

1.3. FOURIER TRANSFORMS IN CRYSTALLOGRAPHY

The Poisson kernel

$$P_r(x) = 1 + 2 \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} r^m \cos 2\pi mx$$

$$= \frac{1 - r^2}{1 - 2r \cos 2\pi mx + r^2}$$

with  $0 \leq r < 1$  gives rise to an Abel summation procedure [Tolstov (1962, p. 162); Whittaker & Watson (1927, p. 57)] since

$$(P_r * f)(x) = \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} c_m(f) r^{|m|} \exp(2\pi imx).$$

Compared with the other kernels,  $P_r$  has the disadvantage of not being a trigonometric polynomial; however,  $P_r$  is the real part of the Cauchy kernel (Cartan, 1961; Ahlfors, 1966):

$$P_r(x) = \Re \left[ \frac{1 + r \exp(2\pi ix)}{1 - r \exp(2\pi ix)} \right]$$

and hence provides a link between trigonometric series and analytic functions of a complex variable.

Other methods of summation involve forming a moving average of  $f$  by convolution with other sequences of functions  $\alpha_p(\mathbf{x})$  besides  $D_p$  of  $F_p$  which ‘tend towards  $\delta$ ’ as  $p \rightarrow \infty$ . The convolution is performed by multiplying the Fourier coefficients of  $f$  by those of  $\alpha_p$ , so that one forms the quantities

$$S'_p(f)(x) = \sum_{|m| \leq p} c_m(\alpha_p) c_m(f) \exp(2\pi imx).$$

For instance the ‘sigma factors’ of Lanczos (Lanczos, 1966, p. 65), defined by

$$\sigma_m = \frac{\sin[m\pi/p]}{m\pi/p},$$

lead to a summation procedure whose behaviour is intermediate between those using the Dirichlet and the Fejér kernels; it corresponds to forming a moving average of  $f$  by convolution with

$$\alpha_p = P\chi_{[-1/(2p), 1/(2p)]} * D_p,$$

which is itself the convolution of a ‘rectangular pulse’ of width  $1/p$  and of the Dirichlet kernel of order  $p$ .

A review of the summation problem in crystallography is given in Section 1.3.4.2.1.3.

1.3.2.6.10.2. Classical  $L^2$  theory

The space  $L^2(\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z})$  of (equivalence classes of) square-integrable complex-valued functions  $f$  on the circle is contained in  $L^1(\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z})$ , since by the Cauchy–Schwarz inequality

$$\|f\|_1^2 = \left( \int_0^1 |f(x)| \times 1 \, dx \right)^2$$

$$\leq \left( \int_0^1 |f(x)|^2 \, dx \right) \left( \int_0^1 1^2 \, dx \right) = \|f\|_2^2 \leq \infty.$$

Thus all the results derived for  $L^1$  hold for  $L^2$ , a great simplification over the situation in  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{R}^n$  where neither  $L^1$  nor  $L^2$  was contained in the other.

However, more can be proved in  $L^2$ , because  $L^2$  is a Hilbert space (Section 1.3.2.2.4) for the inner product

$$(f, g) = \int_0^1 \overline{f(x)} g(x) \, dx,$$

and because the family of functions  $\{\exp(2\pi imx)\}_{m \in \mathbb{Z}}$  constitutes an orthonormal Hilbert basis for  $L^2$ .

The sequence of Fourier coefficients  $c_m(f)$  of  $f \in L^2$  belongs to the space  $\ell^2(\mathbb{Z})$  of square-summable sequences:

$$\sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} |c_m(f)|^2 < \infty.$$

Conversely, every element  $c = (c_m)$  of  $\ell^2$  is the sequence of Fourier coefficients of a unique function in  $L^2$ . The inner product

$$(c, d) = \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}} \overline{c_m} d_m$$

makes  $\ell^2$  into a Hilbert space, and the map from  $L^2$  to  $\ell^2$  established by the Fourier transformation is an isometry (Parseval/Plancherel):

$$\|f\|_{L^2} = \|c(f)\|_{\ell^2}$$

or equivalently:

$$(f, g) = (c(f), c(g)).$$

This is a useful property in applications, since  $(f, g)$  may be calculated either from  $f$  and  $g$  themselves, or from their Fourier coefficients  $c(f)$  and  $c(g)$  (see Section 1.3.4.4.6) for crystallographic applications).

