

Arithmetic of Toric Varieties

Equidistribution of Galois orbits of small points

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Distribution of polynomial roots

Question! If we choose a polynomial randomly, what can we say about its roots?

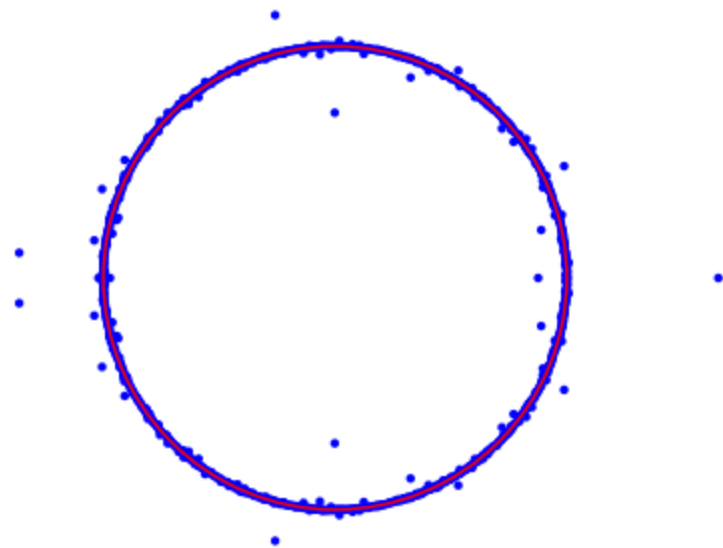
Randomly! Bounded coef with uniform distribution between $-C$ and C . (Not important.)

Naïve answer: Random roots?

→ Experiment.

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A.set_aspect_ratio(1)
show(A, axes=False, figsize=10)
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n 1000



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from sage.rings.polynomial.complex_roots import complex_roots
x = polygen(ZZ)
@interact
def _rotillas(n=(3,100,1)):
    p=(x^n-1)*(x^n-2^n)+5
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Height of rational numbers

$$p = \frac{a}{b} \in \mathbb{Q}^{\times}; \quad a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad \text{mcd}(a, b) = 1$$

The **Weyl height** of p is

$$h(p) = \log(\max(|a|, |b|))$$

height of $p \sim$ "Space needed to represent p in a computer".

The Weil height

Let $\zeta \in \bar{\mathbb{Q}}^\times$, $P_\zeta = d_d x^d + \dots + d_0 \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ minimal polynomial

$$P_\zeta = d_d \prod_{\eta \in G_\zeta} (x - \eta) \quad G_\zeta \text{ Galois orbit of } \zeta$$

The **Weil height** of ζ

$$h(\zeta) = \frac{1}{d} \left(\sum_{\eta \in G_\zeta} \log \max(1, |\eta|) + \log d_d \right)$$

- if $\zeta = \frac{a}{b} \in \mathbb{Q}^\times$ then $h(\zeta) = \log \max(|a|, |b|)$

- **Knobner** $h(\zeta) = 0 \iff \zeta$ is a root of unity

Bilu's Equidistribution theorem

Thm $p_k \in \mathbb{Q}^X$ $k=1, 2, 3, \dots$ Sequence of points such that.

* $\# \{k \mid p_k = x\} < \infty \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{Q}^X$

* $h(p_k) \xrightarrow[k \rightarrow \infty]{} 0$.

Then: $G \cdot p_k \xrightarrow[k \rightarrow \infty]{} S^1$:

For $f \in C^0(\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}))$

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\# G \cdot p_k} \sum_{z \in G \cdot p_k} f(z) = \int_{S^1} f d\mu_{S^1}$$

(Abelian varieties: Szpiro - Ullmo - Zhang.)

Mahler measure

$$h(\zeta) = \frac{1}{d} \left(\sum_{\eta \in \zeta} \log \max(1, |\eta|) + \log a_d \right)$$
$$= \frac{1}{d} \left(\int_{S^1} \log |P(z)| d\mu_{S^1} \right)$$

If $d \rightarrow \infty$ and the coefficients of P remain bounded then $h(\zeta) \rightarrow 0$ hence the roots of a random polynomial are equidistributed when the degree grows

Height of Points

- X^m / \mathbb{Q} proper algebraic variety
- D ample Cartier divisor

For each $v \in M_{\mathbb{Q}}$ (places of \mathbb{Q} .)

