Combinatorics Colloquium

Coordinate Percolation

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Abstract: Percolation is the study of random subgraphs of a graph. Incoordinate percolation, the big graph is a grid of some kind, and inclusion of a vertex depends on random values associated with the linesthat cross there. Coordinate percolation arises in scheduling problems (in contrast to independent percolation, intended originally as a model for porous material).

We'll consider several examples, including one that is notoriously difficult, and another that becomes miraculously easy when (with LizzMoseman, NIST) combinatorial methods are applied.

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