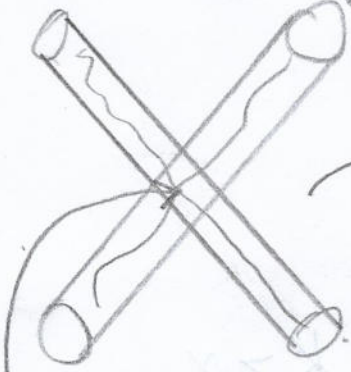


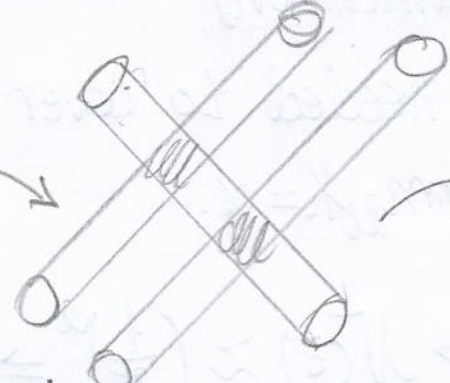
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Harmonic Analysis.



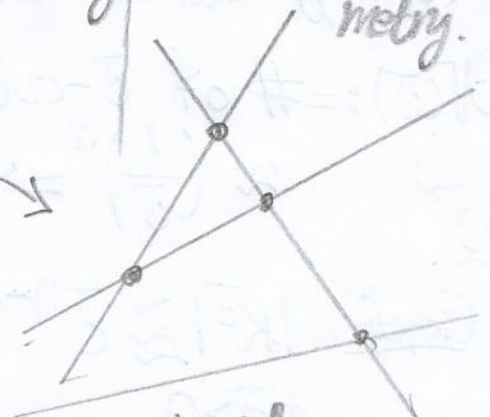
destructive interference.

Geometric Measure Theory.



Kakeya Conjecture tubes rarely meet.

Incidence Geometry.



incidence geom. lines rarely meet. (2008)

Notation:  $A_m \lesssim B_m \Leftrightarrow A_m \leq C B_m$  depends only on dimension.

$A_m \gtrsim B_m \Leftrightarrow B_m \leq A_m$ .

$A_m \sim B_m \Leftrightarrow C B_m \leq A_m \leq C' B_m \forall m$ .

(Ex:  $\binom{n}{2} = \frac{n \cdot (n-1)}{2} \sim n^2, 10 \sim 1$ ) (We don't care about multiplicative constants, only for powers)

$A(\omega) \lesssim B(\omega) : A(\omega) \leq C \cdot (\log \frac{1}{\omega})^{C'} \cdot B(\omega)$

(Ex: For us,  $\log \frac{1}{\omega} \approx 1, \log R \approx 1$ ).

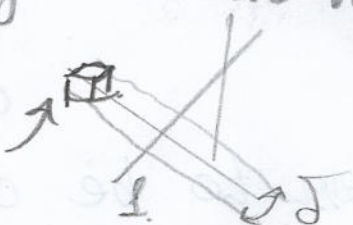
Definition: A Kakeya set in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  is a compact set containing a unit line segment in each direction.

(A Kakeya set can have Leb. measure = 0).

$S^{n-1}$



J-cube.



Kakeya set conjecture:  $\dim_{\mathcal{H}} K = n, \dim_{\mathcal{M}} K = n.$

( $\dim_{\mathcal{H}}$ : Hausdorff dimension).

( $\dim_{\mathcal{M}}$ : Minkowski dimension)

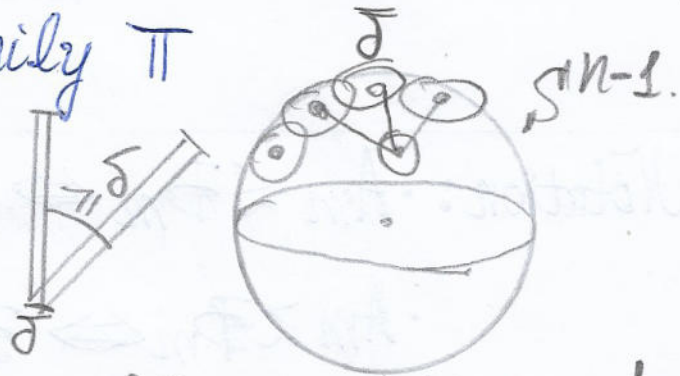
$$N(\delta) := \# \text{ of } \delta\text{-cubes needed to cover } K^\delta \\ \approx \left(\frac{1}{\delta}\right)^\alpha \Rightarrow \dim_{\mathcal{M}} K = \alpha.$$

• If  $|K^\delta| \gtrsim \delta^{n-\alpha} \Rightarrow N(\delta) \gtrsim \left(\frac{1}{\delta}\right)^\alpha \Rightarrow \dim_{\mathcal{M}} K \geq \alpha.$   
 $\forall \delta > 0.$

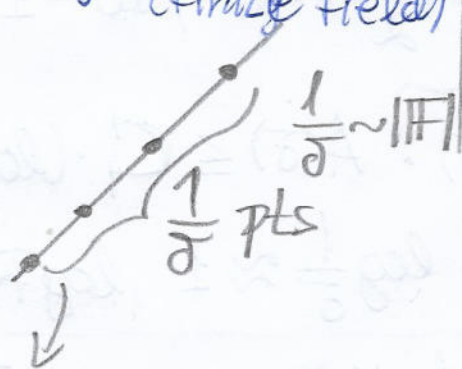
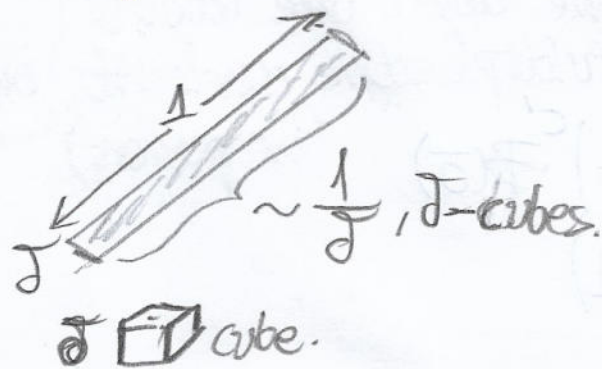
Goal:  $|K^\delta| \gtrsim 1, \forall \delta > 0.$  [True in two dimensions]

Equiv: For every maximal family  $\Pi$  of  $\delta$ -separated  $\delta$ -tubes,

$$|\cup_{T \in \Pi} T| \gtrsim 1. (= \sum_{T \in \Pi} |T|)^{(*)}$$



{ Thinking of simplifying the problem... } #  $\Pi \sim \frac{1}{\delta^{n-1}}$   
 Looking for a discrete setting where:  $\mathbb{F}^n$  (finite field)  $|T| \sim \delta^{n-1}$



$K$ : 1 line in each direction

$$\#K \gtrsim |\mathbb{F}|^n$$

(the union covers a proportion of  $\mathbb{F}^n$ ).

$N(\delta) \rightarrow \#Q \approx \frac{1}{\delta^n}$

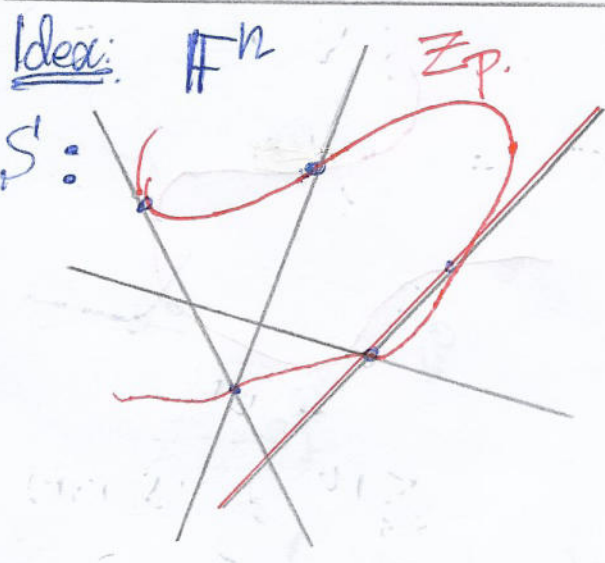
(\*) :  $\delta$ -tubes seem to be disjoint.

