

Nonlinear Fourier Series

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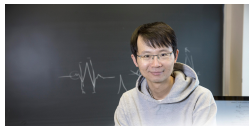
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This is the same as classical Fourier series because

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Any holomorphic $F : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ can be written as

$$F = B \cdot G,$$

where B is a Blaschke product and G has no roots inside \mathbb{D} .

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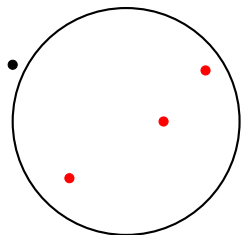


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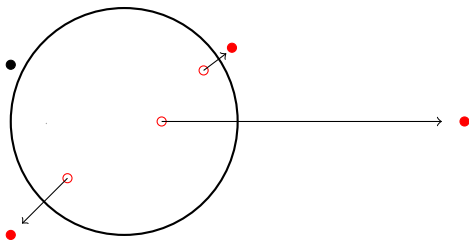


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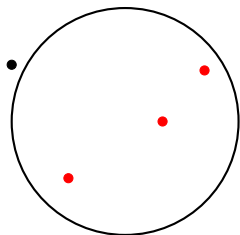


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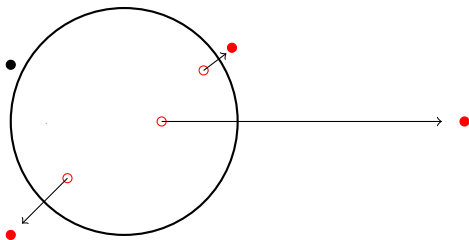


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$$\underbrace{\left(z - \frac{1}{3}\right)}_F (z - 3) = \underbrace{\frac{z - \frac{1}{3}}{1 - \frac{z}{3}}}_B \cdot \underbrace{\left(1 - \frac{z}{3}\right)}_G (z - 3)$$

If the roots are all close to the boundary, not much is happening.

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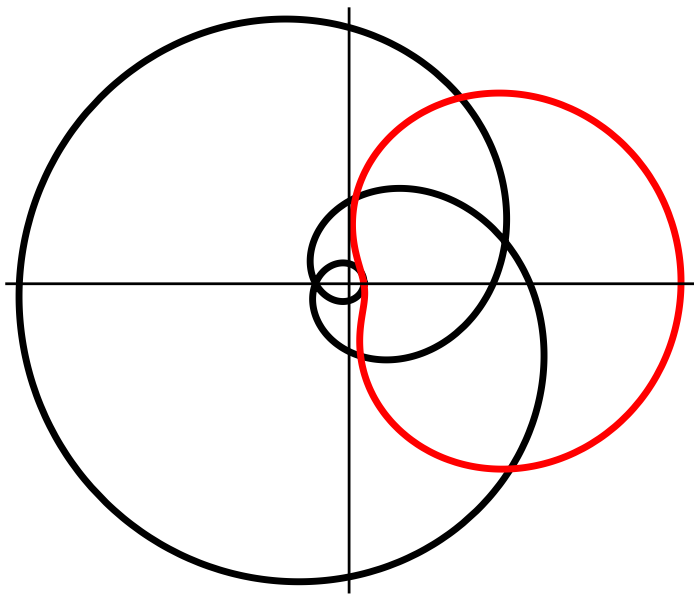


