

Finding integers from group orbits

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In this project, we study the "*local – global*" principal for integers coming from group orbits. Take a vector $v_0 \in \mathbb{Z}^2$, and Γ a subgroup of $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$, we are interested in a subset of integers $\mathcal{S} := \langle w_0, \Gamma \cdot v_0 \rangle$ from the group orbit $\mathcal{O} := \Gamma \cdot v_0$. An easier *admissible* set \mathcal{A} gives all the *local* obstruction \mathcal{S} . The "*local – global*" principal says that almost all admissible integers are in \mathcal{S} . This question naturally arise from the study of curvatures of integral *Apollonian* gasket or *Zaremba's* conjecture on denominators of continued fraction expansions.

We investigate the "*local – global*" principal for several examples of $\Gamma < SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$. When the "*critical exponent*", which measure the growth of the subgroup is not too small, we indeed see "*local – global*" principal holds numerically.

