Graduate Geometry, Topology and Dynamics Seminar

New Density Bounds and Optimal Ball Packings for Hyperbolic Space

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Abstract: We consider ball packings of hyperbolic space, motivating the discussion with recent developments in three dimensions. We then show that it is possible to exceed the conjectured 4-dimensional packing density upper bound due to L. Fejes-T\'oth (Regular Figures, 1964). We give several examples of horoball packing configurations that yield higher densities of ≈ 0.71 where horoballs are centered at the ideal vertices of certain Coxeter simplex tilings.

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