Overhang

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(Tea 3:30 pm Math Lounge)

Abstract

How far can a stack of n bricks hang over the edge of a table? It took 5 mathematicians (Mike Paterson, Yuval Peres, Mikkel Thorup, Uri Zwick and the speaker) to solve this classic problem—and the answer is not what most people thought. Undergraduates are *especially* encouraged to attend.

This talk should be accessible to undergraduates.