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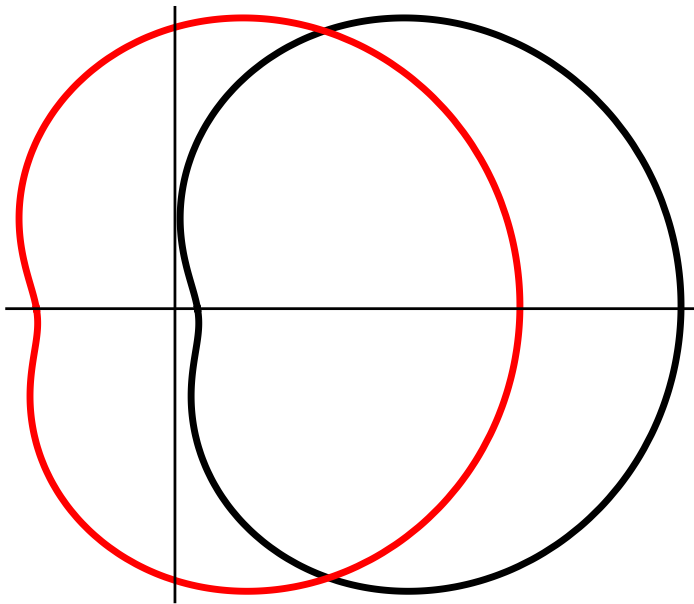


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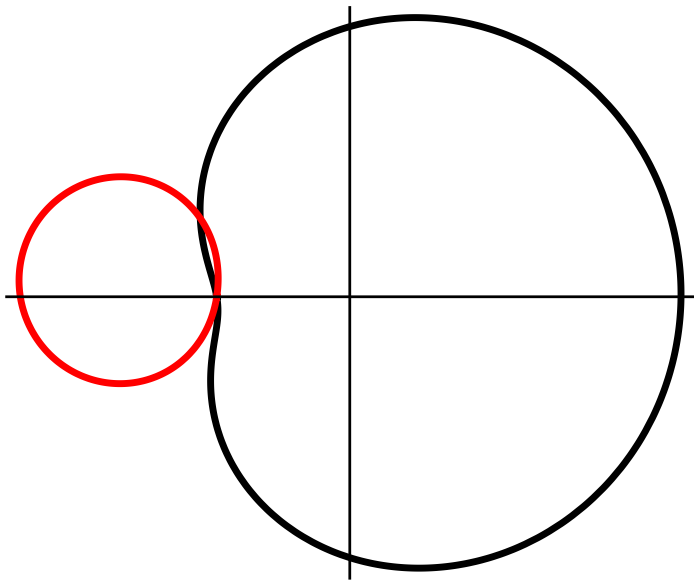
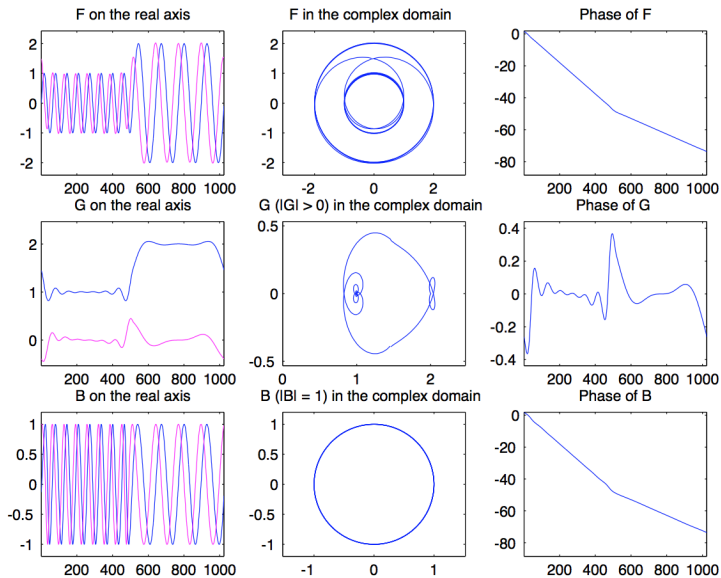
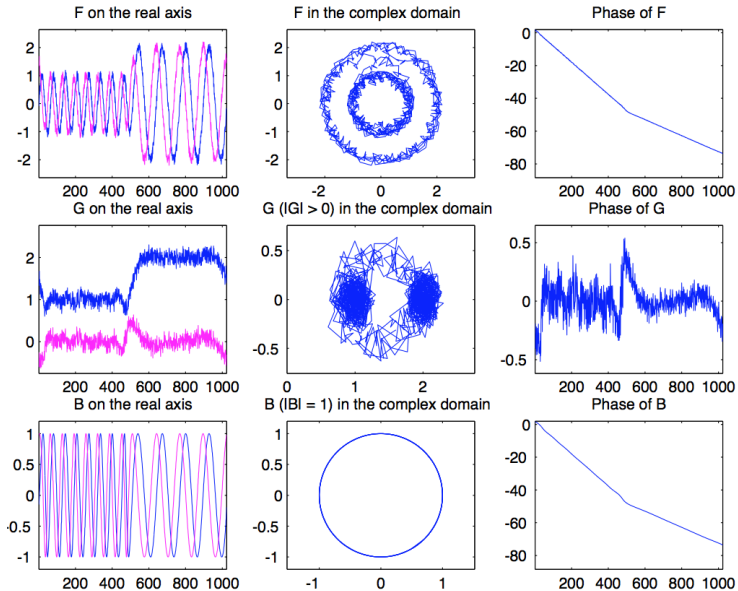


