

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University Department of Applied Mathematics

Colloquium

On

Dynamics and braids

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Abstract

In one dimensional dynamics, a famous statement is "period three implies chaos". In two dimensions, the situation is much more complicated. Braids, instead of periods, play a key role. The notion of braid forcing brings a kind of order into the tangling periodic orbits of a system. The forcing order between braids is algorithmically decidable. We shall try to focus on general notions and phenomena and avoid technicalities.

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