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# Inhomogeneous Diophantine approximation on curves with non-monotonic error function

In this paper we prove a convergent part of inhomogeneous Groshev type theorem for non-degenerate curves in Euclidean space where an error function is not necessarily monotonic. Our result naturally incorporates and generalizes the homogeneous measure theorem for non-degenerate curves. In particular, the method of Inhomogeneous Transference Principle and Sprindzuk's method of essential and inessential domains are used in the proof.

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## Introduction and Statements

In 1998 Kleinbock and Margulis [1] established the Baker–Sprindzuk conjecture concerning homogeneous Diophantine approximation on manifolds. An inhomogeneous version was then proved by Beresnevich and Velani [2]. The theory of inhomogeneous Diophantine approximation on manifolds was started with the result of V. I. Bernik, D. Dickinson and M. Dodson [3]. The significantly stronger Groshev type theory for dual Diophantine approximation on manifolds is established in [4–6] for the homogeneous case and in [7] for the inhomogeneous case. In all of these results the error function  $\Psi$  was assumed to be monotonic. In 2005 Beresnevich [8] showed that the condition that  $\Psi$  is monotonic could be removed for the Veronese curve  $\mathcal{V}'_n = \{(x, x^2, \dots, x^n) : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ ; he conjectured that the result should also hold for any non-degenerate curve in Euclidean space. This was proved in [9].

Our main result below is a convergent part of Groshev type theorem for inhomogeneous Diophantine approximation on non-degenerate curves in Euclidean space without monotonicity condition. First some notation is needed. Let  $\mathcal{F}_n$  be the set of functions

$$a_n f_n(x) + \dots + a_1 f_1(x) + a_0,$$

with  $n \geq 2$ ,  $\mathbf{a} = (a_0, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{Z}^{n+1} \setminus \{0\}$ , and  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n$  be  $C^{(n)}$  functions from  $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with non-vanishing Wronskian  $wr(f'_1, \dots, f'_n)(x)$  almost everywhere. For  $F \in \mathcal{F}_n$

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define the height of  $F$  as  $H = H(F) = \max_{0 \leq j \leq n} |a_j|$ . The Lebesgue measure of a measurable set  $A \subset \mathbb{R}$  is denoted by  $\mu(A)$ .

Define a real valued function  $\Psi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  and a function  $\theta : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . Denote by  $\mathcal{L}_{n,\theta}(\Psi)$  the set of  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  such that the inequality

$$|F(x) + \theta(x)| < \Psi(H(F)) \quad (1)$$

has infinitely many solutions  $F \in \mathcal{F}_n$ .

The main result of this paper is the following statement.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $n \geq 2$  and  $\theta : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function such that  $\theta \in C^{(n)}$ . Let  $\Psi : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$  be an arbitrary function (not necessarily monotonic) such that the sum  $\sum_{h=1}^{\infty} h^{n-1} \Psi(h)$  converges. Then  $\mu(\mathcal{L}_{n,\theta}(\Psi)) = 0$ .*

Throughout, the Vinogradov symbol  $\ll$  is used so that if  $K$  and  $M$  are positive real numbers then  $K \ll M$  means that there exists  $C > 0$  such that  $K \leq CM$ . If  $K \ll M$  and  $M \ll K$  we write  $K \asymp M$ .

## 1 Proof of Theorem 1

First note that since  $\sum_{h=1}^{\infty} h^{n-1} \Psi(h)$  converges,  $h^{n-1} \Psi(h)$  tends to 0 as  $h \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore,

$$\Psi(h) = o(h^{-n+1}). \quad (2)$$

The set  $S = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : wr(f'_1, \dots, f'_n)(x) = 0\}$  is closed and of zero measure. Thus  $\mathbb{R} \setminus S$  is open and therefore an  $F_\sigma$  set. We can write  $\mathbb{R} \setminus S = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} [a_k, b_k]$ . It is therefore sufficient to prove the theorem for a closed interval  $I$ . Also, since  $|wr(f'_1, \dots, f'_n)(x)| \neq 0$  almost everywhere we will assume from now on, without loss of generality that

$$|wr(f'_1, \dots, f'_n)(x)| \geq \varepsilon = \varepsilon(I) > 0 \quad (3)$$

for all  $x$  in such an interval  $I$ . Since the functions  $\mathbf{f} = (f_1, \dots, f_n)$  and  $\theta$  are  $C^{(n)}$  then we can assume that there exists a constant  $K_0 = K_0(I, \mathbf{f}, \theta)$  such that

$$\max_{0 \leq i \leq n} \sup_{x \in I} |\mathbf{f}^{(i)}(x)| \leq K_0 \quad \text{and} \quad \max_{0 \leq i \leq n} \sup_{x \in I} |\theta^{(i)}(x)| \leq K_0. \quad (4)$$

