

Uncertainty product for Vilenkin groups

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Abstract

We study a localization of functions defined on Vilenkin groups. To measure the localization we introduce two uncertainty products UP_λ and UP_G that are similar to the Heisenberg uncertainty product. UP_λ and UP_G differ from each other by the metric used for the Vilenkin group G . We discuss analogs of a quantitative uncertainty principle. Representations for UP_λ and UP_G in terms of Walsh and Haar basis are given.

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1 Introduction

An uncertainty product for a function characterizes how concentrated is the function in time and frequency domain. Initially the notion of uncertainty product was introduced for $f \in L_2(\mathbb{R})$ by W. Heisenberg [6] and E. Schrödinger [12]. Later on extensions of this notion appeared for various algebraic and topological structures. For periodic functions, it was suggested by E. Breitenberger [1]. For some particular cases of locally compact groups (namely a euclidean motion groups, non-compact semisimple Lie groups, Heisenberg groups) the counterpart was derived in [11]. Uncertainty products on compact Riemannian manifolds was discussed in [4]. In [8], this concept was introduced for functions defined on the Cantor group. In this paper, we discuss localization of functions defined on Vilenkin groups.

To measure the localization we introduce a functional that is similar to the Heisenberg uncertainty product (see Definition 1). It depends on the metric used for the Vilenkin group G . Two equivalent metrics are in common use for the group G . So we discuss two uncertainty

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products UP_λ and UP_G . The first one is a strict counterpart of “dyadic uncertainty constant” introduced in [8] (see Theorems 1 and 2). Usage of another metric in the second uncertainty product allows for exploitation of a modified Gibbs derivative that plays a role of usual derivative for the Heisenberg uncertainty product. At the same time it turns out that usage of Haar basis is a good approach for evaluation of UP_G (see Theorem 3). In particular, it allows for an estimate of Fourier-Haar coefficients for functions defined on the Vilenkin group (see Corollary 2). The connection between UP_λ and UP_G is showed in Lemma 1.

2 Auxiliary results

We recall necessary facts about the Vilenkin group. More details can be found in [3, 13]. The Vilenkin group $G = G_p$, $p \in \mathbb{N}$, $p \neq 1$, is a set of the sequences

$$x = (x_j) = (\dots, 0, 0, x_{-k}, x_{-k+1}, x_{-k+2}, \dots),$$

where $x_j \in \{0, \dots, p-1\}$ for $j \in \mathbb{Z}$. The operation on G is denoted by \oplus and defined as the coordinatewise addition modulo p :

$$(z_j) = (x_j) \oplus (y_j) \iff z_j = x_j + y_j \pmod{p} \quad \text{for } j \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

The inverse operation of \oplus is denoted by \ominus . The symbol $\ominus x$ denotes the inverse element of $x \in G$. The sequence $\mathbf{0} = (\dots, 0, 0, \dots)$ is a neutral element of G . If $x \neq \mathbf{0}$, then there exists a unique number $N = N(x)$ such that $x_N \neq 0$ and $x_j = 0$ for $j < N$. The Vilenkin group G_p , where $p = 2$ is called the Cantor group. In this case the inverse operation \ominus coincides with the group operation \oplus .

Define a map $\lambda : G \rightarrow [0, +\infty)$

$$\lambda(x) = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} x_j p^{-j-1}, \quad x = (x_j) \in G.$$

The mapping $x \mapsto \lambda(x)$ is a bijection taking $G \setminus \mathbb{Q}_0$ onto $[0, \infty)$, where \mathbb{Q}_0 is a set of all elements terminating with $p-1$'s.

Two equivalent metrics are in common use for the group G . One metric is defined by $d_1(x, y) := \lambda(x \ominus y)$ for $x, y \in G$. To define another one d_2 we consider a map $\|\cdot\|_G : G \rightarrow [0, \infty)$, where $\|\mathbf{0}\|_G := 0$ and $\|x\|_G := p^{-N(x)}$ for $x \neq \mathbf{0}$. Then $d_2(x, y) := \|x \ominus y\|_G$, $x, y \in G$. Given $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $x \in G$, denote by $I_n(x)$ the ball of radius 2^{-n} with the center at x , i.e.

$$I_n(x) = \{y \in G : d(x, y) < 2^{-n}\}.$$

For brevity we set $I_j := I_j(\mathbf{0})$ and $I := I_0$.

