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ON UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION OF SEQUENCES  $(a_n x)_1^\infty$

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INTRODUCTION

There are two possible approaches to the study of uniform distribution (mod 1) of sequences

$$(1) \quad (a_n x)_1^\infty$$

where  $a_n \in \mathbb{R}$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ) and  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . The first such approach is the study of (1) with a fixed sequence  $(a_n)_1^\infty$ ,  $x$  running over real numbers, the second is the study of (1) with a fixed  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $(a_n)_1^\infty$  running over a class of sequences of real numbers. The second approach leads to the concept of  $\alpha$ -good sequences (cf. [1]).

In the first part of the paper we will apply the first and in the second part the second approach to the investigation of sequences (1).

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1. UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION (mod 1) OF SEQUENCES  $(a_n x)_1^\infty$  WITH FIXED  $(a_n)_1^\infty$

In this part we restrict ourselves to the study of (1) with a fixed sequence  $(a_n)_1^\infty$  of real numbers. Denote by  $H(a_1, a_2, \dots)$  the set of all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  for which the sequence (1) is uniformly distributed (mod 1) (shortly: u.d. mod 1). It is wellknown that if  $a_n \in \mathbb{N}$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ),  $a_i \neq a_j$  for  $i \neq j$ , then the set  $H(a_1, a_2, \dots)$  has full measure (i.e. the set  $\mathbb{R} \setminus H(a_1, a_2, \dots)$  is a null set—cf. [2], [4] pp. 32–33). This results evokes the question what is the Baire category of the set  $H(a_1, a_2, \dots)$ . We will show that the “topological magnitude” of  $H(a_1, a_2, \dots)$  depends on the sequence  $(a_n)_1^\infty$ . Indeed, if we choose  $a_n = n$  or more generally  $a_n = a + nd$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ),  $d \geq 1$ ,  $a, d$  integers, then by Weyl’s criterion (cf. [4] pp. 7–8) the sequence  $(a_n x)_1^\infty$  is u.d. mod 1 for each irrational  $x$ . Hence  $H(a_1, a_2, \dots)$  contains in this case all irrational numbers and so it is a residual set. In what follows we will give a class of sequences  $(a_n)_1^\infty$  of positive integers such that  $H(a_1, a_2, \dots)$  is a set of the first category.

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $(q_k)_1^\infty$  be a sequence of positive integers greater than 1. Put*

$$a_n = q_1 q_2 \dots q_n \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots).$$

*Then  $H(a_1, a_2, \dots)$  is a set of the first Baire category in  $\mathbb{R}$ .*

*Proof.* For  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  we put

$$S(m, x) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{n=1}^m e^{2\pi i a_n x} \quad (m = 1, 2, \dots).$$

Then by Weyl’s criterion we have

$$H(a_1, a_2, \dots) \subseteq H_0(a_1, a_2, \dots),$$

where  $H_0(a_1, a_2, \dots) = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R} : \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} S(m, x) = 0 \right\}$ . Denote by  $C(a_1, a_2, \dots)$  the set of all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  for which there exists  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} S(m, x) = S(x)$ . Then evidently

$$(2) \quad H(a_1, a_2, \dots) \subseteq H_0(a_1, a_2, \dots) \subseteq C(a_1, a_2, \dots).$$

Each of these sets has the full measure. By (2) it suffices to prove that  $C = C(a_1, a_2, \dots)$  is a set of the first category in  $\mathbb{R}$ . We prove it in the following.

Obviously each of the functions  $S(m, x)$  ( $m = 1, 2, \dots$ ) is continuous on  $C$  (i.e. the restrictions  $S(m, x)|_C$  are continuous on  $C$ ). Hence the function  $S(x) = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} S(m, x)$  defined on  $C$  is in the first Baire class on  $C$ . But then the set of all

discontinuity points of  $S$  is a set of the first category in  $C$  (cf. [8] p. 185), and so it is a set of the first category in  $\mathbb{R}$ , as well.

