Introduction to the distortion method on the covering systems

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摘要: In this talk, we will introduce the distortion method for the minimum modulus problem on covering systems. The minimum modulus problem was posed by Erdős in 1950, who asked whether the minimum modulus of a covering system with distinct moduli is uniformly bounded. In 2007, Filaseta, Ford, Konyagin, Pomerance and Yu affirmed it if the reciprocal sum of the moduli of a covering system is bounded. Later in 2015, Hough resolved this problem by showing that the minimum modulus is at most \$10^{16}\$. In 2022, Balister, Bollobas, Morris, Sahasrabudhe and Tiba reduced this bound to 616,000 by developing a versatile method called the distortion method. Recently, Klein, Koukoulopoulos and Lemieux generalized Hough's result by using this method. Following Klein et al.'s work, we provide a solution to Erdős' minimum modulus problem in number fields. This is a joint work with Huixi Li and Shaoyun Yi. In this talk, we mainly introduce Balister et al.'s distortion method.

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