## Normal numbers and perfect necklaces

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**Abstract:** The most famous example of a normal number is Champernowne's constant 0.123456789101112... Although the definition is very simple, the original proof of normality requires quite some work. In this talk I present "perfect necklaces", a combinatorial object that yields a simple proof of Champernowne's normality result. And with a class of them, the "nested perfect necklaces", I explain M. Levin's constant, the number with the fastest known speed of convergence to normality.