MATH and PIZZA Euler Characteristic: an introduction to thinking topologically

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All students with an interest in Mathematics are welcome to attend !! Date: Thursday, February 21, 2013 Time: 4:00pm - 5:00pm Room: 219, Classroom Building

Abstract:

You may have encountered the concept of Euler characteristic when thinking about soccer balls or Euclidean solids. We'll discuss counting and Euler characteristic: counting points, counting potatoes, and counting holes.

We will then approach the Euler characteristic from the perspective a topologist by trying to understand it via its properties rather than by explicitly counting—after all, even mathematicians can only count so high in practice!

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