- X_v v -analytic space $\begin{cases} X(\mathbb{C}) + F_{\infty} & v = \infty \\ \text{Berkovich space} & v \neq \infty \end{cases}$
- $\|\cdot\|_v$ Semipositive continuous metric on $\mathcal{O}(D)_v$
Almost all defined by a model / \mathbb{Z} .

Height of Points

- $\bar{D} = (D, (\|\cdot\|_v)_{v \in m_Q})$ metrized Cartier divisor

The height of $P \in X(Q)$ w.r. to \bar{D} is

$$h_{\bar{D}}(P) = - \sum_{v \in m_Q} \log \|S(P)\|_v$$

For any rational section s regular and $\neq 0$ at P .

Essential minimum

$$\mu_{\bar{D}}^{\text{ess}}(X) = \inf \{ \theta \in \mathbb{R} \mid \{ p \in X(\bar{Q}) \mid h(p) \leq \theta \} \text{ is dense} \}$$

Fact: (p_k) a **generic** sequence in $X(Q)$ i.e.
 $\forall Y \subsetneq X \quad \#\{k \mid p_k \in Y(\bar{Q})\} < \infty$. Then

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} h_{\bar{D}}(p_k) \geq \mu_{\bar{D}}^{\text{ess}}(X)$$

Problem: For $(p_k)_{k \geq 0}$ a generic sequence with

$$\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} h_{\bar{D}}(p_k) = \mu_{\bar{D}}^{\text{ess}}(X)$$

study the **limit distribution** of $G \cdot p_k$ in X_r .

Equidistribution of Galois orbits of small points

THM (Yuan 2008, Szpiro-Ullmo-Zhang, Bilu, Chambert-Loir, Favre-Rivera, Baker-Rumely, Gubler, ...)

X^n/\mathbb{Q} proper, \bar{D} metrized divisor.

With D is ample and \bar{D} is semi positive

let $(P_k)_{k \geq 0}$ be a generic sequence such that.

$$h_{\bar{D}}(P_k) \xrightarrow{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{h_{\bar{D}}(x)}{(n+1) \deg_D(x)}$$

Then, for $v \in M_{\mathbb{Q}}$

$$G. P_k \xrightarrow[k \rightarrow \infty]{\text{weakly}} \frac{1}{\deg D} \cdot c_1(\mathcal{O}(D), \|\cdot\|_v)^{1/n}$$

probability measure on X_v .

Yuan's equidistribution theorem is very strong,
but has a very strong hypothesis.

By Zhang's theorem on **successive minima**

$$\frac{h_{\bar{D}}(x)}{(n+1) \deg_D(x)} \leq \mu_{\bar{D}}^{\text{ess}}(x)$$

Hence the equidistribution theorem can only
be applied when

$$\mu_{\bar{D}}^{\text{ess}}(x) = \frac{h_{\bar{D}}(x)}{(n+1) \deg_D(x)}$$

Toric Varieties

$\Pi \cong \mathbb{G}_m^m$ a split algebraic torus / \mathbb{Q} .

A **toric variety** (with torus Π) is a normal variety X with an open dense immersion $\Pi \subseteq X$ and action

$\Pi \times X \rightarrow X$ extending $\Pi \times \Pi \rightarrow \Pi$.

Combinatorial description

A fan is a family of strictly convex rational polyhedral cones $\Sigma = \{\sigma\}$

- $\sigma, \tau \in \Sigma \Rightarrow \sigma \cap \tau$ is a face of σ and τ
- $\sigma \in \Sigma$ all faces of σ are in Σ .

