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*Distribution of preperiodic points in one-parameter families*

Let  $f_t$  be a one-parameter family of rational maps (of degree at least 2) defined over a number field  $K$ . We show that for all  $t$  outside of a set of natural density zero, every  $K$ -rational preperiodic point of  $f_t$  is the specialization of some  $K(T)$ -rational preperiodic point of  $f$ . Assuming a weak form of the Uniform Boundedness Conjecture, we also find the average number of  $K$ -rational preperiodic points of any family, and give some examples where this holds unconditionally. This talk will not assume any prior knowledge of arithmetic dynamics.