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## Math 490: Seminar on Computational Dynamics and Topology Spring 2008

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**Meeting time:** MW 9:00-10:20

**Meeting place:** Morton 4

**Office:** 133, Jones Hall

**Office Hours:** Mondays 10:30-11:30, Thursdays 2:30-3:30, or by appointment

**Grading:**

20% class participation

20% homework and evaluations

20% presentations

40% project

**Announcements:**

**\*\*Note schedule changes below.\*\***

Final projects are due at the beginning of the scheduled final exam period: Friday, May 2, 8:30-11:30.

**Links and References:**

*Dynamics:*

[cobwebbing fun](#)

[Dynamical Systems at Wikipedia](#)

[Chaos: An Introduction to Dynamical Systems](#), by Alligood, Sauer, and Yorke (book)

*Nonlinear Dynamics and Chaos*, by [Strogatz](#) (book)

Software for the [Global Analysis of Invariant Objects \(GAIO\)](#)

*Computational Topology:*

[Computational Topology at Wikipedia](#)

[Topology at Wikipedia](#)

*Computational Homology*, by Kaczynski, Mischaikow, and Mrozek (book) ([synopsis/review](#))

[Algebraic Topology](#), by Hatcher (book)

A talk by M. Schatz: [Homological characterization of complex spatiotemporal patterns](#)

A movie from the webpage of [Evelyn Sander](#):

[Spinodal Decomposition: A pictorial view of the formation of binary alloys](#)

[Computational Homology Project, CHomP](#)

**Schedule:**

Date	Material	Presenter(s)	Comments
1/16 (W)	organizational meeting, project ideas	S. Day	see links and references above survey, presentation comments, synopsis due next meeting
1/21 (M)	MLK DAY/NO MEETING		
1/23 (W)	organizational meeting,	S. Day	see links and references above synopsis, presentation comments due next meeting

	project ideas		
1/28 (M)	one-dimensional maps	Alex Penney	pre-proposal due
1/30 (W)	GIS and topology	Erin Gnass	Erin's GIS slides are available on the course Blackboard site (under Course Documents).
2/4 (M)	winding numbers and the Borsuk lemma	Matt Goldman	proposal due
2/6 (W)	short organizational meeting		
2/11 (M)	canceled	Brian Ball	to be rescheduled
2/13 (W)	heart data and an intro to computational homology	Taylor Short	By the end of the day, please send a list of the fridays this semester that you are <i>*not*</i> available to meet (9-10:20).
2/18 (M)	fractals	Jemma Moore	Jemma's slides are available on the course Blackboard site (under Course Documents).
2/20 (W)	computational homology, part II	Corey Miller	
2/25 (M)	game theory	Drew Hughes	
2/27 (W)	time series analysis	Brian Ball	
2/29 (F) *	fractals II	Jemma Moore	<i>* Meeting in Morton 239.</i>
3/3 (M)	SPRING BREAK/NO MEETING		
3/5 (W)	SPRING BREAK/NO MEETING		
3/10 (M)	game theory II	Drew Hughes	
3/12 (W)	the ham sandwich theorem	Matt Goldman	
3/17 (M) *	CANCELLED		
3/19 (W) *	CANCELLED		
3/21 (F) *	the boundary operator and GIS	Erin Gnass	<i>* Meeting in Morton 239.</i>
3/24 (M)	time series analysis II	Brian Ball	
3/26 (W)	computational homology	Taylor Short	
3/31 (M)	computational homology	Corey Miller	
4/2 (W)	dynamics	Alex Penney	
4/4 (F) *	2-d and discrete ham sandwich theorems	Matt Goldman	<i>* Meeting in Morton 239.</i>
4/7 (M)	game theory III	Drew Hughes	
4/9 (W)	period three implies chaos	Alex Penney	
4/14 (M)	computational homology in action	Corey Miller	
4/16 (W)	computational homology and spiral waves	Taylor Short	
4/18 (F) *	applications of time series analysis	Brian Ball	<i>* Meeting in Morton 239.</i>
4/21 (M)	the mandelbrot set and julia sets in more detail	Jemma Moore	
4/23 (W)	computational homology and GIS	Erin Gnass	