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## SOME REMARKS ON FOURIER SEMINORMS

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**Summary.** The author shows the equivalence between Fourier and Gaussian classes of seminorms on the space of signed measures on  $\mathbf{R}^k$ , which are nonnegative on the complement of the zero point.

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Classical limit problems for convolution powers and convolution products of measures on finite dimensional spaces can be often successfully studied by using suitable seminorms on the space of signed measures. H. Bergström [1] gave a systematical study of these problems using especially Gaussian seminorms. This note should support the idea that many of the results of H. Bergström can be also formulated in terms of Fourier seminorms which seem to be in some cases a bit simpler than Gaussian seminorms. F. Zítek [2] showed that both the seminorms mentioned are equivalent for signed measures on the real line which are nonnegative on the complement of the zero point. We shall show a similar result for measures on  $\mathbf{R}^k$ .

Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and denote by  $\mathcal{M}_k$  the algebra of all finite Borel signed measures on  $\mathbf{R}^k$  (with natural additivity and convolution products), and by  $\mathcal{M}_k^+$  the cone of non-negative finite Borel measures.

For  $\alpha > 0$  we define

$$F_\alpha(\mu) = \sup_{[t] < \alpha^{-1}} \left| \int_{\mathbf{R}^k} \exp(i\langle t, x \rangle) d\mu(x) \right|, \quad \mu \in \mathcal{M}_k,$$

where  $[t] = \max \{|t_1|, \dots, |t_k|\}$ ,  $t = (t_1, \dots, t_k) \in \mathbf{R}^k$ , and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  is the scalar product on  $\mathbf{R}^k$ . We easily see that for any  $\mu, \nu \in \mathcal{M}_k$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned} F_\alpha(\mu) &\geq 0, \quad F_\alpha(0) = 0, \\ F_\alpha(\mu + \nu) &\leq F_\alpha(\mu) + F_\alpha(\nu), \\ F_\alpha(c\mu) &\leq |c| F_\alpha(\mu). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $F_\alpha$  is a (Fourier) seminorm on  $\mathcal{M}_k$  for each  $\alpha > 0$ . We claim that if  $F_\alpha(\mu) = 0$  for all  $\alpha > 0$ , then  $\mu = 0$ . Thus (according to the terminology used in [1], see p. 95)  $\mathcal{M}_k$  is a seminormed algebra under the system  $\{F_\alpha : \alpha > 0\}$  of Fourier seminorms.

Moreover, Fourier seminorms fulfil the inequality

$$F_\alpha(\mu \cdot v) \leq F_\alpha(\mu) F_\alpha(v)$$

for each  $\mu, v \in \mathcal{M}_k$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ .

We shall also use other seminorms; for  $\alpha > 0$  and  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_k$ , define

$$\begin{aligned} q_\alpha(\mu) = \max & \left\{ \int_{\{|x| \geq \alpha\}} d|\mu^{(i)}|(x), \alpha^{-1} \left| \int_{\{|x| < \alpha\}} x d\mu^{(i)}(x) \right|, \right. \\ & \left. \alpha^{-2} \int_{\{|x| < \alpha\}} x^2 d|\mu^{(i)}|(x), |\mu(\mathbb{R}^k)|, i = 1, \dots, k \right\} \end{aligned}$$

( $\mu^{(i)}$  denotes the  $i$ -th marginal projection of  $\mu$ ). It can be also easily verified that  $q_\alpha$  are seminorms,  $\alpha > 0$  (we shall call them majorant seminorms), and that  $\mathcal{M}_k$  is a seminormed algebra under the system  $\{q_\alpha : \alpha > 0\}$ .

Directly from the above definitions we obtain

**Proposition 1.** For each  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_k$  and  $\alpha > 0$

- i)  $F_\alpha(\mu^{(i)}) \leq F_\alpha(\mu)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, k$ ,
- ii)  $q_\alpha(\mu) = \max_{1 \leq i \leq k} q_\alpha(\mu^{(i)})$ .

The next lemma shows that the seminorms  $q_\alpha$  are really majorant for  $F_\alpha$ :

**Lemma 2.**  $F_\alpha(\lambda) \leq (1 + 3k + k^2/2) q_\alpha(\lambda)$  whenever  $\lambda \in \mathcal{M}_k$  and  $\alpha > 0$ .