By virtue of the orthogonality of the basis  $\{\exp(2\pi imx)\}_{m \in \mathbb{Z}}$ , the partial sum  $S_p(f)$  is the best mean-square fit to  $f$  in the linear subspace of  $L^2$  spanned by  $\{\exp(2\pi imx)\}_{|m| \leq p}$ , and hence (Bessel’s inequality)

$$\sum_{|m| \leq p} |c_m(f)|^2 = \|f\|_2^2 - \sum_{|M| \geq p} |c_M(f)|^2 \leq \|f\|_2^2.$$

1.3.2.6.10.3. The viewpoint of distribution theory

The use of distributions enlarges considerably the range of behaviour which can be accommodated in a Fourier series, even in the case of general dimension  $n$  where classical theories meet with even more difficulties than in dimension 1.

Let  $\{w_m\}_{m \in \mathbb{Z}}$  be a sequence of complex numbers with  $|w_m|$  growing at most polynomially as  $|m| \rightarrow \infty$ , say  $|w_m| \leq C|m|^K$ . Then the sequence  $\{w_m/(2\pi im)^{K+2}\}_{m \in \mathbb{Z}}$  is in  $\ell^2$  and even defines a continuous function  $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z})$  and an associated tempered distribution  $T_f \in \mathcal{D}'(\mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z})$ . Differentiation of  $T_f$  ( $K+2$ ) times then yields a tempered distribution whose Fourier transform leads to the original sequence of coefficients. Conversely, by the structure theorem for distributions with compact support (Section 1.3.2.3.9.7), the motif  $T^0$  of a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -periodic distribution is a derivative of finite order of a continuous function; hence its Fourier coefficients will grow at most polynomially with  $|m|$  as  $|m| \rightarrow \infty$ .

Thus distribution theory allows the manipulation of Fourier series whose coefficients exhibit polynomial growth as their order goes to infinity, while those derived from functions had to tend to 0 by virtue of the Riemann–Lebesgue lemma. The distribution-theoretic approach to Fourier series holds even in the case of general dimension  $n$ , where classical theories meet with even more difficulties (see Ash, 1976) than in dimension 1.

1.3.2.7. The discrete Fourier transformation

1.3.2.7.1. Shannon’s sampling theorem and interpolation formula

Let  $\varphi \in \mathcal{E}(\mathbb{R}^n)$  be such that  $\Phi = \mathcal{F}[\varphi]$  has compact support  $K$ . Let  $\varphi$  be sampled at the nodes of a lattice  $\Lambda^*$ , yielding the lattice distribution  $R^* \times \varphi$ . The Fourier transform of this sampled version of  $\varphi$  is

$$\mathcal{F}[R^* \times \varphi] = |\det \mathbf{A}| (R * \Phi),$$

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which is essentially  $\Phi$  periodized by period lattice  $\Lambda = (\Lambda^*)^*$ , with period matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ .

Let us assume that  $\Lambda$  is such that the translates of  $K$  by different period vectors of  $\Lambda$  are disjoint. Then we may recover  $\Phi$  from  $R * \Phi$  by masking the contents of a ‘unit cell’  $\mathcal{V}$  of  $\Lambda$  (i.e. a fundamental domain for the action of  $\Lambda$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ) whose boundary does not meet  $K$ . If  $\chi_{\mathcal{V}}$  is the indicator function of  $\mathcal{V}$ , then

$$\Phi = \chi_{\mathcal{V}} \times (R * \Phi).$$

Transforming both sides by  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}}$  yields

$$\varphi = \tilde{\mathcal{F}} \left[ \chi_{\mathcal{V}} \times \frac{1}{|\det \mathbf{A}|} \tilde{\mathcal{F}}[R * \varphi] \right],$$

i.e.

$$\varphi = \left( \frac{1}{V} \tilde{\mathcal{F}}[\chi_{\mathcal{V}}] \right) * (R * \varphi)$$

since  $|\det \mathbf{A}|$  is the volume  $V$  of  $\mathcal{V}$ .

This interpolation formula is traditionally credited to Shannon (1949), although it was discovered much earlier by Whittaker (1915). It shows that  $\varphi$  may be recovered from its sample values on  $\Lambda^*$  (i.e. from  $R * \varphi$ ) provided  $\Lambda^*$  is sufficiently fine that no overlap (or ‘aliasing’) occurs in the periodization of  $\Phi$  by the dual lattice  $\Lambda$ . The interpolation kernel is the transform of the normalized indicator function of a unit cell of  $\Lambda$  containing the support  $K$  of  $\Phi$ .

If  $K$  is contained in a sphere of radius  $1/\Delta$  and if  $\Lambda$  and  $\Lambda^*$  are rectangular, the length of each basis vector of  $\Lambda$  must be greater than  $2/\Delta$ , and thus the sampling interval must be smaller than  $\Delta/2$ . This requirement constitutes the Shannon sampling criterion.

