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Abstracts for the week of December 1st, 2019 - December 7th, 2019

Representation Stability
Monday, December 02, 2019, 11:00am-11:50am
3866 East Hall
Karthik Ganapathy (UM)
Topological Noetherianity of Polynomial Functors

The talk will be based on the following paper of Draisma: arXiv:1705.01419. in which the author proves that any descending chain of GL_{\infty} stable closed subsets in various infinite dimensional spaces eventually stabilize. We will try to motivate the proof of this result.

Student Dynamics
Monday, December 02, 2019, 3:00pm-4:00pm
3866 East Hall
Konstantinos Tsouvalas (UM)
Bounds on the entropy of surface group representations

In this talk, we consider convex cocompact representations of surface groups into special linear groups. These representations can be thought of as generalizing discrete faithful embeddings of surface groups into PSL(2,R). We are going to define entropy for these representations and discuss some upper bounds which are due to A. Sambarino.

Student Combinatorics
Monday, December 02, 2019, 3:00pm-4:00pm
3096 East Hall
Shelby Cox (UM)
Enumerating Lattices

The focus of the talk will be an algorithm for enumerating finite unlabelled (poset) lattices of size n. Starting from a naive algorithm, I will describe known strategies to order lattices to significantly cut down search time. I will start a brief introduction to posets and lattices, along with some elementary examples, so no background in lattices is required.
RTG Seminar on Number Theory  
Monday, December 02, 2019, 3:00pm-4:00pm  
4088 East Hall  
Shizhang Li (University of Michigan)  
*Arithmetic periods*

In this talk, I will try to motivate a construction towards Fontaine’s ring of de Rham periods. Then I will state some p-adic Hodge comparison results obtained in the 90s by many profound mathematicians. In the unlikely event of having some remaining minutes, I will try to wrap up by stating a small open problem (tangentially) related to these thingamabobs.

Student Algebraic Geometry  
Monday, December 02, 2019, 4:00pm-5:00pm  
B745 East Hall  
Lukas Scheiwiller (UM)  
*Proof of the Weil conjectures for Abelian Varieties: a simplified Lefschetz-Trace formula for Abelian Varieties*

André Weil proposed to solve his Conjectures on the number of points of varieties over finite fields using a suitable cohomology theory, where one could use an analogue of the Lefschetz-Trace formula to count points. We will see how this strategy proposed simplifies in the case of Abelian Varieties (basically analogous of abelian Lie groups) and then proceed to prove (the easy part) of the Weil conjectures for this special case. No prior knowledge of Abelian Varieties, Weil conjectures or étale cohomology is assumed.

Complex Analysis, Dynamics and Geometry  
Monday, December 02, 2019, 4:00pm-5:00pm  
3866 East Hall  
Joanna Furno (DePaul University)  
*More rational families converging to transcendental families*

In joint work with Lorelei Koss, we study families of rational maps that converge uniformly on compact sets to families of entire maps. These families are similar to the ones studied in our joint work with Jane Hawkins. Through conjugation, these families are related to singularly perturbed rational maps and families of exponential maps. We use the convergence to relate known results for these two families and to fill in gaps in these results. Finally, we examine convergence in parameter space.
Weekly Seminar & Events Bulletin
December 1st, 2019 - December 7th, 2019

Group, Lie and Number Theory
Monday, December 02, 2019, 4:10pm-5:00pm
4088 East Hall
Bogdan Zavyalov (Stanford University / U(M))
Almost Coherent Sheaves and Etale cohomology of Rigid spaces

Etale cohomology groups of $\mathbb{F}_p$-local systems do not behave nicely on general $p$-adic rigid-analytic spaces. For example, $\mathbb{F}_p$ cohomology groups of an affinoid space are usually infinite. This happens even for nice spaces such as the one-dimensional closed unit ball.

However, it turns out the recent theory of perfectoid spaces, developed by P. Scholze, is very useful to understand $\mathbb{F}_p$ cohomology groups for $p$-adic rigid-analytic spaces. For example, Scholze showed that proper rigid-analytic varieties do have finite cohomology groups for any $\mathbb{F}_p$-local system.

I am going to introduce the concept of almost coherent sheaves, and show how it can be used (together with the theory of perfectoid spaces) to give a new proof of the finiteness theorem. It can be also used to prove Poincare Duality for $p$-torsion coefficients on smooth and proper $p$-adic rigid-analytic spaces.

This is work in progress.

