

# SEMINAR: ARITHMETIC STATISTIC (SOSE 2023)

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## 1. IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Evaluation:** Presentation and Handout

**Time & Place:** Fridays 16:16 - 17:45, 1101 - B302 Klaus Fröhlich Hörsaal

**First meeting:** 14.04.2023

## 2. DESCRIPTION

Consider an elliptic curve  $E$  defined over the rational numbers given by its minimal Weierstrass equation  $E : y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$ . Let  $p$  be a prime number not dividing the discriminant of the elliptic curve. Let us define the following quantity

$$N_E(P) := |E(\mathbb{F}_p)|.$$

In 1933 Hasse proved Artin's conjecture which asserts that  $|N_E(p) - p| \leq 2\sqrt{p}$ .

**Question 2.1.** *What is the distribution of  $\frac{N_E(p)-p}{\sqrt{p}}$  in the interval  $[-2, 2]$  when  $p \rightarrow \infty$ , is it equidistributed?*

The former has fascinated several mathematicians and laid the ground for the famous Sato–Tate conjecture. This conjecture is closely related to the famous Riemann hypothesis. It predicts the distribution of the zeros of the Riemann zêta function. More precisely, it asserts that for any elliptic curve without complex multiplication, defined over a number field  $K$ , the traces of the Frobenius are equidistributed. This conjecture is still open and only a few cases are known.

The first aim of this seminar is to introduce the Sato–Tate conjecture and give an overview of the known results. Subsequently, we will study several generalizations of this conjecture. For instance, one could generalize this conjecture to higher-dimension abelian varieties,  $K3$  surfaces, and pure motives of odd weight.

For further details see the description in Stud.IP and feel free to [contact me](#) if you would like to give a talk.

## 3. DESCRIPTION OF THE TALKS

**Apr. 28th:** - Elliptic curves, abelian varieties, Albert's classification of abelian varieties. Frobenius automorphism, Hasse theorem (conjecture of Artin), and Deligne theorem (conjecture of Weil for abelian varieties).

[Mum70, HS00]

**May 5th:** -  $\ell$ -adic representations associated to elliptic curves or abelian varieties, Frobenius traces, and  $L$ -functions associated to an elliptic curve or to an  $\ell$ -adic representation. Euler product of  $L$ -functions and first properties.

[Ser68, Chap. 1, §2.3, §2.5]

- May 12th:** - Equidistribution statements for  $L$ -functions.  
 [Ser68, Appendix I-18], [Fit15, §2], [Sut19, §2.1, §2.2, §2.3], and [Ser12, Chap. 8]
- May 19th:** - Proof of the Sato-Tate conjecture for CM-elliptic curves. Results of Hecke and Deuring and examples.  
 [Sut19, §2.4], [Ser12, Chap. 8]
- May 26th:** - Statement of the Sato-Tate conjecture for elliptic curves without CM. Known results and description of the techniques that have been used.  
 [Sut19, §2.5], [LG15], and [Ser12, Chap. 8]
- Jun. 2nd:** - Statement of the generalized Sato-Tate conjecture for abelian varieties and known results.  
 [LG15], [Ser12, Chap. 8]
- Jun. 9th:** - Classification of the Sato-Tate groups for abelian surfaces.  
 [FKRS12]
- Jun. 16th:** - Classification of the Sato-Tate groups for abelian threefolds.  
 [FKS21]
- Jun. 23th:** - Variants of the Sato-Tate conjecture and Lang-Trotter conjecture.  
 [Jam16]
- Jun. 30th:** - Effective Sato-Tate conjecture for abelian varieties and applications.  
 [BFK20]
- Jul. 7th:** - Determining monodromy groups of abelian varieties.  
 [Zyw20]
- Jul. 14th:** - Geometry of  $K3$  surfaces: definition, examples, and properties.  
 [VA17, §1, §2, §3]
- Jul. 21th:** - Statement of the Sato-Tate conjecture for  $K3$  surfaces.  
 [EJ21]

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