

Fachseminar *Differentialgeometrie* (Math.)
Seminar *New developments in geometry* (Math.Phys.)

Aubry-Mather theory in two dimensions

Winter Term 2024/25

Monday 15:15 – 16:45, Paulinum P 701

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Students:

- mathematics
- mathematical physics (M.Sc.), it is a compulsory elective course in the mathematical physics program (10-MAT-MPHSG).

Topics:

For the following three different topics from differential geometry, dynamical systems and solid state physics there is a common variational problem, which will be discussed:

- Geodesics on a 2-dimensional torus
- Dynamics of a monotone twist map of an annulus
- The discrete Frenkel-Kontorova model

Reference:

V. Bangert, Mather sets for twist maps and geodesics on tori, *Dynamics reported*, 1, 1-56 (1988)

List of talks

1. The variational problem and basic facts about circle homeomorphism, Section 1, p. 4-12
2. The rotation number of a minimal trajectory and minimal trajectories with irrational rotation number, Section 2,3, p. 12-19
3. The structure of the set of minimal trajectories with irrational rotation number, Section 4, p.19-26
4. Applications to geodesics, Section 6, p.26-34
5. Applications to monotone twist maps, Section 7, p.34-42
6. The discrete Frenkel-Konotorva model and examples, Section 8, 9, p. 42-54