**Lemma 1** [9]. *If  $|wr(f'_1, \dots, f'_n)(x)| \geq \varepsilon$  then  $|f_i(x)f'_j(x) - f'_i(x)f_j(x)| > \frac{\varepsilon\gamma^2}{2^{n+1}n!K_0^n}$  for all  $i, j$  in  $\{1, \dots, n\}$ .*

From now on, it is therefore assumed without loss of generality that

$$|f_i(x)f'_j(x) - f'_i(x)f_j(x)| \geq \delta_2 = \frac{\varepsilon\gamma^2}{2^{n+1}n!K_0^n} \quad (5)$$

for all  $i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  with  $i \neq j$ .

For the proof of main result we will need some properties of the functions  $F \in \mathcal{F}_n$ . The following lemma is a modification and combination of Lemmas 2 and 3 of Pyartli, [11]. We are assuming that (3) holds.

**Lemma 2** (Borel–Cantelli). *Let  $A_j$  be a family of Lebesgue measurable sets and let  $A_\infty$  be the set of points  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  which lie in infinitely many  $A_j$ . If  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_j) < \infty$  then  $\mu(A_\infty) = 0$ .*

### 1.1 The case of small derivative

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $n \geq 2$ . Then,  $\mu(\mathcal{L}_1(n, \theta)) = 0$ .*

*Proof.* First  $\mathcal{L}_1(n, \theta)$  is written as a lim sup set. For  $F \in \mathcal{F}_n$  define

$$B(F) = \{x \in I : |F(x) + \theta(x)| < H(F)^{-n+1}, |F'(x) + \theta'(x)| < H(F)^{-v}\}.$$

Then

$$\mathcal{L}_1(n, \theta) = \bigcap_{N=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{t=N}^{\infty} \bigcup_{F \in \mathcal{F}_n^t} B(F),$$

where

$$\mathcal{F}_n^t := \{F \in \mathcal{F}_n, 2^t \leq H(F) < 2^{t+1}\}.$$

To prove the proposition it will be shown that a larger set (containing  $\mathcal{L}_1(n, \theta)$ ) has measure zero and then the Inhomogeneous Transference Principle proved in [2] will be used. The Inhomogeneous Transference Principle allows the transfer of zero measure statements for homogeneous lim sup sets to inhomogeneous lim sup sets and is described below.

**Inhomogeneous Transference Principle.** Most of this section is adapted from [2, Case B]. For our purposes the two countable indexing sets  $\mathbf{T}$  and  $\mathcal{A}$  from [2] are the sets  $\mathbf{T} = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  and  $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{F}_n$ . Throughout,  $J$  denotes a finite open interval in  $\mathbb{R}$  with closure denoted by  $\bar{J}$ . Let  $\mathcal{H}$  and  $I$  be two maps from  $(\mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}) \times \mathcal{F}_n \times \mathbb{R}^+$  into the set of open subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\mathcal{H}(t, F, \epsilon) = I_0^t(F, \epsilon), \quad I(t, F, \epsilon) = I_\theta^t(F, \epsilon).$$

For the specific case considered in this article the sets  $I_0^t(F, \epsilon)$  and  $I_\theta^t(F, \epsilon)$  are defined as follows:

$$I_\theta^t(F, \epsilon) = \begin{cases} \{x \in I : |F(x) + \theta(x)| < 2^{t(-n+1)}\epsilon, |F'(x) + \theta'(x)| < 2^{-tv}\epsilon\} & \text{if } F \in \mathcal{F}_n^t, \\ \emptyset & \text{else;} \end{cases}$$

and

$$I_0^t(F, \epsilon) = \begin{cases} \{x \in I : |F(x)| < 2^{t(-n+1)}\epsilon, |F'(x)| < 2^{-tv}\epsilon\} & \text{if } F \in \bigcup_{s=0}^{t+1} \mathcal{F}_n^s \\ \emptyset & \text{else.} \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

