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Spectral set conjecture on finite abelian groups

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Spectral set conjecture on locally compact abelian groups

Spectral set conjecture on cyclic groups



- ▶ Let m be the Lebesgue measure in \mathbb{R}^d .
- ▶ Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ be a Borel set with $0 < m(\Omega) < +\infty$.
- ▶ **Definition.** The set Ω is **spectral** if there exists a set $\Lambda \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ such that $E(\Lambda) = \{e^{2\pi i \langle \lambda, x \rangle} : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$ forms an orthogonal basis of $L^2(\Omega)$.
- ▶ The set Λ is called a **spectrum** of Ω and (Ω, Λ) is called a **spectral pair**.

Example:

- ▶ The d -dimensional cube $[0, 1]^d$ is spectral.
- ▶ $([0, 1] \cup [2, 3], \mathbb{Z} \cup (\mathbb{Z} + 1/4))$ is a spectral pair.
- ▶ The d -dimensional balls are **NOT** spectral: Iosevich–Katz–Pedersen (1999).
- ▶ The non-symmetric polytopes are **NOT** spectral: Kolountzakis (2000).

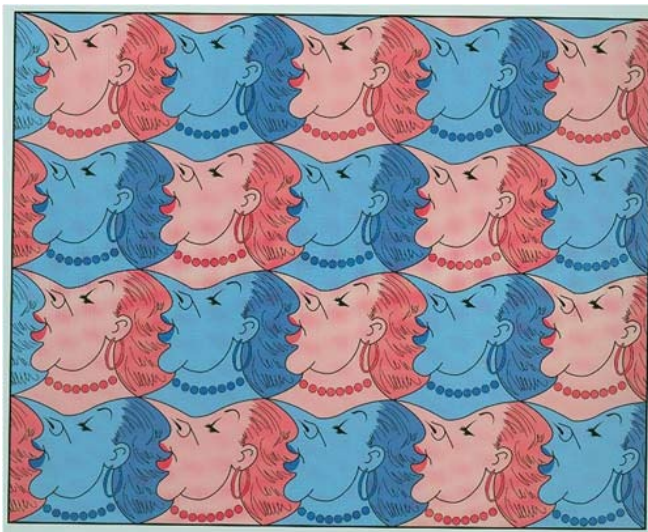


- ▶ Let $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ be a Borel set with $0 < m(\Omega) < +\infty$.
- ▶ **Definition.** The set Ω **tiles** \mathbb{R}^d by translations, if $\exists T \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ s. t. $\{\Omega + t : t \in T\}$ forms a partition a.e. of \mathbb{R}^d .
- ▶ The set T is called a **tiling complement** of Ω and (Ω, T) is called a **tiling pair**.

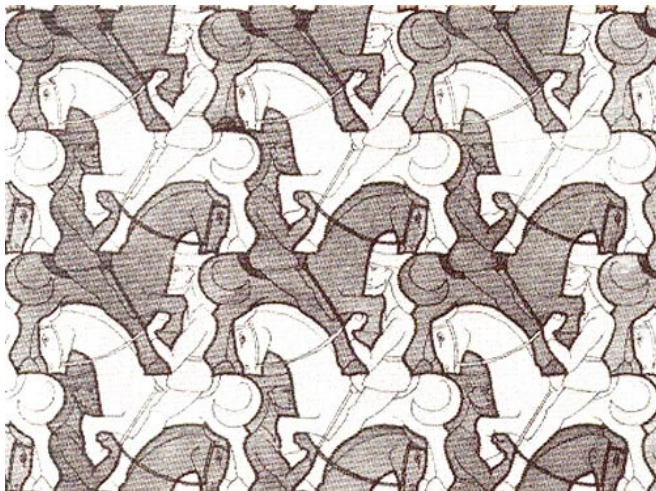
Example:

- ▶ The d -dimensional cube $[0, 1]^d$ is a tile
- ▶ $([0, 1] \cup [2, 3], 4\mathbb{Z} \cup (4\mathbb{Z} + 1))$ is a tiling pair.

Example



Counter-example





Conjecture(Fuglede, 1974)

A Borel set Ω is a tile of \mathbb{R}^d if and only if it is a spectral set.

