

## ON DECOMPOSITION OF THE DIRICHLET KERNEL ON VILENKIN GROUPS

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ABSTRACT. We give a useful decomposition of the Dirichlet kernel on Vilenkin groups.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The Dirichlet kernel is an important concept in harmonic analysis on Vilenkin groups. Indeed, it is well known (see [1]) that for a function  $f \in L^1(G)$  we have

$$S_n(f, x) = \int_G f(x - u) \cdot D_n(u) d\mu(u), x \in G, \quad (1.1)$$

where  $G$  is a Vilenkin group,  $\mu$  is the normalized Haar measure on  $G$ ,  $D_n$  is the Dirichlet kernel on  $G$ , and  $S_n(f, x)$  is the  $n$ -th partial sum of the Fourier-Vilenkin series of the function  $f$ . So, (1.1) shows that the properties of the Dirichlet kernel affect the properties of the sequence  $(S_n(f, x))_{n=0}^\infty$ . But, one of the main questions in harmonic analysis on Vilenkin groups is whether  $(S_n(f, x))_{n=0}^\infty$  converges in some sense to  $f$  (and under which conditions on  $f$ ).

Some properties of the Dirichlet kernel on the dyadic group are given in [5], [9], and on Vilenkin groups are given in [1], [3], [8], [10]. In [4] the author introduced the Dirichlet kernel of the Vilenkin-like orthonormal system, which is a generalization of the Vilenkin system. In [7] we studied the Dirichlet kernel on the group of 2-adic integers (which is an example of a Vilenkin group).

### 2. PRELIMINARIES

Let us denote with  $\mathbb{N}$  the set of nonnegative integers.

For a positive integer  $n$  define

$$\mathbb{Z}_n := \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}.$$

We shall endow  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  with the discrete topology as well with the operation of addition modulo  $n$ .

Let  $(m_i)_{i=0}^\infty$  be a sequence of positive integers which satisfies  $m_i \geq 2, \forall i \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Define

$$G := \prod_{i=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{Z}_{m_i}.$$

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We shall endow  $G$  with the product topology and with the component-wise addition.

Then (see [1])  $G$  is a Vilenkin group.

In particular, if  $m_i = 2$  for all  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , we call  $G$  the dyadic group.

Define the sequence of integers  $(M_i)_{i=0}^{\infty}$  by

$$M_0 := 1, M_{i+1} := m_i \cdot M_i, i \geq 0. \quad (2.1)$$

It is known (see [1]) that each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  can be expressed as

$$n = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} n_i \cdot M_i, n_i \in \{0, 1, \dots, m_i - 1\} \quad (2.2)$$

in a unique way. We'll call (2.2) the representation of  $n$ .

Define

$$I_0 := G, I_n := \{(x_i)_{i=0}^{\infty} \in G \mid x_0 = \dots = x_{n-1} = 0\}. \quad (2.3)$$

Then  $\{I_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a family of both open and closed sets which satisfies

$$I_0 \supseteq I_1 \supseteq \dots \supseteq I_n \supseteq \dots \quad (2.4)$$

It is known (see [1], [6]) that there is a unique Haar measure  $\mu$  on  $G$  such that  $\mu(G) = 1$ .

For  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  define

$$r_k(x) := e^{\frac{2\pi i x_k}{m_k}}, x = (x_i)_{i=0}^{\infty} \in G. \quad (2.5)$$

For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  define

$$\psi_n(x) := \prod_{k=0}^{\infty} r_k^{n_k}(x), x \in G.$$

It is known (see [1]) that  $(\psi_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$  is an orthonormal system on  $G$ , i.e. it satisfies

$$\int_G \psi_n(x) \overline{\psi_m(x)} d\mu(x) = \delta_{m,n}, m, n \in \mathbb{N},$$

where  $\delta_{m,n}$  is the Kronecker symbol. The system  $(\psi_n)_{n=0}^{\infty}$  is called a Vilenkin system.

The Dirichlet kernel is defined by

$$D_0 := (x) = 0, D_n(x) := \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \psi_i(x), n \geq 1.$$

It is known (see [1], [2]) that for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$D_{M_n}(x) = \begin{cases} M_n, & x \in I_n, \\ 0, & x \notin I_n. \end{cases} \quad (2.6)$$

It is also known (see [2]) that

$$D_n(x) = \psi_n(x) \cdot \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} D_{M_k}(x) \cdot \sum_{s=m_k-n_k}^{m_k-1} r_k^s(x) \right), x \in G, n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad (2.7)$$

where  $n = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} n_k \cdot M_k$  is the representation of  $n$ .

