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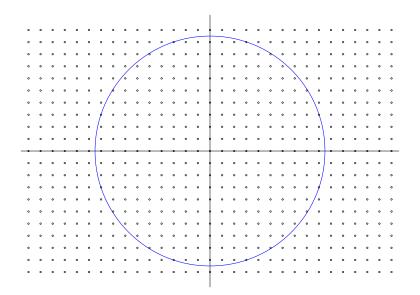
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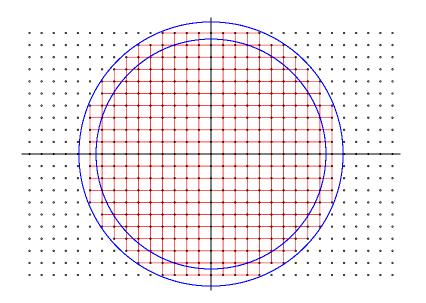
# An Exponential Sum Associated to Binary Quartic Forms

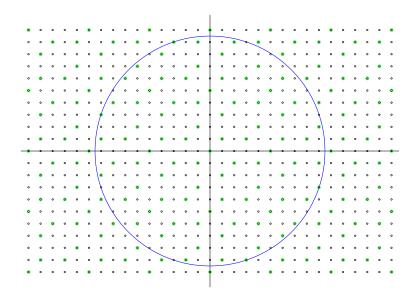
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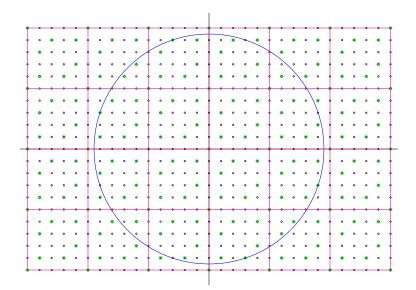
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Define

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### The Fouvry-Katz Theorem

Let Y be a (locally closed) subscheme of  $\mathbb{A}^n_{\mathbb{Z}}$ , of dimension d. Take  $V = \mathbb{A}^n$ , p prime, and  $\Phi_p$  the the characteristic function of  $Y(\mathbb{F}_p)$ .

Theorem (Fouvry-Katz, 2001)

There exists a filtration of subschemes

$$\mathbb{A}^n_{\mathbb{Z}} \supseteq X_1 \supseteq \cdots \supseteq X_j \supseteq \cdots \supseteq X_n$$

with  $X_j$  of codimension j, so that

$$|\widehat{\Phi_p}(y)| \le Cp^{-n + \frac{d}{2} + \frac{j-1}{2}}$$

away from  $X_i(\mathbb{F}_p)$ .



## A simple example (I)

On  $V = \operatorname{Sym}^3(\mathbb{F}_p^2)$  (binary cubic forms), let  $\Phi_p$  be the characteristic function of the singular locus:

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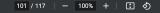
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#### Theorem (Mori 2010)

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## A less simple example (Hough, 2018)



**Theorem 2.** The Fourier transform of the maximal set is supported on the mod p orbits  $\mathscr{O}_0, \mathscr{O}_{D1^2}, \mathscr{O}_{D11}$  and  $\mathscr{O}_{D2}$ . It is given explicitly in the following tables.

	Case $\mathscr{O}_0$ , $\xi = p\xi_0$ .	
(6.1) Orbit	$p^{-12}\widehat{1_{\mathrm{max}}}(p\xi_0)$	Orbit size
$\mathscr{O}_0$	$(p-1)^4p(p+1)^2(p^5+2p^4+4p^3+4p^2+3p+1)$	1
$\mathscr{O}_{D1^2}$	$-(p-1)^3p(p+1)^4$	$(p-1)(p+1)(p^2+p+1)$
$\mathscr{O}_{D11}$	$-(p-1)^3p(2p^3+6p^2+4p+1)$	$(p-1)p(p+1)^2(p^2+p+1)/2$
$\mathscr{O}_{D2}$	$(p-1)^2p(2p^2+3p+1)$	$(p-1)^2p(p+1)(p^2+p+1)/2$
$\mathscr{O}_{Dns}$	$(p-1)^2p(2p^2+3p+1)$	$(p-1)^2p^2(p+1)(p^2+p+1)$
$\mathscr{O}_{Cs}$	$-p^7 + 5p^5 - 3p^4 - 3p^3 + p^2 + p$	$(p-1)^2p(p+1)^2(p^2+p+1)$
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$\mathcal{O}_{1^4}$	$p(p^3 - 3p^2 + p + 1)$	$(p-1)^3p^2(p+1)^2(p^2+p+1)$
$O_{1^{3}1}$	$p(p^3 - 3p^2 + p + 1)$	$(p-1)^3p^3(p+1)^2(p^2+p+1)$
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$\mathscr{O}_{112}$	$-p^3 + p^2 + p$	$(p-1)^4p^4(p+1)^2(p^2+p+1)/4$
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### Main Theorem for Quartic Forms

#### Theorem (Ishitsuka, Taniguchi, T., Xiao)

For a prime p > 3, we have

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Here  $E'_{\nu}$  is the elliptic curve defined by

$$y^2 = x^3 - 3I(v)x^2 + J(v)^2$$

with  $a(E'_{\nu}) := \rho + 1 - \#E'_{\nu}(\mathbb{F}_{\rho}).$ 

## Proof of ITTX: Projectivization

If  $w \neq 0$ , we have

$$\sum_{\substack{w\in\overline{w}\\w\neq 0}}\langle[w,v]\rangle=\begin{cases} p-1 & ([w,v]=0)\\ -1 & ([w,v]\neq 0),\end{cases}$$

where  $\overline{w}$  is the line through w and 0. So,

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#### Consider projective morphisms

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#### Proposition (Bhargava-Ho)

If  $\operatorname{Disc}(v) \neq 0$  and  $J(v) \neq 0$ , then  $C_3(v)$  is of genus one, isomorphic to

$$E'_{v}$$
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Main ingredient: Bhargava-Shankar parametrization of  $\mathrm{Sel}_2(E)$  in terms of  $\mathrm{PGL}_2(\mathbb{Q})$ -orbits on integral binary quartic forms.

#### More ingredients:

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Thank you!