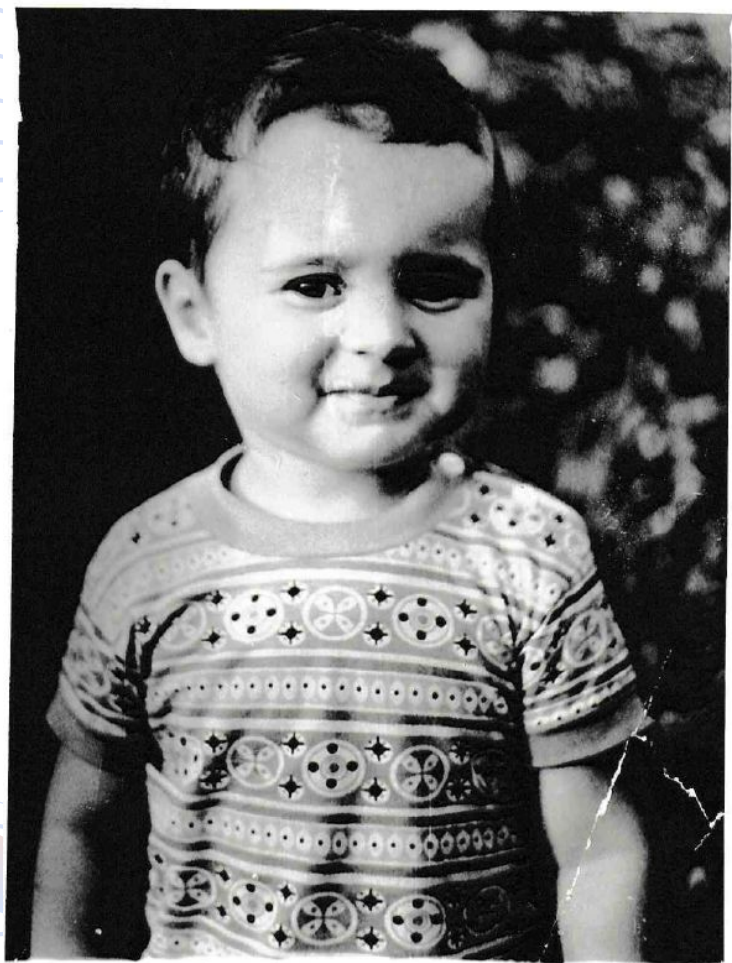


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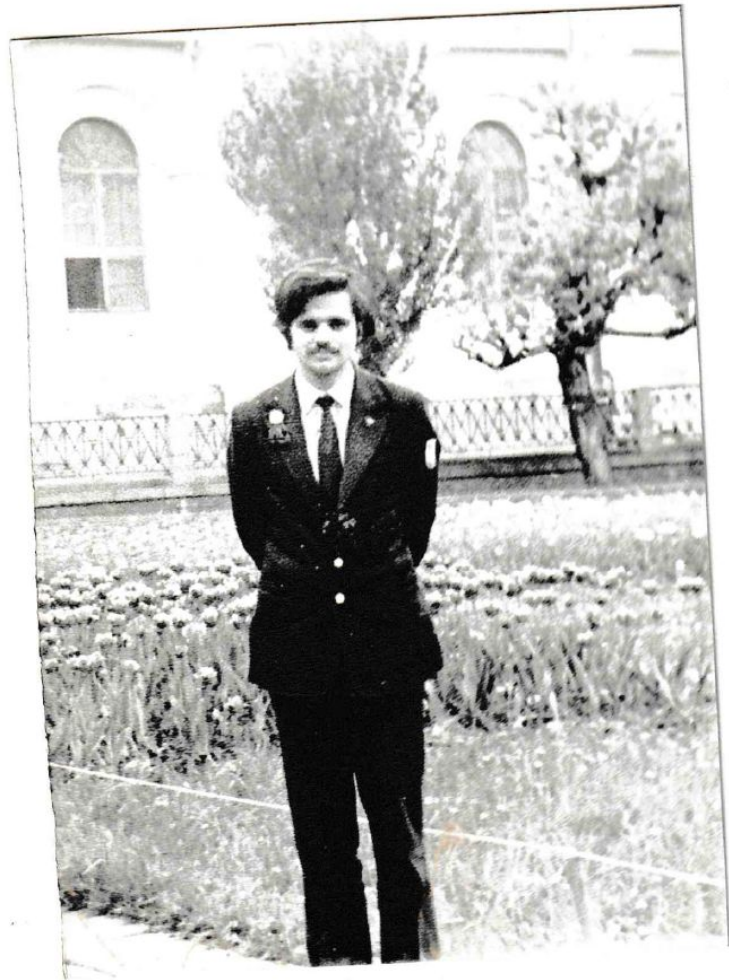


