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## South Campus Colloquium Lectures in Mathematics

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On

"The kernel embedding trick and Herglotz duality"

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Abstract: Reproducing kernel Hilbert spaces (RKHS) arise in various contexts such as complex analysis, statistics, machine learning and portfolio theory. In the present, the ability to embed probability distributions into RKHS has been very fruitful theoretically and computationally. The Hahn-Banach theorem gives that the cone functions with positive real part in a reproducing kernel Hilbert is in some sense dual to the cone of embedded measures, which we call Herglotz duality. In complex analytic contexts, functions with positive real part are often highly rigid, and, thus, through such duality, one gains significant information about the cone of embedded measures. In this talk, we will go over the basic definitions, examples and applications.

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