SYLLABUS: MATH 415 SPRING 2013

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1. Logistics

1.1. Course website. General: http://www.math.uiuc.edu/~rinat/415. There is a page at learn.illinois.edu which will have course notes, homework and announcements.

1.2. My coordinates. Email: rinat at illinois dot edu. Office: 342 Illini Hall.

1.3. Help hours. There will be common help hours in the math department for math 415 students of all sections, see course website for specifics.


2. Homework

(1) Pre-class reading and exercises. Read the sections to be covered in class before coming to class. Template notes for the lectures are usually posted a day before the class: It will be easier for you to take notes if you print these out in advance. Sometimes there may be a pre-class worksheet posted. In those cases, if you do the short problems and turn them in at the start of class, they will count towards extra credit at the end of the semester. In-class worksheets will also count in the same way.

(2) Homework exercises. There are two types: Textbook exercises to be written up and handed in at the start of the class period on the due date, and WebAssign problems. Each type is worth 15% of your grade. The homework component of the grade is 30%.

(3) Absolutely no late homework will be accepted. To deal with contingencies, the 2 lowest written homework grades will be dropped from your grade. No homework will be accepted by email.

(4) The solutions should be written neatly so that the grader should have absolutely no trouble understanding your argument and final answer. Hint: Copy the solution on a new sheet of paper after you have solved the problem on scratch paper. The grader is not required to grade any solutions which he/she has difficulty reading.

3. Exams

There will be three exams during the semester

- Exam 1: February 15, 15%
- Exam 2: March 15, 15%
- Exam 3: April 19, 15%
There will be no makeup exams unless arrangements are made in advance of the exam date. No exceptions are made to this rule.

3.1. **Final.** The final is worth 25% of your grade.

4. **General**

   **In class:** No cellphones allowed at any time. No food of any sort including chewing gum. Laptops must remain in their case during the entire class time.

   **During exams:** In addition to the above items, no calculators are permitted during exams. No talking to other students. No electronic devices of any kind.