

On finite additive bases

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I Introduction

B subset of {0, 1, ..., N-1} is a 2-basis for N if B+B contains {0, 1, ..., N-1}

(|B| choose 2) + |B| >= N => |B|^2 + |B| >= 2N

sigma = limsup N to infinity N / |B|^2 <= 1/2

Best construction (Moser 1979): sigma >= 2/7 = 0,2857...

Improvements for the upper bound:

Table with 3 columns: value, author, year. Values range from 0,4992 to 0,46972. Authors include Rohrbaugh, Moser, Riddell, Moser, Pounds, Riddell, Katz, Güntürk, Nathanson, Li An-Ping, Yu. Years range from 1937 to 2008.

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Tools: Fourier expansions + (combinatorial lemmas)

Generating function: f_B(t) = sum_{b in B} exp(2i*pi*b*t)

Representation function: r_B(m) = # { (a, b) in B x B : a+b=m }

Difference function: d_B(m) = # { (a, b) in B x B : a-b=m }

f_B(t)^2 = 2 * sum_{n=0}^{N-1} exp(2i*pi*n*t) + sum_{n=0}^{2N-2} r^*(n) exp(2i*pi*n*t)

avec { r^*(m) >= 0 si n not in 2B, r^*(n) >= -1 si n in 2B }



II A general approach

Lemma: For $|t| < 1/2$

$$\left| f_B(t)^2 - 2N \int_0^1 \exp(2i\pi N t x) dx \right| \lesssim |B|^2 - 2N$$

Weight function: $w(x) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \hat{w}(k) \exp(2i\pi k x)$ with $t_0 = 0$

$$\text{and } \|w\| = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} |\hat{w}(k)| < \infty$$

$$R_B: \mathbb{T} \rightarrow \mathbb{T}, w_{\mathbb{T}}(x) = w(x + \frac{1}{N}) \quad , \quad \hat{w}_{\mathbb{T}}(k) = \exp(2i\pi k \frac{1}{N}) \hat{w}(k)$$

so $\hat{w}(0)$ and $\|w\|$ are invariant.

$$R_B(w) = \sum_n w(n/N) r_B(n) = \sum_k \hat{w}(k) f_B(k/N)^2$$

$$D_B(w) = \sum_n w(n/N) d_B(n) = \sum_k \hat{w}(k) |f_B(k/N)|^2$$

Lemma: $\left| R_B(w) - 2N \int_0^1 w(x) dx \right| \lesssim \|w\| \cdot (|B|^2 - 2N)$

$$\min_{[0, 2]} w \cdot (|B|^2 - 2N) \leq R_B(w) - 2N \int_0^1 w(x) dx \leq \max_{[0, 2]} w \cdot (|B|^2 - 2N)$$

this does not give any improvement. We need something else:

- combinatorial lemma
- ~~for~~ $Nt \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus N\mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow |f_B(k)| \leq \sqrt{|B|^2 - 2N}$
- w 1-periodical $\Rightarrow \int_0^1 w(x) dx = \hat{w}(0)$
and we ask for $\hat{w}(0) = 0$
- w p-periodical + relation to another 1-periodical function.

III Using a combinatorial lemma

$$|\mathcal{F}^2\left(\frac{n}{N}\right)| \leq \sum_n^{n+N} |z^*(n)| = M^2 \quad M \leq \sqrt{|B|} - 2N$$

$$M^2 \geq \sum_{n \geq 2N} z(n) \geq \ell^2 \quad \text{with } \ell = \# B \cap [N/2, N-1]$$

$$\text{For } \varphi(t) = \sum_k \hat{\varphi}(k) \exp(2i\pi kt)$$

$$S = \sum_{b \in B} \varphi\left(\frac{b}{N}\right) = \sum_k \hat{\varphi}(k) f_B\left(\frac{k}{N}\right)$$

$$(|B| - \ell) \min_{[0, 1/2]} \varphi + \ell \min_{[1/2, 1]} \varphi \leq S \leq \sum_{k \in N} |\hat{\varphi}(k)| \cdot M + \sum_{k \in N} |\hat{\varphi}(k)| \cdot |B|$$

~~example 2~~: If $\min_{[1/2, 1]} \varphi < \min_{[0, 1/2]} \varphi$, we use $\ell \leq M$ to get a lower bound for M and an estimate for σ .

example 1: $\varphi(t) = \sin(2\pi t) + \frac{1}{2} \cos(4\pi t) = \frac{1}{2} + \sin\pi t (1 - \sin\pi t)$

Moser: $\min_{[0, 1/2]} \varphi = \frac{1}{2}$ $\min_{[1/2, 1]} \varphi = -3/2$

$$\sigma \leq \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{49}\right) < 0,4898$$

example 2: $\varphi(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } t \in [0, 1/2] \\ 1 + \pi \sin(2\pi t) & \text{if } t \in [1/2, 1] \end{cases}$

Moser, Pounds, Riddell

$$\sigma \leq \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \left(1 + \frac{3\pi}{2}\right)^{-2}\right) \leq 0,4867$$

Extension 1: Güntürk, Nathanson

$$S = \sum_{b_1, b_2} \varphi\left(\frac{b_1}{N}, \frac{b_2}{N}\right) \quad \varphi \text{ defined on } [0, 1]^2$$

$$\varphi(t_1, t_2) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } t_1 + t_2 < 1 \\ 1 - 40(1-t_1)(1-t_2)(1-2(1-t_1-t_2))^6 & \text{if } t_1 + t_2 \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\sigma \leq 0,4789$$



