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GLOBALIZATION OF REAL ZEROS OF A RANDOM TRIGONOMETRIC POLYNOMIAL

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ABSTRACT

Let $EN(T; \alpha, \beta)$ denote the average number of real roots of the random trigonometric polynomial

$$T = T_n(\alpha, \beta) = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k(\xi) \cos k_n$$

In the interval (α, β) . Clearly, T can have at most $2n$ zeros in the interval $(0, 2)$. Assuming that $a_k(\xi)$ s to be mutually independent identically distributed normal random variables, Dunning has shown that in the interval $0 < \alpha < \beta < 2$ all save a certain exceptional set of the functions $(T_n(\alpha, \beta))$ have

$$\frac{2n}{\sqrt{3}} + O\left(n^{11/13} (\log n)^{3/13}\right)$$
 zeros when n is large. We consider the same family of trigonometric

polynomials and use the Kac-rice formula for the expectation of the number of real roots and obtain that

$$EN(T; 0, 2) \sim \frac{2n}{\sqrt{6}} + O(\log n)$$

This result is better than that of Dunning since our constant is $(1/\sqrt{2})$

Times his constant and our error term is smaller. The proof is based on the convergence of an integral of which an asymptotic estimation is obtained. *1991 Mathematics subject classification (amer. Math. Soc.): 60 B 99.*

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INTRODUCTION

Let $EN(T; \alpha, \beta)$ be the number of real zeros of trigonometric polynomial

$$T = T_n(\alpha, \beta) = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k(\xi) b_k \cos k_n \dots \dots \dots (1)$$

In the interval (α, β) where the coefficients $a_k(\xi)$ are mutually independent random variables identically distributed according to the normal law ; $b_k = k^p$ are positive constants and when multiple zeros are counted only once. Let $EN(T; \alpha, \beta)$ denote the expectation of $N(T; \alpha, \beta)$. Obviously, $T_n(\alpha, \beta)$ can have at most $2n$ most zeros in the interval $(0, 2)$. Dunning (1966) has shown that in the interval $0 < \alpha < \beta < 2$ all save a certain exceptional set of the functions $T_n(\alpha, \beta)$ have

$$\frac{2n}{\sqrt{3}} + O\left(n^{11/13} (\log n)^{3/13}\right)$$

zeros when n is large. The measure of the exceptional set does not exceed $(\log n)^{-1}$. subsequently, Das (1982) and Qualls (1970) have obtained similar results. In this note our purpose is to show that it is possible to obtain a still lower estimate for the expectation of the number of real roots of (1) by using the method of Loggan & Shepp (1968). We show that

$$EN(T; 0, 2) \sim \frac{2n}{\sqrt{6}} + O(\log n)$$

This result is better than that of Dunning since our constant is $(1/\sqrt{2})$ times his constant and our error term is smaller.

The Approximation for $EN(T; 0, 2)$

Let $L(n)$ be a positive-valued function of n such that $L(n)$ and $n/L(n)$ both approach infinity with n . We take $\epsilon = L(n)/n$ throughout. Outside a small exceptional set of $T_n(\alpha, \beta)$ has a negligible number of zeros in each of the intervals $(0, \epsilon), (\epsilon - \epsilon, \epsilon + \epsilon)$ and $(2 - \epsilon, 2)$. By periodicity, of zeros in each of intervals $(0, \epsilon)$ and $(2 - \epsilon, 2)$ is the same as number in $(-\epsilon, \epsilon)$. We shall use the following lemma, which is due to Das (2).

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Lemma. The probability that $T_n(\alpha, \beta)$ has more than $1 + (2 / \log 2)(\log n + 2n \in \mathbb{Z})$ Zeros in $-\infty < \alpha < \beta < \infty$ does not exceed $2 \exp(-n \in \mathbb{Z})$. This lemma is due to Das (1982), in the special case $D_n = b_n = n$. The expected number of zeros of T in the interval (α, β) is given by the Kac-Rice formula

$$E N(T; \alpha, \beta) = \int_{-\infty}^{\beta} d_n \int_{-\infty}^{\alpha} |y| p(0, y) dy \dots\dots\dots (2)$$

