

# MATH A290H: INTRODUCTION TO TENSORS AND CALCULUS ON MANIFOLDS HONORS

Item	Value
Curriculum Committee Approval Date	12/02/2020
Top Code	170100 - Mathematics, General
Units	5 Total Units
Hours	90 Total Hours (Lecture Hours 90)
Total Outside of Class Hours	0
Course Credit Status	Credit: Degree Applicable (D)
Material Fee	No
Basic Skills	Not Basic Skills (N)
Repeatable	No
Grading Policy	Standard Letter (S), • Pass/No Pass (B)

Associate Arts Local General Education (GE)	• OC Comm/Analytical Thinking - AA (OA2)
Associate Science Local General Education (GE)	• OCC Comm/Analytical Thinking - AS (OAS2) • OCC Mathematics (OMTH)
California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC)	• Cal-GETC 2A Math Concepts (2A)
Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC)	• IGETC 2A Math Concepts (2A)
California State University General Education Breadth (CSU GE-Breadth)	• CSU B4 Math/Quant. Reasoning (B4)

## Course Description

Introductory study of elementary tensor algebra and calculus, differential and integral calculus in higher dimensions, differential forms, and calculus on manifolds. PREREQUISITE: MATH A280 or MATH A280H; and MATH A285 or MATH A285H. Transfer Credit: CSU; UC.

## Course Level Student Learning Outcome(s)

1. Use elementary tensor methods for calculating generalized derivatives in Riemannian spaces.
2. Demonstrate the ability of proving theorems for the calculus of  $R^n$ .
3. Employ the exterior calculus in generalized Stokes' theorems, especially as applicable to manifold theory.

## Course Objectives

- 1. Use the Einstein summation convention.
- 2. Use basic linear algebra for tensors.
- 3. Employ elementary tensor coordinate transformations.
- 4. Perform tests for tensor character.
- 5. Discuss the metric tensor and its relation to inner products.
- 6. Use the calculus of tensor derivatives.

- 7. Explain the relationship between tensors and Riemannian curves and Riemannian curvature.
- 8. Discuss proofs and uses of the inverse and implicit function theorems for  $R^n$ .
- 9. Employ elementary sets of measure zero.
- 10. Prove the change of variable theorem.
- 11. Use fields and differential forms.
- 12. Explain integration on chains and its relationship to the fundamental theorem of calculus.
- 13. Employ simple manifolds and elementary tensor fields on manifolds.
- 14. Prove and use the generalized Stokes theorem on manifolds.
- 15. Explain the relationship between the generalized Stokes theorem and classical theorems.
- 16. Prove simple theorems about the topology of  $R^n$  including notions of interior, exterior, boundary, compactness and connectedness.
- 17. Prove the Fubini theorem for  $R^n$ .
- 18. Employ elementary partitions of unity.

## Lecture Content

It is imperative that instructors cover all topics in the outline. The instructor may determine the order of topics.

1. Review Exterior Algebra
  - a. dual spaces and the calculus
  - b. bases
  - c. formalism
  - d. adjoints
  - e. tangent bundles
  - f. calculus on tangent bundles
2. Tensor Calculus for tensors
  - a. The Einstein notation
  - b. linear algebra
  - c. contravariant and covariant coordinates
  - d. types of tensors
  - e. invariants
  - f. operations
  - g. the metric tensor
  - h. Christoffel symbols
  - i. covariant differentiation
  - j. absolute differentiation
  - k. tensors and dual spaces
  - l. introduction to manifolds
  - m. tensors on manifolds
3. Euclidean Space
  - a. norm and inner product
  - b. compactness and the finite Tychonoff theorem
  - c. continuity and oscillation
  - d. differentiation
  - e. implicit function theorem
  - f. definition and uniqueness
  - g. basic theorems and proofs
  - h. differentiability criterion
  - i. inverse function theorem
  - j. implicit function theorem
4. Integration
  - a. definition and fundamental criterion
  - b. measure zero
  - c. integrability
  - d. Fubini's theorem
  - e. partitions of unity
  - f. change of variable theorem
5. Integration on Chains
  - a. more exterior algebra
  - b. tangent spaces and differential forms
  - c. singular  $n$  cubes and boundaries
  - d. functional theorem (generalized Greens)
6. Review of Differential Geometry
  - a. curves and Frenet formulas
  - b. definition of surfaces
  - c. fundamental forms
  - d. Gaussian curvature
  - e. introduction to Riemannian geometry
7. Integration on Manifolds
  - a. definitions and their equivalences
  - b. fields and forms on manifolds
  - c. generalized Stokes theorem
  - d. elements of hypervolume
  - e. classical theorems

## Method(s) of Instruction

- Lecture (02)

## Instructional Techniques

Lecture, discussion

## **Reading Assignments**

As assigned from textbooks. 1 hour

## **Writing Assignments**

Students write definitions, theorems, proofs, and justifications. 1 hour

## **Out-of-class Assignments**

Students write definitions, theorems, proofs, and justifications. 8 hour

## **Demonstration of Critical Thinking**

Problem solving exercises, theorems, proofs, justifications

## **Required Writing, Problem Solving, Skills Demonstration**

Students write definitions, theorems, proofs, and justifications

## **Eligible Disciplines**

Mathematics: Masters degree in mathematics or applied mathematics  
OR bachelors degree in either of the above AND masters degree in  
statistics, physics, or mathematics education OR the equivalent. Masters  
degree required.

## **Textbooks Resources**

1. Required Kay, David. Schaums Outline of Tensor Analysis, ed. New  
York: McGraw Hill, 2011 Rationale: . 2. Required Spivak, Michael. Calculus  
on Manifolds, ed. Atlanta: Perseus Publishing, 1973 Rationale: .

## **Other Resources**

1. Other appropriate textbook as chosen by faculty.