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Set Theory and Dynamical Systems

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Refreshments: after the lecture, in Little 339.



Abstract: In this talk, I will give an introduction to some recent work in set theory, whose goal is a theory of complexity of classification problems in mathematics, and discuss its connections with aspects of dynamical systems and in particular rigidity phenomena in the context of ergodic theory.

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