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The distribution of Weierstrass points on a compact Riemann surface. (English)

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The following beautiful result is proved: Let C be a compact Riemann surface of genus $g \geq 2$ and let $h : C \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous, real valued function. Denote by J_{g-1+n} the jacobian of line bundles of degree $g - 1 + n$ on C . Define a function $Av^n h$ on J_{g-1+n} by the following formula:

$$(Av^n h)(z) = \frac{1}{gn^2} \sum_{x \text{ a Weierstrass point of } z} h(x).$$

Then as $n \rightarrow \infty$, the $Av^n h$ converge uniformly to the constant function $\int_C h db$ where b is the Bergman measure on C .

The result strenghtens an unpublished result of D. Mumford which states that if L is a line bundle on C of positive degree, then the Cesaro limit $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} (Av^* h)(L^m) = \int_C h db$. The author's proof is elegant and uses, in addition to the method of Mumford, several new and interesting techniques like studying $Av^n h$ via its Fourier coefficients and estimating high derivatives of the same function by pulling translation invariant vector fields back to the product of C with the theta divisor.

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