



Bridge to Abstract Mathematics

Spring 2020 - Sec. 001

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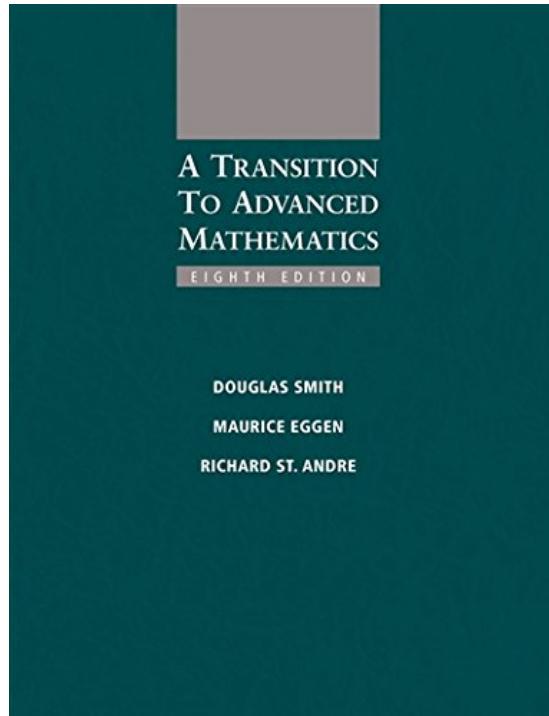
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- **Time & location of class:** MW: 9:30 am – 10:45 am,
CMC 118
- **Office hours:** MW 11:00 am - 12 pm

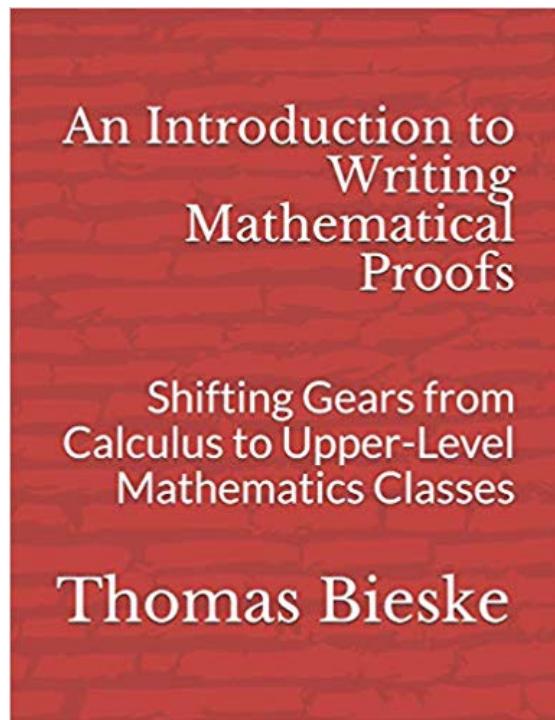
Text: *A Transition to Advanced Mathematics*, by Smith, Eggen & St. Andre, 8th edition.

→ Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4 will be covered.



OTHER REFERENCES

References: *An Introduction to Writing Mathematical Proofs: Shifting Gears from Calculus to Upper-Level Mathematics Classes*, 4th edition (red cover), Thomas Bieske.



WHERE CAN I FIND THE MATERIAL?

- **Canvas:** announcements, documents (quizzes, homework, etc.), contact the instructor.
- **My personal website (*teaching* tab):**
<http://aiezzi.it/teaching/bridge-spring2020.html>



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GRADING POLICY

- Tests/Exams: **75%** (total)
- Homework: **15%**
- Quizzes and other activities: **10%**

Three tests (tentative schedule):

- Wednesday February 12, 9:30-10:45 am
- Wednesday March 11, 9:30-10:45 am
- Wednesday April 22, 9:30-10:45 am

One cumulative two-hour final exam

- Wednesday May 6, 7:30-9:30 am

The lowest of these four scores will be dropped. After dropping the lowest score, each test/exam will count for 25% of the final grade, for a total of 75%.

Written homework:

- Due the Wednesday of the following week, at the beginning of the class.
- Good training for quizzes and tests.
- You can ask for an extension (until one week after the due date and without penalty) for at most 2 homework assignments during the entire semester.

Quizzes (almost) every Wednesday:

- 10-15 minutes.
- At the beginning of the class.
- Exercises, definitions, statement of theorems, easy proofs etc.

SHOULD I GO TO CLASS?

Well, I can not guarantee that:

You go to class => you will succeed...

... but I can guarantee that:

You skip class => you won't pass!

Moreover, if you come constantly to class, you will be rewarded!

ANY EXTRA CREDIT?

There will be extra credits assigned based on **attendance**. You can get up to an additional 3% on the final grade, according to the following scale:

- 3%: 0 unexcused absence
- 2%: 1 unexcused absences
- 1%: 2 unexcused absences
- 0% ≥ 3 unexcused absences

OTHER INFORMATION

- You are responsible for any announcement given either in class or on Canvas.
- Cell phones are strictly forbidden in class.
- Class is from 9:30 am to 10:45 am. You have to be on time and stay until the end (except special reasons)
- More information and a tentative of schedule on the paper syllabus



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FIRST DAY ATTENDANCE