We denote dilation on G by $D : G \rightarrow G$, and set $(Dx)_k = x_{k+1}$ for $x \in G$. Then $D^{-1} : G \rightarrow G$ is the inverse mapping $(D^{-1}x)_k = x_{k-1}$. Set $D^k = D \circ \dots \circ D$ (k times) if $k > 0$, and $D^k = D^{-1} \circ \dots \circ D^{-1}$ ($-k$ times) if $k < 0$; D^0 is the identity mapping.

We deal with functions taking G to \mathbb{C} . Denote $\mathbb{1}_E$ the characteristic function of a set $E \subset G$. Given a function $f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ and a number $h \geq 0$, for every $x \in G$ we define $f_{0,h}(x) = f(x \oplus \lambda^{-1}(h))$. Finally, we set for $j \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$f_{j,h}(x) = p^{j/2} f_{0,h}(D^j x), \quad x \in G.$$

The functional spaces $L_q(G)$ and $L_q(E)$, where E is a measurable subset of G , are derived using the Haar measure (see [7]).

Given $\xi \in G$, a group character of G is defined by

$$\chi_\xi(x) = \chi(x, \xi) := \exp \left(\frac{2\pi i}{p} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} x_j \xi_{-1-j} \right).$$

The functions $w_n(x) := \chi(\lambda^{-1}(n), x)$ are called the generalized Walsh functions. If $p = 2$, then w_n are called the Walsh functions.

The Fourier transform of a function $f \in L^1(G)$ is defined by

$$Ff(\omega) = \int_G f(x) \overline{\chi(x, \omega)} d\mu(x), \quad \omega \in G. \quad (1)$$

The Fourier transform is extended to $L_2(G)$ in a standard way, and the Plancherel equality takes place

$$\langle f, g \rangle := \int_G f(x) \overline{g(x)} dx = \int_G Ff(\xi) \overline{Fg(\xi)} d\xi = \langle Ff, Fg \rangle, \quad f, g \in L_2(G).$$

The inversion formula is valid for any $f \in L_2(G)$

$$F^{-1}Ff(x) = \int_G Ff(\omega) \chi(x, \omega) d\mu(\omega) = f(x).$$

It is straightforward to see that

$$F(f_{j,n})(\xi) = p^{-j/2} \chi(k, D^{-j}\xi) Ff(D^{-j}\xi), \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}_+, j \in \mathbb{Z}. \quad (2)$$

The discrete Vilenkin-Chrestenson transform of a vector $x = (x_k)_{k=0, \overline{p^n-1}} \in \mathbb{C}^{p^n}$ is a vector $y = (y_k)_{k=0, \overline{p^n-1}} \in \mathbb{C}^{p^n}$, where

$$y_k = p^{-n} \sum_{s=0}^{p^n-1} x_s w_k(\lambda^{-1}(s/p^n)), \quad 0 \leq k \leq p^n - 1. \quad (3)$$

The inverse transform is

$$x_k = \sum_{s=0}^{p^n-1} y_s \overline{w_k(\lambda^{-1}(s/p^n))}. \quad 0 \leq k \leq p^n - 1. \quad (4)$$

Given $f : G_2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, the function

$$f^{[1]}(x) := \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j=-n}^n 2^{j-1} (f(x) - f_{0,2^{-j-1}}(x))$$

is called the Gibbs derivative of a function f . The following properties hold true

$$Ff^{[1]}(\xi) = \lambda(\xi)Ff(\xi), \quad \mathbf{w}_n^{[1]}(x) = n\mathbf{w}_n(x). \quad (5)$$

Set $\varphi = \mathbb{1}_I$. The Haar functions ψ^ν , $\nu = 1, \dots, p-1$ are defined by

$$\psi^\nu(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{p-1} \exp\left(\frac{2\pi i \nu n}{p}\right) \varphi(Dx \oplus \lambda^{-1}(n)). \quad (6)$$

The system $\psi_{j,k}^\nu$, $\nu = 1, \dots, p-1$, $j \in \mathbb{Z}$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, forms an orthonormal basis (Haar basis) for $L_2(G)$, see [5, 9].

It follows from (1) that $F\varphi = \varphi = \mathbb{1}_I$ and $F\psi = \mathbb{1}_{I_0 \oplus \lambda^{-1}(p-\nu)}$. Taking into account (2), we get

$$F\psi_{j,k}^\nu(\xi) = p^{-j/2} \chi(k, D^{-j}\xi) \mathbb{1}_{I_{-j} \oplus \lambda^{-1}((p-\nu)p^j)}. \quad (7)$$

Given $f \in L_1(G)$, the modified Gibbs derivative \mathcal{D} is defined by

$$F\mathcal{D}f = \|\cdot\|_G Ff. \quad (8)$$

It was introduced in [2] for $L_1(G_2)$. Such kind of operators are often called pseudo-differential.