Sirius, 13.07.2021

by Tatyana Zaitseva



1973

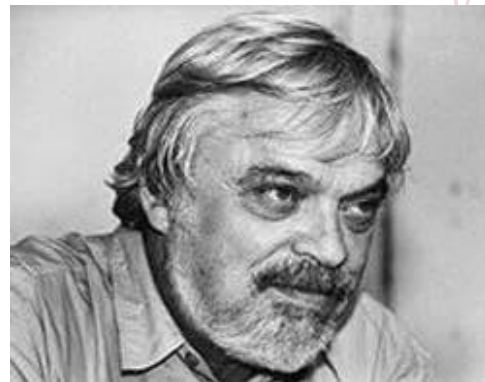


1986

From childhood  
to school



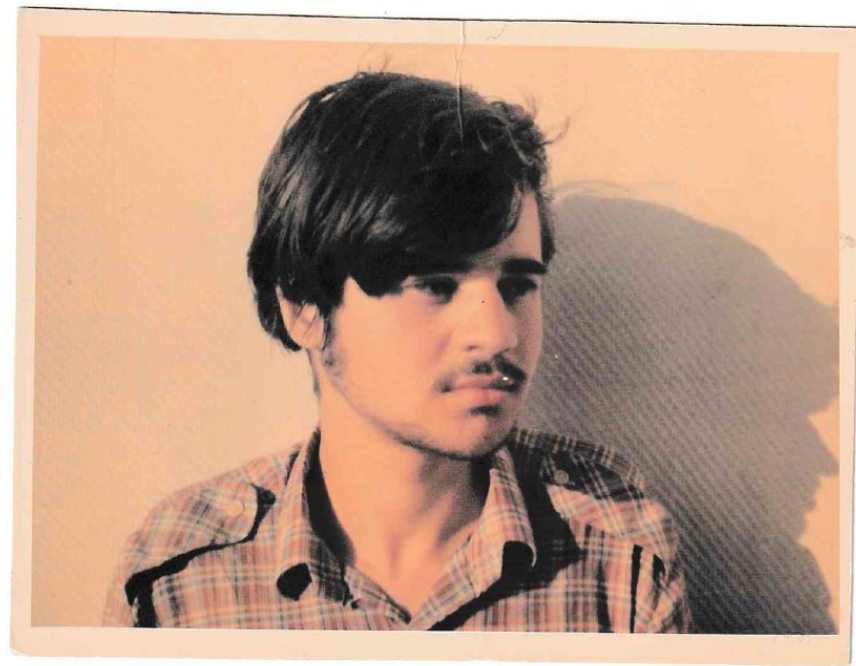
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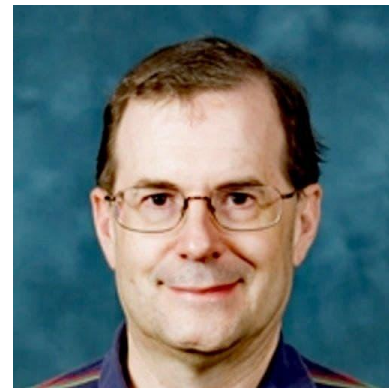
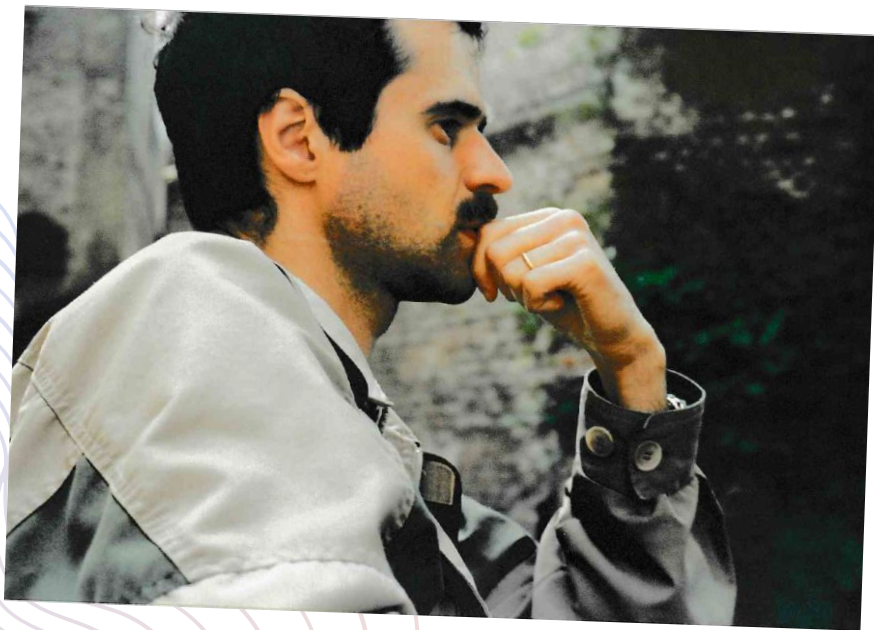
**Princeton**