Let  $\delta \in \mathbb{R}$  and define the function  $\phi_\delta(t) = 2^{\delta t}$ . Also, define  $\Phi = \{\phi_\delta : 0 \leq \delta < v/2\}$ . For any  $\phi \in \Phi$  define

$$I_\theta^t(\phi) = \bigcup_{F \in \mathcal{F}_n} I_\theta^t(F, \phi(t)) = \bigcup_{F \in \mathcal{F}_n^t} I_\theta^t(F, \phi(t))$$

and denote by  $\Lambda_I(\phi)$  the limsup set

$$\Lambda_I(\phi) = \bigcap_{N=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{t=N}^{\infty} I_{\theta}^t(\phi).$$

**Intersection Property:** Let  $\Phi$  denote a set of functions  $\phi : \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ . The triple  $(\mathcal{H}, I, \Phi)$  is said to satisfy the intersection property if for any  $\phi \in \Phi$  there exists  $\phi^* \in \Phi$  such that for all but finitely many  $t \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  and all distinct  $F, \tilde{F} \in \mathcal{F}_n$

$$I_{\theta}^t(F, \phi(t)) \cap I_{\theta}^t(\tilde{F}, \phi(t)) \subset I_{\theta}^t(\phi^*). \quad (7)$$

**Contracting Property:** Let  $\{k_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of positive numbers such that

$$\sum_{t \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}} k_t < \infty. \quad (8)$$

The measure  $\mu$  is said to be *contracting with respect to*  $(I, \Phi)$  if for any  $\phi \in \Phi$  there exists  $\phi^+ \in \Phi$  such that for all but finitely many  $t$  and all  $F \in \mathcal{F}_n$  there exists a collection  $C_{t,F}$  of balls  $B$  centred in  $\bar{J}$  satisfying the following three conditions:

$$\bar{J} \cap I_{\theta}^t(F, \phi(t)) \subset \bigcup_{B \in C_{t,F}} B, \quad (9)$$

$$\bar{J} \cap \bigcup_{B \in C_{t,F}} B \subset I_{\theta}^t(F, \phi^+(t)), \quad (10)$$

$$\mu(5B \cap I_{\theta}^t(F, \phi(t))) \leq k_t \mu(5B). \quad (11)$$

We now state the theorem from [2].

**Theorem 2** (Inhomogeneous Transference Principle). *Suppose that  $(\mathcal{H}, I, \Phi)$  satisfies the intersection property and that  $\mu$  is contracting with respect to  $(I, \Phi)$ . If, for all  $\phi \in \Phi$ ,  $\mu(\Lambda_{\mathcal{H}}(\phi)) = 0$  then for all  $\phi \in \Phi$ ,  $\mu(\Lambda_I(\phi)) = 0$ .*

First the contracting and intersection properties are verified and then it will be shown that  $\mu(\Lambda_{\mathcal{H}}(\phi_{\delta})) = 0$ . This will imply using the transference principle that  $\Lambda_I(\phi_{\delta})$  has measure zero and further that  $\mu(\mathcal{L}_1(n, d)) = 0$  as required.

### 1.1.1 Verifying the intersection property

Let  $t \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$  and  $F, \tilde{F} \in \mathcal{F}_n$  with  $F \neq \tilde{F}$ . Suppose that

$$x \in I_{\theta}^t(F, \phi_{\delta}(t)) \cap I_{\theta}^t(\tilde{F}, \phi_{\delta}(t)).$$

Then, the inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} |F(x) + \theta(x)| &< \phi_{\delta}(t) 2^{t(-n+1)} & \text{and} & & |\tilde{F}(x) + \theta(x)| &< \phi_{\delta}(t) 2^{t(-n+1)}, \\ |F'(x) + \theta'(x)| &< \phi_{\delta}(t) 2^{-vt} & \text{and} & & |\tilde{F}'(x) + \theta'(x)| &< \phi_{\delta}(t) 2^{-vt} \end{aligned}$$

holds.

