

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS Spring 2025 MATH Colloquium Series

The Probability an Integer is Squarefree

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Counting Number Fields



Speaker: Prof. Kevin McGown, CSU Chico

Abstract: If I choose a random 100 digit number, would you bet for or against the number being squarefree? We discuss the density of the set of squarefree numbers and its connection with the Riemann zeta function. In the latter part of the talk, we will introduce the topic of counting number fields, including a famous conjecture in arithmetic statistics. We hope to explain the connection between these two topics and assume very little background knowledge.

April 17th, 2025 THURSDAY

4:00 PM BSS#166

Note: Prof. McGown will be available to discuss MS programs in Mathematics and Data Science at CSU Chico beforehand, from 2-2:50pm in BSS 508.

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