

# Quantitative Recurrence of unipotent flows.

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In 70's Margulis proved any non-cocompact lattice in a higher rank simple Lie group, e.g.  $SL_n(\mathbb{R})$  for  $n \geq 3$ , is arithmetic, i.e. it is more or less  $G(\mathbb{Z})$  for some algebraic  $\mathbb{Q}$ -group  $G$  s.t.  $G \simeq SL_n / \mathbb{R}$ . His proof was based on recurrence of unipotent flows in  $\Omega^1(\mathbb{R}^n)$ .

Later Dani-Margulis and Kleinbock-Margulis gave quantitative versions of the non-divergence of polynomial maps.

(I am following D. Kleinbock's Clay notes.)

Before stating the main theorem, let me give a few definitions and lemmas.

Def. A subgroup  $\Lambda$  of  $\mathbb{Z}^n$  is called a primitive subgroup if  $\exists v_1, \dots, v_m \in \mathbb{Z}^n$  s.t.

$$(1) \Lambda = \bigoplus_{i=1}^m \mathbb{Z} v_i, \quad (2) \mathbb{Z}^n = \bigoplus_{i=1}^n \mathbb{Z} v_i.$$

Lemma. Suppose  $\Lambda$  is a discrete subgroup of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

And  $\Lambda = \bigoplus_{i=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{Z} v_i$ . Then

$$\text{vol} \left( \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^m a_i v_i \mid |a_i| \leq \frac{1}{2} \right\} \right)^2$$

is independent of the choice of  $v_1, \dots, v_m$ . It is denoted

by  $d(\Lambda)$ . Moreover, if  $\Lambda \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^n$  is a subgroup, then

$d(\Lambda) \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . If  $\Lambda_1$  is a finite-index subgroup of  $\Lambda_2$ , then

$$d(\Lambda_1) = [\Lambda_2 : \Lambda_1]^2 d(\Lambda_2). \text{ And } d(\Lambda) = \text{vol} \left( \mathbb{R}\text{-span} \Lambda / \Lambda \right)^2.$$

Pf. Let  $v'_1, \dots, v'_m$  be another  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis of  $\Lambda$ . So

$$\exists \gamma \in GL_m(\mathbb{Z}) \text{ s.t. } v'_i = \sum_j \gamma_{ji} v_j$$

$$\Rightarrow [v'_1 \dots v'_m] = [v_1 \dots v_m] \gamma$$

By Gram-Schmidt,  $[v_1 \dots v_m] = [u_1 \dots u_m]$

$$\text{orthonormal} \begin{bmatrix} a_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & a_m \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & * \\ & \ddots & \\ & & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{vol}(\mathcal{F}(v_1, \dots, v_m))^2 = \prod_{i=1}^m a_i = \det_{n \times n} [v_1 \dots v_m] [v_1 \dots v_m]^t$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{vol}(\mathcal{F}(v'_1, \dots, v'_m))^2 = \det(\gamma^t [v_1 \dots v_m]^t [v_1 \dots v_m] \gamma)$$

$$= \det(\gamma)^2 \text{vol}(\mathcal{F}(v_1, \dots, v_m))^2$$

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$\Rightarrow$  it is independent of the choice of a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis.

• If  $\Lambda \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^n$ , then  $\Lambda = \bigoplus_{i=1}^m \mathbb{Z} v_i$  for some  $v_i \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ .

$$\Rightarrow d(\Lambda) = \det([v_1 \dots v_m]^t [v_1 \dots v_m]) \in \mathbb{Z}^+.$$

• By Weil's formula,  $\text{vol}(\mathcal{F}(v_1, \dots, v_m)) = \int_{\Lambda_{\mathbb{R}}/\Lambda} I(\mathbb{1}_{\mathcal{F}})([x]) d[x]$   
 $= \text{vol}(\Lambda_{\mathbb{R}}/\Lambda).$

$$\Rightarrow d(\Lambda) = \text{vol}(\Lambda_{\mathbb{R}}/\Lambda)^2.$$

•  $\Lambda_1 \subseteq \Lambda_2$  finite index  $\Rightarrow \Lambda_{1, \mathbb{R}}/\Lambda_1 \rightarrow \Lambda_{2, \mathbb{R}}/\Lambda_2$   
 $(\Lambda_{1, \mathbb{R}} = \Lambda_{2, \mathbb{R}})$  is a degree  $[\Lambda_2 : \Lambda_1]$   
 covering map.

