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Personal information

Date of birth: January 18, 1982
Citizenship: Australian, Romanian

Education

2010	*PhD*, Institute of Mathematics, University of Zürich, Switzerland PhD thesis: "*Polynomial Dynamics and Pseudorandomness*" Supervisors: Prof. Joachim Rosenthal, Prof. Markus Brodmann
2007	*MSc*, Faculty of Mathematics, University of Bucharest, Romania Master thesis: "Generalized Alexander Duality and Applications"
2005	*Diploma in advanced undergraduate studies (Mathematics)*, Scoala Normala Superioara Bucharest, Romania
2005	*BSc*, Mathematics and Informatics Ovidius University, Constanta, Romania

Current positions

1/2023–	*Associate Professor*, School of Mathematics and Statistics, The University of New South Wales (UNSW), Sydney, Australia

Previous positions

7/2018–12/2022	*Senior Lecturer*, School of Mathematics and Statistics, UNSW, Sydney, Australia
10/2016–6/2018	*Lecturer*, School of Mathematics and Statistics, UNSW, Sydney, Australia
10/2013–9/2016	*Vice-Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellow*, School of Mathematics and Statistics, UNSW, Sydney, Australia
10/2010–9/2013	*Postdoc*, Department of Computing, Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia (funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation Grants 133399 and 139679 and the Australian Research Council)
9/2007–9/2010	*Research/Teaching Assistant*, Institute of Mathematics, University of Zürich, Switzerland
9/2005–8/2007	*Research Assistant*, Institute of Mathematics "Simion Stoilow" of the Romanian Academy, Bucharest, Romania

Research Interests

Number Theory (Diophantine problems; Polynomials and rational functions over local and global fields; Finite fields; Arithmetic statistics of matrices)
Arithmetic dynamical systems

Fellowships and Grants

2023–2026	Australian Research Council Discovery Project (427,000 AUD) (with I. Shparlinski)
2020–2023	Australian Research Council Discovery Project (435,000 AUD) (with I. Shparlinski)
2018–2020	Australian Research Council Discovery Project (401,706 AUD) (with J. Roberts and I. Shparlinski)
2022, 2017, 2016, 2015	UNSW Science Faculty Research Grants (5,000 AUD in 2022, 6,500 AUD in 2017, 8,364 AUD in 2016, 7,400 AUD in 2015)
2019	NSW Department of Industry Conference funding (4,000 AUD) (with J. Roberts, I. Shparlinski and L. Zhao)
2017	UNSW Start-up Grant (10,000 AUD)
2014	Workshop AMSI/AustMS–AMSI/ANZIAM funding (20,000 AUD) (with B. McKay, J. Roberts and I. Shparlinski)
2013–2016	UNSW Vice-Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellowship (310,000 AUD)
2012–2013	Swiss National Science Foundation Grant for Advanced Researchers (76,500 CHF)
2010–2012	Swiss National Science Foundation Grant for Prospective Researchers (67,300 CHF)

