



Complex Roots of Random Sums

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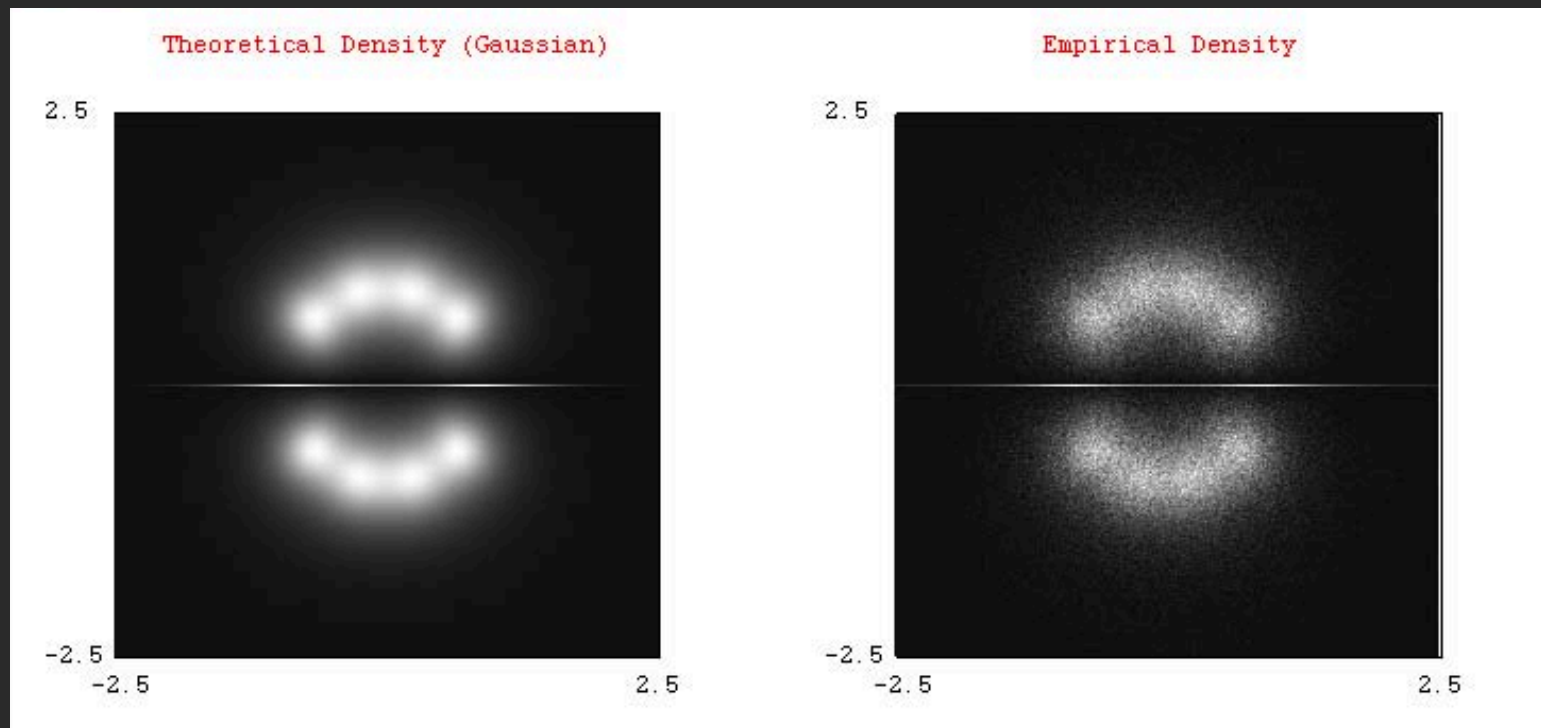
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# Zeros of Random Polynomials (work with Larry Shepp)

Consider a random polynomial:

$$P_n(z) = \sum_{j=0}^n \eta_j z^j, \quad z \in \mathbb{C},$$

where  $\eta_0, \dots, \eta_n$  are independent standard normal random variables. The distribution of the zeros for, say,  $n = 5$  looks like this...



## Explicit Formula for any $n$ :

Let  $\nu_n(\Omega)$  denote the number of zeros in a set  $\Omega$  in the complex plane.

For each measurable set  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{C}$ ,

$$\mathbf{E}\nu_n(\Omega) = \int_{\Omega} h_n(x + iy) dx dy + \int_{\Omega \cap \mathbb{R}} g_n(x) dx,$$

where

$$h_n = \frac{B_2 D_0^2 - B_0(B_1^2 + |A_1|^2) + B_1(A_0 \overline{A_1} + \overline{A_0} A_1)}{\pi |z|^2 D_0^3},$$

and

$$g_n = \frac{(B_0 B_2 - B_1^2)^{1/2}}{\pi |z| B_0},$$

and where

$$B_k(z) = \sum_{j=0}^n j^k |z|^{2j}, \quad z \in \mathbb{C}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2,$$

$$A_k(z) = \sum_{j=0}^n j^k z^{2j}, \quad z \in \mathbb{C}, \quad k = 0, 1,$$

and

$$D_0(z) = \sqrt{B_0^2(z) - |A_0|^2(z)}.$$

## Explicit Formula for Limiting Density

*Limiting density in the complex plane:*

$$h = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h_n = \frac{|B|D}{\pi}.$$

*Limiting density on the real axis:*

$$g = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g_n = \frac{1}{\pi}|B|.$$

*Where*

$$B(z) = \frac{1}{1 - |z|^2}, \quad z \in \mathbb{C},$$

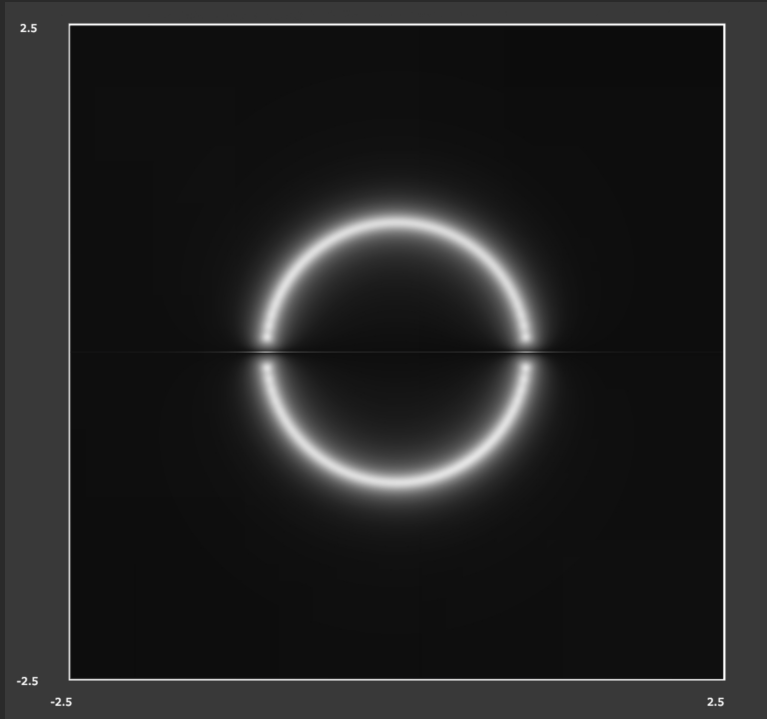
$$A(z) = \frac{1}{1 - z^2}, \quad z \in \mathbb{C},$$