To complete the proof it suffices to show that the function  $S$  is discontinuous at every  $x \in C$ . For this it suffices to show that each of the sets

$$M_0 = \{x \in C : S(x) = 0\}, \quad M_1 = \{x \in C : S(x) = 1\}$$

is dense in  $C$ .

The density of  $M_0$  follows from the fact that  $M_0 \subseteq C$  and  $M_0$  has the full measure.

We prove that  $M_1$  is dense in  $C$ . It is wellknown that every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  has the Cantor series expansion

$$x = c_0 + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{c_j}{q_1 q_2 \dots q_j} = c_0 + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{c_j}{a_j},$$

where  $c_j$  are integers,  $0 \leq c_j < q_j$ ,  $a_j = q_1 q_2 \dots q_j$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots$ ).

Denote by  $A_k$  the set of all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  of the form

$$(3) \quad x = c_0 + \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{c_j}{a_j},$$

where  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $c_0$  is an integer and  $0 \leq c_j < q_j$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, k$ ). If  $x \in A_k$ , then  $a_n x$  is an integer for  $n > k$ . Thus for  $m > k$  we have

$$S(m, x) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{n=1}^k + \frac{1}{m} \sum_{n=k+1}^m 1 = O(1) + \frac{m-k}{m} \rightarrow 1 \quad \text{if } m \rightarrow \infty.$$

Put  $A = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} A_k$ . Then  $A \subseteq M_1 \subseteq C$  and  $A$  is obviously dense in  $C$ . The density of  $M_1$  in  $C$  follows. This completes the proof.  $\square$

We give the following simple observation.

**Proposition 1.1.** *Let  $(a_j)_1^{\infty}$  be an arbitrary sequence of real numbers. Then  $H(a_1, a_2, \dots)$  is an  $F_{\sigma\delta}$ -set in  $\mathbb{R}$ .*

*Proof.* Using Weyl's criterion we can easily check that

$$H(a_1, a_2, \dots) = \bigcap_{h \neq 0} \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{m=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{n=m}^{\infty} A(n, h, k),$$

where

$$A(n, h, k) = \left\{ x \in \mathbb{R} : \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n e^{2\pi i h a_j x} \right| \leq \frac{1}{k} \right\}.$$

Since  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n e^{2\pi i h a_j x}$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ) are continuous functions, we see that  $A(n, h, k)$  is a closed set (if  $n, h, k$  are fixed) and so  $H(a_1, a_2, \dots)$  is an  $F_{\sigma\delta}$ -set in  $\mathbb{R}$ .  $\square$

**Remark 1.1.** a) If  $(a_n)_1^\infty$  is a sequence of distinct integers then by [2] and Proposition 1.1 the set  $H(a_1, a_2, \dots)$  is an  $F_{\sigma\delta}$ -set of the full measure.

b) For some particular choices of  $(a_n)_1^\infty$  the set  $H(a_1, a_2, \dots)$  can belong to lower Borel classes. For instance if  $a_n = a \in \mathbb{R}$ , ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ), then the set  $H(a_1, a_2, \dots)$  is empty while it coincides with the set  $\mathbb{Q}' = \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$  of all irrational numbers if  $a_n = n$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ).

## 2. UNIFORM DISTRIBUTION (mod 1) OF SEQUENCES $(a_n x)_1^\infty$ WITH FIXED $x$

Let  $\alpha$  be an irrational number. A sequence  $a_1 < a_2 < \dots$  of positive integers is said to be  $\alpha$ -good provided the sequence  $(a_n \alpha)_1^\infty$  is uniformly distributed (mod 1) (cf. [1]). The sequence  $1 < 2 < \dots < n < \dots$  and the sequence  $p_1 < p_2 < \dots < p_n < \dots$  of all prime numbers are  $\alpha$ -good for each irrational  $\alpha$  (cd. [1], [4] p. 22).