Organisation of conferences/workshops

9–14/11/2025	Arithmetic Statistics for Algebraic Objects *Mathematisches Forschungsinstitut Oberwolfach*, Germany (with L. Bary-Soroker and P. Sarnak)
23–27/6/2025	Prime numbers and arithmetic randomness *Centre International de Rencontres Mathématiques (CIRM)*, Luminy, France (with C Elsholtz, J. Rivat, C. Swaenepoel and T. Stoll)
28/8–2/9/2022	Specialisation and Effectiveness in Number Theory *Banff International Research Station (BIRS)* Alberta, Canada (with C. Stewart, R. Tichy, J. Wang)
3–5/6/2020	Number Theory Online Conference 2020 (with F. Breuer, M. Coons and T. Morrill) `https://carma.newcastle.edu.au/meetings/ntoc2020/`
30/9–3/10/2019	Number Theory Down Under 7, *UNSW Sydney*, Australia (with J. Roberts, I. Shparlinski, L. Zhao)
28/3–2/4/2016	Dynamics and Graphs over Finite Fields: Algebraic, Number Theoretic and Algorithmic Aspects, *CIRM*, Luminy, France (with M.-C. Chang, J. von zur Gathen and F. Pappalardi)
2–6/2/2015	Workshop on Algebraic, Number Theoretic and Graph Theoretic Aspects of Dynamical Systems, *UNSW Sydney*, Australia (with B. McKay, J. Roberts and I. Shparlinski)
19–23/5/2014	Polynomials over Finite Fields: Functional and Algebraic Properties *Centre de Recerca Matematica*, Barcelona, Spain (with J. von zur Gathen, J. Gutierrez, D. Panario and A. Topuzoglu)
9–13/12/2013	Finite fields and their applications *Johann Radon Inst. for Computational and Applied Math.* (RICAM), Linz, Austria (with H. Niederreiter, D. Panario and I. Shparlinski)
5–10/5/2013	The Art of Iterating Rational Functions over Finite Fields *BIRS*, Alberta, Canada (with N. Boston, I. Shparlinski, M. Zieve)

Organisation of research seminars

Since 2020	Number Theory Web Seminar
	(with M. Bennett and P. Habegger)
	`https://www.ntwebseminar.org/home`
	`https://www.youtube.com/@numbertheorywebseminar`

Since 2015	*Number Theory Seminar*, UNSW, Sydney

Research in Pairs programs

2015	*Mittag-Leffler Institute*, Sweden (2 weeks) (with O. Ahmadi, D. Gomez-Perez and M. Sha)
2015	*Mathematisches Forschungsinstitut Oberwolfach*, Germany (2 weeks) (with O. Ahmadi, D. Gomez-Perez and M. Sha)
2013	*Centre International de Rencontres Mathématiques*, Luminy, France (2 weeks) (with D. Gomez-Perez)
2013	*Mathematisches Forschungsinstitut Oberwolfach*, Germany (2 weeks) (with D. Gomez-Perez)

Editorial boards

2022–ongoing	Research in Number Theory (Springer)

Member of conference scientific committees

2025	AustMS 2025, La Trobe University, Australia
2024	Algorithmic Number Theory Symposium, ANTS XVI, MIT, USA
2024	Mini Symposium of the Roman Number Theory Association (RNTA) 2024, Rome, Italy
2022	Number Theoretical Methods in Cryptology, Poznan
2021	AustMS 2021, University of Newcastle, Australia
2020	Diophantine Problems: Determinism, Randomness, Applications, CIRM, France
2020	Algorithmic Number Theory Symposium, ANTS XIV, University of Auckland, New Zealand
2019	Number Theoretical Methods in Cryptology, Paris
2018	Algorithmic Number Theory Symposium, ANTS XIII, University of Wisconsin, USA
2014	Sequences and their Applications, SETA 2014, University of Melbourne, Australia
2013	The 11th International Conference on Finite Fields and their Applications, Fq11 Otto-von-Guericke-University Magdeburg, Germany

Other mathematical memberships

Since 2018	Australian Mathematical Society
Since 2018	Number Theory Down Under
2018	American Mathematical Society (awarded)

Institutional responsibilities

3/2024–ongoing	*Panel Chair for Postgraduate Studies (Pure Mathematics)*
9/2021–9/2023	*Secretary of the Australian Mathematical Society Interest Group* **Number Theory Down Under**
1/2021–12/2022	*Director of Postgraduate Studies (Admissions & Scholarships)*, UNSW, Sydney
1/2021–12/2022	*Member of the Research Committee*, UNSW, Sydney
1/2021–12/2022	*Member of the Academic Committee*, UNSW, Sydney
9/2019–8/2021	*President of the Australian Mathematical Society Interest Group* **Number Theory Down Under**
2017–2023	*Member of the Science Faculty Board*, UNSW, Sydney
2017–ongoing	*Postgraduate Review Committee Member*, UNSW, Sydney
2021, 2018, 2017, 2014	*Lecturer/Sen. Lecturer/Postdoc hiring committees member*, UNSW, Sydney

