



Average number of Real Roots of Random Trigonometric Polynomial follows non-symmetric Semi-Cauchy Distribution

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Abstract

Let $a_1(\omega), a_2(\omega), a_3(\omega) \dots \dots \dots a_n(\omega)$ be a sequence of mutually independent, identically distributed random variables following semi-cauchy distribution with characteristic function $\exp(-(C + \cos \log|t|)|t|)$, $C > 1$. In this work, we obtain the average number of real zeros in the interval $(0, 2\pi)$ of trigonometric polynomials of the form

$$\binom{n}{1}a_1(\omega)\cos\theta + \binom{n}{2}a_2(\omega)\cos 2\theta + \binom{n}{3}a_3(\omega)\cos 3\theta + \dots + \binom{n}{n}a_n(\omega)\cos n\theta$$

for large n . Here the required average is $\sim \left(\frac{2n}{\sqrt{2\pi-1}}\right)$, $n \rightarrow \infty$.

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1. Introduction

Let $a_1(\omega), a_2(\omega), a_3(\omega) \dots \dots \dots a_n(\omega)$ be a sequence of mutually independent, identically distributed random variables. Let $T_n(\theta)$ denote the trigonometric polynomial

$$T_n(\theta) = \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n}{k} a_k(\omega) \cos k\theta = \sum_{k=1}^n b_k a_k(\omega) \cos k\theta \tag{1.1.1}$$

Where $b_k = \binom{n}{k}$. Let $N_n(\beta, \gamma)$ denote the number of real roots of $T_n(\theta) = 0$ in interval $\beta \leq \theta \leq \gamma$. Das [1] first time studied (1.1.1) polynomial, assuming that $b_k = k^\sigma$, he proved that the average number of zeros is $\left(\frac{2\sigma+1}{2\sigma+3}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} 2n + o(n)$ Where $b_k = \binom{n}{k}$. Let $N_n(\beta, \gamma)$ denote the number of real roots of $T_n(\theta) = 0$ in interval $\beta \leq \theta \leq \gamma$. Das [1] first time studied (1.1.1) polynomial, assuming that $b_k = k^\sigma$, he proved that the average number of zeros is $\left(\frac{2\sigma+1}{2\sigma+3}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} 2n + o(n)$ for $\sigma \geq -\frac{1}{2}$ and of order $n^{(3/2+\sigma)}$ remaining cases. Also Sambandham [6] studied for non-identically distributed case taking $b_k = k^\sigma$ ($\sigma \geq 0$) and showed that the average number is $\left(\frac{2\sigma+1}{2\sigma+3}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} 2n + o\left(n^{11+\frac{13}{n}}\right)$ except for a set of probability at $\frac{1}{n^{2\eta}}$ most where $0 < \eta < \frac{1}{13}$.

A recent work of Faramand[3], shows that the asymptotic formula for the expected number of real zeros of a algebraic polynomial of the form $\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}^{\frac{1}{2}} a_k(\omega) x^k$ for large n, where the coefficients have identical normal distributions with $\mu \neq 0$ and unit variance, then $EN_n(-\infty, \infty) \sim \frac{\sqrt{n}}{2}$.

In this paper we consider random trigonometric polynomial whose coefficients are independent but not identically distributed. Also we consider $b_k = \binom{n}{k}$ with semi-Cauchy distribution. Das[1] and Sambandham[6] studied the case of normal distribution, which is a smooth curve where variance and moment are finite. But in semi-Cauchy distribution both mean and variance does not exist. We studied for all cases described the above and as such we have most generalized the case of Das and Sambandham.

Theorem: Let $T_n(\theta) = \sum_{k=1}^n b_k a_k(\omega) \cos k\theta$, be a random trigonometric polynomial, where $a_k(\omega)$ are non-identically distributed random variables following semi-cauchy distribution with characteristic function $\exp(-(C + \cos \log |t|)|t|)$, $C > 1$. If $N_n(0, 2\pi)$ denote average number of real roots of $T_n(\theta) = 0$ in $[0, 2\pi]$, then the required average is $\sim \left(\frac{2n}{\sqrt{2\pi-1}}\right)$, (as $n \rightarrow \infty$).