\*\* In a finite field we define:

$$l_{\vec{a}, \vec{b}} := \{ \vec{a} + t \cdot \vec{b} \mid t \in \mathbb{F} \}$$

$\downarrow$  direction of line
 
 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{direction in } \mathbb{F} \\ \text{Finite Field} \end{array} \right\}$

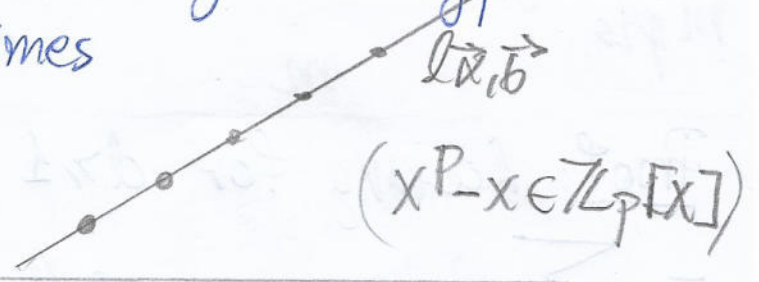
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- ① Find a low degree polynomial  $p \in \mathbb{F}[X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n]$  vanishing on  $S$  (set of points).
- ② See how this vanishing spreads out to the lines.

Lemma: If  $0 \neq p \in \mathbb{F}[X_1, \dots, X_n]$  vanishes on some line  $l = l_{\vec{a}, \vec{b}}$   $> \deg p$  times,  $p|_{l_{\vec{a}, \vec{b}}} = 0 \in \mathbb{F}[t]$

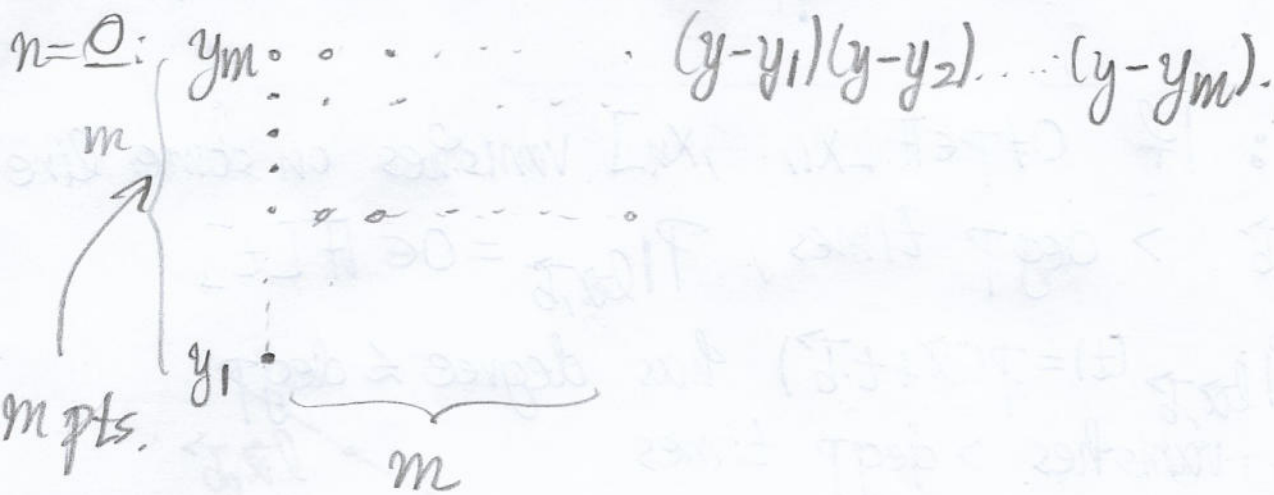
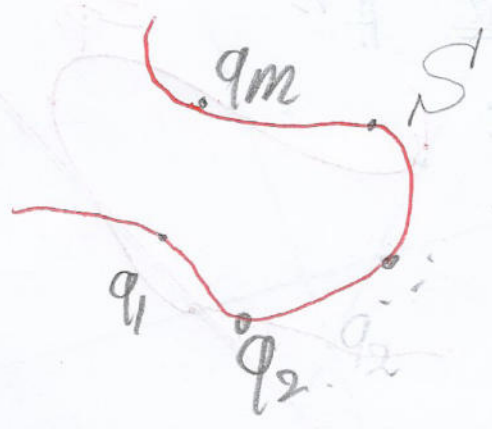
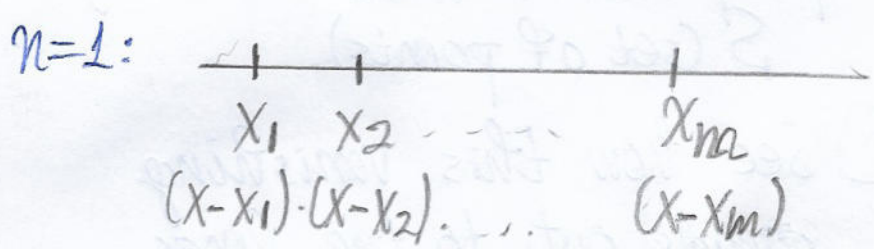
If  $p|_{l_{\vec{a}, \vec{b}}}(t) = p(\vec{a} + t \cdot \vec{b})$  has degree  $\leq \deg p$  so if it vanishes  $> \deg p$  times  $\Rightarrow p|_{l_{\vec{a}, \vec{b}}} = 0$ .



(3)  $\forall l \rightarrow l \subseteq \mathbb{Z}_p$  | structure  
 $\rightarrow \ln_p S$  is small | control  $\# S$ .

How is this all connected to the Kakaya Problem?

Dini's vanishing lemma: Let  $S \subseteq \mathbb{F}^n$  be a set of  $m$  points. Then  $\exists 0 \neq p \in \mathbb{F}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ ,  $\deg(p) \leq m^{1/n}$  vanishing on  $S$ .



Proof: Looking for  $d \geq 1$  and  $p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) =$

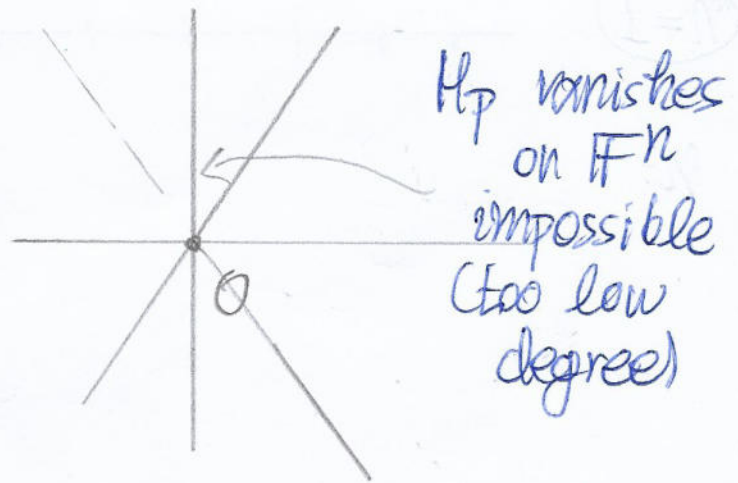
$$= \sum_{d_1 + \dots + d_n = d} c_{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n} x_1^{d_1} \dots x_n^{d_n} \rightarrow \text{Unknowns.}$$

s.t.  $\begin{cases} p(q_1) = 0 \\ p(q_2) = 0 \\ \vdots \\ p(q_m) = 0 \end{cases} \sim m \text{ linear equations with } \begin{matrix} (d+n) \text{ unknowns} \\ n \sim d^n \end{matrix}$

We are ok as long as  $d^n \geq m \Leftrightarrow d \geq m^{1/n}$

Pick  $\{d \sim m^{1/n}\}$

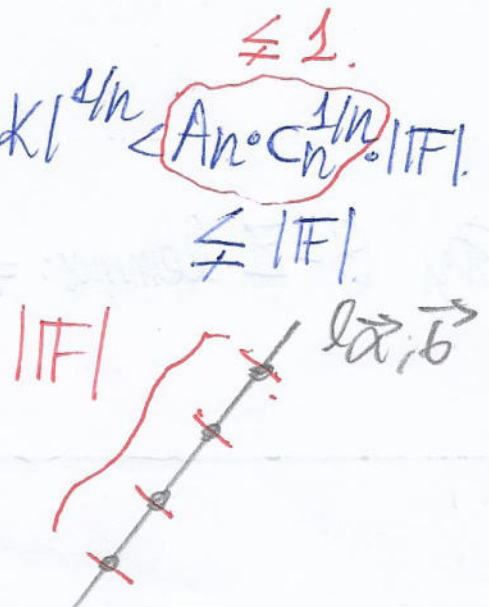
Thm (Dvir, 2008): Let  $K \subseteq \mathbb{F}^n$  be a Kakeya set  
 ( $\mathbb{F}$ : finite field). Then  $|K| \approx |\mathbb{F}|^n$



Suppose  $|K| < c_n \cdot |\mathbb{F}|^n$

$\exists \emptyset \neq p \in \mathbb{F}[x_1, \dots, x_n], \deg(p) \leq A_n \cdot |K|^{1/n} < A_n \cdot c_n^{1/n} \cdot |\mathbb{F}|$   
 vanishing on  $K$ .

