

SYLLABUS – MATH 7800

SINGULARITIES IN ALGEBRAIC GEOMETRY AND COMMUTATIVE ALGEBRA

Description: We will learn about singularities in commutative algebra and algebraic geometry. Particularly we will focus on singularities defined by Frobenius and connections with the singularities of the minimal model program. Topics will include Kunz’s theorem, Frobenius splittings, F-regularity, test ideals and connections with log terminal, log canonical, and rational singularities, as well as multiplier ideals. I hope to also spend time on mixed characteristic and characteristic free definitions.

- **Time:** Monday, Wednesday 3:00-4:20pm
- **Location:** FASB 250
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- **Office hours:** TBD
- **Textbooks:**

We will largely follow a book draft. A version is stored on canvas or can be found here:

<https://raw.githubusercontent.com/kschwede/FrobeniusSingularitiesBook/main/FrobeniusSingularitiesBook.pdf>

However, we will also supplement with some survey articles.

- **Background texts** Introductory commutative algebra, regular rings etc, can be found here.
 - *Introduction to Commutative Algebra* by Atiyah and MacDonald.
 - *Commutative Ring Theory* by Matsumura.
- Some supplementary homological algebra can be found in
- *An introduction the homological algebra* by Weibel.
- Some supplementary algebraic geometry can be found in
- *Algebraic Geometry* by Hartshorne.

Or see the stacks project for everything.

Grade: Your grade will be determined by the following formula.

100% Homework and computer/ai assignments (roughly every 2 weeks – not every problem will be graded).

Students are allowed, and even encouraged to work together when solving homework problems (there will be group worksheets as well). LaTeX use is encouraged. We will be using gradescope.

Prerequisites: Students should know the material described on the 6310 syllabus. They should also know the much of the material in 6350 or equivalent (ie, regular rings, normal rings, going up). Some basic algebraic geometry (sheaves and schemes) and slightly more advanced commutative and homological algebra (Cohen-Macaulay and Gorenstein rings) will also be needed periodically. We will define things like dualizing complexes and Kawamata log terminal singularities when we get to them.

Academic Integrity: All University of Utah policies regarding ethics and honorable behavior apply.

University policies

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