$$\Rightarrow \text{vol}(\Lambda_{1, \mathbb{R}}/\Lambda_1) = [\Lambda_2 : \Lambda_1] \text{vol}(\Lambda_{2, \mathbb{R}}/\Lambda_2). \quad \blacksquare$$

Def.  $\{u_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}} \subseteq GL_m(\mathbb{R})$  is called a unipotent flow if

$$(a) \quad \forall t_1, t_2, \quad u_{t_1} \cdot u_{t_2} = u_{t_1+t_2},$$

$$(b) \quad \forall t, \quad u_t \text{ is unipotent}$$

Remark.  $u$  is unipotent  $\iff n = u - I$  is nilpotent

$$\Rightarrow \log u = \log(I + \eta) = \eta - \frac{\eta^2}{2} + \frac{\eta^3}{3} - \dots + (-1)^{m-1} \frac{\eta^{m-1}}{m-1}$$

$\therefore \underline{u}$  is (well-defined and) nilpotent.

$\Rightarrow$  If  $\{u_t\}$  is a (real) unipotent flow, then

$$u_t = \exp(t \underline{u}) \quad (\text{where } \underline{u} = \log u_1.)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{m-1} (-1)^{i-1} t^i \underline{u}^i$$

Def. A function  $u: [a, b] \rightarrow GL_m(\mathbb{R})$  is called a polynomial map if  $(u(t))_{ij}$  is a poly. for any  $i, j$ .

Moreover  $\deg u := \max_{i,j} (\deg u_{ij})$ .

Remark. A unipotent flow  $\{u_t\} \subseteq GL_m(\mathbb{R})$  is a poly. map of  $\deg \leq m-1$ .

Lemma. If  $u: [a, b] \rightarrow GL_m(\mathbb{R})$  is a degree  $\underline{d}$  poly.

map, then  $t \mapsto d(u(t) \Lambda_0)$  is a polynomial of degree

at most  $\underline{2md}$  for any discrete subgroup  $\Lambda_0 \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ .

PP.  $d(u(x) \Lambda_0) = \det \left[ [v_1 \dots v_k]^t u(x)^t u(x) [v_1 \dots v_k] \right]$

where  $\Lambda_0 = \bigoplus_{i=1}^k \mathbb{Z} v_i$ . ■

where  $\Lambda_0 = \bigoplus_{i=1}^R \mathbb{Z} v_i$ .

### Theorem (Quantitative non-divergence)

(Dani-Margulis, Kleinbock-Margulis)

Suppose  $\Lambda_0 \in \Omega^{(1)}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ ,  $u: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow SL_m(\mathbb{R})$  is a degree  $d_0$

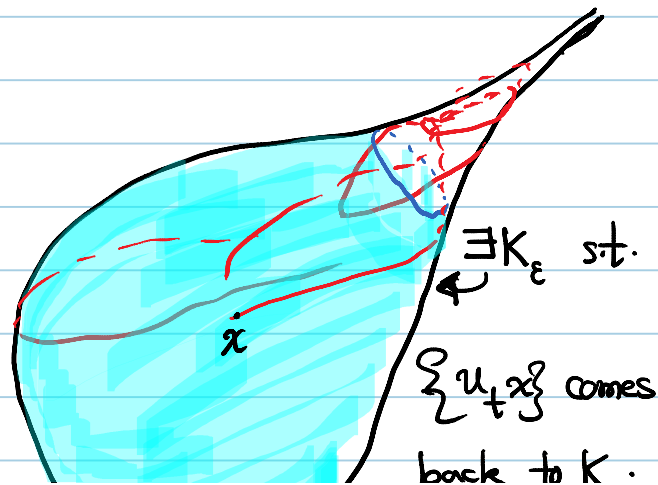
polynomial map.

