

2. Random primes

Thm 2.1  
(PNT for arithmetic progressions)

For any  $a \in (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^\times$ ,

$$\mathbb{P}_{p \text{ prime}} (p \equiv a \pmod{n}) = \frac{1}{\varphi(n)} = \frac{1}{\#(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^\times}.$$

Thm 2.2 (Chebotarev density theorem)

Let  $L|K$  be a fin. gal. ext. with Gal. group  $G$ .

~~For any unram. primes  $\mathcal{P}|\mathfrak{p}$  of  $L|K$ , we have a~~

For any unram. prime  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $K$ ,

$$\text{Frob}(\mathfrak{p}) := \{ \text{Frob}(\mathcal{P}|\mathfrak{p}) : \mathcal{P}|\mathfrak{p} \text{ prime of } L \}$$

is a conj. class of  $G$ .

Thm 2.2 (Chebotarev density theorem)

For any conj. cl.  $C$ ,

$$\mathbb{P}_{\substack{\mathfrak{p} \text{ prime of } K \\ \text{(unram.)}}} (\text{Frob}(\mathfrak{p}) = C) = \frac{\#C}{\#G} \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

if we order the  $\mathfrak{p}$  by  $\text{inv}(\mathfrak{p}) := N_m(\mathfrak{p})$ .

Informally: pick  $\mathfrak{p}$  and then pick a random  $\mathcal{P}|\mathfrak{p}$

$$\mathbb{P}(\text{Frob}(\mathcal{P}|\mathfrak{p}) = g) = \frac{1}{\#G}.$$

Example If  $K = \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $L = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_n)$ ,  $\text{Gal}(L|K) \cong (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^\times$ ,  
 $(\zeta_n \mapsto \zeta_n^a) \leftrightarrow a$

then  $\text{Frob}(\mathfrak{p}) = (p \pmod{n})$ , so Thm 2.1 is a special case.

Def ~~Let  $K$  be a number field~~

~~Let  $f \in K[x]$  a monic~~

a) A (sqfree) pol.  $f \in K[x]$  of deg.  $n$  has splitting type  $(k_1, \dots, k_r)$  if  $f = f_1 \cdots f_r$  for distinct irreducible  $f_1, \dots, f_r \in K[x]$  of degrees  $k_1, \dots, k_r$ .

b) An unram. prime  $\mathfrak{q}$  of a number field  $K$  has splitting type  $(k_1, \dots, k_r)$  in a degree  $n$  ext.  $L/K$  if  $\mathfrak{q} \mathcal{O}_L = \mathfrak{p}_1 \cdots \mathfrak{p}_r$  for distinct primes  $\mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_r$  of inertia degrees  $k_1, \dots, k_r$ .

Ex ~~Amh~~ splitting type  $(n)$ : a) irreducible b) inert  
 $(1, \dots, 1)$ : ~~splits~~ splits completely

Thm 2.3 Let  $K$  be a n.f.,  $f \in \mathcal{O}_K[x]$  a monic irred. pol,  $\alpha \in \bar{K}$  a root of  $f$ ,  $L = K(\alpha)$ ,  $\mathfrak{q}$  a prime of  $K$ .

Then,  $(f \bmod \mathfrak{q}) \in (\mathcal{O}_K/\mathfrak{q})[x]$  has spl. type  $(k_1, \dots, k_r)$   
 iff  $\mathfrak{q}$  has spl. type  $(k_1, \dots, k_r)$  in  $L$ .

Def A ~~cycle~~ permutation  $\pi \in S_n$  has cycle type  $(k_1, \dots, k_r)$  if it consists of cycles of lengths  $k_1, \dots, k_r$  (with  $k_1 + \dots + k_r = n$ ).

Ex  $(123)(45)(67)(8) \in S_8 \rightsquigarrow (3, 2, 2, 1)$ .

Ex cycle type  $(n)$ : single  $n$ -cycle  
 $(1, \dots, 1)$ : identity

Lemma 2.4 Let  $k_1 + \dots + k_r = n$  and let  $c_i$  the nr. of times  $i$  occurs among  $k_1, \dots, k_r$ . (11)

$$P_{\pi \in S_n} (\pi \text{ has cycle type } (k_1, \dots, k_r)) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i^{c_i} \cdot c_i!}$$

Ex  $P(\pi \text{ is } n\text{-cycle}) = \frac{1}{n}$ ,  $P(\pi = \text{id}) = \frac{1}{n!}$

Pf The perm. with cycle type  $(k_1, \dots, k_r)$  form a conj. cl. of  $S_n$ , i.e. an orbit of the conj. action  $G \curvearrowright G$ .

$$\Rightarrow P(\dots) = \frac{\# \text{orbit}}{\#G} = \frac{1}{\# \text{stabs}} = \frac{1}{\prod i^{c_i} \cdot c_i!}$$

This will keep coming up!

How many ways to renumber without changing perm?  
can rotate each cycle  $i^{c_i}$   
can permute cycles  $c_i!$

The splitting type of  $\varphi$  can be determined from  $\text{Frob}(\varphi)$ :

Lemma 2.5 Let  $M|L|K$  be a n.f.,  $M|K$  Galois,  $n = \deg(L|K)$ ,  $G = \text{Gal}(M|K)$ ,  $H = \text{Gal}(M|L)$ . ~~Let  $G$  act on  $G/H$  by left mult.~~

$G$  acts on  $G/H$  by left mult., so ~~we can~~ interpret el. of  $G$

the  $n$ -element set

as permutations in  $S_n$ .