Let  $R(x) = (F(x) + \theta(x)) - (\tilde{F}(x) + \theta(x))$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} |R(x)| &< 2\phi_\delta(t)2^{t(-n+1)} < \phi_{\delta'}(t)2^{t(-n+1)}, \\ |R'(x)| &< 2^{1-vt}\phi_\delta(t) < 2^{-vt}\phi_{\delta'}(t), \end{aligned}$$

for all  $t > \frac{1}{v/2-\delta}$  and where  $\phi_{\delta'} \in \Phi$ . Clearly  $R$  cannot be constant for  $n \geq 2$  and  $t \geq 2$ , so  $R \in \bigcup_{s=0}^{t+1} \mathcal{F}_n^s$ . Thus,  $x \in I_0^t(R, \phi_{\delta'}(t))$  and (7) is satisfied with  $\phi^* = \phi_{\delta'}$ .

### 1.1.2 Verifying the contracting property

The following definition from [1] will be used.

**Definition 1.** Let  $C$  and  $\alpha$  be positive numbers and  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function defined on the open interval  $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $f$  is called  $(C, \alpha)$ -good on  $I$  if, for any open interval  $B \subset I$  and any  $\epsilon > 0$ ,

$$\mu(\{x \in B : |f(x)| < \epsilon \sup_{x \in B} |f(x)|\}) \leq C\epsilon^\alpha \mu(B).$$

Several useful facts about  $(C, \alpha)$ -good functions are listed below.

**Lemma 3.** ([6, Lemma 3.1]) Let  $I \subset \mathbb{R}$  and  $C, \alpha > 0$  be given.

- (i) If  $f$  is  $(C, \alpha)$ -good on  $I$  then so is  $\lambda f$  for any  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- (ii) If  $f_i, i \in I_0$ , are  $(C, \alpha)$ -good on  $I$  then so is  $\sup_{i \in I_0} |f_i|$ .
- (iii) If  $f$  is  $(C, \alpha)$ -good on  $I$  and  $c_1 \leq \frac{|f(x)|}{|g(x)|} \leq c_2$  for all  $x \in I$ , then  $g$  is  $(C(c_2/c_1)^\alpha, \alpha)$ -good on  $I$ .
- (iv) If  $f$  is  $(C, \alpha)$ -good on  $I$  then  $f$  is  $(C', \alpha')$ -good on  $I'$  for every  $C' \geq C, \alpha' \leq \alpha$  and  $I' \subset I$ .

**Lemma 4.** [7, Corollary 3] Let  $U$  be an open subset of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $\mathbf{x}_0 \in U$  and let  $\mathbf{f} = (f_1, \dots, f_n) : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be  $n$ -nondegenerate at  $\mathbf{x}_0$  for some  $n \geq 2$ . Let  $\theta \in C^{(n)}(U)$ . Then there exists a neighborhood  $V \subset U$  of  $\mathbf{x}_0$  and a positive constants  $C$  and  $H_0$  such that for any  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  satisfying  $|\mathbf{a}| \geq H_0$

- (a)  $a_0 + \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{f} + \theta$  is  $(C, \frac{1}{nm})$ -good on  $V$  for every  $a_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ , and
- (b)  $|\nabla(\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{f} + \theta)|$  is  $(C, \frac{1}{m(n-1)})$ -good on  $V$ .

Here  $\nabla$  denotes the gradient operator. Note that in the case  $m = 1$  the map  $\mathbf{f}$  is nondegenerate iff  $wr(f'_1, \dots, f'_n)(x) \neq 0$  almost everywhere.

**Lemma 5.** [7, Corollary 4] Let  $U, \mathbf{x}_0, \mathbf{f}$  and  $\theta$  be as in Lemma 4. Then for every sufficiently small neighborhood  $V \subset U$  of  $\mathbf{x}_0$ , there exists  $H_0 > 1$  such that

$$\inf_{\substack{(\mathbf{a}, a_0) \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \\ |\mathbf{a}| \geq H_0}} \sup_{\mathbf{x} \in V} |a_0 + \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}) + \theta(\mathbf{x})| > 0.$$