*and*

$$D(z) = \sqrt{B^2(z) - |A|^2(z)}.$$

# Large $n$ and the Limit

$$n = 36$$



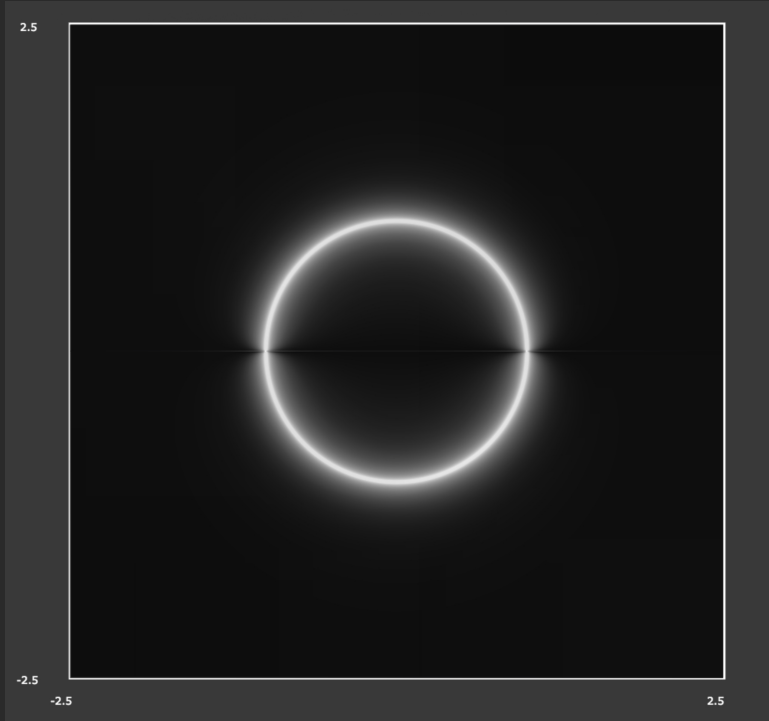
$$n = \infty$$



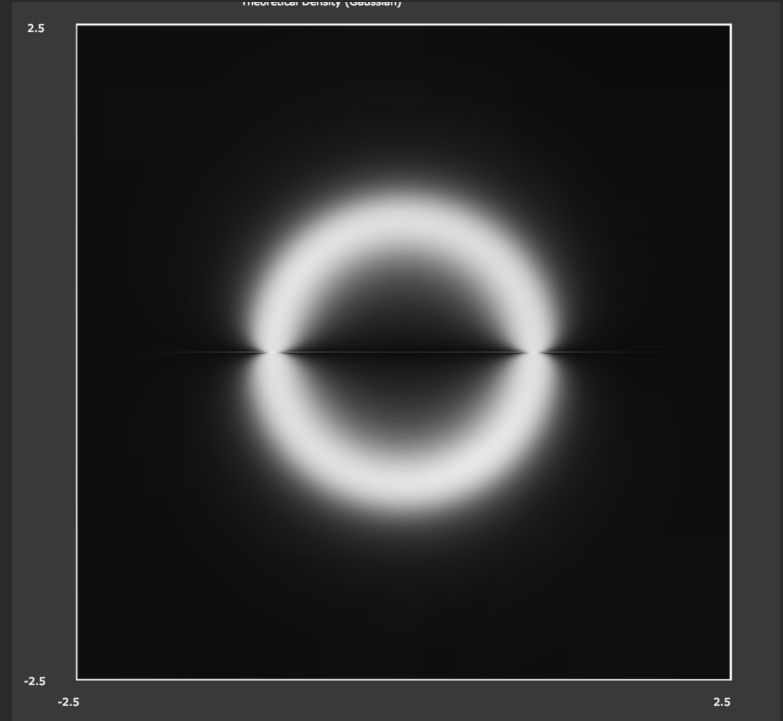
# Nonlinear Stretches

$$n = \infty$$

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# New Work: Zeros of Random Sums

Consider a random sum of basis functions  $f_j(z)$ :

$$P_n(z) = \sum_{j=0}^n \eta_j f_j(z), \quad z \in \mathbb{C}$$

We assume that the basis functions are real on the real line.

Some interesting choices include:

Polynomials:  $f_j(z) = z^j$  (okay, not so interesting)

Taylor Polynomials:  $f_j(z) = \frac{z^j}{j!}$

Weyl Polynomials:  $f_j(z) = \frac{z^j}{\sqrt{j!}}$

Root-Binomial Polynomials:  $f_j(z) = \sqrt{\binom{n}{j}} z^j$

Fourier Cosine Series:  $f_j(z) = \cos(jz)$

Fourier Sine/Cosine Series:  $f_j(z) = \begin{cases} \cos(\frac{j}{2}z) & j \text{ even} \\ \sin(\frac{j+1}{2}z) & j \text{ odd} \end{cases}$

## Theorem 1

For each measurable set  $\Omega \subset \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid D_0(z) \neq 0\}$ ,

$$\mathbf{E}\nu_n(\Omega) = \int_{\Omega} h_n(x + iy) dx dy,$$

where

$$h_n = \frac{B_2 D_0^2 - B_0(|B_1|^2 + |A_1|^2) + (A_0 B_1 \overline{A_1} + \overline{A_0} \overline{B_1} A_1)}{\pi D_0^3},$$

and where

$$\begin{aligned} A_0(z) &= \sum_{j=0}^n f_j(z)^2, & B_0(z) &= \sum_{j=0}^n |f_j(z)|^2, \\ A_1(z) &= \sum_{j=0}^n f_j(z) f_j'(z), & B_1(z) &= \sum_{j=0}^n \overline{f_j(z)} f_j'(z), \\ A_2(z) &= \sum_{j=0}^n f_j'(z)^2, & B_2(z) &= \sum_{j=0}^n |f_j'(z)|^2, \end{aligned}$$

$$D_0(z) = \sqrt{B_0(z)^2 - |A_0(z)|^2}.$$

## Comparison to Polynomial Result

For each measurable set  $\Omega \subset \{z = x + iy \in \mathbb{C} \mid y \neq 0\}$ ,

$$\mathbf{E}\nu_n(\Omega) = \int_{\Omega} h_n(x + iy) dx dy,$$

where

$$h_n = \frac{B_2 D_0^2 - B_0(B_1^2 + |A_1|^2) + B_1(A_0 \overline{A_1} + \overline{A_0} A_1)}{\pi |z|^2 D_0^3},$$

and where

$$\begin{aligned} A_0(z) &= \sum_{j=0}^n z^{2j}, & B_0(z) &= \sum_{j=0}^n |z|^{2j}, \\ A_1(z) &= \sum_{j=0}^n j z^{2j}, & B_1(z) &= \sum_{j=0}^n j |z|^{2j}, \\ A_2(z) &= \sum_{j=0}^n j^2 z^{2j}, & B_2(z) &= \sum_{j=0}^n j^2 |z|^{2j}, \end{aligned}$$

$$D_0(z) = \sqrt{B_0(z)^2 - |A_0(z)|^2}.$$

## Theorem 2

On the real line, the function  $D_0$  vanishes. For each Borel measurable set  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\mathbf{E}\nu_n(\Omega) = \int_{\Omega} g_n(x) dx,$$

where

$$g_n(x) = \frac{\sqrt{A_2(x)A_0(x) - A_1(x)^2}}{\pi B_0(x)}.$$

## Main Idea

From the *argument principle*, we get

$$\nu_n(\Omega) = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial\Omega} \frac{P'_n(z)}{P_n(z)} dz.$$

