

ON VERY POROSITY AND SPACES OF GENERALIZED  
UNIFORMLY DISTRIBUTED SEQUENCES

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**Abstract.** In the paper the porosity structure of sets of generalized uniformly distributed sequences is investigated in the Baire's space.

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### 1. Introduction and definitions

In [4] the concept of uniformly distributed sequences of positive integers mod  $m$  ( $m \geq 2$ ) and uniformly distributed sequences of positive integers in  $\mathbf{Z}$  is introduced (see also [1], p. 305).

We recall the notion of Baire's space  $S$  of all sequences of positive integers. This means the metric space  $S$  endowed with the metric  $d$  defined on  $S \times S$  in the following way.

Let  $x = (x_n)_1^\infty \in S$ ,  $y = (y_n)_1^\infty \in S$ . If  $x = y$ , then  $d(x, y) = 0$  and if  $x \neq y$ , then

$$d(x, y) = \frac{1}{\min\{n : x_n \neq y_n\}}.$$

In [2] is proved that the set of all uniformly distributed sequences of positive integers is a set of the first Baire category in  $(S, d)$ . In the present paper we shall generalize this result to the space of all real sequences.

Denote by  $(s, d)$  the metric space of all sequences of real numbers with  $d$  Baire's metric.

In the sequel we use the following well-known result of H. Weyl:

**Theorem A.** *The sequence  $x = (x_n)_1^\infty \in s$  is uniformly distributed (mod 1) if and only if for each integer  $h \neq 0$  the equality*

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N e^{2\pi i h x_n} = 0$$

holds (cf. [3], p. 7).

Denote

$$\mathcal{U} = \{x = (x_n)_1^\infty \in s; (x_n)_1^\infty \text{ is u. d. mod } 1\},$$

hence from Theorem A we have

$$\mathcal{U} = \left\{ x = (x_n)_1^\infty \in s; \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N e^{2\pi i h x_n} = 0 \text{ for each integers } h \neq 0 \right\}.$$

We now give definitions and notation from the theory of porosity of sets (cf. [5]-[7]). Let  $(Y, \varrho)$  be a metric space. If  $y \in Y$  and  $r > 0$ , then denote by  $B(y, r)$  the ball with center  $y$  and radius  $r$ , i.e.

$$B(y, r) = \{x \in Y : \varrho(x, y) < r\}.$$

Let  $M \subseteq Y$ . Put

$$\gamma(y, r, M) = \sup\{t > 0 : \exists z \in Y \ [B(z, t) \subseteq B(y, r)] \wedge [B(z, t) \cap M = \emptyset]\}.$$

Define the numbers:

$$\bar{p}(y, M) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0_+} \sup \frac{\gamma(y, r, M)}{r}, \quad \underline{p}(y, M) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0_+} \inf \frac{\gamma(y, r, M)}{r}.$$

Obviously the numbers  $\bar{p}(y, M)$ ,  $\underline{p}(y, M)$  belong to the interval  $[0, 1]$ .

A set  $M \subseteq Y$  is said to be porous (c-porous) at  $y \in Y$  provided that  $\bar{p}(y, M) > 0$  ( $\bar{p}(y, M) \geq c > 0$ ). A set  $M \subseteq Y$  is said to be  $\sigma$ -porous ( $\sigma$ -c-porous) at  $y \in Y$  if  $M = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} M_n$  and each of the sets  $M_n$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ) is porous (c-porous) at  $y$ .

Let  $Y_0 \subseteq Y$ . A set  $M \subseteq Y$  is said to be porous, c-porous,  $\sigma$ -porous and  $\sigma$ -c-porous in  $Y_0$  if it is porous, c-porous,  $\sigma$ -porous and  $\sigma$ -c-porous at each point  $y \in Y_0$ , respectively.

If  $M$  is c-porous and  $\sigma$ -c-porous at  $y$ , then it is porous and  $\sigma$ -porous at  $y$ , respectively.

