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Angles of Gaussian primes

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Abstract

Fermat showed that every prime $p = 1 \mod 4$ is a sum of two squares: $p = a^2 + b^2$, and hence such a prime gives rise to an angle whose tangent is the ratio b/a. Hecke showed, in 1919, that these angles are uniformly distributed, and uniform distribution in somewhat short arcs was given in by Kubilius in 1950 and refined since then. I will discuss the statistics of these angles on fine scales and present a conjecture, motivated by a random matrix model and by function field considerations.

Date: August 15, 2017 (Tuesday)

Time: 3:00 – 4:00pm

Venue: Room 210, Run Run Shaw Bldg., HKU