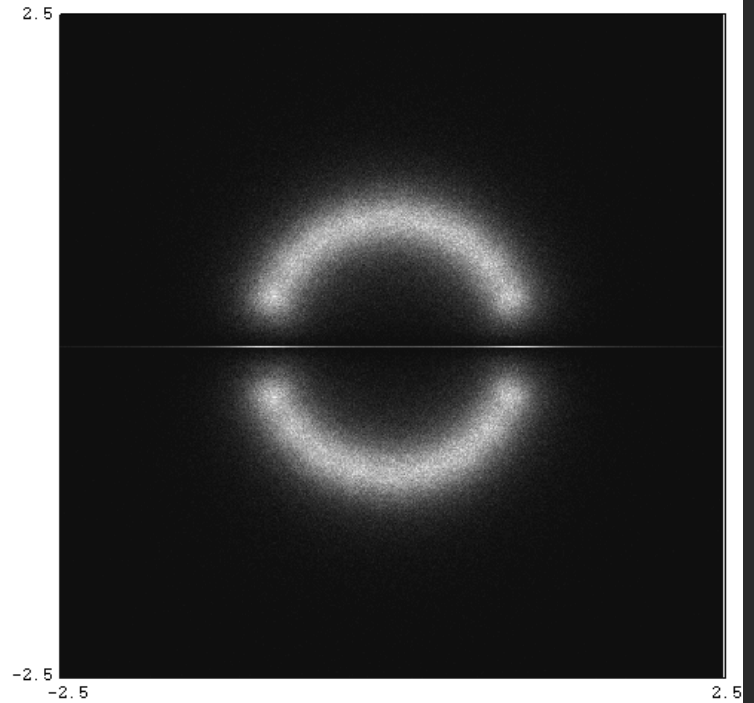
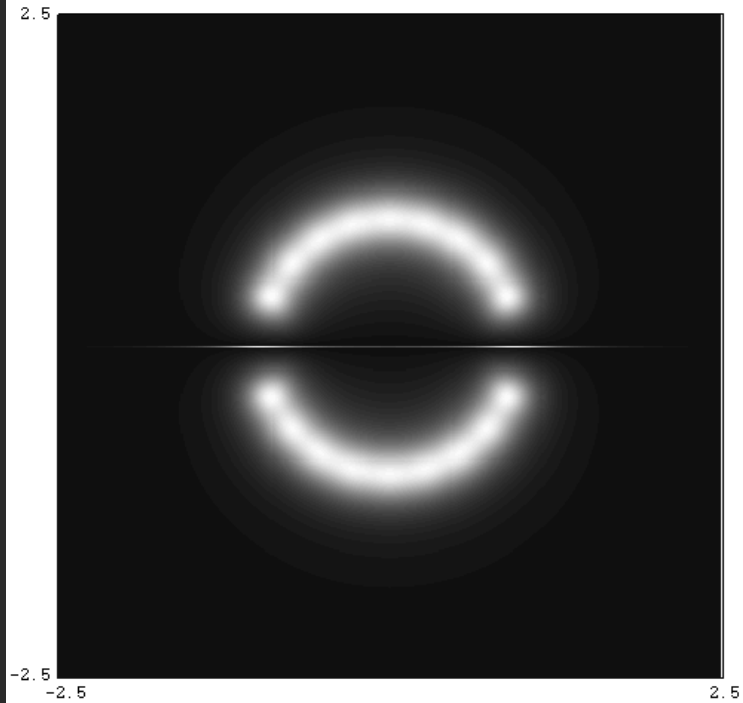
Taking the expectation, interchanging expectation and integration and then applying *Stoke's Theorem*, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{E}\nu_n(\Omega) &= \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{\partial\Omega} \mathbf{E} \frac{P'_n(z)}{P_n(z)} dz \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{\Omega} \frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{z}} \mathbf{E} \frac{P'_n(z)}{P_n(z)} dx dy \end{aligned}$$

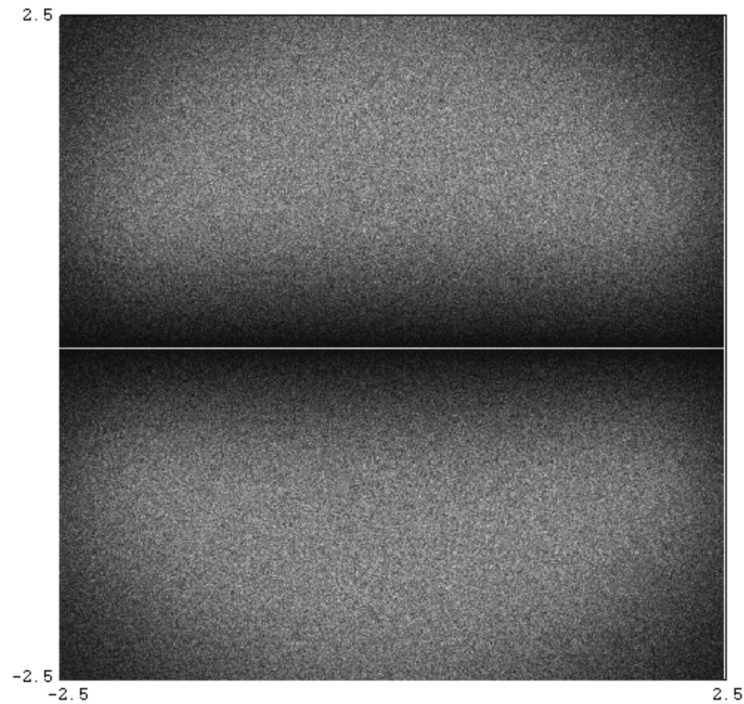
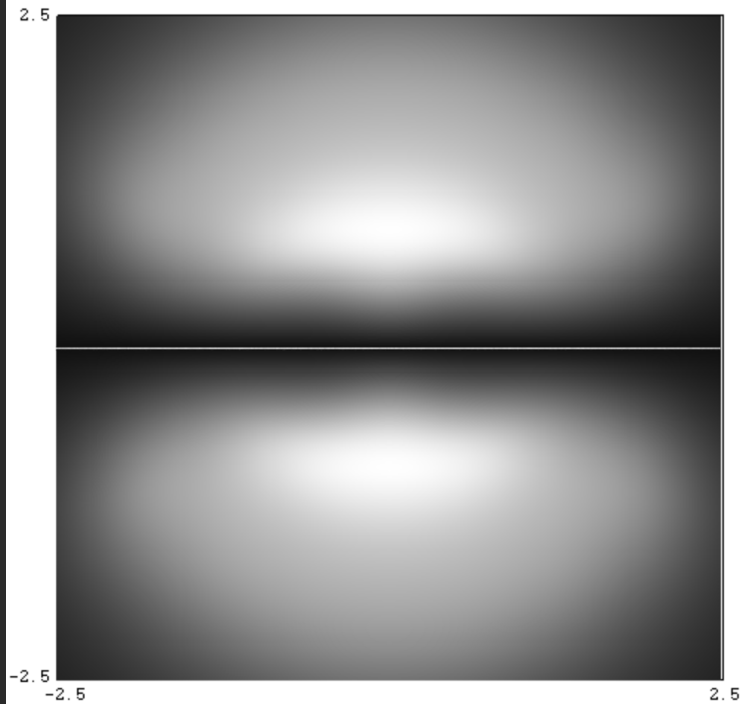
The rest is tedious (and perhaps nontrivial) algebra/calculus.

NOTE: The derivative of the expectation of  $P'_n(z)/P_n(z)$  is a function of both  $z$  and  $\bar{z}$ .

