2013/2014, Term 1. MATH 515:101 Partial Differential Equations of Fluid Mechanics

This course is an introduction to the mathematical theory of fluid mechanics.

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Tentative Course Outline:

- Introduction of Euler and Navier-Stokes equations; Symmetry groups and conserved quantities; Vorticity and some exact solutions; Leray's formulation and Hodge decomposition;
- Vorticity-Stream formulation of Euler and Navier-Stokes; Energy methods; Local and global theory; Axisymmetric flows;
- Weak solutions; elliptic vortices; vortex patches; Yudovich theory;
- Further developments: Vortex sheets; Kelvin-Helmoltz instability; Young measures

References: A number of books will prove useful, but our basic reference is

Vorticity and Incompressible Flow, by Majda and Bertozzi

Course homepage: http://www.math.ubc.ca/~dli/m515fluid/m515.html Grading: is based on homework assignments and class participation.