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Sampling in a weighted Sobolev space

Échantillonnage dans un espace de Sobolev avec poids

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ABSTRACT

We show that functions f in some weighted Sobolev space are completely determined by time-frequency samples $\{f(t_n)\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \cup \{\hat{f}(\lambda_k)\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ along appropriate slowly increasing sequences $\{t_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ and $\{\lambda_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ tending to $\pm\infty$ as $n \rightarrow \pm\infty$.

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R É S U M É

Nous démontrons que toute fonction f dans un certain espace de Sobolev avec poids est complètement déterminée par un échantillon $\{f(t_n)\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \cup \{\hat{f}(\lambda_k)\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ sur des convenables suites croissantes $\{t_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ et $\{\lambda_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$, tendant vers $\pm\infty$ lentement, quand $n \rightarrow \pm\infty$.

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1. Introduction and notations

If $0 \neq x \in \mathbb{R}^N$ and \hat{x} denote its discrete Fourier transform, then $l(x) \cdot l(\hat{x}) \geq N$, where $l(x)$ denotes the cardinality of $\{k: x_k \neq 0\}$ [3]. Another result of the same essence appears in [9]: if a nonzero function is bandlimited to $[-\Omega, \Omega]$, then there exists an interval of length greater than π/Ω on which the function does not vanish.

Our objective is to extend this form of the uncertainty principle to a weighted Sobolev space. Given functions φ and ψ such that $\varphi(t) \geq t^2$, $\psi(t) \geq t^2$, let $\mathcal{H}_{\varphi, \psi}$ denote the Hilbert space of functions $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$ such that

$$\|f\|^2 = \int_{\mathbb{R}} (|f(t)|^2 \varphi(t) + |\hat{f}(t)|^2 \psi(t)) dt < \infty \quad (1)$$

where \hat{f} is the Fourier transform of f . First, we show that if $f \in \mathcal{H}_{\varphi, \psi}$ and f and \hat{f} are zero respectively, on slowly increasing sequences $\{t_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ and $\{\lambda_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ tending to $\pm\infty$ as $n \rightarrow \pm\infty$, then $f \equiv 0$. We then introduce an equivalent discrete norm on \mathcal{H} , in terms of pointwise time-frequency samples $\{f(t_n)\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \cup \{\hat{f}(\lambda_k)\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$. The Riesz Representation Theorem shows how $f \in \mathcal{H}$ can be reconstructed from these time-frequency samples. A special case of this is a Poisson summation formula on slowly increasing sequences. Finally, we show that the weights $\varphi(t) = t^2 = \psi(t)$ are optimal.

We recall that reconstruction of bandlimited signals f from pointwise samples $\{f(t_n)\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ has been widely studied [1,2,4–7].

Notations: Given an increasing sequence $\mathcal{T} = \{t_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ in \mathbb{R} such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \pm\infty} t_n = \pm\infty$, we define the sampling operator $S_{\mathcal{T}}$ by $S_{\mathcal{T}}g = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} g(t_k) 1_{T_k}$ where $T_k = [\frac{1}{2}(t_{k-1} + t_k), \frac{1}{2}(t_k + t_{k+1})]$. Moreover, given a non-negative function φ on \mathbb{R} , we

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introduce a measure $D_{\mathcal{T},\varphi}$ of the density of the sequence \mathcal{T} by $D_{\mathcal{T},\varphi} = \sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \int_{T_k} |t - t_k| \cdot \varphi(t) dt$. If $\varphi(t) = |t|^p$, we shall simply write $D_{\mathcal{T},p}$ in place of $D_{\mathcal{T},\varphi}$. We also define a weighted energy $E_\varphi(f)$ of a signal f by $E_\varphi(f) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} |f(t)|^2 \varphi(t) dt$. Finally, we define the Fourier transform of a function $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R})$ by $\hat{f}(w) = (2\pi)^{-1/2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(t) e^{-iwt} dt$.

2. Time-frequency zeros of functions in $\mathcal{H}_{\varphi,\psi}$

In this note, $\mathcal{T} = \{t_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ and $\Lambda = \{\lambda_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ will always denote increasing sequences of real numbers such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \pm\infty} t_n = \pm\infty = \lim_{n \rightarrow \pm\infty} \lambda_n$. Also, φ and ψ will always denote functions defined on \mathbb{R} satisfying $\varphi(t) \geq t^2$ and $\psi(t) \geq t^2$, for $t \in \mathbb{R}$. Recall the Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}_{\varphi,\psi}$ defined in (1).