Σ fan on \mathbb{R}^n , $\sigma \in \Sigma \rightsquigarrow X_\sigma$ affine toric variety

$\tau, \sigma \in \Sigma$ $\tau \subseteq \sigma \rightsquigarrow X_\tau \hookrightarrow X_\sigma$

$$X_\tau = \bigcup_{\sigma \in \Sigma} X_\sigma$$

Toric Cartier Divisors

Assume Σ covers \mathbb{R}^m ($\Leftrightarrow X_\Sigma$ proper)

A **virtual support function** is $\psi: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. continuous

s.t. $\psi|_\sigma = m_\sigma \in (\mathbb{Z}^m)^\vee \quad \forall \sigma \in \Sigma$

$\psi \rightsquigarrow D_\psi = (X_\sigma, X^{-m_\sigma})_{\sigma \in \Sigma}$ **toric Cartier divisor**

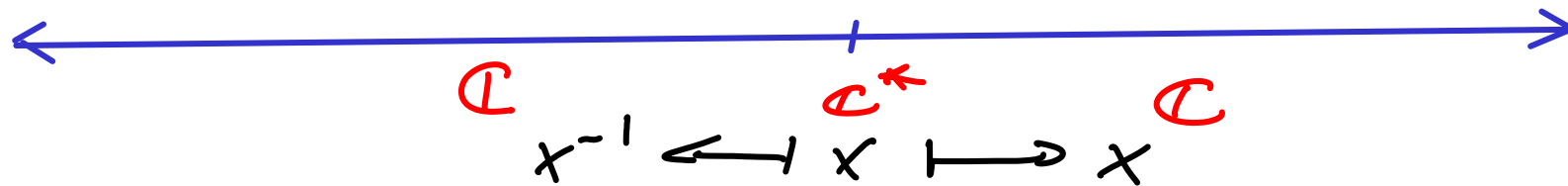
$\Delta_\psi = \{x \in (\mathbb{R}^m)^\vee \mid x \geq \psi\}$ **polytope**

Prop: D_ψ nef $\Leftrightarrow \psi$ concave. In this case

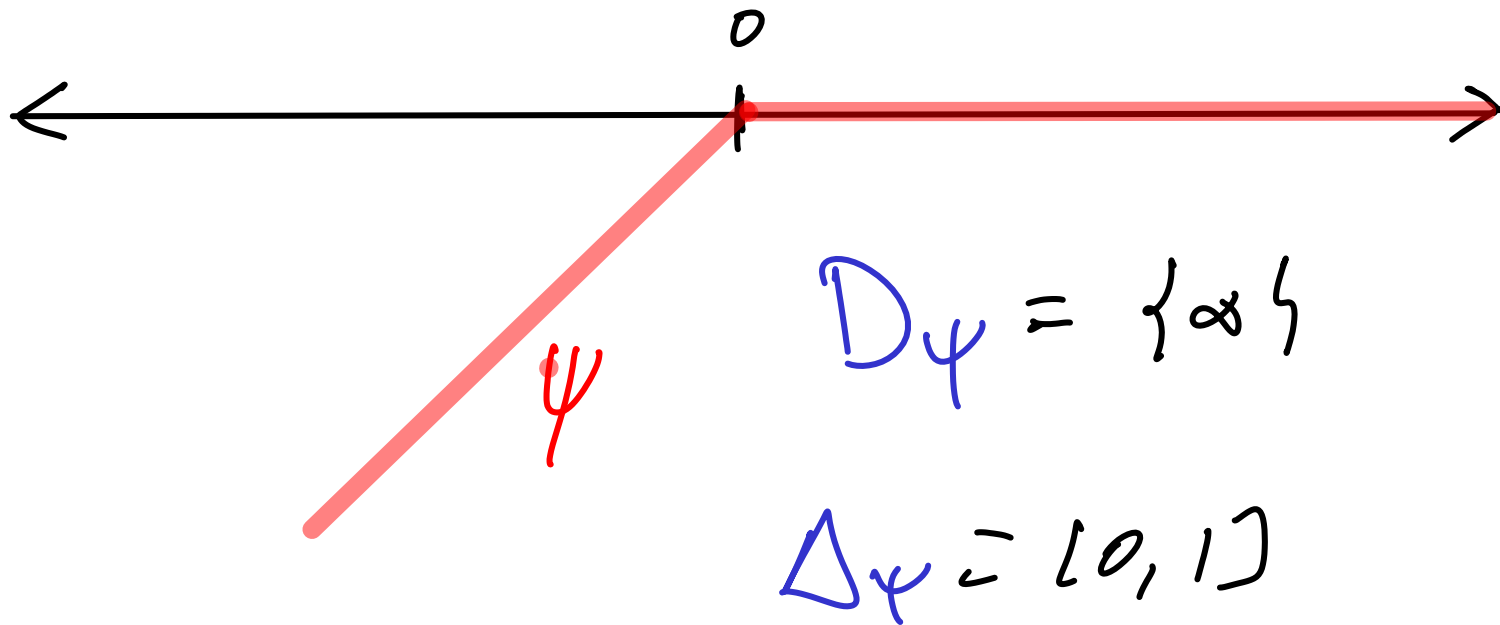
$$\deg_{D_\psi}(X) = n! \text{Vol } \Delta_\psi.$$