Since  $\mathbf{F}_{t,F}$  is a  $(C, \frac{1}{n})$ -good on  $5J$  for sufficiently large  $\mathbf{t}$  it follows from (9)–(11), that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(I_\theta^t(F, \phi_\delta(t)) \cap 5B) &\leq \mu(\{x \in 5B : \mathbf{F}_{t,F}(x) \leq 2^{-\delta^*t} \sup_{x \in 5B} \mathbf{F}_{t,F}(x)\}) \\ &\leq 2^{-\frac{\delta^*t}{n}} C\mu(5B) \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

for sufficiently large  $t$ . This verifies (11) with  $k_t := 2^{-\frac{\delta^* t}{n}} C$  and it is easily seen that the convergence condition (8) is fulfilled.  $\square$

## 1.2 The case of big derivative

**Proposition 2.** *Let  $n \geq 2$ . Then,  $\mu(\mathcal{L}_2(n, \theta, \Psi)) = 0$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $\mathcal{F}_n(H) = \{F \in \mathcal{F}_n : H(F) = H\}$ , then  $\mathcal{F}_n = \cup_{H=1}^\infty \mathcal{F}_n(H)$ . Now consider  $F \in \mathcal{F}_n(H)$  satisfying  $H^{-v} \leq |F'(x) + \theta'(x)|$ . For the remaining case we need the following. The set of solutions of (1) in  $I$  consists of at most  $n$  intervals. Each of these intervals can be further divided into subintervals on which  $F' + \theta'$  is also monotonic (at most  $n - 1$  of them). Each of these new intervals is finally further subdivided into intervals with respect to the value of  $F'(x) + \theta'(x)$ . Any interval on which  $|F'(x) + \theta'(x)| < H^{-v}$  has already been considered. For  $F \in \mathcal{F}_n(H)$ , let  $I_j(F, \theta)$  be one of the remaining intervals; thus, on  $I_j(F, \theta)$ ,  $F + \theta$  and  $F' + \theta'$  are monotonic and  $|F(x) + \theta(x)| < \Psi(H(F))$ ,  $H^{-v} \leq |F'(x) + \theta'(x)|$  for all  $x \in I_j(F, \theta)$ . The number of  $I_j(F, \theta)$  is clearly finite. Let  $\bar{I}_j(F, \theta)$  denote the closure of  $I_j(F, \theta)$  and  $\alpha_{j,F}$  denote a point in  $\bar{I}_j(F, \theta)$  such that

$$|F'(\alpha_{j,F}) + \theta'(\alpha_{j,F})| = \min_{x \in \bar{I}_j(F)} |F'(x) + \theta'(x)|.$$

For convenience we will use  $F_\theta$  to denote the function  $F(x) + \theta(x)$ .

**Lemma 6.** [11] *Let  $a_1, a_2 > 0$ . Let  $\psi$  be an  $n$ -times continuously differentiable function on  $(b_1, b_2)$  satisfying  $|\psi^{(n)}(x)| \geq a_1$  for all  $x \in (b_1, b_2)$ . Then*

$$\mu(\{x \in (b_1, b_2) : \psi(x) < a_2\}) \leq c(n)(a_2/a_1)^{1/n}.$$

From Lemma 6 we have

$$\mu(I_j(F, \theta)) \leq c(n)\Psi(H)|F'_\theta(\alpha_{j,F})|^{-1}. \quad (13)$$

It follows from the choice of  $\alpha_{j,F}$  that  $H^{-v} \leq |F'_\theta(\alpha_{j,F})|$ .

Now we are ready to complete the proof of Theorem 1. The three remaining cases in the proof concern different ranges for the size of  $F'_\theta(\alpha_{j,F})$ .

**Case I.** For  $F \in \mathcal{F}_n(H)$ , let  $\sigma(F_\theta)$  be the union of intervals  $I_j(F, \theta)$  for which  $|F'_\theta(\alpha_j)| \geq c_1 H^{1/2}$ . Hence,  $\sigma(F_\theta)$  is the set of  $x \in I$  which satisfy  $|F_\theta(x)| < \Psi(H)$  and  $x$  lies in some interval  $I_j(F, \theta)$  for which

$$|F'_\theta(\alpha_{j,F})| \geq c_1 H^{1/2}. \quad (14)$$

For every  $F \in \mathcal{F}_n(H)$  and every  $j$ , where  $\alpha_{j,F} \in \sigma(F_\theta)$ , and some constant  $c_2 = c_2(n)$  define the set  $\sigma_{1,j}(F_\theta)$  of points  $x \in I$  which satisfy

$$|x - \alpha_{j,F}| < c_2 |F'_\theta(\alpha_{j,F})|^{-1}$$

] for  $\alpha_{j,F} \in \sigma(F_\theta)$ . Let  $\sigma_1(F_\theta) = \cup_j \sigma_{1,j}(F_\theta)$ . From (13), for  $H > H_0(c_2)$ , the inequality  $\sigma(F_\theta) \subset \sigma_1(F_\theta)$  holds and

$$\mu(\sigma(F_\theta)) \leq c(n)c_2^{-1}\Psi(H)\mu(\sigma_1(F_\theta)). \quad (15)$$