For  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}'$  ( $\mathbb{Q}' = \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ ) denote by  $D(\alpha)$  the set of all  $\alpha$ -good sequences. Note that every infinite sequence  $a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_n < \dots$  of positive integers belongs to  $D(\alpha)$  for almost all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}'$  (cf. [4] p. 32, Theorem 4.1).

We will investigate the properties of the classes  $D(\alpha)$  for  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}'$ . We will show that these classes have several common properties (for all  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}'$ ).

It seems to be interesting to deal with the question about magnitude of classes  $D(\alpha)$  ( $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}'$ ). This "magnitude" will be studied from the point of view of dyadic numbers of sets  $A \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ .

Denote by  $U$  the class of all infinite sets

$$A = \{a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_n < \dots\} \subseteq \mathbb{N}.$$

In what follows we identify the set  $A$  with the sequence  $a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_n < \dots$ . Put

$$\varrho(A) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^{-a_k} \in (0, 1]$$

for each  $A \subseteq U$ . Then  $\varrho$  is a one-to-one mapping of  $U$  onto  $(0, 1]$ . If  $S$  is a class of infinite subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$ , then we put  $\varrho(S) = \{\varrho(A) : A \in S\}$ . The set  $\varrho(S)$  "measures" the magnitude of the class  $S$  (cf. [5] p. 17).

We will investigate metric and topological properties of the sets  $\varrho(D(\alpha))$ .

Recall that a measurable set  $M \subseteq (0, 1]$  is called homogeneous if there is a real number  $d \in [0, 1]$  such that for every interval  $I \subseteq (0, 1]$  we have

$$\frac{\lambda(I \cap M)}{\lambda(I)} = d,$$

$\lambda$  being the Lebesgue measure (cf. [9], [10]).

**Theorem 2.1.** *For each  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}'$  the set  $\varrho(D(\alpha))$  is a homogeneous  $F_{\sigma\delta}$ -set in  $(0, 1]$ .*

*Proof.* According to Weyl's criterion a sequence  $a_1 < a_2 < \dots$  of positive integers belongs to  $D(\alpha)$  if and only if

$$(\forall h \in \mathbb{Z}, h \neq 0): \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{n=1}^m e^{2\pi i h a_n \alpha} = 0.$$

This condition is equivalent to the condition

$$(4) \quad (\forall |h| \geq 1)(\forall k \geq 1)(\exists v \in \mathbb{N})(\forall m \geq v): \left| \frac{1}{m} \sum_{n=1}^m e^{2\pi i h \alpha a_n} \right| \leq \frac{1}{k}.$$

From (4) we get

$$\varrho(D(\alpha)) = \bigcap_{|h| \geq 1} \bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{v=1}^{\infty} \bigcap_{m=v}^{\infty} M(m, h, k),$$

where

$$(6) \quad M(m, h, k) = \left\{ x = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 2^{-a_j} \in (0, 1]: \left| \frac{1}{m} \sum_{n=1}^m e^{2\pi i h \alpha a_n} \right| \leq \frac{1}{k} \right\}.$$

Construct the functions

$$f_{m,h}(x) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{n=1}^m e^{2\pi i h \alpha a_n} \quad (m = 1, 2, \dots; h \in \mathbb{Z}, h \neq 0),$$

where  $x = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 2^{-a_j} \in (0, 1]$ . These functions are defined for each  $x \in (0, 1]$ . We will verify that their restrictions to  $\mathbb{Q}' \cap (0, 1]$  are continuous on  $\mathbb{Q}' \cap (0, 1]$ .

Let  $x_0 \in \mathbb{Q}' \cap (0, 1]$ ,  $x_0 = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 2^{-b_j}$  ( $b_1 < b_2 < \dots$ ) be the dyadic expansion of  $x_0$ .