We begin with a basic estimate with the sampling operator $S_{\mathcal{T}}$.

Lemma 2.1. *Let $f \in \mathcal{H}_{\varphi,\psi}$. Then $E_\varphi(f - S_{\mathcal{T}}f) \leq D_{\mathcal{T},\varphi} \|f'\|_2^2$.*

Proof. Given $t \in T_k$, $|f(t) - f(t_k)|^2 \leq |t - t_k| \int_{T_k} |f'(s)|^2 ds$. Combining this with the identity $E_\varphi(f - S_{\mathcal{T}}(f)) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \int_{T_n} |f(t) - f(t_n)|^2 \varphi(t) dt$, yields the conclusion. \square

The next theorem is the main result of this section.

Theorem 2.2. *Let $f \in \mathcal{H}_{\varphi,\psi}$ such that $f(t_k) = 0 = \hat{f}(\lambda_k)$ for each $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. If $D_{\mathcal{T},\varphi} \cdot D_{\Lambda,\psi} < 1$, then $f \equiv 0$.*

Proof. Lemma 2.1 implies $E_\varphi(f) \leq D_{\mathcal{T},\varphi} \|f'\|_2^2$ and $E_\psi(\hat{f}) \leq D_{\Lambda,\psi} \|\hat{f}'\|_2^2$. Combining this with $\|f'\|_2^2 = \int_{\mathbb{R}} |\xi \hat{f}(\xi)|^2 d\xi \leq E_\psi(\hat{f})$, yields $E_\varphi(f) \leq D_{\mathcal{T},\varphi} \cdot D_{\Lambda,\psi} \|\hat{f}'\|_2^2$. In view of $\|\hat{f}'\|_2^2 = \int_{\mathbb{R}} |t f(t)|^2 dt \leq E_\varphi(f)$, we see that $E_\varphi(f) \leq D_{\mathcal{T},\varphi} \cdot D_{\Lambda,\psi} \cdot E_\varphi(f)$. If $f \neq 0$, then $1 \leq D_{\mathcal{T},\varphi} \cdot D_{\Lambda,\psi}$, a contradiction. \square

Example 2.3. For each $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, define $t_{\pm n} = \pm \ln(|n| + 1)$. Let $\mathcal{T} = \{t_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$. Then for any $p > 0$, $D_{\mathcal{T},p} < \infty$.

Example 2.4. Let α and p be positive numbers such that $\alpha(p + 2) < 2$. Let $t_{\pm n} = \pm |n|^\alpha$ for $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. Let $\mathcal{T} = \{t_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$. Then $D_{\mathcal{T},p} < \infty$.

Remark 2.5. Let $\{t_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$ be any increasing sequence such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \pm\infty} t_n = \pm\infty$. Let $\mathcal{T} = \{t_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ and $\mathcal{T}_\varepsilon = \{\varepsilon t_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$. Then $D_{\mathcal{T}_\varepsilon,p} = \varepsilon^{2+p} D_{\mathcal{T},p}$ for any $p > 0$.

3. Equivalent discrete norms on $\mathcal{H}_{\varphi,\psi}$

Our main result, Theorem 3.3, gives equivalent norms on the Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}_{\varphi,\psi}$. First, we state the following lemma, omitting its proof:

Lemma 3.1. *Given measurable functions $f, g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $\frac{1}{2} E_\varphi(f - g) \leq E_\varphi(f) + E_\varphi(g)$.*

Proposition 3.2. *Suppose φ is even and $t_{-k} = -t_k$ for each $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. Let $f \in \mathcal{H}_{\varphi,\psi}$. With $C_0 = 1 - 4D_{\mathcal{T},\varphi} D_{\Lambda,\psi}$, we have*

$$C_0 \cdot E_\varphi(f) \leq 4D_{\mathcal{T},\varphi} \cdot E_\psi(S_\Lambda \hat{f}) + 2E_\varphi(S_{\mathcal{T}}f), \tag{2}$$

$$C_0 \cdot E_\psi(\hat{f}) \leq 4D_{\Lambda,\psi} \cdot E_\varphi(S_{\mathcal{T}}f) + 2E_\psi(S_\Lambda \hat{f}). \tag{3}$$