Student supervision

PhD students:

2022–ongoing	Muhammad Afifurrrahman (co-supervised with I. Shparlinski)

Honours students/Summer projects:

2024	Aaron Manning, *TBA* *(co-supervised with I. Shparlinski)*
2022	Chris Zeng, *The Uniform Boundedness Conjecture in arithmetic dynamics (University Medal)*
2021	Conrad Martin, *Powers in orbits of rational dynamical systems*
2019	Alexander Patterson, *Polynomial dynamics over number fields: irreducibility of iterates and powers in orbits (University Medal)*
2018	Marley Young, *The arithmetic of semigroup dynamical systems over the cyclotomic closure of a number field (University Medal)*
2017	Marley Young, *On the multiplicative independence of iterates of rational functions* (Summer project, co-supervisor)
2016	Johann Blanco, *Dynamics of monomials and Dickson polynomials over finite fields*

Postdocs

2024–ongoing	Subham Bhakta (co-supervised with I. Shparlinski)
2022–2024	Kamil Bulinski (co-supervised with I. Shparlinski)
2022–2023	Ali Mohammadi (co-supervised with I. Shparlinski)
2021–2022	Ayreena Bakhtawar (co-supervised with J. Roberts)
2019–2021	Jorge Mello (co-supervised with J. Roberts and I. Shparlinski)

Teaching activities

UNSW, Sydney, Australia:

2024	◦ *Lecturer and course authority*: MATH3431 (Number Theory) ◦ *Tutor*: MATH1141
2023	◦ *Lecturer*: MATH2099 (Linear Algebra) ◦ *Lecturer and course authority*: MATH5645 (Algebraic Number Theory) ◦ *Tutor*: MATH2099
2022	◦ *Lecturer*: MATH1141 (Algebra), MATH2099 (Linear Algebra) ◦ *Tutor*: MATH1141, MATH2099
2021	◦ *Lecturer*: MATH2099 (Linear Algebra) ◦ *Lecturer and course authority*: MATH5645 (Algebraic Number Theory) ◦ *Tutor*: MATH1131
2020	◦ *Lecturer*: MATH1141 (Algebra) ◦ *Lecturer and course authority*: MATH5725 (Galois Theory)
2019	◦ *Lecturer*: MATH1141 (Algebra) ◦ *Lecturer and course authority*: MATH5645 (Algebraic Number Theory) ◦ *Tutor*: MATH1141 (Algebra), MATH1151 (Algebra)
2018	◦ *Lecturer*: MATH1141 (Algebra), MATH1131 (Calculus) ◦ *Lecturer and course authority*: MATH5725 (Galois Theory) ◦ *Tutor*: MATH1141 (Algebra), MATH1231/1241 (Algebra)
2017	◦ *Lecturer*: MATH1141 (Algebra) ◦ *Lecturer and course authority*: MATH5645 (Algebraic Number Theory) ◦ *Tutor*: MATH1141 (Algebra), MATH1231/1241 (Algebra)
2015	◦ *Lecturer (on voluntary basis)*: MATH5645 (Finite Fields and Applications)

University of Zürich, Switzerland:

2010	*Design and conducting* a student seminar on Pseudorandom Sequences
2009	*Tutor*: Linear Algebra II, Elliptic Curves
2008	*Tutor*: Linear Algebra I

Course development

2021–2022	Digital uplift for MATH2099/2501/2601 (Linear Algebra)

