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GEOMETRY SEMINAR

Enumerating the fake projective planes *(Joint work with Tim Steger)*

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Abstract

A fake projective plane (fpp) is a smooth compact complex surface, not biholomorphic to, but having the same Betti numbers as, the complex projective plane $P^2(\mathbb{C})$. Gopal Prasad and Sai Kee Yeung showed that the fpp's all belong to a small number of classes. Steger and I found all the fpp's in each class, and found a presentation for the fundamental group of each fpp. Altogether there are exactly 100 fpp's, up to biholomorphism.

Date: April 23, 2018 (Monday)

Time: 2:30 – 3:30pm

Venue: Room 210, Run Run Shaw Bldg., HKU

All are welcome