Every set  $M \subseteq Y$  which is porous in  $Y$  is non-dense in  $Y$ . Therefore every set  $M \subseteq Y$  which is  $\sigma$ -porous in  $Y$ , is a set of the first category in  $Y$ . The converse is not true even in  $\mathbf{R}$  (cf. [6]).

A set  $M \subseteq Y$  is said to be very porous at  $y \in Y$  if  $\underline{p}(y, M) > 0$  and very strongly porous at  $y \in Y$  if  $\underline{p}(y, M) = 1$  (cf. [7] p. 327). A set  $M$  is said to be very (strongly) porous in  $Y_0 \subseteq Y$  if it is very (strongly) porous at each  $y \in Y_0$ .

Obviously, if  $M$  is very porous at  $y$ , it is porous at  $y$ , as well. Analogously, if  $M$  is very strongly porous at  $y$ , it is 1-porous at  $y$ .

Further, a set  $M \subseteq Y$  is said to be uniformly very porous in  $Y_0 \subseteq Y$  provided that there is a  $c > 0$  such that for each  $y \in Y_0$  we have  $\underline{p}(y, M) \geq c$  (cf. [7], p. 327). In agreement with the previous terminology and in analogy with the notion of  $\sigma$ -porosity, we introduce the following notions. A set  $M \subseteq Y$  is said to be uniformly  $\sigma$ -very porous in  $Y_0 \subseteq Y$  provided that  $M = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} M_n$  and there is a  $c > 0$  such that for each  $y \in Y_0$  and each  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  we have  $\underline{p}(y, M_n) \geq c$ .

## 2. Main Result

In this part of the paper we shall study the set of all uniformly distributed (mod 1) sequences in the space  $(s, d)$ .

Evidently for an integer  $h > 0$  we have

$$\mathcal{U} \subset S^{(h)} = \left\{ x = (x_n)_1^\infty \in s; \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N e^{2\pi i h x_n} = 0 \right\} \subseteq \bigcup_{r=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{n=r}^{\infty} F(k, n)$$

for every  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ , where

$$F(k, n) = \left\{ x = (x_n)_1^\infty \in s; \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n e^{2\pi i h x_j} \right| \leq \frac{1}{k} \right\}.$$

Denote

$$F^*(k, r) = \bigcap_{n=r}^{\infty} F(k, n) \text{ for } k = 1, 2, \dots, r = 1, 2, \dots$$

First, for  $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  let us denote

$$S^{(h)}(f) = \left\{ x = (x_n)_1^\infty \in s; \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n e^{2\pi i h f(x_j)} = 0 \right\}$$

and similarly

$$\mathcal{U}(f) = \{x = (x_n)_1^\infty \in s; (f(x_n))_1^\infty \text{ is u. d. mod } 1\}.$$

The next theorem implies, that the set  $S^{(h)}$  is  $\sigma$ -very porous in  $(s, d)$ . (Hence, it follows that  $\sigma$ -very porous in  $\mathcal{U}$  too, see Corollary 2.)

**Theorem.** *Let  $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be a function. Then the set  $S^{(h)}(f)$  is uniformly  $\sigma$ -very porous in  $(s, d)$ .*

**Proof.** For  $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  and  $k = 1, 2, \dots$  denote by

$$F(f, k, n) = \left\{ x = (x_n)_{n=1}^{\infty} \in s; \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n e^{2\pi i h f(x_j)} \right| \leq \frac{1}{k} \right\}.$$

Then we have

$$S^{(h)}(f) \subset \bigcup_{r=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{n=r}^{\infty} F(f, k, n).$$

Let

$$F^*(f, k, r) = \bigcap_{n=r}^{\infty} F(f, k, n).$$

Choose  $r \in \mathbf{N}$  fixed. Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $x \in s$ . Further let  $\delta > 0$  be such that  $\delta < \frac{1}{r}$ . Then there exists a positive integer  $l$  such that  $\frac{1}{l} \leq \delta < \frac{1}{l-1}$ , (consequently  $l > r$ ).