Proof. From $\|f'\|_2^2 \leq E_\psi(\hat{f})$, we obtain $E_\varphi(f) \leq 2D_{\mathcal{T},\varphi} E_\psi(\hat{f}) + 2E_\varphi(S_{\mathcal{T}}f)$ in view of Lemmas 2.1 and 3.1. Replacing $(f, \varphi, \psi, \mathcal{T})$ by $(\hat{f}, \psi, \varphi, \Lambda)$ in this inequality and noting that the Fourier transform of \hat{f} is the function $\tilde{f}(x) = f(-x)$ yields $E_\psi(\hat{f}) \leq 2D_{\Lambda,\psi} E_\varphi(\tilde{f}) + 2E_\psi(S_\Lambda \hat{f})$. Since φ is even, $E_\varphi(\tilde{f}) = E_\varphi(f)$. Thus, combining the last two inequalities gives the estimate (2).

Now, the assumptions that φ is even and $t_{-k} = -t_k$ imply $E_\varphi(S_{\mathcal{T}}\tilde{f}) = E_\varphi(S_{\mathcal{T}}f)$. Thus, applying (2) with $(f, \varphi, \psi, \mathcal{T}, \Lambda)$ replaced by $(\hat{f}, \psi, \varphi, \Lambda, \mathcal{T})$ yields (3). \square

We come to our main theorem.

Theorem 3.3. *Suppose φ is even and $t_{-k} = -t_k$ if $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. Let $4D_{\mathcal{T},\varphi} D_{\Lambda,\psi} < 1$ and $f \in \mathcal{H}_{\varphi,\psi}$. Then*

$$C_1 \|f\|_\star^2 \leq \|f\|^2 \leq C_2 \|f\|_\star^2 \tag{4}$$

where $\|\cdot\|^2$ is defined in (1), $\|f\|_*^2 = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} (|f(t_k)|^2 \int_{T_k} \varphi(t) dt + |\hat{f}(\lambda_k)|^2 \int_{\Lambda_k} \psi(t) dt)$, $C_1 = (2 + 2 \max\{D_{\Lambda, \psi}, D_{\mathcal{T}, \varphi}\})^{-1}$, and $C_2 = (2 + 4 \max\{D_{\Lambda, \psi}, D_{\mathcal{T}, \varphi}\})(1 - 4D_{\mathcal{T}, \varphi}D_{\Lambda, \psi})^{-1}$.

Proof. Adding (2) and (3) gives $\|f\|^2 \leq C_2 \|f\|_*^2$. By Lemmas 2.1 and 3.1 and the bound, $\|f'\|_2^2 \leq E_\psi(\hat{f})$, we get $E_\varphi(S_{\mathcal{T}}f) \leq 2D_{\mathcal{T}, \varphi}E_\psi(\hat{f}) + 2E_\varphi(f)$. Since φ is even, we likewise obtain $E_\psi(S_\Lambda \hat{f}) \leq 2D_{\Lambda, \psi}E_\varphi(f) + 2E_\psi(\hat{f})$. Adding these last two inequalities gives $C_1 \|f\|_*^2 \leq \|f\|^2$. \square

4. Time-frequency expansions and a Poisson summation formula

An application of Theorem 3.3 gives an expansion of $f \in \mathcal{H}_{\varphi, \psi}$ in terms of time-frequency samples $\{f(t_n)\}_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} \cup \{\hat{f}(\lambda_k)\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$.

Corollary 4.1. *Let $4D_{\mathcal{T}, \varphi}D_{\Lambda, \psi} < 1$. Suppose φ is even and $t_{-k} = -t_k$ for each $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.*

(a) *Given $x \in \mathbb{R}$, there exists $\Phi_x \in \mathcal{H}_{\varphi, \psi}$ such that for each $f \in \mathcal{H}_{\varphi, \psi}$,*

$$f(x) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \left(f(t_k) \overline{\Phi_x(t_k)} \int_{T_k} \varphi(t) dt + \hat{f}(\lambda_k) \overline{\widehat{\Phi}_x(\lambda_k)} \int_{\Lambda_k} \psi(t) dt \right). \tag{5}$$

