



Seminari Informal de Matemàtiques de Barcelona

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Date: Wednesday, October 6th, 2021.
Schedule: 12:00, *virtual coffee break*; 12:20, talk.
Place: Zoom (the link will be posted on our website).
Language: English.

Title: On the possible ranks of universal quadratic forms over totally real number fields

Abstract: A quadratic form $Q(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ over the integer numbers is said to be universal if it represents all positive integers, that is, for every $a \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ there is a vector $(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ such that $Q(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n) = a$. The topic of universal quadratic forms is quite classical in arithmetic; for instance, Langrange's 1770 four square theorem asserts that the sum of four squares is a universal quadratic form over \mathbb{Z} . In this talk we consider the suitable generalization of universality for quadratic forms over the number ring \mathcal{O}_K of a totally real number field K and view some recent results on the possible ranks (number of variables X_i) of universal quadratic forms over different families of totally real number fields.

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