Student Analysis
Monday, December 02, 2019, 5:00pm-6:00pm
2866 East Hall

Bring Your Work to Work Day

This is your chance to bring in some idea or problem you are currently working on (which can be explained to the group in roughly 10 - 15 minutes). You will have a chance to present, and then there will be a short discussion period afterwards for people to ask questions and propose ideas. Your presentation doesn't have to be worked out in any great detail, and quick introductions to new topics are also welcome.

Bring your work to work days are intended to increase collaboration in the department so please feel free to attend even if you are only interested in working on other problems. If you have any questions or are interested in presenting something at the seminar tomorrow, please send an email to Lizbee Collins-Wildman or Anthony Della Pella so we can get a schedule started.

Chromatic Homotopy Theory
Monday, December 02, 2019, 5:30pm-6:30pm
3088 East Hall
Attilio Castano (UM)
Morava Stablizier groups and Bousfield localization.

Following lectures 19 and 20 from http://www.math.harvard.edu/~lurie/252x.html.
Student Commutative Algebra  
Tuesday, December 03, 2019, 3:00pm-3:50pm  
4088 East Hall  
Alapan Mukhopadhyay (University of Michigan Ann Arbor)  
Relative Smoothness of Rings

We will discuss about the notion of relative smoothness of rings. Then we shall prove that smoothness is equivalent to having some lifting property. No prerequisite will be assumed.

Student Geometry/Topology  
Tuesday, December 03, 2019, 3:00pm-4:00pm  
3866 East Hall  
Salman Siddiqi (UM)  
Parallel transport and holonomy

The holonomy group is a measurement of the non-triviality and path-dependence of parallel transport in a Riemannian manifold, and can be described in terms of the curvature tensor. I will discuss some classical results in this area, with some calculations if time permits.

Colloquium Series  
Tuesday, December 03, 2019, 4:00pm-5:00pm  
1360 East Hall  
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Student Homotopy Theory  
Wednesday, December 04, 2019, 3:00pm-4:00pm  
1372 East Hall  
Attilio Castano (University of Michigan)  
Morava Stabilizer group and Bousfield Localization II

I'll discuss how the Morava Stabilizer group acts on different E-theories, and the appearance of profinite topologies in stable homotopy theory.
Student Arithmetic
Wednesday, December 04, 2019, 3:00pm-4:00pm
3866 East Hall
Various speakers (UM)

*Speed talks*

The last seminar of the semester will be a speed talk session. There will be eight fun 4-minute talks with a prize at the end. The speakers:
- David Schwein (Mersenne Primes),
- Andy Gordon (Many Theorems about Fibonacci Numbers in not very Much Time),
- Andy Odesky (TBA),
- Harry Richman (The poset of almost-divisors),
- Yiwang Chen (Homogeneity result on GL(1)),
- Sridhar Venkatesh (Hensel's lemma and Newton's method),
- Lukas Scheiwiller (Some Anabelian phenomena),
- Alex Horawa (The NSA back door to NIST)

Algebraic Geometry
Wednesday, December 04, 2019, 4:00pm-5:20pm
4096 East Hall

Benjamin Bakker (University of Georgia)

*o-minimal GAGA and applications to Hodge theory*

For a complex projective variety, Serre's classical GAGA theorem asserts that the analytification functor from algebraic coherent sheaves to analytic coherent sheaves is an equivalence of categories. For non-proper varieties, however, this theorem easily fails. In joint work with Y. Brunebarbe and J. Tsimerman, we show that a GAGA theorem holds even in the non-proper case if one restricts to analytic structures that are "tame" in a sense made precise by the notion of o-minimality. This result has particularly important applications to Hodge theory, and we will explain how it can be used to prove a conjecture of Griffiths on the quasiprojectivity of the images of period maps. We will also discuss some applications to moduli theory.
RTG Seminar on Geometry, Dynamics and Topology
Wednesday, December 04, 2019, 4:00pm-5:30pm
170 Weiser Hall
Nicolas Tholozan (ENS)
N. Tholozan (ENS): Teichmüller theory on moduli spaces of Anosov flows I: Reparametrizations of the geodesic flow

In the 90s, Sullivan introduced the idea of studying families of dynamical systems with hyperbolic properties as Teichmüller spaces of 2-dimensional foliations or laminations. In these lectures, we will develop this idea in the case of the family of reparametrizations of the geodesic flow of a hyperbolic surface, providing a framework in which we hope to understand better the geometry of higher Teichmüller spaces (such as Hitchin components).