- ▶ Segal's question: for which region Ω in \mathbb{R}^d , the partial differential operators in $C_c^\infty(\Omega)$ have commutative self-adjoint extensions in $L^2(\Omega)$?
- ▶ Conjecture holds if T or Λ is a lattice: Fuglede (1974).
- ▶ Spectral sets \nrightarrow tiles for $d \geq 5$: Tao (2003).
- ▶ Conjecture fails for $d \geq 3$ (both direction): Matolsci(2005), Farkas-Gy(2006), Matolsci-Kolountzakis(2006), Farkas-Matolsci-Móra(2006):
- ▶ It remains open for $d = 1, 2$.

Partial positive results for $d = 1, 2$



- ▶ Union of two interval: Łaba (2001).
- ▶ Self-affine tiles: Bandt (1991), Kenyon (1992), Lagarias–Wang (1996, 1997), Lai–Lau–Rao (2013, 2017)
- ▶ Convex planar set: Iosevich, Katz and Tao (2003).
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Tiles and spectral sets in LCA groups



\mathbb{R}^d	\longleftrightarrow	locally compact abelian (LCA) groups
Lebesgue measure	\longleftrightarrow	Haar measure
$\{e^{2i\pi\langle z, x \rangle} : z \in \mathbb{R}^d\}$	\longleftrightarrow	dual group \widehat{G}

- ▶ $(\{0, 1\}, \{0, 2\})$ is a tile pair in $\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$.
- ▶ $(\{0, 1\}, \{0, 2\})$ is a spectral pair in $\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$, here $\widehat{\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}} \simeq \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$.



Conjecture

A Borel set Ω is a tile in G if and only if it is a spectral set.

- ▶ True in \mathbb{Q}_p : Fan–Fan–Liao–S (2016).
- ▶ Dutkay–Lai (2013):
 - (i) $T\text{-}S(G)$: Tile \Rightarrow Spectral direction holds in G .
 $T\text{-}S(\mathbb{R}) \Leftrightarrow T\text{-}S(\mathbb{Z}) \Leftrightarrow T\text{-}S(\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z})$ for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$
 - (ii) $S\text{-}T(G)$: the Spectral \Rightarrow Tile direction holds in G .
 $S\text{-}T(\mathbb{R}) \Rightarrow S\text{-}T(\mathbb{Z}) \Rightarrow S\text{-}T(\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z})$ for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$



The conjecture is true for:

- ▶ $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$, p prime: Iosevich-Mayeli-Pakianathan (2015).
- ▶ $\mathbb{Z}/p^n q\mathbb{Z}$, p, q distinct primes: Malikiosis-Kolountzakis (2016).
- ▶ $T\text{-}S(\mathbb{Z}/p^n q^m\mathbb{Z})$, p, q distinct primes: Łaba (2002).

Spectral sets \nrightarrow tiles:

- ▶ $(\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z})^6$: Tao (2003).
- ▶ $(\mathbb{Z}/8\mathbb{Z})^3$: Kolountzakis–Matolcsi (2006).
- ▶ $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^4$ ($p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$) et $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^5$ ($p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$): Aten et al. (2017).

Tiles \nrightarrow spectral sets:

- ▶ $(\mathbb{Z}/24\mathbb{Z})^3$: Farkas–Matolcsi–Mora (2006).

Tao's counterexample in $(\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z})^6$



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- ▶ **Definition.** Hadamard matrix of order n : entries are n -th roots of unity and whose rows are mutually orthogonal.
- ▶ Example (Tao 2003): let $\omega = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{3}}$,

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & \omega & \omega & \omega^2 & \omega^2 \\ 1 & \omega & 1 & \omega^2 & \omega^2 & \omega \\ 1 & \omega & \omega^2 & 1 & \omega & \omega^2 \\ 1 & \omega^2 & \omega^2 & \omega & 1 & \omega \\ 1 & \omega^2 & 1 & \omega^2 & \omega & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- ▶ Take $\Omega = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_6\}$ to be the standard basis of $(\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z})^6$. Take $\Lambda = \{\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_6\}$ where $(e^{2\pi i(e_j \cdot \xi_k)})_{j=1}^6$ matches the k -th row of H .