### 1.3.2.7.2. Duality between subdivision and decimation of period lattices

#### 1.3.2.7.2.1. Geometric description of sublattices

Let  $\Lambda_{\mathbf{A}}$  be a period lattice in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with matrix  $\mathbf{A}$ , and let  $\Lambda_{\mathbf{A}}^*$  be the lattice reciprocal to  $\Lambda_{\mathbf{A}}$ , with period matrix  $(\mathbf{A}^{-1})^T$ . Let  $\Lambda_{\mathbf{B}}, \mathbf{B}, \Lambda_{\mathbf{B}}^*$  be defined similarly, and let us suppose that  $\Lambda_{\mathbf{A}}$  is a sublattice of  $\Lambda_{\mathbf{B}}$ , i.e. that  $\Lambda_{\mathbf{B}} \supset \Lambda_{\mathbf{A}}$  as a set.

The relation between  $\Lambda_{\mathbf{A}}$  and  $\Lambda_{\mathbf{B}}$  may be described in two different fashions: (i) multiplicatively, and (ii) additively.

(i) We may write  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{N}$  for some non-singular matrix  $\mathbf{N}$  with integer entries.  $\mathbf{N}$  may be viewed as the period matrix of the coarser lattice  $\Lambda_{\mathbf{A}}$  with respect to the period basis of the finer lattice  $\Lambda_{\mathbf{B}}$ . It will be more convenient to write  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{D}\mathbf{B}$ , where  $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{N}\mathbf{B}^{-1}$  is a rational matrix (with integer determinant since  $\det \mathbf{D} = \det \mathbf{N}$ ) in terms of which the two lattices are related by

$$\Lambda_{\mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{D}\Lambda_{\mathbf{B}}.$$

(ii) Call two vectors in  $\Lambda_{\mathbf{B}}$  congruent modulo  $\Lambda_{\mathbf{A}}$  if their difference lies in  $\Lambda_{\mathbf{A}}$ . Denote the set of congruence classes (or ‘cosets’) by  $\Lambda_{\mathbf{B}}/\Lambda_{\mathbf{A}}$ , and the number of these classes by  $[\Lambda_{\mathbf{B}} : \Lambda_{\mathbf{A}}]$ . The ‘coset decomposition’

$$\Lambda_{\mathbf{B}} = \bigcup_{\ell \in \Lambda_{\mathbf{B}}/\Lambda_{\mathbf{A}}} (\ell + \Lambda_{\mathbf{A}})$$

represents  $\Lambda_{\mathbf{B}}$  as the disjoint union of  $[\Lambda_{\mathbf{B}} : \Lambda_{\mathbf{A}}]$  translates of  $\Lambda_{\mathbf{A}}$ .  $\Lambda_{\mathbf{B}}/\Lambda_{\mathbf{A}}$  is a finite lattice with  $[\Lambda_{\mathbf{B}} : \Lambda_{\mathbf{A}}]$  elements, called the residual lattice of  $\Lambda_{\mathbf{B}}$  modulo  $\Lambda_{\mathbf{A}}$ .

The two descriptions are connected by the relation  $[\Lambda_{\mathbf{B}} : \Lambda_{\mathbf{A}}] = \det \mathbf{D} = \det \mathbf{N}$ , which follows from a volume calculation. We may also combine (i) and (ii) into

$$(iii) \quad \Lambda_{\mathbf{B}} = \bigcup_{\ell \in \Lambda_{\mathbf{B}}/\Lambda_{\mathbf{A}}} (\ell + \mathbf{D}\Lambda_{\mathbf{B}})$$

which may be viewed as the  $n$ -dimensional equivalent of the Euclidean algorithm for integer division:  $\ell$  is the ‘remainder’ of the division by  $\Lambda_{\mathbf{A}}$  of a vector in  $\Lambda_{\mathbf{B}}$ , the quotient being the matrix  $\mathbf{D}$ .

#### 1.3.2.7.2.2. Sublattice relations for reciprocal lattices

Let us now consider the two reciprocal lattices  $\Lambda_{\mathbf{A}}^*$  and  $\Lambda_{\mathbf{B}}^*$ . Their period matrices  $(\mathbf{A}^{-1})^T$  and  $(\mathbf{B}^{-1})^T$  are related by:  $(\mathbf{B}^{-1})^T = (\mathbf{A}^{-1})^T \mathbf{N}^T$ , where  $\mathbf{N}^T$  is an integer matrix; or equivalently by  $(\mathbf{B}^{-1})^T = \mathbf{D}^T (\mathbf{A}^{-1})^T$ . This shows that the roles are reversed in that  $\Lambda_{\mathbf{B}}^*$  is a sublattice of  $\Lambda_{\mathbf{A}}^*$ , which we may write:

$$(i)^* \quad \Lambda_{\mathbf{B}}^* = \mathbf{D}^T \Lambda_{\mathbf{A}}^*$$

$$(ii)^* \quad \Lambda_{\mathbf{A}}^* = \bigcup_{\ell^* \in \Lambda_{\mathbf{A}}^*/\Lambda_{\mathbf{B}}^*} (\ell^* + \Lambda_{\mathbf{B}}^*).$$