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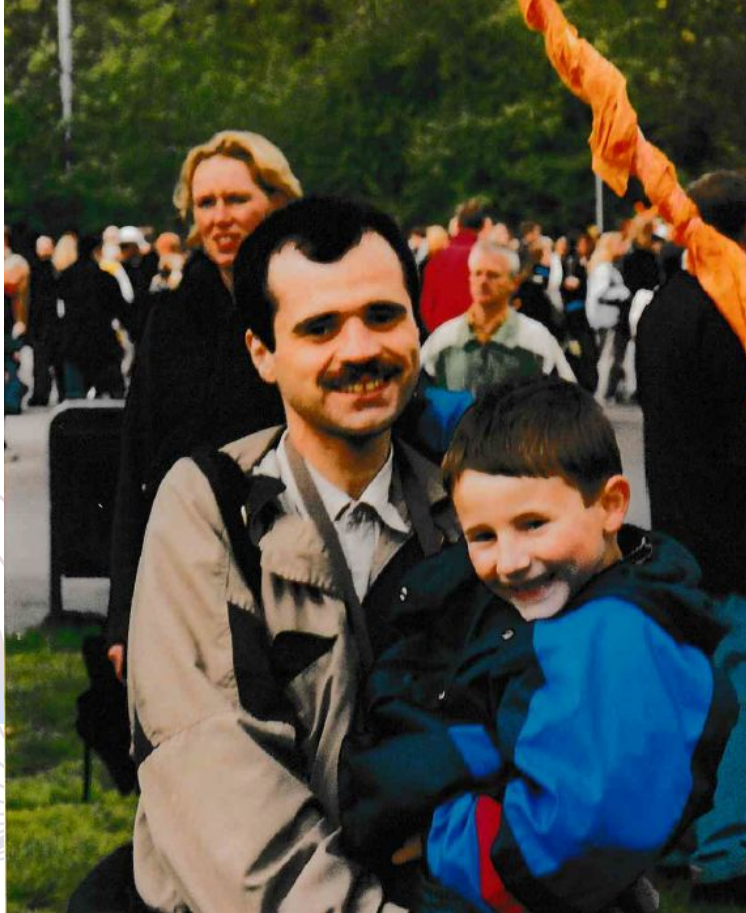
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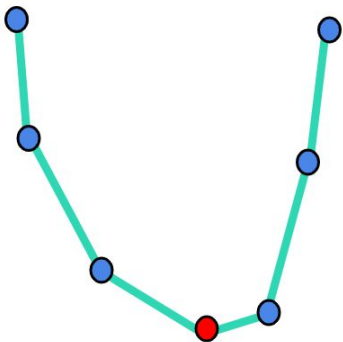


# Amsterdam, 2001



## with MSU colleagues





Derivative-free  
convex  
optimization

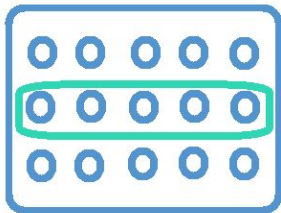
Joint spectral  
characteristics of  
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Joint spectral radius  
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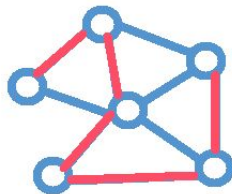
# Optimization and numerical analysis

Optimizing the  
spectral radius

$$\lambda_{\max}(A) \rightarrow \min / \max$$
$$A \in \mathcal{M}$$



The problem of max  
acyclic subgraph



PDE (liquid flows)



# Exact Computation of Joint Spectral Characteristics of Linear Operators

with Nicola Guglielmi,  
2013

$$\mathcal{M} = \{A_1, \dots, A_m\}, \quad \mathcal{M}^k = \{A_{d_k} \dots A_{d_1} \mid d_j \in \{1, \dots, m\}\}$$

$$\hat{\rho}(\mathcal{M}) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \max_{B \in \mathcal{M}^k} \|B\|^{1/k}$$

The algorithm for the JSR finds the exact value for the vast majority of matrix families in dimensions  $\leq 20$ .

It was applied to give answers to several conjectures in combinatorics, number theory, and formal language theory.





# The generalized joint spectral radius. A geometric approach

$$\mathcal{M} = \{A_1, \dots, A_m\}, \quad \mathcal{M}^k = \{A_{d_k} \dots A_{d_1} \mid d_j \in \{1, \dots, m\}\} \quad 1997$$

$$\hat{\rho}(\mathcal{M}) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \max_{B \in \mathcal{M}^k} \|B\|^{1/k}$$

$$\hat{\rho}_p(\mathcal{M}) = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{m^k} \sum_{B \in \mathcal{M}^k} \|B\|^p \right)^{\frac{1}{pk}}, \quad p < \infty$$



The Dranishnikov-Konyagin theorem on existence of invariant convex bodies is extended in terms of the operation of generalized addition of convex sets.

The problem of calculating p-radius for even integers p is reduced to determining the usual spectral radius.

