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Mathematics Colloquium

Central zeros of Clebsch-Gordan coefficients

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Abstract

Clebsch-Gordan coefficients play a central role in classical particle physics, representation theory, and special functions.] Based on Wigner's formula (1931), we give a new combinatorial procedure for computing these coefficients using Pascal's triangle. These methods lead to a strong proof of a conjecture by Brudno and Rau on a certain vanishing condition. In turn, nearby families of zeros are revealed and considered. The overall program is joint work with Won Geun Kim and M. S. Ravi.

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Smith Hall 204

Tea and refreshments will be served at 3:45pm.