Example: $X_Z = \mathbb{P}^1$, $D = O(1)$.

Fam:



Support
function!



$$\deg(D_\psi) = 1 = \int_0^1 \text{Vol} [0, 1].$$

Toric Metrics

$$v \in M_{\mathbb{Q}}$$

$\mathbb{S}_v \subseteq \mathbb{T}^n$ compact torus

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ex} \quad \mathbb{S}_{\infty} &= \{ (t_1, \dots, t_n) \in (\mathbb{C}^{\times})^n \mid |t_i| = 1 \} \\ &\simeq (S^1)^n \end{aligned}$$

toric metric $:= \mathbb{S}_v$ -invariant metric.

Description of toric metrics



$$\text{val}_v(t_1, \dots, t_m) = (-\log |t_1|_v, \dots, -\log |t_m|_v)$$

THEOREM 1 There is a bijection

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} f_v: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \text{ continuous,} \\ \text{concave, } |f_v - \bar{\psi}| \text{ bounded} \end{array} \right\} \leftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} v\text{-adic continuous} \\ \text{semi-positive metric} \\ \text{on } \mathcal{O}(D_\psi) \end{array} \right\}$$

Roof function

The local roof function $\mathcal{V}_r : \Delta \Psi \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$.

is the Legendre-Fenchel dual of f_r :

$$\mathcal{V}_r(x) = \inf_{u \in \mathbb{R}^m} \langle x, u \rangle - f_r(u)$$

The global roof function $\mathcal{V} = \sum_r \mathcal{V}_r$

the roof function encodes all the arithmetic information

An abridged toric dictionary

X toric variety	Σ fan
D nef toric divisor	$\psi: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ concave Σ -lin. Δ lattice polytope
$\ \cdot\ _{\nu}$ Semipositive toric metrization on $\mathcal{O}(D)_{\nu}$	$f_{\nu}: \mathbb{R}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ concave $ f_{\nu} - \psi $ bounded $\nu_{\nu}: \Delta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. concave
\overline{D} metrized divisor	$\mathcal{V} = \sum_{\nu} \nu_{\nu}$

