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*Arithmetic Rank Bounds for Abelian Varieties*

In his career, Ram Murty worked on the problem of bounding the rank of Abelian varieties over number fields, for example, in his 1995 paper *On the rank of  $J_0(N)(\mathbb{Q})$* .

In this talk, we examine the analogous problem over function fields. Let  $K$  be a function field with perfect constant field  $k$  of arbitrary characteristic  $p \geq 0$ . We give upper bounds, depending on  $K$ , on the rank of the Mordell-Weil group over  $K$  of any Abelian variety which has trivial  $K/k$ -trace. Our result generalizes in various ways a previous theorem by Jean Gillibert (Université de Toulouse) and Aaron Levin (Michigan State University) on elliptic curves over function fields of characteristic  $p$  different from 2 and 3 and is moreover stated under weaker assumptions. We also explore some consequences of our result. This is a joint work with Jean Gillibert and Aaron Levin.