APPLIED MATHEMATICS COLLOQUIUM

Convex Algebraic Geometry

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ABSTRACT:
Convex algebraic geometry is an emerging field at the interface of convex optimization and algebraic geometry. A primary focus lies on the geometric underpinnings of semi definite programming. This lecture offers a self-contained introduction. Starting with elementary questions concerning multifocal ellipses in the plane, we move on to discuss singularities and projections of spectrahedra, and new algorithms for real algebraic varieties.

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4:30 PM
Building 4, Room 237

Refreshments at 4:00 PM in Building 2, Room 349
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