**Proof.** Denote the cube  $D_\alpha = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^k : |x_i| < \alpha, i = 1, \dots, k\}$ . The following inequalities hold:

$$(1) \quad \int_{D_\alpha^c} d|\lambda|(x) \leq \sum_{i=1}^k \int_{\{|x| \geq \alpha\}} d|\lambda^{(i)}|(x) \leq k q_\alpha(\lambda),$$

$$(2) \quad \left| \int_{D_\alpha} \langle t, x \rangle d\lambda(x) \right| \leq \sum_{i=1}^k |t_i| \left| \int_{\{|x_i| < \alpha\}} x_i d\lambda^{(i)}(x_i) \right| \leq [t] k \alpha q_\alpha(\lambda),$$

$$\begin{aligned} (3) \quad & \int_{D_\alpha} \langle t, x \rangle^2 d|\lambda|(x) \leq \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^k |t_i t_j| \int_{D_\alpha} |x_i x_j| d|\lambda|(x) \leq \\ & \leq \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^k |t_i t_j| \int_{D_\alpha} (x_i^2 + x_j^2)/2 d|\lambda|(x) \leq [t]^2 k^2 \alpha^2 q_\alpha(\lambda). \end{aligned}$$

Using (1), (2) and (3) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (4) \quad & \left| \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} \exp(i\langle t, x \rangle) d\lambda(x) \right| \leq \left| \int d\lambda(x) \right| + \\ & + \left| \int [\exp(i\langle t, x \rangle) - 1] d\lambda(x) \right| \leq |\lambda(\mathbb{R}^k)| + \\ & + \left| \int_{D_\alpha^c} [\exp(i\langle t, x \rangle) - 1] d\lambda(x) \right| + \int_{D_\alpha^c} 2 d|\lambda|(x) \leq \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq |\lambda(\mathbf{R}^k)| + 2k q_\alpha(\lambda) + \left| \int_{D_\alpha} i\langle t, x \rangle d\lambda(x) \right| + \\
&+ \int_{D_\alpha} [\exp(i\langle t, x \rangle) - 1 - i\langle t, x \rangle] d|\lambda|(x) \leq |\lambda(\mathbf{R}^k)| + \\
&+ 2k q_\alpha(\lambda) + [t] k\alpha q_\alpha(\lambda) + \int_{D_\alpha} \langle t, x \rangle^2/2 d|\lambda|(x) \leq \\
&\leq q_\alpha(\lambda) + 2k q_\alpha(\lambda) + [t] k\alpha q_\alpha(\lambda) + \frac{1}{2}[t]^2 k^2 \alpha^2 q_\alpha(\lambda).
\end{aligned}$$

For  $[t] \leq \alpha^{-1}$  we thus have by (4)

$$\left| \int_{\mathbf{R}^k} \exp(i\langle t, x \rangle) d\lambda(x) \right| \leq (1 + 3k + k^2/2) q_\alpha(\lambda),$$

which completes the proof.

As to the converse relation, the seminorms  $F_\alpha$  are not majorant for  $q_\alpha$  in the general case. Thus we shall limit ourselves to the measures of the form  $\lambda = \mu - e$ , where  $\mu$  is a nonnegative measure and  $e$  is the Dirac measure concentrated at the zero point.

**Lemma 3.** Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{M}_1$  have the form  $\lambda = \mu - e$ , where  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_1^+$ . Then  $q_\alpha(\lambda) \leq 286 F_\alpha(\lambda)$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ .

**Proof — see [2].**

Lemma 3 can be easily generalized to the multidimensional case:

**Lemma 4.** Let  $\lambda \in \mathcal{M}_k$ ,  $k \in N$ ,  $\lambda = \mu - e$ , where  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_k^+$ , and let  $\alpha > 0$ . Then  $q_\alpha(\lambda) \leq 286 F_\alpha(\lambda)$ .

**Proof.** Using Proposition 1 and Lemma 3 we get

$$q_\alpha(\lambda) = \max_{1 \leq i \leq k} q_x(\lambda^{(i)}) \leq 286 \max_{1 \leq i \leq k} F_\alpha(\lambda^{(i)}) \leq 286 F_\alpha(\lambda).$$

Now we introduce the Gaussian seminorms on  $\mathcal{M}_k$  (see [1], page 112); we define

$$G_\alpha(\lambda) = \sup_x \left| \int \Phi((x - y)/\alpha) d\lambda(y) \right| \quad \text{for } \alpha > 0, \quad \lambda \in \mathcal{M}_k$$

( $\Phi$  is the distribution function of the Gaussian measure on  $\mathbf{R}^k$  with the density function  $\mathcal{S}(x) = (2\pi)^{-k/2} \exp(-\|x\|^2/2)$ ).  $\mathcal{M}_k$  is a seminormed algebra under the system  $\{G_\alpha : \alpha > 0\}$  of Gaussian seminorms. For comparing Gaussian and majorant seminorms we shall use some results from [1].

