

# Multiple Fourier Series

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# Fourier series in one dimension

- A periodic function  $f(x)$  with a period of  $2\pi$  and for which  $\int_0^{2\pi} f(x)^2 dx$  is finite has a Fourier series expansion

$$f(x) \sim \frac{1}{2}a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx]$$

and, this fourier series converges to  $f(x)$  in the mean [Weinberger, 1965].

- If  $f(x)$  is continuously differentiable, its Fourier series converges uniformly.

# Periodic Functions

- Consider a function  $f(x_1, x_2)$   $(p_1, p_2)$ -periodic in variables  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  [Osgood, 2007]

$$f(x_1 + n_1 p_1, x_2 + n_2 p_2) = f(x_1, x_2) \quad \forall \quad x_1, x_2 \in \mathcal{R}; n_1, n_2 \in \mathcal{Z}.$$

- Assuming  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  to be 1, the new condition is

$$f(x_1 + n_1, x_2 + n_2) = f(x_1, x_2) \quad \forall \quad x_1, x_2 \in [0, 1]^2.$$

- If we use vector notation, and write  $\mathbf{x}$  for  $(x_1, x_2)$ , and  $\mathbf{n}$  for pairs  $(n_1, n_2)$  of integers, then we can write the condition as

$$f(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{n}) = f(\mathbf{x}) \quad \forall \quad \mathbf{x} \in [0, 1]^2, n \in \mathcal{N}.$$

- In  $\mathbf{d}$  dimensions, we have  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d)$  and  $\mathbf{n} = (n_1, n_2, \dots, n_d)$ . and so the vector notation becomes

$$f(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{n}) = f(\mathbf{x}) \quad \forall \quad \mathbf{x} \in [0, 1]^d, n \in \mathcal{N}.$$

# Complex Exponentials

- In 2-D, the building blocks for periodic function  $f(x_1, x_2)$  are the product of complex exponentials in one variable. The general higher harmonic is of the form

$$e^{2\pi i n_1 x_1} e^{2\pi i n_2 x_2},$$

and we can imagine writing the Fourier series expansion as

$$\sum_{n_1, n_2} c_{n_1, n_2} e^{2\pi i n_1 x_1} e^{2\pi i n_2 x_2},$$

with an equivalent vector notation using  $\mathbf{n} = (n_1, n_2)$ .

$$\sum_{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^2} c_{\mathbf{n}} e^{2\pi i n_1 x_1} e^{2\pi i n_2 x_2}.$$

- So the Fourier series expansion in **2-D** looks like

$$\sum_{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^2} c_{\mathbf{n}} e^{2\pi i \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{x}}.$$

## Complex Exponentials (contd.)

- Similarly, in  $\mathbf{d}$ -D, the corresponding complex exponential is

$$e^{2\pi i n_1 x_1} e^{2\pi i n_2 x_2} \dots e^{2\pi i n_d x_d},$$

and we can imagine writing the Fourier series expansion as

$$\sum_{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_d} c_{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_d} e^{2\pi i n_1 x_1} e^{2\pi i n_2 x_2} \dots e^{2\pi i n_d x_d}.$$

with an equivalent vector notation using  $\mathbf{n} = (n_1, n_2, \dots, n_d)$ .

$$\sum_{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^d} c_{\mathbf{n}} e^{2\pi i n_1 x_1} e^{2\pi i n_2 x_2} e^{2\pi i n_d x_d}.$$

- So the Fourier series expansion in  $\mathbf{d}$ -D looks like

$$\sum_{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^d} c_{\mathbf{n}} e^{2\pi i \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{x}}.$$

# Vector Notation Summarized

- The Fourier series expansion in  $\mathbf{d}$ - $\mathbf{D}$  is approximated as

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^d} c_{\mathbf{n}} e^{2\pi i \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{x}},$$

where  $\mathbf{x} = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d] \in [0, 1]^d$ , and  $\mathbf{n} = [n_1, n_2, \dots, n_d] \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ .

- The Fourier co-efficients ( $\hat{f} = c_{\mathbf{n}}$ ) can be defined by the integral

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{f}(\mathbf{n}) &= \int_{[0,1]} \dots \int_{[0,1]} e^{-2\pi i n_1 x_1} e^{-2\pi i n_2 x_2} \dots e^{-2\pi i n_d x_d} f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d) dx_1 \dots dx_d \\ &= \int_{[0,1]} \dots \int_{[0,1]} e^{-2\pi i (n_1 x_1 + n_2 x_2 + \dots + n_d x_d)} f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d) dx_1 dx_2 \dots dx_d \\ &= \int_{[0,1]^d} e^{-2\pi i \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}. \end{aligned}$$

## Fourier series in two dimensions

- Let  $f(x, y)$  be a continuously differentiable periodic function with a period of  $2\pi$  in both of the variables:

$$f(x + 2\pi, y) = f(x, y + 2\pi) = f(x, y).$$

- For each value of  $y$ , we can expand  $f(x, y)$  in a uniformly convergent Fourier series

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{2}a_0(y) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [a_n(y) \cos nx + b_n(y) \sin nx].$$

- The co-efficients

$$a_n(y) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x, y) \cos nx \, dx$$

$$b_n(y) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x, y) \sin nx \, dx$$

are continuously differentiable in  $y$ .



## Fourier Series in two dimensions (contd.)

- Co-efficients can be expanded in uniformly convergent Fourier series

$$a_n(y) = \frac{1}{2}a_{n0} + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (a_{nm} \cos my + b_{nm} \sin my)$$

$$b_n(y) = \frac{1}{2}c_{n0} + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (c_{nm} \cos my + d_{nm} \sin my)$$

where

$$a_{nm} = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x, y) \cos nx \cos my \, dx \, dy$$

$$b_{nm} = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x, y) \cos nx \sin my \, dx \, dy$$

$$c_{nm} = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x, y) \sin nx \cos my \, dx \, dy$$

$$d_{nm} = \frac{1}{\pi^2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x, y) \sin nx \sin my \, dx \, dy.$$

# Fourier Series in two dimensions (contd.)

- Putting the series for the coefficients into the series for  $f(x,y)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x,y) \sim & \frac{1}{4}a_{00} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} [a_{0m} \cos my + b_{0m} \sin my] \\
 & + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [a_{n0} \cos nx + c_{n0} \sin nx] \\
 & + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} [a_{nm} \cos nx \cos my + b_{nm} \cos nx \sin my \\
 & \quad + c_{nm} \sin nx \cos my + d_{nm} \sin nx \sin my]
 \end{aligned}$$

# Proof of convergence of double Fourier series

- The Parseval equation gives

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x, y)^2 dx = \frac{\pi}{2} a_0(y)^2 + \pi \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} [a_n(y)^2 + b_n(y)^2].$$

- The series on right converges uniformly in  $y$ . Hence we may integrate with respect to  $y$  term by term:

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x, y)^2 dx dy = \frac{\pi^2}{2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} a_0^2 dy + \pi^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} [a_n^2 + b_n^2] dy.$$

- We now apply the Parseval equation to the functions  $a_n(y)$  and  $b_n(y)$ :

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} a_n(y)^2 dy = \frac{\pi}{2} a_{n0}^2 + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (a_{nm}^2 + b_{nm}^2)$$

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} b_n(y)^2 dy = \frac{\pi}{2} c_{n0}^2 + \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (c_{nm}^2 + d_{nm}^2)$$

# Proof of convergence of double Fourier series (contd.)

- Thus, we get the Parseval's equation for double Fourier series derived under the hypothesis that  $f(x,y)$  is continuously differentiable.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x,y)^2 dx dy &= \frac{\pi^2}{4} a_{00}^2 + \frac{\pi^2}{2} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (a_{0m}^2 + b_{0m}^2) \\
 &+ \frac{\pi^2}{2} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_{n0}^2 + c_{n0}^2) \\
 &+ \pi^2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} (a_{nm}^2 + b_{nm}^2 + c_{nm}^2 + d_{nm}^2)
 \end{aligned}$$

# Proof of convergence of double Fourier series (contd.)

- Assuming  $f(x,y)$  is such that  $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x,y)^2 dx dy$  is finite implies that  $f(x,y)$  can be approximated in the mean by continuously differentiable functions. As such, Parseval equation remains valid for such functions.
- Additionally, we know that the functions  $\cos(nx) \cos(my)$ ,  $\cos(nx) \sin(my)$ ,  $\sin(nx) \cos(my)$ , and  $\sin(nx) \sin(my)$  are orthogonal in the sense that

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(nx) \cos(my) \cos(kx) \cos(ly) dx dy = 0 \text{ unless } n = k, m = l,$$

$$\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \cos(nx) \cos(my) \cos(kx) \sin(ly) dx dy = 0$$

and so forth.

