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On the Landau–Ramanujan constant

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Abstract

The Landau–Ramanujan constant α is defined as follows : for $N \rightarrow \infty$, the number of positive integers $\leq N$ which are sums of two squares is asymptotically

$$\alpha \frac{N}{\sqrt{\log N}}.$$

In a joint work with Etienne Fouvry and Claude Levesque, we replace the quadratic form $\Phi_4(X, Y) = X^2 + Y^2$, which is the homogeneous version of the cyclotomic polynomial $\phi_4(t) = t^2 + 1$, with other binary forms.

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Claude Levesque

Representation of integers by cyclotomic binary forms.

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On binary cyclotomic polynomials

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We study the number of nonzero coefficients of cyclotomic polynomials Φ_m , where m is the product of two distinct primes.

Joint work with Claude
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The Landau–Ramanujan constant



Edmund Landau
1877 – 1938



Srinivasa Ramanujan
1887 – 1920

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$$C_{\Phi_4} = \frac{1}{2^{\frac{1}{2}}} \cdot \prod_{p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p^2}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}.$$

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Sums of two squares

A prime number is a sum of two squares if and only if it is either 2 or else congruent to 1 modulo 4.



Pierre de Fermat
1607 (?) – 1665

Identity of Brahmagupta :

$$(a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2) = e^2 + f^2$$

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598 – 668

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Positive definite quadratic forms

Let $F \in \mathbb{Z}[X, Y]$ be a positive definite quadratic form. There exists a positive constant C_F such that, for $N \rightarrow \infty$, the number of positive integers $m \in \mathbb{Z}$, $m \leq N$ which are represented by F is asymptotically $C_F N (\log N)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$.



Paul Bernays
1888 – 1977

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Paul Bernays (1888 – 1977)

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- 1912, Ph.D. in mathematics, University of Göttingen, *On the analytic number theory of binary quadratic forms* (Advisor : Edmund Landau).
- 1913, Habilitation, University of Zürich, *On complex analysis and Picard's theorem*, advisor Ernst Zermelo.
- 1912 – 1917, Zürich ; work with Georg Pólya, Albert Einstein, Hermann Weyl.
- 1917 – 1933, Göttingen, with David Hilbert. Studied with Emmy Noether, Bartel Leendert van der Waerden, Gustav Herglotz.
- 1935 – 1936, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton. Lectures on mathematical logic and axiomatic set theory.
- 1936 —, ETH Zürich.
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Specific binary forms

- Sums of cubes, biquadrates,...

Notice that $X^3 + Y^3 = (X + Y)(X^2 - XY + Y^2)$

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The first decimal digits of C_{Φ_3} are

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Philippe Flajolet



Ilan Vardi



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OEIS A301430 $\beta = 0.30231614235\dots$

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Cyclotomic polynomials

Definition by induction :

$$\phi_1(t) = t - 1, \quad t^n - 1 = \prod_{d|n} \phi_d(t).$$

For p prime,

$$t^p - 1 = (t - 1)(t^{p-1} + t^{p-2} + \cdots + t + 1) = \phi_1(t)\phi_p(t),$$

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Cyclotomic polynomials and roots of unity

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For $n \geq 1$, $\phi_n(t)$ is the irreducible polynomial over \mathbb{Q} of the primitive n -th roots of unity,

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- Let $n = 2^{e_0} p_1^{e_1} \cdots p_r^{e_r}$ where p_1, \dots, p_r are different odd primes, $e_0 \geq 0$, $e_i \geq 1$ for $i = 1, \dots, r$ and $r \geq 1$. Denote by R the radical of n , namely

$$R = \begin{cases} 2p_1 \cdots p_r & \text{if } e_0 \geq 1, \\ p_1 \cdots p_r & \text{if } e_0 = 0. \end{cases}$$

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If a positive integer m is a sum of two squares, there are many such representations.

Indeed, the number of (x, y) in $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ with $x^2 + y^2 \leq N$ is asymptotic to πN , while the number of values $\leq N$ taken by the quadratic form Φ_4 is asymptotic to $C_{\Phi_4} N / \sqrt{\log N}$ where C_{Φ_4} is the Landau–Ramanujan constant. Hence Φ_4 takes each of these values with a high multiplicity, on the average $(\pi / C_{\Phi_4}) \sqrt{\log N}$.