- ▶ Let $\mathbb{Z}_N = \mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z}$. Let $\omega_N = e^{2\pi i/N}$. Let $A \subset \mathbb{Z}_N$.
- ▶ **Definition.** The **mask polynomial** $A(X)$ is given by

$$\sum_{a \in A} X^a \in \mathbb{Z}[X]/(X^N - 1).$$

- ▶ $\widehat{1}_A(n) = A(\omega_N^{-n}), \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}_N$.
- ▶ **Definition.** $\mathcal{Z}_A := \{n \in \mathbb{Z}_N : A(\omega_N^n) = 0\} = \{n \in \mathbb{Z}_N : \widehat{1}_A(n) = 0\}$.
- ▶ $n \in \mathcal{Z}_A \Leftrightarrow nr \in \mathcal{Z}_A$ for any $r \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$.



Let $A, B \subset \mathbb{Z}_N$. The following are equivalent.

- (1) (A, B) is a spectral pair.
- (2) $\#A = \#B$ and $(B - B) \setminus \{0\} \subset \mathcal{Z}_A$.
- (3) $M = \left(e^{2\pi i \frac{ab}{N}} \right)_{b \in B, a \in A}$ is a complex Hadamard matrix.



Let $A, B \subset \mathbb{Z}_N$. The following statements are equivalent.

- (1) (A, B) is a tiling pair.
- (2) $A \oplus B = \mathbb{Z}_N$.
- (3) $A(X)B(X) = 1 + X + X^2 + \cdots + X^{N-1} \pmod{X^N - 1}$.



- ▶ Let Φ_n be the cyclotomic polynomial of order n .
- ▶ Let $S := \{p^\alpha \mid N : p \text{ prime}\}$.
- ▶ Let $A \in \mathbb{Z}_N$. $S_A := \{s \in S : \Phi_s(X) \mid A(X)\}$.
- ▶ **Definition. (T1):** $\sharp A = \prod_{s \in S_A} \Phi_s(1)$.
- ▶ **Definition. (T2):** $\Phi_{s_1 s_2 \dots s_m}(X)$ divides $A(X)$ for every powers of distinct primes $s_1, s_2, \dots, s_m \in S_A$.
- ▶ Let $d \mid N$.

$$d \in \mathcal{Z}_A \iff \Phi_{N/d}(X) \mid A(X).$$

Property (T1): examples



Let $A \subset \mathbb{Z}_N$.

(1) $N = p^n$. (T1) is equivalent to

$$p^{\#(\mathcal{Z}_A \cap \{1, p, p^2, \dots, p^{n-1}\})} = \#A.$$

(2) $N = p^n q^m$. (T1) is equivalent to

$$p^{\#(\mathcal{Z}_A \cap \{q^m, pq^m, p^2 q^m, \dots, p^{n-1} q^m\})} \cdot q^{\#(\mathcal{Z}_A \cap \{p^n, p^n q, p^n q^2, \dots, p^n q^{m-1}\})} = \#A.$$

(3) $N = pqr$. (T1) holds if and only if

$$p^{\#(\mathcal{Z}_A \cap \{qr\})} \cdot q^{\#(\mathcal{Z}_A \cap \{pr\})} \cdot r^{\#(\mathcal{Z}_A \cap \{pq\})} = \#A.$$

Property (T2): examples



Let $A \subset \mathbb{Z}_N$.

- (1) $N = p^n$. (T2) holds vacuously.
- (2) $N = p^n q^m$. (T2) is equivalent to

$$p^a q^m, p^n q^b \in \mathcal{Z}_A \Rightarrow p^a q^b \in \mathcal{Z}_A.$$

- (3) $N = pqr$. (T2) holds if and only if

$$pq, pr \in \mathcal{Z}_A \Rightarrow p \in \mathcal{Z}_A;$$

$$qr, pr \in \mathcal{Z}_A \Rightarrow r \in \mathcal{Z}_A;$$

$$pq, qr \in \mathcal{Z}_A \Rightarrow q \in \mathcal{Z}_A.$$



- ▶ $(T1)+(T2) \Rightarrow$ tiles for all $\mathbb{Z}_N, N \in \mathbb{N}$: Coven–Meyerowitz (1998).
- ▶ Tiles $\Rightarrow (T1)$ for all $\mathbb{Z}_N, N \in \mathbb{N}$: Coven–Meyerowitz (1998).
- ▶ Tiles $\Rightarrow (T1)+(T2)$ for \mathbb{Z}_N with $N = p^n q^m$: Łaba (2002).
- ▶ **Conjecture** (Coven–Meyerowitz):