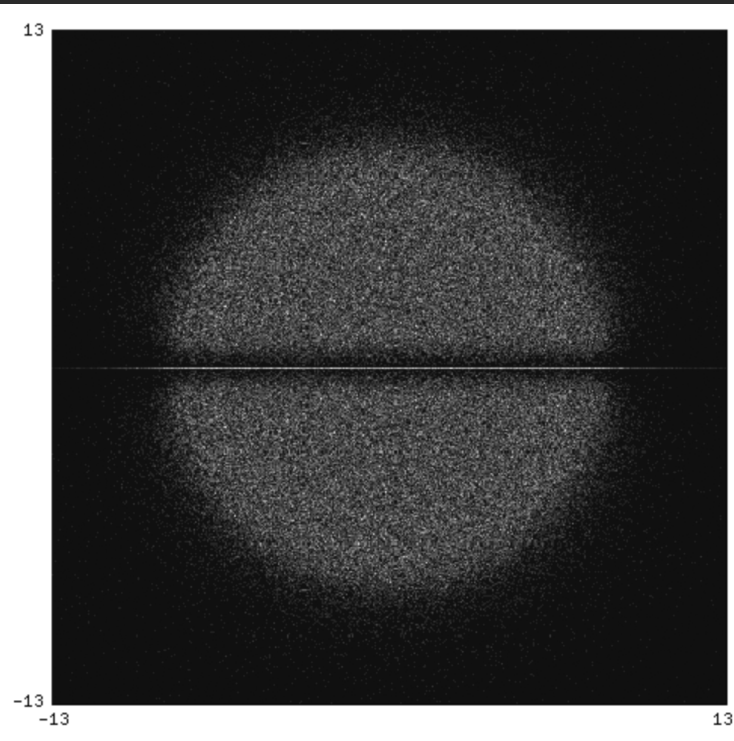
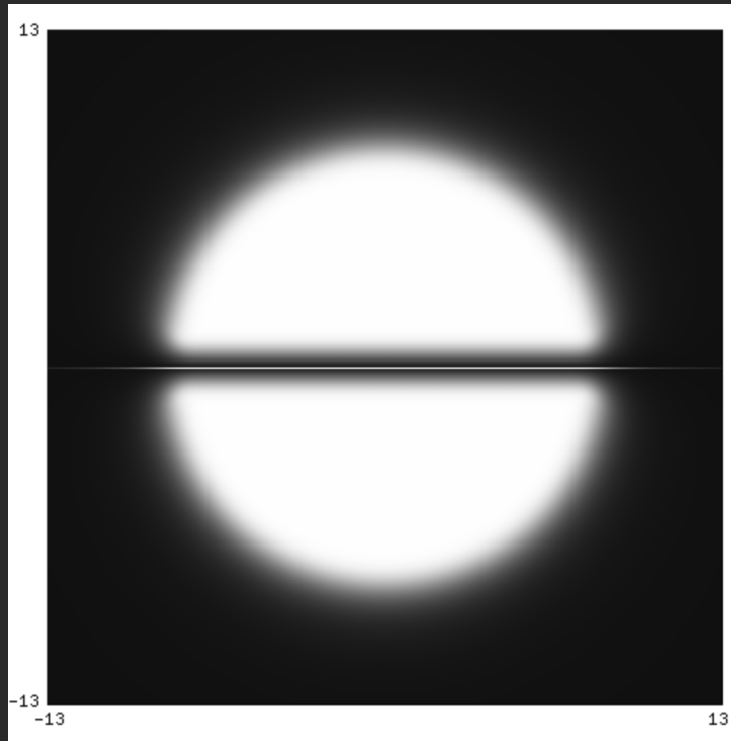
Polynomials:  $f_j(z) = z^j$ ,  $n = 10$



Weyl Polynomials:  $f_j(z) = z^j / \sqrt{j!}$ ,  $n = 10$



Weyl Polynomials:  $f_j(z) = z^j / \sqrt{j!}$ ,  $n = 80$



## Limiting Case for $f_j(z) = z^j / \sqrt{j!}$ (Weyl Polynomials)

$$A_0(z) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} f_j(z)^2 = e^{z^2}$$

$$B_0(z) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |f_j(z)|^2 = e^{|z|^2}$$

$$A_1(z) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} f_j(z) f'_j(z) = z e^{z^2}$$

$$B_1(z) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \overline{f_j(z)} f'_j(z) = \bar{z} e^{|z|^2}$$

$$A_2(z) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} f'_j(z)^2 = (z^2 + 1) e^{z^2}$$

$$B_2(z) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} |f'_j(z)|^2 = (|z|^2 + 1) e^{|z|^2}$$

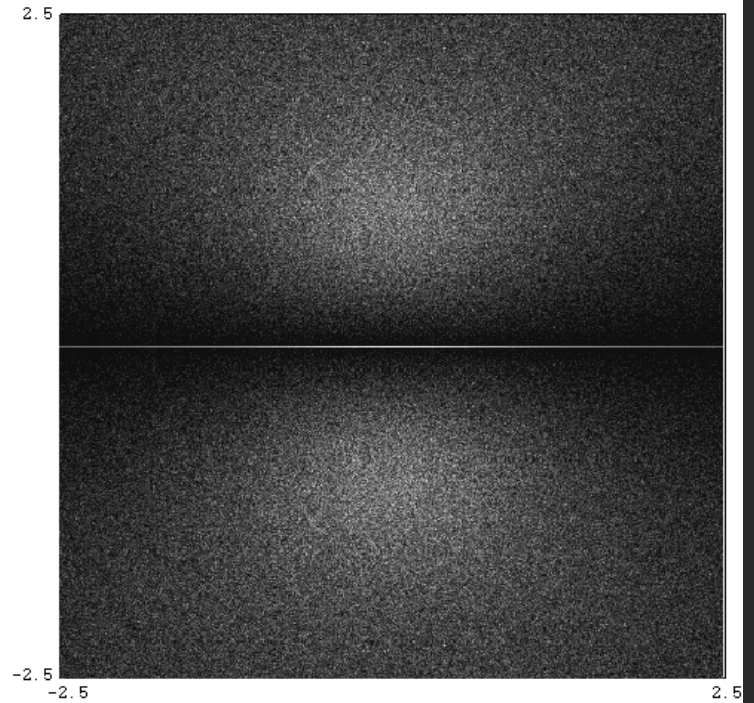
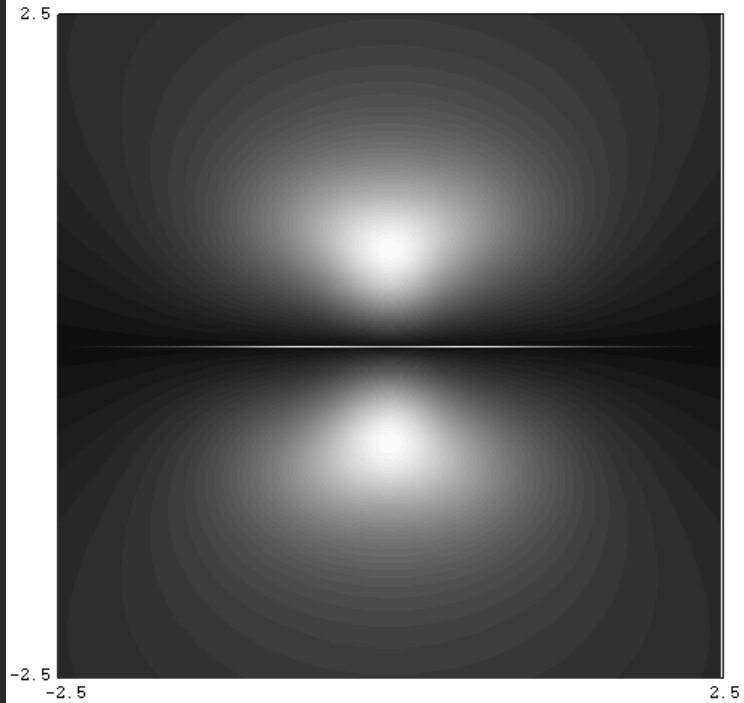
$$D_0(z) = \sqrt{B_0(z)^2 - |A_0(z)|^2} = \sqrt{e^{2|z|^2} - e^{z^2 + \bar{z}^2}}$$

