

UCCS Mathematics Colloquium

Thursday, February 25th
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
(Refreshments at 12:15)
UC Room 307

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Conjugation of injections by permutations

Abstract: Let X be a countable infinite set, and $S(X)$ the group of all permutations of X . A classical theorem of Ore says that every element of $S(X)$ can be expressed as a product of two conjugates of some (other) permutation. Another, due to Schreier and Ulam, says that $S(X)$ has exactly four normal subgroups. I will talk about generalizing these two results to $I(X)$, the semigroup of all injective maps from X to itself.