The sequence  $(e_i)_{i=0}^{\infty}$  of elements in  $G$  is defined as

$$e_i := (\delta_{j,i})_{j=0}^{\infty}, i \in \mathbb{N}, \quad (2.8)$$

where  $\delta_{j,i}$  denotes the Kronecker symbol.

The characteristic function of the set  $A$  will be denoted with  $\chi_A$ .

The support of a function  $f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  will be defined by

$$\text{supp}(f) := \overline{\{x \in G : f(x) \neq 0\}}.$$

### 3. RESULTS

For  $j \in \mathbb{N}$  define

$$y_j := \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} j_i \cdot e_i,$$

where  $j = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} j_i \cdot M_i$  is the representation of  $j$ .

**Lemma 3.1.** *Let  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ . Suppose*

$$j = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} j_i \cdot M_i, j_i \in \{0, 1, \dots, m_i - 1\} \quad (3.1)$$

*is the representation of  $j$ . Then:*

i) *For each positive integer  $k$*

$$j \leq M_k - 1 \Leftrightarrow y_j = j_0 \cdot e_0 + j_1 \cdot e_1 + \dots + j_{k-1} \cdot e_{k-1}. \quad (3.2)$$

ii) *For each positive integer  $k$ , the function*

$$f_k : \{0, 1, \dots, M_k - 1\} \rightarrow \{\alpha_0 \cdot e_0 + \dots + \alpha_{k-1} \cdot e_{k-1} : \alpha_i \in \{0, 1, \dots, m_i - 1\}, i = \overline{0, k-1}\}$$

*defined by*

$$f_k(j) = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} j_i \cdot e_i, \forall j = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} j_i M_i \in \{0, 1, \dots, M_k - 1\} \quad (3.3)$$

*is bijective.*

*Notice that (3.3) is equivalent to  $f_k(j) = y_j, j = \overline{0, M_k - 1}$ .*

iii) *For each positive integer  $k$*

$$G = \biguplus_{j=0}^{M_k - 1} (y_j + I_k). \quad (3.4)$$

iv) *For each  $k, j \in \mathbb{N}$*

$$y_j \in I_k \Leftrightarrow j \equiv 0 \pmod{M_k}. \quad (3.5)$$

*In particular,*

$$y_j \in I_k \setminus I_{k+1} \Leftrightarrow j \equiv 0 \pmod{M_k} \wedge j \not\equiv 0 \pmod{M_{k+1}}.$$

*Proof.*

i) If  $j \leq M_k - 1$ , then obviously  $j_i = 0$  for  $i \geq k$ . Conversely, if  $y_j = j_0 \cdot e_0 + \dots + j_{k-1} \cdot e_{k-1}$ , we get

$$j = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} j_i M_i \leq \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (m_i - 1) M_i = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (M_{i+1} - M_i) = M_k - 1,$$

where we used (2.1).

- ii) The function  $f_k$  is well defined because of (3.1) and (3.2). Obviously,  $f_k$  is bijective.
- iii) Using (2.3) we get

$$G = \biguplus_{\alpha_0=0}^{m_0-1} \cdots \biguplus_{\alpha_{k-1}=0}^{m_{k-1}-1} (\alpha_0 \cdot e_0 + \cdots + \alpha_{k-1} \cdot e_{k-1} + I_k). \quad (3.6)$$

Now, (3.4) follows from (3.6) and claim ii) of this Lemma.

- iv) If  $y_j \in I_k$ , then (2.3) implies  $j_0 = \cdots = j_{k-1} = 0$ . Therefore,

$$j = \sum_{i=k}^{\infty} j_i \cdot M_i \equiv 0 \pmod{M_k}.$$

Conversely, if  $j \equiv 0 \pmod{M_k}$ , then

$$\sum_{i=0}^{k-1} j_i M_i \equiv \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} j_i M_i = j \equiv 0 \pmod{M_k}.$$

But, since

$$0 \leq \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} j_i M_i \leq \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (m_i - 1) M_i = M_k - 1,$$

we get  $j_0 = \cdots = j_{k-1} = 0$ . Therefore, (3.5) holds.  $\square$

**Lemma 3.2.** *For each  $n, k \in \mathbb{N}$*

$$D_{M_n} = M_n \cdot \sum_{s_0=0}^{m_n-1} \sum_{s_1=0}^{m_{n+1}-1} \cdots \sum_{s_k=0}^{m_{n+k}-1} \chi_{s_0 e_n + s_1 e_{n+1} + \cdots + s_k e_{n+k} + I_{n+k+1}}, \quad (3.7)$$

where the supports of characteristic functions appearing on the right side of (3.7) are pairwise disjoint.