Fix the number  $m$ . Notice that the set of all numbers of the form  $x = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 2^{-a_j}$ ,

$a_j = b_j$  ( $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$ ) fills up an interval  $I_m$  containing  $x_0$ , the left-hand endpoint of which is the rational number  $\sum_{j=1}^m 2^{-b_j}$  and the right-hand endpoint is

$$\sum_{j=1}^m 2^{-b_j} + \sum_{j=b_m+1}^{\infty} 2^{-j} = \sum_{j=1}^m 2^{-b_j} + 2^{-b_m}.$$

Obviously the function  $f_{m,h}|_{\mathbb{Q}' \cap (0,1]}$  is constant on  $I_m$  and so it is continuous at  $x_0$ .

From the continuity of functions  $f_{m,h}|_{\mathbb{Q}' \cap (0,1]}$  the closedness of the sets  $M(m, h, k)$  in  $\mathbb{Q}' \cap (0,1]$  follows (see (6)). But then by (5) the set  $\mathbb{Q}' \cap \varrho(D(\alpha))$  is an  $F_{\sigma\delta}$ -set in  $(0,1]$ . Notice that

$$\varrho(D(\alpha)) = [\mathbb{Q}' \cap \varrho(D(\alpha))] \cup [\mathbb{Q} \cap \varrho(D(\alpha))],$$

the second “summand” on the right-hand side being countable. From this we see that  $\varrho(D(\alpha))$  is an  $F_{\sigma\delta}$ -set in  $(0,1]$ .

The homogeneity of the set  $\varrho(D(\alpha))$  can be proved by using a result from [7] (cf. [7], Lemma 1, pp. 255–256). We will use the following special case of Lemma 1 from [7]:

(T) Let  $B \subseteq (0,1]$  be a measurable set. Suppose that for each  $n = 1, 2, \dots$  and  $k, k' \in \{0, 1, \dots, 2^n - 1\}$  we have

$$\lambda(B \cap i_n^{(k)}) = \lambda(B \cap i_n^{(k')}),$$

where

$$i_n^{(v)} = \left( \frac{v}{2^n}, \frac{v+1}{2^n} \right], \quad v \in \{0, 1, \dots, 2^n - 1\}.$$

Then  $B$  is a homogeneous set in  $(0,1]$ .

If now  $a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_n < \dots$  is an  $\alpha$ -good sequence and a sequence  $d_1 < d_2 < \dots < \dots$  differs from  $a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_n < \dots$  only in a finite number of terms, then evidently also  $d_1 < d_2 < \dots < \dots$  is an  $\alpha$ -good sequence. Hence the assumptions in (T) are satisfied and so by (T) the set  $\varrho(D(\alpha))$  is homogeneous in  $(0,1]$ .

It is wellknown that the Lebesgue measure of a homogeneous set  $A \subseteq (0,1]$  is 0 or 1 (cf. [9], [10]). Hence by Theorem 2.1 we have  $\lambda(\varrho(D(\alpha))) = 0$  or  $\lambda(\varrho(D(\alpha))) = 1$  for each  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}'$ . We will show that this measure is equal to 1 for each  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}'$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.2.** *For each  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}'$  we have  $\lambda(\varrho(D(\alpha))) = 1$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}'$ . Then the sequence  $(n\alpha)_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is u.d. mod 1 (cf. [4] pp. 7–8). By a theorem of Peterson (cf. [6]), if  $(v_n)_1^{\infty}$  is a u.d. mod 1 sequence then for almost all

$x = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 2^{-a_j} \in (0, 1]$  the sequence  $(v_{a_j})_{j=1}^{\infty}$  (subsequence of  $(v_n)_1^{\infty}$ ) is u.d. mod 1 as well. Hence for almost all  $x = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} 2^{-a_j} \in (0, 1]$  the sequence  $(a_j \alpha)_{j=1}^{\infty}$  is u.d. mod 1. But this means that almost all  $x \in (0, 1]$  belong to the set  $\varrho(D(\alpha))$ .  $\square$

We now will investigate the magnitude of sets  $\varrho(D(\alpha))$  from the topological point of view. We prove the following universal theorem.

**Theorem 2.3.** *For every  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}$  the set  $\varrho(D(\alpha))$  is a dense  $F_{\sigma\delta}$ -set of the first Baire category in  $(0, 1]$ .*

*P r o o f.* Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}$ . By Theorem 2.1 the set  $\varrho(D(\alpha))$  is an  $F_{\sigma\delta}$ -set in  $(0, 1]$ .