2. Preliminaries

First we partition the interval $(0, 2\pi)$ into two types of intervals namely,

Type -1

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \left(\left(\epsilon, \frac{\pi}{2k} - \epsilon \right) \bigcup_{k=2}^n \left(\frac{\pi}{2k} + \epsilon, \frac{\pi}{2(k-1)} - \epsilon \right) \bigcup_{k=2}^n \left(\pi - \frac{\pi}{2(k-1)} + \epsilon, \pi - \frac{\pi}{2k} - \epsilon \right) \right) \\ \left(\bigcup_{k=2}^n \left(\pi - \frac{\pi}{2k} + \epsilon, \pi + \frac{\pi}{2k} - \epsilon \right) \bigcup_{k=2}^n \left(\pi + \frac{\pi}{2k} + \epsilon, \pi + \frac{\pi}{2(k-1)} - \epsilon \right) \right) \\ \left(\bigcup_{k=2}^n \left(2\pi - \frac{\pi}{2(k-1)} + \epsilon, 2\pi - \frac{\pi}{2k} - \epsilon \right) \bigcup_{k=2}^n \left(2\pi - \frac{\pi}{2k} + \epsilon, 2\pi - \epsilon \right) \right) \end{array} \right\} = \lambda(\text{say})$$

Type-2



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \bigcup_{k=1}^n \left[\frac{\pi}{2k} - \epsilon, \frac{\pi}{2k} + \epsilon \right] \bigcup_{k=1}^n \left[\pi + \frac{\pi}{2k} - \epsilon, \pi - \frac{\pi}{2k} + \epsilon \right] \\ \bigcup_{k=1}^n \left[\pi + \frac{\pi}{2k} - \epsilon, \pi + \frac{\pi}{2k} + \epsilon \right] \bigcup_{k=1}^n \left[\pi - \frac{\pi}{2k} - \epsilon, \pi + \frac{\pi}{2k} + \epsilon \right] \\ \bigcup_{k=1}^n \left[2\pi - \frac{\pi}{2k} - \epsilon, \pi - \frac{\pi}{2k} + \epsilon \right] \bigcup [2\pi - \epsilon, 2\pi] \end{array} \right\} = \lambda'(\text{say})$$

Since the length of smallest interval like $\left(\frac{\pi}{2k}, \frac{\pi}{2(k-1)}\right)$ etc, for $k = 2, 3, 4 \dots \dots n$ is $\frac{\pi}{2n(n-1)}$, we take $\epsilon = \frac{\pi}{4n^2}$ which is less than one half of the subintervals. It can be easily verified that with this value of ϵ , all the subintervals type(1) and type(2) are well defined and no two subintervals of any type overlap.

We denote the average number of real zeros of $T_n(\theta)$ in any subinterval of type (1) by $E_n(\beta, \gamma)$ and that any subinterval of type (2) by $M_n(\bar{\omega} - \epsilon, \bar{\omega} + \epsilon)$ where,

$$\bar{\omega} \in \left\{ \left(\frac{\pi}{2k}\right)_{k=1}^n, \left(\pi - \frac{\pi}{2k}\right)_{k=2}^n, \left(\pi + \frac{\pi}{2k}\right)_{k=1}^n, \left(\pi + \left(\pi - \frac{\pi}{2k}\right)\right)_{k=2}^n, 2\pi \right\} \quad (2.2.1)$$

We denote

$M_n(\lambda)$ = Sum of expectations of all subintervals of type (1) and

$M_n(\lambda')$ = Sum of expectations of all subintervals of type (2)

Let

$$T_n(\theta) = \sum_{k=1}^n b_k a_k(\omega) \cos k\theta = X \quad (2.2.2)$$

$$T'_n(\theta) = - \sum_{k=1}^n k b_k a_k(\omega) \sin k\theta = Y \quad (2.2.3)$$

Then the joint characteristics function of X and Y is given by

$$G(z, \omega) = e^{-\left(c + \cos \log \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |z b_k \cos k\theta - k \omega b_k \sin k\theta \right)\right) \left(\sum_{k=1}^n |z b_k \cos k\theta - k \omega b_k \sin k\theta \right)} \quad (2.2.4)$$

as a_k 's are independent random variables with common characteristic function $\exp\{-(c + \cos \log |t|) |t|\}$.

3. Main Results

Proof of the theorem: By Kac-Rice formula, and the procedure of Das,

$$M_n(\beta, \gamma) \leq \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\beta}^{\gamma} \sqrt{\frac{(4XZ - Y^2)}{X^2}} d\theta \quad (3.3.1)$$

where



$$X(\omega) = \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n}{k} |\cos k\theta| \quad (3.3.2)$$

$$Y(\omega) = 2 \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n}{k} |k \sin k\theta - \cos k\theta| \quad (3.3.3)$$

and

$$Z(\omega) = \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n}{k} |\sec k\theta| (k \sin k\theta - \cos k\theta)^2 \quad (3.3.4)$$

In order to estimate Z , we proceed to estimate the maximum value of $|\sec k\theta|$ in any sub interval of λ . Here we consider different cases corresponding to different kind of sub interval of type-1.

