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Seminar Talk

You are cordially invited to a lecture

by

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On

“Approximation by inner functions”.

At 3.30pm

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at

**South Campus, Room No. 317, Arts Faculty,
University of Delhi South Campus**

Abstract: A classical result of Carathéodory states that a holomorphic map from the open unit disc to itself can be approximated locally uniformly by finite Blaschke products. An analogous result for functions from open unit bi-disc to open unit disc was proved by Rudin.

We are interested in matrix-valued functions that are contractive (have norm at most one) on the disc and the bi-disc. A Carathéodory type approximation result of these functions can be obtained using the Nevanlinna-Pick interpolation theory. This is already known. We shall see that these approximation results can be proved through particular unitary dilations of a contraction using the realization formula for contractive matrix-valued functions.

If time allows, we shall discuss some applications of these approximation results.

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