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Ben Lund* (lund.ben@gmail.com). Geometric methods for sum-product problems.
Erdős and Szemerédi conjectured that, for any finite set $A$ of integers, either the set of sums of pairs of elements of $A$ is nearly as large as possible, or the set of products of pairs of elements of $A$ is nearly as large as possible. This is known as the sum-product conjecture, and many variations have been studied. For finite sets of real or complex numbers, the best results have been obtained by using a geometric approach first developed by Solymosi, and later improved by Konyagin and Shkredov. I will discuss these methods, in the context of giving lower bounds on the size of $(A+A) /(A+A)$. (Received February 18, 2018)