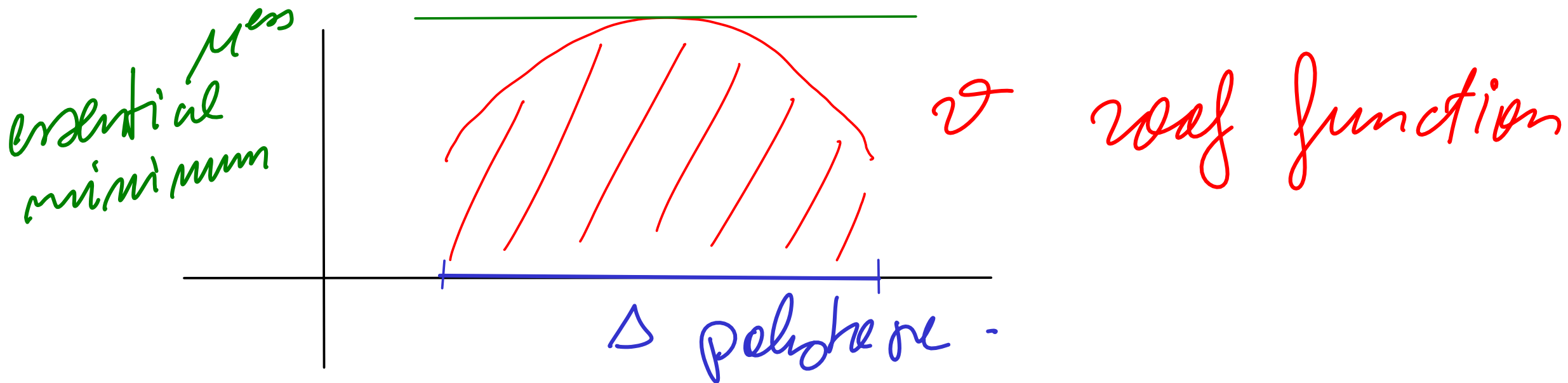
Arithmetic properties

Most Arakelov invariants can be read from the
roof function.

THEOREM 2 If \bar{D} is semipositive
$$h_{\bar{D}}(X) = (n+1)! \int_{\Delta} \vartheta(x) d\text{vol}$$

THEOREM 3
$$\mu_{\bar{D}}^{\text{ess}}(X) = \max_{X \in \Delta} \vartheta(x)$$

Zhang inequality in the toric case



$$\frac{\mu^{\text{ess}} \cdot \deg_{\mathbb{D}} X}{n!} = \mu^{\text{ess}} \cdot \text{Vol} \Delta \geq \int_{\Delta} \nabla \, d\text{vol} = \frac{h_{\bar{D}}(X)}{(n+1)!}$$

$$\mu^{\text{ess}} \geq \frac{h_{\bar{D}}(X)}{(n+1) \deg_{\mathbb{D}} X}$$

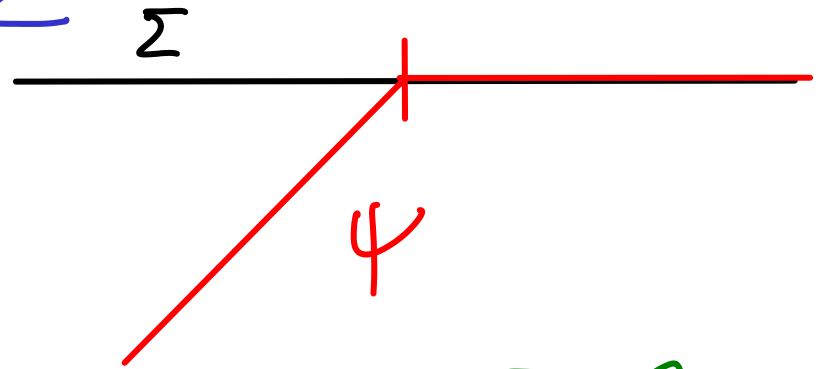
corollary: X toric variety, \bar{D} toric metrized semi-ample, D ample.

$$\mu_{\bar{D}}^{\text{es}}(X) = \frac{h_{\bar{D}}(X)}{(n+1) \deg_{\bar{D}}(X)} \iff \mathcal{V} \text{ is constant}$$

\rightsquigarrow Yuan's theorem $\Big|$ toric case $\nu = \infty$ \iff Bilu's theorem

Some examples

$X = \mathbb{P}^1_{\mathbb{Q}}$ $D = (0:1) = \infty$



1) Weil height. (canonical height)

$$\|S_e(P)\| = \frac{|l(P)|_v}{\max(|P_0|_v, |P_1|_v)}$$

$\Delta = [0, 1]$

$\rightsquigarrow \bar{D}$

$P = (P_0 : P_1) \in \mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{C}_v)$; $l \in \mathbb{C}_v[x_0, x_1]$,

