

“Group Theory International” Online Seminar

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“Some results about growth and cogrowth for finitely generated groups”

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Abstract:

I will discuss recent experimental work comparing the cogrowth rates of various 2-generated groups, including Thompson's group F , Baumslag-Solitar groups and a the basilica group, using some powerful sampling methods from statistical mechanics. The cogrowth rate is directly related to amenability, and I will speculate on what our results might say about the amenability of the examples tested. I will also mention some work on lower bounds for growth rates of Baumslag-Solitar groups.

This is joint work with various colleagues, including Andrew Reznitzer, E.J. Janse van Rensburg, Tom Wong, and Josep Burillo.

Next presentation: **Mar 28, Igor Lysenok** (*Steklov Institute of Mathematics, Moscow, Russia*)