Case-1

If $\epsilon < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2n} - \epsilon$, then

$$|\cos \theta| > \left| \cos \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \epsilon \right) \right| = |\sin \epsilon|$$

As $|\cos \theta|$ is decreasing in $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$

$$\Rightarrow |\sec k\theta| < \frac{1}{|\sin \epsilon|} = \frac{1}{\left| \sin \frac{\pi}{4n^2} \right|} \quad \text{taking } \epsilon = \frac{\pi}{4n^2}$$

$$\text{As } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\sin \frac{\pi}{4n^2}}{\frac{\pi}{4n^2}} \right| = 1, \quad \left(\frac{\pi}{4n^2} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \right)$$

We have, for $n > n_0$, $\left| \frac{\sin \frac{\pi}{4n^2}}{\frac{\pi}{4n^2}} - 1 \right| < \eta$ (very small)

$$\frac{1}{1-\eta} > \frac{\frac{\pi}{4n^2}}{\left| \sin \frac{\pi}{4n^2} \right|} > \frac{1}{1+\eta} \quad \text{for } n > n_0, \text{ taking } \eta = 1 - \frac{1}{\pi},$$

$$\text{We have } \pi > \frac{\frac{\pi}{4n^2}}{\left| \sin \frac{\pi}{4n^2} \right|} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\left| \sin \frac{\pi}{4n^2} \right|} < 4n^2, \text{ for } n > n_0$$



$$|\operatorname{seck}\theta| < \frac{1}{\left|\sin\frac{\pi}{4n^3}\right|} \text{ and } \frac{1}{\left|\sin\frac{\pi}{4n^3}\right|} < 4n^3$$

Then $|\operatorname{seck}\theta| < 4n^3$, for large n .

$$\frac{\frac{\pi}{4n^3}}{\left|\sin\frac{\pi}{4n^3}\right|} > \frac{1}{1+\eta} \text{ and } \eta = 1 - \frac{1}{\pi}.$$

So we get, $|\operatorname{seck}\theta| > \frac{2\pi-1}{4n^3}$, for large n .

Case -2

If $\frac{\pi}{2k} + \epsilon < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2(k-1)} - \epsilon$, proceed as above

As $|\cos\theta|$ is increasing in $\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right)$

$$\Rightarrow |\operatorname{seck}\theta| < 4n^3, \text{ for } n > n_0$$

Similarly we get, $|\operatorname{seck}\theta| > \frac{2\pi-1}{4n^3}$, for large n .

Case-3

If $\pi - \frac{\pi}{2(k-1)} + \epsilon < \theta < \pi - \frac{\pi}{2k} - \epsilon$, also as before

$$\Rightarrow |\operatorname{seck}\theta| < 4n^3, \text{ for } n > n_0$$

Similarly we get, $|\operatorname{seck}\theta| > \frac{2\pi-1}{4n^3}$, for large n .

Case-4

If $\pi - \frac{\pi}{2n} + \epsilon < \theta < \pi + \frac{\pi}{2n} - \epsilon$, then, also as before, we get

$$|\operatorname{seck}\theta| < 4n^3, \text{ for } n > n_0$$

Similarly we get, $|\operatorname{seck}\theta| > \frac{2\pi-1}{4n^3}$, for large n .

We shall leave other two cases by the period π in which we shall we get same upper estimate for $|\operatorname{seck}\theta|$.

Case-5

If $2\pi k - \frac{\pi k}{2n} + \epsilon k < k\theta < 2\pi k + \epsilon k$ then

Since $|\cos\theta|$ is increasing in $\left(2\pi k - \frac{\pi k}{2n} + \epsilon k, 2\pi k\right)$ and decreasing in $(2\pi k, 2\pi k + \epsilon k)$



After calculation, we get

$$|\operatorname{seck}\theta| < 4n^3 \text{ and } |\operatorname{seck}\theta| > \frac{2\pi-1}{4n^2}, \text{ for large } n.$$

Now from (3.3.2)

$$\begin{aligned} X(\omega) &= \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n}{k} |\operatorname{cosk}\theta| \\ &= \frac{4n^3}{2\pi-1} \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n}{k} \\ &= \frac{4n^3 2^n}{2\pi-1} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^n}\right) \\ X(\omega) &\leq \frac{4n^3 2^n}{2\pi-1} O(1) \end{aligned} \quad (3.3.5)$$