# Computing Closest Stable Nonnegative Matrix

with Yu. Nesterov,  
2020

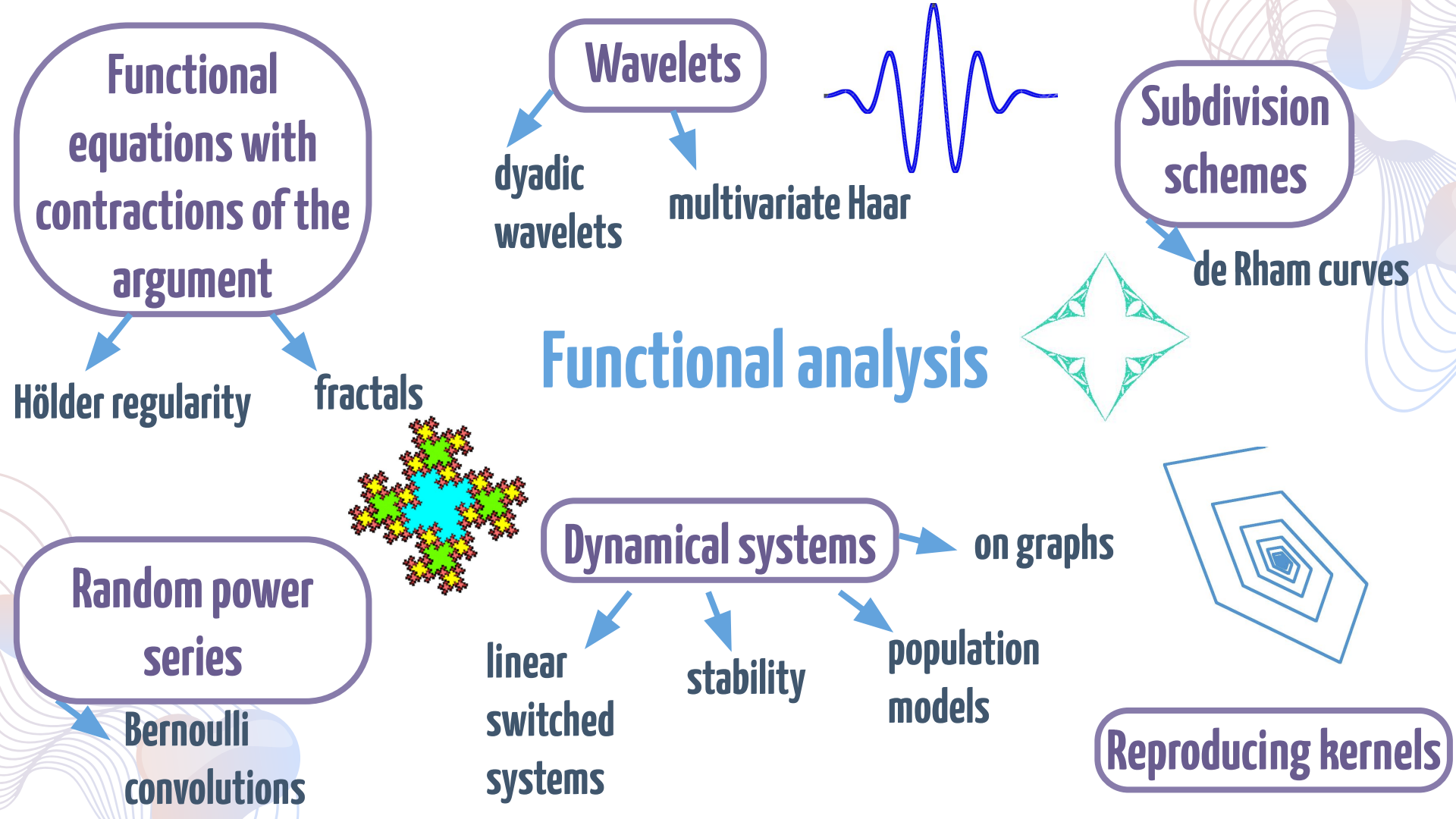
The problem is to find the closest stable matrix for a positive dynamical system with discrete time.

Max-norm – an exact solution of the corresponding nonconvex projection problems in polynomial time.  $\ell_1$ ,  $\ell_\infty$  – also efficiently.

For all these three norms – exact descriptions of the region of stability around a given stable matrix.

A new method for approximating the maximal eigenvalue of a nonnegative matrix: the local quadratic rate of convergence + polynomial-time global performance guarantees.





# Refinement Equations with Nonnegative Coefficients 2000

$$\Phi(x) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} p_k \Phi(nx - k) \quad p_k \geq 0 \quad \sum_k p_k = 1$$

The equation has a unique\* solution with bounded variation that is either absolutely continuous or purely singular. The criteria for separation of these two cases is proposed.

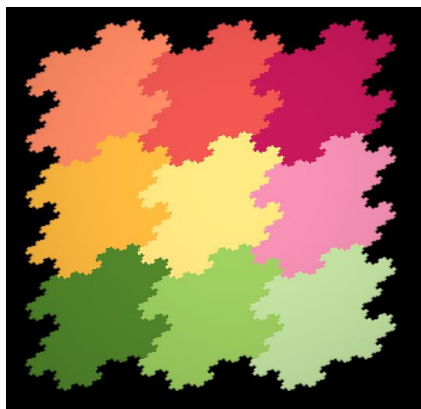


$$\varphi(x) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} c_k \varphi(nx - k) \quad c_k \geq 0$$

$$\sum_k c_k = n \quad \sum_k |k| c_k < \infty$$

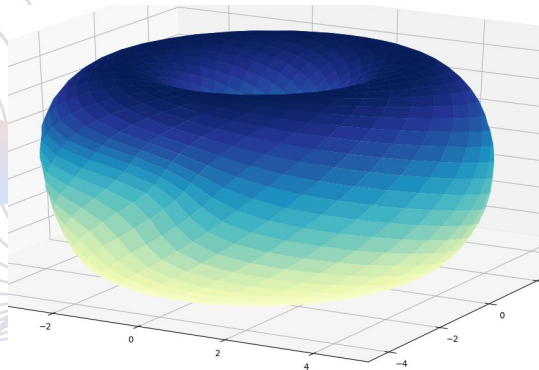
A criteria for existence of L1-solutions