Proposition 1. *Suppose $g, Fg, \|\cdot\|_G Fg$ are locally integrable on G , $j \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then the assertion $\text{supp } \widehat{g} \subset I_{-j-1} \setminus I_{-j}$ is necessary and sufficient for g to be an eigenfunction of \mathcal{D} corresponding to the eigenvalue p^j .*

The proof can be rewritten from Proposition 1 [10], where it is proved for the Cantor group.

Corollary 1. *Any Haar function $\psi_{j,k}^\nu$ is an eigenfunction of \mathcal{D}^α corresponding to the eigenvalue p^j .*

Proof. The statement follows from Proposition 1 and (7). □

3 Uncertainty product and metrics

Originally, the concept of an uncertainty product was introduced for the real line case in 1927. The Heisenberg uncertainty product of $f \in L_2(\mathbb{R})$ is the functional $UC_H(f) := \Delta_f \Delta_{\widehat{f}}$ such that

$$\Delta_f^2 := \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})}^{-2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} (x - x_f)^2 |f(x)|^2 dx, \quad \Delta_{\widehat{f}}^2 := \|\widehat{f}\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})}^{-2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} (t - t_{\widehat{f}})^2 |\widehat{f}(t)|^2 dt,$$

$$x_f := \|f\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})}^{-2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} x |f(x)|^2 dx, \quad t_{\widehat{f}} := \|\widehat{f}\|_{L^2(\mathbb{R})}^{-2} \int_{\mathbb{R}} t |\widehat{f}(t)|^2 dt,$$

where \widehat{f} denotes the Fourier transform of $f \in L_2(\mathbb{R})$. It is well known that $UC_H(f) \geq 1/2$ for a function $f \in L_2(\mathbb{R})$ and the minimum is attained on the Gaussian. To motivate the definition of a localization characteristic for the Vilenkin group we note that on one hand x_f is the solution of the minimization problem

$$\min_{\tilde{x}} \int_{\mathbb{R}} (x - \tilde{x})^2 |f(x)|^2 dx,$$

and on another hand the sense of the sign “-” in the definition of Δ_f is the distance between x and x_f . So we come to the main definition.

Definition 1. Suppose $f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $f \in L_2(G)$, and d is a metric on G , then a functional

$$UP(f) := V(f)V(Ff), \quad \text{where}$$

$$V(f) := \frac{1}{\|f\|_{L_2(G)}^2} \min_{\tilde{x}} \int_G (d(x, \tilde{x}))^2 |f(x)|^2 dx$$

is called the uncertainty product of a function f defined on the Vilenkin group.

Thus, we study two uncertainty products UP_λ and UP_G that corresponds to the metric $d_1(x, y) := \lambda(x \ominus y)$ and $d_2(x, y) := \|x \ominus y\|_G$. More precisely,

$$UP_\lambda(f) := V_\lambda(f)V_\lambda(Ff), \quad \text{where}$$

$$V_\lambda(f) := \frac{1}{\|f\|_{L_2(G)}^2} \min_{\tilde{x}} \int_G (\lambda(x \ominus \tilde{x}))^2 |f(x)|^2 dx.$$

The functional UP_G is defined as

$$UP_G(f) := V_G(f)V_G(Ff), \quad \text{where}$$

$$V_G(f) := \frac{1}{\|f\|_{L_2(G)}^2} \min_{\tilde{x}} \int_G \|x \ominus \tilde{x}\|_G^2 |f(x)|^2 dx.$$

The functional UP_λ for functions defined on the Cantor group was introduced and studied in [8]. The following results are extended from the Cantor group to the Vilenkin group without any essential changes. So we omit the proofs.

Theorem 1. Suppose $f : G \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$, $f \in L_2(G)$. Then the following inequality holds true

$$UP_\lambda(f) \geq C, \quad \text{where } C \simeq 8.5 \times 10^{-5}.$$

Theorem 2. Let $f(x) = \mathbb{1}_{\lambda^{-1}[0,1)}(x) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k w_k(x)$ be a uniformly convergent series. Denote

$$f_n(x) = \mathbb{1}_{\lambda^{-1}[0,1)}(x) \sum_{k=0}^{p^n-1} a_k w_k(x).$$

Let $V_\lambda(f) < +\infty$, $V_\lambda(Ff) < +\infty$. Then $UP_\lambda(f) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} V_\lambda(f_n)V_\lambda(Ff_n)$, where

