

Topics in ANT

Lecture 10.

LAST TIME: Defined distributions

Let $G = \mathbb{Z}_p$ or \mathbb{Z}_p^\times .

$LC(G, L) := \{ f: G \rightarrow L \text{ loc. constant} \}$ L -vector space

$\text{Dist}(G, L) := LC(G, L)^\vee$ dual space
 $= \{ \mu: LC(G, L) \rightarrow L \text{ linear} \}$

Alternatively, have concrete description of distribution μ as a function

$\mu: \{ U \subset G \text{ compact open} \} \rightarrow L$

which are finite additive.

Ex. Haar distribution on \mathbb{Z}_p :

$$\mu_{\text{Haar}}(a + \varpi^n \mathbb{Z}_p) = \varpi^{-n}.$$

Today: Define and study measures.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Meas}(G, L) &:= \text{Cont}(G, L)^{\vee} \quad \text{continuous dual.} \\ &= \left\{ \mu: \text{Cont}(G, L) \rightarrow L \text{ linear} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \text{continuous} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\text{LC}(G, L)$ is contained in (even dense!) $\text{Cont}(G, L)$, we get that

$$\text{Dist}(G, L) \supset \text{Meas}(G, L).$$

Do we also have a concrete description of measures as functions on compact opens?

Yes! They are precisely those

$$\mu: \{ U \subset G \text{ compact open} \} \rightarrow L$$

which are finite additive + bounded

$$\text{i.e. } |\mu(U)| \leq C_{\mu}$$

for all U .

fixed constant

Suppose $\mu : \{U \subset G \text{ comp. open}\} \rightarrow L$
is a distribution.

μ is a measure $\Rightarrow \mu$ is bounded (Exercise)

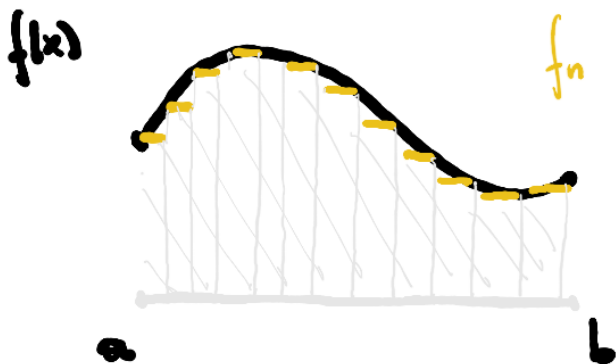
μ is bounded $\Rightarrow \mu$ is a measure (Riemann sums)

Over \mathbb{R} : Know this idea!

Any $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ continuous can
be integrated

$$\int_a^b f(x) dx := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^b f_n(x) dx$$

where f_n is a sequence of step functions
converging to f in the sup norm.



Key in the proof:

f is uniformly continuous!

Over p-adics: Same idea!

We will define integral of $f: \mathbb{Z}_p \rightarrow L$ cont.
by setting

$$\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} f(x) \cdot \mu(x) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} f_n(x) \cdot \mu(x)$$

where $f_n \in LC(\mathbb{Z}_p, L)$ converges to f in sup norm.

Lemma: $f \in \text{Cont}(G, L)$
 $\mu \in \text{Dist}(G, L)$ bounded

then the Riemann sums

$$S_n := \sum_{a+p^n\mathbb{Z}_p \subset G} f(x_{a,n}) \cdot \mu(a+p^n\mathbb{Z}_p)$$

(where $x_{a,n} \in a+p^n\mathbb{Z}_p$ arbitrarily chosen)

converge to a limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$, independent of choice.

Pf: Choose $\varepsilon > 0$.

Let n be large enough, so that

$$|f(x) - f(y)| < \varepsilon$$

for all $x, y \in a + p^n \mathbb{Z}_p$, for any $a \in \mathbb{Z}_p$.

(Uniform continuity)
of f

Let $m \geq n$, define S_m and S_n
with respect to some choices of $x_{a,n}$ and $x_{a,m}$.

Then

$$\begin{aligned} |S_m - S_n| &< \varepsilon \left| \sum_{a + p^m \mathbb{Z}_p \subset G} \mu(a + p^m \mathbb{Z}_p) \right| \\ &\leq \varepsilon \cdot C_\mu. \end{aligned}$$

where $|\mu(U)| \leq C_\mu$ for all U . \square

Example 1: Note that Haar distribution μ_{Haar}
is not a measure!

