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I will talk about connections between:

1. Counting representations of arithmetic lattices (for example,  $SL_n(\mathbb{Z})$ ).
2. Distribution of commutators in some compact groups (for example,  $SL_n(\mathbb{Z}_p)$ ).
3. The singularities of (complex) character varieties (for example, the variety  $Hom(\pi_1(\Sigma), SL_n(\mathbb{C}))/SL_n(\mathbb{C})$ ).

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