$f_v = \psi \quad \forall v \in \mathcal{M}_{\mathbb{Q}} \quad v_v = 0$

$h_{\bar{D}}(P^1) = \mu_{\bar{D}}^{ess}(P^1) = 0$

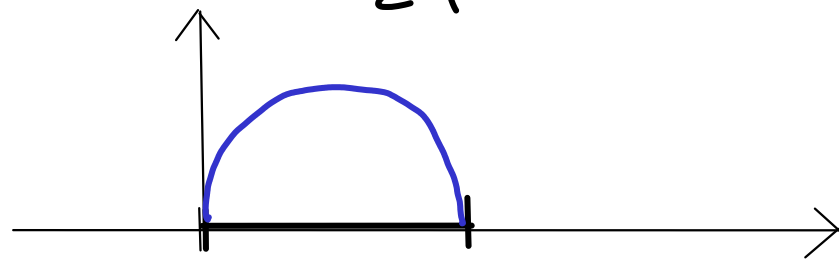
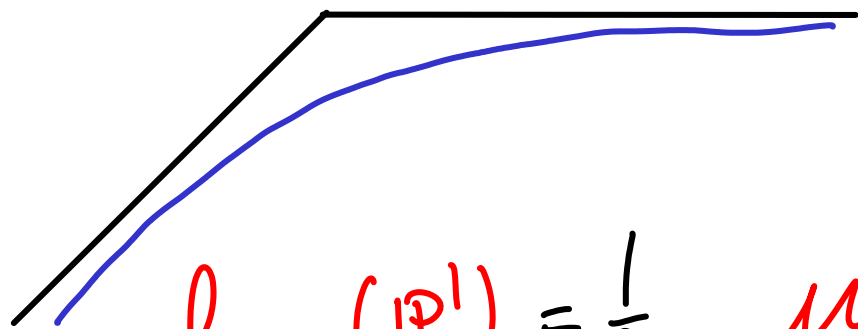
$\mu_{\bar{D}}^{ess} = \frac{h_{\bar{D}}}{2 \cdot \deg_D}$

2) Fubini Study

$$\|S_e(p)\|_r = \begin{cases} \frac{\|e(p)\|_\infty}{\sqrt{\|p_0\|_\infty^2 + \|p_1\|_\infty^2}} & r = \infty \\ \|S_e(p)\|_r, \text{ can} & r \neq \infty \end{cases}$$

If $\xi = \frac{a}{b} \in \mathbb{Q}^x$ then $h_{PS}(\xi) = \log \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$

$$f_\infty(u) = \frac{1}{2} \log(1 + e^{-2u}) \quad \mathcal{V}(x) = \mathcal{V}_\infty(x) = -\frac{1}{2} (x \log x + (1-x) \log(1-x))$$



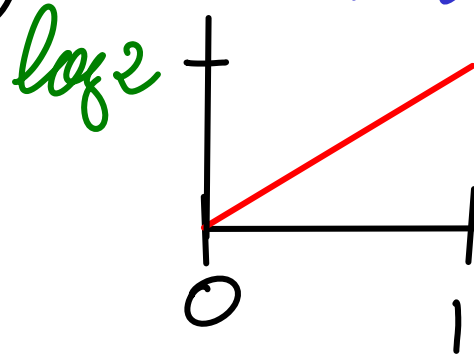
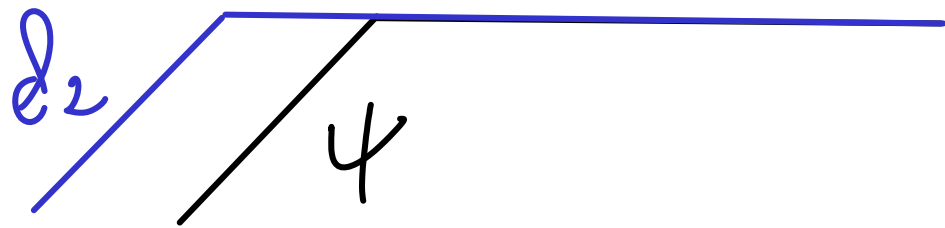
$$h_{\bar{D}}(IP^1) = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \mu_{\bar{D}}^{en}(IP^1) = \frac{\log 2}{2}, \quad \mu_{\bar{D}}^{en} > \frac{h_{\bar{D}}}{e}$$

3) Twisted Weil height

$$\|S_\ell(P)\|_r = \begin{cases} \frac{|l(P)|_2}{\max(|P|_2, 2|P|_2)} & r=2 \\ \|S_\ell(P)\|_{r, \text{can}} & r \neq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\xi = \frac{a}{b} \quad h_{\tilde{w}}(\xi) = \log \max(|a|, 2|b|)$$

$$f_2(u) = \min(0, u + \log 2) \quad \mathcal{V}(x) = \mathcal{V}_2(x) = x \log 2$$



$$h_{\bar{D}}(P^1) = \mu_{\bar{D}}^{\text{ess}}(P^1) = \log 2$$

$$\mu_{\bar{D}}^{\text{ess}} > \frac{h_{\bar{D}}}{2 \cdot \deg D}$$

Equidistribution of G -orbits of small points on toric var.