Where the probability density $p(\alpha, \beta)$ $T = \alpha$ and $T' = \beta$ is given by the Fourier inversion formula

$$p(\alpha, \beta) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(-i\alpha y - i\beta z) w(y, z) dy dz$$

$w(y, z) = E \{ \exp(iTy + iT'z) \}$ being the

characteristic function of the combined variable (T, T') . In our case, we have

$$T = \sum_{K=1}^n a_K (\xi) \cos k_n \quad T' = - \sum_{K=1}^n k a_K (\xi) \sin k_n$$

$$w(y, z) = \exp \left\{ - \sum_{K=1}^n (y \cos k_n - z k \sin k_n)^2 \right\}$$

$$p(0, y) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(1 - iy z) \exp \left\{ - \sum_{K=1}^n (y \cos k_n - z k \sin k_n)^2 \right\} dy$$

for $y > 0$,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |y| \exp(-\epsilon |y|) p(0, y) dy = \text{Re} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |y| \exp(-\epsilon |y|) dy \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(-iyz) \exp \left\{ - \sum_{K=1}^n (y \cos k_n - z k \sin k_n)^2 \right\} dy$$

$$= \text{Re} \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{1}{(\epsilon - iz)^2} + \frac{1}{(\epsilon + iz)^2} \right\}$$

$$\times \exp \left\{ - \sum_{K=1}^n (y \cos k_n - z k \sin k_n)^2 \right\} dy \dots\dots\dots (3)$$

where Re stands for the real part.

Here, if we allow $\cos k_n, \sin k_n$ to be arbitrary, that is we take each of them to be constant in k , then the probability density $p(\alpha, \beta)$

Of $T(\alpha) = AX$ and $T'(\beta) = BX$, say, degenerates and we get from (3) the following identity, valid for non-zero A and B which can be chosen suitably.

$$= \text{Re} \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{1}{(\epsilon - iz)^2} + \frac{1}{(\epsilon + iz)^2} \right\} \exp \{ -(Ay - Bz)^2 \} dy \dots\dots\dots (4)$$

Subtracting (4) from (3) we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |y| \exp(-\epsilon |y|) p(0, y) dy \\ &= \text{Re} \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left\{ \frac{1}{(\epsilon - iz)^2} + \frac{1}{(\epsilon + iz)^2} \right\} \\ & \times \left\{ \exp \left\{ - \sum_{K=1}^n (y \cos k_n - z k \sin k_n)^2 \right\} - \exp \{ -(Ay - Bz)^2 \} \right\} dy \\ &= \text{Re} \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dz \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} z \left\{ \frac{1}{(\epsilon - iz)^2} + \frac{1}{(\epsilon + iz)^2} \right\} \\ & \times \left\{ \exp(-Gz^2) - \exp(-Hz^2) \right\} du \dots\dots\dots (5) \end{aligned}$$

by transforming the integrals putting $y = -uz$ or $y = uz$ and denoting

$$G = \sum_{K=1}^n (u \cos k_n + k \sin k_n)^2$$

And $H = (Au + B)^2$

Now using the identity (Logan and Shepp (1968), for $\alpha = 2$),

$$\int_0^{\infty} \left\{ \exp(-Hz^2) - \exp(-Gz^2) \right\} \frac{dz}{z} = \frac{1}{2} \log(G/H)$$

In the limit as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ we obtain from (5) that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |y| p(0, y) dy = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \log \left\{ \frac{\sum_{K=1}^n (u \cos k_n + k \sin k_n)^2}{(Au + B)^2} \right\} du \dots\dots\dots (6)$$

Which has been shown in 3 to be a convergent integral.

The double integral appearing in (5) is dominated by a decreasing exponential function. So the involved integrals are uniformly convergent on any interval. Since the integral on the right side of (6) converges, we conclude that both the passage to the limit by letting $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ and the subsequent change of the order of integration to produce the equation (6) are justified.

