# Large Sieve

### What is it?

Basic inequality:  $x_1, x_2, \ldots \in \mathbb{T}, |x_{\nu} - x_{\mu}| > \delta$ 

$$\sum_{\nu} \left| \sum_{n \le N} a_n e(nx_{\nu}) \right|^2 \le (N + \delta^{-1}) \sum |a_n|^2.$$

H. A. analog: Sum of Sobolev's inequalities.

## What for?

Take control of some Fourier series with rough coefficients appearing in Number Theory.

Example:  $S(x) = \sum_{p \leq N} e^{2\pi i p x}$  small for  $x \notin \mathbb{Q}$ (p prime)  $\Rightarrow$  Every large enough odd number is a sum of three primes (Vinogradov).

$$S(x) \longrightarrow \sum_{n \le N} \sum_{m \le N/n} \mu(n) e^{2\pi i m n x}.$$

<u>H. A. analog</u>: Bilinear forms estimates.

## Why does it work?

If the points  $x_{\nu}$  are spaced the vectors  $\vec{v}_{\nu} = (e(x_{\nu}), e(2x_{\nu}), \dots, e(Nx_{\nu}))$  are more or less orthogonal.

Quasi-orthogonality  $\Rightarrow$  Cancellation <u>H. A. analog</u>: Cotlar's lemma.



#### What is new?

Harmonic analysis on the upper half plane (spectral theory of automorphic forms).



 $\mathbb{H} = \text{upper half plane} \quad \Gamma = \text{Fuchsian group}$  $d\mu = y^{-2} dx \, dy \qquad \Delta = y^2 (\partial^2 / \partial x^2 + \partial^2 / \partial y^2)$ 

Discrete Continuous  $-\Delta u_n = \lambda_n u_n, \ u_n \in L^2; \quad -\Delta E = \lambda E, \ E \notin L^2$ Spectral theorem in  $\Gamma \setminus \mathbb{H}$ :  $f(z) = \sum a_n u_n(z)$ +continuous spectrum. <u>Thm</u>: For  $\Gamma \setminus \mathbb{H}$ ,  $d(z_{\nu}, z_{\mu}) > \delta$  implies

$$\sum_{\nu} \left| \sum_{\sqrt{\lambda_n} \leq \Lambda} a_n u_n(z_{\nu}) + \dots \right|^2 \leq K(\Lambda^2 + \delta^{-2}) \|\mathbf{a}\|^2.$$

(Ext.) For a compact Riemannian D-manifold,  $d(x_{\nu}, x_{\mu}) > \delta$  implies

$$\sum_{\nu} \left| \sum_{\sqrt{\lambda_n} \leq \Lambda} a_n \phi_n(x_{\nu}) \right|^2 \leq K(\Lambda^D + \delta^{-D}) \sum_{\sqrt{\lambda_n} \leq \Lambda} |a_n|^2.$$

Proof $\rightarrow$ Study smoothed quasi-orthogonality  $\sum_{n} e^{-\lambda_n/\Lambda^2} u_n(z_\nu) u_n(z_\mu) + \dots$ 

<u>H. A. analog</u>: Heat kernel estimates.

#### What follows?

\* For the most of the large circles in  $\mathbb{H}$ , it holds

$$\#\{\Gamma z \in \operatorname{circle}\} = A + O(A^{1/2 + \epsilon})$$

where A is the area of the circle.



\* The number of integral solutions of  $x^2 + y^2 - z^2 - t^2 = 1$  with  $x^2 + y^2 \leq N$  is approximately 8N and the standard deviation of this circle is  $O(N^{1/2+\epsilon})$ .

\* Wave equation in a compact Riemannian manifold of dim = D with frequencies cut-off up to  $\delta^{-1}$ . If #{test particles} $\delta^D > K$  then the energy average over test particles is bounded by total energy.

