BOSTON UNIVERSITY GEOMETRY SEMINAR

CHARACTERISTIC CLASSES FOR SOME INFINITE DIMENSIONAL LIE GROUPS

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Abstract: Infinite rank bundles with infinite dimensional structure groups appear naturally in geometry and mathematical physics, for example with loop spaces and in the setup of the families index theorem. These structure groups include gauge groups and groups of pseudodifferential operators. For these groups, there are Chern-Weil and Chern-Simons theories, resulting in characteristic classes as computable as in finite dimensions. I'll discuss the theory and at least one application.

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