$$(T1)+(T2) \Leftrightarrow \text{tiles for all } \mathbb{Z}_N, N \in \mathbb{N}.$$

- ▶ $(T1)+(T2) \Rightarrow$ spectral sets for all $\mathbb{Z}_N, N \in \mathbb{N}$: Łaba (2002).
- ▶ Spectral sets $\Rightarrow (T1)+(T2)$ for \mathbb{Z}_N with $N = p^n q$: Malikiosis–Kolountzakis (2017).
- ▶ If for all $\mathbb{Z}_N, N \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$\text{Spectral sets} \iff (T1) + (T2)$$

then $S\text{-}T(\mathbb{R})$: Dutkay-Lai (2013).



Theorem (S, 2018)

Let N be a square-free integer. Let $A \subset \mathbb{Z}_N$. Then A is a tile if and only if it satisfies (T1) and (T2).

Theorem (S, 2018)

Let p, q, r be distinct prime numbers. Let $A \subset \mathbb{Z}_{pqr}$. Then A is a spectral set if and only if it satisfies (T1) and (T2).

Corollary

The spectral set conjecture holds on \mathbb{Z}_{pqr} with p, q, r distinct prime numbers.



For a given natural number N , what are the possible integers n for which there exist N -th roots of unity $e^{\frac{2\pi i \alpha_1}{N}}, e^{\frac{2\pi i \alpha_2}{N}}, \dots, e^{\frac{2\pi i \alpha_n}{N}}$ such that

$$e^{\frac{2\pi i \alpha_1}{N}} + e^{\frac{2\pi i \alpha_2}{N}} + \dots + e^{\frac{2\pi i \alpha_n}{N}} = 0?$$

Theorem (Lam and Leung, 2000)

Let N be a positive integer. Let $A \subset \mathbb{Z}_N$. If $A(\omega_N) = 0$, then there exist $n_p \in \mathbb{N}$ for all p prime with $p \mid N$ such that $\#A = \sum_{p \mid N} n_p p$.



Proposition (Lam and Leung, 2000)

Let $n \mid N$ be such that N/n has at most two prime divisors, say p and q . If $A(\omega_N^n) = 0$, then

$$A(X^n) \equiv P(X^n)\Phi_p(X^{N/p}) + Q(X^n)\Phi_q(X^{N/q}) \pmod{X^N - 1},$$

where P and Q have nonnegative coefficients.

- ▶ The polynomial $A(X^n)$ is the mask polynomial of the multi-set $n \cdot A$.
- ▶ $\Phi_p(X^{N/p})$ is the mask polynomial of the subgroup $\frac{N}{p}\mathbb{Z}_N$. Its cosets are called p -cycles.
- ▶ The above proposition shows that $n \cdot A$ is the disjoint union of p -cycles and q -cycles.



- Let $N = pqr$ with p, q, r distinct primes. Let A be a subset with mask polynomial

$$A(X) = (X^{qr} + X^{2qr} + \dots + X^{(p-1)qr})(X^{pr} + X^{2pr} + \dots + X^{(q-1)pr}) \\ + (X^{pq} + X^{2pq} + \dots + X^{(r-1)pq}),$$

we have $A(\omega_N) = 0$ but A cannot be expressed as a union of p -, q - and r -cycles



Proposition

Let $n \mid N$ be such that N/n has only one prime divisor, say p . If $A(\omega_N^n) = 0$, then

$$A(X^n) \equiv P(X^n)\Phi_p(X^{N/p}) \pmod{X^N - 1},$$

where P has nonnegative coefficients.

