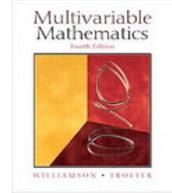


# MAT 308: Differential Equations with Linear Algebra

## Stony Brook, Spring 2011



**Text:** *Multivariable Mathematics*, (4<sup>th</sup> ed.) by Williamson & Trotter.

This same book is used for both MAT307 and MAT308; it seems to come in both paperback and hardcover formats, with the *same* ISBN, so be careful when ordering. The bookstore is selling the hardback for \$84 (\$63 used).

**About this course:** Linear Algebra and differential equations are intimately related subjects. While some linear algebra was used in multivariable calculus, we will study the subject more fully and then use these results in order to examine solutions of differential equations.

MAT307 and MAT308 together cover the same material as MAT203, MAT211, and MAT303, at a slightly more theoretical level. This means that this course is going to move *quickly* and will be a significant amount of work. Since about half of the linear algebra material was covered in MAT307, you should have taken either MAT307 or MAT211 before taking MAT308.

**Reading:** There is a lot of material in the text that can not be covered in class, and reading the relevant sections will greatly increase your comprehension, and enable you to ask intelligent questions in class. The text is rather densely written, so you may not understand it on the first or even second reading. Keep trying— it will eventually pay off. If you are having trouble reading the text, please discuss this with me!

**Examinations and grading:** There will be two midterm exams, weekly homeworks, and a final exam. Mathematics is not a spectator sport; you must work problems in order to fully understand<sup>1</sup> the material. Don't fool yourself into thinking you understand just because it makes sense when *I* do the problems.

What	When	% of Final Grade
Exam 1	approx. March 7 in class	25%
Exam 2	approx. April 13 in class	25%
Final Exam	Monday, May 18 5:15–7:45 pm	35%
Homeworks, Participation, etc.		15%

Make sure that you can attend the exams at the scheduled times; **make-ups will not be given**. If one midterm exam is missed because of a serious (documented) illness or emergency, the semester grade will be determined based on the balance of the work in the course.

**Webpage:** <http://www.math.sunysb.edu/~scott/mat308.spr11/>

**Homework and Schedule:** The list of homework assignments and the most current schedule of topics can be found on the [class web page](#). It will change, so check it regularly.

Homeworks will be due in class on the mondday following the week they are assigned. This gives you a chance to discuss the problems in recitation on thursday, and then have the weeked to do the problems. The graded homeworks will be returned in recitation.

**Instructor:** Prof. S. Sutherland / Math 5-112 / 632-7306 / `scott` at `math.sunysb.edu`  
 Office hours: TBA and by appointment. Note that I can often be found around the department most days. Send me an email or phone first if you want to be sure I'm around, or just come by and take your chances. I'm around a lot, though sometimes you'll have to wait a bit.

**TA and grader:** Yury Sobolev / Physics D-126 / `yury` at `math.sunysb.edu`  
 Office hours: TBA

<sup>1</sup>“One learns by doing a thing; for though you think you know it, you have no certainty until you try.” (Sophocles)

**Disabilities:** If you have a physical, psychological, medical, or learning disability that may impact your course work, please contact Disability Support Services at <http://studentaffairs.stonybrook.edu/dss/> or (631) 632-6748. They will determine with you what accommodations are necessary and appropriate. All information and documentation is confidential.

Students who require assistance during emergency evacuation are encouraged to discuss their needs with their professors and Disability Support Services. For procedures and information go to the following website:<http://www.stonybrook.edu/ehs/fire/disabilities.shtml>.

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