**Tilings of spaces**

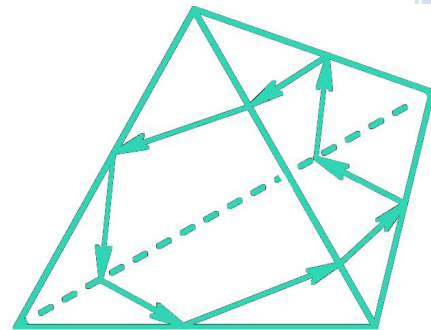
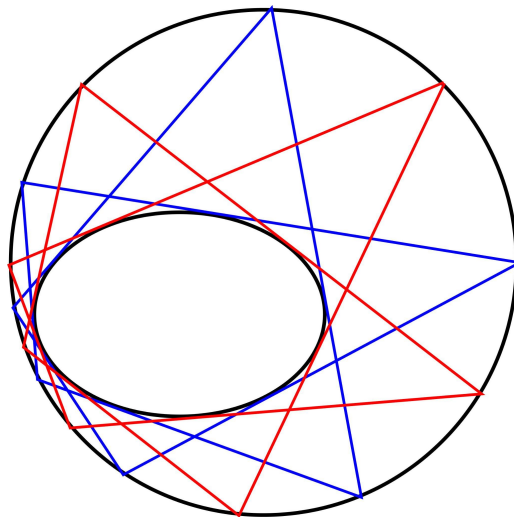


**Geodesics on  
convex surfaces and  
on polyhedra**

**Design of curves  
and surfaces**



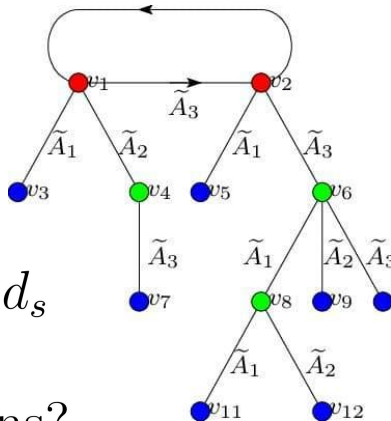
## Geometry



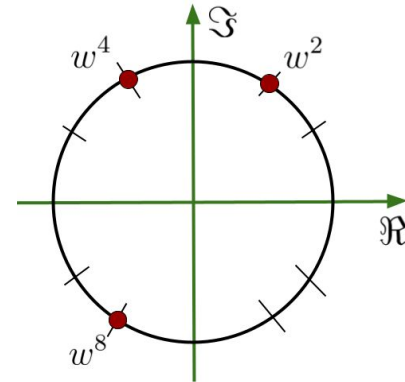
**Poncelet-type  
theorems, invariant  
measures of conics**

# Euler binary partition function

$k = d_0 + 2^1 d_1 + \dots + 2^s d_s$   
 $d_i \in \{0, \dots, n-1\}$   
 The number of expansions?



# Cyclotomic polynomials



# Combinatorics and number theory

## Theory of formal languages

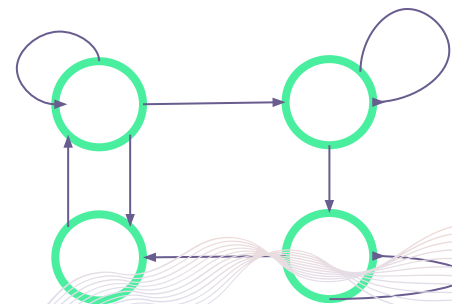
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## Non-deterministic automata

synchronization

Černý conjecture

## Combinatorics of non-negative matrices



# Sets of nonnegative matrices without positive products

The matrix  $A$  is primitive if for some  $N$  holds  $A^N > 0$ .

with A.S. Voynov, 2013

Primitivity conditions for one matrix are well-known. Primitive matrices are irreducible.

**(Perron-Frobenius theory)**

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & B_r \\ B_1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & B_2 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & B_{r-1} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

The imprimitivity index  $r$  of an irreducible matrix is equal to the total number of largest by modulo eigenvalues.

Generalization to a family of nonnegative matrices without strictly positive product of matrices of this family is obtained.



A polynomial algorithm to check this property and find imprimitivity index is suggested.