Further, the set  $D(\alpha)$  is non-empty (and such is also the set  $\varrho(D(\alpha))$ ) since the sequence  $1 < 2 < \dots < n \dots$  belongs to  $D(\alpha)$ . The density of  $\varrho(D(\alpha))$  follows from the above mentioned fact that together with  $1 < 2 < \dots < n \dots$  the class  $D(\alpha)$  contains every sequence  $a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_n < \dots$  which differs from  $1 < 2 < \dots < n \dots$  only in a finite number of terms.

We prove that  $\varrho(D(\alpha))$  is a set of the first Baire category. For  $t = \varrho(A)$ ,  $A = a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_n < \dots < a_n < \dots$  we put

$$g_m(t) = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{n=1}^m s^{2\pi i \alpha a_n} \quad (m = 1, 2, \dots).$$

Denote by  $M$  the set of all  $t \in (0, 1]$  ( $t = \varrho(A)$ ,  $A = a_1 < a_2 < \dots$ ) for which there exists  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} g_m(t) = g(t)$ . By Weyl's criterion we get

$$(7) \quad \varrho(D(\alpha)) \subseteq M.$$

It is easy to verify that the functions  $g_m|_{\mathbb{Q} \cap (0, 1]}$  are continuous on  $\mathbb{Q} \cap (0, 1]$  (and so they are continuous on  $M \cap \mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{Q} \cap (0, 1]$  as well). This can be proved in an analogous way as the continuity of the functions  $f_{m,h}|_{\mathbb{Q} \cap (0, 1]}$  in the proof of Theorem 2.1. Thus the function  $g|_{M \cap \mathbb{Q}}$  is in the first Baire class on  $M \cap \mathbb{Q}$ . This implies that the set of discontinuity points of  $g|_{M \cap \mathbb{Q}}$  is a set of the first category in  $M \cap \mathbb{Q}$  (cf. [8] p. 185).

We will show that the function  $g$  is discontinuous at every point of  $M \cap \mathbb{Q}$ . To show this it suffices to prove that each of the sets

$$M_0 = \{x \in M \cap \mathbb{Q} : g(x) = 0\}, M_1 = \{x \in M \cap \mathbb{Q} : g(x) = 1\}$$

is dense in  $M \cap \mathbb{Q}$ .



In the first place we prove the density of  $M_0$  in  $M \cap \mathbb{Q}'$ . If  $p_1 < p_2 < \dots < p_n < \dots$  is the sequence of all primes then  $x_0 = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 2^{-p_k}$  belongs to  $M_0$  (cf. [1], [4] p. 22). Together with  $x_0$  each  $\varrho(A)$  belongs to  $M_0$ , where  $A$  is an infinite set of positive integers which differs from  $\{p_1 < p_2 < \dots < p_n < \dots\}$  only in a finite number of elements. From this the density of  $M_0$  in  $M \cap \mathbb{Q}'$  follows.

For the proof of density of  $M_1$  it suffices to construct a sequence  $A_0 = a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_n < \dots$  such that  $y_0 = \varrho(A_0)$  is an irrational number with  $g(y_0) = 1$ . Such a sequence can be obtained by the following procedure:

Take into account the continued fraction of  $\alpha$ . It is wellknown that if  $\frac{p_n}{q_n}$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ) are convergents of this continued fraction, then

$$|q_n \alpha - p_n| < \frac{1}{q_n} \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots)$$