*Proof.* By applying (2.3) and (2.8) we get

$$I_n = \biguplus_{s_0=0}^{m_n-1} \biguplus_{s_1=0}^{m_{n+1}-1} \cdots \biguplus_{s_k=0}^{m_{n+k}-1} (s_0 e_n + s_1 e_{n+1} + \cdots + s_k e_{n+k} + I_{n+k+1}) \quad (3.8)$$

for all  $n, k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Therefore, using (2.6) we have

$$D_{M_n} = M_n \cdot \chi_{I_n} = M_n \cdot \sum_{s_0=0}^{m_n-1} \sum_{s_1=0}^{m_{n+1}-1} \cdots \sum_{s_k=0}^{m_{n+k}-1} \chi_{s_0 e_n + s_1 e_{n+1} + \cdots + s_k e_{n+k} + I_{n+k+1}}.$$

Disjointness of supports of the functions appearing on the right side of (3.7) follows from (3.8).  $\square$

**Lemma 3.3.** *For each  $n, l, k \in \mathbb{N}$  and each  $x \in G$*

$$D_{M_n}(x) \cdot r_n^l(x) = \sum_{j=0}^{M_{n+k+1}-1} a_j(n, l, k) \cdot D_{M_{n+k+1}}(x - y_j),$$

where  $a_j(n, l, k), j = \overline{0, M_{n+k+1}-1}$  are constants.

*Proof.* Using Lemma 3.2 we get

$$D_{M_n}(x) r_n^l(x) = M_n \cdot \sum_{s_0=0}^{m_n-1} \sum_{s_1=0}^{m_{n+1}-1} \cdots \sum_{s_k=0}^{m_{n+k}-1} r_n^l(x) \chi_{s_0 e_n + s_1 e_{n+1} + \dots + s_k e_{n+k} + I_{n+k+1}}(x), \quad (3.9)$$

for each  $x \in G$  and each  $n, l, k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

By applying (2.5) we have

$$r_n^l(x) \cdot \chi_{s_0 e_n + \dots + s_k e_{n+k} + I_{n+k+1}}(x) = e^{\frac{2\pi i s_0 l}{m_n}} \chi_{s_0 e_n + \dots + s_k e_{n+k} + I_{n+k+1}}(x) \quad (3.10)$$

for all  $x \in G$ .

Besides, using (2.6) we get

$$\chi_{s_0 e_n + \dots + s_k e_{n+k} + I_{n+k+1}}(x) = \frac{1}{M_{n+k+1}} D_{M_{n+k+1}}(x - (s_0 e_n + \dots + s_k e_{n+k})) \quad (3.11)$$

for all  $x \in G$  and all  $s_i \in \{0, 1, \dots, m_{n+i} - 1\}, i = \overline{0, k}$ .

Now, combining (3.9), (3.10) and (3.11) gives us

$$D_{M_n}(x) r_n^l(x) = \sum_{s_0=0}^{m_n-1} \sum_{s_1=0}^{m_{n+1}-1} \cdots \sum_{s_k=0}^{m_{n+k}-1} \frac{M_n \cdot e^{\frac{2\pi i s_0 l}{m_n}}}{M_{n+k+1}} D_{M_{n+k+1}}(x - (s_0 e_n + \dots + s_k e_{n+k})).$$

Finally, this and claim i) of Lemma 3.1 gives us the claim of this Lemma.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.1.** *Let  $n$  be a positive integer and*

$$n = n_{k_1} M_{k_1} + \dots + n_{k_l} M_{k_l}$$

*be the representation of  $n$ , where  $0 \leq k_1, k_i < k_j$  for  $i < j$ , and  $n_{k_i} \in \{1, \dots, m_{k_i} - 1\}, i = \overline{1, l}$ . Then*

$$D_n(x) = \psi_n(x) \left( \sum_{j=0}^{M_{k_l}-1} a_{n,j} \cdot D_{M_{k_l}}(x - y_j) \right), x \in G, \quad (3.12)$$