$$V_\lambda(f_n) = \frac{\min_{k_0=0, p^n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{p^n-1} p^{-n} |b_{\lambda(\lambda^{-1}(k) \oplus \lambda^{-1}(k_0))}|^2 ((k+1)^3 - k^3)/3}{\sum_{k=0}^{p^n-1} |a_k|^2},$$

$$V_\lambda(Ff_n) = \frac{\min_{k_1=0, p^n-1} \sum_{k=0}^{p^n-1} |a_{\lambda(\lambda^{-1}(k) \oplus \lambda^{-1}(k_1))}|^2 ((k+1)^3 - k^3)/3}{\sum_{k=0}^{p^n-1} |a_k|^2},$$

and b_k , $0 \leq k \leq p^n - 1$, is the inverse discrete Vilenkin-Chrestenson transform (4).

The following Lemma shows that the functionals UP_λ and UP_G have the same order.

Lemma 1. Suppose $f \in L_2(G)$, then $p^{-4}UP_G(f) \leq UP_\lambda(f) < UP_G(f)$.

Proof. It is sufficient to note that $p^{-1}\|x\|_G \leq \lambda(x) < \|x\|_G$. □

Taking into account Theorem 1, we conclude that UP_G has a positive lower bound. So, UP_G satisfies the uncertainty principle.

Example 1. Let us illustrate a definition of UP_G for $p = 2$ using functions f_1 , g_1 , f_2 , and g_2 taken from [8, Example 1]. Recall $f_1(x) = \mathbb{1}_{\lambda^{-1}[0, 1/4)}(x)$, $g_1(x) = \mathbb{1}_{\lambda^{-1}[3/4, 1)}(x)$, $f_2(x) = \mathbb{1}_{\lambda^{-1}[0, 3/8)}(x)$, and $g_2(x) = \mathbb{1}_{\lambda^{-1}[3/4, 9/8)}(x)$. Their Walsh-Fourier transforms are $Ff_1 = \mathbb{1}_{\lambda^{-1}[0, 4)}/4$, $Fg_1 = w_3(\cdot/4) \mathbb{1}_{\lambda^{-1}[0, 4)}/4$, $Ff_2 = \mathbb{1}_{\lambda^{-1}[0, 4)}/4 + w_1(\cdot/4) \mathbb{1}_{\lambda^{-1}[0, 8)}/8$, and $Fg_2 = w_3(\cdot/4) \mathbb{1}_{\lambda^{-1}[0, 4)}/4 + w_1(\cdot) \mathbb{1}_{\lambda^{-1}[0, 8)}/8$. Given $\alpha \in [0, \infty)$, since the mapping $\alpha \mapsto \|\lambda^{-1}(\alpha)\|_G$ is increasing and a measure of the set $\lambda^{-1}[a, b) \ominus \tilde{x}$ does not depend on \tilde{x} , it follows that

$$\min_{\tilde{x}} \int_{\lambda^{-1}[0, \frac{1}{4})} \|x \ominus \tilde{x}\|_G dx = \min_{\tilde{x}} \int_{\lambda^{-1}[0, \frac{1}{4}) \ominus \tilde{x}} \|\tau\|_G d\tau = \int_{\lambda^{-1}[0, \frac{1}{4})} \|\tau\|_G d\tau,$$

and $\lambda^{-1}[0, 1/4)$ is a set of minimizing \tilde{x} 's as well. So, taking into account $\|f_1\|_{L_2(G)}^2 = \|Ff_1\|_{L_2(G)}^2 = 1/4$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} V_G(f_1) &= \frac{1}{\|f_1\|_{L_2(G)}^2} \min_{\tilde{x}} \int_G \|x \ominus \tilde{x}\|_G^2 |f_1(x)|^2 dx = 4 \min_{\tilde{x}} \int_{\lambda^{-1}[0, \frac{1}{4})} \|x \ominus \tilde{x}\|_G^2 dx \\ &= 4 \int_{\lambda^{-1}[0, \frac{1}{4})} \|\tau\|_G^2 d\tau = 4 \sum_{i=2}^{\infty} \int_{\lambda^{-1}[\frac{1}{2^{i+1}}, \frac{1}{2^i})} \|\tau\|_G^2 d\tau = 4 \sum_{i=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2^i} - \frac{1}{2^{i+1}} \right) 2^{-2i} = \frac{1}{28}. \end{aligned}$$

