

Department of Mathematics Colloquium

Some algebraic geometry in applications



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Algebraic geometry is the study of sets which arise as the common zeroes to a collection of polynomials. It is a deep and powerful subject, combining geometric intuition with algebraic precision. It is also increasingly a useful tool in applications of mathematics, for whenever polynomials arise, the methods of algebraic geometry may be brought to bear on the problem at hand.

I will illustrate this growing trend through a series of interrelated examples of algebraic geometry arising in applications.