*where  $a_{n,j}, j = \overline{1, M_{k_l}-1}$  are constants, and  $a_{n,0}$  is a function on  $G$ . Moreover, we have:*

- i) If  $j \not\equiv 0 \pmod{M_{k_1}}$ , then  $a_{n,j} = 0$ ,
- ii) If  $j \equiv 0 \pmod{M_{k_p}}, j \not\equiv 0 \pmod{M_{k_{p+1}}}$  for some  $p \in \{1, \dots, l-1\}$ , then

$$a_{n,j} = \frac{1}{M_{k_l}} \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} n_{k_i} M_{k_i} + \frac{M_{k_p}}{M_{k_l}} \sum_{s=m_{k_p}-n_{k_p}}^{m_{k_p}-1} e^{\frac{2\pi i s a}{m_{k_p}}},$$

where  $a = \frac{j(\bmod M_{k_p+1})}{M_{k_p}}$ . In particular, if  $j \equiv 0 (\bmod M_{k_p+1})$ , then

$$a_{n,j} = \frac{1}{M_{k_l}} \sum_{i=1}^p n_{k_i} M_{k_i},$$

iii)

$$a_{n,0}(x) = \frac{1}{M_{k_l}} \sum_{i=1}^{l-1} n_{k_i} M_{k_i} + \sum_{s=m_{k_l}-n_{k_l}}^{m_{k_l}-1} e^{\frac{2\pi i x_{k_l} s}{m_{k_l}}}, x \in I_{k_l}.$$

*Proof.* From (2.7) we have

$$D_n(x) = \Psi_n(x) \left( \sum_{i=1}^l D_{M_{k_i}}(x) \cdot \sum_{s=m_{k_i}-n_{k_i}}^{m_{k_i}-1} r_{k_i}^s(x) \right).$$

Applying Lemma 3.3 to each of the functions  $D_{M_{k_i}}(x) \cdot r_{k_i}^s(x)$ ,  $i \in \{1, \dots, l-1\}$ ,  $s \in \{m_{k_i}-n_{k_i}, \dots, m_{k_i}-1\}$  gives us for each  $x \in G$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{l-1} D_{M_{k_i}}(x) \cdot \sum_{s=m_{k_i}-n_{k_i}}^{m_{k_i}-1} r_{k_i}^s(x) = b_0 \cdot D_{M_{k_l}}(x-y_0) + \sum_{j=1}^{M_{k_l}-1} a_{n,j} \cdot D_{M_{k_l}}(x-y_j),$$

where  $b_0, a_{n,j}, j = \overline{1, M_{k_l}-1}$  are constants. Therefore,

$$\sum_{i=1}^l D_{M_{k_i}}(x) \sum_{s=m_{k_i}-n_{k_i}}^{m_{k_i}-1} r_{k_i}^s(x) = a_{n,0}(x) \cdot D_{M_{k_l}}(x-y_0) + \sum_{p=1}^{M_{k_l}-1} a_{n,p} \cdot D_{M_{k_l}}(x-y_p), \quad (3.13)$$

for all  $x \in G$ , where  $a_{n,j}, j = \overline{1, M_{k_l}-1}$  are constants.

On the other hand, using (2.6) and the fact that  $y_j + I_{k_l}$  is closed we conclude that the support of the function  $D_{M_{k_l}}(x-y_j)$  satisfies

$$\text{supp}(D_{M_{k_l}}(\cdot - y_j)) = y_j + I_{k_l}, j \in \{0, 1, \dots, M_{k_l}\}. \quad (3.14)$$

Besides, using claim iii) of Lemma 3.1 we have

$$G = \bigcup_{j=0}^{M_{k_l}-1} (y_j + I_{k_l}). \quad (3.15)$$

Let's take  $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, M_{k_l}-1\}$  arbitrary and fix it. If we put  $x = y_j$  into (3.13) and take into account (3.14) and (3.15), we get

$$a_{n,j} \cdot M_{k_l} = \sum_{i=1}^l D_{M_{k_i}}(y_j) \cdot \sum_{s=m_{k_i}-n_{k_i}}^{m_{k_i}-1} r_{k_i}^s(y_j). \quad (3.16)$$

Now, we consider two cases:

i)  $j \not\equiv 0 \pmod{M_{k_1}}$ .