$\forall \vec{b} \in \mathbb{F}^n \setminus \{0\}, \exists \vec{\alpha}, \vec{b} \in K$   
 $\Rightarrow p$  vanishes  $|\mathbb{F}| > \deg(p)$  times on  $\vec{\alpha}, \vec{b} \Rightarrow p|_{\vec{\alpha}, \vec{b}} = 0 \in \mathbb{F}[t]$ .

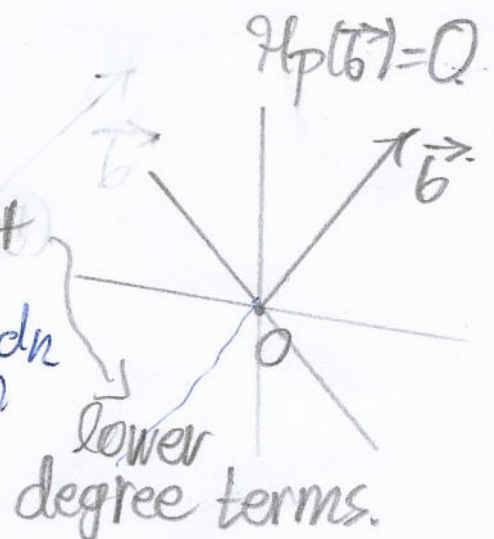


$H_p(x_1, \dots, x_n) :=$  homogeneous part of  $p$ , of degree =  $\deg(p)$ .

$\Delta H_p(\vec{b}) = 0$

$p|_{\vec{\alpha}, \vec{b}}(t) = p(\vec{\alpha} + t \cdot \vec{b}) = t^{\deg(p)} \cdot H_p(\vec{b}) +$

$p(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{d_1 + \dots + d_n \leq \deg p} c_{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n} \cdot x_1^{d_1} \cdot \dots \cdot x_n^{d_n}$



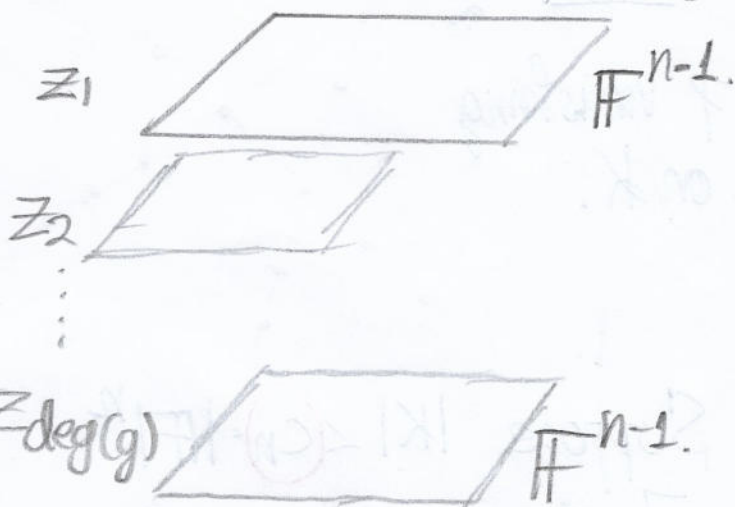
Schwartz-Zippel lemma: Let  $0 \neq g \in \mathbb{F}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$   
 Then,  $\#Z_g \leq \deg(g) \cdot |\mathbb{F}|^{n-1}$

$n=1$ :



$\mathbb{F}^n$

$n$ :



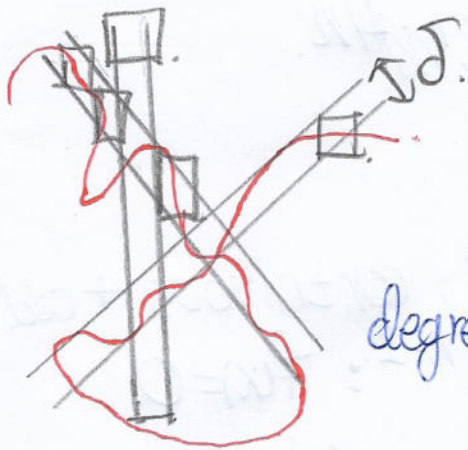
$$g(x) = (x_n - z_1) \cdots (x_n - z_{\deg(g)})$$

By S-Z lemma:  $\#Z_{H_P} \leq \deg_{H_P} \cdot |\mathbb{F}|^{n-1} \neq |\mathbb{F}|^n$   
 $\deg(g) \neq |\mathbb{F}|$

End of Part I.

# The Polynomial Method. [Part II]

Adapt to the Kakeya conj. ( $|UT| \gtrsim 1$ ):



Goal:  $\#Q \approx \left(\frac{1}{\delta}\right)^n$

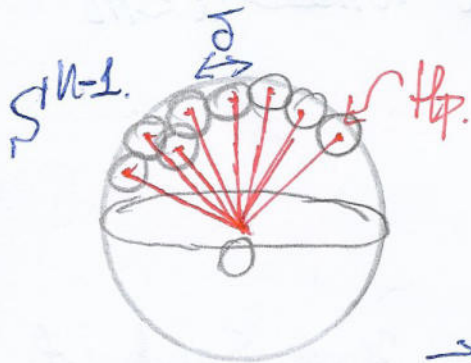
① Find a polynomial  $p$  of low degree,  $\leq \#Q^{1/n}$ , s.t.  $Z_p$  bisects each  $\delta$ -cube in  $Q$ .

② Show:  $H_p$  vanishes on  $\text{dir}(T) \forall T \in \Pi$

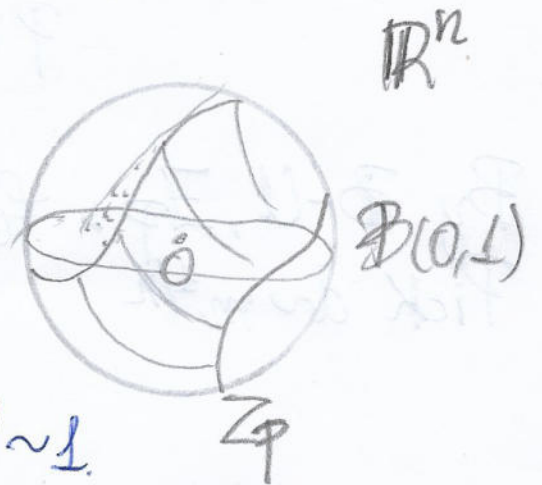
③ Show this is impossible.

Wongkew's theorem:

$$|\sqrt{\delta}(Z_p) \cap B(0,1)| \leq \deg(p) \cdot \delta.$$



$$|\sqrt{\delta}(Z_p) \cap B(0,1)| \sim 1 \leq \deg(p) \cdot \delta \leq \#Q^{1/n} \cdot \delta \Rightarrow \#Q \gtrsim \left(\frac{1}{\delta}\right)^n$$



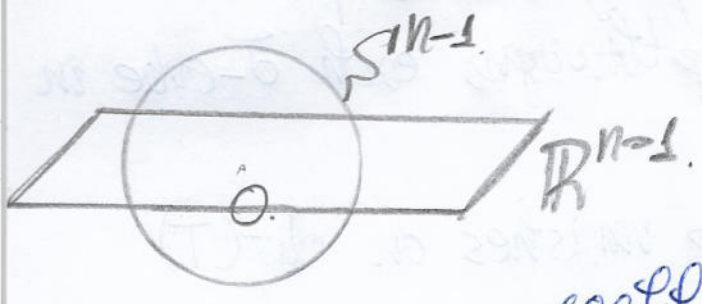
$Z_p \Rightarrow \exists l \subseteq T: P|_l = 0.$

Proposition: Let  $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m$  be sets  $\subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  of finite, positive volume [figure]

Then,  $\exists 0 \neq p \in \mathbb{R}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$ ,  $\deg(p) \leq m^{1/n}$ .

s.t:  $\forall i, |S_i \cap \{p > 0\}| = |S_i \cap \{p < 0\}|$

Borsuk-Ulam: Let  $f: S^{n-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$ , continuous + odd. Then,  $\exists x \in S^{n-1}: f(x) = 0$ .



