

BOSTON UNIVERSITY NUMBER THEORY SEMINAR

Stirling's formula in number fields

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Tea and cookies in MCS 153¹ at 4:00 pm

Abstract: Stirling's formula says $n! \sim (n^n/e^n)\sqrt{2\pi n}$, or equivalently $\log(n!) = n \log n - n + \frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi n) + o(1)$, as $n \rightarrow \infty$. I will discuss what an analogue of this formula looks like in a number field K , where there is an unexpected contribution of zeros of the zeta-function of K when $K \neq \mathbb{Q}$.

¹Different than most weeks!