The residual lattice  $\Lambda_{\mathbf{A}}^*/\Lambda_{\mathbf{B}}^*$  is finite, with  $[\Lambda_{\mathbf{A}}^* : \Lambda_{\mathbf{B}}^*] = \det \mathbf{D} = \det \mathbf{N} = [\Lambda_{\mathbf{B}} : \Lambda_{\mathbf{A}}]$ , and we may again combine (i)<sup>\*</sup> and (ii)<sup>\*</sup> into

$$(iii)^* \quad \Lambda_{\mathbf{A}}^* = \bigcup_{\ell^* \in \Lambda_{\mathbf{A}}^*/\Lambda_{\mathbf{B}}^*} (\ell^* + \mathbf{D}^T \Lambda_{\mathbf{A}}^*).$$

#### 1.3.2.7.2.3. Relation between lattice distributions

The above relations between lattices may be rewritten in terms of the corresponding lattice distributions as follows:

$$(i) \quad R_{\mathbf{A}} = \frac{1}{|\det \mathbf{D}|} \mathbf{D}^{\#} R_{\mathbf{B}}^*$$

$$(ii) \quad R_{\mathbf{B}} = T_{\mathbf{B}/\mathbf{A}} * R_{\mathbf{A}}$$

$$(i)^* \quad R_{\mathbf{B}}^* = \frac{1}{|\det \mathbf{D}|} (\mathbf{D}^T)^{\#} R_{\mathbf{A}}^*$$

$$(ii)^* \quad R_{\mathbf{A}}^* = T_{\mathbf{A}/\mathbf{B}}^* * R_{\mathbf{B}}^*$$

where

$$T_{\mathbf{B}/\mathbf{A}} = \sum_{\ell \in \Lambda_{\mathbf{B}}/\Lambda_{\mathbf{A}}} \delta_{(\ell)}$$

and

$$T_{\mathbf{A}/\mathbf{B}}^* = \sum_{\ell^* \in \Lambda_{\mathbf{A}}^*/\Lambda_{\mathbf{B}}^*} \delta_{(\ell^*)}$$

are (finite) residual-lattice distributions. We may incorporate the factor  $1/|\det \mathbf{D}|$  in (i) and (i)<sup>\*</sup> into these distributions and define

$$S_{\mathbf{B}/\mathbf{A}} = \frac{1}{|\det \mathbf{D}|} T_{\mathbf{B}/\mathbf{A}}, \quad S_{\mathbf{A}/\mathbf{B}}^* = \frac{1}{|\det \mathbf{D}|} T_{\mathbf{A}/\mathbf{B}}^*.$$

Since  $|\det \mathbf{D}| = [\Lambda_{\mathbf{B}} : \Lambda_{\mathbf{A}}] = [\Lambda_{\mathbf{A}}^* : \Lambda_{\mathbf{B}}^*]$ , convolution with  $S_{\mathbf{B}/\mathbf{A}}$  and  $S_{\mathbf{A}/\mathbf{B}}^*$  has the effect of averaging the translates of a distribution under the elements (or ‘cosets’) of the residual lattices  $\Lambda_{\mathbf{B}}/\Lambda_{\mathbf{A}}$  and  $\Lambda_{\mathbf{A}}^*/\Lambda_{\mathbf{B}}^*$ , respectively. This process will be called ‘coset averaging’. Eliminating  $R_{\mathbf{A}}$  and  $R_{\mathbf{B}}$  between (i) and (ii), and  $R_{\mathbf{A}}^*$  and  $R_{\mathbf{B}}^*$  between (i)<sup>\*</sup> and (ii)<sup>\*</sup>, we may write:

$$(i') \quad R_{\mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{D}^{\#} (S_{\mathbf{B}/\mathbf{A}} * R_{\mathbf{A}})$$

$$(ii') \quad R_{\mathbf{B}} = S_{\mathbf{B}/\mathbf{A}} * (\mathbf{D}^{\#} R_{\mathbf{B}})$$

$$(i')^* \quad R_{\mathbf{B}}^* = (\mathbf{D}^T)^{\#} (S_{\mathbf{A}/\mathbf{B}}^* * R_{\mathbf{B}}^*)$$

$$(ii')^* \quad R_{\mathbf{A}}^* = S_{\mathbf{A}/\mathbf{B}}^* * [(\mathbf{D}^T)^{\#} R_{\mathbf{A}}^*].$$

These identities show that period subdivision by convolution with