Math Club Faculty Talk:

Removability of planar sets

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Removability of sets for conformal maps and Sobolev functions has applications in Complex Dynamics, in Conformal Welding, and in other problems that require "gluing" of functions to obtain a new function of the same class. We, therefore, seek geometric conditions on sets that guarantee their removability. In this talk, I will give a survey of old results and discuss some very recent results on the non-removability of the Sierpiński gasket and of Sierpiński carpets.