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## Geometry of Numbers

Main Goal: Understand  $\Delta_n = \min \{d(\Lambda) : \Lambda \in \mathbb{R}^n \text{ lattice}, \Lambda \setminus \{0\} = \emptyset\} = [\max \{x_i(\Lambda) : \Lambda \in \mathcal{L}_n\}]^{-n}$ .

Showing upper bounds on  $\Delta_n$  using "probabilistic techniques" to show that  $x_1(\Lambda)$  is "typically" large.

Recall  $\mathcal{L}_n = \text{SL}_n(\mathbb{R}) / \text{SL}_n(\mathbb{Z})$ , as sets but also as topological space.

We'd like to discuss measures on  $\text{SL}_n(\mathbb{R}) / \text{SL}_n(\mathbb{Z})$ , and get a measure on  $\mathcal{L}_n$ .

We will define an  $\text{SL}_n(\mathbb{R})$ -invariant measure coming from the Haar measure on  $\text{SL}_n(\mathbb{R})$ .  $\exists$  unique such measure and it is finite.

### Haar measure

Top. Group - group with top. such that the group actions  $(g_1, g_2) \mapsto g_1 g_2$  and  $g \mapsto g^{-1}$  are continuous.

Thm on a locally compact top. group  $\Rightarrow$  locally finite Borel unique (up to scaling) left- (resp. right-) invariant measure - ie.  
 $\mu(A) = \mu(gA)$  (resp.  $\mu(A) = \mu(Ag)$ ).

If left inv. = right inv.  $G$  is unimodular.

Examples Lebesgue measure on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\mathbb{R}^n / \mathbb{Z}^n$  (both left- and right-invariant).

Any discrete group with the counting measure.

### Proof of Uniqueness

Suppose  $\mu_1, \mu_2$  loc. fin. left inv. measures  $\rightarrow$  so is  $\nu = \mu_1 + \mu_2$ .

Then  $\mu_1 \ll \nu$ . Let  $\varphi = \frac{d\mu_1}{d\nu}$  the R.N. derivative, i.e.,  $\forall A \in \mathcal{G}$  measurable,  $\mu_1(A) = \int_A \varphi d\nu$ . ~~Therefore~~  $\varphi$  is unique

up to a set of  $\nu$ -zero measure. Then,  $\mu_1(gA) = \mu_1(A) = \int_A \varphi d\nu = \int_A \varphi(g^{-1}x) d\nu = \int_{gA} \varphi d\nu$  i.e.,  $x \mapsto \varphi(gx)$  is also  $G$  inv.  $\Rightarrow \varphi$  is

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$\nu = \hat{C} \cdot \nu \Rightarrow \nu = C \nu$

## Existence for $SL_n(\mathbb{R})$

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$M_n(\mathbb{R}) \cong \mathbb{R}^{n^2}$  so we can use  $\text{Leb}_{\mathbb{R}^{n^2}}$ . But there  $SL_n(\mathbb{R})$  has measure zero. So, define  $\mu(A) = \text{Leb}_{\mathbb{R}^{n^2}}(\{x \in M_n(\mathbb{R}) \mid \det x \in A\})$ .

Check invariance:  $\mu(gA) = \text{Leb}_{\mathbb{R}^{n^2}}\{gx \dots\} = \mu(A)$ . Similarly for right-inv. ("price is  $(\det g)^n = 1$ ).

Cor.  $SL_n(\mathbb{R})$  is unimodular.

Prop. For a loc. comp.  $G$ , discrete  $\Gamma \subseteq G$ ,  $\exists$  (Borel) measurable fund. domain  $\Omega \subseteq G$  for  $G/\Gamma$  such that  $G = \bigcup_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \gamma\Omega$ .

A section  $s: G/\Gamma \rightarrow G$  is a Borel map (Borel image isomorphism onto its image) such that  $G \xrightarrow[\pi]{s} G/\Gamma$ ,  $\pi \circ s = \text{id}_{G/\Gamma}$ .

$\exists$  equivalence sections  $\Leftrightarrow$  Borel fund. domains (bijection).

If  $\Omega$  is a fund. dom.  $x \in G/\Gamma$ ,  $\exists! w \in \Omega$  such that  $\pi(w) = x$ , define  $s(x) = w$ . If  $s$  is a section  $\text{Im } s = \Omega$  is fund. dom.

~~Prop. 1.2~~

Prop If  $\mu$  is a right inv. Haar measure,  $\mu_1, \mu_2$  fund. doms., then  $\mu(\Omega_1) = \mu(\Omega_2)$ .

Pf.  $\forall w \in \Omega_2 \exists r = r(w)$  s.t.  $w \in \Omega_1$ . So  $\Omega_2 = \bigcup_{r \in \Gamma} \Omega_2(r) = \{w \in \Omega_2 \mid r_w = r\}$ .