**Vincent  
Blondel**

jsr,  
combinatorics



**Nicola  
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numerical methods,  
dynamical systems



**Maria  
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wavelets



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convex optimization,  
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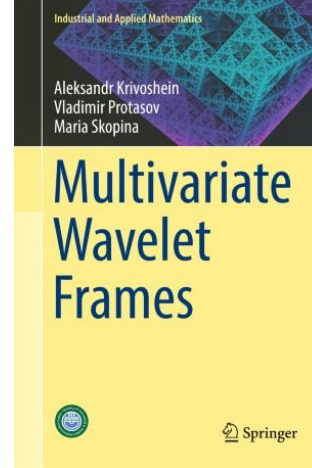
## Some coauthors





with  
**M. Skopina,  
I. Novikov**

**Wavelet theory**



with **A. Krivoshein,  
M. Skopina**

**Multivariate  
Wavelet Frames**

## **Books-1,2,3**



with **E. Galeev,  
M. Zelikin, etc.**

**Optimal control**

Геометрические  
олимпиады  
им. И. Ф. ШАРЫГИНА

With A. A. Zaslavskiy,  
D. I. Sharygin

Sharygin's geometric  
olympiads

Books-4,5,6

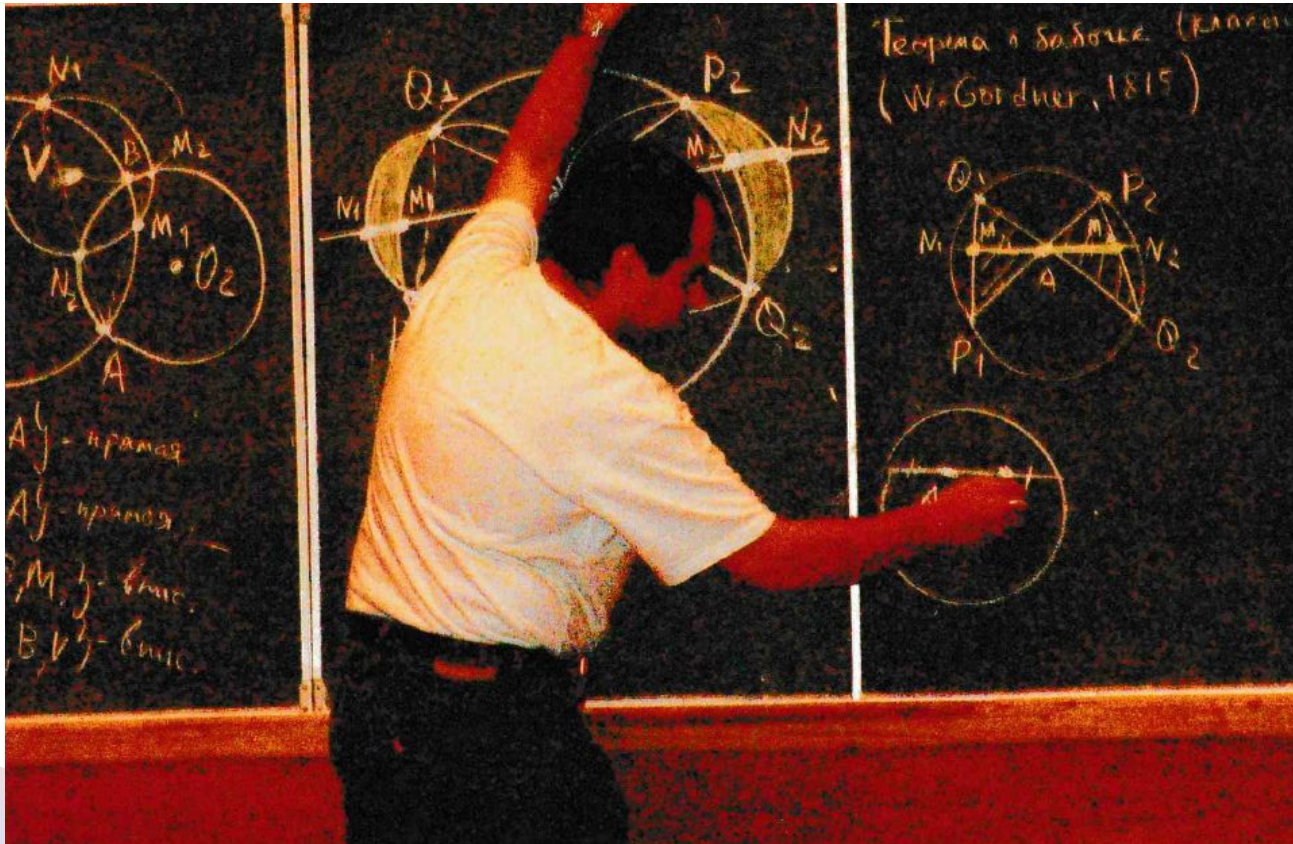


Sinusoid  
and fractal



Maxima  
and minima  
in geometry

# Dubna, Summer school "Contemporary Mathematics"



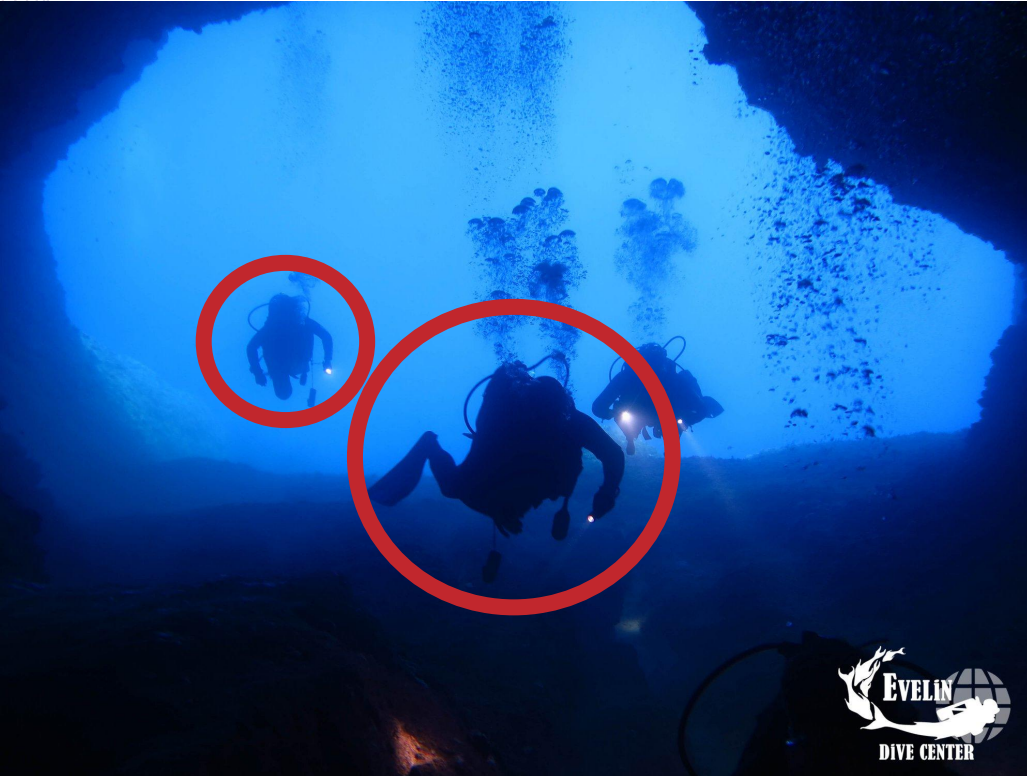
# Children



# Diving



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# Hiking



