Topology Seminar

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Parametrization of characteristic bisets of a saturated fusion system

on February 25 at 4:30 in MIT Room 2-131

For G a finite group with Sylow subgroup S, the conjugation action of G on the subgroups of S gives rise to the data of a saturated fusion system $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{S}}(\mathcal{G})$ on S. On the other hand, S acts on G by left and right multiplication. The resulting (S,S)-biset $_SG_S$ turns out to contain much of the same information as $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{S}}(\mathcal{G})$, in that the biset determines the fusion system, but not conversely.

These notions can be abstracted to make no reference to the ambient group G, resulting in an abstract saturated fusion system $\mathcal F$ on S and a characteristic biset Ω for $\mathcal F$. Again, Ω determines $\mathcal F$, but each $\mathcal F$ has many associated characteristic bisets.

This talk will focus on the failure of a saturated fusion system to uniquely determine a characteristic biset. We will show that there is a parametrization of all characteristic bisets for a fixed \mathcal{F} , which will have as a consequence the surprising result that each saturated fusion system has a unique *minimal* associated characteristic biset.