(b) *For $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, set $a_k = \overline{\Phi_0(t_k)} \int_{T_k} \varphi(t) dt$ and $b_k = \overline{\widehat{\Phi}_0(\lambda_k)} \int_{\Lambda_k} \psi(t) dt$. Then*

$$f(0) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} (a_k f(t_k) + b_k \hat{f}(\lambda_k)), \quad \text{if } f \in \mathcal{H}_{\varphi, \psi}. \tag{6}$$

Proof. Let $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Then the mapping $f \mapsto f(x)$ defines a bounded linear functional on $\mathcal{H}_{\varphi, \psi}$. Note that the inner product

$$\langle f, g \rangle_* = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \left(f(t_k) \overline{g(t_k)} \int_{T_k} \varphi(t) dt + \hat{f}(\lambda_k) \overline{\hat{g}(\lambda_k)} \int_{\Lambda_k} \psi(t) dt \right)$$

induces the equivalent norm $\|\cdot\|_*$ on the Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}_{\varphi, \psi}$, by Theorem 3.3. Thus, the Riesz Representation Theorem implies the existence of $\Phi_x \in \mathcal{H}_{\varphi, \psi}$ such that $f(x) = \langle f, \Phi_x \rangle_*$ for each $f \in \mathcal{H}_{\varphi, \psi}$. This is the desired conclusion (5). Part (b) is obtained by taking $x = 0$ in (5). \square

5. Optimality of the weight t^2

We end this note with Example 5.2, showing optimality of the weights $\varphi(t) = t^2 = \psi(t)$.

Lemma 5.1. *Let $H(x) = e^{-|x|}$, $T(x) = \cos(\alpha x^2)$, and set $f = H \star T$. Then*

- (a) *f has a zero on the interval $[\text{sgn } k \sqrt{\frac{|k|\pi}{\alpha}}, \text{sgn } k \sqrt{\frac{|k+1|\pi}{\alpha}}]$ for each $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, with $\text{sgn } 0 = 1$,*
- (b) *\hat{f} is zero at $\text{sgn } k \sqrt{\alpha \pi (4|k| - 1)}$ for each $k \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$.*

Proof. Set $x_l = \text{sgn } l \sqrt{\frac{|l|\pi}{\alpha}}$ for $l \in \mathbb{Z}$. Fix $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. We claim that $(-1)^k f(x_k) > 0$.

We shall only prove the case when $k \geq 0$, which we now assume. Let $l \geq k$ such that $l - k$ is even. Integration by parts gives

$$\int_{x_l}^{x_{l+2}} \cos(\alpha x^2) \exp\{-x - x_k\} dx = R_l \exp\{-(x_{l+2} - x_k)\} + S_l \quad \text{with} \tag{7}$$

$$4\sqrt{\alpha} R_l = \int_{l\pi}^{(l+1)\pi} \{x^{-3/2} - (x + \pi)^{-3/2}\} \sin x dx, \tag{8}$$

$$4\alpha S_l = \int_{l\pi}^{(l+1)\pi} (G(y) - G(y + \pi)) \sin y dy, \tag{9}$$

$$G(y) = y^{-1/2}g(y) + \frac{1}{2}y^{-3/2} \int_y^{(l+2)\pi} g(t) dt \quad \text{and} \quad g(t) = t^{-1/2} \exp\left\{-\left(\sqrt{\frac{t}{\alpha}} - x_k\right)\right\}.$$

In view of (8), $(-1)^k R_l = (-1)^l R_l > 0$. On the other hand, since g is a non-negative decreasing function on $[k\pi, \infty[$, the same is true of G . Thus, (9) shows that $(-1)^k S_l = (-1)^l S_l > 0$.

Summing (7), we conclude that $(-1)^k \int_{x_k}^{\infty} \cos(\alpha x^2) \exp(-|x - x_k|) dx > 0$. Likewise, we have

$$(-1)^k \int_{-\infty}^{x_k} \cos(\alpha x^2) \exp(-|x - x_k|) dx > 0.$$

Adding these yields $(-1)^k f(x_k) > 0$.

