“A Selection from Kvant Selecta: On Removing Parentheses with D.B. Fuchs”

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Kvant (Quantum) is a Russian mathematics magazine published for high school and university students. The magazine was initiated in 1970 by a group of prominent Soviet physicists and mathematicians, and its editorial board and list of contributing authors has consisted of the very best Russian academics in both fields. In this talk, we will explore a Kvant article by D.B. Fuchs in which a beautiful connection is made between Euler’s function, partitions of positive integers and the dimensions of simple Lie algebras. The talk is accessible to an audience familiar with polynomials and their multiplication.

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For a complete abstract, go to http://www.humboldt.edu/math/news-and-events/math-colloquium

We cordially invite you to the Pre-Colloquium Tea on the third floor of the BSS building at 3:30 pm on Thursday.