeng, Nonlinearity 2017](#).

# Denjoy Counter-Examples

All Denjoy counter-examples  $f : T \rightarrow T$  are MMLS and MMA.  
And ~~they~~ are not equicontinuous on its minimal subsets.

See Fan-J, ETDS, 2018.

# Semi Adding Machines

$$\Sigma_2 \quad v = \underbrace{v_0}_{+1} \underbrace{v_1}_{-} \underbrace{v_2}_{-} \underbrace{v_3}_{-} \dots$$
$$\text{add}(v) =$$

$v_0 = 0, v_{0+1} = 1$   
 $v_1 = 1$   
 $v_{0+1} = 1$   
 $v_{0+1} = 1$

All continuous infinitely renormalizable interval maps with zero topological entropy such that they are only semi-conjugate to the adding machine on their strange attractors are MMLS and MMA. They are not equicontinuous on its minimal subsets.

See J, Nonlinearity, 2018. ✓

# A Counterexample for MMLS and MMA

Consider an affine distal map

$$f \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} : \mathbb{T}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^2$$

for an irrational number  $0 < \alpha < 1$ . Then the oscillating sequence  $\mathbf{c} = (e^{2\pi i n^2 \alpha})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is not linearly disjoint from  $f$ . Thus,  $f$  is not MMLS and MMA but has zero entropy.

See Fan-J, ETDS, 2018.

# Oscillating Sequence of Higher Order

## Definition

We call a sequence  $\mathbf{c} = (c_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of complex numbers an oscillating sequence of order  $d \geq 2$  if

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N c_n e^{2\pi i P(n)} = 0$$

for every real coefficient polynomial  $P$  of degree  $\leq d$  with the control condition (1).

See J, PAMS, 2019.

The Möbius function  $\mu(n)$  is an example of an oscillating sequence of order  $d$  for all  $d \geq 2$  due to Hua. 19605

# Oscillating Sequence of Higher Order in Arithmetic

## Definition

We call  $\mathbf{c} = (c_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of complex numbers an oscillating sequence of order  $d \geq 2$  in arithmetic if

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{1 \leq n \leq N, n \equiv r \pmod{q}} c_n e^{2\pi i P(n)} = 0,$$

for all real coefficient polynomials  $P$  of degree  $\leq d$  and every pair of integers  $0 \leq r < q$  with the control condition (1).

See [J, PAMS, 2019](#)

The Möbius function  $\mu(n)$  is also an example oscillating sequence of order  $d$  for all  $d \geq 2$  in arithmetic due to Hua.

# Higher Order Oscillating Sequences Other Than the Möbius Function

Theorem (Akiyama-J, UDT, 2019)

Suppose  $g$  is a positive  $C^2$  function on  $(1, \infty)$  with non-negative first and second derivatives. For a fixed real number  $\alpha \neq 0$  and almost all real numbers  $\beta > 1$  (alternatively, for a fixed real number  $\beta > 1$  and almost all real number  $\alpha$ ), sequences

$$\underline{\mathbf{c} = (e^{2\pi i \alpha \beta^n g(\beta)})_{n \in \mathbb{N}}}$$

$$\underline{\{\beta^n \pmod{1}\}}$$

are oscillating sequence of order  $d$  as well as in arithmetic for all  $d \geq 2$ .

Note that the sequence  $\{\alpha \beta^n g(\beta) \pmod{1}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  has positive entropy.

a.e yes, find a concrete  $\beta$  is interesting



# Affine Maps of the $d$ -Torus

Let  $\mathbb{T}^d = \mathbb{R}^d / \mathbb{Z}^d$  be the  $d$ -torus. Let  $A \in GL(d, \mathbb{Z})$ , the space of all  $d \times d$ -matrices of integer entries with determinants  $\pm 1$ .

The map  $T_{A,\mathbf{a}}\mathbf{x} = A\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{a} : \mathbb{T}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^d$  is an affine map, where  $\mathbf{x}$  is a variable and  $\mathbf{a}$  is a constant point in  $\mathbb{T}^d$ .

The map  $T_{A,0} = A\mathbf{x} : \mathbb{T}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^d$  is an automorphism of  $\mathbb{T}^d$ .

# Affine Distal Maps on the $d$ -Torus

An affine map

$$T_{A,\mathbf{a}}(\mathbf{x}) = A\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{a} : \mathbb{T}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^d$$

is called distal if all eigenvalues of  $A$  are 1.

# Linear disjointness for Order $d$ and $d$ -Affine Distal Maps

Theorem (J, PAMS, 2019)

*Any oscillating sequence of order  $d \geq 2$  is linearly disjoint from any affine distal map  $T_{A,a}$  of the  $d$ -torus  $\mathbb{T}^d$ .*

# Zero Entropy Affine Maps on the $d$ -Torus

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} x + a \\ y + h(x) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{continuous } h(x)?$$

In order for  $T_{A,a}$  to have zero entropy, the absolute values  $|\lambda_i|$  of all eigenvalues  $\lambda_i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq d$ , of  $A$  must be  $\leq 1$  due to Sinai. Moreover, every  $\lambda_i$  must be a root of unity due to Kronecker. This says that  $T_{A,a}^k$  is an affine distal map for some  $k \geq 1$ .