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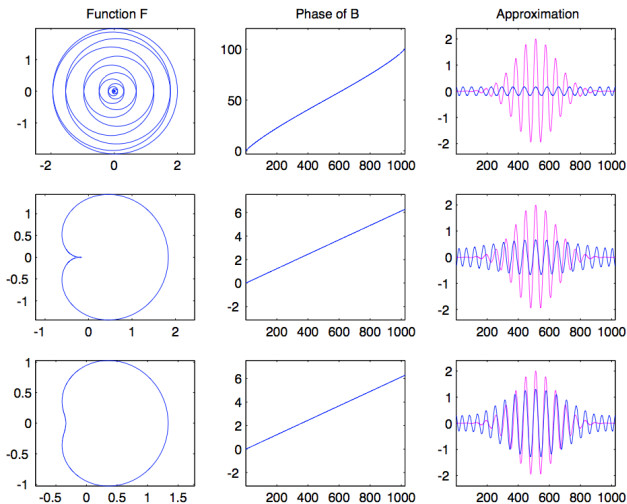
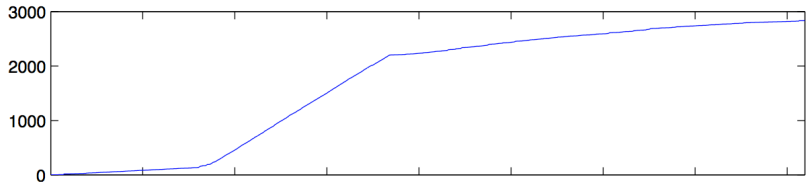
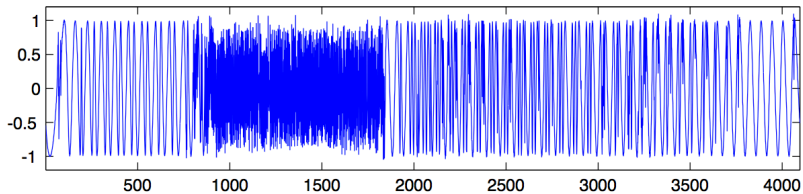
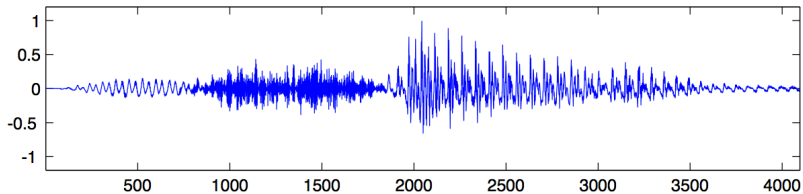