$$h(z) = \frac{B_2 D_0^2 - B_0(|B_1|^2 + |A_1|^2) + (A_0 B_1 \bar{A}_1 + \overline{A_0 B_1} A_1)}{\pi D_0^3} = \frac{\left(1 + ((z - \bar{z})^2 - 1) e^{(z - \bar{z})^2}\right)}{\pi \left(1 - e^{(z - \bar{z})^2}\right)^{3/2}}$$

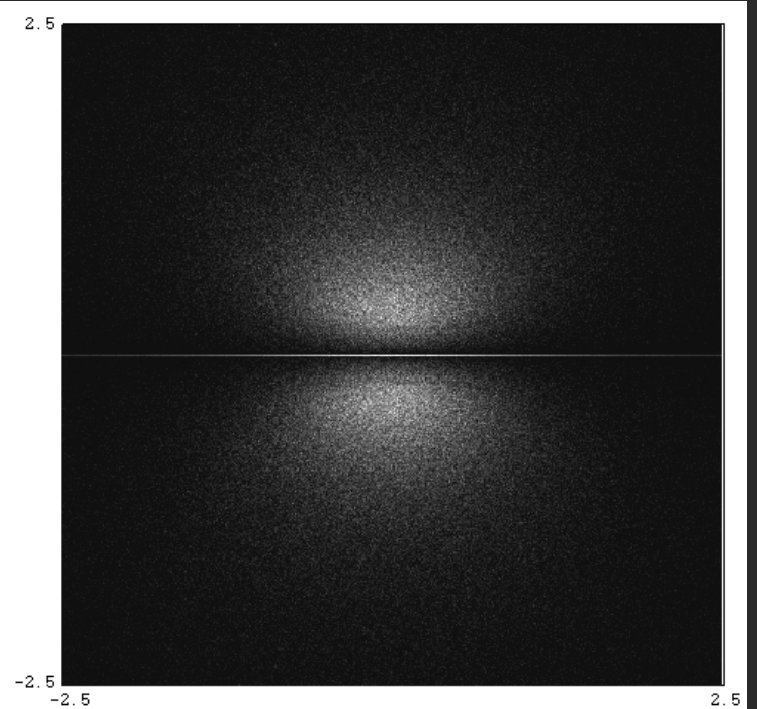
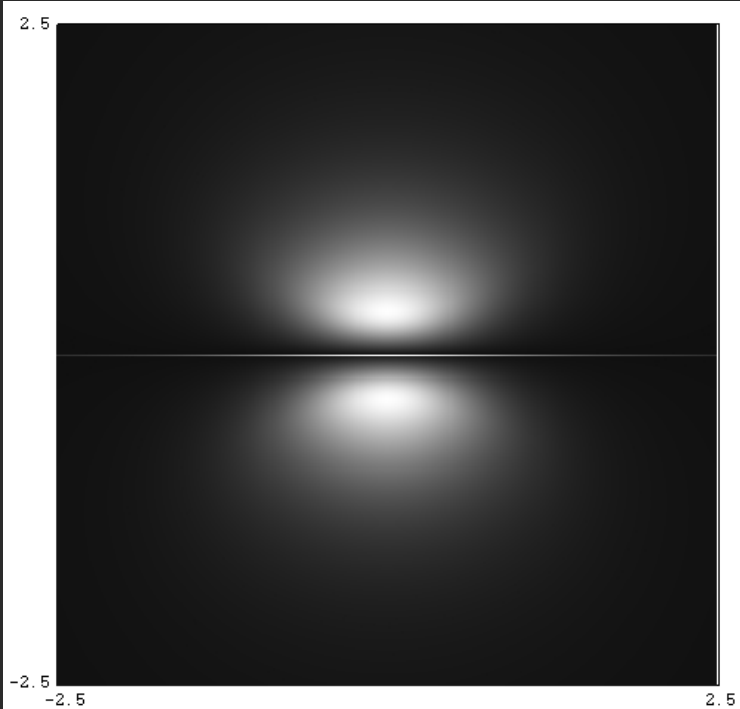
$$= \frac{\left(1 + (-4y^2 - 1) e^{-4y^2}\right)}{\pi \left(1 - e^{-4y^2}\right)^{3/2}}$$

