

Theorem (conjectured in 1929, Oppenheim; proved in 1986, M.) Let  $Q$  be an indefinite irrational quadratic form in  $n \geq 3$  variables. Then for every  $\epsilon > 0$  there exists  $x \in \mathbb{Z}^n, x \neq 0$  such that

$$|Q(x)| < \epsilon.$$

Slightly stronger statement:

Under the same conditions

$Q(\mathbb{Z}^n)$  is dense in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Conjecture. If  $\hat{Q}$  is a product of three linearly independent linear forms on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and

$$\inf_{v \in \mathbb{Z}^3, v \neq 0} |\hat{Q}(v)| > 0$$

then  $\hat{Q}$  is a multiple of a rational form.

Theorem (M., 1986). Any bounded orbit of  $SO(2,1)$  in  $SL(3, \mathbb{R})/SL(3, \mathbb{Z})$  is compact.

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$$D = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \lambda_2 & \\ 0 & & \lambda_3 \end{pmatrix} \mid \lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 \in \mathbb{R}, \lambda_1 \lambda_2 \lambda_3 = 1 \right\}$$

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$SL(3, \mathbb{R})/SL(3, \mathbb{Z})$  is isomorphic to

$\Omega_3 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{ \text{the space of unimodular} \}$   
lattices in  $\mathbb{R}^3$



Conjecture. Let  $L$  be the product of  $n$  linear forms on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Suppose that  $n \geq 3$  and  $L$  is not a multiple of a form with integer coefficients. Then

$$\inf_{v \in \mathbb{Z}^n, v \neq 0} L(v) = 0$$

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$$x_1^2 - \lambda x_2^2 = (x_1 - \sqrt{\lambda} x_2)(x_1 + \sqrt{\lambda} x_2)$$

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Conjecture. Let  $n \geq 3$ ,  $G = SL(n, \mathbb{R})$ ,  $\Gamma = SL(n, \mathbb{Z})$ , and let  $D$  denote the group of all diagonal matrices in  $G$ . Then any bounded orbit of  $D$  in  $G/\Gamma$  is closed.

$$\lfloor x \rfloor = \min_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} |x - k|$$

Littlewood conjecture (~1930). For any two irrational numbers  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \lfloor n\alpha \rfloor \lfloor n\beta \rfloor = 0.$$

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$$n(n\alpha - m_1)(n\beta - m_2) = \hat{Q}(n, m_1, m_2)$$

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$\{x\}$  the fractional part of  $x$ .

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \{n\alpha\} \{n\beta\} = 0 \quad ?$$

not true  $\alpha = \sqrt{2}$ ,  $\beta = 2 - \sqrt{2}$

$\nu$  a positive continuous function on the sphere

$$\{v \in \mathbf{R}^n \mid \|v\| = 1\}$$

$$\Omega = \{v \in \mathbf{R}^n \mid \|v\| < \nu(v/\|v\|)\}$$

$T\Omega$  the dilate of  $\Omega$  by  $T$

$$N_{Q,\Omega}(a, b, T) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \#\{x \in \mathbf{Z}^n \mid x \in T\Omega \text{ and } a < Q(x) < b\}$$

$$V_{Q,\Omega}(a, b, T) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Vol}\{x \in \mathbf{R} \mid x \in T\Omega \text{ and } a < Q(x) < b\}$$

$$V_{Q,\Omega}(a, b, T) \sim \lambda_{Q,\Omega}(b - a)T^{n-2}$$

where

$$\lambda_{Q,\Omega} = \int_{L \cap \Omega} \frac{dA}{\|\nabla Q\|},$$

$L$  is the light cone  $Q = 0$  and  $dA$  is the area element on  $L$ .



Let  $\mathcal{O}(p, q)$  denote the space of quadratic forms of signature  $(p, q)$  and discriminant  $\pm 1$ .

**Theorem.** (Dani, Margulis 1993) (i) Let  $p \geq 2$  and  $q \geq 1$ . Then for any irrational  $Q \in \mathcal{O}(p, q)$  and any interval  $(a, b)$

$$\liminf_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N_{Q, \Omega}(a, b, T)}{V_{Q, \Omega}(a, b, T)} \geq 1.$$

Moreover, this bound is uniform over compact sets of forms: if  $\mathcal{K}$  is a compact subset of  $\mathcal{O}(p, q)$  which consists of irrational forms, then

$$\liminf_{T \rightarrow \infty} \inf_{Q \in \mathcal{K}} \frac{N_{Q, \Omega}(a, b, T)}{V_{Q, \Omega}(a, b, T)} \geq 1.$$

(ii) If  $p > 0, q > 0$  and  $n = p + q \geq 5$ , then for any  $\varepsilon > 0$  and any compact subset  $\mathcal{K}$  of  $\mathcal{O}(p, q)$  there exists  $c = c(\varepsilon, \mathcal{K}) > 0$  such that for all  $Q \in \mathcal{K}$  and  $T > 0$

$$N_{Q, \Omega}(\underset{-\varepsilon}{a}, \overset{\varepsilon}{b}, T) \geq c V_{Q, \Omega}(\underset{-\varepsilon}{a}, \overset{\varepsilon}{b}, T).$$

**Theorem.** (Eskin, Margulis, Mozes 1998) If  $p \geq 3$ ,  $q \geq 1$  and  $n = p + q$  then, as  $T \rightarrow \infty$

$$N_{Q,\Omega}(a, b, T) \sim \lambda_{Q,\Omega}(b - a)T^{n-2}$$

for any irrational form  $Q \in \mathcal{O}(p, q)$ .

