

MATH 180: DIFFERENTIAL CALCULUS

2017W Term 1: Section 102

RESOURCES

Webpage. All homework assignments and announcements will be posted on the course webpage, which is

www.math.ubc.ca/~zmurchok/180.html

Classes. The course is taught by a team and consists of two parts. Each week will include the following classes:

- Two 80-minute *lectures*, on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00–9:20 am in LSK 201. In *lectures*, we will engage with most of the course material. We will use be using clickers in class.
- One 80-minute *workshop*, which consists of two parts. In the first part, *group work* (50-minutes), you will work in small groups on problems, and submit a solution to a problem for assessment. In the second part, *study hall* (30-minutes), you will work with your colleagues on homework or practice problems, and ask your TAs for guidance and help.

In all of your classes, you are expected to participate actively—asking questions, proposing solutions and extending results. Attendance is mandatory.

Contact information for the teaching team is as follows.

| Name | Role | Email | Webpage |
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Office Hours. You are encouraged to attend office hours to ask questions about course material or mathematics in general. Office hours will take place on Tuesdays from 12:00–1:00 in LSK 300, and on Wednesdays from 11:00–1:00 in LSK 300. You are also welcome to book appointments over email.

Piazza. Piazza is an online forum where you are encouraged to post and answer questions. There is a link to Piazza in the “resources” section of the course webpage.

Textbook. There are a number of free online textbooks which are suitable. The best is the CLP textbook, written by UBC mathematicians Joel Feldman, Andrew Rechnitzer and Elyse Yeager. There is a link to this textbook in the “resources” section of the course webpage.

ASSESSMENT

To achieve success in this course, assigned work is necessary but not sufficient. You must work through extra problems, some of which will be provided to you. *The expectation is that you spend at least eight hours per week outside the classroom on this course.*

Assignments. There are nine assignments with two parts: an online part and a written part.

Written part. The written problems train your ability to synthesize information and construct arguments. Your answers should be in the form of explanations written in plain English with mathematical notations. You will be graded on the mathematical, logical, and grammatical coherence of your explanations, as well as on their economy and creativity. One of the written problems with generally be at a much higher level than the online problems; it is not unusual to spend several

days working on it. Solutions to the written problems must be handed in at the beginning of class on the due date. Late assignments will not be accepted. *You are encouraged to work on homework assignments together. However, you must write your solutions independently.*

You are required to type solutions to your written assignments. It is strongly recommended that you use \LaTeX , a document preparation system widely used in mathematics, engineering, and the sciences. The course webpage has a link to a free online \LaTeX compiler. Typing your solutions will help you think through the presentation of your work, and will improve the coherence of your explanations.

Quizzes. There are nine 10-minute quizzes, which take place in class. These are meant to assess your technical and computational skills, and questions will be of WeBWorK and exam difficulty.

Exams. There will be one 90-minute midterm exam on October 25, at 6:00 p.m. The 150-minute final exam will take place in December. Calculators are not permitted on quizzes nor exams.

Grade Summary. Your final grade is based on assignments (10%), quizzes (10%), workshops (10%), the midterm exam (20%), and the final exam (50%).

SCHEDULE

An approximate schedule of topics is below. A_n and Q_n stands for assignment n and quiz n . Assignments are due at the beginning of class on the indicated date. Quizzes take place in the first 10 minutes of class on the indicated date.

| Dates | Topics | Notes & Deadlines |
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| Sep 6–8 | Curves, limits, and asymptotes | First class Sep 7 |
| Sep 11–15 | The derivative | Workshops start, A0 on Sep 12 (not for grades) |
| Sep 18–22 | Derivatives sums, products, and quotients | A1 and Q1 on Sep 19 |
| Sep 25–29 | Derivatives of trigonometric functions | A2 and Q2 on Sep 26 |
| Oct 2–6 | Derivatives of exponential and logarithmic functions | A3 and Q3 on Oct 3 |
| Oct 9–13 | The Chain Rule, implicit differentiation and inverse trigonometric functions | A4 and Q4 on Oct 10 |
| Oct 16–20 | Related rates | A5 and Q5 on Oct 17 |
| Oct 23–27 | Curve sketching, Part I | Midterm Oct 25, 6:00 p.m. |
| Oct 30–Nov 3 | Curve sketching, Part II | |
| Nov 6–10 | Optimization, Part I | A6 and Q6 on Nov 7 |
| Nov 13–17 | Optimization, Part II | A7 and Q7 on Nov 14 |
| Nov 20–24 | Linear and higher degree approximations | A8 and Q8 on Nov 21 |
| Nov 27–Dec 1 | Review | A9 and Q9 on Nov 28 |