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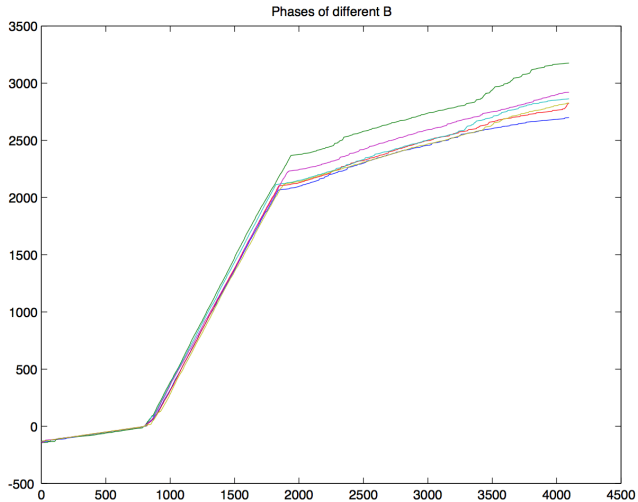
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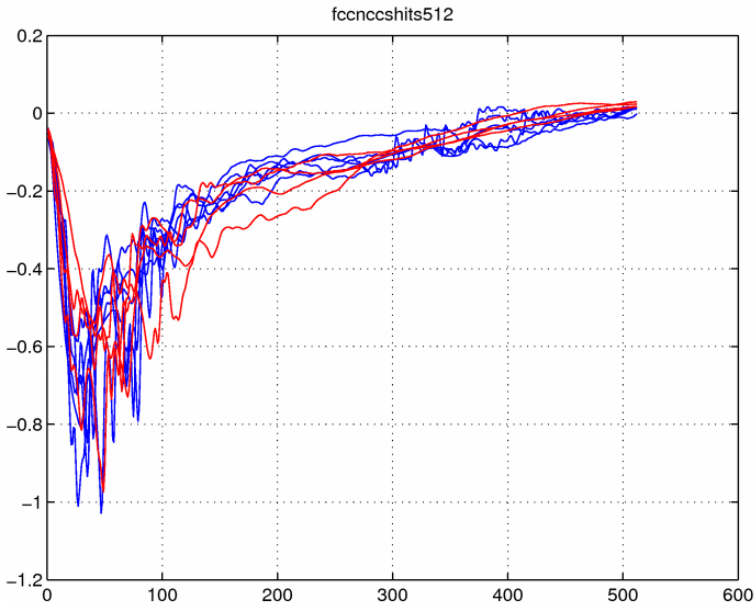
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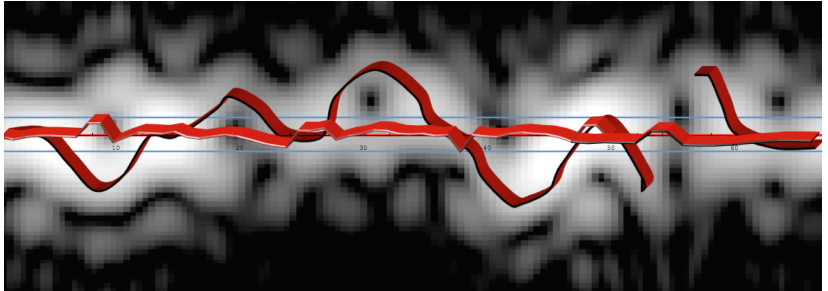
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Acoustic Underwater Scattering (Letelier & Saito, 2009)



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§ 1. *Introduction.*

The space H^p , $p > 0$, is the vector space of all analytic functions $F(z)$ defined in the open unit disc, $|z| = r < 1$, such that

$$\sup_{0 \leq r < 1} \int_0^{2\pi} |F(re^{i\theta})|^p d\theta < \infty. \quad [1]$$

The basic result in the theory of these spaces is the following theorem:

(Thanks to José Luis Romero.)

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(Carleson's formula for Blaschke product, 1960)

Assume F is holomorphic with roots $\{\alpha_i : i \in I\}$ in \mathbb{D} and $F = B \cdot G$, then

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Numerical stability

Holomorphic function inside the unit disk is given by

$$f(x) = \int_{|z|=1} P_x(e^{it}) f(e^{it}) dt.$$

This implies drastic levels of stability under additive noise.