**Theorem.** (Eskin, Margulis, Mozes 1998) Let  $\Omega$  be the unit ball, and let  $q = 1$  or  $2$ . Then for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and every interval  $(a, b)$  there exists an irrational form  $Q \in \mathcal{O}(2, q)$  and a constant  $c > 0$  such that for an infinite sequence  $T_j \rightarrow \infty$

$$N_{Q,\Omega}(a, b, T_j) > cT_j^q(\log T_j)^{1-\varepsilon}.$$

**Theorem.** (Eskin, Margulis, Mozes 1998) Let  $\mathcal{K}$  be a compact subset of  $\mathcal{O}(p, q)$  and  $n = p + q$ . Then, if  $p \geq 3$  and  $q \geq 1$  there exists a positive constant  $c = c(\mathcal{K}, a, b, \Omega)$  such that for any  $Q \in \mathcal{K}$  and all  $T > 1$

$$N_{Q, \Omega}(a, b, T) < cT^{n-2}.$$

If  $p = 2$  and  $q = 1$  or  $q = 2$ , then there exists a constant  $c = c(\mathcal{K}, a, b, \Omega)$  such that for any  $Q \in \mathcal{K}$  and all  $T > 2$

$$N_{Q, \Omega}(a, b, T) < cT^{n-2} \log T.$$



We say that a quadratic form  $Q \in \mathcal{O}(2, 2)$  is *extremely well approximable by split rational forms*, to be abbreviated as EWAS, if for any  $N > 0$  there exist a split integral form  $Q'$  and a real number  $\lambda > 2$  such that  $\|\lambda Q - Q'\| \leq \lambda^{-N}$ . If the ratio of two nonzero coefficients of  $Q$  is Diophantine then  $Q$  is not EWAS.

$x \in \mathbf{R}$  is called *Diophantine* if there exists  $N > 0$  such that  $|qx - p| > q^{-N}$  for any integers  $p$  and  $q$ .

**Theorem.** (Eskin, Margulis, Mozes) *The asymptotic formula*

$$N_{Q,\Omega}(a, b, T) \sim \lambda_{Q,\Omega}(b - a)T^{n-2}$$

*holds if  $Q \in \mathcal{O}(2, 2)$  is not EWAS and  $0 \notin (a, b)$ .*

Let  $\Delta$  be a lattice in  $\mathbf{R}^2$  and let  $M = \mathbf{R}^2/\Delta$  denote the associated flat torus. The eigenvalues of the Laplacian on  $M$  are the values of the binary quadratic form  $q(m, n) = 4\pi^2 \|mv_1 + nv_2\|^2$ , where  $\{v_1, v_2\}$  is a  $\mathbf{Z}$ -basis for the dual lattice  $\Delta^*$ . We label these eigenvalues (with multiplicity) by

$$0 = \lambda_0(M) < \lambda_1(M) \leq \lambda_2(M) \dots$$

$$|\{j \mid \lambda_j(M) \leq T\}| \sim c_M T, c_M = (\text{area } M)/4\pi$$

$$R_M(a, b, T) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{|\{(j, k) \mid \lambda_j(M) \leq T, \lambda_k(M) \leq T, j \neq k, a \leq \lambda_j(M) - \lambda_k(M) \leq b\}|}{T}$$

**Theorem.** (Eskin, Margulis, Mozes 2001) Let  $M$  be a flat 2-torus rescaled so that one of the coefficients in the associated binary quadratic form is 1.

Let  $A_1, A_2$  denote the two other coefficients of  $q$ .

Suppose that there exists  $N > 0$  such that for all triples of integers  $(p_1, p_2, q)$

$$\max_{i=1,2} \left| A_i - \frac{p_i}{q} \right| > \frac{1}{q^N}.$$

Then for any interval  $(a, b)$  which does not contain 0,

$$(*) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} R_M(a, b, T) = c_M^2(b - a)$$

In particular, if one of the  $A_i$  is Diophantine, then

(\*) holds, and therefore the set of  $(A_1, A_2) \in \mathbf{R}^2$

for which (\*) does not hold has zero Hausdorff

dimension.



$$E_s = \{x \in \mathbf{R}^d \mid Q(x) \leq s\}$$

$\text{vol } B$  denotes the Lebesgue measure of  $B$

$\text{vol}_{\mathbf{Z}} B$  denotes the number of points in  $B \cap \mathbf{Z}^d$

$$\Delta(r, a) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left| \frac{\text{vol}_{\mathbf{Z}}(rE_1+a) - \text{vol } rE_1}{\text{vol } rE_1} \right|$$

**Theorem.** (Götze) Assume that  $Q$  is positive definite and  $d \geq 5$ . Then

$$\sup_{a \in \mathbf{R}^d} \Delta(r, a) = O(r^{-2})$$

as  $r \rightarrow \infty$ .

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iff  $Q$  is irrational.

For  $d \geq 9$  both theorems had been proved earlier by Bentkus and Götze (1999).

**Corollary.** For  $\eta$  let  $E_s^\eta$  denote the elliptic shell  $E_{s+\eta} \setminus E_s$ . Then for any fixed  $\eta > 0$

$$\sup_{a \in \mathbf{R}^d} \frac{\text{vol}_{\mathbf{Z}}(E_{r^2+a}^\eta)}{\text{vol}E_{r^2}^\eta} = 1 + o(1),$$

as  $r \rightarrow \infty$  holds uniformly in the center  $a$  provided that  $d \geq 5$  and  $Q$  is irrational and positive definite.

Proves Davenport-Lewis conjecture about gaps between values of a positive definite form at integral points.

Let  $0 \leq v_1 \leq v_2 < \dots$  denote an enumeration of the values of  $Q(m - a)$ ,  $m \in \mathbf{Z}^d$ , in increasing order. Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (v_{n+1} - v_n) = 0.$$