

GENERAL REMARKS

There is a separate course outline that lists the course topics and keys them to the course text (Munkres, *Topology, Second Edition*).

Contact information. My office is Surge 221, and it is around the corner from the Department's administrative front desk (Surge 202). My standard office hours will be posted during the first full week of the course, with availability at other times by appointment. My office telephone number is 951-827-6459 (as usual, suppress the area code from inside the 951 region, and also replace the 827 by a 2 if calling from an extension at UCR); unfortunately, the voice mail is either nonfunctioning or unreliable, so if it is necessary to leave a message by telephone please do so through the main Department number, which is 951-827-3113. One highly recommended option for reaching me is electronic mail; my full address is `schultz@math.ucr.edu` or `reinhard.schultz@ucr.edu` or else simply `schultz` if you happen to have an account on the departmental network and are logged into one of the Department's computers. Use of electronic mail is often easier than trying to play telephone tag. **IMPORTANT:** The default filters for electronic mail on the Department network are not very restrictive and I receive an enormous amount of garbage in my electronic mailbox (100 junk messages per day sometimes!). Therefore I **strongly recommend** that you include something like Math 205A in the subject heading so that your message does not get inadvertently deleted without being read. Also, since the authors of junk messages often use only capital letters in their subject headings, this should be avoided as well.

Grading policy: There will be two midterm examinations, each of which will count 25 per cent, and a final examination that will count 50 per cent. The tentative dates for the midterm examinations are Wednesday, October 29, and Monday, November 25; the scheduled date for the final examination is Wednesday, December 10, and as noted in the (tentative) course schedule the exam will begin at 9 rather than 8 (the number of questions will reflect the shortened time period). Students are responsible for knowing how to do all the exercises listed in the course homework file.

Course handouts and notes: All printed handouts for the course will be available on World Wide Web from the following directory:

<http://math.ucr.edu/~res/math205A>

All files except a few ordinary text files are available as pdf files. These can be opened, downloaded, read or printed with the free Acrobat readers that are available or easily downloadable on most PC's these days (including Macintosh and Unix based systems). The most important files in the directory are copies of this document (`aabInformation.pdf`), the tentative course schedule (`aaamath205Aschedulef08.pdf`), the course notes (`gentopnotes2008.pdf` for the body of the material, `gentopcontents2008.pdf` for the table of contents, and `gentopsubsections2008.pdf` for a more detailed table of contents) and the homework assignments for the course (some from the book, but also many others) `gentopexercises2008.pdf`. There are also files of solutions to the homework exercises. Changes to the course directory or any of its files will be recorded in a document called `aaaLOGFILE` which will appear at the top of the course directory.

IMPORTANT. (1) *Please contact me promptly if you have problems viewing or printing out any of these files.*

(2) *These files are only intended for classroom purposes and are not meant for widespread public circulation.*

Primary class sessions: Student questions are encouraged. Please do not hesitate to ask questions, especially if you do not understand something or if something in the lecture seems wrong — even if everyone else seems to understand.

Questions on homework or review are generally best answered at the beginning of class. In general these are encouraged, but in some cases it might be necessary to limit such question periods or to post the answers online after class.

Statement for students with disabilities:

Students who have been certified by the University eligible for **academic adjustments** should go to the Special Services office and request the information on how to proceed this term to get these adjustments made in their courses. **This should be done during the first week of classes.** Information regarding this office is available at the following online site:

<http://specialservices.ucr.edu/Students+with+Disabilities>

Only students who have been certified by the University and who have requested the University to send their certification letter to their instructor are eligible for academic adjustments.

Students who are currently undergoing an evaluation process to determine whether they are eligible for academic adjustments are encouraged to find out **now** what procedures they will have to follow when they are certified by requesting the information mentioned above.