MATH201: Second Year Seminar

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Course description: This class aims at giving students some guidance and practice at
  • reading (recent) research articles in Mathematics
  • giving presentations in the style of a Mathematics seminar.
Each student will give several oral presentations in front of the other students (and faculty), and receive some feedback for improvement.

Learning goals: The main goal is to learn how to present advanced mathematical results to an audience of fellow mathematicians unfamiliar with the topic. A second goal is to learn how to go about reading a research article without knowing all the necessary background.

Requirement: The class is for 2nd year Mathematics PhD students.

Grading Policy: The grade will be based on the quality of the presentations, and the willingness to help other speakers improve. At the end of the semester each student will write a short report on the other students in the class, commenting on their presentation skills and giving some advice for improvement.

Office hours: Office hours will be held in Goldsmith 301 on Fridays 1pm-2pm, or by appointment.

Expectation of students’ effort: Success in this course is based on the expectation that students will prepare thoroughly for each oral presentation, and provide feedback to others.

Disabilities: If you are a student with a documented disability on record at Brandeis University and wish to have a reasonable accommodation made for you in this class, please see me immediately.

Academic Integrity: You are expected to be familiar with, and to follow, the University’s policies on academic integrity. Please consult Brandeis University Rights and Responsibilities for all policies and procedures. All policies related to academic integrity
apply to in-class and take home projects, assignments, exams, and quizzes. Students may only collaborate on assignments with permission from the instructor. Allegations of alleged academic dishonesty will be forwarded to the Director of Academic Integrity. Sanctions for academic dishonesty can include failing grades and/or suspension from the university.