

Recent results and open problems on unitals

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Conjecture If Γ is connected then \mathcal{U} is isomorphic to the classical, or to a BM-unital.