

## 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. **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 messages per day sometimes!). Therefore I **strongly recommend** that you include something like Math 205B 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, a final examination that will count 50 per cent. The tentative dates for the midterm examinations are Friday, February 1, and Wednesday, March 5; the scheduled date for the final examination is Thursday, March 20, and the time and place are listed in the schedule of classes (the location may be changed, and the time allocated for the examination will probably be two hours — the content of the examination will be adjusted accordingly). Students are responsible for knowing how to do all the exercises listed in the course homework files.

**Course handouts and notes:** All printed handouts for the course will be available from the following online directory: <http://math.ucr.edu/~res/math205B>

All files except for a few ASCII text files are in the Acrobat PDF format. They can be opened, downloaded, read or printed using the free Acrobat Reader that are now on most computers and in any case can be easily downloaded and installed.

The most important files in the directory are copies of this document (`azaINFORMATION.pdf`), the day by day course plan `math205Bschedule.pdf`, the running commentary on the course text(x) (`math205Bcommentaries.tex`) and copies of the homework assignments for the course (some from the book, but also many others) `math205Bexercises.*`. The files with commentaries and exercises will be completed as the course progresses. Information on the state of these documents will appear in the file `aaaLOGFILE`. Other files will be also be added during the course.

**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.