

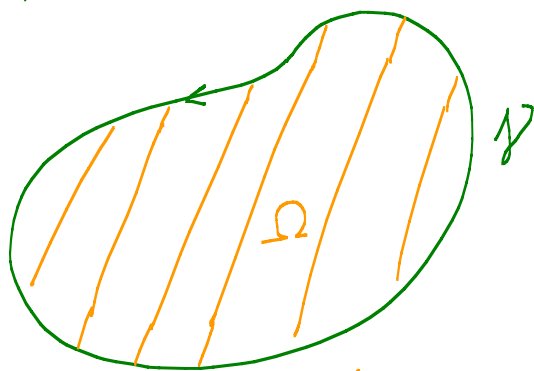
Lesson 21 The Isoperimetric inequality via Fourier series!

Isoperimetric inequality:

$$A \leq \frac{L^2}{4\pi}$$

equality only if Ω is a disc.

Circle case: $A = \pi r^2 \leftarrow \pi \left(\frac{L}{2\pi}\right)^2 = \frac{L^2}{4\pi}$
 $L = 2\pi r \leftarrow r = \frac{L}{2\pi}$



$A = \text{area}$

$L = \text{length of } \gamma$

Key ingredients: 1) Green's theorem:

$$\int_{\gamma} P dx + Q dy = \iint_{\Omega} \left(\underbrace{\frac{\partial Q}{\partial x}}_{Q=x} - \underbrace{\frac{\partial P}{\partial y}}_{P=-y} \right) dx dy$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{=2}$

$$\int_{\gamma} -y dx + x dy = 2 \text{Area}(\Omega)$$

Big fact: $\text{Area}(\Omega) = \frac{1}{2} \int_a^b \underbrace{-y(t)\dot{x}(t) + x(t)\dot{y}(t)}_{\text{inner products!}} dt$

Key #2: $f(x) = a_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_n \cos nx + b_n \sin nx)$

$$F(x) = A_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (A_n \cos nx + B_n \sin nx)$$

Parseval's $\Rightarrow$

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) F(x) dx = 2a_0A_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_nA_n + b_nB_n)$$

Philosophy: Parseval's $\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} |f|^2 dx = \underbrace{2a_0^2}_{L^2\text{-norm squared}} + \underbrace{\sum (a_n^2 + b_n^2)}_{L^2\text{-norm squared}}$

Fact in Hilbert space theory: Norms preserved $\Rightarrow$
 $\langle, \rangle$ preserved

Why: Parseval's for $f+F$ and $f-F$:

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \underbrace{|f+F|^2}_{f^2 + 2fF + F^2} dx = 2(a_0+A_0)^2 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[(a_n+A_n)^2 + (b_n+B_n)^2 \right]$$

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \underbrace{|f-F|^2}_{f^2 - 2fF + F^2} dx = 2(a_0-A_0)^2 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[(a_n-A_n)^2 + (b_n-B_n)^2 \right]$$

Subtract!

$$\frac{4}{\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) F(x) dx = 4 \left[2a_0A_0 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_nA_n + b_nB_n) \right] \checkmark$$

Fact: $c_n = \frac{a_n - ib_n}{2}$, $c_{-n} = \frac{a_n + ib_n}{2}$ $n > 0$

So

$$a_n = c_n + c_{-n}$$

$$c_{-n} - c_n = i b_n$$

$$b_n = i (c_n - c_{-n})$$

Plug these in above. Get

Parseval's #2: $\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} f(x) \overline{F(x)} dx = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} c_n \bar{c}_n$

Steps to simplify calculations:

1) Rescale so that $L = 2\pi$.

2) Parametrize γ : $z(t)$, $-\pi \leq t \leq \pi$
via arc length t .

3) Assume γ is C^2 -smooth so that $z(t) = \underline{x(t)} + i \underline{y(t)}$
are C^2 -smooth.

Want to see $A \leq \frac{L^2}{4\pi} = (2\pi)^2 \leq \pi$

Notation: $x(t)$ and $y(t)$ from parametrization wrt
arc length t .

$$\hat{x}(n) = c_n \text{ for } x(t) \text{ (complex F. coeff.)}$$

$$\hat{y}(n) = \dots y(t)$$

We know $\hat{\dot{x}}(n) = in \hat{x}(n)$

$$\hat{\dot{y}}(n) = in \hat{y}(n)$$

Guess this by differentiating $x(t) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{x}(n) e^{int}$

Prove it via $\hat{x}(n) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \dot{x}(t) e^{-int} dt$

$$u = e^{-int}$$

$$dv = \dot{x}(t) dt$$

... integrate by parts ...

$$du = -in e^{-int} dt$$

$$v = x(t)$$

$$= in \hat{x}(n) \checkmark$$

Observation: Since t is arc length: $\frac{ds}{dt} \equiv 1$.

$$ds = \underbrace{\sqrt{\dot{x}(t)^2 + \dot{y}(t)^2}}_1 dt$$

So $\boxed{\dot{x}(t)^2 + \dot{y}(t)^2 \equiv 1}$

Now just do it!

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\gamma} -y dx + x dy$$

$$= \frac{\tilde{\pi}}{2\tilde{\pi}} \int_{-\tilde{\pi}}^{\tilde{\pi}} -y(t) \dot{x}(t) + x(t) \dot{y}(t) dt$$

$$= \tilde{\pi} \left(\frac{1}{2\tilde{\pi}} \langle -y, \dot{x} \rangle + \frac{1}{2\tilde{\pi}} \langle x, \dot{y} \rangle \right)$$

$$= \pi \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(-\hat{y}(n) \underbrace{\overline{\hat{x}(n)}}_{in \hat{x}(n)} + \hat{x}(n) \underbrace{\overline{\hat{y}(n)}}_{in \hat{y}(n)} \right)$$

$$= \pi i \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(n \hat{y}(n) \overline{\hat{x}(n)} - n \hat{x}(n) \overline{\hat{y}(n)} \right)$$

Next: $\int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \underbrace{\dot{x}(t)^2 + \dot{y}(t)^2}_{=1} dt = 2\pi$

$\xrightarrow{\text{Parseval's}}$ $2\pi \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(|in \hat{x}(n)|^2 + |in \hat{y}(n)|^2 \right)$

Divide out 2π 's. Get

$$\pi \cdot 1 = \pi \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} n^2 \left(|\hat{x}(n)|^2 + |\hat{y}(n)|^2 \right)$$

Finally,

Want $A \leq \pi$
 $0 \leq \pi - A$

$$\begin{aligned} \pi - A &= \pi \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} n^2 \left(|\hat{x}(n)|^2 + |\hat{y}(n)|^2 \right) \\ &\quad - \pi \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} in \left(\hat{y}(n) \overline{\hat{x}(n)} - \hat{x}(n) \overline{\hat{y}(n)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Simple algebra will show that this a sum of squares!

So ≥ 0 ! Isop. ineq. ✓

If $\pi-A=0$. Each of squared terms must $= 0$.

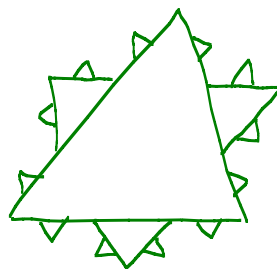
Will see $x(t), y(t)$ must be
simple combos of $\sin 1 \cdot t$, $\cos 1 \cdot t$
making γ a circle!

Great book: Dym & McKean, Applications of Fourier analysis.

How bad can isop. ineq get?

Area $< \infty$

Perimeter $\rightarrow \infty$!



etc.

Sierpinski snowflake