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## DISPUTATION

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**Disputation über die Doktorarbeit von**

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Thema der Dissertation:

**Applications of Topology, Combinatorics and Algorithms to  
Discrete Geometry**

Thema der Disputation:

**Thieves and Necklaces**

Die Arbeit wurde unter der Betreuung von **Prof. Dr. F. Frick** durchgeführt.

Abstract: Can a necklace with  $ka_i$  beads of colour  $i$  be fairly divided among  $k$  thieves by at most  $(k-1)n$  cuts?

This problem is simple to state, but has two interesting perspectives:

The answer is yes by a classical application of the Borsuk-Ulam theorem for two thieves and a generalization for more thieves. However, this non-constructive proof does not determine the solution. In general, finding the solution can be challenging. This observation has been formalized recently by Filos-Ratsikas and Goldberg by showing that the task of splitting a necklace among 2 thieves with  $n$  cuts is a PPA-complete problem.

We will gather some notions and techniques used for the above results.

Die Disputation besteht aus dem o. g. Vortrag, danach der Vorstellung der Dissertation einschließlich jeweils anschließenden Aussprachen.

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