

Department of Mathematics, BGU

BGU Probability and Ergodic Theory (PET) seminar

On Thursday, November ,28 2024

At 11:10 – 12:00

In 101-

Yinon Spinka (TAU)

will talk about

On the local convergence of random Lipschitz functions on regular trees

Abstract: A Lipschitz function on a graph G is a function $f:V \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ from the vertex set of the graph to the integers which changes by at most 1 along any edge of the graph. Given a finite connected graph G , and fixing the value of the function to be 0 on at least one vertex, we may sample such a Lipschitz function uniformly at random. What can we say about the typical height at a vertex? This depends heavily on G . For example, when G is a path of length n , and the height at one of the endpoints is fixed to be 0 this model corresponds to a simple random walk with uniform increments in $\{1,0,-1\}$ and hence the height at the opposite endpoint of the path is typically of order \sqrt{n} . In this talk, we consider the case when G is a d -regular tree of depth n , and the height at the leaves is fixed to 0. Peled, Samotij and Yehudayoff showed that the height at the root of the

tree is tight as n grows, having doubly exponentially decaying tails. We study the question of whether the distribution of the height at the root converges as n tends to infinity. It turns out that the answer depends on d , with a phase transition occurring between $d=7$ and $d=8$. We explain the reasons for this and outline some details of the proof. Joint with Nathaniel Butler, Kesav Krishnan and Gourab Ray.