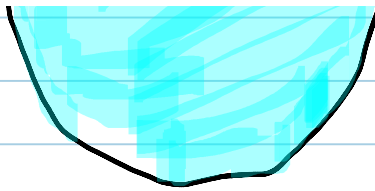
(\*) Suppose  $\exists \rho < 1$  s.t. for any primitive subgroup  $\Delta$  of  $\Lambda_0$  we have

$$\max_{0 \leq x \leq T} d(u(x)\Delta) \geq \rho^{\text{rank}(\Delta)}.$$

Then for any  $0 < \varepsilon^2 < \rho$  we have

$$l\left(\left\{t \in [0, T] \mid \delta(u_t \Lambda_0) < \varepsilon\right\}\right) \ll_{m, d_0} \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{\sqrt{\rho}}\right)^{\frac{1}{d_0 m}}.$$





2<sup>nd</sup> try works  
back to  $K_\varepsilon$ .  
 $1-\varepsilon$   
portion of time.

This theorem is much easier to be proved in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Let's try

to prove it in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , and  $u_t = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & t \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Let  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  be two linearly independent vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^2$

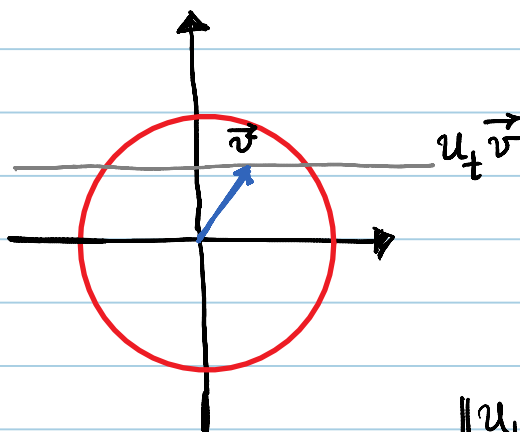
$$\Rightarrow \|\vec{v}_1 \times \vec{v}_2\| \geq 1 \Rightarrow \|\vec{v}_1\| \|\vec{v}_2\| \geq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists i, \|\vec{v}_i\| \geq 1.$$

$\Rightarrow \Delta \cap$  open ball of radius 1  $\subseteq$  a real line.

So we need to understand what  $\underline{u_t}$  does to a single

"small" vector.



as long as  $\underline{u_t v}$

is in the ball of

radius 1 we have

$$\|u_t \vec{v}\| = \delta(u_t \Delta) \text{ if}$$

$$\|\vec{v}\| = \delta(\Delta).$$

Let's have a picture where  $\delta(u_t \Delta)$  is very small

for some values of  $t$ .

So as you can see only

$O(\varepsilon)$  portion of time

$u_t \Delta$  has a vector

whose length  $\leq \varepsilon$ . So the interval  $[0, T]$  is divided to

$O(1)$  intervals where  $\delta(u_t \Delta) = \|u_t v\|$  for a fixed

$v$ . And inside this  $O(1)$ -sized interval there is a

subinterval of size  $O(\varepsilon)$  where  $u_t \Delta$  has a vector

of size at most  $\varepsilon$ . [There are also shorter intervals

where  $\delta(u_t v)$  remains large, e.g.  $\geq 1/2$ .]

The above description is valid as long as  $\vec{v}$  is NOT on

the  $x$ -axis. If it is, then  $\underline{u_t \vec{v}} = \vec{v}$  so  $\delta(u_t \Delta)$

does NOT change. Indeed we get a closed orbit for  $u_t$ :

$$u_t \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & x \\ 0 & \alpha^{-1} \end{bmatrix} SL_2(\mathbb{Z}) = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & x + t\alpha^{-1} \\ 0 & \alpha^{-1} \end{bmatrix} SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \\ & \alpha^{-1} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \alpha^{-1}x + t\alpha^{-2} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \text{SL}_2(\mathbb{Z})$$

$\Rightarrow$  periodic, with period  $\alpha^2$ .

In higher dimension, difficulty arises as we can have many "small vectors". As a result, it would be hard to keep track of potentially "bad" vectors and "catch them in the act".

Let's reiterate the main points of the  $2 \times 2$  case:

① For  $t \in [0, T]$ , if  $u_t g_t \mathbb{Z}^2$  has a vector  $u_t g_t v_t$  s.t.

$$\varepsilon \ll \|u_t g_t v_t\| \ll 1$$

Then  $\varepsilon \leq \delta(u_t g_t \mathbb{Z}^2) \leadsto$  we can "mark"  $t$  with the vector  $v_t \in \mathbb{Z}^2$  and it "protects" us from having  $\varepsilon$ -small vectors.

