



DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS
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Golden Jubilee Mathematics Seminar Series at QAU

The Mathematics Department of Quaid-i-Azam University, which is under the Faculty of Natural Sciences, is one of the oldest departments which started functioning when the University was established in 1967. The illustrious history of the Mathematics Department at Quaid-i-Azam University is possibly matched by only a few other such departments in the country. As Quaid-i-Azam University is primarily a postgraduate university, research is given a high priority in the Department. Most of the faculty members are actively engaged in research in a variety of fields in both pure and applied mathematics. Their research work is of relatively high quality and is published in a wide selection of national and international journals. There was a need for a forum where the faculty members and research scholars from other universities and institutions in Pakistan as well as international visitors could interact and keep themselves abreast with the latest mathematical ideas and developments. Thus, the Department of Mathematics at Quaid-i-Azam University decided to organize seminars in the Department on a regular basis. Dr. Qaiser Mustaq was asked to be in charge of this noble task. The first seminar series was inaugurated in the year 1984 and the first talk was delivered on September 17, 1984 by Dr. Q.K. Ghori on "On the Conservation Laws".

The main objectives were to make the seminars an integral and regular feature of the Department. To this end adequate publicity in the form of regular notices and at times University and press releases were given. Seminars notices were also sent to other universities, postgraduate colleges and scientific organizations. Moreover, the need was to encourage faculty members and students to participate in them. The Department decided to host a seminar once every week on a Monday at the time slot 13:15 to 14:15 in one of the class rooms, which was later upgraded to the present Seminar Hall of the Department.

There are two seminar series in an academic year. The first is from January to April and the second from September to December and normally sixteen talks are delivered in each series. Up to date, we have had over 650 seminars on a variety of mathematical topics. Currently, the Series L (or 50th series), which is the Golden Jubilee Seminar Series of the Department is in progress. The faculty members are very excited by this and we wish to mark this special series. Indeed, this is a unique honour and an important milestone for Quaid-i-Azam University as well as this Department which is amongst the foremost departments of the country.

Our intention is to commemorate this L series by means of a plaque that will be housed in the Departmental Seminar Hall.

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