

My meetings with Jaroslav Zemánek – the way I remember them

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Abstract

My first meeting with Jaroslav Zemánek took place in May 1975 during the “VI-th Seminar on Functional Analysis” in Štefanova (near Žilina). This was one of the conferences organized every year somewhere in Czechoslovakia by Professor Vlastimil Pták. From then on we have seen each other very often at the Institute of Mathematics of the Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw or at many conferences in Czechoslovakia, Poland, Germany, Canada, and Slovakia.

During my talk I am going to tell about mathematical problems Jaroslav was interested in at the beginning of His mathematical career, why He moved from Prague to Warsaw, and what was the content of His PhD thesis. I also say about His way of “doing” mathematics, what kind mathematics He liked and also what He disliked in it.