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An amazing observation

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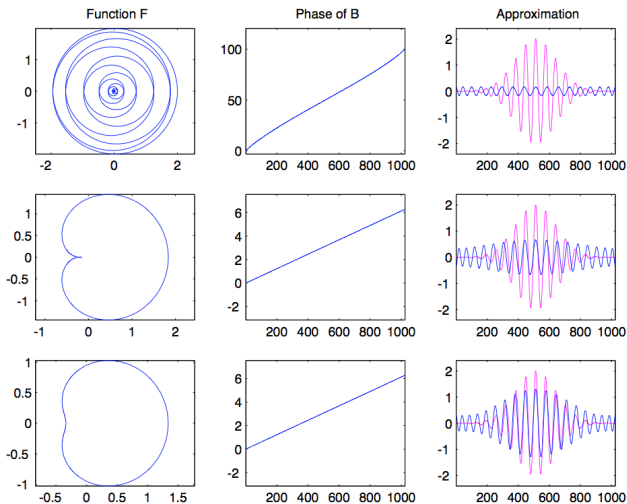
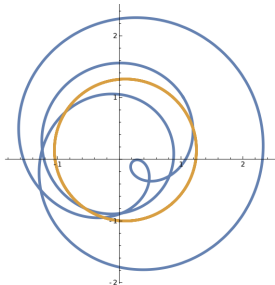
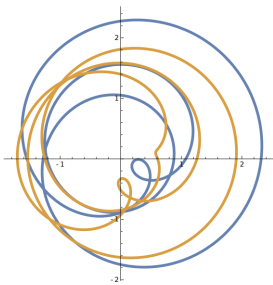


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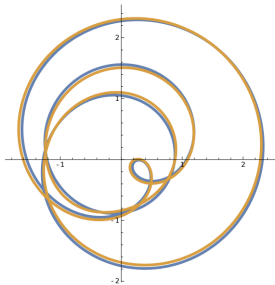
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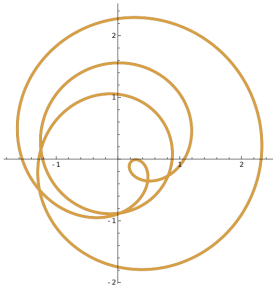
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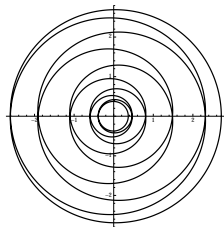
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(Lukianchikov, Nazarchuk and Xue, 2019)

The big open question

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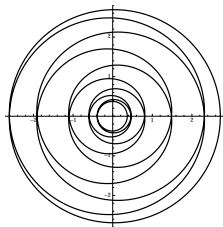


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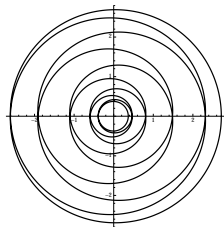


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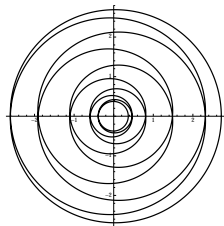
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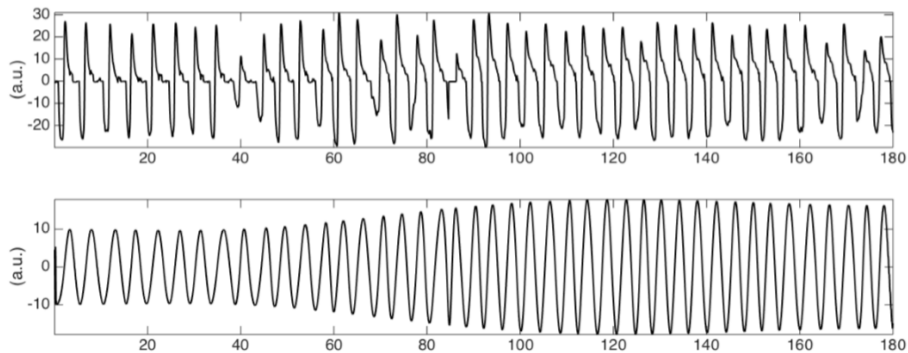


