

# Real-Time Isometric Pinch Force Prediction from sEMG

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## Abstract

This paper describes a real-time isometric pinch force prediction algorithm using surface electromyogram (sEMG). The activities of seven muscles related to the movements of the thumb and index finger joints, which are observable using surface electrodes, were recorded during pinch force experiments. For the successful implementation of the real-time prediction algorithm, an off-line analysis was performed using the recorded activities. From the seven muscles, four muscles were selected for monitoring using the Fisher linear discriminant paradigm in an off-line analysis, and the recordings from these four muscles provided the most effective information for mapping sEMG to the pinch force. An ANN structure was designed to perform efficient training and to avoid both under-fitting and over-fitting problems. Finally, the pinch force prediction algorithm was tested with five volunteers and the results were evaluated using two criteria: normalized root mean squared error (NRMSE) and correlation (CORR). The training time for the subjects was only 2 min 29 sec, but the prediction results were successful with  $NRMSE = 0.093 \pm 0.047$  and  $CORR = 0.957 \pm 0.031$ . These results imply that the proposed algorithm is useful to measure the generated pinch force without force sensors. The possible applications of the proposed method include controlling bionic finger robot systems to overcome finger paralysis or amputation.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

THE dexterous manipulation skills of the human hand are encoded and controlled by the nervous system, which enables the production of voluntary motor actions. When humans lift and hold objects, the isometric grip (pinch) force, produced by the thumb and index finger tips, plays a decisive role in exerting a vertical force to oppose the object's weight [1]. The amount of force is adjusted appropriately by tactile sensations based on the object's different shapes, weights, and textures; excessive force may result in damage to the object, while too little force may result in dropping the object. The force that is exerted on the object increases or decreases according to the muscle

activities, and these activities can be monitored using a surface electromyogram (sEMG). sEMG, the recording of electric muscle activities on the skin surface, is a method of detecting the movement intentions of the user for human-robot interactions (HRI) such as robotic prostheses [2, 3] and teleoperation [4, 5]. These recordings are used widely because the signal is noninvasively detected and it precedes the actual body movements [6], thus it is faster than kinematic and dynamic devices such as force sensors and motion trackers. Tenore et al. and Nagata et al. have demonstrated the possibilities of individually distinguishing the flexion and extension of fingers using sEMG and have suggested the potential of controlling the individual fingers of a hand robot [7, 8]. They, however, only distinguished two states of movement, "ON" or "OFF", and did not try to extract information regarding force from the sEMG. When a subject pours water into a glass held by a robot hand controlled by sEMG, the glass could be dropped; this result from the force produced by robot to hold the object does not change as the weight of the held object increases. There have been recent studies that predict muscle force, but most focused on wrist or elbow sections [9-11], not on hand sections. Challenging issues exist to match sEMG with finger force; first, too many (thirty-nine) muscles contribute the force and extraction of the individual muscle activities using surface electrodes is difficult because either most extrinsic muscles are located deep inside the hand or most intrinsic muscles are too small to observe [12]. Second, the signals on the skin surface are mixtures of signals generated by many active muscles resulting from crosstalk [13]. Third, the central nervous system combines muscles into groups and a desired grip force is generated by an infinite number of muscular activation patterns; furthermore, the relation between the patterns and the force has not been clearly investigated [14]. Although there have been many studies that concurrently measure both finger forces and sEMG for motor rehabilitation or hand-related kinesiology studies [15, 16], the analyses were off-line and invasive electrodes were used. For finger force prediction from sEMG in HRI applications, the prediction model should be processed in real-time, and it involves two issues: 1) each subject's different muscle characteristics can be reflected in the force prediction in a short time, and 2) the model needs to be computationally fast. To address these issues, an artificial neural network (ANN) may be

an appropriate model and has been implemented in many real-time applications due to its ability to approximate complex nonlinear mappings directly from input values [17, 18]. The ANN, inspired by biological neural networks, is composed of a number of highly interconnected artificial neurons activated by external stimuli and provides a model for a large class of natural and artificial phenomena that are difficult to manage using classical parametric techniques. The primary advantage of using an ANN is that it acts as a black box model, so it does not require detailed information, such as the relation between sEMG and muscle force or biological phenomena, of the human muscular-skeleton system. This paper presents a real-time isometric pinch force prediction algorithm for the measurement of the generated pinch force without using force sensors, which are expensive and require a bulky frame. To record muscle activities, seven surface electrodes were attached to the skin near to the muscles located in the hand or forearm, which make the thumb and index finger joint movements and are also observable using surface electrodes. Among these muscles, the most effective activities to extract the pinch force information were determined based on the Fisher linear discriminant paradigm, and the number of electrodes was reduced to four. The signals from the four sEMG electrodes were fed into the ANN with an optimized structure to predict the force.

## II. METHODS

### A. Experimental Setup

The experimental setup is illustrated in Fig. 1. The subjects were requested to sit comfortably on a chair with their forearm flexed ( $90^\circ$ ) via an arm brace, which was fixed to an optical table, and with their wrist fixed using a wrist brace. The subject grasped a force sensor and an aluminum post with the thumb and index finger tips set 45 mm apart in opposition. A Nano 17 force sensor (ATI Industrial Automation, USA) was used to measure the force produced by the fingers; the sensor has a force resolution of 12.5 mN. The sensor was mounted on an aluminum post and covered with a cotton pad to prevent direct contact with the subject's skin, which could affect the temperature changes of the sensor and increase the electrical noise in the sEMG measurement. The activities of muscles were recorded and amplified 1000 times using bipolar noninvasive surface electrodes (DE-2.1, Delsys, USA) with built-in amplifiers. The electrodes were connected to the data acquisition board (PCI 6034e, National Instruments<sup>TM</sup>, USA), which transmitted the signals to a computer at 1000 Hz. To verify that the experiment was performed under isometric conditions, an optical motion tracking system, Micron Tracker S60 (Claron Technology Inc., Canada), was used. Two markers were placed on the thumb at the distal and proximal interphalangeal

joints and three markers were placed on the index finger at the metacarpophalangeal joint and the distal and proximal interphalangeal joints. On a monitor in front of the subject, three force levels were displayed as simple bars that represented the i) predrawn target force levels, ii) measured force levels, and iii) predicted force levels.

### B. Signal Processing

It is well known that an EMG can be modeled as a zero mean Gaussian process [19]. Thus, the following equation was used to estimate the signal variance for feature extraction and function of variance is analogous to a moving average (MA) filter excluding the square term and denominator. Like a moving average filter, the cut-off frequency,  $f_c$ , of the low-pass filter was defined in relation to the moving average filter. This equation describes that the effectiveness of the low-pass filter increases with a larger window because the cutoff frequency decreases; thus, high frequency noises are effectively reduced. In contrast, the large window introduces a significant time delay and this delay can become an obstacle for a natural real-time HRI. Hence, there is a tradeoff between the real-time signal process and the accuracy of the pattern recognition. Considering these aspects of the measurement, the length of the analysis window was empirically determined to be 200 ms.

### C. Myoelectricsite selection

There are 15 muscles that control the thumb and index finger, but only half of their activities are observable via sEMG. A software package, ADAM Interactive Anatomy (A.D.A.M. Inc., USA), was used to find which of these muscles are located in the outermost layer among the muscles in the forearm and the hand. From the software, it was assumed that seven muscle activities could be observed: Extensor Digitorum (ED), Abductor Pollicis Longus (APL), Flexor Digitorum Superficialis (FDS), Dorsal Interosseous (DI), Abductor Pollicis Brevis (APB), Flexor Pollicis Brevis (FPB), and Adductor Pollicis (AP). To obtain the seven target muscles' activities, seven electrodes were attached to a volunteer's forearm and hand, and channels 1 to 7 were targeted to obtain the activities of the ED, APL, FDS, DI, APB, FPB, and AP muscles, respectively as shown in Fig. 2. The pinch task with static and dynamic force guidance was performed five times while recording the sEMG and force data as shown in Fig. 3. However, the activity of the FPB could not be observed because the electrode was too wide to detect its activities, most parts of which were covered by the APB; the channel 6 signal was recorded from the APB, which lies primarily in the outer layer of the palm. Even though the signals in channels 5 and 6 were recorded from the same muscle, each signal represents different activities. This is because each whole muscle is innervated by

a number of motor units and the units' functional characteristics differ depending on the specific functions, such as the contraction velocity and twitch force [20]. It was expected that all signals would not be helpful in extracting the force information; for instance, Fig. 3 shows that the signal from channel 1 seems to be independent on the measured force over time. To determine which channel is relatively effective in extracting the force information, the Fisher linear discriminant paradigm was employed [21]. This paradigm has been used widely in face recognition research [22, 23] and provides the criterion function:

The denominator represents the amount of variance in the samples of both classes, and the smaller the variance, the better the samples can be identified into each class. Therefore, when  $J_k$  is high, the signals at the  $k$ th channel provide effective information for successful classification. Our research goal was not to classify the two classes of sEMG, but to choose more discriminable channels: class 1 of the signals when the force was low (0 N) and class 2 of the signals when the force was high (8 N). Because the sEMG has a proportional relation to muscle force, if the signals at a certain channel provide the most discriminable information between the high and low forces, they could also represent a middle range of force better than the signals in the other channels. Using five test data sets, the discriminabilities were evaluated as shown in Fig. 4; it was concluded that the signals in channels 4 to 7 provided proper information to match the sEMG to the pinch force. Therefore, the signals from the channel 4 to 7 were only fed into ANN to predict the force.

#### D. Artificial Neural Network

As mentioned earlier, an ANN provides a black box model for a large class of natural and artificial phenomena that are difficult to manage using classical parametric techniques. In order to design the network, a set of signals flow through the network; then, the network adjusts its internal structure until it reaches a stable state in which the outputs are considered satisfactory. After successful training, the network is preserved, receives unseen input values, and processes the data to produce appropriate outputs. The performance depends on various factors, the most important of which is to determine the network structure with the degree of freedom or information that is inherent in the training data. The structure may contain several hidden layers, however one hidden layer is sufficient to guarantee convergence in the training according to the Universal Approximation Theorem [24]. In contrast to the number of hidden layers, the theorem does not specify the number of hidden neurons, so it must be determined by trial and error. The number should be considered according to the degree of nonlinearities between the input and

output samples; however, it is difficult to define the nonlinearities between the sEMG and the muscle forces. A choice of the optimal number of neurons is important and results in significant effects on the network performance. From a computational viewpoint, the network demands the fewest hidden neurons to reduce the number of interconnections, whose weights should be updated during training. Furthermore, an excessive number of hidden neurons can generate over-fitting problems in which the network loses its generalization abilities. Conversely, a network with too few neurons, with respect to the complexity of the problem, might not be able to effectively learn the training data. Therefore, the use of an optimal number of hidden neurons is highly desirable for efficient training. To determine the optimal number of hidden neurons, an off-line ANN simulation was performed using five test data sets; one set was used for training and the other sets were used for testing. ANN performances with many neurons (1 – 40) were evaluated, and the tests were performed with each number of neurons 10 times. The performance was evaluated using two criteria: normalized root mean squared error (NRMSE) and correlation (CORR).  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ , and  $N$  indicate the force measured by the sensor, the predicted force from the ANN, and the total number of data, respectively; subscript  $i$  indicates the  $i$ th data. Ten hidden neurons are sufficient to satisfy the tradeoff between computational efficiency and sufficient training. During the training stage, all subjects were instructed to produce pinch forces following the bars displayed in static and dynamic levels: the force and sEMG were recorded concurrently. Next, the sEMGs were filtered and the network was trained using the filtered samples. Network tuning was performed using a backpropagation algorithm (learning rate = 0.8) with a momentum approach (momentum rate = 0.3) [24].

#### E. Tasks and Procedures

Five male subjects, aged 26.4 years (SD 2.3), volunteered in the experiments. All participants reported no history of upper extremity or other musculoskeletal complaints. The subjects were required to exert pinch forces with their right hand under the isometric conditions. They were asked to fully relax their forearm muscles, to avoid exerting any other forces except the pinch force, and to hold the pinch pose. Prior to the experiments, all subjects were instructed on how to produce the pinch force, and the positions of the corresponding muscles (which were selected in the myoelectric site selection) were detected through palpation. The best sites for clear detection of the muscle contractions were then found while slightly moving the electrode. Next, the four electrodes were attached to the best site on the skin using adhesive tape. The experiments consisted of two parts: a training part to train the ANN and a test part for verification. Each

part was performed with ten trials. In the training part, the subjects were requested to exert the target force levels, which were displayed on the monitor, for 85 seconds. The levels were composed of static (2, 4, 6, 8 N) and dynamic levels by generating a sinusoidal function. In the test part, there are two sessions: the first session verified whether the ANN training was successfully completed and the second session checked whether the ANN had generalization properties using unpredicted input. In the first session, the subjects were instructed to exert force using the same protocols as the training part with the force guidance, in which the predicted force was not displayed to prevent the estimated force adapting to the measured force. In the second session, the subjects were asked to produce voluntarily forces for 60 seconds.

We consider the following anycast field equations defined over an open bounded piece of network and/or feature space  $\Omega \subset R^d$ . They describe the dynamics of the mean anycast of each of  $p$  node populations.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left( \frac{d}{dt} + l_i \right) V_i(t, r) = \sum_{j=1}^p \int_{\Omega} J_{ij}(r, \bar{r}) S[(V_j(t - \tau_{ij}(r, \bar{r}), \bar{r}) - h_j)] d\bar{r} \\ \quad + I_i^{ext}(r, t), \quad t \geq 0, 1 \leq i \leq p, \\ V_i(t, r) = \phi_i(t, r) \quad t \in [-T, 0] \end{array} \right. \quad (1)$$

We give an interpretation of the various parameters and functions that appear in (1),  $\Omega$  is finite piece of nodes and/or feature space and is represented as an open bounded set of  $R^d$ . The vector  $r$  and  $\bar{r}$  represent points in  $\Omega$ . The function  $S: R \rightarrow (0, 1)$  is the normalized sigmoid function:

$$S(z) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z}} \quad (2)$$

It describes the relation between the input rate  $v_i$  of population  $i$  as a function of the packets potential, for example,  $V_i = v_i = S[\sigma_i(V_i - h_i)]$ . We note  $V$  the  $p$ -dimensional vector  $(V_1, \dots, V_p)$ . The  $p$  function  $\phi_i, i = 1, \dots, p$ , represent the initial conditions, see below. We note  $\phi$  the  $p$ -dimensional vector  $(\phi_1, \dots, \phi_p)$ . The  $p$  function  $I_i^{ext}, i = 1, \dots, p$ , represent external factors from other network areas. We note  $I^{ext}$  the  $p$ -dimensional vector  $(I_1^{ext}, \dots, I_p^{ext})$ . The  $p \times p$  matrix of functions  $J = \{J_{ij}\}_{i, j=1, \dots, p}$  represents the connectivity between populations  $i$  and  $j$ , see below. The  $p$  real values  $h_i, i = 1, \dots, p$ , determine the threshold of activity for each

population, that is, the value of the nodes potential corresponding to 50% of the maximal activity. The  $p$  real positive values  $\sigma_i, i = 1, \dots, p$ , determine the slopes of the sigmoids at the origin. Finally the  $p$  real positive values  $l_i, i = 1, \dots, p$ , determine the speed at which each anycast node potential decreases exponentially toward its real value. We also introduce the function  $S: R^p \rightarrow R^p$ , defined by  $S(x) = [S(\sigma_1(x_1 - h_1)), \dots, S(\sigma_p(x_p - h_p))]$ , and the diagonal  $p \times p$  matrix  $L_0 = \text{diag}(l_1, \dots, l_p)$ . Is the intrinsic dynamics of the population given by the linear response of data transfer.  $(\frac{d}{dt} + l_i)$  is replaced by  $(\frac{d}{dt} + l_i)^2$  to use

the alpha function response. We use  $(\frac{d}{dt} + l_i)$  for simplicity although our analysis applies to more general intrinsic dynamics. For the sake, of generality, the propagation delays are not assumed to be identical for all populations, hence they are described by a matrix  $\tau(r, \bar{r})$  whose element  $\tau_{ij}(r, \bar{r})$  is the propagation delay between population  $j$  at  $\bar{r}$  and population  $i$  at  $r$ . The reason for this assumption is that it is still unclear from anycast if propagation delays are independent of the populations. We assume for technical reasons that  $\tau$  is continuous, that is  $\tau \in C^0(\overline{\Omega}^2, R_+^{p \times p})$ . Moreover packet data indicate that  $\tau$  is not a symmetric function i.e.,  $\tau_{ij}(r, \bar{r}) \neq \tau_{ji}(\bar{r}, r)$ , thus no assumption is made about this symmetry unless otherwise stated. In order to compute the righthand side of (1), we need to know the node potential factor  $V$  on interval  $[-T, 0]$ . The value of  $T$  is obtained by considering the maximal delay:

$$\tau_m = \max_{i, j, (r, \bar{r}) \in \Omega \times \Omega} \tau_{i, j}(r, \bar{r}) \quad (3)$$

Hence we choose  $T = \tau_m$

#### F. Mathematical Framework

A convenient functional setting for the non-delayed packet field equations is to use the space  $F = L^2(\Omega, R^p)$  which is a Hilbert space endowed with the usual inner product:

$$\langle V, U \rangle_F = \sum_{i=1}^p \int_{\Omega} V_i(r) U_i(r) dr \quad (1)$$

To give a meaning to (1), we defined the history space  $C = C^0([-\tau_m, 0], F)$  with

$\|\phi\| = \sup_{t \in [-\tau_m, 0]} \|\phi(t)\|_F$ , which is the Banach phase space associated with equation (3). Using the notation  $V_t(\theta) = V(t + \theta)$ ,  $\theta \in [-\tau_m, 0]$ , we write (1) as

$$\begin{cases} V(t) = -L_0 V(t) + L_1 S(V_t) + I^{ext}(t), \\ V_0 = \phi \in C, \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

Where

$$\begin{cases} L_1 : C \rightarrow F, \\ \phi \rightarrow \int_{\Omega} J(\cdot, \bar{r}) \phi(\bar{r}, -\tau(\cdot, \bar{r})) d\bar{r} \end{cases}$$

Is the linear continuous operator satisfying  $\|L_1\| \leq \|J\|_{L^2(\Omega^2, R^{p \times p})}$ . Notice that most of the papers on this subject assume  $\Omega$  infinite, hence requiring  $\tau_m = \infty$ .

