

Harmonic analysis on quantum tori

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Let \mathcal{A}_θ be the universal C^* -algebra generated by U and V . This is a **quantum** (or **noncommutative**) **2-torus**. If θ is irrational, \mathcal{A}_θ is an **irrational rotation C^* -algebra**. The quantum tori are fundamental examples, probably the most accessible examples for operator algebras and noncommutative geometry.

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Notation used throughout the talk:

- ▶ Elements of \mathbb{Z}^d are denoted by $m = (m_1, \dots, m_d)$.
- ▶ \mathbb{T}^d is the usual d -torus:

$$\mathbb{T}^d = \{(z_1, \dots, z_d) : |z_j| = 1, z_j \in \mathbb{C}\}$$

- ▶ For $m \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ and $z = (z_1, \dots, z_d) \in \mathbb{T}^d$ let

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Let \mathbb{T}_θ^d be the w^* -closure of \mathcal{A}_θ in the GNS representation of τ . Then τ becomes a normal faithful tracial state on \mathbb{T}_θ^d . Thus $(\mathbb{T}_\theta^d, \tau)$ is a **tracial noncommutative probability space**.

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The trace τ extends to a contractive functional on $L_1(\mathbb{T}_\theta^d)$. Thus given $x \in L_p(\mathbb{T}_\theta^d)$ define

$$\hat{x}(m) = \tau((U^m)^* x) = \alpha_m, \quad m \in \mathbb{Z}^d.$$

These are the **Fourier coefficients** of x . Like in the classical case we formally write

$$x \sim \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}^d} \hat{x}(m) U^m.$$

This is the Fourier series of x ; x is uniquely determined by its Fourier series.

We will study various properties of Fourier series like **multipliers**, **mean** and **pointwise convergence**.

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Simple facts.

- ▶ $M(L_2(\mathbb{T}^d)) = \ell_\infty(\mathbb{Z}^d)$
- ▶ $M(L_p(\mathbb{T}^d)) = M(L_{p'}(\mathbb{T}^d))$ with p' the conjugate index of p
- ▶ $\phi \in M(L_1(\mathbb{T}^d))$ iff ϕ is the Fourier transform of a bounded measure, i.e., $\exists \mu$, a bounded measure on \mathbb{T}^d s.t. $\widehat{\mu}(m) = \phi_m$ for all $m \in \mathbb{Z}^d$.

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for $p \in \{1, 2, \infty\}$, and only for these three values of p .

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Summation methods

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But the problem for the **pointwise convergence** is hard and delicate for several reasons:

- ▶ We are dealing with **operators** instead of **functions**.
- ▶ Usually in the commutative case, a pointwise convergence theorem is based on the corresponding mean theorem and **maximal inequality**.

Pointwise convergence

Definition (C. Lance)

A sequence (x_n) in $L_p(\mathbb{T}_\theta^d)$ is said to converge **bilaterally almost uniformly** (b.a.u.) to x if for any $\varepsilon > 0$ there is a projection $e \in \mathbb{T}_\theta^d$ s.t.

$$\tau(1 - e) < \varepsilon \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \|e(x_n - x)e\|_\infty = 0.$$

Remark. In the commutative case this is equivalent to the almost everywhere convergence (**Egorov's theorem**).

Question. Let $1 \leq p \leq \infty$ and $x \in L_p(\mathbb{T}_\theta^d)$. Do we have

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Then $\|x\|_{L_p(\mathbb{T}_\theta^d; \ell_\infty)}$ is defined to be $\inf \|a\|_p$.

Remark. We skip the definition of $\|x\|_{L_p(\mathbb{T}_\theta^d; \ell_\infty)}$ for a general x . This norm is denoted by $\|\sup_n^+ x_n\|_p$. Note that this is only a notation since $\sup x_n$ does not make any sense in the noncommutative setting.

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