Estimation of the integral of equation (6)

In this section we obtain an asymptotic estimation for the integral

$$I = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \log \left\{ \frac{\sum_{K=1}^n (u \cos k_n + k \sin k_n)^2}{(Au + B)^2} \right\} du$$

Where A and B are fixed non-zero real numbers. This integral exists in general as a principal value i.e.

$$\lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_{-R}^R \dots, \text{ if } A^2 = \sum_{k=1}^n \cos^2 k$$

$$\text{Let } B^2 = \sum_{k=1}^n k^2 \sin^2 k \text{ and } C^2 = \sum_{k=1}^n k \cos k \sin k$$

As in Das (1982) we have for

$$A^2 = \frac{1}{2} \{1 + O(1/\log n)\} n = \frac{1}{2} S n$$

$$B^2 = \frac{1}{6} \{1 + O(1/\log n)\} n^3 = \frac{1}{6} S n^3$$

$$\text{and } C^2 = O(n^2 / \log n) = \frac{S n^2}{\log n}, (\text{ } = \text{ constant}),$$

Taking L(n) = logn.

We have always by Cauchy's inequality, AB > C^2. In what follows we will assume that AB > C^2. This happens if does not take values from the set {0, ±, ±2, ...}. In fact,

$$A^2 B^2 - 2C^4 = \frac{S^2 n^4}{12} \left\{ 1 - \frac{24 S^2}{S^2 (\log n)} \right\} \cong \frac{S^2 n^4}{12} = A^2 B^2 \dots \dots \dots (7)$$

So that

$$I = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \log \left\{ \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n (u \cos k_n + k \sin k_n)^2}{(A u + B)^2} \right\} du$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \log \left\{ \frac{(A^2 u^2 + B^2)^2 - 4 u^2 C^4}{A^4 u^4 + B^4 - 2 u^2 A^2 B^2} \right\} du$$

$$\cong \int_0^{\infty} \log \left\{ \frac{A^4 u^4 + B^4 + 2 u^2 A^2 B^2}{A^4 u^4 + B^4 - 2 u^2 A^2 B^2} \right\} du \text{ by (7)}$$

= I', say (8)

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \log \left\{ \frac{1+x}{1-x} \right\} du, \text{ writing } x = (2u^2 A^2 B^2) / (A^4 u^4 + B^4)$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \log \left\{ 1 - \frac{4x}{(1+x^2)} \right\}^{-1/2} du$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} \{- \log(1-z)\} du, \text{ putting } z = 4x / (1+x^2).$$

now x > 0 as u > 0 or . But x < 0, if A^4 u^4 - 2u^2 A^2 B^2 + B^4 < 0, which occurs for all u in the interval (d1 {O(n^2) / } -d2), where d1, d2 are functions of tending to zero as 0. Thus for all u in the interval (0,) we can safely assume that = 1/n, and x = {1/L(n)}, where n is tending to infinity.

Thus

$$I' > 2 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x}{(1+x)^2} du$$

$$= 2 \int_0^{\infty} \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{L(n)+1} \right\} x du$$

$$= 4 \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{L(n)+1} \right\}^2 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{u^2 A^2 B^2}{A^4 u^4 + B^4} du$$

$$= \frac{4B}{A} \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{L(n)+1} \right\}^2 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{v^2}{v^4 + 1} dv$$

$$= \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{L(n)+1} \right\}^2 \cdot \frac{2 \Pi n}{\sqrt{6}} \dots \dots \dots (9)$$

Again

$$I' < \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{z}{1-z} du = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{4x}{(1-x)^2} du$$

$$= 2 \int_0^{\infty} \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{L(n)-1} \right\} x du$$

$$= \left\{ 1 - \frac{1}{L(n)+1} \right\}^2 \cdot \frac{2 \Pi n}{\sqrt{6}} \dots \dots \dots (10)$$

$$\text{Now from (9) and (10) } I' \sim \frac{2 \Pi n}{\sqrt{6}} \dots \dots \dots (11)$$

$$\text{And from (8) and (11) } I \sim \frac{2 \Pi n}{\sqrt{6}} \dots \dots \dots (12)$$

EN(T; ', ")

From (2), (6) and (12), we obtain EN(T; ', ") =

$$\frac{(\Phi'' - \Phi') n}{\sqrt{6}}$$

In view of our choice of A, B and C

$$EN(T; +, 2-) = EN(T; -, -)$$

Again, by the lemma, we have

$$EN(T; 0,) + EN(T; -, +) + EN(T; 2-, 2)$$

$$= EN(T; +, 2) - 2 \{ 1 + (2 / \log 2)(\log n + 2n) \}$$

Now choosing $\epsilon = (\log n) / n$, the desired result follows.

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