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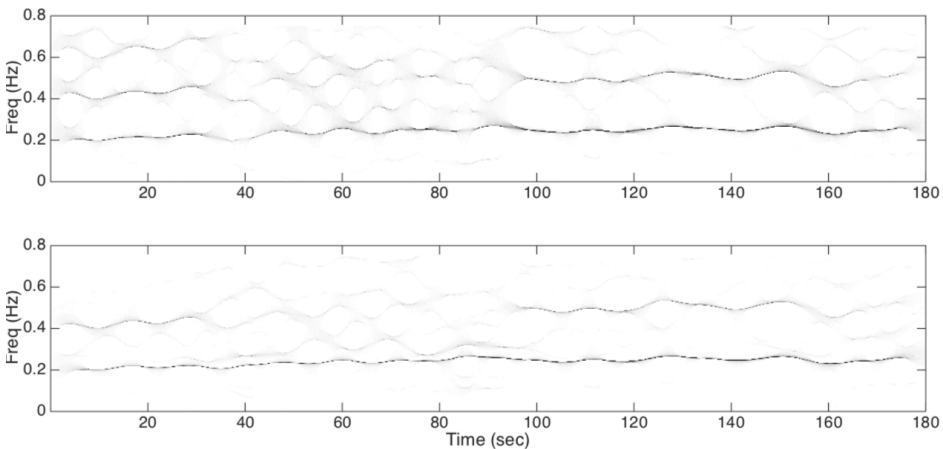


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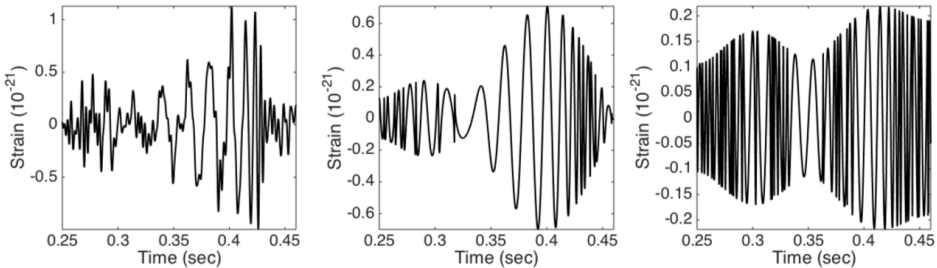


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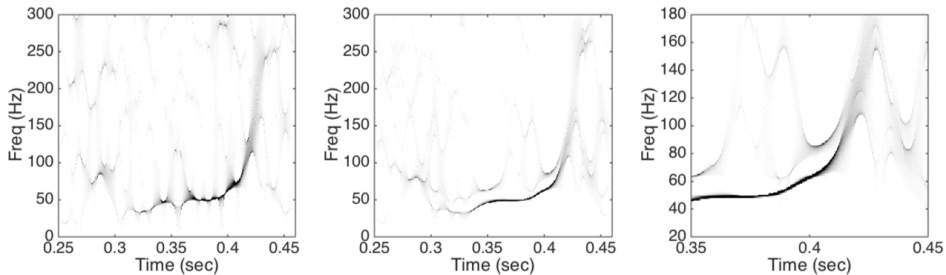
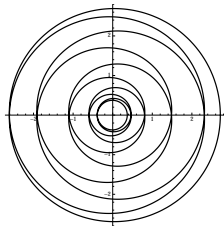
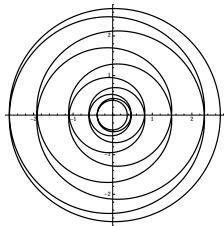


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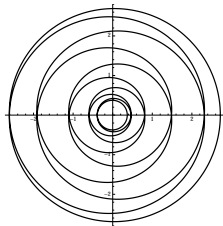