$$g(x) = \frac{\sqrt{A_2(x) A_0(x) - A_1(x)^2}}{\pi B_0(x)} = \frac{1}{\pi}$$

Taylor Polynomials:  $f_j(z) = z^j/j!$ ,  $n = 10$



Root Binomial Polynomials:  $f_j(z) = \sqrt{\binom{n}{j}} z^j$ ,  $n = 10$



# Root-Binomial Polynomials:

$$f_j(z) = \sqrt{\binom{n}{j}} z^j$$

$$A_0(z) = (1 + z^2)^n$$

$$B_0(z) = (1 + |z|^2)^n$$

$$A_1(z) = nz(1 + z^2)^{n-1}$$

$$B_1(z) = n\bar{z}(1 + |z|^2)^{n-1}$$

$$A_2(z) = n(1 + nz^2)(1 + z^2)^{n-2}$$

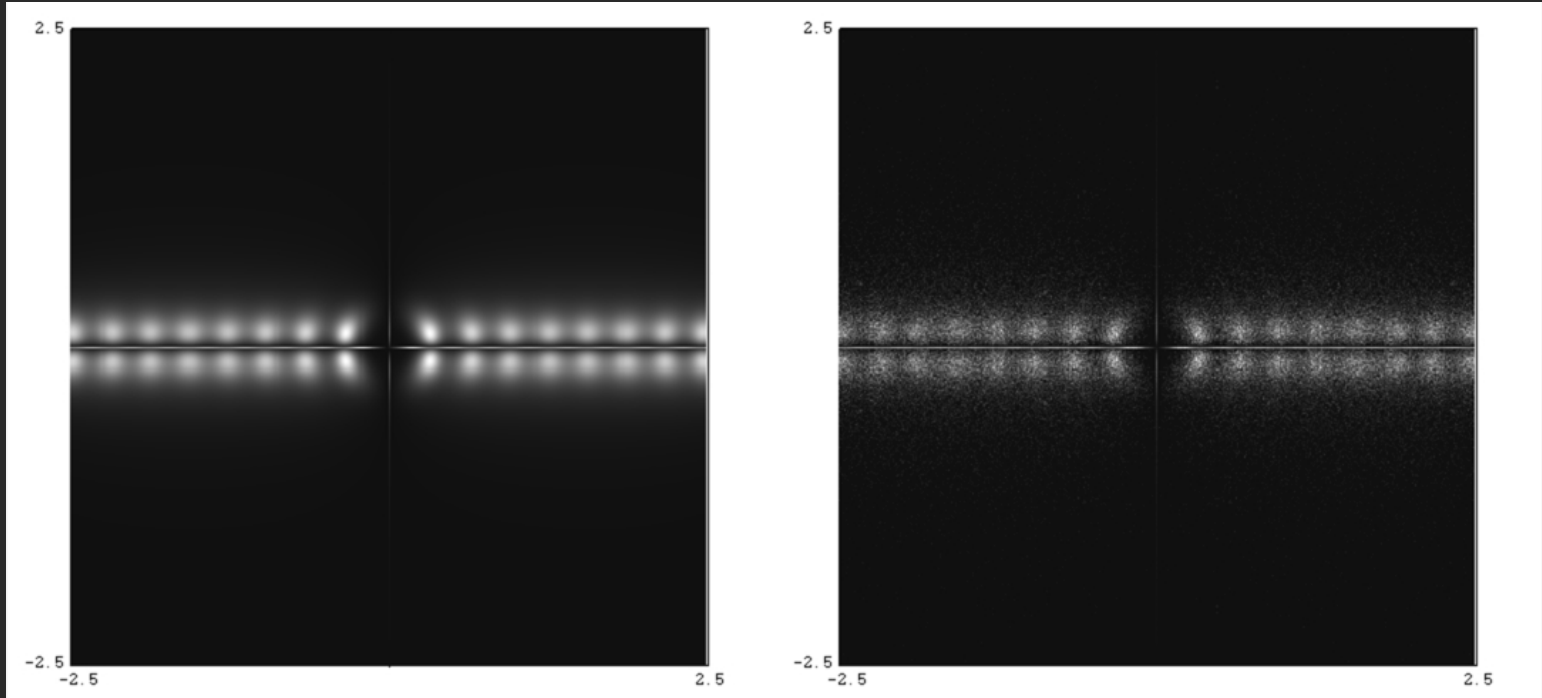
$$B_2(z) = n(1 + n|z|^2)(1 + |z|^2)^{n-2}$$

$$D_0(z) = \sqrt{B_0(z)^2 - |A_0(z)|^2} = \sqrt{(1 + |z|^2)^{2n} - |1 + z^2|^{2n}}$$

$$h_n = \frac{B_2 D_0^2 - B_0(|B_1|^2 + |A_1|^2) + (A_0 B_1 \bar{A}_1 + \bar{A}_0 \bar{B}_1 A_1)}{\pi D_0^3} = ???$$

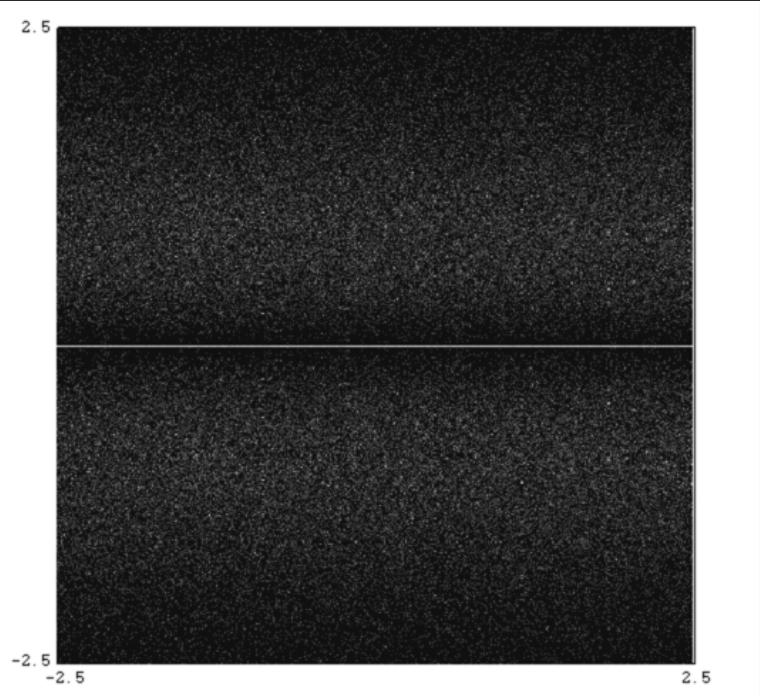
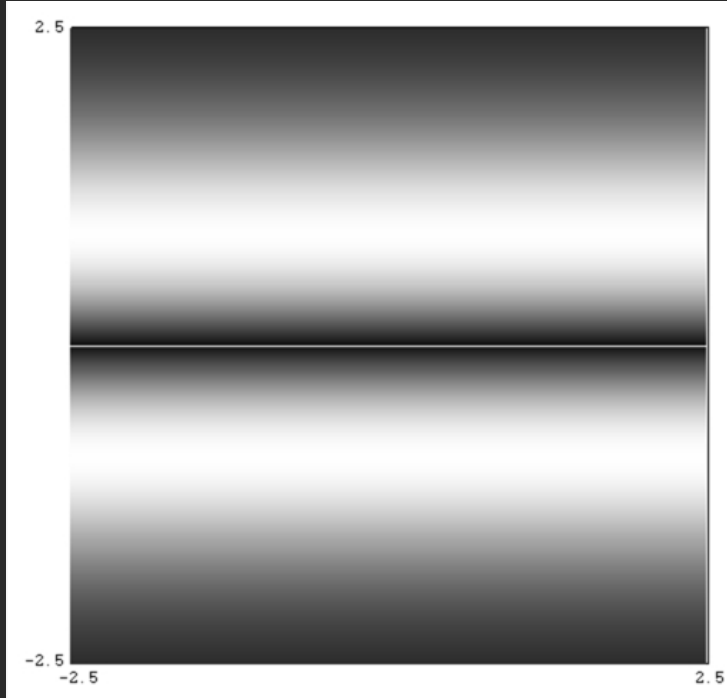
$$g_n(x) = \frac{\sqrt{A_2(x)A_0(x) - A_1(x)^2}}{\pi B_0(x)} = \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\pi} \frac{1}{1 + x^2} \quad \longleftarrow \quad \text{Cauchy distribution}$$

**Fourier:**  $\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \cos(z) + \alpha_2 \cos(2z) + \cdots + \alpha_9 \cos(9z) + \alpha_{10} \cos(10z)$

