Combinatorics Seminar

Lines, Incidences, and a Conjecture of Solymosi

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Abstract: Given any n points in the plane, the celebrated Szemeredi-Trotter theorem gives bounds on the number of lines that can each hit at least k points. J. Solymosi conjectured a significantly tighter bound with the stronger condition that the points be a grid and the lines be in general position – no parallel lines, and no three lines meet at a single point. Using methods of Elekes as well as Borenstein and Croot, we prove Solymosi’s conjecture. This is joint work with Gagik Amirkhanyan, Ernie Croot, and Chris Pryby.

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