

# Effective count of $3 \times 3$ integral matrices with a specified characteristic polynomial

Pratyush Sarkar

Lie Theory, Spectra and Dynamics



# Setup

- ▶ Let  $p \in \mathbb{Z}[\lambda]$  be an integral characteristic polynomial of degree 3 which splits over  $\mathbb{R}$  but irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
- ▶ It cuts out a variety  $\mathcal{V}_{3,p}$  in the vector space of  $3 \times 3$  real matrices.
- ▶ Then,  $\mathrm{SL}_3(\mathbb{R})$  acts on the variety  $\mathcal{V}_{3,p}$  by conjugation.

# Effective count of $3 \times 3$ integral matrices

- Let  $\mathcal{N}_{3,p}(T) = \#\{L \in \mathcal{V}_{3,p} : \|L\| \leq T\}$  using the Frobenius norm.

## Theorem (S. '25)

$\exists c_p > 0, \kappa > 0$  *such that*

$$\mathcal{N}_{3,p}(T) = c_p T^3 + O_p(T^{3-\kappa}) \quad \forall T > 0.$$

- The main term is due to Eskin–Mozes–Shah '96.

# Effective equidistribution of translates of tori

► Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} * & & \\ & * & \\ & & * \end{pmatrix}$  and  $N_\epsilon = \left\{ \exp \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x & z \\ & 0 & y \\ & & 0 \end{pmatrix} : |x|, |y| \geq \epsilon \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \right\}$  for any  $\epsilon > 0$ .

## Theorem (S. '25)

*Let  $\Gamma < \mathrm{SL}_3(\mathbb{R})$  be an arithmetic lattice. There exists  $\kappa > 0$  and  $\Lambda > 0$  depending only on  $\Gamma$  such that the following holds.*

*Let  $x_0 \in \Gamma \backslash \mathrm{SL}_3(\mathbb{R})$  such that  $Ax_0$  is periodic. Let  $n \in N_\epsilon$  for some  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $T := \|\log(n)\| \gg_{\Gamma, \mathrm{ht}(Ax_0)} \epsilon^{-\Lambda}$ . Then, for all  $\phi \in C_c^\infty(\Gamma \backslash \mathrm{SL}_3(\mathbb{R}))$ , we have*

$$\left| \int_{Ax_0} \phi(nx) \, d\mu_{Ax_0}(x) - \int_{\Gamma \backslash \mathrm{SL}_3(\mathbb{R})} \phi \, d\mu_{\Gamma \backslash \mathrm{SL}_3(\mathbb{R})} \right| \leq \mathcal{S}(\phi) \epsilon^{-\Lambda} T^{-\kappa}.$$

► The main term is due to Eskin–Mozes–Shah '96.

## Further questions

- Analogous theorems also hold for:

$$\mathrm{SO}(n, 1)^{\circ}, \quad \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}) \times \mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{R}), \quad \mathrm{SU}(2, 1), \quad \mathrm{Sp}_4(\mathbb{R}).$$

What happens with other semisimple Lie groups with larger root systems?

Thank you!