Analogously, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} V_G(Ff_1) &= \frac{1}{\|Ff_1\|_{L_2(G)}^2} \min_{\tilde{x}} \int_G \|x \ominus \tilde{x}\|_G^2 |Ff_1(x)|^2 dx = \frac{1}{4} \min_{\tilde{x}} \int_{\lambda^{-1}[0, 4)} \|x \ominus \tilde{x}\|_G^2 dx \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \int_{\lambda^{-1}[0, 4)} \|\tau\|_G^2 d\tau = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i=-2}^{\infty} \int_{\lambda^{-1}[\frac{1}{2^{i+1}}, \frac{1}{2^i})} \|\tau\|_G^2 d\tau = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i=-2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2^i} - \frac{1}{2^{i+1}} \right) 2^{-2i} = \frac{64}{7}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $UP_G(f_1) = 16/49$. Using the same arguments, we calculate UP_G for the remaining functions. We collect all the information in Table 1. Values of UP_λ we extract from [8,

Example 1]. Columns named $\tilde{x}_0(f)$ and $\tilde{t}_0(f)$ contain sets of \tilde{x} and \tilde{t} minimizing the functionals $V_\lambda(f)$, $V_G(f)$ and $V_\lambda(Ff)$, $V_G(Ff)$ respectively. With respect both uncertainty products UP_G and UP_λ , functions f_1 and g_1 have the same localization, while function f_2 is more localized than g_2 , that is adjusted with a naive idea of localization as a characteristic of a measure for a function support.

Table 1: UP_G and UP_λ : Example 1.

f	$\tilde{x}_0(f)$	$\tilde{t}_0(f)$	$V_\lambda(f)$	$V_\lambda(Ff)$	$UP_\lambda(f)$	$V_G(f)$	$V_G(Ff)$	$UP_G(f)$
f_1	$[0, 1/4)$	$[0, 4)$	$1/48$	$16/3$	$1/9$	$1/28$	$64/7$	$16/49$
g_1	$[3/4, 1)$	$[0, 4)$	$1/48$	$16/3$	$1/9$	$1/28$	$64/7$	$16/49$
f_2	$[0, 1/8)$	$[0, 2)$	$3/64$	8	$3/8$	$4/21$	$96/7$	$128/49$
g_2	$[3/4, 7/8)$	$[0, 4)$	$71/64$	$32/3$	$71/6$	$19/14$	$255/14$	$4845/196$

Example 2. Here we discuss a dependence of a localization for a fixed function on a parameter p of the Vilenkin group G_p . Let us consider a function $f_1(x) = \mathbb{1}_{\lambda^{-1}[0, 1/4)}(x)$ and $p = 2^k$, $k \in \mathbb{N}$. We calculate $UP_G(f_1)$.

- (1) If $k = 1$, then $UP_G(f_1) = \frac{16}{49}$ (see Example 1.);
- (2) If $k = 2$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
V_G(f_1) &= \frac{1}{\|f_1\|_{L_2(G)}^2} \min_{\tilde{x}} \int_G \|x \ominus \tilde{x}\|_G^2 |f_1(x)|^2 dx = 4 \min_{\tilde{x}} \int_{\lambda^{-1}[0, \frac{1}{4})} \|x \ominus \tilde{x}\|_G^2 dx \\
&= 4 \int_{\lambda^{-1}[0, \frac{1}{4})} \|\tau\|_G^2 d\tau = 4 \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \int_{\lambda^{-1}[\frac{1}{4^{i+1}}, \frac{1}{4^i})} \|\tau\|_G^2 d\tau = 4 \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{4^i} - \frac{1}{4^{i+1}} \right) 4^{-2i} = \frac{1}{21}. \\
V_G(Ff_1) &= \frac{1}{\|Ff_1\|_{L_2(G)}^2} \min_{\tilde{x}} \int_G \|x \ominus \tilde{x}\|_G^2 |Ff_1(x)|^2 dx = \frac{1}{4} \min_{\tilde{x}} \int_{\lambda^{-1}[0, 4)} \|x \ominus \tilde{x}\|_G^2 dx \\
&= \frac{1}{4} \int_{\lambda^{-1}[0, 4)} \|\tau\|_G^2 d\tau = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i=-1}^{\infty} \int_{\lambda^{-1}[\frac{1}{4^{i+1}}, \frac{1}{4^i})} \|\tau\|_G^2 d\tau = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i=-1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{4^i} - \frac{1}{4^{i+1}} \right) 4^{-2i} = \frac{256}{21}. \\
\text{Hence, } UP_G(f_1) &= \frac{256}{441}.
\end{aligned}$$