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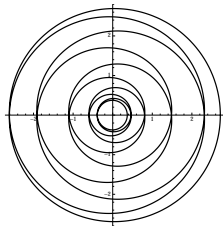
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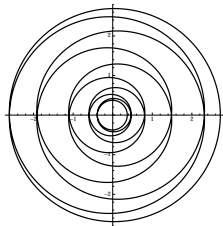
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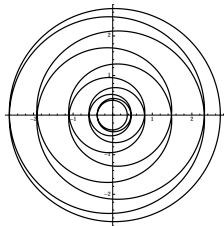
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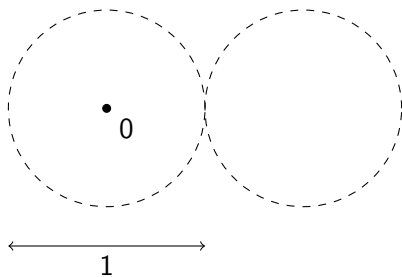
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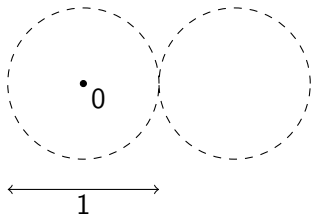
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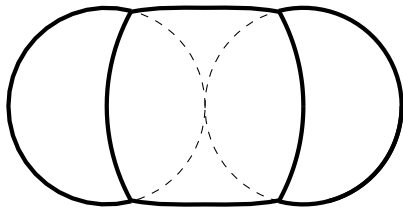
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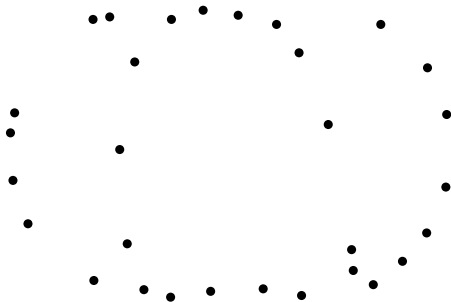
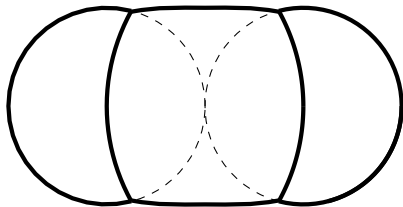
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Remark. If μ is radial around 0, then only the first case appears. This is Example 1 (the Gaussian).

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We are interested in almost everywhere convergence of the MT series (1.3). By standard techniques, almost everywhere convergence can be deduced from estimates of the maximal partial sum operator. Denote

$$(1.5) \quad Tf(e^{ix}) := T^{(a_n)} f(e^{ix}) := \sup_n \left| \sum_{n=0}^N \langle f, \phi_n \rangle \phi_n(e^{ix}) \right|.$$

Question. *Is the maximal partial sum operator (1.5) bounded on L^p ?*

If $a_n \equiv 0$, then the MT series reduces to the classical Fourier series and the operator (1.5) reduces to the Carleson operator. In this case the positive answer to the above question is given by the Carleson-Hunt theorem [Car66, Hun68].



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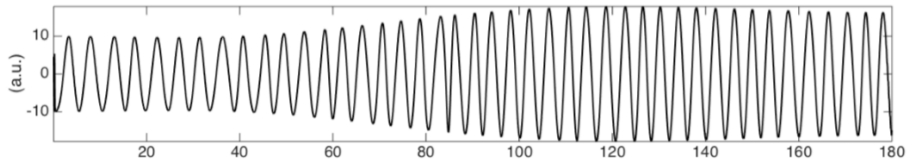
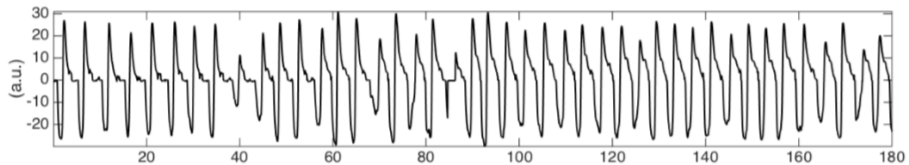
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and

$$\sigma(x) = \frac{\pi}{2} + \arctan x.$$



THANK YOU!