Discrete Mathematics Seminar

Time:	Friday, 20 November 2009, 1:00–2:00 PM
Location:	238 Derrick Hall
Title:	Regular Orbits of Finite Primitive Solvable Groups
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Abstract:

Suppose that a finite solvable group G acts faithfully, irreducibly and quasi-primitively on a finite vector space V. Then G has a uniquely determined normal subgroup E which is a direct product of extraspecial p-groups for various p and we denote $e = \sqrt{|E/\mathbf{Z}(E)|}$. We prove that when $e \ge 10$ and $e \ne 16$, G will have at least 5 regular orbits on V. We also construct groups with no regular orbits on V when e = 8, 9 and 16.