Organiser of outreach and student activities

2018–2021	*Annual Information Session 'Becoming a PhD student: What does it take?'*, UNSW, Sydney
2019	*Girls Do The Maths & Public Lecture by Prof. Kate Smith-Miles*, UNSW, Sydney (co-organiser with A. Liebenau and D. Salopek)
2018	*Advanced Mathematics Day*, UNSW, Sydney (co-organiser with S. Waters)
2018	*Girls Do The Maths & Public Lecture by Prof. Cheryl Praeger*, UNSW, Sydney (co-organiser with D. Combe and D. Salopek)

Other outreach and student activities

2022, 2016	*Advanced Mathematics Day*, UNSW, Sydney (invited speaker)

Reviewer for funding agencies

2018–ongoing	Australian Research Council (ARC)
2023, 2013	Austrian Science Fund (FWF)
2015	National Security Agency (NSA), USA

Research visits

2024-2025	Institut des Hautes Études Scientifiques (IHES), France (6 months)
2024, 2020, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014	Max Planck Institute for Mathematics, Bonn (3 months, 2014; 2 weeks, 2015; 2 weeks, 2016; 1 week 2017; 11 months, 2020; 6 months 2024)
2024	University of Göttingen (1 week)
2024	Mittag-Leffler Institute, Sweden (9 days)
2023	MSRI, Berkeley (2 months) (Research Member in the program *Diophantine Geometry*)
2022	Tel Aviv University, Israel (1 week)
2022, 2020, 2019 2010	RICAM, Linz, Austria (2 weeks, 2010; 2 × 4 days, 2019; 1 week, 2020; 2 weeks, 2022)
2019	University of Debrecen, Hungary (4 days)
2018, 2014, 2012, 2011	University of Cantabria, Santander, Spain (2 weeks, 2011; 1 week, 2012; 1 week, 2014; 2 weeks, 2018)
2017	Alfréd Rényi Institute of Mathematics, Budapest, Hungary (4 days)
2017	Australian National University, Canberra, Australia (2 days)
2017	Fields Institute, Toronto, Canada (2 weeks) (attending the Thematic Program on Unlikely Intersections, Heights, and Efficient Congruencing)
2016	Scuola Normale Superiore Pisa, Italy (1 week)
2016	Magdeburg University, Germany (1 week)
2015	Technical University (TU) Graz, Austria (1 week)
2013	Bielefeld University, Germany (3 days)

2013	Univeristy of Neuchatel, Switzerland (2 weeks)
2012	ICERM, Brown University, USA (2 weeks)
2012, 2011	Sabanci University, Istanbul, Turkey (2 weeks, 2011; 1 week, 2012)
2011	Phillips Research, Eindhoven, Netherlands (1 week)
2011	The Erwin Schrödinger Intern. Institute for Mathematical Physics (ESI) Vienna, Austria (2 weeks)
2011	NTU, Singapore (3 days)
2011	Universidad Autonoma de Madrid, Spain (1 week)

Research Talks[1]