**Proposition 1.0** If the following assumptions are satisfied.

1.  $J \in L^2(\Omega^2, R^{p \times p})$ ,
2. The external current  $I^{ext} \in C^0(R, F)$ ,
3.  $\tau \in C^0(\overline{\Omega^2}, R_+^{p \times p})$ ,  $\sup_{\overline{\Omega^2}} \tau \leq \tau_m$ .

Then for any  $\phi \in C$ , there exists a unique solution  $V \in C^1([0, \infty), F) \cap C^0([-\tau_m, \infty), F)$  to (3)

Notice that this result gives existence on  $R_+$ , finite-time explosion is impossible for this delayed differential equation. Nevertheless, a particular solution could grow indefinitely, we now prove that this cannot happen.

### G. Boundedness of Solutions

A valid model of neural networks should only feature bounded packet node potentials.

**Theorem 1.0** All the trajectories are ultimately bounded by the same constant  $R$  if  $I \equiv \max_{t \in R^+} \|I^{ext}(t)\|_F < \infty$ .

*Proof* :Let us defined  $f : R \times C \rightarrow R^+$  as  $f(t, V_t) \stackrel{def}{=} \left\langle -L_0 V_t(0) + L_1 S(V_t) + I^{ext}(t), V(t) \right\rangle_F = \frac{1}{2} \frac{d\|V\|_F^2}{dt}$

We note  $l = \min_{i=1, \dots, p} l_i$

$$f(t, V_t) \leq -l \|V(t)\|_F^2 + (\sqrt{p} |\Omega| \|J\|_F + I) \|V(t)\|_F$$

Thus, if

$$\|V(t)\|_F \geq 2 \frac{\sqrt{p} |\Omega| \|J\|_F + I \stackrel{def}{=} R}{l} = R, f(t, V_t) \leq -\frac{lR^2 \stackrel{def}{=} -\delta}{2} < 0$$

Let us show that the open route of  $F$  of center 0 and radius  $R, B_R$ , is stable under the dynamics of equation. We know that  $V(t)$  is defined for all  $t \geq 0$ s and that  $f < 0$  on  $\partial B_R$ , the boundary of  $B_R$ .

We consider three cases for the initial condition  $V_0$ . If  $\|V_0\|_C < R$  and set  $T = \sup\{t \mid \forall s \in [0, t], V(s) \in \overline{B_R}\}$ . Suppose that  $T \in R$ , then  $V(T)$  is defined and belongs to  $\overline{B_R}$ , the closure of  $B_R$ , because  $\overline{B_R}$  is closed, in effect to  $\partial B_R$ , we also have

$$\frac{d}{dt} \|V\|_F^2 \Big|_{t=T} = f(T, V_T) \leq -\delta < 0 \quad \text{because}$$

$V(T) \in \partial B_R$ . Thus we deduce that for  $\varepsilon > 0$  and small enough,  $V(T + \varepsilon) \in \overline{B_R}$  which contradicts the definition of T. Thus  $T \notin R$  and  $\overline{B_R}$  is stable.

Because  $f < 0$  on  $\partial B_R, V(0) \in \partial B_R$  implies that  $\forall t > 0, V(t) \in B_R$ . Finally we consider the case  $V(0) \in \overline{CB_R}$ . Suppose that  $\forall t > 0, V(t) \notin B_R$ , then  $\forall t > 0, \frac{d}{dt} \|V\|_F^2 \leq -2\delta$ , thus  $\|V(t)\|_F$  is monotonically decreasing and reaches the value of R in finite time when  $V(t)$  reaches  $\partial B_R$ . This contradicts our assumption. Thus  $\exists T > 0 \mid V(T) \in B_R$ .

**Proposition 1.1** : Let  $s$  and  $t$  be measured simple functions on  $X$ . for  $E \in \mathcal{M}$ , define

$$\phi(E) = \int_E s d\mu \quad (1)$$

Then  $\phi$  is a measure on  $M$ .

$$\int_X (s+t) d\mu = \int_X s d\mu + \int_X t d\mu \quad (2)$$

*Proof* : If  $s$  and if  $E_1, E_2, \dots$  are disjoint members of  $M$  whose union is  $E$ , the countable additivity of  $\mu$  shows that

$$\begin{aligned}\phi(E) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \mu(A_i \cap E) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_i \cap E_r) \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i \mu(A_i \cap E_r) = \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \phi(E_r)\end{aligned}$$

Also,  $\phi(\phi) = 0$ , so that  $\phi$  is not identically  $\infty$ .

Next, let  $s$  be as before, let  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_m$  be the distinct values of  $t$ , and let  $B_j = \{x : t(x) = \beta_j\}$  If

$$E_{ij} = A_i \cap B_j, \quad \text{the}$$

$$\int_{E_{ij}} (s+t) d\mu = (\alpha_i + \beta_j) \mu(E_{ij})$$

$$\text{and} \quad \int_{E_{ij}} s d\mu + \int_{E_{ij}} t d\mu = \alpha_i \mu(E_{ij}) + \beta_j \mu(E_{ij})$$

Thus (2) holds with  $E_{ij}$  in place of  $X$ . Since  $X$  is the disjoint union of the sets  $E_{ij}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq m$ ), the first half of our proposition implies that (2) holds.

**Theorem 1.1:** If  $K$  is a compact set in the plane whose complement is connected, if  $f$  is a continuous complex function on  $K$  which is holomorphic in the interior of  $K$ , and if  $\varepsilon > 0$ , then there exists a polynomial  $P$  such that  $|f(z) - P(z)| < \varepsilon$  for all  $z \in K$ . If the interior of  $K$  is empty, then part of the hypothesis is vacuously satisfied, and the conclusion holds for every  $f \in C(K)$ . Note that  $K$  need to be connected.

*Proof:* By Tietze's theorem,  $f$  can be extended to a continuous function in the plane, with compact support. We fix one such extension and denote it again by  $f$ . For any  $\delta > 0$ , let  $\omega(\delta)$  be the supremum of the numbers  $|f(z_2) - f(z_1)|$  Where  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are subject to the condition  $|z_2 - z_1| \leq \delta$ . Since  $f$  is uniformly continuous, we have  $\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \omega(\delta) = 0$  (1) From now on,

$\delta$  will be fixed. We shall prove that there is a polynomial  $P$  such that

$$|f(z) - P(z)| < 10,000 \omega(\delta) \quad (z \in K) \quad (2)$$

By (1), this proves the theorem. Our first objective is the construction of a function  $\Phi \in C_c'(R^2)$ , such that for all  $z$

$$|f(z) - \Phi(z)| \leq \omega(\delta), \quad (3)$$

$$|(\partial\Phi)(z)| < \frac{2\omega(\delta)}{\delta}, \quad (4)$$

And

$$\Phi(z) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \iint_X \frac{(\partial\Phi)(\zeta)}{\zeta - z} d\zeta d\eta \quad (\zeta = \xi + i\eta), \quad (5)$$

Where  $X$  is the set of all points in the support of  $\Phi$  whose distance from the complement of  $K$  does not  $\delta$ . (Thus  $X$  contains no point which is "far within"  $K$ .) We construct  $\Phi$  as the convolution of  $f$  with a smoothing function  $A$ . Put  $a(r) = 0$  if  $r > \delta$ , put

$$a(r) = \frac{3}{\pi\delta^2} \left(1 - \frac{r^2}{\delta^2}\right)^2 \quad (0 \leq r \leq \delta), \quad (6)$$

And define

$$A(z) = a(|z|) \quad (7)$$

For all complex  $z$ . It is clear that  $A \in C_c'(R^2)$ . We claim that

$$\iint_{R^2} A = 1, \quad (8)$$

$$\iint_{R^2} \partial A = 0, \quad (9)$$

$$\iint_{R^2} |\partial A| = \frac{24}{15\delta} < \frac{2}{\delta}, \quad (10)$$

The constants are so adjusted in (6) that (8) holds. (Compute the integral in polar coordinates), (9) holds simply because  $A$  has compact support. To compute (10), express  $\partial A$  in polar coordinates, and note that  $\frac{\partial A}{\partial \theta} = 0$ ,

$$\frac{\partial A}{\partial r} = -a'$$

Now define

$$\Phi(z) = \iint_{R^2} f(z - \zeta) A d\zeta d\eta = \iint_{R^2} A(z - \zeta) f(\zeta) d\zeta d\eta \quad (11)$$

Since  $f$  and  $A$  have compact support, so does  $\Phi$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi(z) - f(z) &= \iint_{R^2} [f(z - \zeta) - f(z)] A(\zeta) d\zeta d\eta \quad (12)\end{aligned}$$

And  $A(\zeta) = 0$  if  $|\zeta| > \delta$ , (3) follows from (8).

The difference quotients of  $A$  converge boundedly to the corresponding partial derivatives, since

$A\mathcal{E}C'_c(R^2)$ . Hence the last expression in (11) may be differentiated under the integral sign, and we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (\partial\Phi)(z) &= \iint_{R^2} (\partial\bar{A})(z-\zeta)f(\zeta)d\xi d\eta \\ &= \iint_{R^2} f(z-\zeta)(\partial A)(\zeta)d\xi d\eta \\ &= \iint_{R^2} [f(z-\zeta) - f(z)](\partial A)(\zeta)d\xi d\eta \quad (13) \end{aligned}$$

The last equality depends on (9). Now (10) and (13) give (4). If we write (13) with  $\Phi_x$  and  $\Phi_y$  in place of  $\partial\Phi$ , we see that  $\Phi$  has continuous partial derivatives, if we can show that  $\partial\Phi = 0$  in  $G$ , where  $G$  is the set of all  $z \in K$  whose distance from the complement of  $K$  exceeds  $\delta$ . We shall do this by showing that

$$\Phi(z) = f(z) \quad (z \in G); \quad (14)$$

Note that  $\partial f = 0$  in  $G$ , since  $f$  is holomorphic there. Now if  $z \in G$ , then  $z - \zeta$  is in the interior of  $K$  for all  $\zeta$  with  $|\zeta| < \delta$ . The mean value property for harmonic functions therefore gives, by the first equation in (11),

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(z) &= \int_0^\delta a(r)rdr \int_0^{2\pi} f(z - re^{i\theta})d\theta \\ &= 2\pi f(z) \int_0^\delta a(r)rdr = f(z) \iint_{R^2} A = f(z) \quad (15) \end{aligned}$$

For all  $z \in G$ , we have now proved (3), (4), and (5) The definition of  $X$  shows that  $X$  is compact and that  $X$  can be covered by finitely many open discs  $D_1, \dots, D_n$ , of radius  $2\delta$ , whose centers are not in  $K$ . Since  $S^2 - K$  is connected, the center of each  $D_j$  can be joined to  $\infty$  by a polygonal path in  $S^2 - K$ . It follows that each  $D_j$  contains a compact connected set  $E_j$ , of diameter at least  $2\delta$ , so that  $S^2 - E_j$  is connected and so that  $K \cap E_j = \emptyset$ . with  $r = 2\delta$ . There are functions  $g_j \in H(S^2 - E_j)$  and constants  $b_j$  so that the inequalities.

$$|Q_j(\zeta, z)| < \frac{50}{\delta}, \quad (16)$$

$$\left| Q_j(\zeta, z) - \frac{1}{z-\zeta} \right| < \frac{4,000\delta^2}{|z-\zeta|^2} \quad (17)$$

Hold for  $z \notin E_j$  and  $\zeta \in D_j$ , if

$$Q_j(\zeta, z) = g_j(z) + (\zeta - b_j)g_j^2(z) \quad (18)$$

Let  $\Omega$  be the complement of  $E_1 \cup \dots \cup E_n$ . Then  $\Omega$  is an open set which contains  $K$ . Put

$$\begin{aligned} X_1 &= X \cap D_1 && \text{and} \\ X_j &= (X \cap D_j) - (X_1 \cup \dots \cup X_{j-1}), && \text{for} \\ & && 2 \leq j \leq n, \end{aligned}$$

Define

$$R(\zeta, z) = Q_j(\zeta, z) \quad (\zeta \in X_j, z \in \Omega) \quad (19)$$

And

$$F(z) = \frac{1}{\pi} \iint_X (\partial\Phi)(\zeta)R(\zeta, z)d\zeta d\eta \quad (20)$$

$(z \in \Omega)$

Since,

$$F(z) = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{\pi} \iint_{X_j} (\partial\Phi)(\zeta)Q_j(\zeta, z)d\xi d\eta, \quad (21)$$

(18) shows that  $F$  is a finite linear combination of the functions  $g_j$  and  $g_j^2$ . Hence  $F \in H(\Omega)$ . By (20), (4), and (5) we have

$$\begin{aligned} |F(z) - \Phi(z)| &< \frac{2\omega(\delta)}{\pi\delta} \iint_X |R(\zeta, z) \\ &- \frac{1}{z-\zeta}| d\xi d\eta \quad (z \in \Omega) \quad (22) \end{aligned}$$

Observe that the inequalities (16) and (17) are valid with  $R$  in place of  $Q_j$  if  $\zeta \in X$  and  $z \in \Omega$ .

Now fix  $z \in \Omega$ , put  $\zeta = z + \rho e^{i\theta}$ , and estimate the integrand in (22) by (16) if  $\rho < 4\delta$ , by (17) if  $4\delta \leq \rho$ . The integral in (22) is then seen to be less than the sum of

$$2\pi \int_0^{4\delta} \left( \frac{50}{\delta} + \frac{1}{\rho} \right) \rho d\rho = 808\pi\delta \quad (23)$$

And

$$2\pi \int_{4\delta}^\infty \frac{4,000\delta^2}{\rho^2} \rho d\rho = 2,000\pi\delta. \quad (24)$$

Hence (22) yields

$$|F(z) - \Phi(z)| < 6,000\omega(\delta) \quad (z \in \Omega) \quad (25)$$

Since  $F \in H(\Omega)$ ,  $K \subset \Omega$ , and  $S^2 - K$  is connected, Runge's theorem shows that  $F$  can be uniformly approximated on  $K$  by polynomials. Hence (3) and (25) show that (2) can be satisfied. This completes the proof.

**Lemma 1.0 :** Suppose  $f \in C_c^1(\mathbb{R}^2)$ , the space of all continuously differentiable functions in the plane, with compact support. Put

$$\partial = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial x} + i \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \right) \quad (1)$$

Then the following "Cauchy formula" holds:

$$f(z) = -\frac{1}{\pi} \iint_{\mathbb{R}^2} \frac{(\partial f)(\zeta)}{\zeta - z} d\xi d\eta \quad (2)$$

$$(\zeta = \xi + i\eta)$$

**Proof:** This may be deduced from Green's theorem. However, here is a simple direct proof:

Put  $\varphi(r, \theta) = f(z + re^{i\theta})$ ,  $r > 0$ ,  $\theta$  real

If  $\zeta = z + re^{i\theta}$ , the chain rule gives

$$(\partial f)(\zeta) = \frac{1}{2} e^{i\theta} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial r} + \frac{i}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right] \varphi(r, \theta) \quad (3)$$

The right side of (2) is therefore equal to the limit, as  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ , of

$$-\frac{1}{2} \int_{\varepsilon}^{\infty} \int_0^{2\pi} \left( \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial r} + \frac{i}{r} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial \theta} \right) d\theta dr \quad (4)$$

For each  $r > 0$ ,  $\varphi$  is periodic in  $\theta$ , with period  $2\pi$ . The integral of  $\partial \varphi / \partial \theta$  is therefore 0, and (4) becomes

$$-\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta \int_{\varepsilon}^{\infty} \frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial r} dr = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \varphi(\varepsilon, \theta) d\theta \quad (5)$$

As  $\varepsilon \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\varphi(\varepsilon, \theta) \rightarrow f(z)$  uniformly. This gives (2)

If  $X^\alpha \in a$  and  $X^\beta \in k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ , then  $X^\alpha X^\beta = X^{\alpha+\beta} \in a$ , and so  $A$  satisfies the condition (\*). Conversely,

$$\left( \sum_{\alpha \in A} c_\alpha X^\alpha \right) \left( \sum_{\beta \in \mathbb{N}^n} d_\beta X^\beta \right) = \sum_{\alpha, \beta} c_\alpha d_\beta X^{\alpha+\beta} \quad (\text{finite sums}),$$

and so if  $A$  satisfies (\*), then the subspace generated by the monomials  $X^\alpha, \alpha \in a$ , is an

ideal. The proposition gives a classification of the monomial ideals in  $k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ : they are in one to one correspondence with the subsets  $A$  of  $\mathbb{N}^n$  satisfying (\*). For example, the monomial ideals in  $k[X]$  are exactly the ideals  $(X^n)$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , and the zero ideal (corresponding to the empty set  $A$ ). We write  $\langle X^\alpha \mid \alpha \in A \rangle$  for the ideal corresponding to  $A$  (subspace generated by the  $X^\alpha, \alpha \in a$ ).

