## Colloquium

## Minimum Degree and Disjoint Cycles in Generalized Claw-free Graphs

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**Abstract:** For  $s \geq 3$  a graph is  $K_{1,s}$ -free, if it does not contain an induced subgraph isomorphic to  $K_{1,s}$ . For s=3, such graphs are called claw-free graphs. Results on disjoint cycles in claw-free graphs satisfying certain minimum degree conditions will be be discussed, such as if G is claw-free of sufficiently large order n=3k with  $\delta(G) \geq n/2$ , then G contains k disjoint triangles. Also, the extension of results on disjoint cycles in claw-free graphs satisfying certain minimum degree conditions to  $K_{1,s}$ -free graphs for s>3 will be presented. These results will be used to prove the existence of minimum degree conditions that imply the existence of powers Hamiltonian cycle in generalized claw-free graphs.

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