**Lemma 5.** a) For  $\lambda \in \mathcal{M}_k$  the margins satisfy  $G_\alpha'(\lambda^{(i)}) \leq G_\alpha(\lambda)$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ .  
b) For  $\lambda = \mu - e$ ,  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_1^+$ , and for  $\alpha > 0$  we have

- (i)  $\int_{\{|y| \geq \alpha\}} d\lambda(y) \leq C_1 G_\alpha(\lambda),$
- (ii)  $\alpha^{-1} \left| \int_{\{|y| < \alpha\}} y d\lambda(y) \right| \leq C_2 G_\alpha(\lambda),$
- (iii)  $\alpha^{-2} \int_{\{|y| < \alpha\}} y^2 d\lambda(y) \leq C_3 G_\alpha(\lambda),$
- (iv)  $G_\alpha(\lambda) \leq \int_{\{|v| \geq \alpha\}} d\lambda(v) + |\lambda(R)| +$   
 $+ \alpha^{-1} \|\Phi'\| \left| \int_{\{|y| < \alpha\}} y d\lambda(y) \right| + \frac{1}{2} \alpha^{-2} \|\Phi''\| \int_{\{|y| < \alpha\}} y^2 d\lambda(y).$

c) For  $\lambda = \mu - e$ ,  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_k^+$ , and  $\alpha > 0$  we have

$$G_\alpha(\lambda) \leq C_4 k \sum_{i=1}^k G_\alpha(\lambda^{(i)}).$$

$C_1, C_2, C_3, C_4$  are absolute constants.

Proof — see [1], pages 112–116.

**Lemma 6.** There exist constants  $\gamma_1(k)$  and  $\gamma_2$  such that for any measure  $\lambda = \mu - e$ ,  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_k^+$ , and for  $\alpha > 0$ ,

$$(i) \quad G_\alpha(\lambda) \leq \gamma_1(k) q_\alpha(\lambda),$$

$$(ii) \quad q_\alpha(\lambda) \leq \gamma_2 G_\alpha(\lambda).$$

Proof. i) Using Lemma 5 c) and b) (iv) we get

$$\begin{aligned} G_\alpha(\lambda) &\leq C_4 k^2 \max_{1 \leq i \leq k} G_\alpha(\lambda^{(i)}) \leq \\ &\leq C_4 k^2 (2 + \|\Phi'\| + \frac{1}{2} \|\Phi''\|) \max_{1 \leq i \leq k} q_\alpha(\lambda^{(i)}) = \gamma_1(k) q_\alpha(\lambda), \end{aligned}$$

where we put  $\gamma_1(k) = C_4 k^2 (2 + \|\Phi'\| + \frac{1}{2} \|\Phi''\|)$ .

ii) According to Proposition 1 and Lemma 5 a) it will be sufficient to find a constant  $\gamma_2$  such that  $q_\alpha(\lambda) \leq \gamma_2 G_\alpha(\lambda)$  for measures on the real line  $\lambda = \mu - e$ ,  $\mu \in \mathcal{M}_1^+$ . If  $x$  tends to  $+\infty$  in the definition of  $G_\alpha(\lambda)$  we see that  $|\lambda(R)| \leq G_\alpha(\lambda)$ . Using this fact together with b) (i), (ii) and (iii) from Lemma 5, we can put  $\gamma_2 = \max \{1, C_1, C_2, C_3\}$ .

Finally, we see that the Gaussian and Fourier seminorms are equivalent on the space of signed measures on  $\mathbf{R}^k$  which are nonnegative on the complement of the zero point. This implies, for instance, that the stability condition for convolution products of probability measures (see [1], page 97) is the same for the both seminorms, and that many results could be formulated using both Gaussian and Fourier seminorms.

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Souhrn

POZNÁMKY K FOURIEROVSKÝM SEMINORMÁM

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V článku je ukázána ekvivalence mezi fourierovskou a gaussovskou třídou seminorem na prostoru znaménkových měr v  $R^k$  nezáporných vně nuly.

Резюме

ЗАМЕЧАНИЯ О СЕМИНОРМАХ ФУРЬЕ

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В работе доказывается, что на пространстве конечных неотрицательных вне нулевой точки мер в  $R^k$  класс семинорм Гаусса и класс семинорм Фурье эквивалентны.

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