Convex Algebraic Geometry

Second Kemeny Lecture

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Abstract

This lecture concerns convex bodies with an interesting algebraic structure. A primary focus lies on the geometry of semideite optimization. Starting with elementary questions about ellipses in the plane, we move on to discuss the geometry of spectrahedra, orbitopes, and convex hulls of real varieties.

This talk should be accessible to graduate students