**LEMMA 1.1.** Let  $S$  be a subset of  $\mathbb{N}^n$ . The ideal  $a$  generated by  $X^\alpha, \alpha \in S$  is the monomial ideal corresponding to

$$A \stackrel{\text{df}}{=} \{ \beta \in \mathbb{N}^n \mid \beta - \alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n, \text{ some } \alpha \in S \}$$

Thus, a monomial is in  $a$  if and only if it is divisible by one of the  $X^\alpha, \alpha \in S$

**PROOF.** Clearly  $A$  satisfies (\*), and

$a \subset \langle X^\beta \mid \beta \in A \rangle$ . Conversely, if  $\beta \in A$ , then

$\beta - \alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n$  for some  $\alpha \in S$ , and

$X^\beta = X^\alpha X^{\beta-\alpha} \in a$ . The last statement follows

from the fact that  $X^\alpha \mid X^\beta \Leftrightarrow \beta - \alpha \in \mathbb{N}^n$ . Let

$A \subset \mathbb{N}^n$  satisfy (\*). From the geometry of  $A$ , it

is clear that there is a finite set of elements

$S = \{ \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_s \}$  of  $A$  such that

$$A = \{ \beta \in \mathbb{N}^n \mid \beta - \alpha_i \in \mathbb{N}^n, \text{ some } \alpha_i \in S \}$$

(The  $\alpha_i$ 's are the corners of  $A$ ) Moreover,

$a \stackrel{\text{df}}{=} \langle X^\alpha \mid \alpha \in A \rangle$  is generated by the monomials

$X^{\alpha_i}, \alpha_i \in S$ .

**DEFINITION 1.0.** For a nonzero ideal  $a$  in  $k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ , we let  $(LT(a))$  be the ideal generated by

$$\{ LT(f) \mid f \in a \}$$

**LEMMA 1.2** Let  $a$  be a nonzero ideal in  $k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ ; then  $(LT(a))$  is a monomial ideal, and it equals  $(LT(g_1), \dots, LT(g_n))$  for some  $g_1, \dots, g_n \in a$ .

**PROOF.** Since  $(LT(a))$  can also be described as the ideal generated by the leading monomials (rather than the leading terms) of elements of  $a$ .

**THEOREM 1.2.** Every ideal  $a$  in  $k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  is finitely generated; more precisely,  $a = (g_1, \dots, g_s)$  where  $g_1, \dots, g_s$  are any elements of  $a$  whose leading terms generate  $LT(a)$

**PROOF.** Let  $f \in a$ . On applying the division algorithm, we find  $f = a_1 g_1 + \dots + a_s g_s + r$ ,  $a_i, r \in k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ , where either  $r = 0$  or no monomial occurring in it is divisible by any  $LT(g_i)$ . But  $r = f - \sum a_i g_i \in a$ , and therefore  $LT(r) \in LT(a) = (LT(g_1), \dots, LT(g_s))$ , implies that every monomial occurring in  $r$  is divisible by one in  $LT(g_i)$ . Thus  $r = 0$ , and  $g \in (g_1, \dots, g_s)$ .

**DEFINITION 1.1.** A finite subset  $S = \{g_1, \dots, g_s\}$  of an ideal  $a$  is a standard (*Gröbner*) bases for  $a$  if  $(LT(g_1), \dots, LT(g_s)) = LT(a)$ . In other words,  $S$  is a standard basis if the leading term of every element of  $a$  is divisible by at least one of the leading terms of the  $g_i$ .

**THEOREM 1.3** The ring  $k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  is Noetherian i.e., every ideal is finitely generated.

**PROOF.** For  $n = 1$ ,  $k[X]$  is a principal ideal domain, which means that every ideal is generated by single element. We shall prove the theorem by induction on  $n$ . Note that the obvious map  $k[X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}][X_n] \rightarrow k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  is an isomorphism – this simply says that every polynomial  $f$  in  $n$  variables  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  can be expressed uniquely as a polynomial in  $X_n$  with coefficients in  $k[X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}]$ :

$$f(X_1, \dots, X_n) = a_0(X_1, \dots, X_{n-1})X_n^r + \dots + a_r(X_1, \dots, X_{n-1})$$

Thus the next lemma will complete the proof

**LEMMA 1.3.** If  $A$  is Noetherian, then so also is  $A[X]$

**PROOF.** For a polynomial

$$f(X) = a_0 X^r + a_1 X^{r-1} + \dots + a_r, \quad a_i \in A, \quad a_0 \neq 0,$$

$r$  is called the degree of  $f$ , and  $a_0$  is its leading coefficient. We call 0 the leading coefficient of the polynomial 0. Let  $a$  be an ideal in  $A[X]$ . The leading coefficients of the polynomials in  $a$  form an ideal  $a'$  in  $A$ , and since  $A$  is Noetherian,  $a'$  will be finitely generated. Let  $g_1, \dots, g_m$  be elements of  $a$  whose leading coefficients generate  $a'$ , and let  $r$  be the maximum degree of  $g_i$ . Now let  $f \in a$ , and suppose  $f$  has degree  $s > r$ , say,  $f = aX^s + \dots$ . Then  $a \in a'$ , and so we can write  $a = \sum b_i a_i$ ,  $b_i \in A$ ,

$$a_i = \text{leading coefficient of } g_i$$

Now

$f - \sum b_i g_i X^{s-r_i}$ ,  $r_i = \text{deg}(g_i)$ , has degree  $< \text{deg}(f)$ . By continuing in this way, we find that

$$f \equiv f_t \pmod{(g_1, \dots, g_m)} \quad \text{With } f_t \text{ a polynomial of degree } t < r.$$

For each  $d < r$ , let  $a_d$  be the subset of  $A$  consisting of 0 and the leading coefficients of all polynomials in  $a$  of degree  $d$ ; it is again an ideal in  $A$ . Let  $g_{d,1}, \dots, g_{d,m_d}$  be polynomials of degree  $d$  whose leading coefficients generate  $a_d$ . Then the same argument as above shows that any polynomial  $f_d$  in  $a$  of degree  $d$  can be written  $f_d \equiv f_{d-1} \pmod{(g_{d,1}, \dots, g_{d,m_d})}$  With  $f_{d-1}$  of degree  $\leq d-1$ . On applying this remark repeatedly we find that  $f_t \in (g_{r-1,1}, \dots, g_{r-1,m_{r-1}}, \dots, g_{0,1}, \dots, g_{0,m_0})$  Hence

$$f_t \in (g_1, \dots, g_m, g_{r-1,1}, \dots, g_{r-1,m_{r-1}}, \dots, g_{0,1}, \dots, g_{0,m_0})$$

and so the polynomials  $g_1, \dots, g_{0,m_0}$  generate  $a$

One of the great successes of category theory in computer science has been the development of a “unified theory” of the constructions underlying denotational semantics. In the untyped  $\lambda$ -calculus, any term may appear in the function position of an application. This means that a model  $D$  of the  $\lambda$ -calculus must have the property that given a term  $t$  whose interpretation is  $d \in D$ , Also, the interpretation of a functional abstraction like  $\lambda x . x$

is most conveniently defined as a function from  $D$  to  $D$ , which must then be regarded as an element of  $D$ . Let  $\psi: [D \rightarrow D] \rightarrow D$  be the function that picks out elements of  $D$  to represent elements of  $[D \rightarrow D]$  and  $\phi: D \rightarrow [D \rightarrow D]$  be the function that maps elements of  $D$  to functions of  $D$ . Since  $\psi(f)$  is intended to represent the function  $f$  as an element of  $D$ , it makes sense to require that  $\phi(\psi(f)) = f$ , that is,  $\psi \circ \phi = id_{[D \rightarrow D]}$ . Furthermore, we often want to view every element of  $D$  as representing some function from  $D$  to  $D$  and require that elements representing the same function be equal – that is  $\psi(\phi(d)) = d$

or

$$\psi \circ \phi = id_D$$

The latter condition is called extensionality. These conditions together imply that  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are inverses--- that is,  $D$  is isomorphic to the space of functions from  $D$  to  $D$  that can be the interpretations of functional abstractions:

$D \cong [D \rightarrow D]$ . Let us suppose we are working with the untyped  $\lambda$ -calculus, we need a solution of the equation  $D \cong A + [D \rightarrow D]$ , where  $A$  is some predetermined domain containing interpretations for elements of  $C$ . Each element of  $D$  corresponds to either an element of  $A$  or an element of  $[D \rightarrow D]$ , with a tag. This equation can be solved by finding least fixed points of the function  $F(X) = A + [X \rightarrow X]$  from domains to domains --- that is, finding domains  $X$  such that  $X \cong A + [X \rightarrow X]$ , and such that for any domain  $Y$  also satisfying this equation, there is an embedding of  $X$  to  $Y$  --- a pair of maps

$$X \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{f} \\ \square \\ \xleftarrow{f^R} \end{array} Y$$

Such that

$$f^R \circ f = id_X$$

$$f \circ f^R \subseteq id_Y$$

Where  $f \subseteq g$  means that

$f$  approximates  $g$  in some ordering representing their information content. The key shift of perspective from the domain-theoretic to the more general category-theoretic approach lies in considering  $F$  not as a function on domains, but as a

functor on a category of domains. Instead of a least fixed point of the function,  $F$ .

**Definition 1.3:** Let  $K$  be a category and  $F: K \rightarrow K$  as a functor. A fixed point of  $F$  is a pair  $(A, a)$ , where  $A$  is a  $K$ -object and  $a: F(A) \rightarrow A$  is an isomorphism. A prefixed point of  $F$  is a pair  $(A, a)$ , where  $A$  is a  $K$ -object and  $a$  is any arrow from  $F(A)$  to  $A$

**Definition 1.4:** An  $\omega$ -chain in a category  $K$  is a diagram of the following form:

$$\Delta = D_0 \xrightarrow{f_0} D_1 \xrightarrow{f_1} D_2 \xrightarrow{f_2} \dots$$

Recall that a cocone  $\mu$  of an  $\omega$ -chain  $\Delta$  is a  $K$ -object  $X$  and a collection of  $K$ -arrows  $\{\mu_i: D_i \rightarrow X \mid i \geq 0\}$  such that  $\mu_i = \mu_{i+1} \circ f_i$  for all  $i \geq 0$ . We sometimes write  $\mu: \Delta \rightarrow X$  as a reminder of the arrangement of  $\mu$ 's components

Similarly, a colimit  $\mu: \Delta \rightarrow X$  is a cocone with the property that if  $\nu: \Delta \rightarrow X'$  is also a cocone then there exists a unique mediating arrow  $k: X \rightarrow X'$  such that for all  $i \geq 0$ ,  $\nu_i = k \circ \mu_i$ .

Colimits of  $\omega$ -chains are sometimes referred to as  $\omega$ -colimits. Dually, an  $\omega^{op}$ -chain in  $K$  is a diagram of the following form:

$$\Delta = D_0 \xleftarrow{f_0} D_1 \xleftarrow{f_1} D_2 \xleftarrow{f_2} \dots$$

A cone  $\mu: X \rightarrow \Delta$  of an  $\omega^{op}$ -chain  $\Delta$  is a  $K$ -object  $X$  and a collection of  $K$ -arrows  $\{\mu_i: D_i \mid i \geq 0\}$  such that for all  $i \geq 0$ ,  $\mu_i = f_i \circ \mu_{i+1}$ . An  $\omega^{op}$ -limit of an  $\omega^{op}$ -chain  $\Delta$  is a cone  $\mu: X \rightarrow \Delta$

with the property that if  $\nu: X' \rightarrow \Delta$  is also a cone, then there exists a unique mediating arrow  $k: X' \rightarrow X$  such that for all  $i \geq 0$ ,  $\mu_i \circ k = \nu_i$ .

We write  $\perp_k$  (or just  $\perp$ ) for the distinguish initial object of  $K$ , when it has one, and  $\perp \rightarrow A$  for the unique arrow from  $\perp$  to each  $K$ -object  $A$ . It is also

convenient to write  $\Delta^- = D_1 \xrightarrow{f_1} D_2 \xrightarrow{f_2} \dots$  to denote all of  $\Delta$  except  $D_0$  and  $f_0$ . By analogy,

$\mu^-$  is  $\{\mu_i \mid i \geq 1\}$ . For the images of  $\Delta$  and  $\mu$

$$F(\Delta) = F(D_0) \xrightarrow{F(f_0)} F(D_1) \xrightarrow{F(f_1)} F(D_2) \xrightarrow{F(f_2)} \dots$$

$$\text{and } F(\mu) = \{F(\mu_i) \mid i \geq 0\}$$

We write  $F^i$  for the  $i$ -fold iterated composition of  $F$  – that is,  
 $F^0(f) = f, F^1(f) = F(f), F^2(f) = F(F(f))$   
 ,etc. With these definitions we can state that every monotonic function on a complete lattice has a least fixed point:

**Lemma 1.4.** Let  $K$  be a category with initial object  $\perp$  and let  $F : K \rightarrow K$  be a functor. Define the  $\omega$ -chain  $\Delta$  by

$$\Delta = \perp \xrightarrow{\perp \perp \rightarrow F(\perp)} F(\perp) \xrightarrow{F(\perp \rightarrow F(\perp))} F^2(\perp) \xrightarrow{F^2(\perp \rightarrow F(\perp))} \dots$$

If both  $\mu : \Delta \rightarrow D$  and  $F(\mu) : F(\Delta) \rightarrow F(D)$  are colimits, then  $(D, d)$  is an initial  $F$ -algebra, where  $d : F(D) \rightarrow D$  is the mediating arrow from  $F(\mu)$  to the cocone  $\mu^-$

**Theorem 1.4** Let a DAG  $G$  given in which each node is a random variable, and let a discrete conditional probability distribution of each node given values of its parents in  $G$  be specified. Then the product of these conditional distributions yields a joint probability distribution  $P$  of the variables, and  $(G, P)$  satisfies the Markov condition.

**Proof.** Order the nodes according to an ancestral ordering. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be the resultant ordering. Next define.

$$P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = P(x_n | pa_n) P(x_{n-1} | pa_{n-1}) \dots P(x_2 | pa_2) P(x_1 | pa_1),$$

Where  $PA_i$  is the set of parents of  $X_i$  of in  $G$  and  $P(x_i | pa_i)$  is the specified conditional probability distribution. First we show this does indeed yield a joint probability distribution. Clearly,  $0 \leq P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \leq 1$  for all values of the variables. Therefore, to show we have a joint distribution, as the variables range through all their possible values, is equal to one. To that end, Specified conditional distributions are the conditional distributions they notationally represent in the joint distribution. Finally, we show the Markov condition is satisfied. To do this, we need show for  $1 \leq k \leq n$  that whenever

$$P(pa_k) \neq 0, \text{ if } P(nd_k | pa_k) \neq 0$$

$$\text{and } P(x_k | pa_k) \neq 0$$

$$\text{then } P(x_k | nd_k, pa_k) = P(x_k | pa_k),$$

Where  $ND_k$  is the set of nondescendants of  $X_k$  of in  $G$ . Since  $PA_k \subseteq ND_k$ , we need only show  $P(x_k | nd_k) = P(x_k | pa_k)$ . First for a given  $k$ , order the nodes so that all and only nondescendants of  $X_k$  precede  $X_k$  in the ordering. Note that this ordering depends on  $k$ , whereas the ordering in the first part of the proof does not. Clearly then

$$ND_k = \{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{k-1}\}$$

Let

$$D_k = \{X_{k+1}, X_{k+2}, \dots, X_n\}$$

follows  $\sum_{d_k}$

We define the  $m^{th}$  cyclotomic field to be the field  $Q[x]/(\Phi_m(x))$  Where  $\Phi_m(x)$  is the  $m^{th}$  cyclotomic polynomial.  $Q[x]/(\Phi_m(x))$  has degree  $\varphi(m)$  over  $Q$  since  $\Phi_m(x)$  has degree  $\varphi(m)$ . The roots of  $\Phi_m(x)$  are just the primitive  $m^{th}$  roots of unity, so the complex embeddings of  $Q[x]/(\Phi_m(x))$  are simply the  $\varphi(m)$  maps  $\sigma_k : Q[x]/(\Phi_m(x)) \mapsto C$ ,

$$1 \leq k < m, (k, m) = 1, \text{ where}$$

$$\sigma_k(x) = \xi_m^k,$$

$\xi_m$  being our fixed choice of primitive  $m^{th}$  root of unity. Note that  $\xi_m^k \in Q(\xi_m)$  for every  $k$ ; it follows that  $Q(\xi_m) = Q(\xi_m^k)$  for all  $k$  relatively prime to  $m$ . In particular, the images of the  $\sigma_i$  coincide, so  $Q[x]/(\Phi_m(x))$  is Galois over  $Q$ . This means that we can write  $Q(\xi_m)$  for  $Q[x]/(\Phi_m(x))$  without much fear of ambiguity; we will do so from now on, the identification being  $\xi_m \mapsto x$ . One advantage of this is that one can easily talk about cyclotomic fields being extensions of one another, or intersections or compositums; all of these things take place considering them as subfield of  $C$ . We now investigate some basic properties of cyclotomic fields. The first issue is whether or not they are all distinct; to determine this, we need to know which roots of unity lie in  $Q(\xi_m)$ . Note, for example, that if  $m$  is odd, then  $-\xi_m$  is a  $2m^{th}$  root of unity. We will show that this

is the only way in which one can obtain any non- $m^{\text{th}}$  roots of unity.

