

$x \xrightarrow{T^n} x+n$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -action  
(by shifts of  $\mathbb{R}$ )

$(T^n)_{n \in \mathbb{Z}}$  acts on  $\mathbb{R}$  by shifts or translation.

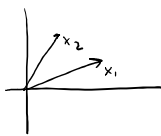
Fundamental domain (say, for this action) is any  $S \subset \mathbb{R}$   
which contains exactly one element of every orbit

orbit of  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  is  $\{x+n, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

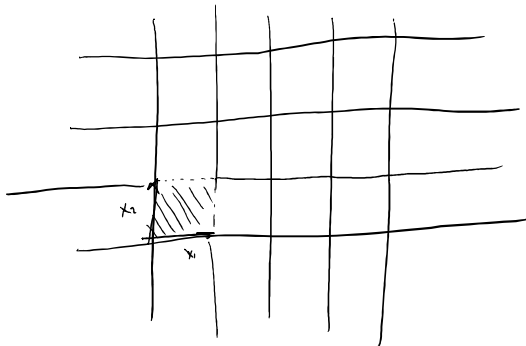
$S = [0, 1)$  works.

$$\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{Z}} S+n = \mathbb{R}$$

**exercise:** Cantor set is nowhere dense & closed. or  $[0, 1]$   
the countable union of such sets cannot cover  $\mathbb{R}$ .

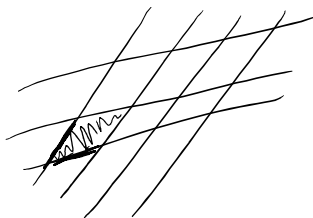


$$\begin{matrix} \mathbb{R}^2 \\ x \end{matrix} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{R}} x + nx_1 + mx_2 \quad n, m \in \mathbb{Z}, x \in \mathbb{R}^2$$



$\text{Conv}(x_1, x_2)$  = convex span of  $x_1, x_2$

$$\Delta_1 = \{\alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2, 0 \leq \alpha_i < 1\}$$



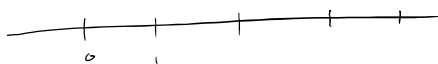
$$\text{conv}(x_1, x_2) = \{ \alpha x_1 + (1-\alpha)x_2 : 0 \leq \alpha \leq 1 \}$$

$$\Delta_L = \{ \alpha_1 x_1 + \alpha_2 x_2 : 0 \leq \alpha_i \leq 1 \}$$

fact: if  $S \subset \mathbb{R}$  and  $\mu(S) > 1$  then  $S-S \ni n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$ .

Hint:  $S \cap S-n \neq \emptyset$

$$S_n = S \cap [n-1, n), \quad \cup S_n = S$$



Now let  $\tilde{S}_n$  be translate of  $S_n$  into  $[0, 1)$ .  $\mu(\cup \tilde{S}_n) > 1$

Now use pigeonhole principle: two  $\tilde{S}_n$  intersect

nontrivially:  $\tilde{S}_n \cap \tilde{S}_m \neq \emptyset$  (exercise: finish the proof)

Formulation for  $\mathbb{R}^2$ :

Let  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ . Let  $L$  be a lattice in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  w/

fundamental domain  $\Delta_L = \text{parallelogram}$ .

if  $\mu(S) > \mu(\Delta_L)$  then  $(S-S) \cap (L \setminus \{0\}) \neq \emptyset$ .

Exercise: prove this

Exercise: write a list of theorems which could be useful for midterm (which could be asked to prove) and provide proofs (maybe, if they could be asked for proof)

Let  $K$  be a symmetric convex body in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .

Let  $L$  be a lattice. if  $\mu(K) > 4\mu(\Delta_L)$  then  $\exists (x,y) \in L \cap K \setminus \{0\}$

$K$  is symmetric if  $v \in K \Rightarrow -v \in K$ .

Hint: consider  $S = \frac{1}{2}K$ .  $\mu(\frac{1}{2}K) = \frac{1}{4}\mu(K) > 1$ .

So  $(\frac{1}{2}K - \frac{1}{2}K) \cap L \neq \emptyset$  but  $\frac{1}{2}K - \frac{1}{2}K = \frac{1}{2}K + \frac{1}{2}K \stackrel{?}{=} K$

Exercise: finish the proof

Let  $p=4k+1$ . Then  $\exists u \in \overbrace{\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}}^{\mathbb{Z}_p}$  s.t.  $u^2 = -1 \pmod{p}$ . know this for now

Fact. for any prime  $p$ , the multiplicative group  $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$  of invertible elements in  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  is cyclic. (true for all finite fields!)  
(exercise - not for general field just for  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ )

Suppose  $p=5$ :  $\mathbb{Z}_p^* = 1, 2, 3, 4$ :  $a=2$ ,  $a^2=4$ ,  $a^3=3$ ,  $a^4=1$

$e, a, a^2, a^3, \dots, a^{p-1}$   $a^6 = -1$ .

$$x^2 = -1, x^4 = 1, (x^2-1)(x^2+1) = 0$$

Let  $u \in \mathbb{Z}$  be such that  $u^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$ .

$$L = \{(x,y) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 : y \equiv ux \pmod{p}\}$$

1: Prove this is a lattice

2: Prove that  $\text{Vol}(\Delta_L) = p$

Exercise  
(hint: find generators).

Now adjust radius  $\circ \rightarrow$  to apply  $\mu(S) > 4p$   
to get  $0 < x^2 + y^2$   
s.t.  $x, y \in L$ .

thus we get sums of 2 squares for  $p$ .

$$u^2 + v^2 = -1 \pmod{p} \quad \text{all that is needed for sums of 4 squares}$$

formulations of PNT:

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum \mu(n) \rightarrow 0$$

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pairless equivalent forms of PNT.

Von Mangoldt function

A.E. # is normal via ergodic thm.

$2x \pmod{1}$  ergodic,


$\{0,1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$  cylinders are independent

$A \subset \mathbb{N}$ ,  $d(A) > 0$ ,  $A$ - $A$  syndetic follows from ergodicity  
(exercise)

Continued fractions via ergodic theorem

$$(0,1) \ni x = \frac{1}{a_1(x) + \frac{1}{a_2(x) + \frac{1}{\ddots}}}$$

$\uparrow$   
 $\mathbb{N}^{\mathbb{N}}$ , shift is ergodic transformation  $T_x = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x}, & x \in (0,1) \\ 0, & x = 0 \end{cases}$

$$\frac{a_1(x) + a_2(x) + \dots + a_k(x)}{k} \xrightarrow{\text{a.e.}} \infty$$


Gauss.  $T$  preserves  $\mu(A) = \frac{1}{\log 2} \int_A \frac{dx}{1+x}$

Now  $\sqrt[k]{a_0(x) a_1(x) \dots a_n(x)}$  for a.e.  $x$

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$= K$

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Hinchman's constant  $< 3$ .