Michigan Math Club Thursday at 4pm in the Nesbitt Room Free Pizza and Pop

Number Theory and Linear Algebra in the land of Trig Functions

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Math courses tend to teach the successes: The Euclidean algorithm can compute GCD's of integers; the reduced row echelon algorithm can put matrices of real numbers into standard form. This talk will explain how both ideas fail when dealing with matrices of trigonometric functions. This talk does not require number theory past GCD's, or linear algebra past row operations. It will also have cute pictures!