Corollary (J, PAMS, 2019)

Any oscillating sequence of order  $d \geq 2$  in arithmetic is linearly disjoint from any zero entropy affine map  $T_{A,a}$  of the  $d$ -torus  $\mathbb{T}^d$ .

We have also study some non-linear skew products on the  $d$ -torus.

# Zero Entropy Torus Maps and Sarnak's Conjecture

Corollary (J, PAMS)

*Sarnak's conjecture holds for all zero entropy affine maps of the  $d$ -torus for any  $d > 2$*

There are some other works on Sarnak's conjecture for zero entropy affine and nonlinear maps of the  $d$ -torus, in particular, the 2-torus and the 3-torus. And there are some work on Sarnak's conjecture for flows  $f$  with quasi-discrete spectrum. For examples, [Liu-Sarnak, Duke J. Math](#); [Z. Wang, Invent.](#); [Huang-Liu-Wang, arXiv:1907.01735](#); e. H. el Abdalaoui, arXiv1704.07243.

# The Thur-Morse Sequence

The Thur-Morse sequence

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$$m = 0110100110010110\dots$$

has zero entropy. Let  $\mathbf{m} = e^{\pi i m} = (m_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ . [Konieczny, 2016, arXiv](#), shows that  $\mathbf{m}$  has a small sequence of [Gowers norms](#), that is, for any  $d \geq 1$ , there exists  $c = c(d) > 0$  such that

$$\|\mathbf{m}\|_{U^d[N]} = O(N^{-c}).$$

Using this result, [Abdalaoui, 2017, arXiv](#), shows that  $\mathbf{m}$  is an oscillating sequence of order  $d$  for all  $d \geq 1$ . If we take the Thur-Morse sequence as a zero entropy flow and  $\mathbf{m}$  as a higher order oscillating sequence and  $\phi = e^{\pi i x_1}$  as a function. Then they are not linearly disjoint, that is,

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N m_n m_n = 1.$$

# Correlation and linear disjointness

Bourgain, Sarnak, and Ziegler, 2013, shows the following criterion for the linear disjointness by using the decay of correlation:

Suppose  $F, \nu : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  are two arithmetic functions with  $|F|, |\nu| \leq 1$  and  $\nu$  is multiplicative. If for any pair of distinct primers numbers  $p_1, p_2$ ,

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N F(p_1 n) \overline{F(p_2 n)} = 0,$$

then  $F$  and  $\nu$  are linearly disjoint, that is,

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \nu(n) F(n) = 0,$$

# Chowla's Conjecture and the Decay of Multi-Correlations

The following is an old conjecture (1965) in number theory, which relates to the Riemann hypothesis.

## Conjecture

For each choice of  $0 = k_0 < k_1 < \dots < k_r$ ,  $r > 0$ , and each choice of  $i_0, i_1, \dots, i_r \in \{1, 2\}$ , not all  $\mu^{i_j}(n + k_j) = 1$ , we have the decay of the multi-correlation, that is,

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \mu^{i_1}(n + k_1) \cdot \dots \cdot \mu^{i_r}(n + k_r) = 0.$$



# Chowla sequences

## Definition

A sequence  $\mathbf{c} = (c_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  of complex numbers is said to be a Chowla sequence if the control condition (1) and if for each choice of  $0 \leq k_1 < \dots < k_r$ ,  $r > 0$ , and each choice of  $i_1, \dots, i_r \in \mathbb{N}$  such that not all  $c_{n+k_j}^{i_j} = |c_{n+k_j}|$ , the decay of the multi-correlation holds, that is,

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} \prod_{j=1}^r c_{n+k_j}^{i_j} = 0.$$

By using a similar method as Akiyama-J, UDT, we can construct a Chowla sequence in the form  $\mathbf{c} = (e^{2\pi i \alpha \beta^n g(\beta)})$ . *a.e.  $\beta$*

# Chowla's Conjecture and Sarnak's Conjecture

Chowla's conjecture implies Sarnak's conjecture. See [Sarnak, 2010](#) and [H. El Abdalaoui, J. Kulaga-Przymus, M. Lemznczyk, T. de la Rue, arXiv:1410.1673](#).

Veech ([AJM and London Notes](#)) shows that there is a unique admissible measure on the Möbius flow (Chowla measure). A recent paper, [el H. el Abdalaoui, arXiv:1711.06326](#), says that, from Veech's work with the help of [Tao's logarithmic Theorem](#) on logarithmic Sarnak's conjecture, we have that

Sarnak's conjecture implies Chowla's conjecture.

(1) ✓

(2)

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Thanks!