- (3) If $k > 2$, then

$$\begin{aligned}
V_G(f_1) &= \frac{1}{\|f_1\|_{L_2(G)}^2} \min_{\tilde{x}} \int_G \|x \ominus \tilde{x}\|_G^2 |f_1(x)|^2 dx = 4 \min_{\tilde{x}} \int_{\lambda^{-1}[0, \frac{1}{4})} \|x \ominus \tilde{x}\|_G^2 dx \\
&= 4 \int_{\lambda^{-1}[0, \frac{1}{2^k}) \oplus [\frac{1}{2^k}, \frac{1}{4})} \|\tau\|_G^2 d\tau = 4 \left(\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{(2^k)^i} - \frac{1}{(2^k)^{i+1}} \right) (2^k)^{-2i} + \left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{2^k} \right) \right) \\
&= 1 - \frac{4}{2^k} + \frac{4}{2^k(2^{2k} + 2^k + 1)}.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
V_G(Ff_1) &= \frac{1}{\|Ff_1\|_{L_2(G)}^2} \min_{\tilde{x}} \int_G \|x \ominus \tilde{x}\|_G^2 |f_1(x)|^2 dx = \frac{1}{4} \min_{\tilde{x}} \int_{\lambda^{-1}[0,4)} \|x \ominus \tilde{x}\|_G^2 dx \\
&= \frac{1}{4} \int_{\lambda^{-1}[0,1) \oplus [1,4)} \|\tau\|_G^2 d\tau = \frac{1}{4} \left(\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{(2^k)^i} - \frac{1}{(2^k)^{i+1}} \right) (2^k)^{-2i} + (4-1) \cdot 2^{2k} \right) \\
&= \frac{3}{4} \cdot 2^{2k} + \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{2^{2k}}{2^{2k} + 2^k + 1}.
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } UP_G(f_1) = \left(1 - \frac{4}{2^k} + \frac{4}{2^k(2^{2k} + 2^k + 1)} \right) \left(\frac{3}{4} \cdot 2^{2k} + \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{2^{2k}}{2^{2k} + 2^k + 1} \right).$$

It is easy to see that time variance $V_G(f_1)$ goes to 1, and frequency variance $V_G(Ff_1)$ goes to infinity as $k \rightarrow \infty$.

4 Uncertainty product UP_G .

In this section we concentrate on the uncertainty product corresponding to the metric d_2 . It turns out that the modified Gibbs derivative \mathcal{D} plays a role of a usual derivative in this case. And since the Haar functions are the eigenfunctions of \mathcal{D} , it is possible to get representation for UP_G using the Haar coefficients.

Theorem 3. Suppose $f \in L_2(G) \cap L_1(G)$, $\|\cdot\|_G f \in L_2(G)$, where “dot” \cdot means the argument $x \in G$ of a function f , and $f(x) = \sum_{\nu=1}^{p-1} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_+} c_{j,k}^\nu \psi_{j,k}^\nu(x)$. Then

$$\int_G \|t\|_G^2 |Ff(t)|^2 dt = \int_G |\mathcal{D}f(t)|^2 dt = \sum_{\nu=1}^{p-1} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_+} |p^j c_{j,k}^\nu|^2 \quad (9)$$

$$\int_G \|x\|_G^2 |f(x)|^2 dx = \int_G |\mathcal{D}Ff(x)|^2 dx = \sum_{\nu=1}^{p-1} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_+} |p^j d_{j,k}^\nu|^2, \quad (10)$$

where $d_{j,k}^\nu$, $j \in \mathbb{Z}$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, $\nu = 1, \dots, p-1$, are the coefficients in the Haar series for the function Ff , that is $Ff(t) = \sum_{\nu=1}^{p-1} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_+} d_{j,k}^\nu \psi_{j,k}^\nu(t)$.

Proof. By the definition of the modified Gibbs derivative and the Plancherel equality we get

$$\int_G \|t\|_G^2 |Ff(t)|^2 dt = \int_G |F\mathcal{D}f(t)|^2 dt = \int_G |\mathcal{D}f(t)|^2 dt.$$

Expanding a function in the Haar series and applying Corollary 1, we get

$$\int_G |\mathcal{D}f(t)|^2 dt = \int_G \left| \sum_{\nu=1}^{p-1} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_+} c_{j,k}^\nu \mathcal{D}\psi_{j,k}^\nu(t) \right|^2 dt$$

$$= \int_G \left| \sum_{\nu=1}^{p-1} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_+} c_{j,k}^\nu p^j \psi_{j,k}^\nu(t) \right|^2 dt = \sum_{\nu=1}^{p-1} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_+} |p^j c_{j,k}^\nu|^2$$