LEMMA 1.5 If  $m$  divides  $n$ , then  $Q(\xi_m)$  is contained in  $Q(\xi_n)$

PROOF. Since  $\xi_m^{n/m} = \xi_n$ , we have  $\xi_m \in Q(\xi_n)$ , so the result is clear

LEMMA 1.6 If  $m$  and  $n$  are relatively prime, then

$$Q(\xi_m, \xi_n) = Q(\xi_{nm})$$

and

$$Q(\xi_m) \cap Q(\xi_n) = Q$$

(Recall the  $Q(\xi_m, \xi_n)$  is the compositum of  $Q(\xi_m)$  and  $Q(\xi_n)$ )

PROOF. One checks easily that  $\xi_m \xi_n$  is a primitive  $mn^{\text{th}}$  root of unity, so that

$$Q(\xi_{mn}) \subseteq Q(\xi_m, \xi_n)$$

$$[Q(\xi_m, \xi_n) : Q] \leq [Q(\xi_m) : Q][Q(\xi_n) : Q] \\ = \varphi(m)\varphi(n) = \varphi(mn);$$

Since  $[Q(\xi_{mn}) : Q] = \varphi(mn)$ ; this implies that

$Q(\xi_m, \xi_n) = Q(\xi_{mn})$  We know that  $Q(\xi_m, \xi_n)$  has degree  $\varphi(mn)$  over  $Q$ , so we must have

$$[Q(\xi_m, \xi_n) : Q(\xi_m)] = \varphi(n)$$

and

$$[Q(\xi_m, \xi_n) : Q(\xi_n)] = \varphi(m)$$

$$[Q(\xi_m) : Q(\xi_m) \cap Q(\xi_n)] \geq \varphi(m)$$

And thus that  $Q(\xi_m) \cap Q(\xi_n) = Q$

PROPOSITION 1.2 For any  $m$  and  $n$

$$Q(\xi_m, \xi_n) = Q(\xi_{[m,n]})$$

And

$$Q(\xi_m) \cap Q(\xi_n) = Q(\xi_{(m,n)});$$

here  $[m, n]$  and  $(m, n)$  denote the least common multiple and the greatest common divisor of  $m$  and  $n$ , respectively.

PROOF. Write  $m = p_1^{e_1} \dots p_k^{e_k}$  and  $p_1^{f_1} \dots p_k^{f_k}$  where the  $p_i$  are distinct primes. (We allow  $e_i$  or  $f_i$  to be zero)

$$Q(\xi_m) = Q(\xi_{p_1^{e_1}})Q(\xi_{p_2^{e_2}}) \dots Q(\xi_{p_k^{e_k}})$$

and

$$Q(\xi_n) = Q(\xi_{p_1^{f_1}})Q(\xi_{p_2^{f_2}}) \dots Q(\xi_{p_k^{f_k}})$$

Thus

$$Q(\xi_m, \xi_n) = Q(\xi_{p_1^{e_1}}) \dots Q(\xi_{p_2^{e_k}})Q(\xi_{p_1^{f_1}}) \dots Q(\xi_{p_k^{f_k}}) \\ = Q(\xi_{p_1^{e_1}})Q(\xi_{p_1^{f_1}}) \dots Q(\xi_{p_k^{e_k}})Q(\xi_{p_k^{f_k}}) \\ = Q(\xi_{p_1^{\max(e_1, f_1)}}) \dots Q(\xi_{p_k^{\max(e_k, f_k)}}) \\ = Q(\xi_{p_1^{\max(e_1, f_1)} \dots p_k^{\max(e_k, f_k)}}) \\ = Q(\xi_{[m,n]});$$

An entirely similar computation shows that  $Q(\xi_m) \cap Q(\xi_n) = Q(\xi_{(m,n)})$

Mutual information measures the information transferred when  $x_i$  is sent and  $y_i$  is received, and is defined as

$$I(x_i, y_i) = \log_2 \frac{P(x_i/y_i)}{P(x_i)} \text{ bits} \quad (1)$$

In a noise-free channel, **each**  $y_i$  is uniquely connected to the corresponding  $x_i$ , and so they constitute an input-output pair  $(x_i, y_i)$  for which

$$P(x_i/y_i) = 1 \text{ and } I(x_i, y_i) = \log_2 \frac{1}{P(x_i)} \text{ bits;}$$

that is, the transferred information is equal to the self-information that corresponds to the input  $x_i$  In

a very noisy channel, the output  $y_i$  and input  $x_i$  would be completely uncorrelated, and so

$$P(x_i/y_i) = P(x_i) \text{ and also } I(x_i, y_i) = 0; \text{ that is,}$$

there is no transference of information. In general, a given channel will operate between these two extremes. The mutual information is defined between the input and the output of a given channel. An average of the calculation of the mutual information for all input-output pairs of a given channel is the average mutual information:

$$I(X, Y) = \sum_{i,j} P(x_i, y_j) I(x_i, y_j) = \sum_{i,j} P(x_i, y_j) \log_2 \left[ \frac{P(x_i/y_j)}{P(x_i)} \right]$$

bits per symbol. This calculation is done over the input and output alphabets. The average mutual information. The following expressions are useful for modifying the mutual information expression:

$$P(x_i, y_j) = P(x_i / y_j) P(y_j) = P(y_j / x_i) P(x_i)$$

$$P(y_j) = \sum_i P(y_j / x_i) P(x_i)$$

$$P(x_i) = \sum_j P(x_i / y_j) P(y_j)$$

Then

$$I(X, Y) = \sum_{i,j} P(x_i, y_j) \log_2 \left[ \frac{1}{P(x_i)} \right]$$

$$- \sum_{i,j} P(x_i, y_j) \log_2 \left[ \frac{1}{P(x_i / y_j)} \right]$$

$$\sum_{i,j} P(x_i, y_j) \log_2 \left[ \frac{1}{P(x_i)} \right]$$

$$= \sum_i \left[ P(x_i / y_j) P(y_j) \right] \log_2 \frac{1}{P(x_i)}$$

$$\sum_i P(x_i) \log_2 \frac{1}{P(x_i)} = H(X)$$

$$I(X, Y) = H(X) - H(X/Y)$$

Where

$$H(X/Y) = \sum_{i,j} P(x_i, y_j) \log_2 \frac{1}{P(x_i / y_j)} \quad \text{is}$$

usually called the equivocation. In a sense, the equivocation can be seen as the information lost in the noisy channel, and is a function of the backward conditional probability. The observation of an output symbol  $y_j$  provides  $H(X) - H(X/Y)$  bits

of information. This difference is the mutual information of the channel. *Mutual Information: Properties* Since

$$P(x_i / y_j) P(y_j) = P(y_j / x_i) P(x_i)$$

The mutual information fits the condition

$$I(X, Y) = I(Y, X)$$

And by interchanging input and output it is also true that

$$I(X, Y) = H(Y) - H(Y/X)$$

Where

$$H(Y) = \sum_j P(y_j) \log_2 \frac{1}{P(y_j)}$$

This last entropy is usually called the noise entropy. Thus, the information transferred through the channel is the difference between the output entropy and the noise entropy. Alternatively, it can be said that the channel mutual information is the difference between the number of bits needed for determining a given input symbol before knowing the corresponding output symbol, and the number of bits needed for determining a given input symbol after knowing the corresponding output symbol

$$I(X, Y) = H(X) - H(X/Y)$$

As the channel mutual information expression is a difference between two quantities, it seems that this parameter can adopt negative values. However, and in spite of the fact that for some  $y_j$ ,  $H(X/Y)$  can be larger than  $H(X)$ , this is not possible for the average value calculated over all the outputs:

$$\sum_{i,j} P(x_i, y_j) \log_2 \frac{P(x_i / y_j)}{P(x_i)} = \sum_{i,j} P(x_i, y_j) \log_2 \frac{P(x_i, y_j)}{P(x_i) P(y_j)}$$

Then

$$-I(X, Y) = \sum_{i,j} P(x_i, y_j) \frac{P(x_i) P(y_j)}{P(x_i, y_j)} \leq 0$$

Because this expression is of the form

$$\sum_{i=1}^M P_i \log_2 \left( \frac{Q_i}{P_i} \right) \leq 0$$

The above expression can be applied due to the factor  $P(x_i) P(y_j)$ , which is the product of two probabilities, so that it behaves as the quantity  $Q_i$ , which in this expression is a dummy variable that fits the condition  $\sum_i Q_i \leq 1$ . It can be concluded that the average mutual information is a non-negative number. It can also be equal to zero, when the input and the output are independent of each other. A related entropy called the joint entropy is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} H(X, Y) &= \sum_{i,j} P(x_i, y_j) \log_2 \frac{1}{P(x_i, y_j)} \\ &= \sum_{i,j} P(x_i, y_j) \log_2 \frac{P(x_i) P(y_j)}{P(x_i, y_j)} \\ &+ \sum_{i,j} P(x_i, y_j) \log_2 \frac{1}{P(x_i) P(y_j)} \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 1.5:** Entropies of the binary erasure channel (BEC) The BEC is defined with an alphabet of two inputs and three outputs, with symbol probabilities.

$P(x_1) = \alpha$  and  $P(x_2) = 1 - \alpha$ , and transition probabilities

$$P(y_3/x_2)=1-p \text{ and } P(y_2/x_1)=0,$$

$$\text{and } P(y_3/x_1)=0$$

$$\text{and } P(y_1/x_2)=p$$

$$\text{and } P(y_3/x_2)=1-p$$

**Lemma 1.7.** Given an arbitrary restricted time-discrete, amplitude-continuous channel whose restrictions are determined by sets  $F_n$  and whose density functions exhibit no dependence on the state  $s$ , let  $n$  be a fixed positive integer, and  $p(x)$  an arbitrary probability density function on Euclidean  $n$ -space.  $p(y|x)$  for the density  $p_n(y_1, \dots, y_n | x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $F$  for  $F_n$ . For any real number  $a$ , let

$$A = \left\{ (x, y) : \log \frac{p(y|x)}{p(y)} > a \right\} \quad (1)$$

Then for each positive integer  $u$ , there is a code  $(u, n, \lambda)$  such that

$$\lambda \leq ue^{-a} + P\{(X, Y) \notin A\} + P\{X \notin F\} \quad (2)$$

Where

$$P\{(X, Y) \in A\} = \int_A \dots \int p(x, y) dx dy, \quad p(x, y) = p(x)p(y|x)$$

and

$$P\{X \in F\} = \int_F \dots \int p(x) dx$$

*Proof:* A sequence  $x^{(1)} \in F$  such that

$$P\{Y \in A_{x^{(1)}} | X = x^{(1)}\} \geq 1 - \varepsilon$$

where  $A_x = \{y : (x, y) \in A\}$ ;

Choose the decoding set  $B_1$  to be  $A_{x^{(1)}}$ . Having chosen  $x^{(1)}, \dots, x^{(k-1)}$  and  $B_1, \dots, B_{k-1}$ , select  $x^{(k)} \in F$  such that

$$P\left\{Y \in A_{x^{(k)}} - \bigcup_{i=1}^{k-1} B_i \mid X = x^{(k)}\right\} \geq 1 - \varepsilon;$$

Set  $B_k = A_{x^{(k)}} - \bigcup_{i=1}^{k-1} B_i$ . If the process does not terminate in a finite number of steps, then the sequences  $x^{(i)}$  and decoding sets  $B_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, u$ , form the desired code. Thus assume that the process terminates after  $t$  steps. (Conceivably  $t = 0$ ). We will show  $t \geq u$  by showing that  $\varepsilon \leq te^{-a} + P\{(X, Y) \notin A\} + P\{X \notin F\}$ . We proceed as follows.

Let

$$B = \bigcup_{j=1}^t B_j. \text{ (If } t = 0, \text{ take } B = \emptyset\text{). Then}$$

$$P\{(X, Y) \in A\} = \int_{(x, y) \in A} p(x, y) dx dy$$

$$= \int_x p(x) \int_{y \in A_x} p(y|x) dy dx$$

$$= \int_x p(x) \int_{y \in B \cap A_x} p(y|x) dy dx + \int_x p(x)$$

#### H. Algorithms

**Ideals.** Let  $A$  be a ring. Recall that an *ideal*  $a$  in  $A$  is a subset such that  $a$  is subgroup of  $A$  regarded as a group under addition;

$$a \in a, r \in A \Rightarrow ra \in a$$

The *ideal generated by a subset*  $S$  of  $A$  is the intersection of all ideals  $A$  containing  $a$  ----- it is easy to verify that this is in fact an ideal, and that it consist of all finite sums of the form  $\sum r_i s_i$  with

$r_i \in A, s_i \in S$ . When  $S = \{s_1, \dots, s_m\}$ , we shall write  $(s_1, \dots, s_m)$  for the ideal it generates.

Let  $a$  and  $b$  be ideals in  $A$ . The set  $\{a+b | a \in a, b \in b\}$  is an ideal, denoted by  $a+b$ . The ideal generated by  $\{ab | a \in a, b \in b\}$  is denoted by  $ab$ . Note that  $ab \subset a \cap b$ . Clearly  $ab$  consists of all finite sums

$\sum a_i b_i$  with  $a_i \in a$  and  $b_i \in b$ , and if  $a = (a_1, \dots, a_m)$  and  $b = (b_1, \dots, b_n)$ , then  $ab = (a_1 b_1, \dots, a_i b_j, \dots, a_m b_n)$ . Let  $a$  be an ideal of  $A$ . The set of cosets of  $a$  in  $A$  forms a ring  $A/a$ , and  $a \mapsto a+a$  is a homomorphism

$\phi: A \mapsto A/a$ . The map  $b \mapsto \phi^{-1}(b)$  is a one to one correspondence between the ideals of  $A/a$  and the ideals of  $A$  containing  $a$ . An ideal  $p$  is

*prime* if  $p \neq A$  and  $ab \in p \Rightarrow a \in p$  or  $b \in p$ . Thus  $p$  is prime if and only if  $A/p$  is nonzero and has the property that

$$ab = 0, \quad b \neq 0 \Rightarrow a = 0, \text{ i.e., } A/p \text{ is an integral domain. An ideal } m \text{ is } \textit{maximal} \text{ if } m \neq A$$

and there does not exist an ideal  $n$  contained strictly between  $m$  and  $A$ . Thus  $m$  is maximal if and only if  $A/m$  has no proper nonzero ideals, and so is a field. Note that  $m$  maximal  $\Rightarrow m$  prime. The ideals of  $A \times B$  are all of the form  $a \times b$ , with  $a$  and  $b$  ideals in  $A$  and  $B$ . To see this, note that

if  $c$  is an ideal in  $A \times B$  and  $(a, b) \in c$ , then  
 $(a, 0) = (a, b)(1, 0) \in c$  and  
 $(0, b) = (a, b)(0, 1) \in c$ . This shows that  
 $c = a \times b$  with

$$a = \{a \mid (a, b) \in c \text{ some } b \in b\}$$

and

$$b = \{b \mid (a, b) \in c \text{ some } a \in a\}$$

Let  $A$  be a ring. An  $A$ -algebra is a ring  $B$  together with a homomorphism  $i_B : A \rightarrow B$ . A homomorphism of  $A$ -algebra  $B \rightarrow C$  is a homomorphism of rings  $\varphi : B \rightarrow C$  such that  $\varphi(i_B(a)) = i_C(a)$  for all  $a \in A$ . An  $A$ -algebra  $B$  is said to be *finitely generated* (or of *finite-type* over  $A$ ) if there exist elements  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in B$  such that every element of  $B$  can be expressed as a polynomial in the  $x_i$  with coefficients in  $i(A)$ , i.e., such that the homomorphism  $A[X_1, \dots, X_n] \rightarrow B$  sending  $X_i$  to  $x_i$  is surjective. A ring homomorphism  $A \rightarrow B$  is *finite*, and  $B$  is finitely generated as an  $A$ -module. Let  $k$  be a field, and let  $A$  be a  $k$ -algebra. If  $1 \neq 0$  in  $A$ , then the map  $k \rightarrow A$  is injective, we can identify  $k$  with its image, i.e., we can regard  $k$  as a subring of  $A$ . If  $1=0$  in a ring  $R$ , the  $R$  is the zero ring, i.e.,  $R = \{0\}$ .

