CSE 173: DISCRETE MATHEMATICS

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Why Discrete Mathematics ?



Discrete Mathematics

- Computer Science is no more about computers than astronomy is about telescopes.
 - Edsger Dijkstra, 1970. (though disputed)

CSE, as a discipline, uses mathematics extensively to model and solve problems that we often experience in our real world > Suppose

 You are working on some research problem, and in the process, you derive

The Proof May Surprise All; Perhaps

$$a = b$$

$$a^{2} = ab$$

$$a^{2} - b^{2} = ab - b^{2}$$

$$(a+b)(a-b) = b(a-b)$$

$$a+b = b$$

$$2b = b$$

$$2 = 1$$





> And you apply for the

Fields Medal

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> The committee replied back saying—

You lack in mathematical maturity, so, you should enrol in

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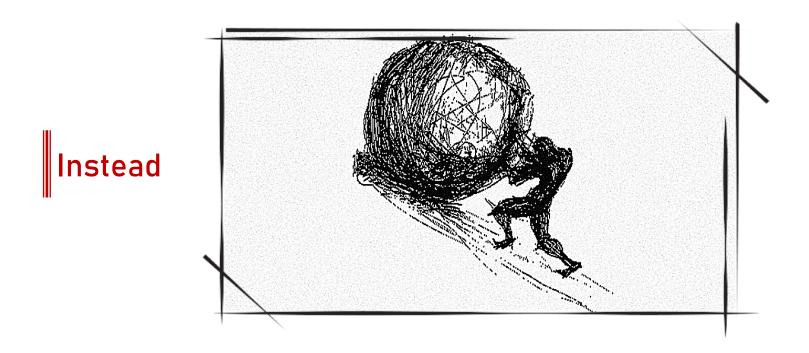
- Logic System
 - Expressing Ideas/Texts into Logic Form
 - Inference for argument building
 - Proof Techniques
- > Mathematical Topics
 - Covers basics of sets, functions, and proofs etc.
- > Recursion
- Counting and Combinatorics
- > Graph

Frequently Asked Questions

How can I do well in this course?

No magic formula to do well

It doesn't fall from sky like the Newtonian Apple



It is hard-earned

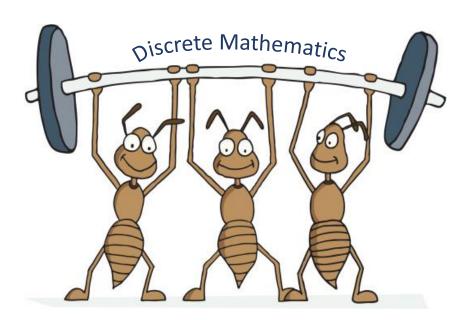
Frequently Asked Question

Any suggestions/tips/তরিকা/কৌশল to do well in this course?

You Should Know Your Peers

Academic engagement becomes easier—

- Problem solving and discussion
- Class notes collection and clarification
- > Exam preparation, and more importantly
- Sympathy, Empathy; reduces Apathy!



You Must Act Professionally

Be Responsible:

If you are sure about your mistakes, don't blame others; to err is human.

Be Respectful:

If you are answering, arguing or debating on some topic in class, use reasonable language and feel free to carry on.

Be Reliable:

If you are saying something to someone in the class—be that your classmates or your teacher—please be true with it.

Be a bit "Unsocial"; Digitally

Minimize the amount of time you spend in social media

Facebook® and academic performance

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4.1. Participants

Data were collected from 102 undergraduate and 117 graduate students at a large, public Midwestern university (N = 219). The sample consisted of 87 (39.7%) male participants, and 132 female participants (60.3%). The majority of participants identified themselves as Caucasian (73.1%), with the next largest group identified as Asian (11.9%). Other ethnicities represented include African-American (7.8%), Bi-racial (3.2%), Hispanic (2.3%), Multi-racial (.9%), and Other (.9%). Participants were predominantly traditional college students with undergraduate (46.6%) and graduate (53.4%) students having a mean age of approximately 22.06 (SD = 3.72) and 30.29 (SD = 7.03), respectively.

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Results show that

- Facebook users reported having lower GPAs, and
- > They spend fewer hours per week studying than nonusers.

So, Everything has a cost

Strategies to Deal with NSU Exam Pressure

NSU exam pressure

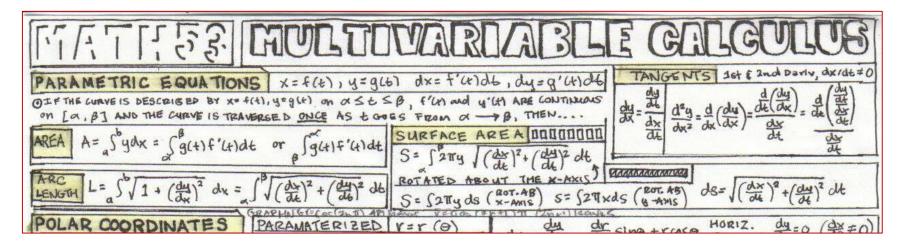
- Spend 5-10 minutes after each class you attend.
 - Recollect the technical terms covered in the class
 - Discuss a few basic concepts while you walk down to other classes.

- Prepare flash-cards for different topics of a course
 - Use different colours for different courses
 - Carry a few flash-cards of each courses always with you; replace the cards with new ones you prepare on the other topics.

NSU exam pressure

- Prepare notes using minimum number of pages
 - Contain the final and midterm exam syllabus within 6-8 pages (single-side) concise notes

You may follow the crib sheet concept



Suggestions For CSE 173

Ask questions in class to clear your doubts— don't shy away from asking questions.

Concepts taught in this class require some time; so, keep calm and carry on.

Sit and discuss with your peers [at least once per week] outside the class.

Suggestions For CSE 173

Read the text book sections before the corresponding lectures

Use the office hours (Instructor and TA) efficiently

Practice the given examples in your text book— don't skim through the solutions given there.

 Doesn't help— develops false confidence that You Can Do To be continued...