Math 305S Term Paper and Presentation

The term paper and class presentation make up a very substantial portion of your graded work for this course.

- The term paper is worth 30% of your grade
- The class presentation is worth 10% of your grade

1 General information

Term paper: The term paper will be 5-10 pages, and cover a pre-agreed-upon topic. Some people are more or less terse writers than others, so the exact page length is not so important. Rather, what is important is that you (accurately) cover our agreed upon scope for your paper. We will meet by the end of October to make sure the scope of your project is acceptable, and I will ask that no two students cover the exact same topic.

Class presentation: Your class presentation should be about 20 minutes long, and then you should be receptive to about 5 minutes of questions from other students in the class. You may use the projector (for a powerpoint/beamer presentation) or the blackboard, or both. Your presentation should include at least one proof, and at least one numerical example, unless the particular topic makes this impossible.

2 Important dates

1. Decide upon paper topic, and meet with me to go over scope: October 30, October 31, or November 1
2. Class presentations begin: Monday 18 November 2019
3. Draft of paper due: Monday 18 November 2019
4. Receive feedback on draft: Meet with me November 25 or 26 to receive feedback.
5. Final paper due: Wednesday 4 December 2019 (last day of classes). Turning in paper early is encouraged!