Extension 2 Li An Ping

$$0 \leq 0,4775$$

$$M^2 \geq l^2 + 2l_1 l_2$$

$$\text{with } l_1 = \#\mathcal{B} \cap [0, N, N/2]$$

$$0 < 1/2$$

$$l_2 = \#\mathcal{B} \cap [1-\theta N, N]$$

$$\theta = 3/8$$

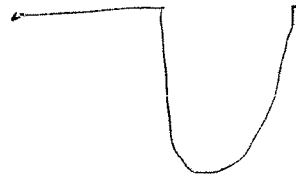
+ 3 auxiliary functions to get inequalities s.t.

$$M - \frac{4\pi}{3} l_2 \leq 3,893 M$$

obtained with

$$\varphi(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 \leq x \leq 5/8 \\ 1 + \frac{4\pi}{3} \sin\left[\frac{8\pi}{3}(x-1)\right] & 5/8 \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

$$5/8 \leq x \leq 1$$



IV Using a period $p \neq 1$

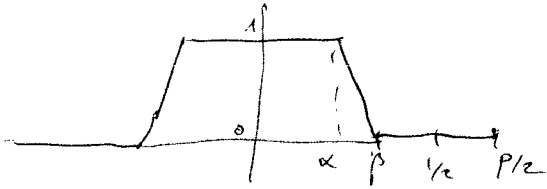
$$w(x) = \sum_k \hat{w}(k) \exp\left(\frac{2i\pi nx}{p}\right)$$

It is easier to estimate $\sum_k |\hat{w}(k)|$ if $\hat{w}(0) \geq 0$: then $= w(0)$.

Q: How to get $\hat{w}(k) \geq 0$ for all k ?

A: $w = u * u$ with $\hat{u}(k) \in \mathbb{R}$.

Basic example: $w_{p,\alpha,\beta}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 \leq |x| \leq \alpha \\ 1 - \frac{|\beta - |x||}{\beta - \alpha} & \alpha \leq |x| \leq \beta \\ 0 & \beta \leq |x| \leq p/2 \end{cases}$



$$\begin{cases} \hat{w}_{p,\alpha,\beta}(0) = \frac{\alpha + \beta}{p} \\ \hat{w}_{p,\alpha,\beta}(n) = \frac{p}{2\pi^2 n^2} \times \frac{\cos\left(\frac{2\pi n \alpha}{p}\right) - \cos\left(\frac{2\pi n \beta}{p}\right)}{\beta - \alpha} \end{cases}$$

We get $\hat{w}_{p,\alpha,\beta}(n) \geq 0$

Put $w_{p,\alpha,\beta,k}(x) = w_{p,\alpha,\beta}(x+k)$

$$\begin{aligned} R(w_{p,\alpha,\beta,k}) &\leq 2N \int_0^1 w_{p,\alpha,\beta,k}(x) dx + 1_{\alpha}(|B|^2 - 2N) \\ &= 2N \int_k^{k+1} w_{p,\alpha,\beta}(x) dx + |B|^2 - 2N = 2N I_k + |B|^2 - 2N \end{aligned}$$

$$R(w_{p,\alpha,\beta,k}) \geq \frac{\alpha + \beta}{p} |B|^2 - \sum_{n \neq 0} |\hat{w}_{p,\alpha,\beta}(n)| \cdot \left| \hat{f}_B\left(\frac{n}{pN}\right) \right|^2 \quad \text{independent of } k$$

We choose k such that I_k is minimal.

1st study: $\alpha = 0$
For $|x| \leq 1$,

$$w_{p,0,p}(x) \leq w_{1,0,p}(x)$$

$$D(w_{p,0,p}) \leq D(w_{1,0,p}) \lesssim \frac{|\beta|^2 - (1-\beta)2N}{\gamma_u}$$

$$R(w_{p,0,p}) \geq \frac{2\beta|\beta|^2}{p} D(w_{p,0,p})$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha \leq \frac{\beta(1-\beta/p)}{2 - I_K - \beta}$$

$$I_K = \frac{(\beta - \frac{p-1}{2})^2}{\beta}$$

$$p = 0,2837$$

$$p = 1,3910$$

$$\Rightarrow 0,4714$$

2nd study: $\beta = 3\alpha$



$$\oplus \gamma_u: w = w_{p_1,0,2\alpha,K_1} + w_{p_2,0,2\alpha,K_2}$$

p_1, p_2 determined by the best K .

$$0,46972$$

$$p_1 = 1,275 \quad p_2 = 1,5889$$

$$K_1 = 0,1375 \quad K_2 = 0,2257$$

$$2\alpha = 0,2257$$

$$\oplus \cos x - \cos 3x = 2\cos x(1 - \cos 2x)$$

$$\Rightarrow |w_{p,\alpha,3\alpha}^\wedge(n)| \leq 2 \hat{w}_{p,0,2\alpha}^\wedge(n)$$

$$0,4757$$

$$\alpha = 0,0894$$

$$p = 1,3991$$

$$\oplus p = 2q\alpha \quad \beta = 3\alpha \quad |w_{p,\alpha,3\alpha}^\wedge(n)| \leq 2 \cos \frac{\pi}{q} \hat{w}_{p,0,2\alpha}^\wedge(n)$$

$$q = 6 \quad 0,47172$$

$$q = 7 \quad 0,47192$$

$$p = 13\alpha \quad \beta = 3$$

$$\alpha = 0,1252814$$

$$\alpha = 0,1037895$$

$$2 \cos \frac{\pi}{13} \Rightarrow 0,4744567 \quad \alpha = 0,11175...$$

$$\oplus p = 12\alpha, \quad \beta = 3\alpha \quad x_n = \frac{\pi n}{6}$$

$$\alpha = 0,3238662...$$

$$|\cos x_n - \cos 3x_n| \leq 1 - \cos 2x_n + \frac{\sqrt{3}-1}{2} (1 - \cos 3x_n)$$

$$\Rightarrow 0,47072$$