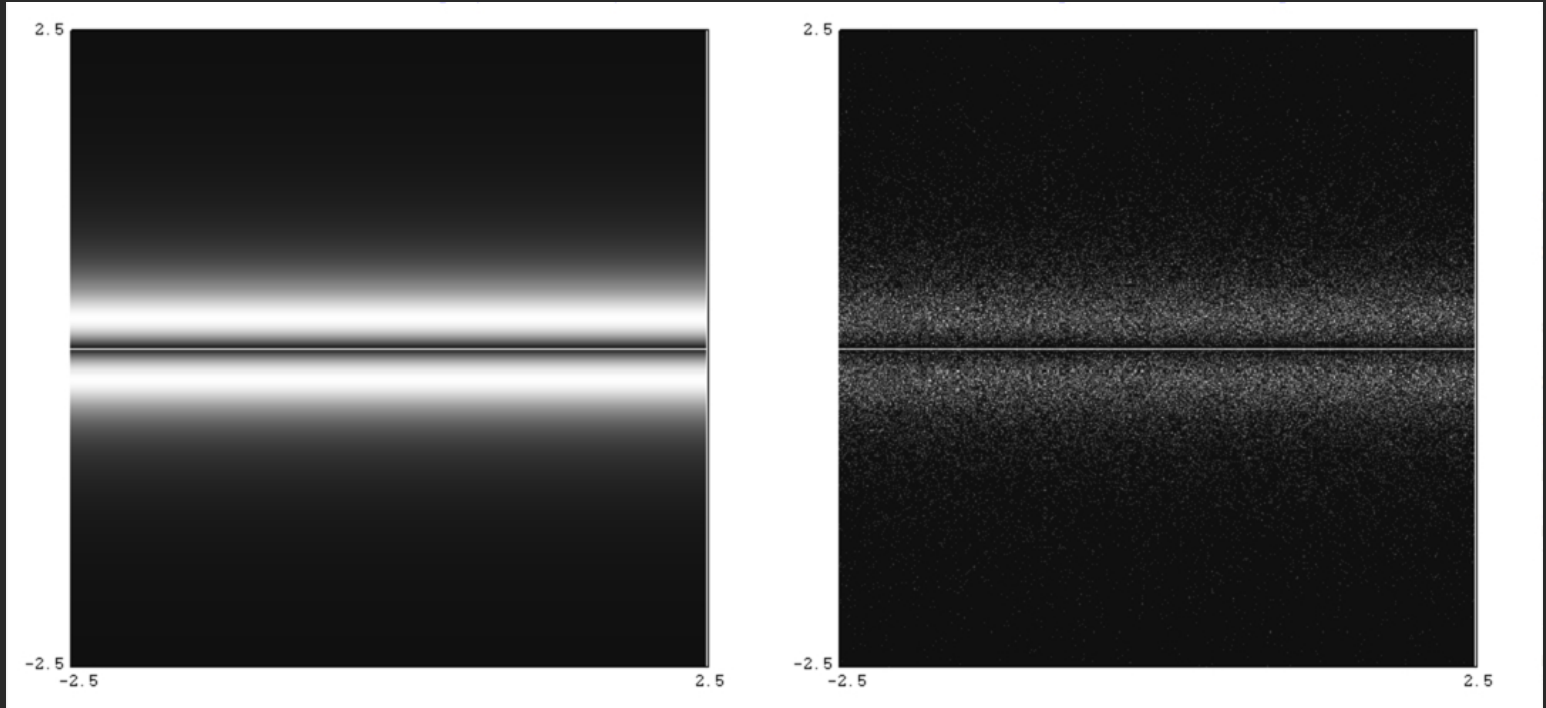


Sine/Cosine Fourier:

$$\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \sin(z) + \alpha_2 \cos(z)$$



$$\alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \sin(z) + \alpha_2 \cos(z) + \cdots + \alpha_9 \sin(5z) + \alpha_{10} \cos(5z)$$



$$A_0(z) = m + 1 \qquad B_0(z) = m + 1 + 2 \sum_{j=1}^m \sinh^2(jy)$$

$$A_1(z) = 0 \qquad B_1(z) = -i \sum_{j=1}^m j \cosh(jy) \sinh(jy)$$

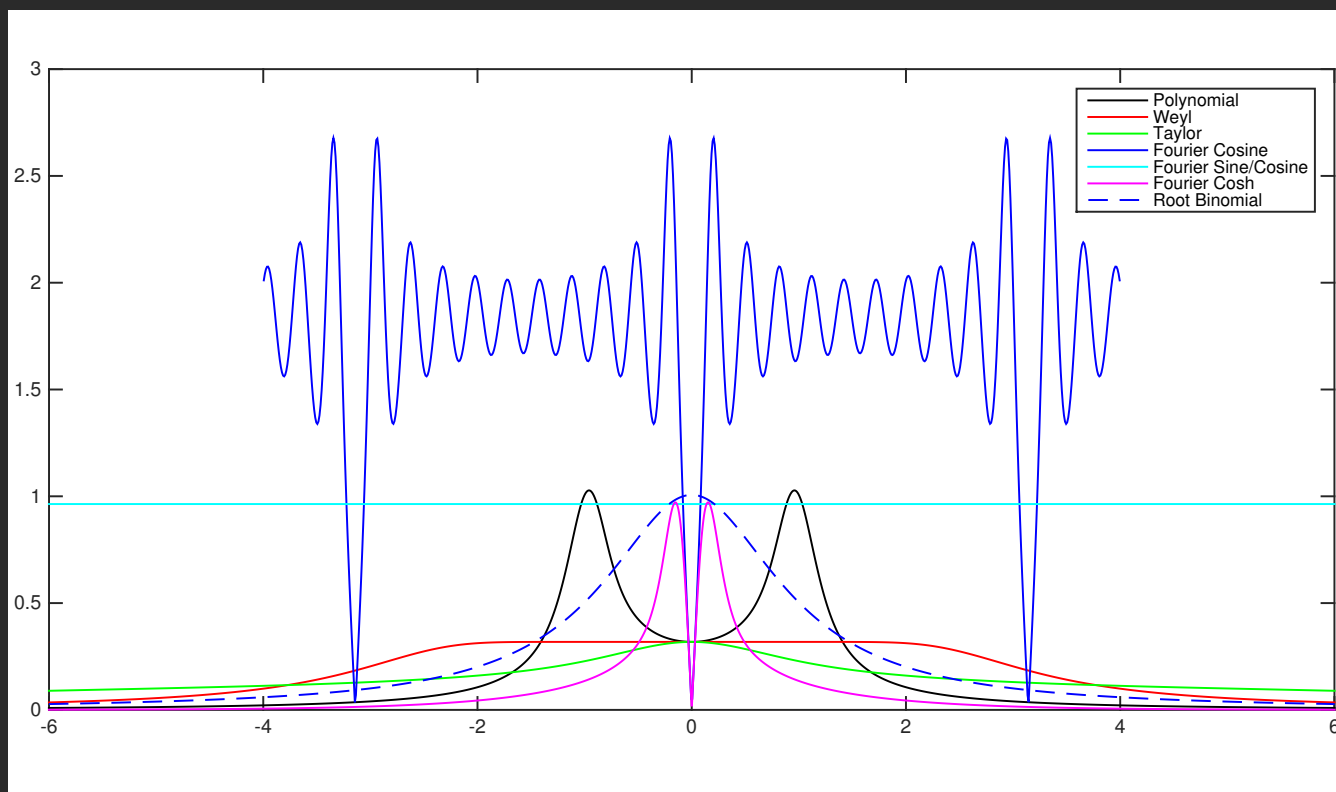
$$A_2(z) = m(m + 1)(2m + 1)/6 \qquad B_2(z) = 2 \sum_{j=1}^m j^2 \sinh^2(jy)$$

$$D_0(z) = \sqrt{B_0(z)^2 - |A_0(z)|^2}$$

$$h_n = \frac{B_2 D_0^2 - B_0(|B_1|^2 + |A_1|^2) + (A_0 B_1 \overline{A_1} + \overline{A_0} \overline{B_1} A_1)}{\pi D_0^3} = \frac{B_2 D_0^2 - B_0 |B_1|^2}{\pi D_0^3}$$

