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Dear AMS Members and Friends,

While 2020 was not the year we expected or would have chosen, it was an inspiration to see the extraordinary support mathematicians extended to one another, and it was an honor for the AMS to be part of such a strong and healthy community. I will look back on 2020 as a year when our community was wonderfully generous, and hope this contributor's report captures some of that spirit.

Last year the AMS pivoted to offer new virtual conferences and other resources, resulting in some of the most accessible events we have ever hosted. In addition, our transition to an almost entirely digital workflow for Mathematical Reviews (accelerated by the constraints of working remotely) was a monumental effort that will make MathSciNet® more efficient and sustainable for years to come. The Board and Council joined together in a unanimous statement of support for and solidarity with Black mathematicians, acknowledged the difficult and necessary work of addressing the AMS's historical role in perpetuating inequality and racial injustice, and charged a task force with identifying a way forward aligned with our mission, vision, and values. We also committed to publishing a new research journal, *Communications of the American Mathematical Society*, using the diamond open access model (free to authors and readers). Finally, our dedication to supporting AMS members at all stages of their careers resulted in frozen dues and publication fees, new networking opportunities, and an expansion of remote access to existing and new resources—a powerful testament to our commitment to advancing research and creating connections.

All these efforts were supported by donors to the AMS. Fiske Society donors, who had included the AMS in their wills, made important gifts last year that supported all our programs. Epsilon Fund donors continued to enhance summer enrichment programs for young scholars. Newly established endowed funds augmented the support for early-career mathematicians pioneered by our successful Next Generation Campaign. The list goes on: gifts for graduate student chapters, gifts for fellowships, and gifts for undergraduates who were at risk of not completing their studies. All contributions were especially critical in a year when the AMS stepped in to support mathematicians however it could.

On behalf of the whole mathematical community, which has connected and supported us all during this challenging year, please accept my heartfelt thanks.

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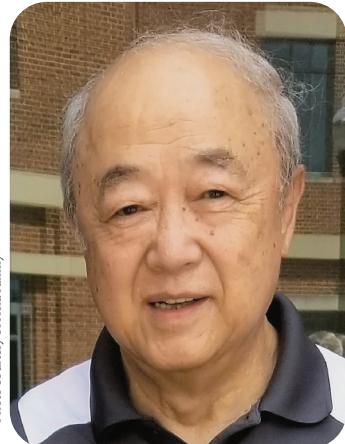


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What is Dispersion?

We are all familiar with dispersion since we observe it all the time:

- Rainbow: dispersion causes the spacial separation of white light into different colors.



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- Ripples: expanding ring is called a wave-packet. Individual waves travel at different speeds, the longest ones going fastest and the shortest ones slowest.



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