The last equality follows from the orthonormality of the Haar system. Equality (10) is proved analogously to (9). \square

Remark 1. Formally, it is possible to write $\int_G \lambda^2(x) |Ff(x)|^2 dx = \int_G |f^{[1]}(x)|^2 dx$ and to try to represent UC_λ in terms of eigenfunctions of the Gibbs derivative $f^{[1]}$ in the case of the Cantor group. (The Gibbs derivative is defined for functions defined on the Cantor group only.) However, the Gibbs differentiation is not a local operation, that is $(f\mathbb{1}_E)^{[1]} \neq f^{[1]}\mathbb{1}_E$, see also discussion in [10]. So, usage of Walsh functions instead of Haar basis might give interesting results for periodic functions only.

We did not find in the literature a formula expressing $d_{j,k}^\mu$ in terms of $c_{j,k}^\nu$. So we obtain this formula in the following lemma.

Lemma 2. Suppose $f \in L_2(G)$ and the coefficients $c_{j,k}^\nu$, $d_{j,k}^\mu$, $j \in \mathbb{Z}$, $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, $\nu, \mu = 1, \dots, p-1$, are defined in Theorem 3. Then

$$d_{j,k}^\mu = \sum_{\nu=1}^{p-1} p^{q_0/2} b_k^\nu + p^{j/2} \sum_{\nu=1}^{p-1} c_{-j-1,0}^\nu \exp\left(-\frac{2\pi i \nu \mu}{p}\right) \delta_{k,0} + p^{j/2} \sum_{i=-\infty}^{-j-2} \sum_{\nu=1}^{p-1} c_{i,0}^\nu \delta_{k,0}, \quad (11)$$

where $b_k^\nu = p^{-q_0} \sum_{n=0}^{p^{q_0}-1} c_{q_0-j, n+(p-\mu)p^{q_0}}^\nu \chi(\lambda^{-1}(n), D^{-q_0}\lambda^{-1}(k))$ is the k -th term of the discrete Vilenkin-Chrestenson transform of $(c_{q_0-j, n+(p-\mu)p^{q_0}}^\nu)_{n=0}^{p_0^{q_0}-1}$, $q_0 = \left\lceil \log_p \frac{k}{p-\nu} \right\rceil$, and $\delta_{0,0} = 1$, and $\delta_{k,0} = 0$, if $k \neq 0$.

Proof. Using the Plancherel equality and (7), we get

$$\begin{aligned} d_{j,k}^\mu &= \int_G Ff(x) \overline{\psi_{j,k}^\mu(x)} dx = \int_G f(x) \overline{F\psi_{j,k}^\mu(x)} dx = \sum_{\nu=1}^{p-1} \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+} c_{i,n}^\nu \int_G \psi_{i,n}^\nu(x) \overline{F\psi_{j,k}^\mu(x)} dx \\ &= \sum_{\nu=1}^{p-1} \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}_+} c_{i,n}^\nu \int_G \psi_{i,n}^\nu(x) p^{-j/2} \overline{\chi(\lambda^{-1}(k), D^{-j}x)} \mathbb{1}_{I_{-j \oplus \lambda^{-1}((p-\mu)p^j)}}(x) dx. \end{aligned}$$

Since $\text{supp } \psi_{i,n}^\nu = \lambda^{-1}([np^{-i}, (n+1)p^{-i}))$, it follows that the last expression takes the form

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{\nu=1}^{p-1} \sum_{i=-j}^{\infty} \sum_{n=(p-\mu)p^{i+j}}^{(p-\mu+1)p^{i+j-1}} c_{i,n}^\nu \int_G \psi_{i,n}^\nu(x) p^{-j/2} \overline{\chi(\lambda^{-1}(k), D^{-j}x)} dx \\ &+ p^{-j/2} \left(\sum_{\nu=1}^{p-1} c_{-j-1,0}^\nu \exp\left(-\frac{2\pi i \nu \mu}{p}\right) + \sum_{\nu=1}^{p-1} \sum_{i=-\infty}^{-j-2} c_{i,0}^\nu \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\times \int_G \overline{\chi(\lambda^{-1}(k), D^{-j}x)} \mathbb{1}_{I_{-j} \oplus \lambda^{-1}((p-\mu)p^j)}(x) dx =: S_1 + S_2.$$