For each  $j$  with  $\alpha_{j,F} \in \sigma(F_\theta)$  develop  $F$  as a Taylor series on  $\sigma_{1,j}(F_\theta)$  so that

$$F_\theta(x) = F_\theta(\alpha_{j,F}) + F'_\theta(\alpha_{j,F})(x - \alpha_{j,F}) + F''_\theta(\xi_1)(x - \alpha_{j,F})^2/2,$$

where  $\xi_1$  is between  $x$  and  $\alpha_{j,F}$ . Estimate each term in the above equation to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |F_\theta(\alpha_{j,F})| &< \Psi(H) < c_2, \\ |F'_\theta(\alpha_{j,F})(x - \alpha_{j,F})| &< c_2, \\ |F''_\theta(\alpha_{j,F})(x - \alpha_{j,F})^2| &< 2nK_0H(c_2|F'_\theta(\alpha_{j,F})|^{-1})^2 = 2nK_0c_2^2c_1^{-2}. \end{aligned}$$

**Case II.** This time, for  $F \in \mathcal{F}_n(H)$  use  $\sigma(F_\theta)$  to denote the union of intervals  $I_j(F, \theta)$  for which  $1 \leq |F'_\theta(\alpha_{j,F})| < c_1H^{1/2}$ . Hence  $\sigma(F_\theta)$  is the set of  $x \in I$  which satisfy

$$|F_\theta(x)| < \Psi(H),$$

and  $x$  lies in some  $I_j(F, \theta)$  for which

$$1 \leq |F'_\theta(\alpha_{j,F})| < c_1H^{1/2}. \quad (16)$$

Now define expansion of  $I_j(F, \theta)$  as follows:

$$\sigma_{2,j}(F_\theta) := \{x \in I : \text{dist}(x, I_j(F, \theta)) < c_3H^{-1}|F'_\theta(\alpha_{j,F})|^{-1}\}, \quad c_3 > c(n).$$

Let  $\sigma_2(F_\theta) = \bigcup_j \sigma_{2,j}(F_\theta)$ . It is readily verified that

$$\mu(\sigma(F_\theta)) \leq c_3^{-1}c(n)H\Psi(H)\mu(\sigma_2(F_\theta)). \quad (17)$$

First, the essential intervals are investigated. Summing the measure of essential intervals gives

$$\sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_{n, \mathbf{b}_1}(H)} \sum_{\substack{j \\ \sigma_{2,j}(F_\theta) \text{ essential}}} \mu(\sigma_{2,j}(F_\theta)) \ll |I|.$$

From this, (17) and the fact that the number of vectors  $\mathbf{b}_1$  is  $\ll H^{n-2}$ , we have

$$\sum_{\mathbf{b}_1} \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_{n, \mathbf{b}_1}(H)} \mu(\sigma(F_\theta)) \ll H^{n-1}\Psi(H)|I|.$$

Finally, we obtain

$$\sum_{H=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\mathbf{b}_1} \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_{n, \mathbf{b}_1}(H)} \mu(\sigma(F_\theta)) < \infty.$$

Thus, by the Borel–Cantelli Lemma, the set of points  $x$  which belong to infinitely many essential domains is of measure zero.

