CENTRAL LIMIT THEOREMS IN NUMBER THEORY

Abstract. The central limit theorem in statistics is probably one of the most remarkable theorems of the 20th century and its ubiquity only enhances its charm. In this talk, we look at central limit theorems arising in number theory, the earliest of which is the Erdős-Kac theorem. We will then discuss the notion of equidistribution and lead up to my own research that involves a central limit theorem for eigenvalues of Hecke operators acting on spaces of modular cusp forms. The talk will be accessible to graduate students.

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