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# Photography



# Papers in Kvant-1



## Shortest paths and the Poincaré conjecture

no. 11-12 (2020), 8–12, [link](#)  
+ no. 1 (2021), 12-22, [link](#)

## How long does it take to dock?

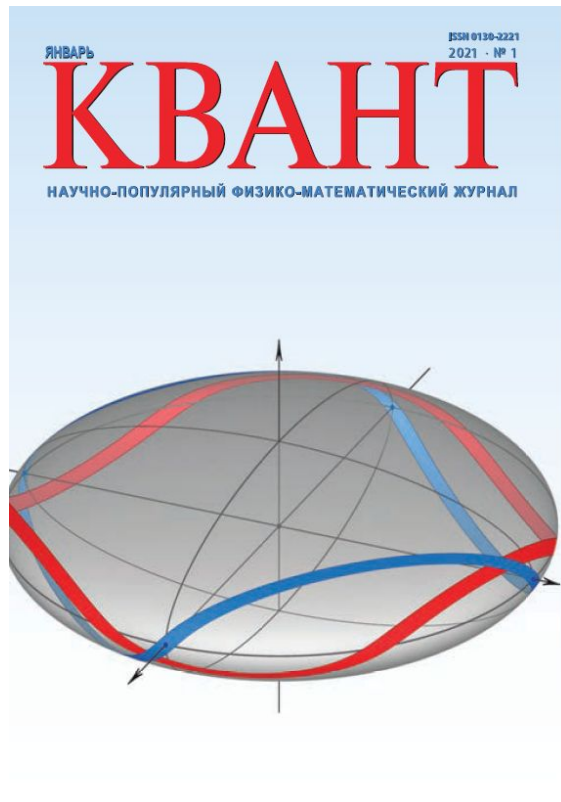


With S.V. Dvoryaninov,  
Z. Krauter, no. 11 (2017), 2-9, [link](#)



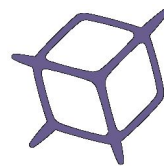
## The geometry of the stellar sky

no. 2 (2010), 14-22, [link](#)



## How to get out of the forest?

With A.A. Zaslavskiy,  
no. 9 (2020), 10-17, [link](#)



## Out into space-2

no. 12 (2017), 7-11, [link](#) +  
no. 1-2 (2018), [link1](#), [link2](#)

## The $L_p$ space and the remarkable points of the triangle

With V.M. Tikhomirov,  
no. 2 (2012), 2-11, [link](#)



# An example from Kvant's paper "How long does it take to dock"

**Our ship is coming.  
However, our docking  
takes an  
infinite time!**



# An example from Kvant's paper "How long does it take to dock"

1) How long does it take to dock if the velocity is  $f(x)$ , where  $x$  is the distance between boat and shore?