# Proof of convergence of double Fourier series (contd.)

- Therefore, we find that:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \left[ f(x, y) - \left( \frac{1}{4} a_{00} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{m=1}^M [a_{0m} \cos(my) + b_{0m} \sin(my)] + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N [a_{n0} \cos(nx) + c_{n0} \sin(nx)] \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. + \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{m=1}^M [a_{nm} \cos(nx) \cos(my)] + [b_{nm} \cos(nx) \sin(my)] + [c_{nm} \sin(nx) \cos(my)] + [d_{nm} \sin(nx) \sin(my)] \right) \right]^2 dx dy \\ & = \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x, y)^2 dx dy - \left( \frac{\pi^2}{4} a_{00}^2 + \frac{\pi^2}{2} \sum_{m=1}^M [a_{0m}^2 + b_{0m}^2] + \frac{\pi^2}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N [a_{n0}^2 + c_{n0}^2] \right. \\ & \left. + \pi^2 \sum_{n=1}^N \sum_{m=1}^M [a_{nm}^2 + b_{nm}^2 + c_{nm}^2 + d_{nm}^2] \right) \end{aligned}$$

- In the above expression we have used

$$\int_a^b [f(x) - \sum_1^N c_n \phi_n(x)]^2 \rho(x) dx = \int_a^b f^2 \rho dx - \sum_1^N c_n^2 \int_a^b \phi_n^2 \rho dx.$$

- By Parseval's equation, the R.H.S. approaches 0 as  $N, M \rightarrow \infty$ . So, Fourier series converges to  $f(x, y)$  in the mean as  $N, M \rightarrow \infty$ .

# Proof of convergence of double Fourier series (contd.)

- Furthermore, it can be shown that if  $f(x,y)$  is continuous and continuously differentiable, and if the squares of its second partial derivatives have finite integrals, then the double fourier series converges absolutely and uniformly to  $f(x,y)$  as a double series.

# Fourier series examples

# Examples..



# Laplace's Equation in a Cube

We consider the problem  $\nabla^2 u = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = 0$  where,

- $0 < x < \pi$ ,  $0 < y < \pi$ ,  $0 < z < \pi$ ,
- $u = 0$  for  $x = 0$ ,  $x = \pi$ ,  $y = 0$ ,  $y = \pi$ , and  $z = \pi$ ,
- $u(x, y, 0) = g(x, y)$

This problem arises in electrostatics when  $u$  is the potential whose value  $g$  is given on the face  $z = 0$ , while other faces are perfect conductors kept at zero potential.

$u$  can also be interpreted as an equilibrium temperature distribution when the faces are kept at temperatures 0 and  $g$ , respectively.

## Laplace's Equation in a Cube (contd.)

- Maximum principle holds for Laplace's equation in 3 as well as 2 dimensions, so this 3-D boundary value problem for Laplace's equation has at most one solution which varies continuously with boundary values.
- We use the method of separation of variables to solve this problem. Consider the product function

$$u = X(x)Y(y)Z(z)$$

that solves the Laplace's equation

$$\nabla^2 u = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} = 0.$$

- By this substitution, we get

$$\frac{\nabla^2 u}{u} = \frac{X''}{X} + \frac{Y''}{Y} + \frac{Z''}{Z} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{X''}{X} + \frac{Y''}{Y} = -\frac{Z''}{Z} = C_1$$