② For a fixed vector  $v$ ,

$$\|u_{t_0} g_{t_0} v\| = \Theta(1) \Rightarrow \frac{|\{t \in [0, T] \mid \|u_t g_t v\| \ll \varepsilon\}|}{T} = O(\varepsilon).$$



③ These vectors "partition"  $[0, T]$ .

In higher dimension we cannot mark time with a single vector

i.e. knowing any kind of information on  $\|u_{t_0} \vec{v}\|$

for a single vector  $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{Z}^n$  cannot protect us from having

$\varepsilon$ -small vectors in  $u_{t_0} \mathbb{Z}^n$ .

We instead work with partial flags. A few initial definitions

• Let  $h(t) := u_t g_0$ . Then  $h(t)$  is also a degree  $d_0$  polynomial map.

Def.  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}^n) := \{ \Delta \leq \mathbb{Z}^n \mid \Delta \text{ is a primitive subgroup.} \}$

•  $\mathcal{F} = \{ \Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_m \} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}^n)$  is called a partial flag of length  $m-1$  if  $\Delta_1 \subsetneq \dots \subsetneq \Delta_m$ .

• Length of a subset  $\mathcal{P}$  of  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}^n)$  is

$\max \{ m \mid \exists \text{ a partial flag of length } m \subseteq \mathcal{P} \}$ .

•  $\Delta \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}^n)$  is said to be compatible with a partial flag  $\mathcal{F}$  if  $\forall \Delta' \in \mathcal{F}$ , either  $\Delta \subseteq \Delta'$  or  $\Delta' \subseteq \Delta$ .

Example. We are particularly interested in subsets

$$\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{F}} := \{ \Delta \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}^n) \mid \Delta \text{ is compatible with } \mathcal{F} \text{ and } \Delta \notin \mathcal{F} \}.$$

where  $\mathcal{F}$  is a partial flag.

$$\mathcal{P}_{\emptyset} = \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}^n); \quad \mathcal{P}_{\{0 \subseteq \langle e_1 \rangle \subseteq \dots \subseteq \langle e_1, \dots, e_n \rangle\}} = \emptyset.$$

$$\text{Length of } \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{F}} = n - \text{length of } \mathcal{F} - 1$$

(length of  $\emptyset := -1$ ).

Magical definition ( $\varepsilon$ -protected)

We say  $t$  is  $\varepsilon$ -protected relative to  $\mathcal{P}$  if

$\exists$  a partial flag  $\mathcal{F} \in \mathcal{P}$  s.t.

$$\underline{(\text{In } \mathcal{F})} \quad \forall \Delta \in \mathcal{F}, \quad \varepsilon \rho^{\text{rank } \Delta} \leq d(\text{hct})\Delta \leq \rho^{\text{rank } \Delta}$$

$$\underline{(\text{In } \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{F}} \cap \mathcal{P})} \quad \forall \Delta' \in \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{F}} \cap \mathcal{P}, \quad d(\text{hct})\Delta' \geq \rho^{\text{rank } \Delta'}$$

Lemma. Suppose  $0 < \varepsilon^2 < \rho$  and  $t$  is  $\frac{\varepsilon^2}{\rho}$ -prot.

Lemma. Suppose  $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $v$  is  $\frac{\varepsilon}{\rho}$ -prox. relative to  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}^n)$ . Then  $\delta(h(t)\mathbb{Z}^n) \geq \varepsilon$ .

Pf.  $\exists$  a partial flag  $\mathcal{F} = \{\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_m\}$  s.t.

the above conditions hold.

$\forall v \in \mathbb{Z}^n \setminus \{0\}$ , let  $i$  be the smallest integer s.t.

$v \in \Delta_i$ .

Case 1.  $\Delta_i = \Delta_{i-1} \oplus \mathbb{Z}v$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{\varepsilon^2}{\rho} \rho^{\text{rank } \Delta_i} &\leq d(h(t)\Delta_i) \leq d(h(t)\Delta_{i-1}) d(h(t)v) \\ &\leq \rho^{\text{rank } \Delta_{i-1}} \cdot \|h(t)v\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \varepsilon \leq \|h(t)v\|.$$

Case 2.  $\Delta_{i-1} \subsetneq \Delta_{i-1} \oplus \mathbb{Z}v \subsetneq \Delta_i$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \rho^{\text{rank } \Delta_{i-1} + 1} &\leq d(h(t)\Delta_{i-1} + h(t)\mathbb{Z}v) \\ &\leq d(h(t)\Delta_{i-1}) \|h(t)v\|^2 \\ &\leq \rho^{\text{rank } \Delta_{i-1}} \|h(t)v\|^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \varepsilon \leq \sqrt{\rho} \leq \|h(t)v\|. \quad \blacksquare$$

The above lemma roughly says that we can mark  $t$  with partial flags as we did with vectors in  $n=2$  case.