Theorem 4 (X, \bar{D}) toric with D ample & \bar{D} semi pos.

Let $x_m \in \Delta$ st. $\mathcal{V}(x_m) = \max_{x \in \Delta} \mathcal{V}(x)$.

T.F.A.E.

- (1) 0 is a **vertex** of $\partial_{x_m} \mathcal{V}$ (Sup differential)
- (2) $\forall v \in M_{\mathbb{Q}} \exists \mu_v$ probability measure on X_v
s.t. $\forall (P_k)_{k \geq 1}$ generic, with $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} h_{\bar{D}}(P_k) = \mu_{\bar{D}}^{\text{en}}(X)$

$$G \cdot P_k \xrightarrow{w} \mu_v$$

If so $\exists! (u_v)_v$ with $u_v \in \partial_{x_m} \mathcal{V}_v$ and $\sum_v u_v = 0$
s.t. μ_v is "Haar measure" on $\text{val}_v^{-1}(u_v)$

Examples again

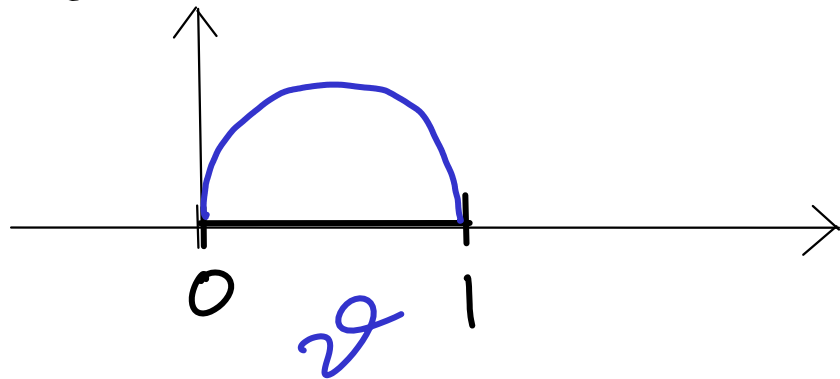
$X = \mathbb{P}^1$, $D = \infty$, $(P_k)_{k \geq 1}$ generic, $h_D(P_k) \rightarrow \mu_D^{\text{es}}$

1) Weil height

$\mathcal{V} = 0$ differentiable, $x_m \in (0, 1)$ $\partial_{x_m} \mathcal{V} = \{0\}$

$\Rightarrow G P_k \rightarrow S^1$ (Biller's theorem)

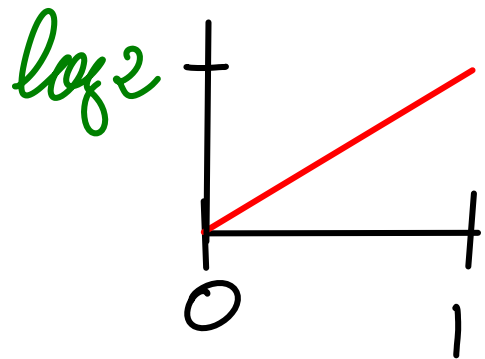
2) Fubini study height.