Then  $\mu(\Omega_2) = \sum_{r \in \Gamma} \mu(\Omega_2(r)) = \sum_{r \in \Gamma} \mu(\Omega_2(r)) \leq \mu(\Omega_1)$ . By symm. they're equal.

$\exists$  measurable fund. dom. for  $SL_n(\mathbb{R})/SL_n(\mathbb{Z})$ . Given  $\Delta \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n \exists$  basis obtained by Mink reduction -  $v_1$  shortest,  $v_2$  shortest s.t.  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  lin. ind. & prim... (Resolve ties measurably - say, by lex. order). This is a map  $SL_n(\mathbb{R})/SL_n(\mathbb{Z}) \rightarrow SL_n(\mathbb{R})$  and one can verify that it is a section.

Prop Let  $G, \Gamma$  as above,  $G$  unimodular,  $\Omega$  fund. dom,  $s$  the corresponding section. Then let  $\mu$  be the Haar measure of  $G$ . Define a measure on  $G/\Gamma$  by  $\nu(A) = \mu(s(A))$ . Then  $\nu$  is ind. of choice of  $s/\Omega$  and is left-invariant.

Pf. Ind. of  $s$  since the projection  $\Omega_1 \rightarrow \Omega_2$  is 1-1... Decompose  $\Omega \cap \pi^{-1}(A) = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} \Omega_i$  into countably many pieces  $\Omega_i$  such

that  $\Omega_2(\delta) \cap \Omega_1$  and repeat prev. proof.

left-invariance: section defining  $\nu$ . Define  $S_g(x) = g^{-1}s(gx)$ .

This is also a section since  $\pi(S_g(x)) = \pi(g^{-1}(s(gx))) = g^{-1}(\pi(s(gx))) = g^{-1}gx = x$ . Therefore  $\nu(g(A)) = \mu(s(g(A))) = \mu(g S_g(A)) = \mu(S_g(A)) = \mu(s(A))$ .

Summary:  $\exists SL_n(\mathbb{R})$  inv. measure on  $SL_n(\mathbb{R})/\Gamma$ , coming from the Haar measure on  $SL_n(\mathbb{R})$ .

$G, \Gamma$  as before.  $\Gamma$  is called a lattice if the measure on  $G/\Gamma$  is finite. We'll show  $SL_n(\mathbb{Z})$  is a lattice in  $SL_n(\mathbb{R})$ .

Thm. Let  $G = SL_n(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\Gamma = SL_n(\mathbb{Z})$ ,  $\mu$  as above,  $\Omega$  fund. dom. for  $G/\Gamma$ . Then:

$$(1) \mu(\Omega) = \frac{\zeta(2) \cdots \zeta(n)}{n}$$

(2) If  $\mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is Riemann measurable, define  $\hat{f}(A) = \sum_{w \in A \setminus \{0\}} f(w)$ .

Then  $\mu(\Omega) \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f d\text{Leb}_{\mathbb{R}^n} = \int_{\mathbb{Z}^n} \hat{f} d\nu$  ( $\nu$  obtained from  $\mu$  as before). In particular  $\bar{\nu} = \mu(\Omega) \nu$  is the unique  $G$ -inv. prob. measure on  $G/\Gamma$ .

Remarks (2) is called Siegel integral formula (summation formula). Developed by Siegel for the application we are discussing ("mean value theorem in geometry of numbers"). Map  $f \mapsto \hat{f}$  is sometimes called the Siegel transform (Siegel-Veech). For  $f \in L^1(\mathbb{R}^n, \text{Leb}_{\mathbb{R}^n})$  and the definition of  $\hat{f}$  can be shown to converge a.e.

Notation  $G_n = SL_n(\mathbb{R})$ ,  $\Gamma_n = SL_n(\mathbb{Z})$ ,  $\Omega_n$  fund. dom. for  $G_n/\Gamma_n$ ,  $\mu, \nu$  Haar measures on  $G_n, G_{n-1}$ ,  $C_n = [0, 1]^n$ .

p.f. Both sides depend linearly on  $f$ . Suffices to show for  $I_M$ ,  $M \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  bounded & Riemann measurable,  $\forall x \in M, x_1 \neq 0$ . Define  $M_1^* = \{g \in G_n \mid g e_1 \in M, \text{eq. 1st col. in } M\}$ .

claim each  $g \in M_1^*$  can be written uniquely as  $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \tilde{x} & & \\ & & \ddots & \\ x_n & & & \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & y_1 & \cdots & y_n \\ & \ddots & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & \beta \end{pmatrix}$

Where  $B \in G_{n-1}$ ,  $x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in M$ ,  $\bar{x} = \text{diag}(\frac{1}{|x_1|^{n-1}}, \frac{1}{|x_2|^{n-1}}, \dots, \frac{1}{|x_n|^{n-1}})$ .

pf check  $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & & \end{pmatrix} \bar{x}^{-1} g$  has required form.