$$g_n(x) = \frac{\sqrt{A_2(x)A_0(x) - A_1(x)^2}}{\pi B_0(x)}$$

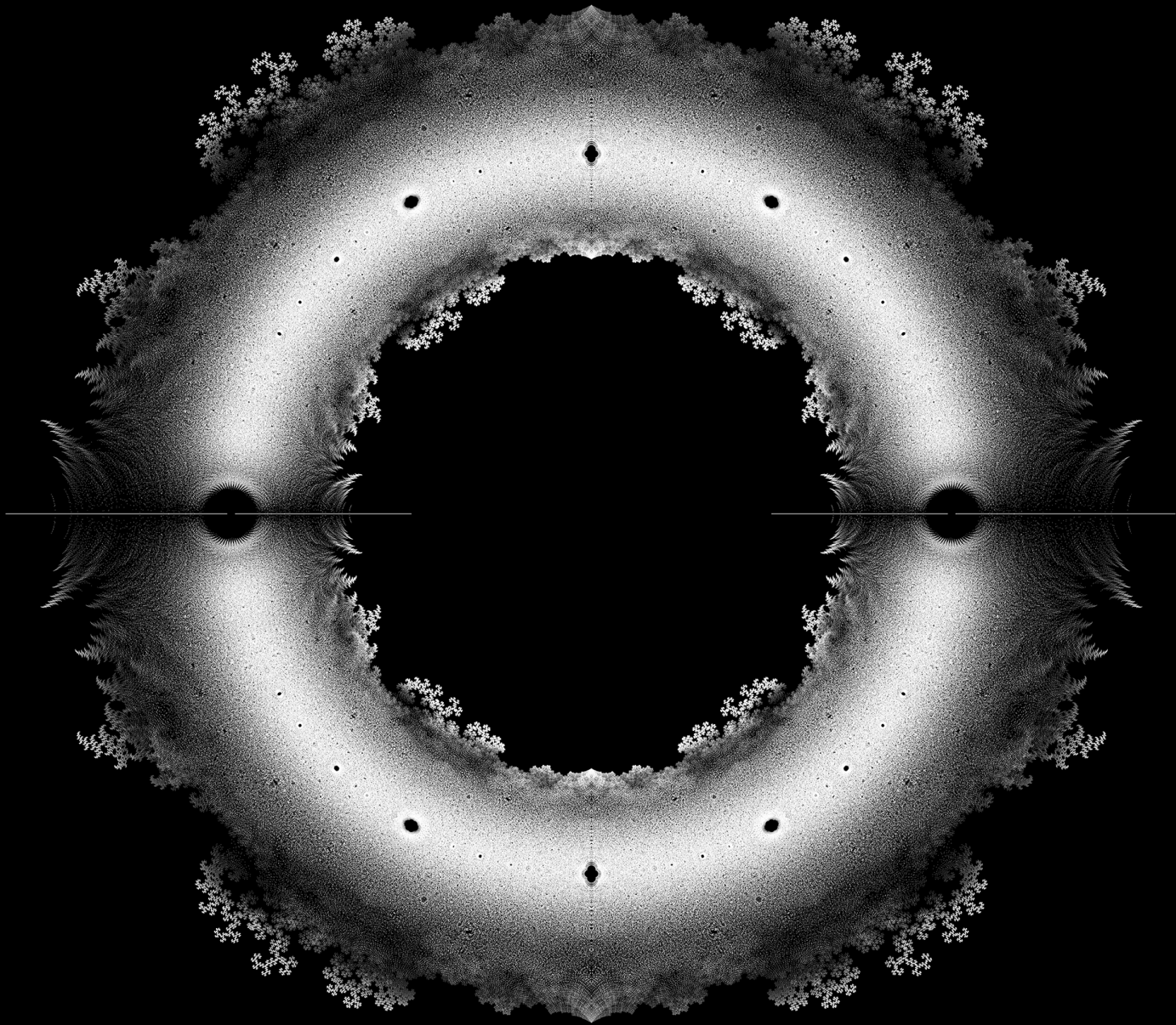
The function  $g_n$  for  $n = 10$  for several choices of the  $f_j$ 's:

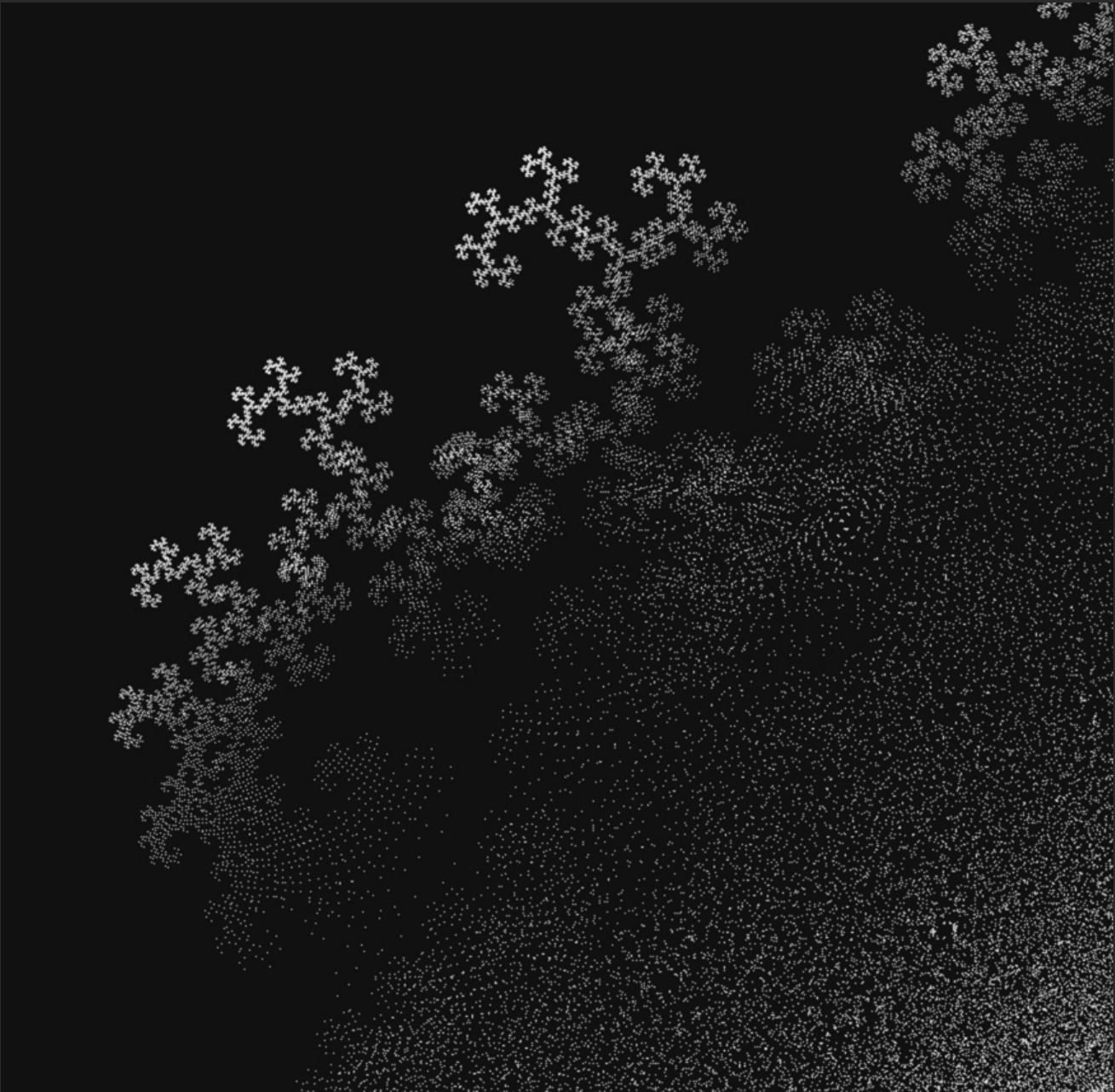


Polynomial Roots

$$\eta_j = \pm 1$$

$$n = 18$$





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