The following is the main property of a polynomial map that plays the role of ②.

Proposition. Let  $f(x)$  be a polynomial of degree  $d_0$ .

Then for any interval  $I$  we have

$$\frac{1}{|I|} \left| \{t \in I \mid |f(t)| \leq \varepsilon \max |f(I)|\} \right| \leq d_0(d_0+1)^{1/d_0} \varepsilon^{1/d_0}.$$

Pf. Suppose  $l := \left| \{t \in I \mid |f(t)| \leq \varepsilon \max |f(I)|\} \right|$ .

Since this set is a finite union of closed intervals,

$\exists x_0, \dots, x_{d_0} \in I$  s.t. ①  $|f(x_i)| \leq \varepsilon \max |f(I)|$

②  $x_0 < x_1 < \dots < x_{d_0}$ .

③  $x_{i+1} - x_i \geq l/d_0$ .

By Lagrange interpolation,

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{d_0} f(x_i) \prod_{j=0}^{d_0} \frac{(x-x_j)}{(x_i-x_j)}$$

$$L(\lambda) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{\tau(x_i)}{\prod_{\substack{j=0 \\ i \neq j}}^{\infty} (x_i - x_j)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \max |f(I)| \leq \varepsilon \max |f(I)| \cdot (d_0 + 1) \left(\frac{l}{d_0}\right)^{d_0}$$

⚡

By shifting and rescaling we change  $\frac{l}{d_0}$ , but not the ratio

on the left hand side. So we can assume  $I = [0, 1]$

$$\Rightarrow l \leq (d_0 + 1) d_0 \varepsilon \Rightarrow l \leq (d_0 + 1) d_0^{1/d_0} \varepsilon^{1/d_0} \quad \blacksquare$$

Now that we have almost all the needed tools, let's start

the process:

First Observation It is enough to prove the following:

Suppose  $0 < \varepsilon^2 < \rho < 1$ ;  $\forall \Delta \in \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}^n)$

$$\textcircled{*} \quad \max_{t \in [0, T]} d(h(t)\Delta) \geq \rho^{\text{rank}(\Delta)}$$

Then  $|\{t \in [0, T] \mid t \text{ is NOT } \frac{\varepsilon^2}{\rho} \text{-protected}\}| \ll \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{\sqrt{\rho}}\right)^{1/d_0 n} T$   
relative to  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}^n)$

Instead we prove the above for  $\mathcal{P} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}^n)$ . And use

induction on the length of  $\mathcal{P}$ .

Start the process of marking:

$$t \mapsto \{ \Delta \in \mathcal{P} \mid d(h(t)\Delta) \leq \rho^{\text{rank } \Delta} \} =: S(t)$$

is a finite set. (Possibly empty.)

If it is empty,  $t$  is  $\varepsilon_p$ -protected.

Suppose  $\exists \Delta \in \mathcal{P}$ ,  $d(h(t)\Delta) \leq \rho^{\text{rank}(\Delta)}$ .

$\forall \Delta \in S(t)$ , find the largest interval  $I_{t,\Delta} = [0, T] \cap [t-r, t+r]$

$$\text{s.t. } d(h(s)\Delta) \leq \rho^{\text{rank } \Delta} \quad \forall s \in I_{t,\Delta}$$

By  $\otimes$  and continuity it is clear that

$$\max_{s \in I_{t,\Delta}} d(h(s)\Delta) = \rho^{\text{rank } \Delta}.$$

Since  $S(t)$  is a finite set, we can choose the largest

$I_{t,\Delta}$ . It will be denoted by  $I_t$ . So

$$\forall t, S(t) \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow \forall \Delta \in \mathcal{P}, \max d(h(I_t)\Delta) \geq \rho^{\text{rank } \Delta}.$$