Now from (3.3.3)

$$\begin{aligned} Y(\omega) &= 2 \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n}{k} |k \operatorname{sink}\theta - \operatorname{cosk}\theta| \\ &\leq 2 \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n}{k} (|k \operatorname{sink}\theta| + |\operatorname{cosk}\theta|) \\ &\leq 2 \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n}{k} (k+1) \\ &= 2^n n \left(1 + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right) \\ Y(\omega) &\leq 2^n n \left(1 + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right) \end{aligned} \quad (3.3.6)$$

Now from (3.3.4)



$$\begin{aligned}
 Z(\omega) &= \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n}{k} |\operatorname{seck}\theta| (k \operatorname{sink}\theta - \operatorname{cosk}\theta)^2 \\
 &\leq \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n}{k} |\operatorname{seck}\theta| (k \operatorname{sink}\theta + \operatorname{cosk}\theta)^2 \\
 &\leq \sum_{k=1}^n 4n^3 \binom{n}{k} (k+1)^2 \\
 &\leq n^5 2^n \left(1 + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$Z(\omega) \leq n^5 2^n \left(1 + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right) \tag{3.3.7}$$

Using the order of X, Y and Z, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore \sqrt{\left| \frac{4XZ - Y^2}{X^2} \right|} &\leq \frac{4n^4 2^n \sqrt{O(1)} \left(1 + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right)}{\frac{4n^3 2^n}{(2\pi - 1)} O(1)} \left\{ \frac{1}{\left(1 + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right)} - \frac{(2\pi - 1)}{16n^6 O(1)} \right\}^{1/2} \\
 &= \frac{n}{\sqrt{(2\pi - 1)}} \frac{\left(1 + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right)}{\sqrt{O(1)}} |\varphi(\Psi_n)|
 \end{aligned}$$

where $\varphi(\Psi_n) = \left\{ \frac{1}{\left(1 + O\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)\right)} - \frac{(2\pi - 1)}{16n^6 O(1)} \right\}^{1/2}$ and $\varphi(\Psi_n) \rightarrow 1$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

Now from (3.3.1)

$$\begin{aligned}
 M_n(\lambda) &\leq \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{4XZ - Y^2}{X^2}} d\theta \\
 &= \frac{2n}{\sqrt{(2\pi - 1)}} \\
 \therefore M_n(\lambda) &\leq \frac{2n}{\sqrt{(2\pi - 1)}} \tag{3.3.8}
 \end{aligned}$$



we show that the probability of $T_n(\theta)$ having an appreciable number of zeros in the small interval $\bar{\omega} - \epsilon < \theta < \bar{\omega} + \epsilon$, i.e in any subinterval of type 2 is small.

Following lemma is necessary for estimation of $M_n(\bar{\omega} - \epsilon, \bar{\omega} + \epsilon)$.

Lemma :

$$P\left(n(\epsilon) > 1 + \frac{3n(3n^3 + 1)\epsilon}{\log 2}\right) < \frac{\mu_2}{e^{n^4\epsilon}}$$

where $n(r)$ denote the number of zeros of $T_n(\theta)$ in $|z| \leq r$.

Proof: Applying Jensen's theorem to the entire function $T_n(\theta)$ we have

$$n(\epsilon) \leq \frac{1}{2\pi \log 2} \int_0^{2\pi} \log \left| \frac{T_n(2\epsilon e^{i\theta})}{T_n(0)} \right| d\theta \tag{3.3.9}$$

Provided $T_n(0) \neq 0$. By Gnedenko and kolomogorv[4]

$$P(\{\omega: a_k(\omega) > n\}) = 1 - \{F(n) - F(-n)\} < \frac{\mu}{n} \tag{3.3.10}$$

If $\max_{1 \leq k \leq h} |a_k(\omega)| = h_n$, then from(3.3.10), we have

$T_n(2\epsilon e^{i\theta}) < 2e^{2n^4\epsilon} e^{2n\epsilon} D_n$, where

$$D_n = \sum_{k=1}^n b_k = \sum_{k=1}^n \binom{n}{k}$$

except a set of measure at most least $(1 - \frac{\mu_1}{e^{n^4\epsilon}})$. From Gredenko ([5] p.229), as $f(t)$ is integrable over the entire real line, we get,

$$\begin{aligned} F(x+h) - F(x-h) &\leq \frac{h}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |f(t)| dt \\ &= \frac{2h}{\pi} \frac{1}{D_n(c-1)} \quad (\text{where } c > 1) \end{aligned}$$

