

Philadelphia Area Number Theory Seminar

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Applications of the Endoscopic Classification to Statistics of Cohomological Automorphic Representations on Unitary Groups

Abstract: Starting from the example of classical modular forms, we motivate and describe the problem of computing statistics of automorphic representations. We then describe how techniques using or built off of the Arthur-Selberg trace formula help in studying it.

Finally, we present recent work on one particular example: consider the family of automorphic representations on some unitary group with fixed (possibly non-tempered) cohomological representation ρ_0 at infinity and level dividing some finite upper bound. We compute statistics of this family as the level restriction goes to infinity. For unramified unitary groups and a large class of ρ_0 , we are able to compute the exact leading term for both counts of representations and averages of Satake parameters. We get bounds on our error term similar to