

# On multiplicative character sums

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Methods from arithmetic combinatorics originating in Endre Szemerédi's work have significant applications in analytic number theory, in particular to bounding exponential sums and character sums. Two results that play a key role are Sum-product theorems and the Balog-Szemerédi-Gowers theorem.

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### Erdős-Szemerédi Conjecture

$$|A + A| + |AA| > cN^{2-\epsilon}, \forall \epsilon > 0,$$

where  $c = c(\epsilon)$ .

Many people worked on this problem. The most noticeable result is the one by Elekes, using Szemerédi-Trotter theorem. The record holder is Solymosi. Many people study the problem in other algebraic structures, in particular, finite fields and integer residue rings. The theory has many applications in pseudorandomness and exponential sums.

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**Corollary.** *Smallest quad non-res mod  $p$  is at most  $p^{\frac{1}{4\sqrt{e}} + \varepsilon}$*

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(BURGESS, KARACUBA, DAVENPORT-LEWIS, ...)



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• For  $n = 1$ , this is Burgess' result

•  $\frac{n}{2(n+1)} \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$  for  $n$  large

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$\chi|_{F_2} = \text{principal}$ , where  $F_2 < \mathbb{F}_{p^n}$ ,  $|F_2| = p^{n/2}$

$$\left| \sum_{x \in B} \chi(x) \right| \leq \max_{\xi} |B \cap \xi F_2| + O(p^{-\frac{\varepsilon^2}{4}} |B|)$$



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- the exponent  $\frac{2}{5} < \frac{1}{2}$  does not depend on  $d$

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**ENFLO** 
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**HEATH-BROWN**

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- $(L_i)_{1 \leq i \leq n}$  linear forms in  $n$  variables over  $\mathbb{F}_p$

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## the case of multilinear character sum

- $L_i = (l_{i,1}, \dots, l_{i,n}) \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ ,  $\det(L_1, \dots, L_n) \neq 0$
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## Character Sums of Polynomials

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- non-trivial estimate follows from multilinear case

## Mixed Character Sums over $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}$

**Theorem.** (CH, 09)

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$$\implies \left| \sum_{x \in B} e(f(x)) \chi(x) \right| < c(n, \kappa) (d+1)^2 p^{-\delta} |B|,$$

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$$B_H \times B_{p^{-2\varepsilon}H} = \bigcup_{\alpha} \Omega_\alpha,$$

- $\Omega_\alpha = \left\{ (x, y) \in B_H \times B_{p^{-2\varepsilon}H} : \left( a_j(x, y) \right)_{1 \leq j \leq d+1} \in Q_\alpha \pmod{1} \right\}$ .

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and apply mixed-character bound