(cf. [3] p. 27). Further, if  $n$  is even then  $\frac{p_n}{q_n} < \alpha$  (cf. [3] p. 22). But then for such even  $n$  we have  $0 < q_n \alpha - p_n < \frac{1}{q_n}$ , thus  $\{q_n \alpha\} = q_n \alpha - [q_n \alpha] = q_n \alpha - p_n < \frac{1}{q_n}$ . So we get

$$\{q_n \alpha\} = \frac{\vartheta_n}{q_n}, \quad 0 < \vartheta_n < 1.$$

Choose a set  $N_2 = \{k_1 < k_2 < \dots < k_n < \dots\}$  of even numbers such that

$$(8) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (q_{k_{n+1}} - q_{k_n}) = +\infty$$

and put  $q'_n = q_{k_n}$  ( $n = 1, 2, \dots$ ). Then  $y_0 = \sum_{n \in N_2} 2^{-q'_n}$  belongs to  $\mathbb{Q}'$  since the condition (8) guarantees that the dyadic expansion of  $y_0$  is not periodic. Further,

$$e^{2\pi i \alpha q'_n} = e^{2\pi i (\alpha q'_n + \{ \alpha q'_n \})} = e^{2\pi i \{ \alpha q'_n \}} = e^{2\pi i \frac{\vartheta'_n}{q'_n}} \quad (0 < \vartheta'_n < 1, n \in N_2).$$

For all sufficiently large  $n$ 's (e.g. for  $n > n_0$ ) we have

$$0 < \frac{2\pi \vartheta'_n}{q'_n} < \frac{1}{2}.$$

So we get

$$\begin{aligned} g_m(y_0) &= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{n=1}^{n_0} + \frac{1}{m} \sum_{n=n_0+1}^m e^{2\pi i \{ \alpha q'_n \}} = O(1) \\ &+ \left( \frac{1}{m} \sum_{n=n_0+1}^m \cos \frac{2\pi \vartheta'_n}{q'_n} + i \frac{1}{m} \sum_{n=n_0+1}^m \sin \frac{2\pi \vartheta'_n}{q'_n} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\left| \sin \frac{2\pi\vartheta'_n}{q'_n} \right| \leq \frac{2\pi\vartheta'_n}{q'_n}.$$

Since  $q'_n \rightarrow \infty$  ( $n \rightarrow \infty$ ), we have

$$\left| \frac{1}{m} \sum_{n=n_0+1}^m \sin \frac{2\pi\vartheta'_n}{q'_n} \right| \leq \frac{1}{m} \sum_{n=1}^m \frac{2\pi}{q'_n} \rightarrow 0$$

(for  $m \rightarrow \infty$ ) (Cesàro means).

Further, by the inequality

$$\cos x > 1 - \frac{x^2}{2} \quad (x \in (0, 1))$$

we get (for  $n > n_0$ )

$$\cos \frac{2\pi\vartheta'_n}{q'_n} > 1 - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{2\pi\vartheta'_n}{q'_n} \right)^2 > 1 - \frac{2\pi^2}{q_n'^2}.$$

Therefore we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{m} \sum_{n=n_0+1}^m \cos \frac{2\pi\vartheta'_n}{q'_n} &> \frac{1}{m} \sum_{n=n_0+1}^m \left( 1 - \frac{2\pi^2}{q_n'^2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{m} \sum_{n=n_0+1}^m 1 - \frac{2\pi^2}{m} \sum_{n=n_0+1}^m \frac{1}{q_n'^2}. \end{aligned}$$

The second summand on the right-hand side has the limit 0 if  $m \rightarrow \infty$  while the first tends to 1. Hence  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} g_m(y_0) = 1$ .

So we have proved that  $g$  is a function in the first Baire class on  $M \cap \mathcal{Q}'$ , discontinuous at every point of  $M \cap \mathcal{Q}'$ . Therefore  $M \cap \mathcal{Q}'$  is a set of the first category in  $M \cap \mathcal{Q}'$  (cf. [8] p. 185) and so of the first category in  $(0, 1]$  as well. Since  $M \cap \mathcal{Q}$  is a countable set, we see that  $M = (M \cap \mathcal{Q}) \cup (M \cap \mathcal{Q}')$  is a set of the first category in  $(0, 1]$ . On account of (7) we get that  $\varrho(D(\alpha))$  is a set of the first category in  $(0, 1]$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

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