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Analysis Seminar

On the Geometry of the Growing Ball of First-Passage Percolation

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Abstract: In first-passage percolation, one puts i.i.d. nonnegative weights on the nearest-neighbor edges of the integer lattice \mathbb{Z}^d , and studies the induced (pseudo)metric. It is well-known that a metric ball of radius t, after rescaled by $\frac{1}{t}$, converges to a deterministic limit shape as $t \to \infty$. However, not too much is known about the geometry of a ball for finite t. In this talk, we will talk about the geometry of a ball of radius t, by looking at its boundary. We will discuss the size of the boundary of a ball (based on an earlier joint work with M. Damron and J. Hanson), and then we will talk about holes in a ball (based on a recent joint work with M. Damron, J. Gold and X. Shen).

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Time: 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Venue: Room 222, Lady Shaw Building,

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All are Welcome!