November 2024	DIAMANT Symposium, Lunteren, The Netherlands
October 2024	Number Theory Seminar, University of Göttingen
October 2024	Colloquium, University of Göttingen
August 2024	Oberseminar, Max Planck Institute for Mathematics, Bonn, Germany
June 2024	Graz-ISTA Number Theory Day, Vienna, Austria
June 2024	Canadian Number Theory Association XVI, Fields Institute, Toronto, Canada
June 2024	Dynamical Days in Montreal, Canada
January 2024	Analytic Number Theory, Mittag-Leffler Institute, Sweden
October 2023	Algebra Seminar, University of Sydney, Australia
September 2023	Number Theory Down Under 11, ANU, Australia
June 2023	Specialisation in Number Theory and Algebra, Technion, Israel
April 2023	Degeneracy of Algebraic Points, MSRI, Berkeley
March 2023	Number Theory Seminar, University of Debrecen, Hungary
December 2022	Tel Aviv Number Theory Seminar, Israel
September 2022	O-minimality and Diophantine Geometry, Clay Mathematical Institute, University of Oxford
September 2022	Number Theory Seminar, University of Basel
September 2022	A celebration of analytic number theory, a conference in honor of Andrew Granville, CRM, Montreal
August 2022	Algorithmic Number Theory Symposium, ANTS-XV, University of Bristol
July 2022	ICM Down Under, 2022, University of Sydney
June 2022	Number theory by the sea, TIFR Mumbai (online)
May 2022	Number Theory Seminar, Oregon State University (online)
April 2022	Diophantische Approximationen, MFO, Germany
January 2022	Quebec-Vermont Number Theory Seminar, Canada (online)
December 2021	AustMS Conference, University of Newcastle, Australia (online)
December 2021	Heilbronn Number Theory Seminar, University of Bristol (online)
October 2021	Number Theory Meeting – Torino, Italy (online)
September 2021	Number Theory Down Under 9, University of Sydney, Australia (online)
February 2021	7th International Conference on Uniform Distribution Theory, RICAM, Austria (online)
January 2021	Number Theory Seminar, Max Planck Institute for Mathematics, Bonn, Germany (online)
December 2020	Tel Aviv Number Theory Seminar (online)
November 2020	Diophantine Problems, Determinism and Randomness, CIRM, Luminy (online)
March 2020	Algebra, Geometry and Physics Seminar, Max Planck Institute for Mathematics, Bonn, Germany
February 2020	Number Theory Seminar, University of Cambridge, UK
February 2020	Oberseminar, Max Planck Institute for Mathematics, Bonn, Germany
January 2020	Mathematics Colloquium, TU Graz, Austria
November 2019	Algebra Seminar, University of Sydney, Australia
September 2019	Intercity Number Theory Seminar, Radboud University Nijmegen, The Netherlands
July 2019	Number Theory Colloquium, TU Graz, Austria
July 2019	Colloquium Talk, RICAM, Linz, Austria

[1] All talks which are not indicated as seminar/colloquium talks were given at conferences/workshops that I attended.

