

## 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). Normally I am available in my office between 10:30 and 11:00 on Mondays, and at other times by appointment. My telephone number is 951-827-6459, with the standard conversion rule if calling from an extension on campus. Another highly recommended option is electronic mail; my full address is `schultz@math.ucr.edu` or simply `schultz` if you are logged into one of the Department's computers. Use of electronic mail is often much easier than trying to play telephone tag.

**Grading policy:** There will be two midterm examinations, each of which will count 25 per cent, a final examination that will count 50 per cent. The tentative dates for the midterm examinations are Monday, October 31, and Wednesday, November 30; the scheduled date for the final examination is Wednesday, December 14, and the time and place are listed in the schedule of classes (the location in particular may be changed). 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 the Department computer network in the directory `~res/math205A`. Most files are available in dvi, PostScript, and Acrobat PDF formats; these can be read from the Department's Unix computers using the commands `xdvi`, `ghostview` and `acroread` respectively (however, files with pictures are usually not available in the dvi format), and they can also be printed for use in connection with studies in this department. Solutions to homework exercises will be added to the directory during the course. The quality of some files might not be perfect because of problems with the local software for file conversion. Efforts will be made to repair such problems, particularly if the turn out to interfere with the learning of material.

The most important files in the directory are copies of this document (`general205Af05.*`, where `*` is one of the formats `dvi`, `ps` or `pdf`), the course outline `math205Afall05.*`, copies of the course notes (`gentopnotes2005.*` for the body of the material and `gentopcontents2005.*` for the table of contents) and copies of the homework assignments for the course (some from the book, but also many others) `gentopexercises2005.*`.

**Please contact me immediately if you have problems viewing or printing out any of these files.**

*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 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.