Student Research Talks (StReeTs)

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Schubert Calculus

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Abstract

Schubert Calculus was developed by Hermann Schubert to answer enumerative problems in projective geometry such as "how many lines intersect 4 general lines in 3-dimensional projective space?". In this talk I introduce the main objects of study, Schubert varieties, and develop the cohomological tools needed to discuss the Peterson variety, a particular subvariety of the Flag variety. I then present the results of undergraduate research using a formula introduced by Dr. Goldin and Dr. Gorbutt to compute structure constants for expressing the pullback of Schubert classes corresponding to transpositions as a linear combination of Peterson Schubert classes.

Date: Friday, March 15th

Time: 2:30pm-3:20pm

Place: Exploratory Hall 4106

Pizza will be served at the presentation.

For further information or for special accommodations (including dietary restrictions), please contact Michael Merkle or Gabe Lumpkin via email at mmerkle@gmu.edu or glumpkin@gmu.edu by Thursday.