



Department of Mathematics and Statistics

Colloquium

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Resonance varieties and Dilworth truncations

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Abstract

Associated to a graph, hyperplane arrangement, or matroid is a finite-dimensional graded algebra, the Orlik-Solomon algebra, that carries great topological, algebraic, and combinatorial significance. Among its features is a collection of linear subspaces called the “(degree-one) resonance variety,” which itself has many interesting aspects and applications. During my sabbatical, Geoff Whittle and I found a relationship between this resonance variety and the Dilworth truncation of a certain hypergraphic polymatroid. I’ll introduce the notions of hypergraphic polymatroid and Dilworth truncation, and explain Whittle and Vertigan’s generalization of Whitney’s 2-isomorphism theorem, and how it applies to degree-one resonance varieties.

Refreshments at 3:45