**Polynomial rings.** Let  $k$  be a field. A *monomial* in  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  is an expression of the form  $X_1^{a_1} \dots X_n^{a_n}$ ,  $a_j \in \mathbb{N}$ . The *total degree* of the monomial is  $\sum a_i$ . We sometimes abbreviate it by  $X^\alpha$ ,  $\alpha = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in \mathbb{N}^n$ . The elements of the polynomial ring  $k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  are finite sums  $\sum c_{a_1, \dots, a_n} X_1^{a_1} \dots X_n^{a_n}$ ,  $c_{a_1, \dots, a_n} \in k$ ,  $a_j \in \mathbb{N}$ . With the obvious notions of equality, addition and multiplication. Thus the monomials form basis for  $k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  as a  $k$ -vector space. The ring  $k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  is an integral domain, and the only units in it are the nonzero constant polynomials. A polynomial  $f(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  is *irreducible* if it is nonconstant and has only the obvious factorizations, i.e.,  $f = gh \Rightarrow g$  or  $h$  is constant. **Division in  $k[X]$ .** The division algorithm allows us to divide a nonzero polynomial into another: let  $f$  and  $g$  be

polynomials in  $k[X]$  with  $g \neq 0$ ; then there exist unique polynomials  $q, r \in k[X]$  such that  $f = qg + r$  with either  $r = 0$  or  $\deg r < \deg g$ . Moreover, there is an algorithm for deciding whether  $f \in (g)$ , namely, find  $r$  and check whether it is zero. Moreover, the Euclidean algorithm allows to pass from finite set of generators for an ideal in  $k[X]$  to a single generator by successively replacing each pair of generators with their greatest common divisor.

*(Pure) lexicographic ordering (lex).* Here monomials are ordered by lexicographic(dictionary) order. More precisely, let  $\alpha = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$  and  $\beta = (b_1, \dots, b_n)$  be two elements of  $\mathbb{N}^n$ ; then  $\alpha > \beta$  and  $X^\alpha > X^\beta$  (lexicographic ordering) if, in the vector difference  $\alpha - \beta \in \mathbb{N}^n$ , the left most nonzero entry is positive. For example,

$XY^2 > Y^3Z^4$ ;  $X^3Y^2Z^4 > X^3Y^2Z$ . Note that this isn't quite how the dictionary would order them: it would put  $XXXYYZZZZ$  after  $XXXYYZ$ . *Graded reverse lexicographic order (grevlex).* Here monomials are ordered by total degree, with ties broken by reverse lexicographic ordering. Thus,  $\alpha > \beta$  if  $\sum a_i > \sum b_i$ , or  $\sum a_i = \sum b_i$  and in  $\alpha - \beta$  the right most nonzero entry is negative. For example:

$$X^4Y^4Z^7 > X^5Y^5Z^4 \text{ (total degree greater)}$$

$$XY^5Z^2 > X^4YZ^3, \quad X^5YZ > X^4YZ^2$$

**Orderings on  $k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ .** Fix an ordering on the monomials in  $k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ . Then we can write an element  $f$  of  $k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  in a canonical fashion, by re-ordering its elements in decreasing order. For example, we would write  
 $f = 4XY^2Z + 4Z^2 - 5X^3 + 7X^2Z^2$   
as  
 $f = -5X^3 + 7X^2Z^2 + 4XY^2Z + 4Z^2$  (lex)  
or  
 $f = 4XY^2Z + 7X^2Z^2 - 5X^3 + 4Z^2$  (grevlex)

Let  $\sum a_\alpha X^\alpha \in k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ , in decreasing order:

$$f = a_{\alpha_0} X^{\alpha_0} + a_{\alpha_1} X^{\alpha_1} + \dots, \quad \alpha_0 > \alpha_1 > \dots, \quad \alpha_0 \neq 0$$

Then we define.

- The *multidegree* of  $f$  to be  $\text{multdeg}(f) = \alpha_0$ ;
- The *leading coefficient* of  $f$  to be  $LC(f) = a_{\alpha_0}$ ;
- The *leading monomial* of  $f$  to be  $LM(f) = X^{\alpha_0}$ ;
- The *leading term* of  $f$  to be  $LT(f) = a_{\alpha_0} X^{\alpha_0}$

For the polynomial  $f = 4XY^2Z + \dots$ , the multidegree is (1,2,1), the leading coefficient is 4, the leading monomial is  $XY^2Z$ , and the leading term is  $4XY^2Z$ . **The division algorithm in  $k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ .**

Fix a monomial ordering in  $\square^2$ . Suppose given a polynomial  $f$  and an ordered set  $(g_1, \dots, g_s)$  of polynomials; the division algorithm then constructs polynomials  $a_1, \dots, a_s$  and  $r$  such that  $f = a_1g_1 + \dots + a_sg_s + r$  Where either  $r = 0$  or no monomial in  $r$  is divisible by any of  $LT(g_1), \dots, LT(g_s)$  **Step 1:** If  $LT(g_1) | LT(f)$ , divide  $g_1$  into  $f$  to get

$$f = a_1g_1 + h, \quad a_1 = \frac{LT(f)}{LT(g_1)} \in k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$$

If  $LT(g_1) | LT(h)$ , repeat the process until  $f = a_1g_1 + f_1$  (different  $a_1$ ) with  $LT(f_1)$  not divisible by  $LT(g_1)$ . Now divide  $g_2$  into  $f_1$ , and so on, until  $f = a_1g_1 + \dots + a_sg_s + r_1$  With  $LT(r_1)$  not divisible by any  $LT(g_1), \dots, LT(g_s)$

**Step 2:** Rewrite  $r_1 = LT(r_1) + r_2$ , and repeat Step 1 with  $r_2$  for  $f$  :  $f = a_1g_1 + \dots + a_sg_s + LT(r_1) + r_3$  (different  $a_i$ 's)

**Monomial ideals.** In general, an ideal  $a$  will contain a polynomial without containing the individual terms of the polynomial; for example, the ideal  $a = (Y^2 - X^3)$  contains  $Y^2 - X^3$  but not  $Y^2$  or  $X^3$ .

**DEFINITION 1.5.** An ideal  $a$  is *monomial* if  $\sum c_\alpha X^\alpha \in a \Rightarrow X^\alpha \in a$  all  $\alpha$  with  $c_\alpha \neq 0$ .

**PROPOSITION 1.3.** Let  $a$  be a *monomial ideal*, and let  $A = \{\alpha | X^\alpha \in a\}$ . Then  $A$  satisfies the

condition  $\alpha \in A, \beta \in \square^n \Rightarrow \alpha + \beta \in A$  (\*)

And  $a$  is the  $k$ -subspace of  $k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  generated by the  $X^\alpha, \alpha \in A$ . Conversely, if  $A$  is a subset of  $\square^n$  satisfying (\*), then the  $k$ -subspace  $a$  of  $k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  generated by  $\{X^\alpha | \alpha \in A\}$  is a monomial ideal.

**PROOF.** It is clear from its definition that a monomial ideal  $a$  is the  $k$ -subspace of  $k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  generated by the set of monomials it contains. If  $X^\alpha \in a$  and  $X^\beta \in k[X_1, \dots, X_n]$ .

If a permutation is chosen uniformly and at random from the  $n!$  possible permutations in  $S_n$ , then the counts  $C_j^{(n)}$  of cycles of length  $j$  are dependent random variables. The joint distribution of  $C^{(n)} = (C_1^{(n)}, \dots, C_n^{(n)})$  follows from Cauchy's formula, and is given by

$$P[C^{(n)} = c] = \frac{1}{n!} N(n, c) = \frac{1}{n!} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n jc_j = n \right\} \prod_{j=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{j} \right)^{c_j} \frac{1}{c_j!}, \quad (1.1)$$

for  $c \in \square_+^n$ .

**Lemma 1.7** For nonnegative integers  $m_1, \dots, m_n$ ,

$$E \left( \prod_{j=1}^n (C_j^{(n)})^{m_j} \right) = \left( \prod_{j=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{j} \right)^{m_j} \right) \mathbf{1} \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n jm_j \leq n \right\} \quad (1.4)$$

*Proof.* This can be established directly by exploiting cancellation of the form  $c_j^{[m_j]} / c_j! = 1 / (c_j - m_j)!$  when  $c_j \geq m_j$ , which occurs between the ingredients in Cauchy's formula and the falling factorials in the moments. Write  $m = \sum jm_j$ . Then, with the first sum indexed by  $c = (c_1, \dots, c_n) \in \square_+^n$  and the last sum indexed by  $d = (d_1, \dots, d_n) \in \square_+^n$  via the correspondence  $d_j = c_j - m_j$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 E\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (C_j^{(n)})^{[m_j]}\right) &= \sum_c P[C^{(n)} = c] \prod_{j=1}^n (c_j)^{[m_j]} \\
 &= \sum_{c: c_j \geq m_j \text{ for all } j} 1 \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n j c_j = n \right\} \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{(c_j)^{[m_j]}}{j^{c_j} c_j!} \\
 &= \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{j^{m_j}} \sum_d 1 \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n j d_j = n - m \right\} \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{j^{d_j} (d_j)!}
 \end{aligned}$$

This last sum simplifies to the indicator  $1(m \leq n)$ , corresponding to the fact that if  $n - m \geq 0$ , then  $d_j = 0$  for  $j > n - m$ , and a random permutation in  $S_{n-m}$  must have some cycle structure  $(d_1, \dots, d_{n-m})$ . The moments of  $C_j^{(n)}$  follow immediately as

$$E(C_j^{(n)})^{[r]} = j^{-r} 1\{jr \leq n\} \quad (1.2)$$

We note for future reference that (1.4) can also be written in the form

$$E\left(\prod_{j=1}^n (C_j^{(n)})^{[m_j]}\right) = E\left(\prod_{j=1}^n Z_j^{[m_j]}\right) 1\left\{\sum_{j=1}^n j m_j \leq n\right\}, \quad (1.3)$$

Where the  $Z_j$  are independent Poisson-distribution random variables that satisfy  $E(Z_j) = 1/j$

**The marginal distribution of cycle counts** provides a formula for the joint distribution of the cycle counts  $C_j^n$ , we find the distribution of  $C_j^n$  using a combinatorial approach combined with the inclusion-exclusion formula.

**Lemma 1.8.** For  $1 \leq j \leq n$ ,

$$P[C_j^{(n)} = k] = \frac{j^{-k}}{k!} \sum_{l=0}^{[n/j]-k} (-1)^l \frac{j^{-l}}{l!} \quad (1.1)$$

*Proof.* Consider the set  $I$  of all possible cycles of length  $j$ , formed with elements chosen from  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ , so that  $|I| = n^{\lfloor n/j \rfloor}$ . For each  $\alpha \in I$ , consider the “property”  $G_\alpha$  of having  $\alpha$ ; that is,  $G_\alpha$  is the set of permutations  $\pi \in S_n$  such that  $\alpha$  is one of the cycles of  $\pi$ . We then have  $|G_\alpha| = (n-j)!$ , since the elements of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  not in  $\alpha$  must be permuted among themselves. To use the inclusion-exclusion formula we need to calculate the term  $S_r$ , which is the sum of the probabilities of the  $r$ -fold intersection of properties, summing over all sets of  $r$  distinct properties. There are two cases to consider. If the  $r$  properties are indexed by  $r$  cycles having no elements in common, then the intersection specifies how  $rj$  elements are moved by the permutation, and there are

$(n-rj)!$  permutations in the intersection. There are  $n^{\lfloor n/rj \rfloor} / (j^r r!)$  such intersections. For the other case, some two distinct properties name some element in common, so no permutation can have both these properties, and the  $r$ -fold intersection is empty. Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_r &= (n-rj)!\mathbb{1}(rj \leq n) \\
 &\times \frac{n^{\lfloor n/rj \rfloor}}{j^r r! n!} = \mathbb{1}(rj \leq n) \frac{1}{j^r r!}
 \end{aligned}$$

Finally, the inclusion-exclusion series for the number of permutations having exactly  $k$  properties is

$$\sum_{l \geq 0} (-1)^l \binom{k+l}{l} S_{k+l},$$

Which simplifies to (1.1) Returning to the original hat-check problem, we substitute  $j=1$  in (1.1) to obtain the distribution of the number of fixed points of a random permutation. For  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$ ,

$$P[C_1^{(n)} = k] = \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{l=0}^{n-k} (-1)^l \frac{1}{l!}, \quad (1.2)$$

and the moments of  $C_1^{(n)}$  follow from (1.2) with  $j=1$ . In particular, for  $n \geq 2$ , the mean and variance of  $C_1^{(n)}$  are both equal to 1. The joint distribution of  $(C_1^{(n)}, \dots, C_b^{(n)})$  for any  $1 \leq b \leq n$  has an expression similar to (1.7); this too can be derived by inclusion-exclusion. For any  $c = (c_1, \dots, c_b) \in \square_+^b$  with  $m = \sum c_i$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 P[(C_1^{(n)}, \dots, C_b^{(n)}) = c] \\
 &= \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^b \left( \frac{1}{i} \right)^{c_i} \frac{1}{c_i!} \right\} \sum_{\substack{l \geq 0 \text{ with} \\ \sum i l_i \leq n-m}} (-1)^{l_1 + \dots + l_b} \prod_{i=1}^b \left( \frac{1}{i} \right)^{l_i} \frac{1}{l_i!}
 \end{aligned} \quad (1.3)$$

The joint moments of the first  $b$  counts  $C_1^{(n)}, \dots, C_b^{(n)}$  can be obtained directly from (1.2) and (1.3) by setting  $m_{b+1} = \dots = m_n = 0$

**The limit distribution of cycle counts**

It follows immediately from Lemma 1.2 that for each fixed  $j$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$P[C_j^{(n)} = k] \rightarrow \frac{j^{-k}}{k!} e^{-1/j}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots,$$

So that  $C_j^{(n)}$  converges in distribution to a random variable  $Z_j$  having a Poisson distribution with mean  $1/j$ ; we use the notation  $C_j^{(n)} \rightarrow_d Z_j$

where  $Z_j \square P_o(1/j)$  to describe this. Infact, the limit random variables are independent.

**Theorem 1.6** The process of cycle counts converges in distribution to a Poisson process of  $\square$  with intensity  $j^{-1}$ . That is, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$(C_1^{(n)}, C_2^{(n)}, \dots) \rightarrow_d (Z_1, Z_2, \dots) \quad (1.1)$$

Where the  $Z_j, j = 1, 2, \dots$ , are independent Poisson-distributed random variables with  $E(Z_j) = \frac{1}{j}$

*Proof.* To establish the converges in distribution one shows that for each fixed  $b \geq 1$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$P[(C_1^{(n)}, \dots, C_b^{(n)}) = c] \rightarrow P[(Z_1, \dots, Z_b) = c]$$

**Error rates**

The proof of Theorem says nothing about the rate of convergence. Elementary analysis can be used to estimate this rate when  $b=1$ . Using properties of alternating series with decreasing terms, for  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$ ,

$$\frac{1}{k!} \left( \frac{1}{(n-k+1)!} - \frac{1}{(n-k+2)!} \right) \leq |P[C_1^{(n)} = k] - P[Z_1 = k]| \leq \frac{1}{k!(n-k+1)!}$$

It follows that

$$\frac{2^{n+1}}{(n+1)!} \frac{n}{n+2} \leq \sum_{k=0}^n |P[C_1^{(n)} = k] - P[Z_1 = k]| \leq \frac{2^{n+1} - 1}{(n+1)!} \quad (1.11)$$

Since

$$P[Z_1 > n] = \frac{e^{-1}}{(n+1)!} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n+2} + \frac{1}{(n+2)(n+3)} + \dots \right) < \frac{1}{(n+1)!}$$

We see from (1.11) that the total variation distance between the distribution  $L(C_1^{(n)})$  of  $C_1^{(n)}$  and the distribution  $L(Z_1)$  of  $Z_1$

Establish the asymptotics of  $P[A_n(C^{(n)})]$  under conditions  $(A_0)$  and  $(B_{01})$ , where

$$A_n(C^{(n)}) = \prod_{1 \leq i \leq n} \prod_{r_i+1 \leq j \leq r_i} \{C_{ij}^{(n)} = 0\},$$

and  $\zeta_i = (r_i' / r_{id}) - 1 = O(i^{-g'})$  as  $i \rightarrow \infty$ , for some  $g' > 0$ . We start with the expression

$$P[A_n(C^{(n)})] = \frac{P[T_{0n}(Z') = n]}{P[T_{0n}(Z) = n]}$$

$$\prod_{\substack{1 \leq i \leq n \\ r_i+1 \leq j \leq r_i}} \left\{ 1 - \frac{\theta}{ir_i} (1 + E_{i0}) \right\} \quad (1.1)$$

$$P[T_{0n}(Z') = n] = \frac{\theta d}{n} \exp \left\{ \sum_{i \geq 1} [\log(1 + i^{-1} \theta d) - i^{-1} \theta d] \right\} \left\{ 1 + O(n^{-1} \phi'_{\{1,2,7\}}(n)) \right\} \quad (1.2)$$

and

$$P[T_{0n}(Z) = n] = \frac{\theta d}{n} \exp \left\{ \sum_{i \geq 1} [\log(1 + i^{-1} \theta d) - i^{-1} \theta d] \right\} \left\{ 1 + O(n^{-1} \phi_{\{1,2,7\}}(n)) \right\} \quad (1.3)$$

Where  $\phi'_{\{1,2,7\}}(n)$  refers to the quantity derived from  $Z'$ . It thus follows that  $P[A_n(C^{(n)})] \square Kn^{-\theta(1-d)}$  for a constant  $K$ , depending on  $Z$  and the  $r_i'$  and computable explicitly from (1.1) – (1.3), if Conditions  $(A_0)$  and  $(B_{01})$  are satisfied and if  $\zeta_i^* = O(i^{-g'})$  from some  $g' > 0$ , since, under these circumstances, both  $n^{-1} \phi'_{\{1,2,7\}}(n)$  and  $n^{-1} \phi_{\{1,2,7\}}(n)$  tend to zero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . In particular, for polynomials and square free polynomials, the relative error in this asymptotic approximation is of order  $n^{-1}$  if  $g' > 1$ .