July 2019	Number Theory Seminar, Alfréd Rényi Institute of Mathematics, Budapest, Hungary
June 2019	Dynamics and Number Theory, University of Sydney, Australia
May 2019	Arithmetic of Function Fields and Diophantine Geometry, Taipei, Taiwan
March 2019	Arithmetic Dynamics Session, AMS Joint Sectional Meeting, University of Hawaii, USA
January 2019	Research Seminar, RICAM, Linz, Austria
January 2019	Number Theory Seminar, IST, Austria
September 2018	Number Theory Down Under, UNSW Canberra, Australia
March 2018	Number Theory Seminar, UNSW, Sydney, Australia
January 2018	Arithmetic Dynamics Session, AMS Joint Mathematics Meetings, San Diego, USA
December 2017	Number Theory Seminar, Max Planck Institute for Mathematics, Bonn, Germany
July 2017	Number Theory Seminar, Alfréd Rényi Institute of Mathematics, Budapest, Hungary
June 2017	Algebra Seminar, University of Sydney, Australia
January 2017	Colloquium, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia
December 2016	Number Theory Seminar, Max Planck Institute for Mathematics, Bonn, Germany
December 2016	Seminar talk, Magdeburg University, Germany
December 2016	Seminar talk, Scuola Normale Superiore Pisa, Italy
September 2016	Number Theory Down Under, Newcastle, Australia
September 2016	Conference on Elementary and Analytic Number Theory, Strobl, Austria
August 2016	Workshop on Arithmetic Dynamics, University of Basel, Switzerland
August 2016	Cryptography and Coding Theory Seminar, University of Neuchatel, Switzerland
April 2016	Number Theory Seminar, Max Planck Institute for Mathematics, Bonn, Germany
December 2015	Seminar Talk, University of Salzburg, Austria
December 2015	Interview talk, Hausdorff Center for Mathematics, Bonn, Germany
November 2015	Number Theory Seminar & Colloquium (2 talks), TU Graz, Austria
September 2015	Cryptography and Coding Theory Seminar, University of Neuchatel, Switzerland
June 2015	Elementary, Analytic, and Algorithmic Number Theory: Research inspired by the Mathematics of Carl Pomerance, University of Georgia, Athens, USA
May 2015	The First Mini Symposium of the Roman Number Theory Association, Università Europea di Roma, Rome, Italy
April 2015	Number Theory Seminar, Max Planck Institute for Mathematics, Bonn, Germany
February 2015	Workshop on Algebraic, Number Theoretic and Graph Theoretic Aspects of Dynamical Systems, UNSW, Sydney, Australia
November 2014	Number Theory Seminar, Max Planck Institute for Mathematics, Bonn, Germany
October 2014	Number Theory Seminar, UNSW, Sydney, Australia
July 2014	Oberseminar, B-IT CoSec, Bonn, Germany
July 2014	Seminar during the Dynamics and Numbers Program, Max Planck Institute for Mathematics, Bonn, Germany
June 2014	Workshop on the Occasion of Harald Niederreiter's 70th Birthday: Applications of Algebra and Number Theory, Linz, Austria
April 2014	Joint Colloquim, UNSW, Sydney, Australia
February 2014	Workshop on Unlikely Intersections, CIRM, Luminy, France
October 2013	Research Seminar, Bielefeld University, Germany
October 2013	Colloquium, University of Neuchatel, Switzerland
September 2012	Workshop on Finite Fields and Their Applications: Character Sums and Polynomials Strobl, Austria
July 2012	Third Workshop on Mathematical Cryptology, CIEM-Castro Urdiales, Spain
February 2012	10th International Conference on Monte Carlo and Quasi-Monte Carlo Methods in Scientific Computing, UNSW, Sydney, Australia
January 2012	Workshop on Permutation Polynomials over Finite Fields and their Applications, Sabanci University, Istanbul, Turkey
October 2011	Workshop on Rational Functions over Finite Fields and their Applications, Sabanci University, Istanbul, Turkey
October 2011	Research Seminar, The Erwin Schrödinger Intern. Institute for Mathematical Physics (ESI), Vienna, Austria
July 2011	The 10th International Conference on Finite Fields and their Applications, Ghent, Belgium

April 2011	Research Seminar on Coding Theory and Cryptography, NTU, Singapore
April 2011	Research Seminar of the Department of Mathematics, University of Cantabria, Spain
March 2011	Arithmetic, Geometry, Cryptography and Coding Theory, AGCT-XIII, CIRM, Luminy, France
December 2010	Workshop on Dynamical Systems and Number Theory, Macquarie University, Sydney
July 2010	International Conference on Uniform Distribution Theory, UDT-2010, Strobl, Austria
June 2010	WAIFI 2010, Istanbul
January 2010	Number Theory Colloquium, TU Graz
December 2009	Coding Theory and Cryptography Seminar, University of Basel
November 2007	Commutative Algebra Seminar, University of Zürich

Other conferences and workshops attended (since 2010)[2]

October 2020	Number Theory Down Under, University of Melbourne (online)
July 2020	Algorithmic Number Theory Symposium (ANTS XIV), University of Auckland (online)
April 2020	Diophantische Approximationen, MFO, Germany (cancelled due to COVID-19)
September 2019	Topics in Rational and Integral Points, Basel, Switzerland
March 2019	Hawaii Number Theory 2019 (HINT), Honolulu, USA
July 2017	Where Geometry meets Number Theory, Gothenburg, Sweden
July 2017	Specialization problems in Diophantine Geometry, Cetraro, Italy
February 2017	Workshop on Heights and Applications to Unlikely Intersections Fields Institute, Toronto, Canada
September 2015	Workshop Analytic Number Theory and Diophantine Geometry, Leibniz University, Hannover
July 2014	Pseudorandomness in Number Theory, CIRM, Luminy
July 2014	Dynamics and Numbers, Max Planck Institute for Mathematics, Bonn
February 2014	Prime Numbers: New Perspectives, CIRM, Luminy
July 2013	The 11th International Conference on Finite Fields and their Applications, Otto-von-Guericke-University Magdeburg
July 2012	Third International Conference on Symbolic Computation and Cryptography, CIEM-Castro Urdiales, Spain
March 2012	ICERM Semester Program on Complex and Arithmetic Dynamics ICERM, Brown University, USA
October 2011	Dynamics and Number Theory, ESI, Vienna, Austria
May 2010	Public Key Cryptography and the Geometry of Numbers, Amsterdam, Netherlands
April 2010	Computer Security and Cryptography, CRM, University of Montreal, Canada
January 2010	Workshop on Dynamical Systems and Uniform Distribution, TU Graz, Austria