## Laplace's Equation in a Cube (contd.)

- Again,

$$\frac{X''}{X} = C_1 - \frac{Y''}{Y} = C_2.$$

So we have,

$$X'' - C_2X = 0,$$

$$Y'' - (C_1 - C_2)Y = 0,$$

$$Z'' + C_1Z = 0.$$

- The homogeneous boundary conditions give

$$X(0) = X(\pi) = 0,$$

$$Y(0) = Y(\pi) = 0,$$

$$Z(\pi) = 0.$$

# Laplace's Equation in a Cube (contd.)

- We must have  $C_2 = -n^2$ , where  $n$  is a positive integer, with the corresponding eigen function

$$X = \sin nx.$$

- For  $Y$ , we have  $C_1 - C_2 = -m^2$ , where  $m$  is another positive integer, and

$$Y = \sin my.$$

- Then  $C_1 = -m^2 - n^2$ , so that  $Z$  is a multiple of

$$\sinh \sqrt{m^2 + n^2} (\pi - z).$$

# Laplace's Equation in a Cube (contd.)

- We seek a solution of the form

$$u(x, y, z) = \sum_1^{\infty} \sum_1^{\infty} \alpha_{nm} \sinh \sqrt{m^2 + n^2} (\pi - z) \sin nx \sin my.$$

- Putting  $z = 0$ , we formally obtain

$$g(x, y) = u(x, y, 0) = \sum_1^{\infty} \sum_1^{\infty} \alpha_{nm} \sinh \sqrt{m^2 + n^2} \pi \sin nx \sin my.$$

- Therefore from the double Fourier series expansion we have

$$\alpha_{nm} \sinh \sqrt{m^2 + n^2} \pi = d_{mn} = \frac{4}{\pi^2} \int_0^{\pi} \int_0^{\pi} g(x, y) \sin nx \sin my \, dx dy.$$

- Then

$$u(x, y, z) = \sum_1^{\infty} \sum_1^{\infty} \frac{d_{nm}}{\sinh \sqrt{n^2 + m^2}(\pi)} \sinh \sqrt{n^2 + m^2}(\pi - z) \sin nx \sin my$$

## 3D Wave Equation in a Cube

We consider the problem

$$\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \left( \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \right) = 0$$

with initial conditions


$$u(0, y, z, t) = u(\pi, y, z, t) = 0,$$

$$u(x, 0, z, t) = u(x, \pi, z, t) = 0,$$

$$u(x, y, 0, t) = u(x, y, \pi, t) = 0,$$

$$u(x, y, z, 0) = f(x, y, z),$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(x, y, z, 0) = g(x, y, z).$$

Solution to this hyperbolic problem describes the propagation of sound waves from an initial disturbance in a cubical room... 

## 3D Wave Equation in a Cube (contd.)

The formal solution to this problem is given by

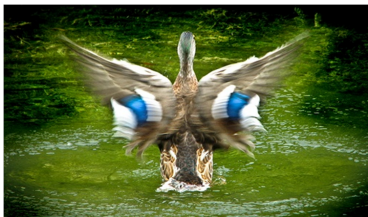
$$u(x, y, z, t) = \sum \sum \sum [d_{lmn} \cos \sqrt{l^2 + m^2 + n^2} ct + \tilde{d}_{lmn} \frac{\sin \sqrt{l^2 + m^2 + n^2} ct}{\sqrt{l^2 + m^2 + n^2} c}] \sin lx \sin my \sin nz,$$

where

$$d_{lmn} = \frac{8}{\pi^3} \int_0^\pi \int_0^\pi \int_0^\pi f(x, y, z) \sin lx \sin my \sin nz \, dx dy dz,$$

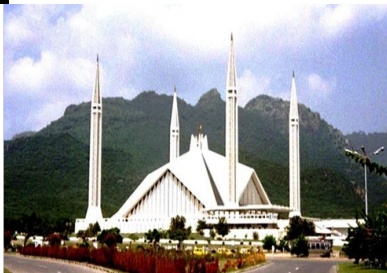
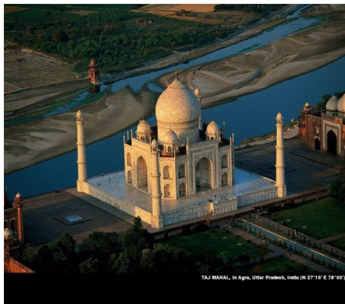
$$\tilde{d}_{lmn} = \frac{8}{\pi^3} \int_0^\pi \int_0^\pi \int_0^\pi g(x, y, z) \sin lx \sin my \sin nz \, dx dy dz.$$

# Symmetry in Nature





# Symmetry in Architecture



# Symmetry in Snowflakes



# 1-D Repetitive Patterns



# 2-D Repetitive Patterns



# Isometries of the Euclidean plane (Translation)

To translate an object means to move it without rotating or reflecting it. Every translation has a direction and a distance.



