## Philadelphia Area Number Theory Seminar

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## Laplace's Method for Sums Over Lattices

Abstract: Laplace's method is an umbrella term for techniques used to approximate integrals and summations involving functions of the form  $e^{Mf(x)}$  where M is a large number and f is a twice-differentiable function. In this talk, I present a version of Laplace's method for sums over lattice point translates due to Greenhill, Janson, and Ruciński. As an example of this technique at work, I will then introduce the concept of  $n^{\text{th}}$  order words offset by a fixed vector  $\xi \in \mathbb{Z}^d$  and derive an asymptotic estimate of the number of such words as  $n \to \infty$ .

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