This is an optimal control problem!

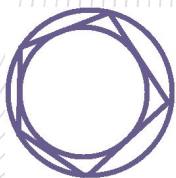
If  $f(x)$  is differentiable at  $x = 0$ , it takes an infinite time.



2) A bug sits at the base of a bamboo of length 1 m. The bamboo is constantly growing by 1m per day. The bug crawls up by 1 mm per day (relative to bamboo). Will he ever reach the top?

Yes! However, the approximate time is  $5 \times 10^{431}$  years.

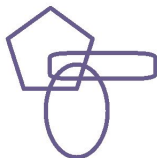
# Papers in Kvant-2



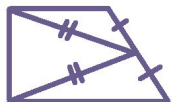
## Two centuries of Poncelet's theorem

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## Helly's theorem and around

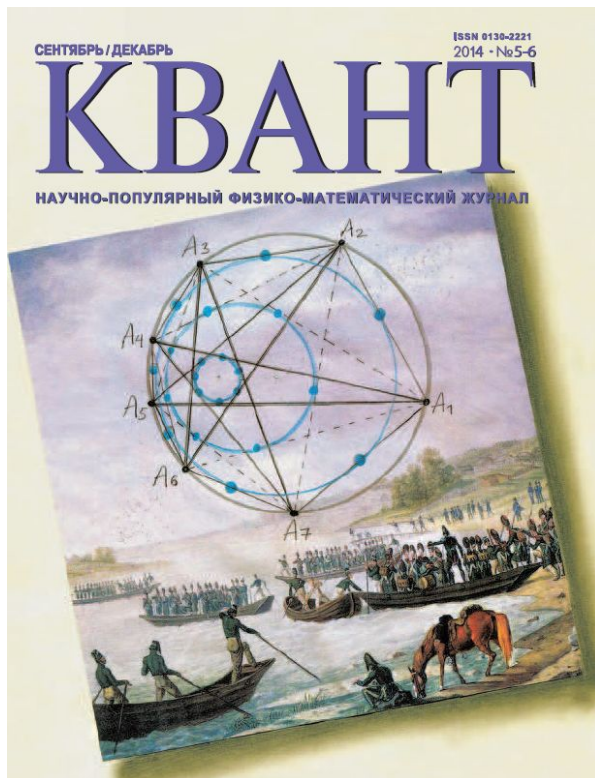


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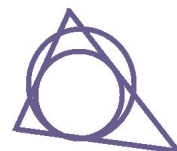
## About two cyclists and a cherrystone

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## Tangent circles: from Tebo to Feuerbach

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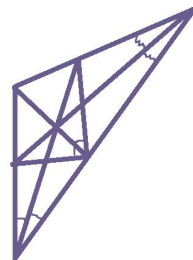


## Around Feuerbach's theorem

no. 9 (1992), 51-58, [link](#)

## Sharygin's geometric masterpieces

With V.M. Tikhomirov,  
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# Visiting Professor and Research positions

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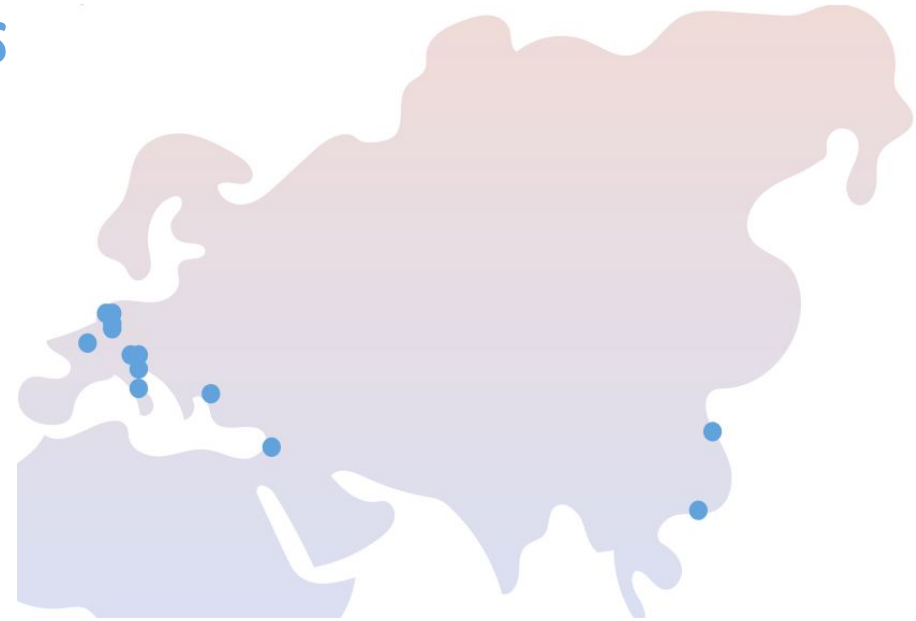
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UCL (Universite Catholique de Louvain) (Belgium)**

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**University of L'Aquila, University of Triest, GSSI (Italy)**

**Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Hong Kong)**



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(Istanbul, Turkey)**

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# Thanks!

**Do you have any questions?**

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