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K-Theory, Quadratic Forms and Number Theory Seminar

Dr. Kevin Hutchinson (UCD)

will speak on

The dilogarithm and $\ensuremath{\text{SL}}_2$

Wed 6th October 2010 at 3:00PM

Location: Mathematical Sciences Seminar Room

The Bloch group of a field, which is constructed from the 5-term functional equation of the dilogarithm, arises in a variety of contexts: invariants of hyperbolic 3-manifolds, algebraic K-theory and the homology of GL_2 , conformal field theory.

We will discuss the classical Bloch group and some of the connections mentioned above, and will also discuss a new refinement of the Bloch group which allows us to calculate hitherto unknown parts of the homology of SL_2 .

This talk is part of the K-Theory, Quadratic Forms and Number Theory series. For more, see https://maths.ucd.ie/seminars