Now taking $x = 0$ and $h = D_n e^{-n^4\epsilon}$, we get,

$$\begin{aligned} P(|T_n(0)| < D_n e^{-n^4\epsilon}) &= F(D_n e^{-n^4\epsilon}) - F(-D_n e^{-n^4\epsilon}) \\ &< \mu_1 e^{-n^4\epsilon} \quad \text{where } \mu_1 = \frac{2}{\pi(c-1)} \end{aligned}$$



Hence we have

$$|T_n(2\epsilon e^{i\theta})| \leq 2.D_n e^{2n^4\epsilon} e^{2n\epsilon} \quad \text{and} \quad |T_n(0)| < D_n e^{-n^4\epsilon}$$

Hence

$$P\left(\left|\frac{T_n(2\epsilon e^{i\theta})}{T_n(0)}\right| \leq \frac{2.D_n e^{2n^4\epsilon} e^{2n\epsilon}}{D_n e^{-n^4\epsilon}}\right) > 1 - \frac{\mu_2}{e^{n^4\epsilon}}$$

or
$$P\left(\left|\frac{T_n(2\epsilon e^{i\theta})}{T_n(0)}\right| \leq 2e^{3n^4\epsilon+2n\epsilon}\right) > 1 - \frac{\mu_2}{e^{n^4\epsilon}} \quad (3.3.11)$$

It follows from (3.3.9), we get

$$n(\epsilon) \leq 1 + \frac{3n(n^3 + 1)\epsilon}{\log 2} \quad (3.3.12)$$

Combining (3.3.11) and (3.3.12), we get,

$$P\left\{n(\epsilon) \leq 1 + \frac{3n(n^3 + 1)\epsilon}{\log 2}\right\} > 1 - \frac{\mu_2}{e^{n^4\epsilon}}$$

$$\text{or } P\left\{n(\epsilon) > 1 + \frac{3n(n^3 + 1)\epsilon}{\log 2}\right\} \leq \frac{\mu_2}{e^{n^4\epsilon}}$$

we have observe that in any interval like $[\bar{\omega} - \epsilon, \bar{\omega} + \epsilon]$ as well as $[0, \epsilon]$ and $[2\pi - \epsilon, 2\pi]$, the probability that $T_n(\theta)$ has more than $\left(1 + \frac{3n(n^3+1)\epsilon}{\log 2}\right)$ zeros does not exceed $\frac{\mu_2}{e^{n^4\epsilon}}$. As there are altogether $4n$ such disjoint intervals in λ' , there fore the probability that $T_n(\theta)$ has more than $4n\left(1 + \frac{3n(n^3+1)\epsilon}{\log 2}\right)$ zeros in λ' , does not exceed $4n \frac{\mu_2}{e^{n^4\epsilon}} = \frac{n\mu'}{e^{n^4\epsilon}}$.

$$P\left\{M_n(\lambda') > \left(4n + \frac{12n^2(n^3 + 1)\epsilon}{\log 2}\right)\right\} < \frac{n\mu'}{e^{n^4\epsilon}} < \frac{n\mu'}{e^{\frac{n\pi}{4}}}, \text{ putting } \epsilon = \frac{\pi}{4n^3}$$

Thus

$$M_n(\lambda') = O\left\{\frac{n\mu'}{e^{\frac{n\pi}{4}}}\left(4n + \frac{3(n^3 + 1)\frac{\pi}{n}}{\log 2}\right)\right\}$$

$$= O\left\{\frac{3n^3\mu'}{e^{\frac{n\pi}{4}}}\left(\frac{4}{3n} + \frac{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n^3}\right)\pi}{\log 2}\right)\right\}$$



$\rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ as $e^{\frac{n\pi}{4}}$ is exponentially large .

$$\text{So } M_n(\lambda') = o(1) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \quad (3.3.13)$$

Combining (3.3.8) and (3.3.13), we get,

$$EN_n[0, 2\pi] = M_n[0, 2\pi]$$

$$= M_n(\lambda) + M_n(\lambda')$$

$$\leq \frac{2n}{\sqrt{(2\pi - 1)}} + o(1)$$

Hence we get,

$$EN_n[0, 2\pi] = M_n[0, 2\pi] \sim \frac{2n}{\sqrt{(2\pi - 1)}} \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Thus the proof ends.

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