Publications

Edited Books

H. Niederreiter, A. Ostafe, D. Panario and A. Winterhof (Eds.), *Algebraic Curves and Finite Fields*, Radon Series on Computational and Applied Mathematics **16**, De Gruyter, 2014.

[2]The list excludes the workshops/conferences that I co-organised and the ones listed under the "Research Talks" section.

Preprints

1. M. Afifurrahman, V. Kuperberg, A. Ostafe and I. Shparlinski, "Statistics of ranks, determinants and characteristic polynomials of rational matrices", *Preprint* (*arXiv: 2401.10086*).

2. A. Ostafe and I. Shparlinski, "On the sparsity of integer matrices with a given discriminant", *Preprint* (*arXiv: 2312.12626*).

3. A. Mohammadi, A. Ostafe and I. Shparlinski, "On some matrix counting problems", *Preprint* (*arXiv: 2310.05038*).

4. P. Habegger, A. Ostafe and I. Shparlinski, "Integer matrices with a given characteristic polynomial and multiplicative dependence of matrices", *Preprint* (*arXiv: 2203.03880*).

Refereed Journal Articles

5. A. Bérczes, Y. Bugeaud, K. Győry, J. Mello, A. Ostafe and M. Sha, "Multiplicative dependence of rational values modulo approximate finitely generated groups ", *Math. Proc. Cambr. Phil. Soc.*, in press (*arXiv: 2107.05371*).

6. A. Bérczes, Y. Bugeaud, K. Győry, J. Mello, A. Ostafe and M. Sha, "Explicit bounds for the solutions of superelliptic equations over number fields", *Forum Math.*, in press (*arXiv: 2310.09704*).

7. A. Ferraguti, A. Ostafe and U. Zannier, "Cyclotomic and abelian points in backward orbits of rational functions", *Adv. Math.*, in press (*arXiv: 2203.10034*).

8. K. Bulinski, A. Ostafe and I. Shparlinski, "Counting embeddings of free groups into $\mathrm{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$ and its subgroups", *Annali della Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa, Classe di Scienze*, in press (*arXiv: 2304.10980*).

9. A. Ostafe, I. Shparlinski and F. Voloch, "Weil sums over small subgroups", *Math. Proc. Camb. Phil. Soc.*, **176** (2024), 39–53.

10. A. Ostafe, I. Shparlinski and F. Voloch, "Equations and character sums with matrix powers, Kloosterman sums over small subgroups and quantum ergodicity", *Int. Math. Res. Not.*, (2023), v. 16, 14196–14238.

11. A. Ostafe, "On a problem of Lang for matrix polynomials", *Bull. London Math. Soc.* (2022), v. 54, 1552–1567. [Erratum: `https://web.maths.unsw.edu.au/~alinaostafe/LangMatr-Erratum.pdf`]

12. R. Dietmann, A. Ostafe and I. Shparlinski, "Discriminants of fields generated by polynomials of given height", *Israel J. Math.*, in press (*arXiv: 1909.00135*).

13. D. Ghioca, A. Ostafe, S. Saleh and I. E. Shparlinski, "On sparsity of representations of polynomials as linear combinations of exponential functions", *J. London Math. Soc.* (2022), v. 105, 2076–2103.