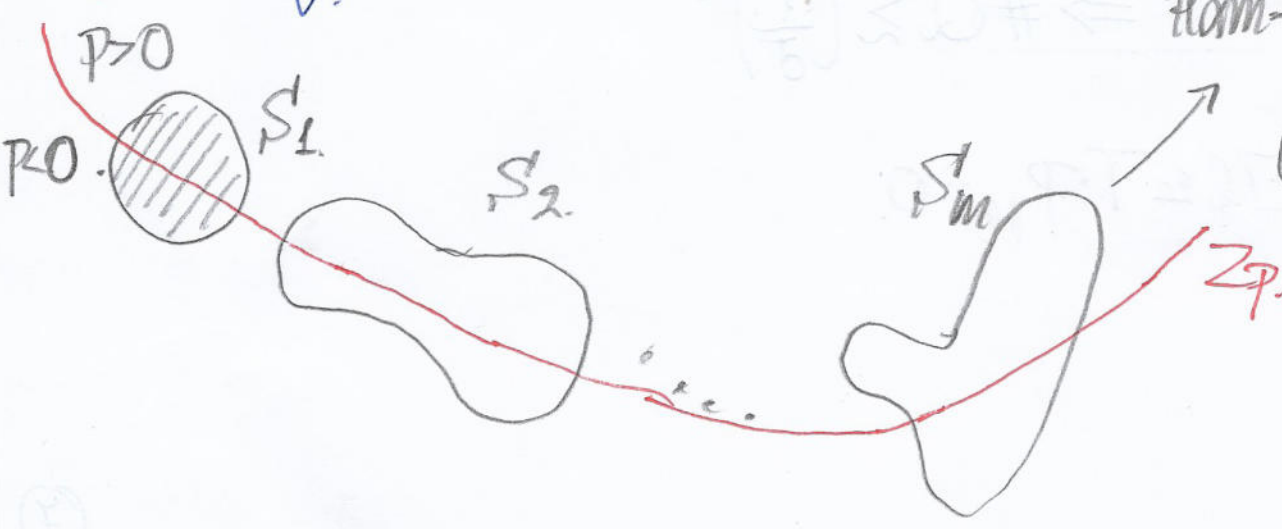
$P$  of  $\deg \leq d \rightsquigarrow \binom{d+n}{n} \sim d^n$

coeff.  $\in \mathbb{R}^{d^n}$   
 $\rightarrow f: S^{d^n-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$

$f \mapsto (|S_1 \cap \{p > 0\}| - |S_1 \cap \{p < 0\}|, \dots, |S_m \cap \{p > 0\}| - |S_m \cap \{p < 0\}|)$

By B-U,  $\exists p: f(p) = 0$  as long as  $d^n \geq m \Leftrightarrow d \geq m^{1/n}$   
 Pick  $d \approx m^{1/n}$

[figure]:  $\curvearrowright$



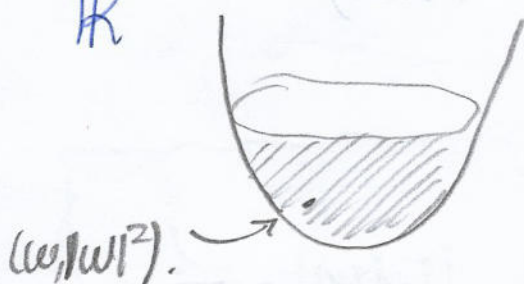
Ham-Sandwich lemma (Stone, Tukey)



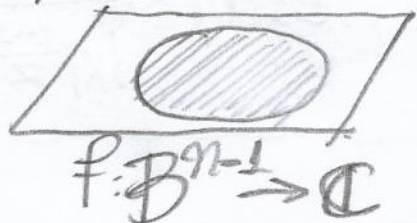
# Harmonic Analysis Approach.

Restriction Conjecture: understanding the Fourier transform of functions defined on curves.

$\mathbb{R}^n$



$(\omega, |\omega|^2)$



$f: \mathbb{B}^{n-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

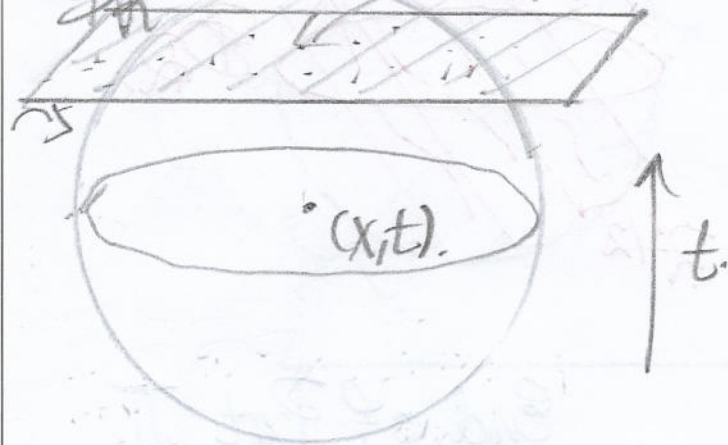
$E$ : extension operator.

$(x, t) \in \mathbb{R}^n$

$$Ef(x, t) = \int_{\mathbb{B}^{n-1}} e^{-2\pi i \langle (x, t), (\omega, |\omega|^2) \rangle} f(\omega) |\omega|^{n-1} d\omega$$

We'll be focusing on:

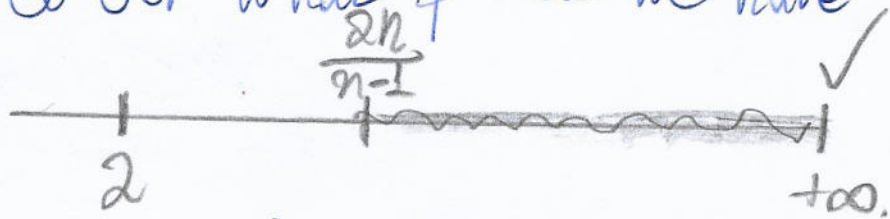
$\mathbb{R}^n$   $(x, t)$



$\|Ef\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)}$

$\|Ef\|_p \lesssim \|f\|_p?$

Q: For what  $p$  do we have



$|Ef(x, t)| \leq \|f\|_1 \lesssim \|f\|_\infty$

$$Ef(x, t) = \int_{\mathbb{B}^{n-1}} e^{-2\pi i \langle x, \omega \rangle} \cdot [e^{-2\pi i t |\omega|^2} f(\omega)] d\omega = \hat{f}_t(x), \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^{n-1}$$

$\Rightarrow \|Ef(\cdot, t)\|_2 = \|\hat{f}_t\|_2 = \|f\|_2 = \|f\|_2 \Rightarrow$

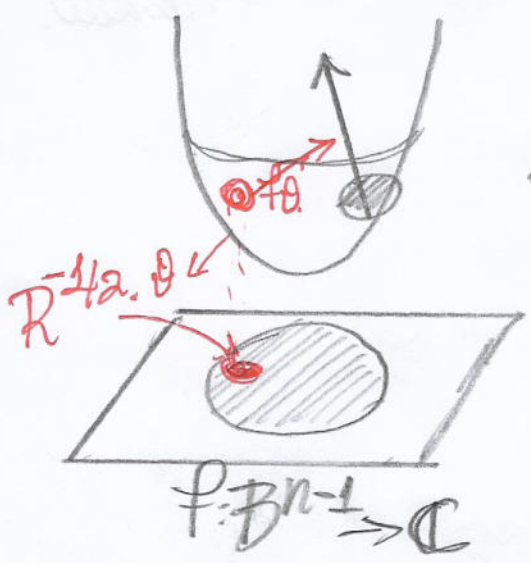
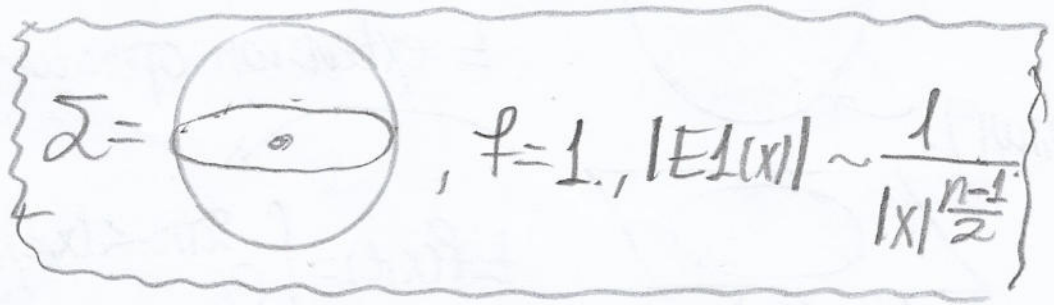
(Plancherel)