In the first lecture, we introduce the space of reparametrizations of the geodesic flow of a hyperbolic surface and describe its natural geometry.

Commutative Algebra
Thursday, December 05, 2019, 3:00pm-4:00pm
4088 East Hall
Juliette Bruce (University of Wisconsin-Madison)
Semi-Ample Asymptotic Syzygies

I will discuss the asymptotic non-vanishing of syzygies for products of projective spaces, generalizing the monomial methods of Ein-Erman-Lazarsfeld. This provides the first example of how the asymptotic syzygies of a smooth projective variety whose embedding line bundle grows in a semi-ample fashion behave in nuanced and previously unseen ways.

Topology
Thursday, December 05, 2019, 4:00pm-5:30pm
1360 East Hall
Nicolas Tholozan (ENS)
Teichmüller theory on moduli spaces of Anosov flows II: Diffeomorphisms of the circle

In the second lecture introduce a space of Anosov representations of a surface group into the group of diffeomorphisms of the circle, which can be viewed (to some extent) as an infinite dimensional space of maximal representations. We construct a map from this space to the space of reparametrizations and explain how to (almost) construct an inverse map, following Margulis's construction of the invariant measure of maximal entropy.
Special Events
Friday, December 06, 2019, 10:30am-11:30am
Computer Science Department, Beyster Building, 3725
Sanjana Kolisetty and Linh Le (UM)

Theoretical Computer Science Seminar: The Complexity of Finding S-factors in Regular Graphs

A graph G has an S-factor, if there exists a spanning subgraph F of G such that for all v \in V: deg_F(v) \in S. The simplest example of such factor is a 1-factor, which corresponds to a perfect matching in a graph. In this talk we will discuss the computational complexity of finding S-factors in regular graphs. Our techniques combine some classical as well as recent tools from graph theory.

Based on joint work with Ilya Volkovich and Mihalis Yannakakis

Applied Interdisciplinary Mathematics (AIM)
Friday, December 06, 2019, 3:00pm-4:00pm
1084 East Hall
Anna Vainchtein (University of Pittsburgh)

Strictly supersonic solitary waves in lattices

We consider a nonlinear mass-spring chain with first and second-neighbor interactions and show that there is a parameter range where solitary waves in this system are strictly supersonic. In these regimes standard quasicontinuum theories, targeting long-wave limits of lattice models, are not adequate since even weak strictly supersonic solitary waves are of envelope type and crucially involve a microscopic scale in addition to the mesoscopic scale of the envelope. To capture this effect in a continuum setting it is necessary to employ unconventional, higher-order quasicontinuum approximations carrying more than one length scale. This talk is based on recent joint work with Lev Truskinovsky (ESPCI).

Geometry
Friday, December 06, 2019, 4:00pm-5:30pm
B844 East Hall
Nicolas Tholozan (ENS)

Teichmüller theory on moduli spaces of Anosov flows III: Teichmüller space of the stable foliation

N. Tholozan (ENS): Following Sullivan, we finally introduce the Teichmüller space of the weakly stable foliation of the geodesic flow. We explain why it is (more or less) in bijection with the space of reparametrizations. If time allows, we will discuss preliminary results on the relation between the pressure and Weil–Petersson metrics.
Junior Colloquium Series  
Friday, December 06, 2019, 4:00pm-6:00pm  
1068 East Hall  
Felipe Perez (Layer 6 AI)  
Research, contests, and production: the faces of ML in industry (Invitations to Industry Series)

Machine learning has promised a new way to gain understanding and value in many industries; yet most companies are still learning how to correctly use and design ML models. The main obstacles come from many different sources, which include the inherent complexity of ML models, extracting economic value from data, deployment, integration, legacy models and innovation. At layer 6 we approach these problems from a different perspective: by engaging in research we are able to produce high impact papers as well as keep ourselves updated with the state-of-the-art approaches, by doing competitions we tune our skills into the challenges of real world data, and by working in use-cases we deal with the complexities of a large organization. In this talk I will share what is to work in this environment as well as what are the main skills that are needed to work in the ML industry.

Felipe Perez, UM Math PhD 2015, is now a Machine Learning Research Scientist at Layer 6 AI. Our Invitation to Industry Series is run in collaboration with the Erdos Institute.

Preprint Algebraic Geometry  
Friday, December 06, 2019, 4:00pm-5:30pm  
2866 East Hall  
Haoyang Guo (UM)  
The integral Hodge conjecture for 3-folds of Kodaira dimension zero, following Totaro

https://arxiv.org/abs/1907.08670