To prove (b), recall that $2\sqrt{2\alpha} \int_0^{\infty} \cos(\alpha x^2) \cos(tx) dx = \sqrt{\pi} [\cos(\frac{t^2}{4\alpha}) + \sin(\frac{t^2}{4\alpha})]$. (See [8].) Thus, $\sqrt{2\alpha} \hat{T}(w) = \sin(\frac{w^2}{4\alpha} + \frac{\pi}{4})$. Part (b) follows from this since $\hat{f} = \hat{H} \cdot \hat{T}$. \square

Recall that if $\varphi(t) = |t|^p$, we write $D_{\mathcal{T},p}$ in place of $D_{\mathcal{T},\varphi}$.

Example 5.2. Given $p \in [1, 2[$, there exist increasing sequences $\mathcal{T} = \{t_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ and $\Lambda = \{\lambda_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$ such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \pm\infty} t_n = \pm\infty = \lim_{n \rightarrow \pm\infty} \lambda_n$ and $D_{\mathcal{T},p} D_{\Lambda,2} < 1$, but $f(t_k) = 0 = \hat{f}(\lambda_k), \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}$, for some nonzero $f \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$ with $\int_{\mathbb{R}} (|f(x)|^2 + |\hat{f}(x)|^2) x^2 dx < \infty$.

Proof. Let $p \in [1, 2[$ and choose $\alpha > 0$ such that $25\pi^2(2\pi)^{1+\frac{p}{2}}\alpha^{1-\frac{p}{2}} < 1$. As in Lemma 5.1, we define $f = H \star T$. Recall that $\sqrt{\pi} \hat{H}(w) = \sqrt{2}(1+w^2)^{-1}$ and $\sqrt{2\alpha} \hat{T}(w) = \sin(\frac{w^2}{4\alpha} + \frac{\pi}{4})$. Thus, $\hat{f}(w) = (\pi\alpha)^{-1/2}(1+w^2)^{-1} \sin(\frac{w^2}{4\alpha} + \frac{\pi}{4})$. It follows that $\int_{\mathbb{R}} |\hat{f}(w)|^2 |w|^2 dw < \infty$ and $\int_{\mathbb{R}} |f(x)|^2 x^2 dx = \int_{\mathbb{R}} |\hat{f}'(w)|^2 dw < \infty$.

For $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, f has a zero t_k in the interval $[\text{sqn } k\sqrt{\frac{|k|\pi}{\alpha}}, \text{sgn } k\sqrt{\frac{|k+1|\pi}{\alpha}}]$, by Lemma 5.1. If $k \geq 1$ or $k \leq -2$, $\int_{T_k} |t - t_k| \cdot |t|^p dt \leq \frac{1}{4} \cdot (\frac{3\pi}{\alpha})^{1+\frac{p}{2}}$. While for $k \in \{0, -1\}$, $\int_{T_k} |t - t_k| \cdot |t|^p dt \leq (\frac{2\pi}{\alpha})^{1+\frac{p}{2}}$. Taking the larger of these yields $D_{\mathcal{T},p} \leq (\frac{2\pi}{\alpha})^{1+\frac{p}{2}}$ with $\mathcal{T} = \{t_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$.

On the other hand, define $\lambda_k = \sqrt{\alpha\pi(4k-1)}$ if $k \geq 1$ and $\lambda_k = -\sqrt{\alpha\pi(4|k-1|-1)}$ if $k \leq 0$. By Lemma 5.1, $\hat{f}(\lambda_k) = 0$ for each $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. Set $\Lambda_k = [\frac{1}{2}(\lambda_{k-1} + \lambda_k), \frac{1}{2}(\lambda_k + \lambda_{k+1})]$. We have $\int_{\Lambda_k} |\lambda - \lambda_k| \cdot \lambda^2 d\lambda \leq 16(\alpha\pi)^2$ for $k \geq 2$ or $k \leq -1$. On the other hand, if $k \in \{0, 1\}$, $\int_{\Lambda_k} |\lambda - \lambda_k| \cdot \lambda^2 d\lambda \leq 25(\alpha\pi)^2$. Taking the larger of these yields $D_{\Lambda,2} \leq 25(\alpha\pi)^2$ where $\Lambda = \{\lambda_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$.

Finally, we conclude that $D_{\mathcal{T},p} D_{\Lambda,2} \leq 25\pi^2(2\pi)^{1+\frac{p}{2}}\alpha^{1-\frac{p}{2}} < 1$. \square

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