$\Rightarrow \|Ef\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{R}^n)} \sim D^{1/2} \|f\|_2$

Restriction Conjecture: Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a hyperplane in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  of non-vanishing Gaussian curvature. Then,

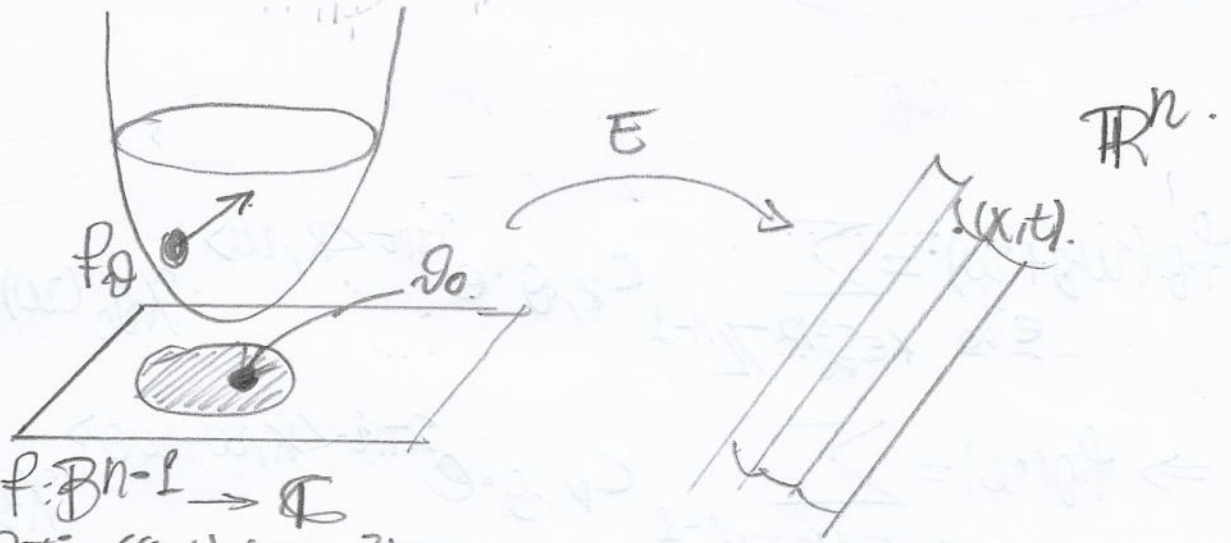
$$\|Ef\|_{L^p(\mathbb{R}^n)} \lesssim \|f\|_p, \quad \forall p > 1$$

$$\forall p \geq \frac{2n}{n-1}$$



End of Part II

Remember:



$$f: \mathbb{R}^{n-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$

$$Ef(x,t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{n-1}} e^{-2\pi i \langle (x,t), (\omega, |\omega|^2) \rangle} f(\omega) d\omega.$$

$Ef_0$

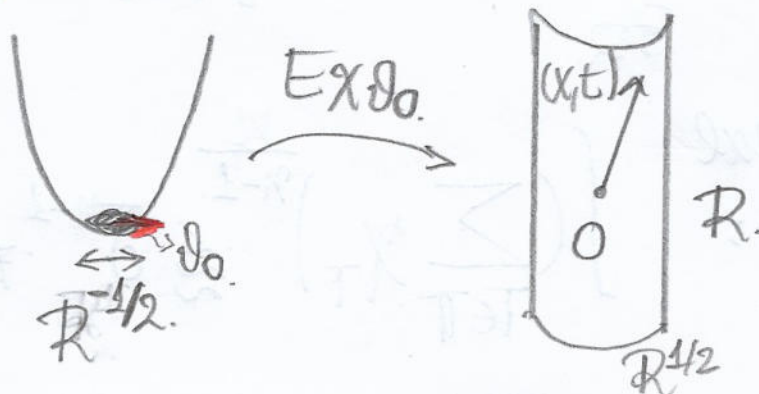
$$\forall g: [0,1]^{n-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, g(y) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^{n-1}} c_k \cdot e^{2\pi i \langle k, y \rangle}$$

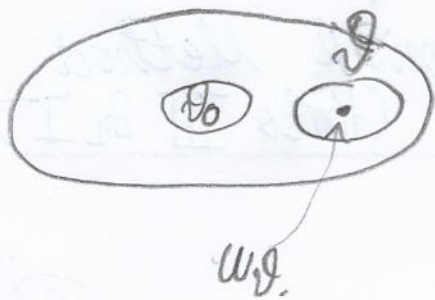
$$f_{D_0} \left( \frac{y}{R^{1/2}} \right) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^{n-1}} c_k \cdot e^{2\pi i \langle k, y \rangle} \quad \underline{\underline{\omega := \frac{y}{R^{1/2}}}}$$

$$= \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}^{n-1}} c_k \cdot e^{2\pi i \langle k, R^{1/2} \omega \rangle} \cdot \chi_{D_0}(\omega) = \sum_{k \in R^{1/2} \cdot \mathbb{Z}^{n-1}} c_k \cdot e^{2\pi i \langle k, \omega \rangle} \cdot \chi_{D_0}(\omega)$$

( $\forall y \in [0,1]^{n-1}$ ).

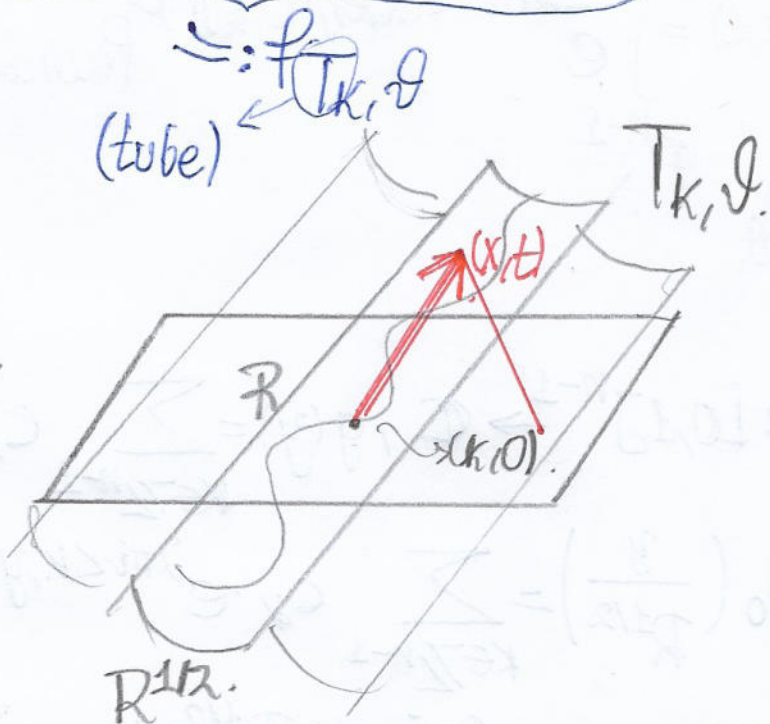
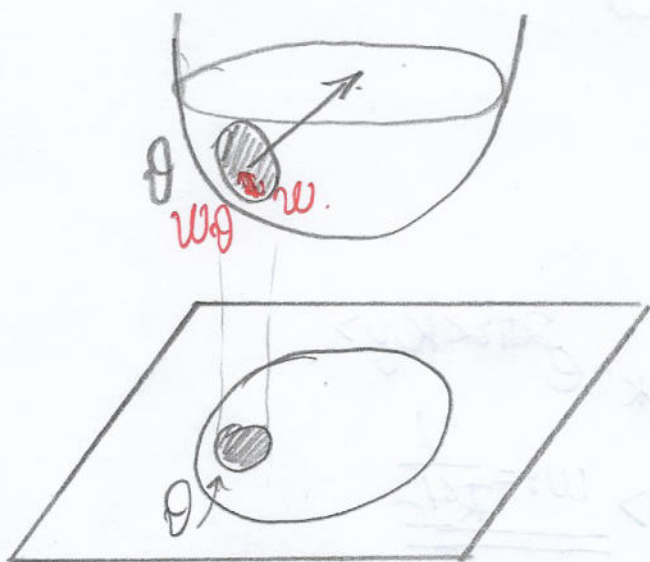
Motivation:





$$f_{\vartheta}(w_0 + w) = \sum_{\substack{k \in \mathbb{R}^{1/2} \mathbb{Z}^{n-1} \\ e^{i\vartheta} \cdot \chi_{k, \vartheta} \cdot e^{2\pi i \langle k, w \rangle} \cdot \chi_{w_0}(w)} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow f_{\vartheta}(w) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{R}^{1/2} \mathbb{Z}^{n-1}} \underbrace{c_{k, \vartheta} \cdot e^{2\pi i \langle k, w - w_0 \rangle}}_{=: f_{T_{k, \vartheta}}} \cdot \chi_{\vartheta}(w)$$