Now set  $M^* = \{g \in M^* \mid y \in C_{n-1}, B \in \Omega_{n-1}\}$ . Let  $\chi = 1_M$ ,  $\chi^* = 1_{M^*}$ .

$$I = \text{Leb}_{\mathbb{R}^n}(M) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \chi d\text{Leb}_{\mathbb{R}^n}.$$

claim  $\mu(M^*) = \frac{n-1}{n} \tau(\Omega_{n-1}) I$ . (Skip proof.) Idea - change of variables and explicit calculation.

Let  $u \in \mathbb{Z}^n$  primitive,  $\Gamma(u) = \{r \in \Gamma_n \mid 1^{\text{st}} \text{ col. of } r \text{ is } u\}$ . Then

$$\Gamma_n = \bigcup_{u \text{ primitive}} \Gamma(u).$$

$$\Gamma(u) = r_0(\{r \in \Gamma_n \mid r e_1 = e_1\}), \text{ for any } r_0 \in \Gamma(u).$$

claim For any  $u \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ ,  $g \in G_n$ ,  $\#\{r \in \Gamma(u) \mid g r \in M^*\} = \begin{cases} 1 & g u \in M \\ 0 & g u \notin M \end{cases} = \chi(gu)$ .

pf. If  $gu \notin M$  then  $g r e_1 = g u \notin M$  so for any  $r \in \Gamma(u)$ ,  $g r \notin M^*$ .

If  $gu \in M$  then fix  $r_0 \in \Gamma(u)$ .  $g r_0 e_1 \in M \Rightarrow g r_0 \in M^*$ . Write

$$g r_0 = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & & \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & y_2 & \dots & y_n \\ \vdots & & & \end{pmatrix} B. \quad g r_0 r = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & & \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & y_2 & \dots & y_n \\ \vdots & & & \end{pmatrix} B =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & & & \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \tilde{y}_2 & \dots & \tilde{y}_n \\ \vdots & & & \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a_2 & \dots & a_n \\ \vdots & & & \end{pmatrix} B. \quad \text{Since } \Omega_{n-1} \text{ is a fund. dom,}$$

$\exists$  unique  $\tilde{B}$  s.t.  $B \tilde{B} \in \Omega_{n-1}$ . Having chosen it,

$\exists$  unique  $a_2, \dots, a_n$  s.t.  $(a_2, \dots, a_n) \cdot y \tilde{B} \in C_{n-1}$ .

Therefore  $\sum_{r \in \Gamma_n} \chi^*(gu) = \sum_{u \text{ prim.}} \sum_{r \in \Gamma(u)} \chi^*(gr) = \sum_{u \text{ prim. in } g\mathbb{Z}^n} \chi(u)$ . Since  $\Omega_{n-1}$  is a

$$\text{fund. dom. } \mu(M^*) = \int \chi^* d\mu = \sum_{g \in G_n} \int_{\Omega_n} \chi^*(gr) d\mu = \int \sum_{r \in \Gamma_n} \chi^*(gr) d\mu =$$

$$\int \sum_{u \in g\mathbb{Z}^n} \chi(u) d\mu. \text{ So, } \frac{n-1}{n} \tau(\Omega_{n-1}) I = \int \sum_{u \in g\mathbb{Z}^n} \chi(gu) d\mu. \quad P(\mathbb{Z}^n) = \text{prim.}$$

Vectors in  $\mathbb{Z}^n$ , then  $\mathbb{Z}^n \setminus \{0\} = P(\mathbb{Z}^n) \cup 2P(\mathbb{Z}^n) \cup 3\mathbb{Z}^n \dots$  so this

$$\text{gives (a) } \int \sum_{u \in \mathbb{Z}^n} \chi(gu) = \frac{n-1}{n} I \left(1 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n + \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^n + \dots\right) \tau(\Omega_n) = \frac{n-1}{n} \zeta(n) \tau(\Omega_n) I.$$

By replacing  $\chi(x)$  with  $\chi(\varepsilon x)$  ( $\varepsilon > 0$ )  $\int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \sum_{u \in \mathbb{Z}^n \setminus \{0\}} \chi(\varepsilon gu) d\mu = \frac{n-1}{n} \zeta(n) \tau(\Omega_n) I$ .

We can now prove inductively.  $\mu(\Omega_n) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \sum_{u \in \mathbb{Z}^n \setminus \{0\}} \chi(\varepsilon gu) d\mu = O\left(\sum_{u \in \mathbb{Z}^n \setminus \{0\}} \frac{1}{|u|^n} \chi(gu)\right)$  with  $\leftarrow$  pf. next week.

$w = [-1, 1]^n$  and const. dep only on  $n$ . For  $\varepsilon > 0$ , (b) shows (by Lebesgue dom. conv.)  $\int I = I \cdot \mu(\Omega_n) = \frac{n-1}{n} \zeta(n) \tau(\Omega_{n-1}) I$ , and by induction  $\mu(\mathbb{Z}^n) = \frac{\zeta(1)\zeta(2)\dots\zeta(n)}{n}$ .

This proves (1) while (a) implies (2)