For  $0 \leq b \leq n/8$  and  $n \geq n_0$ , with  $n_0$

$$d_{TV}(L(C[1, b]), L(Z[1, b])) \leq d_{TV}(L(C[1, b]), L(Z[1, b])) \leq \varepsilon_{\{7,7\}}(n, b),$$

Where  $\varepsilon_{\{7,7\}}(n, b) = O(b/n)$  under Conditions  $(A_0), (D_1)$  and  $(B_{11})$  Since, by the Conditioning Relation,

$$L(C[1, b] | T_{0b}(C) = l) = L(Z[1, b] | T_{0b}(Z) = l),$$

It follows by direct calculation that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & d_{TV}(L(C[1,b]), L(Z[1,b])) \\
 &= d_{TV}(L(T_{0b}(C)), L(T_{0b}(Z))) \\
 &= \max_A \sum_{r \in A} P[T_{0b}(Z) = r] \\
 & \left\{ 1 - \frac{P[T_{bn}(Z) = n-r]}{P[T_{0n}(Z) = n]} \right\} \quad (1.4)
 \end{aligned}$$

Suppressing the argument  $Z$  from now on, we thus obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 & d_{TV}(L(C[1,b]), L(Z[1,b])) \\
 &= \sum_{r \geq 0} P[T_{0b} = r] \left\{ 1 - \frac{P[T_{bn} = n-r]}{P[T_{0n} = n]} \right\}_+ \\
 & \leq \sum_{r > n/2} P[T_{0b} = r] + \sum_{r=0}^{[n/2]} \frac{P[T_{0b} = r]}{P[T_{0b} = n]} \\
 & \times \left\{ \sum_{s=0}^n P[T_{0b} = s] (P[T_{bn} = n-s] - P[T_{bn} = n-r]) \right\}_+ \\
 & \leq \sum_{r > n/2} P[T_{0b} = r] + \sum_{r=0}^{[n/2]} P[T_{0b} = r] \\
 & \times \sum_{s=0}^{[n/2]} P[T_{0b} = s] \frac{\{P[T_{bn} = n-s] - P[T_{bn} = n-r]\}}{P[T_{0n} = n]} \\
 & + \sum_{s=0}^{[n/2]} P[T_{0b} = r] \sum_{s=[n/2]+1}^n P[T_{0b} = s] P[T_{bn} = n-s] / P[T_{0n} = n]
 \end{aligned}$$

The first sum is at most  $2n^{-1}ET_{0b}$ ; the third is bound by

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (\max_{n/2 < s \leq n} P[T_{0b} = s]) / P[T_{0n} = n] \\
 & \leq \frac{2\varepsilon_{\{10.5(1)\}}(n/2, b)}{n} \frac{3n}{\theta P_\theta[0,1]}, \\
 & \frac{3n}{\theta P_\theta[0,1]} 4n^{-2} \phi_{\{10.8\}}^*(n) \sum_{r=0}^{[n/2]} P[T_{0b} = r] \sum_{s=0}^{[n/2]} P[T_{0b} = s] \frac{1}{2} |r-s| \\
 & \leq \frac{12\phi_{\{10.8\}}^*(n)}{\theta P_\theta[0,1]} \frac{ET_{0b}}{n}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence we may take

$$\begin{aligned}
 \varepsilon_{\{7.7\}}(n, b) &= 2n^{-1}ET_{0b}(Z) \left\{ 1 + \frac{6\phi_{\{10.8\}}^*(n)}{\theta P_\theta[0,1]} \right\} P \\
 & + \frac{6}{\theta P_\theta[0,1]} \varepsilon_{\{10.5(1)\}}(n/2, b) \quad (1.5)
 \end{aligned}$$

Required order under Conditions  $(A_0), (D_1)$  and  $(B_{11})$ , if  $S(\infty) < \infty$ . If not,  $\phi_{\{10.8\}}^*(n)$  can be

replaced by  $\phi_{\{10.11\}}^*(n)$  in the above, which has the required order, without the restriction on the  $r_i$  implied by  $S(\infty) < \infty$ . Examining the Conditions  $(A_0), (D_1)$  and  $(B_{11})$ , it is perhaps surprising to find that  $(B_{11})$  is required instead of just  $(B_{01})$ ; that is, that we should need  $\sum_{l \geq 2} l\varepsilon_{il} = O(i^{-a_1})$

to hold for some  $a_1 > 1$ . A first observation is that a similar problem arises with the rate of decay of  $\varepsilon_{il}$

as well. For this reason,  $n_1$  is replaced by  $n_1$ . This makes it possible to replace condition  $(A_1)$  by the weaker pair of conditions  $(A_0)$  and  $(D_1)$  in the eventual assumptions needed for  $\varepsilon_{\{7.7\}}(n, b)$  to be

of order  $O(b/n)$ ; the decay rate requirement of order  $i^{-1-\gamma}$  is shifted from  $\varepsilon_{il}$  itself to its first difference. This is needed to obtain the right approximation error for the random mappings example. However, since all the classical applications make far more stringent assumptions about the  $\varepsilon_{il}, l \geq 2$ , than are made in  $(B_{11})$ . The critical point of the proof is seen where the initial estimate of the difference

$P[T_{bn}^{(m)} = s] - P[T_{bn}^{(m)} = s+1]$ . The factor  $\varepsilon_{\{10.10\}}(n)$ , which should be small, contains a far

tail element from  $n_1$  of the form  $\phi_1^\theta(n) + u_1^*(n)$ , which is only small if  $a_1 > 1$ , being otherwise of order  $O(n^{-a_1+\delta})$  for any  $\delta > 0$ , since  $a_2 > 1$  is in any case assumed. For  $s \geq n/2$ , this gives rise to a contribution of order  $O(n^{-1-a_1+\delta})$  in the estimate of the difference

$P[T_{bn} = s] - P[T_{bn} = s+1]$ , which, in the remainder of the proof, is translated into a contribution of order  $O(n^{-1-a_1+\delta})$  for differences of the form  $P[T_{bn} = s] - P[T_{bn} = s+1]$ , finally leading to a contribution of order  $bn^{-a_1+\delta}$  for any  $\delta > 0$  in  $\varepsilon_{\{7.7\}}(n, b)$ . Some improvement would seem to be possible, defining the function  $g$  by

$g(w) = 1_{\{w=s\}} - 1_{\{w=s+t\}}$ , differences that are of the form  $P[T_{bn} = s] - P[T_{bn} = s+t]$  can be directly estimated, at a cost of only a single contribution of the form  $\phi_1^\theta(n) + u_1^*(n)$ . Then, iterating the cycle, in which one estimate of a

tail element from  $n_1$  of the form  $\phi_1^\theta(n) + u_1^*(n)$ , which is only small if  $a_1 > 1$ , being otherwise of order  $O(n^{-a_1+\delta})$  for any  $\delta > 0$ , since  $a_2 > 1$  is in any case assumed. For  $s \geq n/2$ , this gives rise to a contribution of order  $O(n^{-1-a_1+\delta})$  in the estimate of the difference

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tail element from  $n_1$  of the form  $\phi_1^\theta(n) + u_1^*(n)$ , which is only small if  $a_1 > 1$ , being otherwise of order  $O(n^{-a_1+\delta})$  for any  $\delta > 0$ , since  $a_2 > 1$  is in any case assumed. For  $s \geq n/2$ , this gives rise to a contribution of order  $O(n^{-1-a_1+\delta})$  in the estimate of the difference

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$g(w) = 1_{\{w=s\}} - 1_{\{w=s+t\}}$ , differences that are of the form  $P[T_{bn} = s] - P[T_{bn} = s+t]$  can be directly estimated, at a cost of only a single contribution of the form  $\phi_1^\theta(n) + u_1^*(n)$ . Then, iterating the cycle, in which one estimate of a

difference in point probabilities is improved to an estimate of smaller order, a bound of the form  $|P[T_{bn} = s] - P[T_{bn} = s + t]| = O(n^{-2}t + n^{-1-a_1+\delta})$  for any  $\delta > 0$  could perhaps be attained, leading to a final error estimate in order  $O(bn^{-1} + n^{-a_1+\delta})$  for any  $\delta > 0$ , to replace  $\varepsilon_{\{7,7\}}(n, b)$ . This would be of the ideal order  $O(b/n)$  for large enough  $b$ , but would still be coarser for small  $b$ .

With  $b$  and  $n$  as in the previous section, we wish to show that

$$\left| d_{TV}(L(C[1, b]), L(Z[1, b])) - \frac{1}{2}(n+1)^{-1}|1-\theta|E[T_{0b} - ET_{0b}] \right| \leq \varepsilon_{\{7,8\}}(n, b),$$

Where  $\varepsilon_{\{7,8\}}(n, b) = O(n^{-1}b[n^{-1}b + n^{-\beta_{12}+\delta}])$  for any  $\delta > 0$  under Conditions  $(A_0), (D_1)$  and  $(B_{12})$ , with  $\beta_{12}$ . The proof uses sharper estimates. As before, we begin with the formula

$$d_{TV}(L(C[1, b]), L(Z[1, b])) = \sum_{r \geq 0} P[T_{0b} = r] \left\{ 1 - \frac{P[T_{bn} = n-r]}{P[T_{0n} = n]} \right\}_+$$

Now we observe that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \sum_{r \geq 0} P[T_{0b} = r] \left\{ 1 - \frac{P[T_{bn} = n-r]}{P[T_{0n} = n]} \right\}_+ - \sum_{r=0}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} \frac{P[T_{0b} = r]}{P[T_{0n} = n]} \right| \\ & \times \left| \sum_{s=\lfloor n/2 \rfloor+1}^n P[T_{0b} = s](P[T_{bn} = n-s] - P[T_{bn} = n-r]) \right| \\ & \leq 4n^{-2}ET_{0b}^2 + (\max_{n/2 < s \leq n} P[T_{0b} = s]) / P[T_{0n} = n] \\ & + P[T_{0b} > n/2] \\ & \leq 8n^{-2}ET_{0b}^2 + \frac{3\varepsilon_{\{10,5(2)\}}(n/2, b)}{\theta P_\theta[0,1]}, \end{aligned} \quad (1.1)$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \sum_{r=0}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} \frac{P[T_{0b} = r]}{P[T_{0n} = n]} \right. \\ & \times \left( \sum_{s=0}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} P[T_{0b} = s](P[T_{bn} = n-s] - P[T_{bn} = n-r]) \right)_+ \\ & - \left. \left( \sum_{s=0}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} P[T_{0b} = s] \frac{(s-r)(1-\theta)}{n+1} P[T_{0n} = n] \right) \right| \\ & \leq \frac{1}{n^2 P[T_{0n} = n]} \sum_{r \geq 0} P[T_{0b} = r] \sum_{s \geq 0} P[T_{0b} = s] |s-r| \\ & \times \left\{ \varepsilon_{\{10,14\}}(n, b) + 2(r \vee s) |1-\theta| n^{-1} \{K_0\theta + 4\phi_{\{10,8\}}^*(n)\} \right\} \\ & \leq \frac{6}{\theta n P_\theta[0,1]} ET_{0b} \varepsilon_{\{10,14\}}(n, b) \\ & + 4|1-\theta| n^{-2} ET_{0b}^2 \{K_0\theta + 4\phi_{\{10,8\}}^*(n)\} \\ & \left( \frac{3}{\theta n P_\theta[0,1]} \right) \}, \end{aligned} \quad (1.2)$$

The approximation in (1.2) is further simplified by noting that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{r=0}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} P[T_{0b} = r] \left\{ \sum_{s=0}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} P[T_{0b} = s] \frac{(s-r)(1-\theta)}{n+1} \right\}_+ \\ & - \left\{ \sum_{s=0}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} P[T_{0b} = s] \frac{(s-r)(1-\theta)}{n+1} \right\}_+ \\ & \leq \sum_{r=0}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} P[T_{0b} = r] \sum_{s > \lfloor n/2 \rfloor} P[T_{0b} = s] \frac{(s-r)|1-\theta|}{n+1} \\ & \leq |1-\theta| n^{-1} E(T_{0b} 1\{T_{0b} > n/2\}) \leq 2|1-\theta| n^{-2} ET_{0b}^2, \end{aligned} \quad (1.3)$$

and then by observing that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{r > \lfloor n/2 \rfloor} P[T_{0b} = r] \left\{ \sum_{s \geq 0} P[T_{0b} = s] \frac{(s-r)(1-\theta)}{n+1} \right\} \\ & \leq n^{-1} |1-\theta| (ET_{0b} P[T_{0b} > n/2] + E(T_{0b} 1\{T_{0b} > n/2\})) \\ & \leq 4|1-\theta| n^{-2} ET_{0b}^2 \end{aligned} \quad (1.4)$$

Combining the contributions of (1.2) –(1.3), we thus find that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & | d_{TV}(L(C[1, b]), L(Z[1, b])) \\
 & - (n+1)^{-1} \sum_{r \geq 0} P[T_{0b} = r] \left\{ \sum_{s \geq 0} P[T_{0b} = s] (s-r)(1-\theta) \right\}_+ \\
 & \leq \varepsilon_{\{7,8\}}(n, b) \\
 & = \frac{3}{\theta P_\theta[0, 1]} \left\{ \varepsilon_{\{10,5(2)\}}(n/2, b) + 2n^{-1} ET_{0b} \varepsilon_{\{10,14\}}(n, b) \right\} \\
 & + 2n^{-2} ET_{0b}^2 \left\{ 4 + 3|1-\theta| + \frac{24|1-\theta| \phi_{\{10,8\}}^*(n)}{\theta P_\theta[0, 1]} \right\} \quad (1.5)
 \end{aligned}$$

The quantity  $\varepsilon_{\{7,8\}}(n, b)$  is seen to be of the order claimed under Conditions  $(A_0), (D_1)$  and  $(B_{12})$ , provided that  $S(\infty) < \infty$ ; this supplementary condition can be removed if  $\phi_{\{10,8\}}^*(n)$  is replaced by  $\phi_{\{10,11\}}^*(n)$  in the definition of  $\varepsilon_{\{7,8\}}(n, b)$ , has the required order without the restriction on the  $r_i$  implied by assuming that  $S(\infty) < \infty$ . Finally, a direct calculation now shows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sum_{r \geq 0} P[T_{0b} = r] \left\{ \sum_{s \geq 0} P[T_{0b} = s] (s-r)(1-\theta) \right\}_+ \\
 & = \frac{1}{2} |1-\theta| E|T_{0b} - ET_{0b}|
 \end{aligned}$$

**Example 1.0.** Consider the point  $O = (0, \dots, 0) \in \square^n$ . For an arbitrary vector  $r$ , the coordinates of the point  $x = O + r$  are equal to the respective coordinates of the vector  $r : x = (x^1, \dots, x^n)$  and  $r = (x^1, \dots, x^n)$ . The vector  $r$  such as in the example is called the position vector or the radius vector of the point  $x$ . (Or, in greater detail:  $r$  is the radius-vector of  $x$  w.r.t an origin  $O$ ). Points are frequently specified by their radius-vectors. This presupposes the choice of  $O$  as the “standard origin”. Let us summarize. We have considered  $\square^n$  and interpreted its elements in two ways: as points and as vectors. Hence we may say that we leading with the two copies of  $\square^n : \square^n = \{\text{points}\}, \square^n = \{\text{vectors}\}$   
Operations with vectors: multiplication by a number, addition. Operations with points and vectors: adding a vector to a point (giving a point), subtracting two points (giving a vector).  $\square^n$  treated in this way is called an *n-dimensional affine space*. (An “abstract” affine space is a pair of sets, the set of points and the set of vectors so that the operations as above are defined axiomatically). Notice that vectors in an affine space are also known as “free vectors”. Intuitively, they are not fixed at points and