**Case III.** This is very similar to the previous case. For  $F \in \mathcal{F}_n(H)$  use  $\sigma(F_\theta)$  to denote the union of intervals  $I_j(F, \theta)$  for which  $H^{-v} \leq |F'_\theta(\alpha_{j,F})| < 1$  with  $0 < v < 1/4$ . Hence  $\sigma(F_\theta)$  is the set of  $x \in I$  which satisfy

$$|F_\theta(x)| < \Psi(H),$$

and  $x$  lies in some  $I_j(F, \theta)$  for which

$$H^{-v} \leq |F'_\theta(\alpha_{j,F})| < 1.$$

Fix the vector  $\mathbf{b}_1$  as above and define the following expansions of  $I_j(F, \theta)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{3,j}(F_\theta) &:= \{x \in I : \text{dist}(x, I_j(F, \theta)) < c_4 H^{-1} |F'_\theta(\alpha_{j,F})|^{-1}\}, \quad c_4 > c(n), \\ \sigma'_{3,j}(F_\theta) &:= \{x \in I : \text{dist}(x, I_j(F, \theta)) < H^{-1+4v/3}\}.\end{aligned}$$

From this,

$$\mu(\sigma(F)) \leq c_4^{-1} c(n) \mu(\sigma_3(F)) H \Psi(H), \quad (18)$$

where  $\sigma_3(F_\theta) = \cup_j \sigma_{3,j}(F_\theta)$ . It is clear that  $\sigma_{3,j}(F_\theta) \subset \sigma'_{3,j}(F_\theta)$ . Moreover, it is easy to see that

$$\sigma_{3,j}(F_\theta) \subset \sigma'_{3,i}(\tilde{F}_\theta) \quad (19)$$

for any  $\tilde{F} \in \mathcal{F}_{n, \mathbf{b}_1}(H)$  with  $\sigma_{3,i}(\tilde{F}_\theta) \cap \sigma_{3,j}(F_\theta) \neq \emptyset$ .

Summing the measures of the essential intervals  $\sigma_3(F_\theta)$  gives

$$\sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_{n, \mathbf{b}_1}(H)} \sum_{\substack{j \\ \sigma_{3,j}(F_\theta) \text{ essential}}} \mu(\sigma_{3,j}(F_\theta)) \ll |I|. \quad (20)$$

As  $\#\mathbf{b}_1 \ll H^{n-2}$ , from (18) and (20), we have

$$\sum_{H=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\mathbf{b}_1} \sum_{F \in \mathcal{F}_{n, \mathbf{b}_1}(H)} \mu(\sigma(F_\theta)) \ll \sum_{H=1}^{\infty} H^{n-1} \Psi(H) |I| < \infty.$$

By the Borel–Cantelli Lemma, the set of those  $x$  belonging to infinitely many essential intervals has zero measure.

The proof of the theorem is therefore complete.  $\square$

Link to the picture 1 — [1](#).

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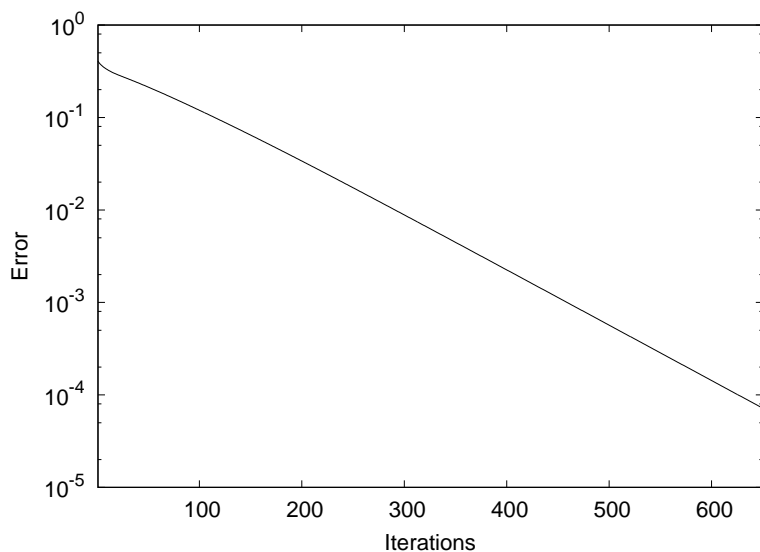


Fig. 1: Example of a picture.

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#### АННОТАЦИЯ

В данной статье доказывается неоднородный аналог теоремы типа Грошева в случае сходимости для невырожденных кривых в евклидовом пространстве, когда функция аппроксимации является не обязательно монотонной. Наш результат естественно включает в себя и обобщает теорему для меры множества точек невырожденных кривых в однородном случае. В доказательстве используются неоднородный метод переноса и метод существенных и несущественных областей Спринджука.

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