

# Fourier uncertainty and bandlimited functions

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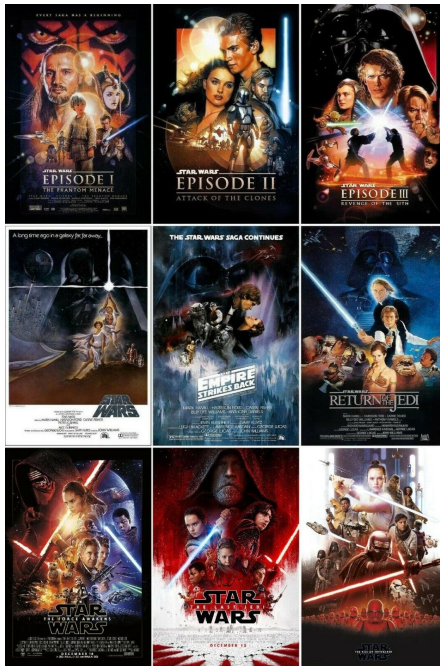
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Fourier uncertainty: "one cannot have an unrestricted control of a function and its Fourier transform simultaneously."



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- 2 The moving company project

This is a story about many mathematical and non-mathematical values  
that I particularly like...



# Part I: Prelude

# Prelude

Banff, Canada, 2015



The Geometry, Algebra and Analysis of Algebraic Numbers

# Our basic principle

## Theorem (Paley-Wiener)

For  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$ , the following are equivalent:

- (i)  $\text{supp}(\widehat{f}) \subset [-\Delta, \Delta]$ .
- (ii)  $f$  can be extended to an entire function of order 1 and

$$|f(z)| \leq C_\varepsilon e^{(2\pi\Delta + \varepsilon)|z|} \quad \text{for all } \varepsilon > 0.$$



Raymond Paley (1907 - 1933)



Norbert Wiener (1894 - 1964)

# Monotone extremal functions

There I gave a talk about a work with F. Littmann.

## Theorem

Let  $F : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a real entire function such that:

- (i)  $F$  has exponential type at most  $2\pi$ ;
- (ii)  $F(x) \geq \operatorname{sgn}(x)$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ;
- (iii)  $F$  is non-decreasing on  $(-\infty, 0)$  and non-increasing on  $(0, \infty)$ .

Then

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \{F(x) - \operatorname{sgn}(x)\} dx \geq 2.$$

The unique extremizer is:

$$M(x) = -2 \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{\sin^2 \pi s}{\pi^2 s (s+1)^2} ds - 1.$$

# Hilbert's inequality

Theorem (around 1908)

If  $a_1, \dots, a_N \in \mathbb{C}$  then

$$\left| \sum_{m \neq n} \frac{a_m \bar{a}_n}{m - n} \right| \leq \pi \sum_n |a_n|^2$$

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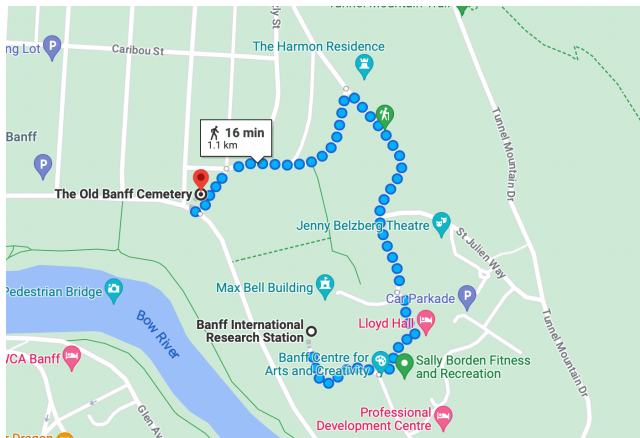
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- **Conjecture**  $C = \pi$ .

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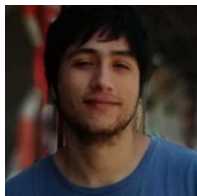
- At the moment I could only solve this for  $d = 2$ .

## Part II: Seven years later...

# Fast forward to 2022 at ICTP



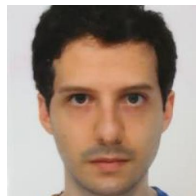
# Our analysis group became bigger



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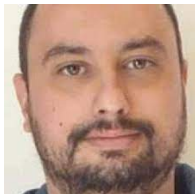
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Recall  $f(x) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \frac{\sin \pi(x - n - \frac{1}{2})}{\pi(x - n - \frac{1}{2})} f(n + \frac{1}{2})$ . Equality if and only if

$$f(x) = c \frac{\cos \pi x}{x^2 - \frac{1}{4}}.$$

# Poincaré inequalities

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I want to show that the Poincaré constant for the  $W_0^{1,2}(0, 1)$  is smaller than 1. More specifically, I want to show that there is a constant  $C < 1$  such that for any  $f \in C_c^\infty(0, 1)$  (compactly supported smooth) we have the inequality

$$\|f\| \leq C \|f'\|$$

where  $\|\cdot\|$  is the  $L^2$  norm.

