

$\mathbb{F}_p[[t]]$ - a topological ring (w/ product topology)
has a canonical probability measure λ .

Question

$$\lambda(\{y^2 : y \in \mathbb{F}_p[[t]]\}) = ?$$

Valuation $\text{Val}(x) = k$ if $x = \sum_{j \geq k} a_j t^j$ $a_k \neq 0$
 $|x| = p^{-k}$

$$ac(x) = a_k$$

"angular components"

properties: $|x|/|y| = |xy|$, $ac(xy) = ac(x)ac(y)$

So x is a square \Rightarrow $\text{val}(x)$ is even,
 $ac(x)$ is a square.

claim If $p > 2$, this is \Leftrightarrow .

Anyway, the above measure is $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_p^{*2}} \frac{1}{p^{2k+1}}$
(if $p > 2$)

$$= \underbrace{|\mathbb{F}_p^{*2}|}_{\substack{\text{depends on} \\ \text{a finite thing}}} \cdot \underbrace{\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{p^{2k+1}}}_{\substack{\text{Infinite geometric} \\ \text{sum.}}}$$

Generalization.

\mathcal{L} = The first order language using $+$, \cdot , val , ac , \leq
(where \leq is used only for integers)

The language has objects of type int , \mathbb{F}_p , $\mathbb{F}_p[[t]]$
"multi-sorted logic".

Def A "simple" formula $\phi(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ ($x_i \in \mathbb{F}_p[[t]]$)

is a formula of the form

$$\psi(ac(x_1), \dots, ac(x_n)) \wedge \psi(\text{val}(x_1), \dots, \text{val}(x_n))$$

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$$\text{"definable set"} \left\{ \begin{aligned} X_\phi(\mathbb{F}_p[[t]]) &= [\phi(x_1, \dots, x_n)] = \\ &= \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) : \phi = \text{true}\} \end{aligned} \right.$$

Main Thm. Every definable set X has a decomposition $X = X_1 \sqcup \dots \sqcup X_N$ s.t. every X_i is in measure preserving bijection w/ a simple (if p is large enough) definable set. (speaker does not know if this is effective)

$$\lambda(\{x \mid \eta(\text{ac}(x)) \wedge \zeta(\text{val}(x))\}) =$$

$$\sum_{\substack{(d_1, \dots, d_n) \in \mathbb{Z}^n \\ \text{s.t. } \}} \cdot \sum_{\substack{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in (\mathbb{F}_p^*)^n \\ \text{s.t. } \eta}} p^{-\sum d_i + 1} = |\{x \mid \eta(x)\}| \cdot \left(\begin{array}{c} \text{wlog} \\ \text{a sum} \\ \text{over a} \\ \text{cont.} \end{array} \right)$$

\Rightarrow volumes of definable sets are always rational.

Exciting thing. The decomposition in main is uniform!

$$\mathbb{F}_p[[t]] = \varprojlim \mathbb{F}_p[[t]]/(t^n)$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_p = \varprojlim \mathbb{Z}/p^n$$

If p is large enough, the same decomposition works also for \mathbb{Z}_p .

literally the same, using the same formulas.

Corollary If X is definable then (for large p)

$$\lambda(X(\mathbb{F}_p[[t]])) = \lambda(X(\mathbb{Z}_p))$$

in particular, every first order statement true in one is true in the other.

Why "motivic"?

$$\lambda(X(\mathbb{F}_p[[t]])) = \sum_{i=1}^N |Y_i(\mathbb{F}_p)| \left(\sum_{\text{cont. } c_i} \frac{1}{p^{\#c_i}} \right)$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \lambda(X) = \sum [Y_i] [c_i, \psi_i]$$

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there is some formal quotient like $[Y_1 \cup Y_2] = [Y_1] + [Y_2]$