

Scaling of the Thue–Morse Diffraction Measure

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Under point 2 of Proposition 1, the last line must read $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \text{card}(\{x_n \mid n \leq N\} \cap [a, b]) = b - a$.

Under points 3 and 4 of the same proposition, it must read $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N$ rather than $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{n=1}^n$. The same correction applies to the last equation in the right column of page 431.

Furthermore, the first formula under Case B (on page 432) must begin as

$$\beta(k) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \frac{\log(1 - \cos(2^{n+1}\pi k))}{\log(2)}.$$

More importantly, our argument for Case B on the basis of uniform distribution modulo 1 of the sequence $(2^n x)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ for almost all $x \in \mathbb{R}$ is incomplete, because the function f defined by $f(x) = \log(1 - \cos(2\pi x))$ is only Riemann integrable on $[0, 1]$ in the generalised sense (meaning that it is an improper integral), which is insufficient here. However, f is properly integrable on $[0, 1]$ in the Lebesgue sense and has an obvious 1-periodic extension to \mathbb{R} .

Consequently, rather than employing uniform distribution, one can argue with the dynamical system defined by the map T of the unit interval $[0, 1]$ into itself, given by $x \mapsto 2x \bmod 1$. It is well-known that T leaves Lebesgue measure invariant and is ergodic relative to it, so that the Birkhoff sums satisfy

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} f(T^n(k)) = \int_0^1 f(x) dx$$

for Lebesgue almost every $k \in \mathbb{R}$ by an application of the ergodic theorem.

This still gives the result of Case B for almost all wave numbers $k \in \mathbb{R}$, though it might be that they differ from the wave numbers with uniform distribution of $(2^n x)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ on a null set. This has no further consequence on the analysis presented in paper.

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