PMATH 465/665 Geometry of Manifolds, Fall 2019

Lectures: MWF 9:30-10:20 in MC 4045.

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Course Outline: We will cover much of the following material from the textbook.

  - Appendix A: Review of Topology
  - Chapter 1: Smooth Manifolds
  - Chapter 2: Smooth Maps
  - Chapter 3: Tangent Vectors
  - Chapter 4: Submersions, Immersions and Embeddings
  - Chapter 5: Submanifolds
  - Chapter 7: Lie Groups
  - Chapter 8: Vector Fields
  - Chapter 9: Integral Curves and Flows
  - Chapter 10: Vector Bundles
  - Chapter 11: The Cotangent Bundle
  - Chapter 12: Tensors
  - Chapter 14: Differential Forms
  - Chapter 15: Orientation
  - Chapter 16: Integration on Manifolds
  - Chapter 17: DeRham Cohomology
  - Chapter 19: Distributions and Foliations

Assignments: There will be about 5 assignments, to be handed in during class.
No late assignments will be accepted. The lowest assignment mark will not be counted. Any assignments which remain uncollected by the end of January, 2020 will be shredded.

Tests: There will be a 1.5 hour midterm test and a 2.5 hour final exam (which will cover all of the course material). Calculators will not be allowed on tests.

Course Mark: The final course grade $G$ will be given by the maximum of the two marking schemes

$$ G = 20\% A + 30\% M + 50\% E $$
$$ G = 10\% A + 15\% M + 75\% E $$

where $A$ is at the average of the assignment marks, $M$ is the mark on the midterm test, and $E$ is the mark on the exam. Graduate students will be required to do an additional project which will also contribute to the grade.

Website: The course website can be found at http://www.math.uwaterloo.ca/~snew/
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