- ▶ $n \cdot A$ is the disjoint union of p -cycles.
- ▶ This is the key tool to prove that Spectral set conjecture holds in \mathbb{Z}_{p^n} : Łaba (2002), also Fan–Fan–S (2016).

Representation of \mathbb{Z}_{pqr}



$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{Z}_{pqr} &\longleftrightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_q \times \mathbb{Z}_r \\ x &\longleftrightarrow (x_1, x_2, x_3)\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ $x_1 \equiv x \pmod{\mathbb{Z}_p}$, $x_2 \equiv x \pmod{\mathbb{Z}_q}$ and $x_3 \equiv x \pmod{\mathbb{Z}_r}$.
- ▶ p -cycle: $\{(0, x_2, x_3), (1, x_2, x_3), \dots, (p-1, x_2, x_3)\}$.



Lemma

Let (A, B) be a spectral pair in \mathbb{Z}_{pqr} . If $pq \notin \mathcal{Z}_B$, then there exist a subset $S \subset \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_q$ and a function $f : \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_q \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_r$ such that

$$A = \{(x, y, f(x, y)) : (x, y) \in S\}.$$

Moreover, we have that $\sharp A \leq pq$ and that the equality holds if and only if $S = \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_q$.

Proof

If the set A has two elements (x, y, z) and (x, y, z') with $z \neq z'$, then we have

$$(x, y, z) - (x, y, z') = (0, 0, z - z') \in pq\mathbb{Z}_{pqr}^*.$$

It follows that $pq \in \mathcal{Z}_B$, which is a contradiction.



► We decompose the proof into three cases:

- (1) $\#(\mathcal{Z}_A \cap \{pq, pr, qr\}) = 2$;
- (2) $\#(\mathcal{Z}_A \cap \{pq, pr, qr\}) = 1$;
- (3) $\#(\mathcal{Z}_A \cap \{pq, pr, qr\}) = 0$.

Proof of (1)

WLOG, $qr, pr \in \mathcal{Z}_A$ and $pq \notin \mathcal{Z}_A$. It follows that $pq \mid \#A = \#B$. We thus have $pq \notin \mathcal{Z}_B$ and $\#A = pq$. (T1) holds. There exists a function $f : \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_q \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_r$ such that

$$A = \{(x, y, f(x, y)) : (x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}_p \times \mathbb{Z}_q\}.$$

We obtain that $r \in \mathcal{Z}$ and thus A satisfies the (T2).



Proof of (3)

Let B be a spectrum of A .

Step 1: $\#(\mathcal{Z}_B \cap \{pq, pr, qr\}) = 0$.

Step 2: $\#A = \#B < \min\{p, q, r\}$. This implies that $\#A = \#B = 1$.

Proof of (2)

Let B be a spectrum of A . WLOG, $qr \in \mathcal{Z}$ and $pq, pr \notin \mathcal{Z}$. (T2) holds vacuously.

Step 1: $\#(\mathcal{Z}_B \cap \{pq, pr, qr\}) = 1$.

Step 2: $\#A = \#B = p$. It follows that (T1) holds.



Dimension one:

- ▶ $\mathbb{Z}/p^n q \mathbb{Z}$, p, q distinct primes: Malikiosis–Kolountzakis (2016).
- ▶ $\mathbb{Z}/p^n q^6 \mathbb{Z}$, p, q distinct primes: Malikiosis (in progress).
- ▶ $T\text{-}S(\mathbb{Z}/p^n q^m \mathbb{Z})$, p, q distinct primes: Łaba (2002).
- ▶ $\mathbb{Z}/p^n q^m \mathbb{Z}$? In general, $\mathbb{Z}/m \mathbb{Z}$?

Higher dimension:

- ▶ $\mathbb{Z}/p \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/p \mathbb{Z}$, p prime: Iosevich–Mayeli–Pakianathan (2015).
- ▶ $\mathbb{Z}/p^2 \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/p \mathbb{Z}$, p prime: S (in progress).
- ▶ $\mathbb{Z}/p^2 \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/p^2 \mathbb{Z}$? In general, $\mathbb{Z}/p^n \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/p^n \mathbb{Z}$?
- ▶ $\mathbb{Z}/p \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/p \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}/p \mathbb{Z}$?

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Thanks for your attention!