Example 2: The Dirac distribution δ_a for $a \in G$, defined by

$$\int_G f(x) \cdot \delta_a(x) := f(a). \quad f \in L.$$

OR alternatively,

$$\delta_a(U) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a \in U \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

so δ_a is actually a measure.

Remark: It follows that

$$\text{Meas}(G, L) = \text{Meas}(G, \mathcal{O}_L) \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} L.$$

i.e. suffices to study measures valued in \mathcal{O}_L .

§ Mahler transforms

A measure on \mathbb{Z}_p specified by either

① The values $\mu(U)$ for all $U \subset \mathbb{Z}_p$ comp. open

(Iwasawa algebra $\Lambda(\mathbb{Z}_p)$)

② The integrals $\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \binom{x}{n} \cdot \mu$, by
Mahler's theorem

(Mahler transform, in $\mathcal{O}_2[[T]]$.)

A. Iwasawa algebra :

Suppose R ring

A group (finite)

then group ring $R[A]$ is R -module of formal sums

$$\sum_{g \in A} c_g \cdot [g], \quad c_g \in R$$

with multiplication defined by $[g_1 g_2] = [g_1] \cdot [g_2]$

The Iwasawa algebra is defined by

$$\Lambda(G) = \varprojlim_{U \text{ open subgroup}} \mathcal{O}_L[G/U]$$

e.g: $G = \mathbb{Z}_p$:

$$x_{n+1} \longrightarrow x_n \longrightarrow \dots \longrightarrow x_1$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathfrak{m} & & \mathfrak{m} \\ \mathcal{O}_L[\mathbb{Z}_p/p^n\mathbb{Z}_p] & & \mathcal{O}_L[\mathbb{Z}_p/p\mathbb{Z}_p] \end{array}$$

Suppose $\mu \in \text{Meas}(G, \mathcal{O}_L)$, then
get an associated element of $\Lambda(G)$ by

$$\mu \longrightarrow \underbrace{\sum_{g \in G/U} \mu(g+U) \cdot [g]}_{\gamma_U(\mu)} \in \mathcal{O}_L[G/U]$$

Then ① Finite additivity of μ implies that when $U_1 \subset U_2$ we have

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \gamma_{U_1}(\mu) & \dashrightarrow & \gamma_{U_2}(\mu) \\ \cap & & \cap \\ \mathcal{O}_L[G/U_1] & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{O}_L[G/U_2] \end{array}$$

so that we can really associate an element of the inverse limit to μ i.e. we constructed a map

$$\text{Meas}(G, \mathcal{O}_L) \longrightarrow \Lambda(G).$$

② This map is an isomorphism of \mathcal{O}_L -modules (see notes).

Note: $\Lambda(G)$ is a ring!

This means we can multiply measures.

Concretely, one can check (exercises)

that it is given by convolution $\mu_1 * \mu_2$

$$\int_G f \cdot (\mu_1 * \mu_2) = \int_G \left(\int_G f(x+y) \cdot \mu_2(y) \right) \cdot \mu_1(x)$$

B. Mahler transform: Now $G = \underline{\mathbb{Z}}_p$

Suppose $\mu \in \Lambda(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ is a measure.

Define its Mahler transform by

$$\mathcal{A}_\mu(T) := \int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} (1+T)^x \cdot \mu(x)$$

$$= \sum_{n \geq 0} \left(\int_{\mathbb{Z}_p} \binom{x}{n} \cdot \mu \right) T^n$$

This is a power series in $\mathcal{O}_L[[T]]$.

Thm: The Mahler transform defines
an \mathcal{O}_L -algebra isomorphism

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \Lambda(\mathbb{Z}_p) & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{O}_L[[T]] \\ \mu & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{A}_p(T) \end{array}$$

Pf: \mathcal{O}_L -algebra morphism: Check
Injective : Mahler's theorem.

Surjective: For any $U \subset \mathbb{Z}_p$ open subgroup
 $a \in \mathbb{Z}_p/U$ then write

$$\mathbb{1}_{a+U} = \sum_{n \geq 0} b_{a,n} \binom{x}{n} \quad (\text{Mahler})$$

The inverse of Mahler transform \mathcal{A}_p is (check!)

$$a_0 + a_1 T + \dots \longrightarrow \sum_{a \in \mathbb{Z}_p/U} \underbrace{\left(\sum_{n \geq 0} a_n b_{a,n} \right)}_{\text{converges}} \cdot [a] \in \mathcal{O}_L[\mathbb{Z}_p/U] \quad \square$$

Very convenient! To define measures,
all we need is power series.

Almost ready to start doing number theory...