

Colloquium Wilhelm Killing

How looks a singular space in a small neighbourhood of a point?

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Consider a subspace X of \mathbb{R}^n defined by polynomial equations. Suppose we fix a point p on X. When the implicit function theorem applies at p, the answer to the question in the title becomes clear! However, what happens when p is singular? A classical result ensures that X is locally topologically conical: for every sufficiently small $\epsilon > 0$, the intersection of X with the ball of radius ϵ around p is homeomorphic to the cone formed over the intersection of X with the boundary sphere. Nevertheless, X is generally not metrically conical: there are parts of it which shrink faster than linearly when ϵ tends to 0. A natural problem is then to build classifications of the germs up to local bi-Lipschitz homeomorphism. I will give an introductive talk on this very active topic at the crossing point between metric topology and algebraic geometry.

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Tea time starts at 3:15 pm in the Cluster Common Room (Orléans-Ring 10, ground floor).







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