“float freely” in space. From  $\square^n$  considered as an affine space we can precede in two opposite directions:  $\square^n$  as an Euclidean space  $\Leftarrow \square^n$  as an affine space  $\Rightarrow \square^n$  as a manifold. Going to the left means introducing some extra structure which will make the geometry richer. Going to the right means forgetting about part of the affine structure; going further in this direction will lead us to the so-called “smooth (or differentiable) manifolds”. The theory of differential forms does not require any extra geometry. So our natural direction is to the right. The Euclidean structure, however, is useful for examples and applications. So let us say a few words about it:

**Remark 1.0.** *Euclidean geometry.* In  $\square^n$  considered as an affine space we can already do a good deal of geometry. For example, we can consider lines and planes, and quadric surfaces like an ellipsoid. However, we cannot discuss such things as “lengths”, “angles” or “areas” and “volumes”. To be able to do so, we have to introduce some more definitions, making  $\square^n$  a Euclidean space. Namely, we define the length of a vector  $a = (a^1, \dots, a^n)$  to be

$$|a| := \sqrt{(a^1)^2 + \dots + (a^n)^2} \quad (1)$$

After that we can also define distances between points as follows:

$$d(A, B) := |\overline{AB}| \quad (2)$$

One can check that the distance so defined possesses natural properties that we expect: is it always non-negative and equals zero only for coinciding points; the distance from A to B is the same as that from B to A (symmetry); also, for three points, A, B and C, we have  $d(A, B) \leq d(A, C) + d(C, B)$  (the “triangle inequality”). To define angles, we first introduce the scalar product of two vectors

$$(a, b) := a^1 b^1 + \dots + a^n b^n \quad (3)$$

Thus  $|a| = \sqrt{(a, a)}$ . The scalar product is also denote by dot:  $a \cdot b = (a, b)$ , and hence is often referred to as the “dot product”. Now, for nonzero vectors, we define the angle between them by the equality

$$\cos \alpha := \frac{(a, b)}{|a||b|} \quad (4)$$

The angle itself is defined up to an integral multiple of  $2\pi$ . For this definition to be consistent we have to ensure that the r.h.s. of (4) does not exceed 1 by the absolute value. This follows from the inequality

$$(a, b)^2 \leq |a|^2 |b|^2 \quad (5)$$

known as the Cauchy–Bunyakovsky–Schwarz inequality (various combinations of these three names are applied in different books). One of the ways of proving (5) is to consider the scalar square of the linear combination  $a + tb$ , where  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ . As  $(a + tb, a + tb) \geq 0$  is a quadratic polynomial in  $t$  which is never negative, its discriminant must be less or equal zero. Writing this explicitly yields (5). The triangle inequality for distances also follows from the inequality (5).

**Example 1.1.** Consider the function  $f(x) = x^i$  (the  $i$ -th coordinate). The linear function  $dx^i$  (the differential of  $x^i$ ) applied to an arbitrary vector  $h$  is simply  $h^i$ . From these examples follows that we can rewrite  $df$  as

$$df = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^1} dx^1 + \dots + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^n} dx^n, \quad (1)$$

which is the standard form. Once again: the partial derivatives in (1) are just the coefficients (depending on  $x$ );  $dx^1, dx^2, \dots$  are linear functions giving on an arbitrary vector  $h$  its coordinates  $h^1, h^2, \dots$ , respectively. Hence

$$df(x)(h) = \partial_{hf(x)} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^1} h^1 + \dots + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^n} h^n, \quad (2)$$

**Theorem 1.7.** Suppose we have a parametrized curve  $t \mapsto x(t)$  passing through  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$  at  $t = t_0$  and with the velocity vector  $x'(t_0) = v$ . Then

$$\frac{df(x(t))}{dt}(t_0) = \partial_v f(x_0) = df(x_0)(v) \quad (1)$$

*Proof.* Indeed, consider a small increment of the parameter  $t : t_0 \mapsto t_0 + \Delta t$ , Where  $\Delta t \mapsto 0$ . On the other hand, we have  $f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0) = df(x_0)(h) + \beta(h)|h|$  for an arbitrary vector  $h$ , where  $\beta(h) \rightarrow 0$  when  $h \rightarrow 0$ . Combining it together, for the increment of  $f(x(t))$  we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & f(x(t_0 + \Delta t)) - f(x_0) \\ &= df(x_0)(v \cdot \Delta t + \alpha(\Delta t) \Delta t) \\ &+ \beta(v \cdot \Delta t + \alpha(\Delta t) \Delta t) \cdot |v \Delta t + \alpha(\Delta t) \Delta t| \\ &= df(x_0)(v) \cdot \Delta t + \gamma(\Delta t) \Delta t \end{aligned}$$

For a certain  $\gamma(\Delta t)$  such that  $\gamma(\Delta t) \rightarrow 0$  when  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$  (we used the linearity of  $df(x_0)$ ). By the definition, this means that the derivative of  $f(x(t))$  at  $t = t_0$  is exactly  $df(x_0)(v)$ . The statement of the theorem can be expressed by a simple formula:

$$\frac{df(x(t))}{dt} = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^1} x^1 + \dots + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^n} x^n \quad (2)$$

To calculate the value of  $df$  at a point  $x_0$  on a given vector  $v$  one can take an arbitrary curve passing through  $x_0$  at  $t_0$  with  $v$  as the velocity vector at  $t_0$  and calculate the usual derivative of  $f(x(t))$  at  $t = t_0$ .

**Theorem 1.8.** For functions  $f, g : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$$d(f + g) = df + dg \quad (1)$$

$$d(fg) = df \cdot g + f \cdot dg \quad (2)$$

*Proof.* Consider an arbitrary point  $x_0$  and an arbitrary vector  $v$  stretching from it. Let a curve  $x(t)$  be such that  $x(t_0) = x_0$  and  $x'(t_0) = v$ . Hence

$$d(f + g)(x_0)(v) = \frac{d}{dt}(f(x(t)) + g(x(t)))$$

at  $t = t_0$  and

$$d(fg)(x_0)(v) = \frac{d}{dt}(f(x(t))g(x(t)))$$

at  $t = t_0$ . Formulae (1) and (2) then immediately follow from the corresponding formulae for the usual derivative. Now, almost without change the theory generalizes to functions taking values in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  instead of  $\mathbb{R}$ . The only difference is that now the differential of a map  $F : U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  at a point  $x$  will be a linear function taking vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  to vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  (instead of  $\mathbb{R}$ ). For an arbitrary vector  $h \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$$F(x+h) = F(x) + dF(x)(h) + \beta(h)|h| \quad (3)$$

Where  $\beta(h) \rightarrow 0$  when  $h \rightarrow 0$ . We have  $dF = (dF^1, \dots, dF^m)$  and

$$dF = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x^1} dx^1 + \dots + \frac{\partial F}{\partial x^n} dx^n = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial F^1}{\partial x^1} & \dots & \frac{\partial F^1}{\partial x^n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \frac{\partial F^m}{\partial x^1} & \dots & \frac{\partial F^m}{\partial x^n} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} dx^1 \\ \dots \\ dx^n \end{pmatrix} \quad (4)$$

In this matrix notation we have to write vectors as vector-columns.

**Theorem 1.9.** For an arbitrary parametrized curve  $x(t)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , the differential of a map  $F: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$  (where  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ ) maps the velocity vector  $x(t)$  to the velocity vector of the curve  $F(x(t))$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ :

$$\frac{dF(x(t))}{dt} = dF(x(t))(x(t)) \quad (1)$$

Proof. By the definition of the velocity vector,

$$x(t + \Delta t) = x(t) + x(t) \cdot \Delta t + \alpha(\Delta t) \Delta t \quad (2)$$

Where  $\alpha(\Delta t) \rightarrow 0$  when  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$ . By the definition of the differential,

$$F(x+h) = F(x) + dF(x)(h) + \beta(h)|h| \quad (3)$$

Where  $\beta(h) \rightarrow 0$  when  $h \rightarrow 0$ . we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} F(x(t + \Delta t)) &= F(x + \underbrace{x(t) \cdot \Delta t + \alpha(\Delta t) \Delta t}_h) \\ &= F(x) + dF(x)(x(t) \Delta t + \alpha(\Delta t) \Delta t) + \beta(x(t) \Delta t + \alpha(\Delta t) \Delta t) \cdot |x(t) \Delta t + \alpha(\Delta t) \Delta t| \\ &= F(x) + dF(x)(x(t) \Delta t + \gamma(\Delta t) \Delta t) \end{aligned}$$

For some  $\gamma(\Delta t) \rightarrow 0$  when  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$ . This precisely means that  $dF(x)x(t)$  is the velocity vector of  $F(x)$ . As every vector attached to a point can be viewed as the velocity vector of some curve

passing through this point, this theorem gives a clear geometric picture of  $dF$  as a linear map on vectors.

**Theorem 1.10** Suppose we have two maps  $F: U \rightarrow V$  and  $G: V \rightarrow W$ , where  $U \subset \mathbb{R}^n, V \subset \mathbb{R}^m, W \subset \mathbb{R}^p$  (open domains). Let  $F: x \mapsto y = F(x)$ . Then the differential of the composite map  $GoF: U \rightarrow W$  is the composition of the differentials of  $F$  and  $G$ :

$$d(GoF)(x) = dG(y)odF(x) \quad (4)$$

*Proof.* We can use the description of the differential. Consider a curve  $x(t)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with the

velocity vector  $\dot{x}$ . Basically, we need to know to which vector in  $\mathbb{R}^p$  it is taken by  $d(GoF)$ . the curve  $(GoF)(x(t)) = G(F(x(t)))$ . By the same theorem, it equals the image under  $dG$  of the Anycast Flow vector to the curve  $F(x(t))$  in  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . Applying the theorem once again, we see that the velocity vector to the curve  $F(x(t))$  is the image under  $dF$  of the vector  $\dot{x}(t)$ . Hence

$$d(GoF)(x) = dG(dF(x)) \quad \text{for an arbitrary vector } \dot{x}.$$

**Corollary 1.0.** If we denote coordinates in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  by  $(x^1, \dots, x^n)$  and in  $\mathbb{R}^m$  by  $(y^1, \dots, y^m)$ , and write

$$dF = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x^1} dx^1 + \dots + \frac{\partial F}{\partial x^n} dx^n \quad (1)$$

$$dG = \frac{\partial G}{\partial y^1} dy^1 + \dots + \frac{\partial G}{\partial y^m} dy^m, \quad (2)$$

Then the chain rule can be expressed as follows:

$$d(GoF) = \frac{\partial G}{\partial y^1} dF^1 + \dots + \frac{\partial G}{\partial y^m} dF^m, \quad (3)$$

Where  $dF^i$  are taken from (1). In other words, to get  $d(GoF)$  we have to substitute into (2) the expression for  $dy^i = dF^i$  from (3). This can also be expressed by the following matrix formula:

$$d(GoF) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial G^1}{\partial y^1} & \dots & \frac{\partial G^1}{\partial y^m} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \frac{\partial G^p}{\partial y^1} & \dots & \frac{\partial G^p}{\partial y^m} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial F^1}{\partial x^1} & \dots & \frac{\partial F^1}{\partial x^n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \frac{\partial F^m}{\partial x^1} & \dots & \frac{\partial F^m}{\partial x^n} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} dx^1 \\ \dots \\ dx^n \end{pmatrix} \quad (4)$$

i.e., if  $dG$  and  $dF$  are expressed by matrices of partial derivatives, then  $d(GoF)$  is expressed by the product of these matrices. This is often written as

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial z^1}{\partial x^1} & \dots & \frac{\partial z^1}{\partial x^n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \frac{\partial z^p}{\partial x^1} & \dots & \frac{\partial z^p}{\partial x^n} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial z^1}{\partial y^1} & \dots & \frac{\partial z^1}{\partial y^m} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \frac{\partial z^p}{\partial y^1} & \dots & \frac{\partial z^p}{\partial y^m} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial y^1}{\partial x^1} & \dots & \frac{\partial y^1}{\partial x^n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \frac{\partial y^m}{\partial x^1} & \dots & \frac{\partial y^m}{\partial x^n} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (5)$$

Or

$$\frac{\partial z^\mu}{\partial x^a} = \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{\partial z^\mu}{\partial y^i} \frac{\partial y^i}{\partial x^a}, \quad (6)$$

Where it is assumed that the dependence of  $y \in \square^m$  on  $x \in \square^n$  is given by the map  $F$ , the dependence of  $z \in \square^p$  on  $y \in \square^m$  is given by the map  $G$ , and the dependence of  $z \in \square^p$  on  $x \in \square^n$  is given by the composition  $GoF$ .

**Definition 1.6.** Consider an open domain  $U \subset \square^n$ . Consider also another copy of  $\square^n$ , denoted for distinction  $\square_y^n$ , with the standard coordinates  $(y^1 \dots y^n)$ . A system of coordinates in the open domain  $U$  is given by a map  $F: V \rightarrow U$ , where  $V \subset \square_y^n$  is an open domain of  $\square_y^n$ , such that the following three conditions are satisfied:

- (1)  $F$  is smooth;
- (2)  $F$  is invertible;
- (3)  $F^{-1}: U \rightarrow V$  is also smooth

The coordinates of a point  $x \in U$  in this system are the standard coordinates of  $F^{-1}(x) \in \square_y^n$

In other words,

$$F: (y^1 \dots, y^n) \mapsto x = x(y^1 \dots, y^n) \quad (1)$$

Here the variables  $(y^1 \dots, y^n)$  are the “new” coordinates of the point  $x$

**Example 1.2.** Consider a curve in  $\square^2$  specified in polar coordinates as

$$x(t): r = r(t), \varphi = \varphi(t) \quad (1)$$

We can simply use the chain rule. The map  $t \mapsto x(t)$  can be considered as the composition of the maps  $t \mapsto (r(t), \varphi(t)), (r, \varphi) \mapsto x(r, \varphi)$ .

Then, by the chain rule, we have

$$\dot{x} = \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} \frac{dr}{dt} + \frac{\partial x}{\partial \varphi} \frac{d\varphi}{dt} = \frac{\partial x}{\partial r} \dot{r} + \frac{\partial x}{\partial \varphi} \dot{\varphi} \quad (2)$$

Here  $\dot{r}$  and  $\dot{\varphi}$  are scalar coefficients depending on  $t$ , whence the partial derivatives  $\frac{\partial x}{\partial r}, \frac{\partial x}{\partial \varphi}$  are

vectors depending on point in  $\square^2$ . We can compare this with the formula in the “standard” coordinates:

$\dot{x} = e_1 \dot{x} + e_2 \dot{y}$ . Consider the vectors  $\frac{\partial x}{\partial r}, \frac{\partial x}{\partial \varphi}$ . Explicitly we have

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial r} = (\cos \varphi, \sin \varphi) \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{\partial x}{\partial \varphi} = (-r \sin \varphi, r \cos \varphi) \quad (4)$$

From where it follows that these vectors make a basis at all points except for the origin (where  $r=0$ ). It is instructive to sketch a picture, drawing vectors corresponding to a point as starting from that point. Notice that  $\frac{\partial x}{\partial r}, \frac{\partial x}{\partial \varphi}$  are, respectively, the velocity vectors for the curves  $r \mapsto x(r, \varphi)$  ( $\varphi = \varphi_0$  fixed) and  $\varphi \mapsto x(r, \varphi)$  ( $r = r_0$  fixed). We can conclude that for an arbitrary curve given in polar coordinates the velocity vector will have components  $(\dot{r}, \dot{\varphi})$  if as a basis we take  $e_r := \frac{\partial x}{\partial r}, e_\varphi := \frac{\partial x}{\partial \varphi}$ :

$$\dot{x} = e_r \dot{r} + e_\varphi \dot{\varphi} \quad (5)$$

A characteristic feature of the basis  $e_r, e_\varphi$  is that it is not “constant” but depends on point. Vectors “stuck to points” when we consider curvilinear coordinates.

