## Smith explained part III

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Here $K_{p_{1} p_{2}, q_{1} q_{2}}$ is an unramified quadratic extension of $\mathbb{Q}\left(\sqrt{p_{1} p_{2}}, \sqrt{q_{1} q_{2}}\right)$ with Galois group $D_{4}$ over $\mathbb{Q}$ and
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## Assumption 1

Let $X=X_{1} \times \cdots \times X_{r}$ be a nice product space. Then we have for all Legendre specifications a

$$
|X(a)| \approx \frac{|X|}{2^{r(r-1) / 2}} .
$$

Remark: $x, x^{\prime} \in X(a)$ have the same Rédei matrix.

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## Proof.

Bounding the $F$ satisfying equation (1) using Hoeffding's inequality yields

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Then multiply this bound with the size of the kernel of $d$.

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$$
\left|\left\{v \in\{1, \ldots, r\}: \pi_{v}\left(x_{1} c_{1}+x_{2} c_{2}+x_{3} i_{1}+x_{4} i_{2}\right)=1\right\}\right| \approx \frac{r}{2}
$$

for every non-trivial $\left(x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}, x_{4}\right) \in \mathbb{F}_{2}^{4}$.

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As an example let us take the following character $\rho$ that sends a matrix to the sum in the top row. Then we get

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Rreduction step VI (HARD): for every element

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$$

and for two small subsets $Y_{z_{1}} \subseteq X_{z_{1}}$ and $Y_{z_{2}} \subseteq X_{z_{2}}$ show that

$$
\sum_{x \in Y_{z_{1}} \times Y_{z_{2}} \times X_{\text {CChee }^{\prime}}^{\dagger} \times Q} \operatorname{Art}_{x}\left(i_{1}, c_{1}\right)+\operatorname{Art}_{x}\left(i_{1}, c_{2}\right)
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with $Y_{1} \times Y_{2}$ consistent with $Q$ and $a$ and $X_{Z \text { Cheb }}^{\dagger}$ the subset of $X_{Z_{\text {Cheb }}}$ consistent with $Y_{1} \times Y_{2}, Q$ and $a$.

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and $\operatorname{Frob}_{M / \mathbb{Q}}(r)$ lands in the above Galois group.

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