The proof of Poincaré inequality that I know (using Cauchy-Schwarz) gives an estimate of  $C = 2$ , while the Wikipedia article seems to say that optimally  $C \leq \pi^{-1}$ . I'm looking for a simple proof for this special case. I don't need a very sharp estimate, just smaller than 1, and would appreciate a hint or a reference.

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The constant you are looking for is the following:

$$\frac{1}{C^2} = \inf \left\{ \int_0^1 (f')^2 dx : \int_0^1 (f)^2 dx = 1 \right\}. \quad (1)$$

Since

$$\int_0^1 (f')^2 dx = \langle -f'', f \rangle,$$

you are in fact looking for the first eigenvalue of the following Sturm-Liouville problem:

$$\begin{cases} -\frac{d^2 f}{dx^2} = \lambda f, \\ f(0) = f(1) = 0. \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

Indeed, we can now rewrite the minimization in (1) as

$$\inf_{f \neq 0} \frac{\langle -f'', f \rangle}{\langle f, f \rangle},$$

and this equals exactly the smallest eigenvalue of the problem (2), just like in ordinary linear algebra; see [Wikipedia on the Rayleigh quotient](#).

The problem (2) can be integrated explicitly and you find that the first eigenvalue is  $\pi^2$  with eigenfunction  $\sin(\pi x)$  (and scalar multiples of it). Therefore

$$C = \frac{1}{\pi} < 1.$$

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# One may ask...

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$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} |f(x)|^2 dx \leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}} |f(x)|^2 x^4 dx.$$

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$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} |f(x)|^2 dx \leq C \int_{\mathbb{R}} |f(x)|^2 x^8 dx.$$

and so on...

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- *Extremal Problem (EP)*: For  $\alpha \geq \beta > -1$  and  $\delta > 0$  real parameters, and  $\mathbf{d} \in \mathbb{N}$ , find the value of

$$(\text{EP})(\alpha, \beta; \mathbf{d}; \delta) := \inf_{0 \neq F \in \mathcal{H}_\alpha(\mathbf{d}; \delta)} \frac{\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |F(\mathbf{x})|^2 |\mathbf{x}|^{2\alpha+2-d} d\mathbf{x}}{\int_{\mathbb{R}^d} |F(\mathbf{x})|^2 |\mathbf{x}|^{2\beta+2-d} d\mathbf{x}}.$$

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*The function  $(\alpha, \beta, \delta) \mapsto (\mathbb{EP})(\alpha, \beta; \mathbf{d}; \delta)$  is continuous in the range  $\alpha \geq \beta > -1$  and  $\delta > 0$ .*

## Part II - Asymptotics

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where the implied constant is universal.



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Let  $\beta > -1$ , let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and set  $\lambda_0 := ((\mathbb{E}\mathbb{P})(\beta + k, \beta; 1; 1))^{1/2k}$ .

- (i) If  $k = 1$  we have  $\lambda_0 = j_{\beta,1}$ .
- (ii) If  $k \geq 2$ , set  $\ell := \lfloor k/2 \rfloor$ . Then  $\lambda_0$  is the smallest positive solution of

$$A_\beta(\lambda) \det \mathcal{V}_\beta(\lambda) = 0,$$

where  $\mathcal{V}_\beta(\lambda)$  is the  $\ell \times \ell$  matrix with entries (set  $\omega := e^{\pi i/k}$ )

$$(\mathcal{V}_\beta(\lambda))_{mj} = \sum_{r=0}^{k-1} \omega^{r(4\ell-2m-2j+3)} C_\beta(\omega^r \lambda).$$

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- Steklov (1896):  $(m, n) = (1, 0), (2, 1)$
- Janet (1931):  $(n + 1, n), n \geq 2$ .
- Petrova (2017):  $(m, n)$  integer.

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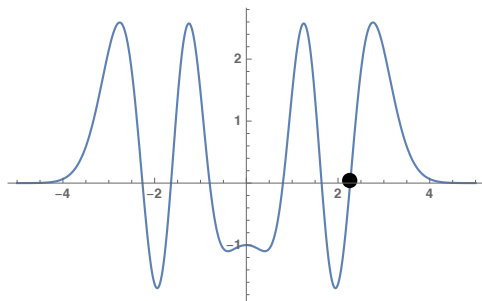
## Part III: Two more years later...

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- They show:

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## A related problem

Given a locally finite, even and non-negative Borel measure  $\mu$  on  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\delta > 0$ , find

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