Obviously  $S^{(h)}(f) \subseteq \bigcup_{r=1}^{\infty} F^*(f, 2 + \lceil \frac{3}{\varepsilon} \rceil, r)$ . Therefore it suffices to prove

$$\underline{p} \left( x, F^* \left( f, 2 + \left\lceil \frac{3}{\varepsilon} \right\rceil, r \right) \right) \geq \frac{1}{2}.$$

Choose a sequence  $y \in s$  as follows:

$$y_j = \begin{cases} x_j, & \text{for } j = 1, 2, \dots, l, \\ b, & \text{for } j > l, \end{cases}$$

where  $b$  is constant. Evidently  $y \in B(x, \frac{1}{l})$  and  $B(y, \frac{1}{[(2+\varepsilon)l]+1}) \subset B(x, \frac{1}{l})$ . We will show

$$B \left( y, \frac{1}{[(2+\varepsilon)l]+1} \right) \cap F^* \left( f, 2 + \left\lceil \frac{3}{\varepsilon} \right\rceil, r \right) = \emptyset.$$

Let  $z \in B(y, \frac{1}{[(2+\varepsilon)l]+1})$ . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{1}{[(2+\varepsilon)l]+1} \sum_{j=1}^{[(2+\varepsilon)l]+1} e^{2\pi i h f(z_j)} \right| \geq \left| \frac{1}{[(2+\varepsilon)l]+1} \sum_{j=l+1}^{[(2+\varepsilon)l]+1} e^{2\pi i h f(z_j)} \right| \\ & - \left| \frac{1}{[(2+\varepsilon)l]+1} \sum_{j=1}^l e^{2\pi i h f(z_j)} \right| \geq \frac{[(2+\varepsilon)l]+1-l}{[(2+\varepsilon)l]+1} - \frac{1}{[(2+\varepsilon)l]+1} \\ & > \frac{(2+\varepsilon)l-2l}{[(2+\varepsilon)l]+1} \geq \frac{\varepsilon l}{(2+\varepsilon)l+1} = \frac{\varepsilon}{2+\varepsilon+\frac{1}{l}} > \frac{\varepsilon}{\varepsilon+3} = \frac{1}{\frac{3}{\varepsilon}+1} > \frac{1}{\lceil \frac{3}{\varepsilon} \rceil + 2}, \end{aligned}$$

thus  $z \notin F^*(f, 2 + [\frac{3}{\varepsilon}], r)$ . Then

$$\frac{\gamma(x, \delta, F^*(f, 2 + [\frac{3}{\varepsilon}], r))}{\delta} \geq \frac{\frac{1}{[(2+\varepsilon)l]+1}}{\frac{1}{l-1}} \geq \frac{l-1}{(2+\varepsilon)l+1},$$

(i.e.)

$$\underline{p}\left(x, F^*\left(f, 2 + \left[\frac{3}{\varepsilon}\right], r\right)\right) \geq \frac{1}{2+\varepsilon}$$

and letting  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$  we obtain the required inequality.

**Remark.** Since the set  $F^*(f, 2 + [\frac{3}{\varepsilon}], r)$  is closed in  $s$ , for each  $x \in s \setminus F^*(f, 2 + [\frac{3}{\varepsilon}], r)$  holds

$$p\left(x, F^*\left(f, 2 + \left[\frac{3}{\varepsilon}\right], r\right)\right) = 1.$$

**Corollary 1.** Let  $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be a function. Then the set  $U(f)$  is uniformly  $\sigma$ -very porous in  $(s, d)$ .

**Corollary 2.** The set  $S^{(h)}$  is uniformly  $\sigma$ -very porous in  $(s, d)$  for every  $h$  positive integers.

**Proof.** It follows from the fact that the function  $f(x) = x$ ,  $x \in \mathbf{R}$ .

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