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Efficient congruencing in ellipsephic sets

An ellipsephic set is a subset of the natural numbers whose elements have digital restrictions in some fixed base. We bound the number of solutions to a Vinogradov system of equations in which our variables are drawn from certain sparse ellipsephic sets—a key example is those integers whose digits in a given base are squares—using a version of Wooley's efficient congruencing method. In this talk, I will outline the key ideas from the proof and discuss potential applications and generalisations.