On the opposite, given an integer $k \geq 3$, that a positive integer is a sum of two k -th powers in more than one way (not counting symmetries) is

- rare for $k = 3$,
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- maybe impossible for $k \geq 5$.

1729 : the taxicab number

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Hardy and Wright, An Introduction of Theory of Numbers

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Pierre de Fermat
1607 (?) – 1665

2003 : C. S. Calude, E. Calude and M. J. Dinneen,
With high probability,

$$T_a(6) = 24153319581254312065344.$$

Cubefree taxicab numbers

$$15\,170\,835\,645 = 517^3 + 2468^3 = 709^3 + 2456^3 = 1733^3 + 2152^3.$$

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Taxicabs and Sums of Two Cubes

If the sequence (a_n) of cubefree taxicab numbers with n representations is infinite, then the Mordell-Weil rank of the elliptic curve $x^3 + y^3 = a_n$ tends to infinity with n .



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$$635\,318\,657 = 158^4 + 59^4 = 134^4 + 133^4.$$



Leonhard Euler

1707 – 1783

The smallest integer represented by $x^4 + y^4$ in two essentially different ways was found by Euler, it is

$$635\,318\,657 = 41 \times 113 \times 241 \times 569.$$

[[OEIS A216284](#)] Number of solutions to the equation $x^4 + y^4 = n$ with $x \geq y > 0$.

An infinite family with one parameter is known for non trivial solutions to $x_1^4 + x_2^4 = x_3^4 + x_4^4$.

<http://mathworld.wolfram.com/DiophantineEquation4thPowers.html>

Sums of k -th powers

One conjectures that given $k \geq 5$, if an integer can be written as $x^k + y^k$, there is essentially a unique such representation. But there is no value of k for which this has been proved.

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- [[OEIS A100267](#)] primes of the form $x^{32} + y^{32}$.

Primes of the form $X^2 + Y^4$



John Friedlander



Henryk Iwaniec

However, it is known that there are infinitely many prime numbers of the form $X^2 + Y^4$.

Friedlander, J. & Iwaniec, H. *The polynomial $X^2 + Y^4$ captures its primes*, Ann. of Math. (2) **148** (1998), no. 3, 945–1040.

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K. Mahler (1933)

Let F be a binary form of degree $d \geq 3$ with nonzero discriminant.

Denote by A_F the area (Lebesgue measure) of the domain

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For $Z > 0$ denote by $N_F(Z)$ the number of $(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ such that $0 < |F(x, y)| \leq Z$.

Then

$$N_F(Z) = A_F Z^{\frac{2}{d}} + O(Z^{\frac{1}{d-1}})$$

as $Z \rightarrow \infty$.

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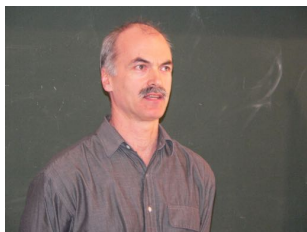
Über die mittlere Anzahl der Darstellungen grosser Zahlen
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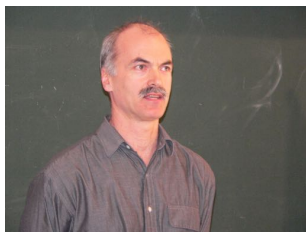
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Even integers not represented by Euler totient function

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[[OEIS A005277](#)] Nontotients: even n such that $\varphi(m) = n$ has no solution.

Numbers represented by two cyclotomic binary forms of the same degree

Given two binary cyclotomic forms of the same degree and not isomorphic, and given $\epsilon > 0$, for $N \rightarrow \infty$ the number of positive integers $\leq N$ which are represented by these two forms is bounded by

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} O_{\epsilon}(N^{\frac{3}{d\sqrt{d}}+\epsilon}) \text{ for } d = 4, 6, 8, \\ O_{d,\epsilon}(N^{\frac{1}{d}+\epsilon}) \text{ for } d \geq 10. \end{array} \right.$$

A weak but uniform bound

For $d \geq 2$ and $N \rightarrow \infty$, the number of $m \leq N$ for which there exists $n \geq d$ and $(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ with $\max(|x|, |y|) \geq 2$ and $m = \Phi_n(x, y)$ is bounded by

$$29N^{\frac{2}{d}}(\log N)^{1.161}.$$

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