

# The commuting probability for the Sylow subgroups of finite and profinite groups

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**Abstract.** The commuting probability  $\Pr(G, G)$  of a finite group  $G$  is the probability that two randomly chosen elements of a group  $G$  commute. The knowledge of  $\Pr(G, G)$  gives information on the structure of  $G$ . For instance, it is known that if  $\Pr(G, G) > 5/8$  then  $G$  is abelian, if  $\Pr(G, G) > 5/8$  then  $G$  is nilpotent, if  $\Pr(G, G) > 1/12$  then  $G$  is soluble. If  $X$  and  $Y$  are subsets of a finite group  $G$ , we can define the commuting probability  $\Pr(X, Y)$  of  $X$  and  $Y$ . We will discuss how the values of commuting probability of suitable Sylow subgroups of a finite group  $G$  affect the structure of  $G$ . Some similar interesting questions can be asked also in the profinite setting.