

## Disambiguation of the name “Stone” in topology

Since there were two mathematicians named Stone who made contributions to the subject matter of this course shortly before the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, we shall identify them more precisely. One of them (Marshall H. Stone, 1903–1989) is known for a wide range of important contributions to “soft analysis,” which studies the properties of certain normed vector spaces which arise in analysis, the linear operators on such spaces, and related topics; the modern part of the Stone–Weierstrass approximation theorem is due to him. The other (Arthur H. Stone, 1916–) has made numerous contributions to topology and geometry, including the paracompactness theorem for metrizable spaces and the discovery of curious geometrical figures like the hexaflexagon. More information on each can be found using a Google search.