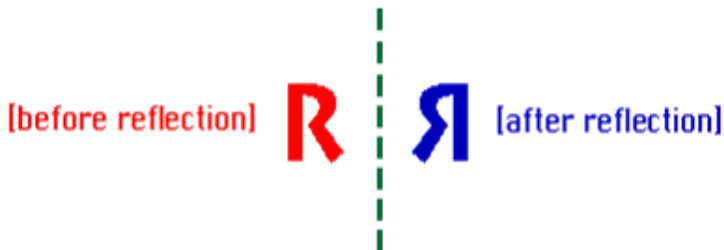
# Isometries of the Euclidean plane (Rotation)

To rotate an object means to turn it around. Every rotation has a center and an angle.



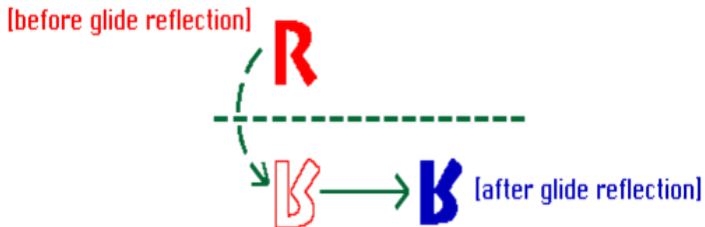
# Isometries of the Euclidean plane (Reflection)

To reflect an object means to produce its mirror image. Every reflection has a mirror line. A reflection of an "R" is a backwards "R".



# Isometries of the Euclidean plane (Glide Reflection)

A glide reflection combines a reflection with a translation along the direction of the mirror line. Glide reflections are the only type of symmetry that involve more than one step.





## Seventeen 2-D patterns

Wallpaper Group	Finite Presentation
P111	$\langle x, y : xy = yx \rangle$
P1m1	$\langle x, y, z : x^2 = y^2 = 1, xz = zx, yz = zy \rangle$
P1g1	$\langle x, y : x^2 = y^2 \rangle$
C1m1	$\langle x, y : x^2 = 1, xy^2 = y^2x \rangle$
P211	$\langle t_1, t_2, t_3 : t_1^2 = t_2^2 = t_3^2 = (t_1 t_2 t_3)^2 = 1 \rangle$
P2mm	$\langle r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4 : r_1^2 = r_2^2 = r_3^2 = r_4^2 = (r_1 r_2)^2 = (r_2 r_3)^2 = (r_3 r_4)^2 = (r_4 r_1)^2 = 1 \rangle$
P2mg	$\langle p, q, r : p^2 = q^2 = r^2 = 1, pq = rpr \rangle$
P2gg	$\langle p, q, r : p^2 = q^2, r^2 = 1, rpr = q^{-1} \rangle$
C2mm	$\langle p, q, r : p^2 = q^2 = r^2 = (pq)^2 = (prqr)^2 = 1 \rangle$

Table: Wallpaper Group patterns and their Finite Presentations

## Seventeen 2-D patterns

Wallpaper Group	Finite Presentation
P3	$\langle u, v, w : u^3 = v^3 = w^3 = uvw = 1 \rangle$
P3m1	$\langle r, s : r^2 = s^3 = (rs^{-1}rs)^3 = 1 \rangle$
P31m	$\langle p, q, r : p^2 = q^2 = r^2 = (pq)^3 = (qr)^3 = (rp)^3 = 1 \rangle$
P4	$\langle a, b, c, d, e : a^2 = b^2 = c^2 = d^2 = abcd = 1, \\ = e^5, e^{-1}de = a, e^{-2}de^2 = b, e^3de^{-3} = c \rangle$
P4mm	$\langle p, q, r : p^2 = q^2 = r^2 = \\ (pq)^4 = (qr)^2 = (rp)^4 = 1 \rangle$
P4gm	$\langle a, b, c, d, e : a^2 = b^2 = c^2 = d^2 \\ = (ab)^2 = (bc)^2 = (cd)^2 = (da)^2 = e^4 = 1 \rangle$
P6	$\langle a, b : a^3 = b^2 = ab^6 = 1 \rangle$
P6mm	$\langle p, q, r : p^2 = q^2 = r^2 = qr^3 = rp^2 = pq^6 = 1 \rangle$

Table: Wallpaper Group patterns and their Finite Presentations

# Discrete dynamical systems

The system given by the recurrence relations

$$\begin{aligned}x_{n+1} &= x_n - f(x_n, y_n) \\ y_{n+1} &= y_n - g(x_n, y_n)\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

is called a discrete dynamical system.