Claim:  $|E_{T_{k, \vartheta}}(x, t)| \sim \text{const.}$  and supported in  $T_{k, \vartheta}$ .

Restriction Conj:  $\int_{\mathbb{B}^{\mathbb{R}}} |E_{\vartheta}|^{\frac{2n}{n-1}} \lesssim \int |f|^{\frac{2n}{2n-1}} \quad \forall f: \mathbb{B}^{n-1} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

↓  
Koebe's maximal operator conj.:

$$\int \left( \sum_{T \in \mathbb{T}} \chi_T \right)^{\frac{n}{n-1}} \lesssim \delta^{n-1} \cdot \#\mathbb{T}, \quad \text{for } (*)$$

any  $\delta$ -separated family  $\Pi$  of  $\delta$ -tubes.

$\leadsto$  Kakeya max.  $\Rightarrow$  Kakeya set conj: let  $K \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$   
 Kakeya set Goal:  $|K^\delta| \gtrsim 1$ .

(\*)  $\delta^{n-1} \cdot \#\Pi = \sum_T |\Pi| = \int (\sum \chi_T)^1$ , so on avg,

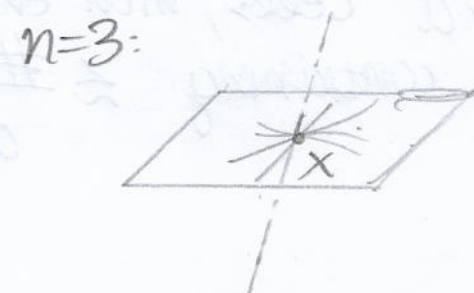
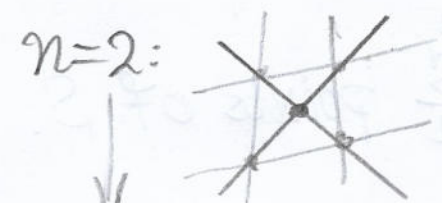
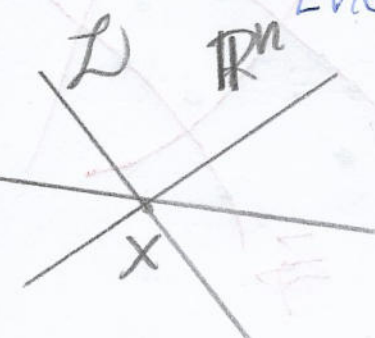
$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^n, \#\{\text{tubes in } \Pi \text{ through } x\} \approx 1$ .

Take a maximal  $\delta$ -separated family  $\Pi$  of  $\delta$ -tubes in  $K^\delta$ .

$$\underbrace{\#\Pi \cdot \delta^{n-1}}_{\approx \delta^{-(n-1)}} = \int_{K^\delta} \sum_{T \in \Pi} \chi_T \leq \underbrace{\left[ \int (\sum \chi_T)^{\frac{n-1}{n-1}} \right]^{\frac{n-1}{n}}}_{\approx (\delta^{n-1} \cdot \#\Pi)^{\frac{n-1}{n}}} \cdot |K^\delta|^{1/n} \approx 1$$

$|K^\delta|^{1/n} \Rightarrow |K^\delta| \gtrsim 1$ .

• Joints problem: Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a family of  $L$  lines in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . A joint formed by  $\mathcal{L}$  is a point  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$  the lines in  $\mathcal{L}$  through  $x$  span  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .



$\#\mathcal{J} \lesssim \binom{L}{2} \sim L^2$

Conj:  $\#\mathcal{J} \lesssim L^{\frac{n}{n-1}}$  (2008: Quilodran / Kaplan-Sharir-Shustrikov)

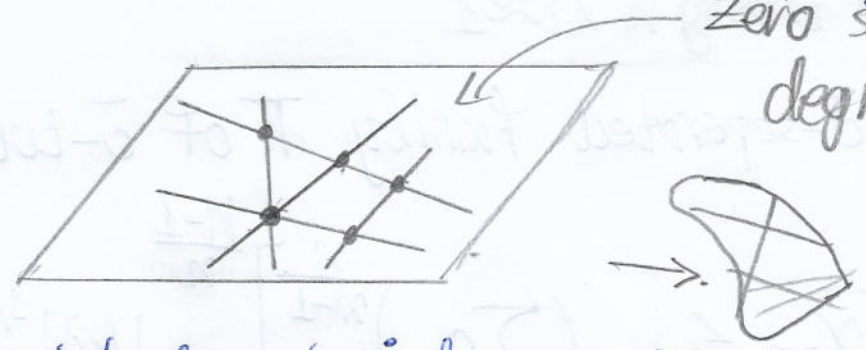
Q: Show:  $\sum_{x \in \mathcal{J}} \#\{\text{lines in } \mathcal{L} \text{ through } x\}^{n/n-1} \lesssim (\log L) \cdot L^{\frac{n}{n-1}}$  (13)

$\forall k$  dyadic,  $J_k := \{x \in J \mid x \text{ lies in } \sim k \text{ lines in } \mathcal{L}\}$

Goal:  $|J_k| \leq C_\epsilon \cdot \left(\frac{L}{k}\right)^{\frac{n}{n-1} + \epsilon}, \forall \epsilon > 0.$

### Polynomial Partitioning. (Guth-Katz, 2010)

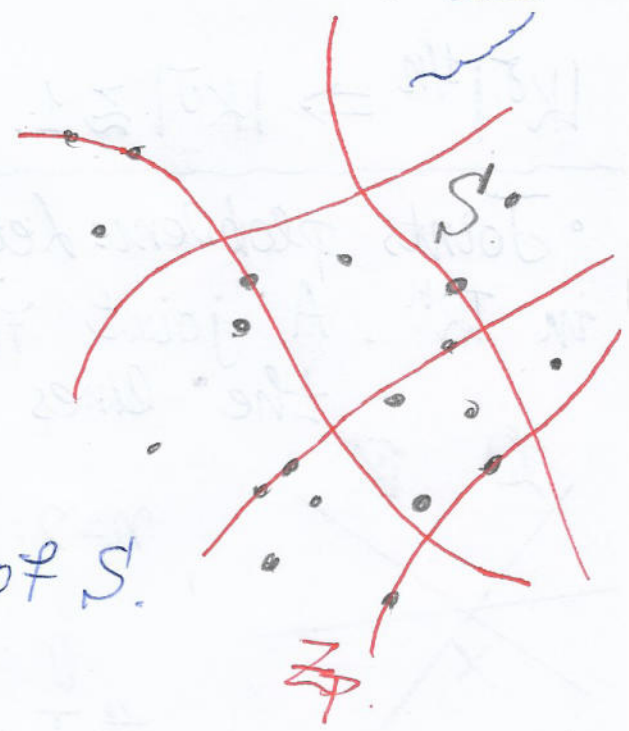
↳ Parenthesis: Why does the polynomial method help?  
 zero set of polynomial of degree=1.

