

# Rigidity and stationary actions of arithmetic groups

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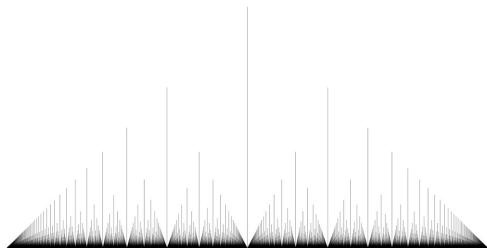
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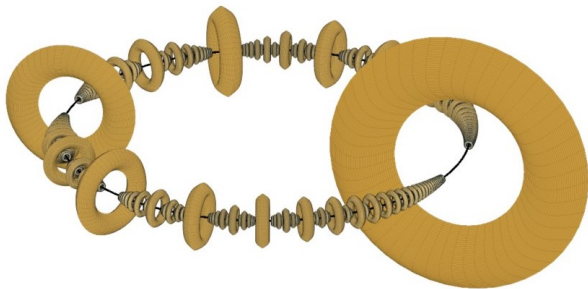
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{q} & x = \frac{p}{q} \in \mathbb{Q} \\ 0 & x \notin \mathbb{Q} \end{cases}$$



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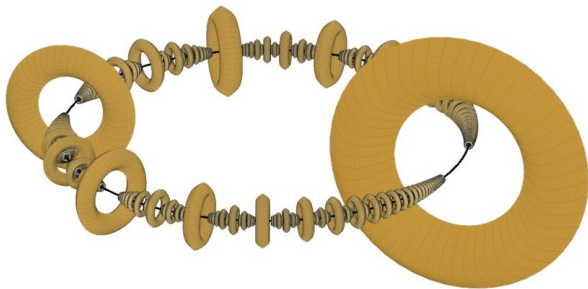
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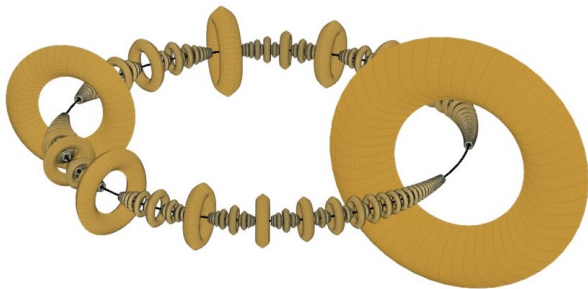
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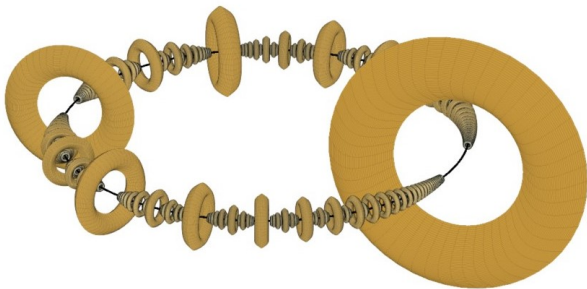
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The action of  $\Gamma$  on  $X$  is  $\mu$ -stiff (for many  $\mu \in \mathrm{Prob}(\Gamma)$ ), that is, for any  $\nu \in \mathrm{Prob}(X)$ :

$$\sum_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \mu(\gamma) \gamma.\nu = \nu \quad \Rightarrow \quad \forall \gamma \in \Gamma : \gamma.\nu = \nu$$



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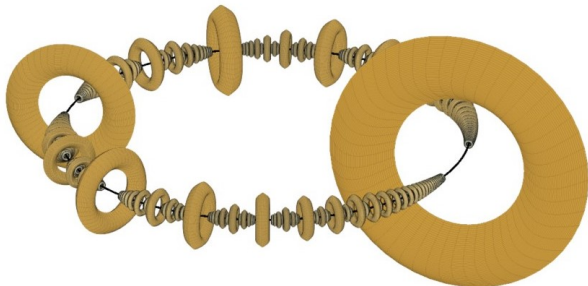
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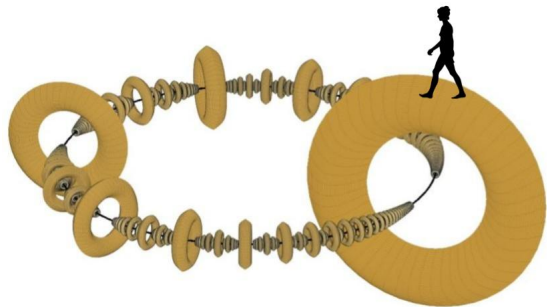
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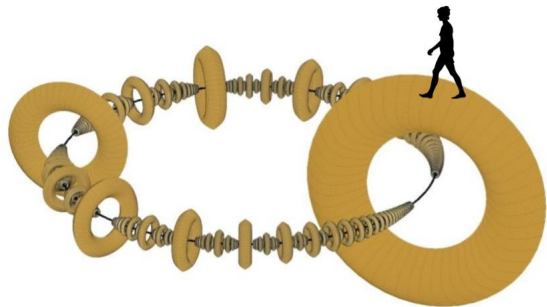
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6. Something about  $C^*$ -algs and von Neumann algs.

Thank you

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