# Translational Symmetry

Suppose that the phase portrait has a period  $T$  along the  $x$ -axis. The phase portrait is invariant after the transformation  $x' = x + T$  and  $y' = y$ . Substituting  $x'$  and  $y'$  into (1), we have

$$\begin{aligned}x'_{n+1} &= x'_n - f(x'_n + T, y'_n) \\ y'_{n+1} &= y'_n - g(x'_n + T, y'_n)\end{aligned}\quad (2)$$

For (1) and (2) to be identical, we must have

$$\begin{aligned}f(x + T, y) &= f(x, y) \\ g(x + T, y) &= g(x, y)\end{aligned}\quad (3)$$

Similarly, if the phase portrait has a period  $T^*$  along the  $y$ -axis, it can be shown that

$$\begin{aligned}f(x, y + T^*) &= f(x, y) \\ g(x, y + T^*) &= g(x, y)\end{aligned}\quad (4)$$

## Reflection Symmetry

Suppose that the phase portrait has reflective symmetry about the  $x$ -axis. Let  $x' = x$  and  $y' = -y$ . Then we have,

$$\begin{aligned}x'_{n+1} &= x'_n - f(x'_n, -y'_n) \\ y'_{n+1} &= y'_n + g(x'_n, -y'_n)\end{aligned}\tag{5}$$

From invariance of the transformation we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}f(x, -y) &= f(x, y) \\ g(x, -y) &= -g(x, y)\end{aligned}\tag{6}$$

Similarly, if the phase portrait has reflective symmetry about the  $y$ -axis, then

$$\begin{aligned}f(-x, y) &= -f(x, y) \\ g(-x, y) &= g(x, y)\end{aligned}\tag{7}$$

## Glide Reflective Symmetry

Suppose that phase portrait has a period  $T$  along  $x$ -axis and a glide reflection in the same direction. Let  $x' = x + \frac{T}{2}$  and  $y' = -y$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned}x'_{n+1} &= x'_n - f(x'_n + \frac{T}{2}, -y'_n) \\ y'_{n+1} &= y'_n + g(x'_n + \frac{T}{2}, -y'_n)\end{aligned}\quad (8)$$

From invariance of the transformation we obtain

$$f(x + \frac{T}{2}, -y) = f(x, y), \quad g(x + \frac{T}{2}, -y) = -g(x, y) \quad (9)$$

Similarly, if the phase portrait has a period  $T^*$  about the  $y$ -axis and a glide reflection in the same direction, then

$$\begin{aligned}f(-x, y + \frac{T^*}{2}) &= -f(x, y) \\ g(-x, y + \frac{T^*}{2}) &= g(x, y).\end{aligned}\quad (10)$$

## Rotational Symmetry

Suppose that the phase portrait remains unchanged after a rotation of an angle  $\theta$  counter clockwise. Let

$$\begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = T_\theta \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} \quad (11)$$

Substituting (11) into (1), we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} x'_{n+1} \\ y'_{n+1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x'_n \\ y'_n \end{bmatrix} - T_\theta \begin{bmatrix} f \\ g \end{bmatrix} \quad (12)$$

From (1) and (12), we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(x', y') &= \cos \theta f(x, y) - \sin \theta g(x, y) \\ g(x', y') &= \sin \theta f(x, y) + \cos \theta g(x, y) \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

