

# **CPS296.1: COMPUTATIONAL TOPOLOGY**

Term: Fall 2006 Time: Mo We 4:25pm - 5:40pm Location: LSRC D106

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#### Announcements

• New Rules: To be clear is better than to be right. Well, to be right is good but in the future we will subtract points if the solution is spread thin in a not so transparent presentation. One way to help achieve this goal is to limit each solution to a single page (that's one side of an oriented piece of two-dimensional paper).

## Schedule

Date	Lecture Topic	Notes	Assignments
Aug 28 Mon	introduction	General information [pdf]	
	I. GRAPHS		
Aug 30 We	connected components	Lecture [pdf]	
Sep 01 Fr	curves and knots	Lecture [pdf]	
Sep 11 Mo	planar graphs	Lecture [pdf] Problem [pdf]	HW#1 out [pdf]
	II. SURFACES		
Sep 13 We	two-dimensional manifolds	Lecture [pdf]	
Sep 15 Fr	fundamental group	Lecture [pdf]	
Sep 18 Mo	self-intersections	Lecture [pdf] Problem [pdf]	HW#1 due
Sep 20 We	surface simplification	Lecture [pdf]	HW#2 out [pdf]
	III. COMPLEXES		
Sep 25 Mo	simplicial complexes	Lecture [pdf]	
Sep 27 We	convex set systems	Lecture [pdf]	
Oct 11 We	Delaunay complexes	Lecture [pdf] Problem [pdf]	HW#2 due
Oct 16 Mo	alpha complexes	Lecture [pdf]	HW#3 out [pdf]
	IV. HOMOLOGY		
Oct 18 We	homology groups	Lecture [pdf]	
Oct 23 Mo	matrix reduction	Lecture [pdf]	
Oct 25 We	cohomology	Lecture [pdf]	HW#3 due

Oct 30 Mo	Practice Hour		HW#4 out [pdf]
	VI. PERSISTENCE		
Nov 01 We	persistent homology	Lecture [pdf]	
Nov 06 Mo	stability	Lecture [pdf]	
Nov 08 We	an application to curves	Lecture [pdf]	HW#4 due
Nov 13 Mo	extended persistence	Lecture [pdf]	HW#5 out [pdf]
	V. MORSE FUNCTIONS		
Nov 15 We	generic smooth functions	Lecture [pdf]	
Nov 20 Mo	transversality condition	Lecture [pdf]	
Nov 27 Mo	piecewise linear functions	Lecture [pdf]	HW#5 due
Nov 29 We	Reeb graphs	Lecture [pdf]	HW#6 out [pdf]
Dec 07 Th		due at 4:25pm on Dec 8	take-home exam
Dec 13 We		due at 4:25pm	project report

## References

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### **Projects**

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