$\Rightarrow$  splitting type of unram. prime  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $K$  in  $L$  = cycle type of  $\text{Frob}(\varphi)$ .  
↑  
 (only depends on conj. cl.)

The Chebotarev density theorem then implies:

Lemma 2.6 Let  $f \in \mathbb{Q}_k[x]$  be a monic irreducible pol. of degree  $n$  with Galois group  $G \hookrightarrow S_n$  (the embedding is given by the action of  $G$  on the  $n$  roots of  $f$ ).

$P_{\mathfrak{q}}(f \bmod \mathfrak{q})$  has splitting type  $(k_1, \dots, k_r)$

$= P_{\pi \in G}(\pi \text{ has } \text{cycle type } (k_1, \dots, k_r)).$

Cor 2.7

$$E_{\mathfrak{q}}(\# \text{ roots of } f \bmod \mathfrak{q}) = 1$$

Q.E.D.  $\square$

### 3. Random polynomials

#### 3.1. Over finite fields

~~over a finite field~~

~~for a random pol.~~

~~fixed  $q$  and~~

~~for a fixed finite field  $\mathbb{F}_q$  and a random <sup>monic</sup> pol.  $f \in \mathbb{F}_q[X]$~~

~~of degree  $n$ , one can ask~~

Thm 3.1.1 (Chebotarev's <sup>baby</sup> sibling)

$$\lim_{q \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}_{\substack{f \in \mathbb{F}_q[X] \\ \text{monic} \\ \text{of degree } n}} (f \text{ has splitting type } (k_1, \dots, k_r))$$

One can certainly compute this, but the answer gets cleaner in the limit  $q \rightarrow \infty$

$$= \mathbb{P}_{\pi \in S_n} (\pi \text{ has cycle type } (k_1, \dots, k_r))$$

~~Ex 1~~ [We first show two examples:]

Ex A  $\lim \mathbb{P} (f \text{ splits completely}) = \frac{1}{n!}$

Pr of Ex A:  $f(x) = (x-a_1) \dots (x-a_n)$  with  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{F}_q$

$$\mathbb{P}(\dots) = \frac{\binom{q}{n}}{q^n} = \frac{q}{q} \cdot \frac{q-1}{q} \dots \frac{q-n+1}{q} \cdot \frac{1}{n!}$$

$\downarrow_{q \rightarrow \infty}$   
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□

Exe B  $\lim P(f \text{ irreducible}) = \frac{1}{n}$

Pf of Exe Let  $I_n := \{ \text{irred. monic deg } n \text{ pol} \}$

Any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{F}_{q^n}$  generates a subfield  $\mathbb{F}_{q^d} \subseteq \mathbb{F}_{q^n}$  (with  $d|n$ ).

Its min. pol. has degree  $d$ .

$\Rightarrow$  We get a map  $\mathbb{F}_{q^n} \xrightarrow{\text{min. pol.}} \bigsqcup_{d|n} I_d$

Any  $f \in I_d$  has exactly  $d$  ~~roots preimages~~ (= roots in  $\mathbb{F}_{q^n}$ ).

$$\Rightarrow q^n = \sum_{d|n} d \cdot \#I_d$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \sum_{d|n} d \cdot \frac{\#I_d}{q^n} \xrightarrow{q \rightarrow \infty} n \cdot \frac{\#I_n}{q^n}$$

$\downarrow$   
~~because  $\#I_d \leq q^d$~~   
 0 unless  $d=n$   
 (because  $\#I_d \leq q^d$ )

$\underbrace{\frac{\#I_n}{q^n}}_{P(\dots)}$

□

Remark  $n \cdot \#I_n = \sum_{d|n} \mu\left(\frac{n}{d}\right) \cdot q^d$  by Möbius inversion.

~~Exe~~ [You can see in those two ex that things are uglier before the limit.]

Bf of Thm

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$$P(\text{splitting type } (k_1, \dots, k_r))$$

$$= \frac{1}{q^n} \prod_{l=1}^n \binom{\#I_l}{c_l} = \prod_{l=1}^n \frac{1}{q^{lc_l}} \binom{\#I_l}{c_l}$$

need  $c_l$  to choose  $c_l$  irreducible factors of degree  $l$

$$n = k_1 + \dots + k_r = \sum l c_l$$

$$= \prod_l \frac{\#I_l}{q^l} \dots \frac{\#I_{l-c_l+1}}{q^l} \cdot \frac{1}{c_l!} \longrightarrow \prod_l \frac{1}{l^{c_l} c_l!}$$

$\downarrow$  by Ex B                       $\downarrow$                        $\parallel$   
 $\frac{1}{l}$                                        $\frac{1}{l}$                                        $P(\text{cycle type } (k_1, \dots, k_r))$

□

Cor 3.1.2  $\lim P(f \text{ squarefree}) = 1$

Pf  $P(\text{squarefree}) = \sum_{(k_1, \dots, k_r)} P(\text{splitting type } (k_1, \dots, k_r))$

$$= \sum_{(k_1, \dots, k_r)} P(\text{cycle type } (k_1, \dots, k_r)) = 1$$

□

[another ~~proof~~ pf:  $f \text{ squarefree} \Leftrightarrow \text{disc}(f) \neq 0$ ]

Bruhs actually,  $P(\text{squarefree}) = \begin{cases} 1, & n=1 \\ 1 - \frac{1}{q}, & n \geq 2 \end{cases}$