For the first sum by (7) we note that

$$\begin{aligned} \int_G \psi_{i,n}^\nu(x) \overline{\chi(\lambda^{-1}(k), D^{-j}x)} dx &= F\psi_{i,n}^\nu(D^{-j}\lambda^{-1}(k)) \\ &= p^{-i/2} \chi(n, D^{-i-j}\lambda^{-1}(k)) \mathbb{1}_{I_{-i} \oplus \lambda^{-1}((p-\nu)p^i)}(D^{-j}\lambda^{-1}(k)). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the first sum takes the form

$$\begin{aligned} S_1 &= \sum_{\nu=1}^{p-1} \sum_{i=-j}^{\infty} \sum_{n=(p-\mu)p^{i+j}}^{(p-\mu+1)p^{i+j}-1} p^{-(j+i)/2} c_{i,n}^\nu \chi(\lambda^{-1}(n), D^{-i-j}\lambda^{-1}(k)) \mathbb{1}_{I_{-i-j} \oplus \lambda^{-1}((p-\nu)p^{i+j})}(\lambda^{-1}(k)) \\ &= \sum_{\nu=1}^{p-1} \sum_{q=0}^{\infty} p^{-q/2} \sum_{n=0}^{p^q-1} c_{q-j,n+(p-\mu)p^q}^\nu \chi(\lambda^{-1}(n), D^{-q}\lambda^{-1}(k)) \mathbb{1}_{I_{-q} \oplus \lambda^{-1}((p-\nu)p^q)}(\lambda^{-1}(k)). \end{aligned}$$

Since $\mathbb{1}_{I_{-q} \oplus \lambda^{-1}((p-\nu)p^q)}(\lambda^{-1}(k)) = 1$ for $(p-\nu)p^q \leq k < (p-\nu+1)p^q$ and $\mathbb{1}_{I_{-q} \oplus \lambda^{-1}((p-\nu)p^q)}(\lambda^{-1}(k)) = 0$ for the remaining k , and since the inequality $(p-\nu)p^q \leq k < (p-\nu+1)p^q$, $q \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ is equivalent to $q = \left\lfloor \log_p \frac{k}{p-\nu} \right\rfloor$, it follows that the only nonzero term in the sum $\sum_{q=0}^{\infty}$ has the number $q_0 := \left\lfloor \log_p \frac{k}{p-\nu} \right\rfloor$. So

$$S_1 = \sum_{\nu=1}^{p-1} p^{-q_0/2} \sum_{n=0}^{p^{q_0}-1} c_{q_0-j,n+(p-\mu)p^{q_0}}^\nu \chi(\lambda^{-1}(n), D^{-q_0}\lambda^{-1}(k)).$$

By (3) we notice that up to the multiplication by a constant the inner sum in the last expression is the k -th term of the discrete Vilenkin-Chrestenson transform of the vector $(c_{q_0-j,n+(p-\mu)p^{q_0}}^\nu)_{n=0}^{p^{q_0}-1}$. Denote this term by b_k^ν . Finally, for S_1 we get

$$S_1(x) = \sum_{\nu=1}^{p-1} p^{q_0/2} b_k^\nu.$$

Thus, the first sum takes the desired form. To conclude the proof it remains to calculate the following part of the second sum

$$\begin{aligned} \int_G \overline{\chi(k, D^{-j}x)} \mathbb{1}_{I_{-j} \oplus \lambda^{-1}((p-\mu)p^j)}(x) dx &= p^j \int_G \overline{\chi(k, x)} \mathbb{1}_{I \oplus \lambda^{-1}(p-\mu)}(x) dx \\ &= p^j \int_I \overline{\chi(k, x \ominus \lambda^{-1}(p-\mu))} dx = p^j \int_I \overline{\chi(k, x)} dx = p^j \delta_{k,0}, \end{aligned}$$

where $\delta_{0,0} = 1$, and $\delta_{k,0} = 0$, if $k \neq 0$. □

It is easy to see from (9) that $\min \int_G \|t\|_G^2 |Ff(t)|^2 dt = 0$ and $\max \int_G \|t\|_G^2 |Ff(t)|^2 dt = \infty$ under the restriction $\|f\|_{L_2(G)} = 1$.

Formulas (9) and (10) allow for the following result on estimation of Fourier-Haar coefficients for functions defined on the Vilenkin group.

Corollary 2. Suppose $\|\cdot\|_G Ff \in L_2(G)$, and $f(x) = \sum_{\nu=1}^{p-1} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_+} c_{j,k}^\nu \psi_{j,k}^\nu(x)$. Then the series $\sum_{\nu=1}^{p-1} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_+} |p^j c_{j,k}^\nu|^2$ is convergent.

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