\mathcal{V} diff, $x_m = \frac{1}{2}$

$\Rightarrow G P_k \rightarrow S^1$

3 Twisted Weil height



$$X_m = \{1\} \quad \partial_{X_m} \mathcal{V} = [-\infty, \log 2]$$

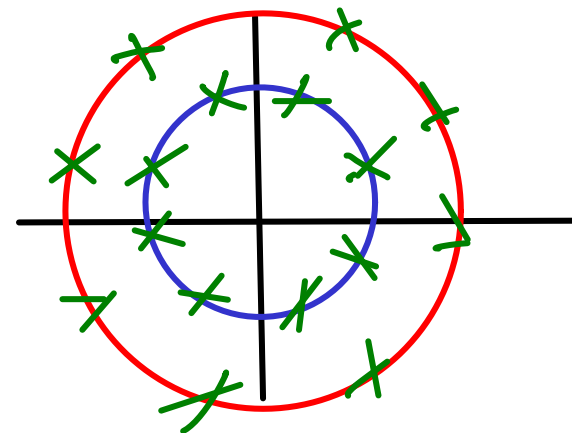
0 not a vertex of $\partial_{X_m} \mathcal{V}$.

$$h_{\overline{D}}(P) = \log \max(|P_0|_2, |P_1|_2) + \sum_{r \neq 2} \log \max(|P_0|_r, |P_1|_r)$$

Take ω_k root of z and set -

$$P_{2k} = (1: \omega_k) \quad P_{2k+1} = (2: \omega_k)$$

$$h(P_k) = \log 2 = \mu_{\overline{D}}^m(x)$$



No equidistribution.

Modulus concentration

Thm 5 $X, \bar{D}, X_{\text{max}}$ as before. First $v_0 \in M_{\mathbb{Q}}$.

put $\mathcal{V}'_{v_0} = \mathcal{V} - \mathcal{V}_{v_0}$.

- If
- ① $\partial_{X_{\text{max}}} \mathcal{V}_{v_0} \cap -\partial_{X_{\text{max}}} \mathcal{V}'_{v_0} = \{u_0\}$ 1 single point
 - ② u_0 is a vertex of $\partial_{X_{\text{max}}} \mathcal{V}_{v_0}$

Then $\forall (P_k)_{k \geq 1}$ generic s.t. $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} h_{\bar{D}}(P_k) = \mu_{\bar{D}}^{\text{top}}(X)$
and continuous function $g: X_{v_0} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ \mathbb{S}_r -invariant.

$$\text{val}_{v_0} * G P_k \xrightarrow{w} \delta u_0$$

Obs

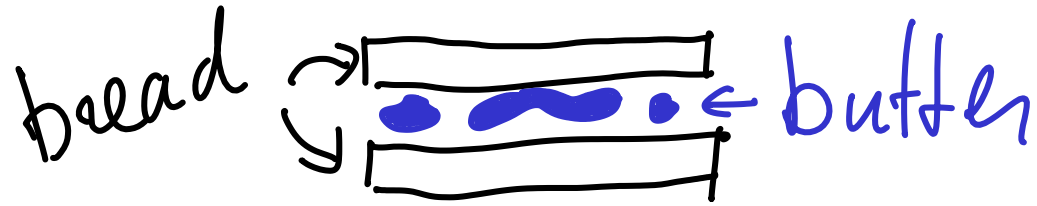
Modulus concentration is local: Can be checked place by place.

Equidistribution is global: Equidistribution at one place may depend on other places.

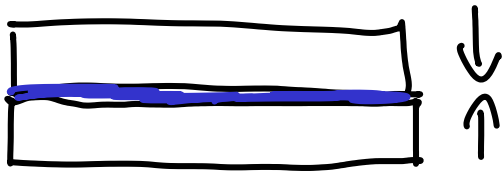
Thm 5 \Rightarrow Thm 4. is a **butter and bread** principle.

The proof uses **Yuan's Theorem**.

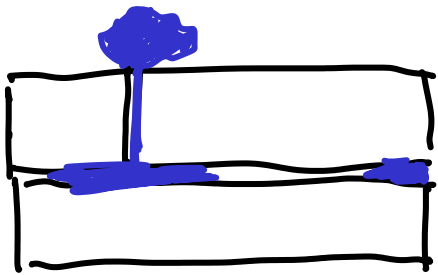
Butter and bread principle



If there is **space** between the bread slides the butter can have **any shape**.



If there is **no space** then the butter is **equidistributed**.



If there is a **hole** some butter can escape and **equidistribution** is lost.

THANK YOU