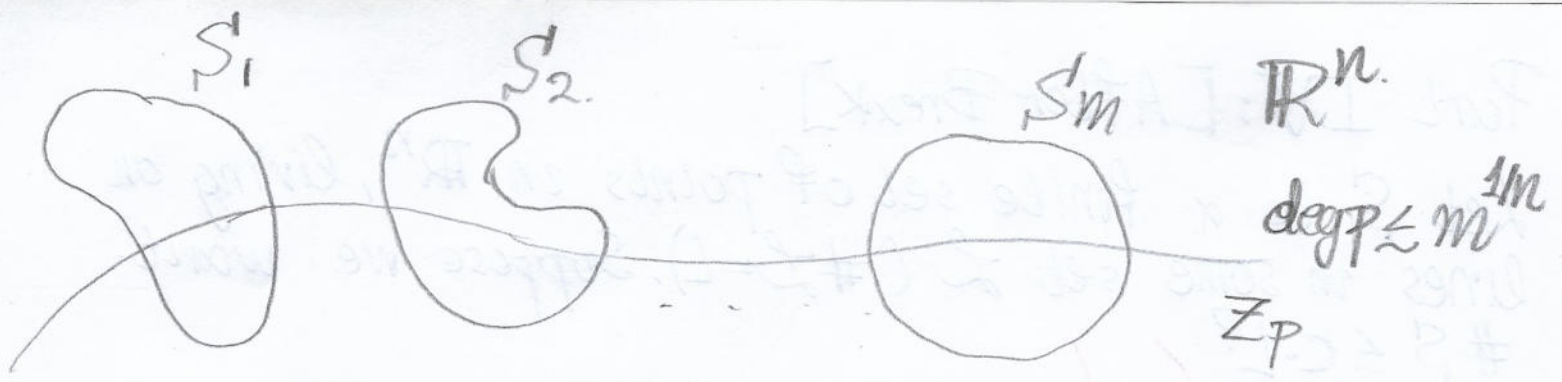


In point-line incidence problems, the "enemies" are the situations where the lines lie on zero sets of low degree polynomials.

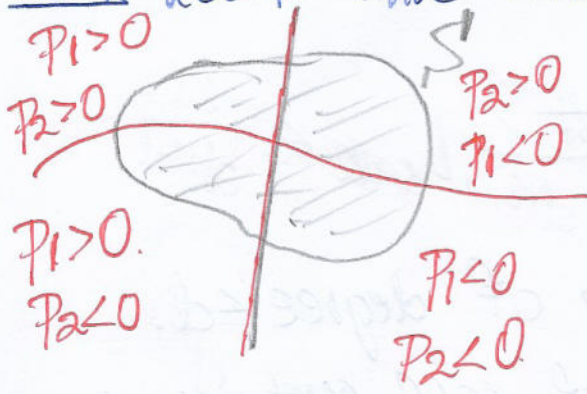
Let  $S$  be a finite set of points in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $d > 1$ .

The  $\exists \mathcal{Z} \neq \emptyset \in \mathbb{R}[x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n]$   $\deg p \leq d$  s.t.  $\mathcal{Z}_p$  splits  $\mathbb{R}^n$  in  $\sim d^n$  cells, with each cell containing  $\lesssim \frac{\#S}{d^n}$  points of  $S$ .





Proof: Let  $S$  have finite, positive volume.



$\exists P_1, \text{deg } P_1 \approx 1^{1/n}, Z_{P_1}$  splits  $S$  in 2 cells, each cell contains  $\frac{|S|}{2}$  mass of  $S$ .

$\bullet \text{deg}(P_2) \approx 2^{1/n} \rightarrow 2^2$  cells, each with  $\frac{|S|}{2^2}$  of the mass

$\vdots$  (Do this again and again)

$\bullet \exists P_J, \text{deg } P_J \approx (2^{J-1})^{1/n}$

$\leadsto 2^J$  cells, each with  $\frac{|S|}{2^J}$  of the mass.

and we stop when:

$$1^{1/n} + 2^{1/n} + \dots + (2^{J-1})^{1/n} = d.$$

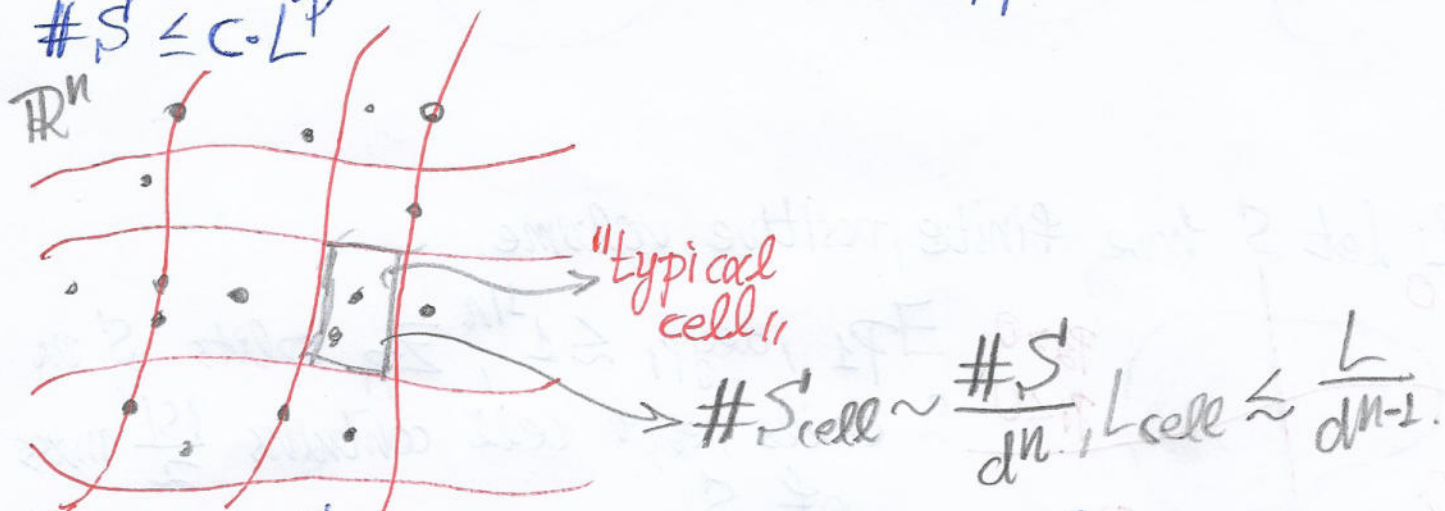
$$\Rightarrow (2^J)^{1/n} \sim d \Rightarrow 2^J \sim d^n$$

[Break].

# Part IV: [After Break]

Let  $S$  be a finite set of points in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , lying on lines in some set  $\mathcal{L}$  ( $\#\mathcal{L}=L$ ). Suppose we want.

$$\#S \leq C \cdot L^{\frac{1}{d}}$$



Partition  $S$  using a polynomial  $p$  of degree  $\leq d$ .

$Z_p$  splits  $\mathbb{R}^n$  in  $\sim d^n$  cells, each cell contains  $\approx$

$$\frac{\#S}{d^n} \text{ pts of } S.$$

• Cellular case:  $> 50\%$  of our pts in  $S$  lie inside the cells.

• Algebraic case:  $> 50\% \Rightarrow \Rightarrow \Rightarrow$  lie on  $Z_p$

Cellular case  $\Rightarrow$  99% of the cells contain  $\sim \frac{\#S}{d^n}$  pts of  $S$  each.

• Any line  $l$  can enter  $\leq d+1$  cells.

(if  $l$  enter  $> d+1$  cells  $\Rightarrow$  it would hit  $Z_p > d$  times

$\Rightarrow l \subseteq Z_p \Rightarrow l$  enters 0 cells

So, 
$$\sum_{\text{cells}} L_{\text{cell}} = \sum_{l \in \mathcal{L}} \underbrace{\#\{\text{cells } l \text{ enters}\}}_{\leq d} \leq L \cdot d.$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{d^n} \sum_{\text{cells}} L_{\text{cell}} = \frac{1}{d^n} \sum_{l \in \mathcal{L}} \#\{\text{cells } l \text{ enters}\} \leq \frac{L \cdot d}{d^n} = \frac{L}{d^{n-1}}$$

$L_{\text{cell}} := \#$  lines in  $\mathcal{L}$  that enter the cell.