14. F. Barroero, L. Capuano, L. Mérai, A. Ostafe and M. Sha, "Multiplicative and linear dependence in finite fields and on elliptic curves modulo primes", *Int. Math. Res. Not.* (2022), v. 20, 16094–16137.

15. A. Ostafe and I. Shparlinski, "On the Skolem problem and some related questions for parametric families of linear recurrence sequences", *Canadian J. Math.* (2022), v. 74, 773–792.

16. A. Ostafe, L. Pottmeyer and I. Shparlinski, "Perfect powers in value sets and orbits of polynomials", *New York J. Math.* (2021), v. 27, 903–917.

17. D. Ghioca, A. Ostafe, S. Saleh and I. E. Shparlinski, "A sparsity result for the Dynamical Mordell-Lang Conjecture in positive characteristic", *Bull. Aust. Math. Soc.* (2021), v. 104, 381–390.

18. L. Mérai, A. Ostafe and I. Shparlinski, "Dynamical irreducibility of polynomials in reduction modulo primes", *Mathematische Zeitschrift* (2021), v. 298, 1187–1199.

19. A. Bérczes, A. Ostafe, I. Shparlinski and J. H. Silverman, "Multiplicative dependence among iterated values of rational functions modulo finitely generated groups", *Int. Math. Res. Not.* (2021), v. 12, 9045–9082.

20. A. Ostafe and M. Young, "On algebraic integers of bounded house and preperiodicity in polynomial semigroup dynamics", *Trans. Amer. Math. Soc.* (2020), v. 373, 2191-2206.

21. A. Ostafe, M. Sha, I. Shparlinski and U. Zannier, "On multiplicative dependence of values of rational functions and a generalisation of the Northcott theorem", *Michigan Math. J.* (2019), v. 68, 385–407.

22. C. D'Andrea, A. Ostafe, M. Sombra and I. Shparlinski, "Modular reduction of systems of polynomial equations and algebraic dynamical systems", *Trans. Amer. Math. Soc.* (2019), v. 371, 1169–1198.

23. A. Ostafe, "Polynomial values in affine subspaces of finite fields", *Journal d'Analyse Mathematique* (2019), v. 138, 49–81.

24. C. D'Andrea, M.-C. Chang, A. Ostafe, M. Sombra and I. Shparlinski, "Orbits of polynomial dynamical systems modulo primes", *Proc. Amer. Math. Soc.* (2018), v.146 , 2015–2025.

25. A. Ostafe, M. Sha, I. Shparlinski and U. Zannier, "On abelian multiplicatively dependent points on a curve in a torus", *Quart. J. Math* (2018), v. 69, 391–401.

26. D. Gomez-Perez, A. Ostafe and M. Sha, "The arithmetic of consecutive polynomial sequences over finite fields", *Finite Fields and Their Appl.* (2018), v. 50, 35–65.

27. A. Ostafe, "On roots of unity in orbits of rational functions", *Proc. Amer. Math. Soc.* (2017), v. 145, 1927–1936.

28. A. Ostafe, "On some extensions of the Ailon-Rudnick theorem", *Monatshefte für Mathematik* (2016), v. 181, 451–471.

29. D. Gomez-Perez, J. Gutierrez and A. Ostafe, "Common composites of triangular polynomial systems and hash functions", *J. Symb. Comp.* (2016), v. 72, 182–195.

30. A. Ostafe and M. Sha, "On the quantitative dynamical Mordell-Lang conjecture", *J. Number Theory* (2015), v. 156, 161–182. [Corrigendum, *J. Number Theory* (2016), v. 164, 433–437]

31. D. Gomez-Perez, A. Ostafe and A. Topuzoglu, "On the Carlitz rank of permutations of $\mathbb{F}_p$ and pseudorandom sequences", *J. Complexity* (2014), v. 30, 279-289.

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