Metric Diophantine Approximation for Formal Laurent Series over Finite Fields

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Notation

- Field of formal Laurent series:

$$\mathbb{F}_q((T^{-1})) = \{f = a_n T^n + a_{n-1} T^{n-1} + \cdots : \; a_j \in \mathbb{F}_q, a_n \neq 0\} \cup \{0\}.$$

- Valuation induced by the general degree function:

$$|f| = q^n, \qquad |0| = 0.$$

- Analogue of $[0, 1)$:

$$\mathbb{L} = \{f \in \mathbb{F}_q((T^{-1})) : |f| < 1\}.$$

- Restricting $|\cdot|$ to $\mathbb{L}$ gives compact topological group. Denote by m the unique, translation-invariant (Haar) probability measure.

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A Result of Nakada & Natsui

Theorem (Nakada & Natsui; 2006)

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(i) l_n *is increasing,* $\sum_n q^{n-l_n} = \infty$;

(ii) *The sequence recursively defined by*

$$j_1 = \min\{n \geq 2 : l_n - l_{n-1} > 1\};$$
$$j_k = \min\{n > j_{k-1} : l_n - l_{n-1} > 1\}$$

is lacunary.

Then, the number of solutions of AP with $n \leq N$ *is asymptotic to*

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An improved Result

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- (S1) g fixed, f random;
- (S2) f fixed, g random.

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A similar result for (S2) cannot hold.

More precisely, for any l_n there exists an f such that the number of solutions of (S2) is finite almost surely.

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and

$$\mathcal{F}_n = \{Q : Q \in \mathcal{F}, \deg Q = n\}.$$

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Remark:

This gives a meaningful formula whenever

$$\liminf_{n \to \infty} \#\mathcal{F}_n q^{-n} > 0.$$

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Thanks for Your Attention!