Séminaire de théorie des nombres

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The proportion of failures of the Hasse norm principle

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Résumé : Let K be a number field and let J_K be its group of ideles. If a nonzero rational number is a norm from K^* , then it is a norm from J_K . We say that the Hasse norm principle holds for K/\mathbf{Q} if the converse holds, i.e. if every rational number which is a norm from J_K is in fact a norm from K^* .

This talk is about the proportion of rational numbers which are counterexamples to the Hasse norm principle for K/\mathbf{Q} . Using work of Odoni, we give asymptotic formulae for the counting functions for rational numbers that are norms from J_K and for rational numbers that are norms from K^* . We calculate the proportion of rational numbers that are norms from J_K which fail to be norms from K^* . We show that this proportion is 1 - 1/n, where n is the (finite) index of $N(K^*)$ in $N(J_K) \cap \mathbf{Q}^*$.

This is joint work with Tim Browning.