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## STUDENT-FACULTY COLLOQUIUMS

### What is Cluster Algebra?

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#### Abstract

"How do you describe a matrix where the determinant of every submatrix is positive?"

The answer to this simple question has a rich algebraic structure. The theory of Cluster Algebra was introduced in 2000 by Fomin-Zelevinsky to study the above problem of total positivity. This new theory quickly becomes one of the most important research areas in mathematics, which finds applications in representation theory, combinatorics, quantum theory, and mathematical physics.

In this talk, we will discuss several examples which motivate the study of cluster algebra and its useful properties.

**Date : 13 July 2022 (Wednesday)**

**Time : 11:00am**

**Zoom Meeting : <https://hkust.zoom.us/j/97125422094> (Passcode: 071322)**

*All are Welcome!*