If not,  $\exists \Delta \in \mathcal{P}$ ,  $\max d(h(I_t)\Delta) < \rho^{\text{rank } \Delta}$

$$\Rightarrow d(\text{Ch}(t) \Delta) < \rho^{\text{rank } \Delta}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta \in S(t) \Rightarrow \max d(h(I_{t, \Delta}) \Delta) = \rho^{\text{rank } \Delta} \quad \text{[*]}.$$

Now we have a covering  $\{I_t\}$  of the set  $E :=$

$\{t \in [0, T] \mid S(t) \neq \emptyset\}$ , and marking  $t \rightarrow \Delta_t$ . And

$$\forall t \in S, \Delta \in \mathcal{P}, \max d(\text{Ch}(I_t) \Delta) \geq \rho^{\text{rank } \Delta}.$$

. For  $t \in E$ , consider  $\mathcal{P}_{\{\Delta_t\}}$ . As we mentioned earlier length of  $\mathcal{P}_{\{\Delta_t\}}$  is less than length of  $\mathcal{P}$ . We know

$$\forall \Delta \in \mathcal{P}_{\{\Delta_t\}}, \max d(\text{Ch}(I_t) \Delta) \geq \rho^{\text{rank } \Delta}.$$

So by the induction hypothesis we have

$$\frac{1}{|I_t|} |\{s \in I_t \mid s \text{ is not } \frac{\varepsilon^2}{\rho} \text{-protected relative to } \mathcal{P}_{\{\Delta_t\}}\}| \ll \varepsilon^{\frac{1}{d_0 n}}.$$

Now that we know only a "small" portion of  $I_t$  is NOT

$\frac{\varepsilon^2}{\rho}$ -protected relative to  $\mathcal{P}_{\{\Delta_t\}}$ . We can assume that

$s \in I_t$  is  $\frac{\varepsilon^2}{\rho}$ -protected relative to  $\mathcal{P}_{\{\Delta_t\}}$ . So there is

a partial flag  $\mathcal{F}_s \subseteq \mathcal{P}_{\{\Delta_t\}}$  s.t.

$$\textcircled{\text{III}} \quad (\ln \mathcal{F}_s) \quad \forall \Delta \in \mathcal{F}, \left(\frac{\varepsilon^2}{\rho}\right) \rho^{\text{rank} \Delta} \leq d(h(s)\Delta) \leq \rho^{\text{rank} \Delta},$$

$$\left(\ln \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{F}_s \cup \{\Delta_t\}} \cap \mathcal{P}\right) \quad \forall \Delta \in \mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{F}_s \cup \{\Delta_t\}} \cap \mathcal{P}, \quad d(h(s)\Delta) \geq \rho^{\text{rank} \Delta}.$$

On the other hand, we have proved that

$$\frac{1}{|\mathcal{I}_t|} \left| \left\{ s \in \mathcal{I}_t \mid d(h(s)\Delta_t) \leq \frac{\varepsilon^2}{\rho} \rho^{\text{rank} \Delta_t} \right\} \right| \stackrel{\textcircled{\text{II}}}{\leq} \frac{\varepsilon^2}{\rho} \max d(h(\mathcal{I}_t)\Delta_t)$$

$\gg$

$$\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{\sqrt{\rho}}\right)^{1/d_n}$$

If  $s$  is outside of  $\textcircled{\text{I}}$  and  $\textcircled{\text{II}}$ , then by  $\textcircled{\text{III}}$

$s$  is  $\frac{\varepsilon^2}{\rho}$ -protected relative to  $\mathcal{P}$  (using  $\mathcal{F}_s \cup \{\Delta_t\}$ ).

Hence

$$\frac{1}{|\mathcal{I}_t|} \left| \left\{ s \in \mathcal{I}_t \mid s \text{ is NOT } \frac{\varepsilon^2}{\rho} \text{-protected relative to } \mathcal{P} \right\} \right| \ll \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{\sqrt{\rho}}\right)^{1/d_n}.$$

•  $\{I_t\}$  is a covering of  $E$  by intervals. So it has a

subcover  $\{I_{t_i}\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$  s.t. each point is covered by at

most two intervals, i.e.  $2\mathbb{1}_E \geq \sum \mathbb{1}_{I_{t_i}} \geq \mathbb{1}_E$ . (why?)



must be subintervals, i.e.  $\mu_E \leq \mu_{I_{t_2}} \leq \mu_E$ . (why?)

. So we are done. ■

Remark The existence of such subcover is a special case of Besicovitch Covering Theorem. See your exercise for more details.