

“Do it group theoretically.”

- Mark Kisin

The Trivial Notions Seminar
Proudly Announces
Artin’s Primitive Root Conjecture

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Abstract

Given a prime p , we know that there exist integers whose order mod p equals $p - 1$, i.e. the group $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}^*$ is cyclic. Artin’s primitive root conjecture deals with the opposite question in some sense. Namely given an integer a , do there exist infinitely many primes p such that a is a primitive root mod p ? We will sketch a proof that there exist integers which are primitive roots for infinitely many primes, and if time permits, discuss analogues of Artin’s conjecture in more general situations.

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