Then, using (2.4) and claim iv) of Lemma 3.1 gives us

$$y_j \notin I_{k_1} \supseteq I_{k_2} \dots \supseteq I_{k_l}.$$

This together with (2.6) implies

$$D_{M_{k_1}}(y_j) = \dots = D_{M_{k_l}}(y_j) = 0. \quad (3.17)$$

Now, combining (3.17) with (3.16) gives us  $a_{n,j} = 0$ .

ii)  $j \equiv 0 \pmod{M_{k_p}}, j \not\equiv 0 \pmod{M_{k_{p+1}}}$  for some  $1 \leq p \leq l-1$ .

Therefore, the representation of  $j$  is

$$j = \sum_{i=k_p}^{\infty} j_i \cdot M_i, j_i \in \{0, 1, \dots, m_i - 1\}, \forall i \geq k_p.$$

Put  $a := j_{k_p}$ . Notice that  $a = \frac{j \pmod{M_{k_{p+1}}}}{M_{k_p}}$ . Using claim iv) of Lemma 3.1 we conclude  $y_j \in I_{k_p}, y_j \notin I_{k_{p+1}}$ . Applying (2.6) gives us

$$D_{M_{k_i}}(y_j) = M_{k_i}, \forall i \in \{1, \dots, p\}, D_{M_{k_i}}(y_j) = 0, \forall i \in \{p+1, \dots, l\}. \quad (3.18)$$

Combining (3.18) with (3.16) gives us

$$a_{n,j} \cdot M_{k_l} = \sum_{i=1}^p M_{k_i} \cdot \sum_{s=m_{k_i}-n_{k_i}}^{m_{k_i}-1} r_{k_i}^s(y_j). \quad (3.19)$$

On the other hand, using (2.5) and the fact  $y_j \in I_{k_p}$ , we get

$$r_{k_1}(y_j) = \dots = r_{k_{p-1}}(y_j) = 1, \text{ and } r_{k_p}(y_j) = e^{\frac{2\pi i a}{m_{k_p}}}.$$

This together with (3.19) gives us

$$a_{n,j} = \frac{1}{M_{k_l}} \sum_{i=1}^{p-1} n_{k_i} M_{k_i} + \frac{M_{k_p}}{M_{k_l}} \sum_{s=m_{k_p}-n_{k_p}}^{m_{k_p}-1} e^{\frac{2\pi i s a}{m_{k_p}}}.$$

Now, let's assume  $x \in I_{k_l}$ . Since  $y_0 = (0)_{n=0}^\infty$ , we have

$$x \in y_0 + I_{k_l}. \quad (3.20)$$

From (3.20) and (3.15) we get

$$x \notin y_j + I_{k_l}, \forall j \in \{1, 2, \dots, M_{k_l} - 1\}. \quad (3.21)$$

Finally, (3.21), (3.13) and (3.14) imply

$$\begin{aligned} a_{n,0}(x) \cdot M_{k_l} &= \sum_{i=1}^l D_{M_{k_i}}(x) \cdot \sum_{s=m_{k_i}-n_{k_i}}^{m_{k_i}-1} r_{k_i}^s(x) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{l-1} n_{k_i} M_{k_i} + M_{k_l} \sum_{s=m_{k_l}-n_{k_l}}^{m_{k_l}-1} e^{\frac{2\pi i x_{k_l} s}{m_{k_l}}}, \end{aligned}$$

where we have used  $D_{M_{k_l}}(x) = M_{k_l}, i = \overline{1, l}$ , and

$$r_{k_1}(x) = \dots = r_{k_{l-1}}(x) = 1, r_{k_l}(x) = e^{\frac{2\pi i x_{k_l} s}{m_{k_l}}} \text{ (since } x \in I_{k_l}). \quad \square$$

**Remark 3.1.** From (3.14) and (3.15) we see that (3.12) gives us a decomposition of the Dirichlet kernel  $D_n$  into the sum of functions with disjoint supports.

**Remark 3.2.** We can define the function  $a_{n,0}$  in an arbitrary way outside the set  $I_{k_l}$ , because of (3.12) and the fact that  $D_{M_{k_l}}$  vanishes outside the set  $I_{k_l}$ .

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