

Math 2C03: Assignment #1

Due: Friday, June 26th, 2pm

McMaster University

Autobiography

The purpose of this assignment is so that I can get to know you, as a class. Please hand-in one single-sided piece of paper, typed or handwritten, including each of the following things:

- Your full name and the name you want to be called (if this is different than your first name).
- Why you have decided to take this course this summer.
- Your major.
- A list of the math courses you have taken in the past.
- Your hometown.
- A few of your interests (hobbies, favourite tv shows, etc.).
- One unique short story about yourself.
- (Anything else you would like to include!)

For an example, see the back of this page:

Example:

- Lauren DeDieu
- I chose to teach this course, because I enjoy teaching and differential equations is a great course. In particular, this summer is a good time for me to dedicate to teaching, since next year I'll be busy finishing up my thesis!
- I'm currently in the 3rd year of my Ph.D. in pure mathematics (algebraic geometry).
- I'm not going to list the past math courses I've taken, because there's way too many... (but please list the ones you have taken!)
- Hometown: Dominion, Nova Scotia
- I like to play baseball and take pictures of wild animals. My favourite tv shows include Doctor Who, Big Brother, and Downton Abbey.
- When I was driving home to Nova Scotia for Christmas this winter, I had planned to cross the border into the states somewhere in Quebec, and stay the night in Bangor, ME. It was mid-December, but it was a beautiful day and the Trans-Canada was clear as a bell. However, when I took the exit towards the border, the road didn't look much like a highway anymore... I didn't panic because I figured my trusty GPS (Steve I call him... his voice sounds like the Crocodile Hunter) would eventually take me back to a major highway. Well, after 30 minutes of travelling down snow-filled country roads at 30km/h in a car with no snow tires, I began to lose hope. I clicked "alternate route" thinking Steve might bring me back to civilization (it was very hard to tell on the GPS whether or not the other routes were major highways, and I don't have data on my phone). He took me on an alternative route, but this just took me deeper into snow-filled Quebec. Finally, after an hour of driving barely keeping it together, I decided to throw in the towel. I turned back around. After another hour I made it back onto the Trans-Canada, cancelled my reservation in Bangor, and instead headed towards Edmundston, NB for the night. Moral of the story: when driving east in the winter, don't try to cross the US border in Quebec! (Alternative Moral: maybe I need a smart phone and snow tires?)