Eliminating  $g(x, y)$  from (13), we obtain

$$f(x'', y'') - 2\cos \theta f(x', y') + f(x, y) = 0, \quad (14)$$

## Dynamical systems with P6mm Symmetry

We chose the wallpaper group P6mm as an example and show how to construct dynamical system with this symmetry as shown in [Chung, 1993]. Patterns having other symmetries can be constructed in a similar fashion. P6mm has a 6-fold rotational symmetry. To obtain a phase portrait of (1) with P6mm symmetry we substitute  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$  into (14) and obtain

$$f(x'', y'') - f(x', y') + f(x, y) = 0. \quad (15)$$

To find the general solution of (15), we express  $f(x, y)$  as a linear combination of the function  $h(x^{(n)}, y^{(n)})$  ( $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ ) where  $h(x, y)$  is any function and the point  $y^{(n)}$  is a rotation of the point  $(x, y) = (x^{(0)}, y^{(0)})$  by an angle  $\frac{n\pi}{3}$  counter-clockwise i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} f(x, y) = & rh(x, y) + sh(x', y') + th(x'', y'') \\ & + uh(-x, -y) + vh(-x', -y') + wh(-x'', -y'') \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

where  $r, s, t, u, v$  and  $w$  are real numbers.



## Dynamical systems with P6mm Symmetry (contd.)

From (15) and (16), we get  $t=s-r$ ,  $u = -r$ ,  $v = -s$ , and  $w = r-s$ . Therefore,

$$f(x, y) = r[h(x, y) - h(-x, -y)] + s[h(x', y') - h(-x', -y')] \\ + (s - r)[h(x'', y'') - h(-x'', -y'')]. \quad (17)$$

From (13), we have

$$g(x, y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}f(x, y) - \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}f(x', y'). \quad (18)$$

Since the pattern also has a reflection in a line ( $x$ -axis), the function  $h(x, y)$  chosen should satisfy (6). From the periodic property of the pattern, we obtain from (3)

$$f(x, y) = f(x + T, y) = f(x, y + \alpha T) \\ g(x, y) = g(x + T, y) = g(x, y + \alpha T) \quad (19)$$

where  $\alpha = \sqrt{3}$  or  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ .

## Dynamical systems with P6mm Symmetry (contd.)

Considering the possible choices of  $h(x, y)$ , and assuming that  $h(x, y)$  is periodic along the  $x$ -axis with period  $2\pi$  and the  $y$ -axis with period  $2\sqrt{3}\pi$ . Then,  $h(x, y)$  may be expressed in Fourier series as

$$\begin{aligned}
 h(x, y) = & \sum a_{mn} \cos(mx) \cos\left(\frac{ny}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + \sum b_{mn} \cos(mx) \sin\left(\frac{ny}{\sqrt{3}}\right) \\
 & + \sum c_{mn} \sin(mx) \cos\left(\frac{ny}{\sqrt{3}}\right) + \sum d_{mn} \sin(mx) \sin\left(\frac{ny}{\sqrt{3}}\right). \quad (20)
 \end{aligned}$$

From (6) and (17), the first, second and fourth sums on R.H.S. vanish. Therefore,

$$h(x, y) = \sum c_{mn} \sin(mx) \cos\left(\frac{ny}{\sqrt{3}}\right) \quad (21)$$

# Dynamical systems with P6mm Symmetry (contd.)

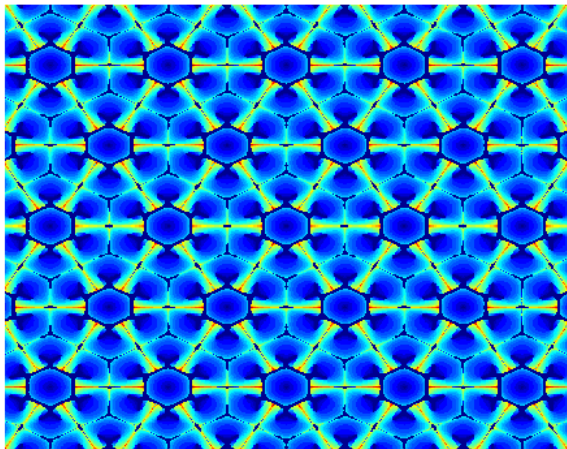
Assuming

$$h(x, y) = \sin(x)\cos\left(\frac{2y}{\sqrt{3}}\right) \quad (22)$$

we calculate  $f(x,y)$  and  $g(x,y)$  using (17,18) which are then substituted in (1).


## Dynamical systems with P6mm Symmetry (contd.)

The corresponding pattern was programmed in Matlab and the result is shown in the figure below.



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