



# Analysis Seminar

## Mathematical Foundations of DeepSeek: A Reinforcement Learning Perspective.

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**Abstract:** This talk explores the mathematical foundations of DeepSeek R1, an RL-only model designed for complex reasoning. Unlike traditional supervised fine-tuning, DeepSeek R1 leverages Group Relative Policy Optimization (GRPO), a novel method that stabilizes Proximal Policy Optimization (PPO) without a critic. GRPO enhances chain-of-thought reasoning by structuring problem-solving into sequential steps. I will analyze its theoretical properties and implications for reasoning-driven reinforcement learning.

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**Time:** 17:00 – 18:00, GMT+3

**Place:** ZOOM

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