We can prove:  $> 2\%$  of the cells satisfy:  $L_{\text{cell}} \lesssim \frac{L}{d^{n-1}}$

By induction on  $\#L$ :

$$\#S_{\text{cell}} \leq C \cdot L_{\text{cell}} \Rightarrow \frac{\#S}{d^n} \lesssim C \cdot \frac{L^p}{d^{(n-1)p}} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \#S \leq C \cdot A \cdot L^p \cdot \frac{1}{d^{(n-1)p-n}}$$

{\* When  $(n-1)p-n > 0$ , then the "bad" constant  $A$  can be absorbed }

$\leadsto$  Want:  $(n-1)p-n > 0 \Leftrightarrow p > \frac{n}{n-1}$

$L$ : set of  $L$  lines in  $\mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $n=3$ .

Fix  $k$ ,  $J_k := \{x \in J \mid x \text{ lies in } \sim k \text{ lines in } L\}$   
joints.

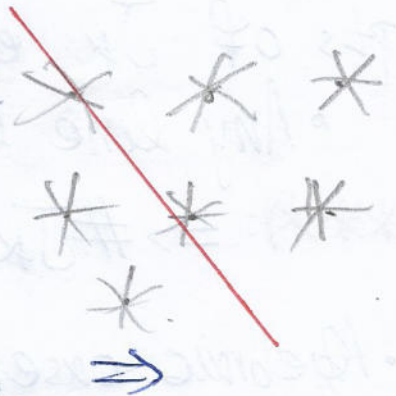
Show:  $\#J_k \leq C_\epsilon \cdot \left(\frac{L}{k}\right)^{\frac{n}{n-1} + \epsilon}$

Lemma (Quiladrón): Let  $J$  be a set of joints formed by  $L$ . Suppose  $p \in \mathbb{R}[x_1, \dots, x_n]$  vanishes on  $J$ .

Then:  $\#J \leq \text{deg}(p) \cdot L$ .

Proof: Step 1:  $\exists l \in L: \#(J \cap l) \leq \text{deg}(p)$

Step 2: Throw away  $\leq \text{deg}(p)$  joints  
 $\left. \begin{matrix} + \leq \text{deg}(p) \text{ joints} \\ \vdots \\ + \leq \text{deg}(p) \text{ joints} \end{matrix} \right\} L$



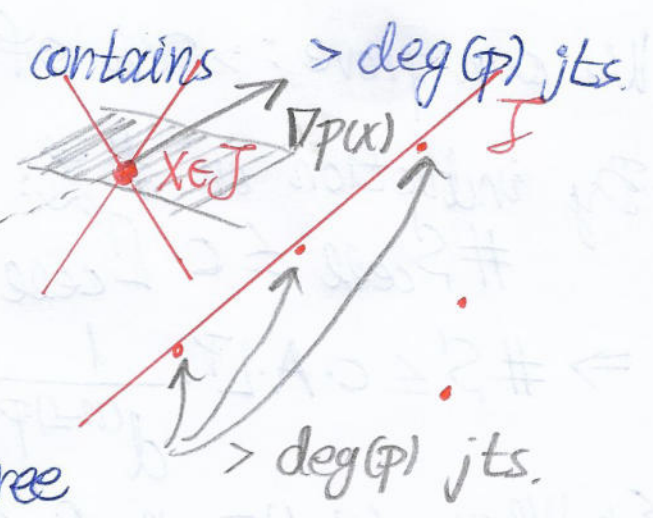
$\leq \text{deg}(p)$  joints.  $\Rightarrow$

$\Rightarrow \leq L \cdot \text{deg}(p)$  joints.

Step 1: Suppose: each  $l \in \mathcal{L}$  contains  $> \deg(p)$  pts.  
 $\Rightarrow$  each  $l \in \mathcal{L}$  lies in  $Z_p$ .

$\Rightarrow (\forall x \in J) \exists$  a tangent space to  $Z_p$  at  $x$ .  
 $\Rightarrow \forall x \in J, \nabla p(x) = 0$ .

polys of lower degree vanishing on  $J$ .



• Contradiction: if we worked with  $p$  of lowest degree vanishing on  $J$ .

( $\deg p \leq \#J \cdot \frac{1}{n} \Rightarrow \#J \leq L \cdot \frac{n}{n-1}$ ).

• Partition  $J_k$  with a polynomial  $p, \deg(p) \leq d$ .



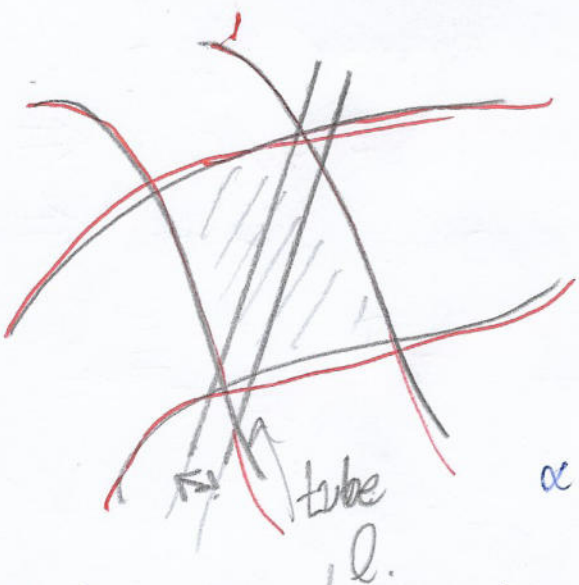
$$\begin{aligned} \#J_{k, \text{cell}} &\leq C_\epsilon \cdot \left(\frac{L \cdot \text{cell}}{k}\right)^{\frac{n}{n-1} + \epsilon} \\ &\leq C_\epsilon \cdot \left(\frac{L}{k}\right)^{\frac{n}{n-1} + \epsilon} \cdot \left(\frac{L}{d^{n-1}}\right)^{\frac{n}{n-1} + \epsilon} \\ \Rightarrow \#J_k &\leq A \cdot \frac{d^n}{d^{n+\epsilon(n-1)}} \cdot C_\epsilon \cdot \left(\frac{L}{k}\right)^{\frac{n}{n-1} + \epsilon} \end{aligned}$$

(\*\*\*)

• Cellular case:  $\epsilon > 99\%$  of the cells contain  $\frac{\#J_k}{d^n}$  pts of  $J_k$  each.

(\*\*\*)  $\Rightarrow \#J_k \leq C_\epsilon \cdot \left(\frac{L}{k}\right)^{\frac{n}{n-1} + \epsilon}$ , if  $d$  is large enough constant.

• Algebraic case:  $> 50\%$  pts in  $J_k$  lie on  $Z_p$  and  $\deg(p) = C_\epsilon \Rightarrow \#J_k \leq \deg(p) \cdot L \leq C_\epsilon \cdot L \ll C_\epsilon \cdot \left(\frac{L}{k}\right)^{\frac{n}{n-1} + \epsilon}$

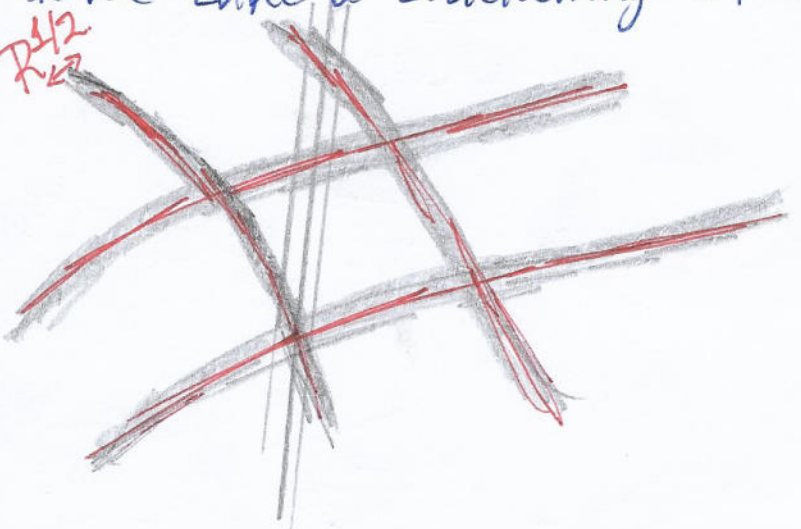


$$\int |\epsilon \varphi|^{2n} \frac{2n}{n-1}$$

the same  $\int_{\text{cell}} |\epsilon \varphi|^{2n} \frac{2n}{n-1} \forall \text{ cell}$

Each  $\ell$  enters  $\leq d+1$  cells, but a tube can enter more...

\* We take a thickening of the zero set...



$\Rightarrow$  each tube enters  $\leq d+1$  cells shrunken cells.

The End!