**Proposition 1.3.** The velocity vector has the same appearance in all coordinate systems.

**Proof.** Follows directly from the chain rule and the transformation law for the basis  $e_i$ . In particular, the elements of the basis  $e_i = \frac{\partial x}{\partial x^i}$  (originally, a formal notation) can be understood directly as the velocity vectors of the coordinate lines

$x^i \mapsto x(x^1, \dots, x^n)$  (all coordinates but  $x^i$  are fixed). Since we now know how to handle velocities in arbitrary coordinates, the best way to treat the differential of a map  $F: \square^n \rightarrow \square^m$  is by its action on the velocity vectors. By definition, we set

$$dF(x_0): \frac{dx(t)}{dt}(t_0) \mapsto \frac{dF(x(t))}{dt}(t_0) \quad (1)$$

Now  $dF(x_0)$  is a linear map that takes vectors attached to a point  $x_0 \in \square^n$  to vectors attached to the point  $F(x) \in \square^m$

$$dF = \frac{\partial F}{\partial x^1} dx^1 + \dots + \frac{\partial F}{\partial x^n} dx^n$$

$$(e_1, \dots, e_m) \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial F^1}{\partial x^1} & \dots & \frac{\partial F^1}{\partial x^n} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \frac{\partial F^m}{\partial x^1} & \dots & \frac{\partial F^m}{\partial x^n} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} dx^1 \\ \dots \\ dx^n \end{pmatrix}, \quad (2)$$

In particular, for the differential of a function we always have

$$df = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^1} dx^1 + \dots + \frac{\partial f}{\partial x^n} dx^n, \quad (3)$$

Where  $x^i$  are arbitrary coordinates. The form of the differential does not change when we perform a change of coordinates.

**Example 1.3** Consider a 1-form in  $\square^2$  given in the standard coordinates:

$A = -ydx + xdy$  In the polar coordinates we will have  $x = r \cos \varphi$ ,  $y = r \sin \varphi$ , hence

$$dx = \cos \varphi dr - r \sin \varphi d\varphi$$

$$dy = \sin \varphi dr + r \cos \varphi d\varphi$$

Substituting into  $A$ , we get

$$A = -r \sin \varphi (\cos \varphi dr - r \sin \varphi d\varphi)$$

$$+ r \cos \varphi (\sin \varphi dr + r \cos \varphi d\varphi)$$

$$= r^2 (\sin^2 \varphi + \cos^2 \varphi) d\varphi = r^2 d\varphi$$

Hence  $A = r^2 d\varphi$  is the formula for  $A$  in the polar coordinates. In particular, we see that this is again a 1-form, a linear combination of the differentials of coordinates with functions as coefficients. Secondly, in a more conceptual way, we can define a 1-form in a domain  $U$  as a linear function on vectors at every point of  $U$ :

$$\omega(v) = \omega_1 v^1 + \dots + \omega_n v^n, \quad (1)$$

If  $v = \sum e_i v^i$ , where  $e_i = \frac{\partial x}{\partial x^i}$ . Recall that the differentials of functions were defined as linear functions on vectors (at every point), and

$$dx^i(e_j) = dx^i\left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial x^j}\right) = \delta_j^i \quad (2) \quad \text{at}$$

every point  $x$ .

**Theorem 1.9.** For arbitrary 1-form  $\omega$  and path  $\gamma$ , the integral  $\int_{\gamma} \omega$  does not change if we change parametrization of  $\gamma$  provide the orientation remains the same.

*Proof:* Consider  $\left\langle \omega(x(t)), \frac{dx}{dt} \right\rangle$  and

$$\left\langle \omega(x(t(t'))), \frac{dx}{dt'} \right\rangle \text{ As}$$

$$\left\langle \omega(x(t(t'))), \frac{dx}{dt'} \right\rangle = \left\langle \omega(x(t(t'))), \frac{dx}{dt} \cdot \frac{dt}{dt'} \right\rangle,$$

Let  $p$  be a rational prime and let  $K = \square(\zeta_p)$ .

We write  $\zeta$  for  $\zeta_p$  or this section. Recall that  $K$  has degree  $\varphi(p) = p-1$  over  $\square$ . We wish to show that  $O_K = \square[\zeta]$ . Note that  $\zeta$  is a root of  $x^p - 1$ , and thus is an algebraic integer; since  $O_K$  is a ring we have that  $\square[\zeta] \subseteq O_K$ . We give a proof without assuming unique factorization of ideals. We begin with some norm and trace computations. Let  $j$  be an integer. If  $j$  is not divisible by  $p$ , then  $\zeta^j$  is a primitive  $p^{\text{th}}$  root of unity, and thus its conjugates are  $\zeta, \zeta^2, \dots, \zeta^{p-1}$ . Therefore

$$Tr_{K/\square}(\zeta^j) = \zeta + \zeta^2 + \dots + \zeta^{p-1} = \Phi_p(\zeta) - 1 = -1$$

If  $p$  does divide  $j$ , then  $\zeta^j = 1$ , so it has only the one conjugate 1, and  $Tr_{K/\square}(\zeta^j) = p-1$  By linearity of the trace, we find that

$$Tr_{K/\square}(1 - \zeta) = Tr_{K/\square}(1 - \zeta^2) = \dots$$

$$= Tr_{K/\square}(1 - \zeta^{p-1}) = p$$

We also need to compute the norm of  $1 - \zeta$ . For this, we use the factorization

$$x^{p-1} + x^{p-2} + \dots + 1 = \Phi_p(x)$$

$$= (x - \zeta)(x - \zeta^2) \dots (x - \zeta^{p-1});$$

Plugging in  $x=1$  shows that

$$p = (1-\zeta)(1-\zeta^2)\dots(1-\zeta^{p-1})$$

Since the  $(1-\zeta^j)$  are the conjugates of  $(1-\zeta)$ , this shows that  $N_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(1-\zeta) = p$ . The key result for determining the ring of integers  $O_K$  is the following.

LEMMA 1.9

$$(1-\zeta)O_K \cap \mathbb{Q} = p\mathbb{Q}$$

*Proof.* We saw above that  $p$  is a multiple of  $(1-\zeta)$  in  $O_K$ , so the inclusion  $(1-\zeta)O_K \cap \mathbb{Q} \supseteq p\mathbb{Q}$  is immediate. Suppose now that the inclusion is strict. Since  $(1-\zeta)O_K \cap \mathbb{Q}$  is an ideal of  $\mathbb{Q}$  containing  $p\mathbb{Q}$  and  $p\mathbb{Q}$  is a maximal ideal of  $\mathbb{Q}$ , we must have  $(1-\zeta)O_K \cap \mathbb{Q} = p\mathbb{Q}$ . Thus we can write

$$1 = \alpha(1-\zeta)$$

For some  $\alpha \in O_K$ . That is,  $1-\zeta$  is a unit in  $O_K$ .

COROLLARY 1.1 For any  $\alpha \in O_K$ ,

$$Tr_{K/\mathbb{Q}}((1-\zeta)\alpha) \in p\mathbb{Z}$$

PROOF. We have

$$\begin{aligned} Tr_{K/\mathbb{Q}}((1-\zeta)\alpha) &= \sigma_1((1-\zeta)\alpha) + \dots + \sigma_{p-1}((1-\zeta)\alpha) \\ &= \sigma_1(1-\zeta)\sigma_1(\alpha) + \dots + \sigma_{p-1}(1-\zeta)\sigma_{p-1}(\alpha) \\ &= (1-\zeta)\sigma_1(\alpha) + \dots + (1-\zeta^{p-1})\sigma_{p-1}(\alpha) \end{aligned}$$

Where the  $\sigma_i$  are the complex embeddings of  $K$  (which we are really viewing as automorphisms of  $K$ ) with the usual ordering. Furthermore,  $1-\zeta^j$  is a multiple of  $1-\zeta$  in  $O_K$  for every  $j \neq 0$ . Thus

$Tr_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(\alpha(1-\zeta)) \in (1-\zeta)O_K$  Since the trace is also a rational integer.

PROPOSITION 1.4 Let  $p$  be a prime number and let  $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_p)$  be the  $p^{\text{th}}$  cyclotomic field. Then

$$O_K = \mathbb{Z}[\zeta_p] \cong \mathbb{Z}[x]/(\Phi_p(x)); \quad \text{Thus}$$

$1, \zeta_p, \dots, \zeta_p^{p-2}$  is an integral basis for  $O_K$ .

PROOF. Let  $\alpha \in O_K$  and write

$$\alpha = a_0 + a_1\zeta + \dots + a_{p-2}\zeta^{p-2} \quad \text{With } a_i \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(1-\zeta) &= a_0(1-\zeta) + a_1(\zeta - \zeta^2) + \dots \\ &+ a_{p-2}(\zeta^{p-2} - \zeta^{p-1}) \end{aligned}$$

By the linearity of the trace and our above calculations we find that  $Tr_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(\alpha(1-\zeta)) = pa_0$

We also have

$$Tr_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(\alpha(1-\zeta)) \in p\mathbb{Z}, \quad \text{so } a_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Next consider the algebraic integer

$$(\alpha - a_0)\zeta^{-1} = a_1 + a_2\zeta + \dots + a_{p-2}\zeta^{p-3};$$

This is an algebraic integer since  $\zeta^{-1} = \zeta^{p-1}$  is. The same argument as above shows that  $a_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and continuing in this way we find that all of the  $a_i$  are in  $\mathbb{Z}$ . This completes the proof.

Example 1.4 Let  $K = \mathbb{Q}$ , then the local ring

$\mathbb{Q}_{(p)}$  is simply the subring of  $\mathbb{Q}$  of rational numbers with denominator relatively prime to  $p$ .

Note that this ring  $\mathbb{Q}_{(p)}$  is not the ring  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  of  $p$ -adic integers; to get  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  one must complete  $\mathbb{Q}_{(p)}$ .

The usefulness of  $O_{K,p}$  comes from the fact that it has a particularly simple ideal structure. Let  $a$  be any proper ideal of  $O_{K,p}$  and consider the ideal  $a \cap O_K$  of  $O_K$ . We claim that  $a = (a \cap O_K)O_{K,p}$ ; That is, that  $a$  is generated by the elements of  $a$  in  $a \cap O_K$ . It is clear from the definition of an ideal that  $a \supseteq (a \cap O_K)O_{K,p}$ .

To prove the other inclusion, let  $\alpha$  be any element of  $a$ . Then we can write  $\alpha = \beta/\gamma$  where  $\beta \in O_K$  and  $\gamma \notin p$ . In particular,  $\beta \in a$  (since  $\beta/\gamma \in a$  and  $a$  is an ideal), so  $\beta \in O_K$  and  $\gamma \notin p$ . so  $\beta \in a \cap O_K$ . Since  $1/\gamma \in O_{K,p}$ , this implies that  $\alpha = \beta/\gamma \in (a \cap O_K)O_{K,p}$ , as claimed. We can use this fact to determine all of the ideals of  $O_{K,p}$ . Let  $a$  be any ideal of  $O_{K,p}$  and consider the ideal factorization of  $a \cap O_K$  in  $O_K$ .

write it as  $a \cap O_K = p^n b$  For some  $n$  and some ideal  $b$ , relatively prime to  $p$ . we claim first that  $bO_{K,p} = O_{K,p}$ . We now find that

$$a = (a \cap O_K)O_{K,p} = p^n bO_{K,p} = p^n O_{K,p}$$

Since  $bO_{K,p} = O_{K,p}$ . Thus every ideal of  $O_{K,p}$  has the form  $p^n O_{K,p}$  for some  $n$ ; it follows immediately

that  $O_{K,p}$  is noetherian. It is also now clear that  $p^n O_{K,p}$  is the unique non-zero prime ideal in  $O_{K,p}$ . Furthermore, the inclusion  $O_K \mapsto O_{K,p} / pO_{K,p}$ . Since  $pO_{K,p} \cap O_K = p$ , this map is also surjection, since the residue class of  $\alpha / \beta \in O_{K,p}$  (with  $\alpha \in O_K$  and  $\beta \notin p$ ) is the image of  $\alpha\beta^{-1}$  in  $O_{K/p}$ , which makes sense since  $\beta$  is invertible in  $O_{K/p}$ . Thus the map is an isomorphism. In particular, it is now abundantly clear that every non-zero prime ideal of  $O_{K,p}$  is maximal. To show that  $O_{K,p}$  is a Dedekind domain, it remains to show that it is integrally closed in  $K$ . So let  $\gamma \in K$  be a root of a polynomial with coefficients in  $O_{K,p}$ ; write this polynomial as  $x^m + \frac{\alpha_{m-1}}{\beta_{m-1}} x^{m-1} + \dots + \frac{\alpha_0}{\beta_0}$  With  $\alpha_i \in O_K$  and  $\beta_i \in O_{K-p}$ . Set  $\beta = \beta_0 \beta_1 \dots \beta_{m-1}$ . Multiplying by  $\beta^m$  we find that  $\beta\gamma$  is the root of a monic polynomial with coefficients in  $O_K$ . Thus  $\beta\gamma \in O_K$ ; since  $\beta \notin p$ , we have  $\beta\gamma / \beta = \gamma \in O_{K,p}$ . Thus  $O_{K,p}$  is integrally close in  $K$ .

**COROLLARY 1.2.** Let  $K$  be a number field of degree  $n$  and let  $\alpha$  be in  $O_K$  then

$$N'_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(\alpha O_K) = |N_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(\alpha)|$$

**PROOF.** We assume a bit more Galois theory than usual for this proof. Assume first that  $K/\mathbb{Q}$  is Galois. Let  $\sigma$  be an element of  $Gal(K/\mathbb{Q})$ . It is clear that  $\sigma(O_K) / \sigma(\alpha) \cong O_{K/\alpha}$ ; since  $\sigma(O_K) = O_K$ , this shows that  $N'_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(\sigma(\alpha)O_K) = N'_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(\alpha O_K)$ . Taking the product over all  $\sigma \in Gal(K/\mathbb{Q})$ , we have  $N'_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(N_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(\alpha)O_K) = N'_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(\alpha O_K)^n$ . Since  $N_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(\alpha)$  is a rational integer and  $O_K$  is a free  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module of rank  $n$ ,

$O_K / N_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(\alpha)O_K$  Will have order  $N_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(\alpha)^n$ ; therefore

$$N'_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(N_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(\alpha)O_K) = N_{K/\mathbb{Q}}(\alpha O_K)^n$$

This completes the proof. In the general case, let  $L$  be the Galois closure of  $K$  and set  $[L:K] = m$ .

### III. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The sEMG from the four electrodes were used as inputs in the optimized ANN, and the forces from the force sensor were used as references. One of the experimental results of both session 1 and session 2; the gray line indicates the measured force from the sensor and the black line indicates the force predicted by the ANN. To validate the prediction method, the predicted data were evaluated against the measured data using two criteria: NRMSE and CORR. In session 1, as mentioned earlier, the subjects were required to exert target force levels for 85 seconds. Since these profiles had the same tendency as the profiles during the ANN training, the good performance (NRMSE = 0.093 ± 0.047 and CORR = 0.957 ± 0.031) for all subjects was validated. In session 2, the subjects could produce any force, so the forces had a tendency that the ANN could not expect. It is interesting that the results of session 2 (NRMSE = 0.112 ± 0.082 and CORR = 0.932 ± 0.058) were comparable with those of session 1 as a result of the ANN's generalization abilities. Prior the experiments, the sEMG samples were collected to train the ANN, where approximately 85 seconds were required, and then the training was performed with a limited number of iterations (= 100), where approximately only 64 seconds were required in a computer running on a Pentium 4, 2.93 GHz processor. The total time for the sample collection and ANN training was fast (2 min 29 sec). It was believed that the reduction of the number of inputs (electrodes) reduced the training time because the excluded channels provided less productive information in predicting the force. Without the exclusions, the number of weights in the network would have increased as the number of input neurons increased; also, it is difficult to tune the weights using less productive information. It is well known that individuals have anatomical variations in their muscles [12] and the sEMG depends significantly on the individual skin and muscle properties. In addition, the positioning the electrodes differently would produce different recordings, even for observations of the same muscle [26]. Therefore, a user specific ANN model is required, and also whenever a user wants to use the force prediction model from sEMG, the training step is necessary prior to use. The short training time implies that this model is practical and the user is able to use it without time consuming work. These experiments were performed by measuring the pinch forces produced by the thumb and index finger tips that were set 45 mm apart in opposition, and the experimental result shows that the pinch forces were well predictable from the sEMG. However, if two fingers, more or less than 45 mm

apart in opposition, produce the forces, the designed model is not guaranteed to provide accurate predictions. The muscle forces are dependent on the muscle lengths [20], and if the distance of the two fingers changes, the brain would control the muscles in a different way.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

The main objective of this paper is to present an algorithm for real-time pinch force prediction and the evaluation results of the five volunteer subjects. Considering the experimental results, the designed ANN with an optimized structure successfully predicted the pinch force from four sEMG electrodes. In addition, the training time was short, which implies that the proposed method is practical for the measurement of the generated pinch force without force sensors. A possible application of the pinch force prediction method could be in controlling several platforms, such as bionic finger robot systems for finger paralysis or amputation (i.e. involving exoskeletons and finger prostheses), and teleoperated robotic systems that can perform human tasks in hazardous environments. The above discussion has important implications for future work on improving the pinch force prediction from sEMG with regards to the distances between the thumb and index finger tips. For this purpose, we are developing a motorized pinch force measurement device and will undertake an extended study under dynamic kinematic conditions. Another possible extension of this study is the prediction of five finger forces using sEMG with the aim of controlling fingers of a robotic hand with the appropriate forces.

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