

Topology, Arithmetic, & Dynamics Seminar

Tropicalization of Configurations of Flags

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In addition to being geometrically interesting in their own right, spaces of configurations of flags in n -dimensional space are useful as building blocks for moduli of local systems on topological surfaces. I will explain how to tropicalize spaces of configurations of flags using the geometry of buildings. We will see how tropical geometry reflects the piecewise-linear metric geometry of the affine building for PGL_n .

Date: Thursday, December 15, 2016

Time: **2:30-3:20pm**

Place: **Fishbowl (4th floor of Exploratory Hall)**

For special accommodations, please contact Sean Lawton via email at slawton3@gmu.edu.