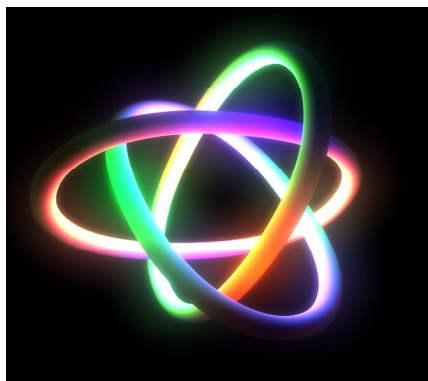




Math & Stat Club News

November 2006

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Message from our President...

Hello everyone! I would like to welcome you to a new year of the Mathematics/Statistics Club. I would like to encourage both new and returning students to take advantage of this opportunity to meet new people and help create a strong community bond within our department. We are very excited about our upcoming events, including the monthly meetings with inspiring guest speakers and the department picnic. I hope to see everyone throughout the year! Good luck with your studies, and don't forget to smile!

The Math & Stat Club would like to extend a warm welcome to our new members this year – we are glad you've joined us!

The Math and Stat Club would like to express our deepest sympathy to Dr. Richard Noren and his family in their recent loss – our support, thoughts and prayers are with you.
We would also like to thank Andrea Jones, Math Department, ODU, for her excellent presentation – it was a very interesting application of her research.

Math and Stat Club Next Schedule Meeting

November 16, 2006

Speaker: Dr. Mark Dorrepaal
Title: Traveling Tournament Problem

Time: 12:30-1:30 pm

Location: Constant Hall Room 1008

Note: Meetings of the Math & Stat Club will take place on the third Thursday of each month during activity hour and will include a guest speaker.

Colloquia/Seminars

October 20, 2006 - Dr. Frank Kozusko: "A Microenvironment Based Model of Antimitotic Therapy of a Gompertz Growth Tumor"

October 27, 2006 - Florin Dobrian: From Combinatorics to Scientific Computing

October 27, 2006: Dr. Nalini Ravishanker: Multivariate Times to Events Analysis with Stable Family Frailty Models Tumor

November 16, 2006 12:30 pm – Dr. Mark Dorrepaal: "Traveling Tournament Problem"

Colloquium Requirement

Those Masters students and Doctoral candidates who are financially supported by the Math Department in the form of stipends, grants etc., must complete the colloquium requirement of 16 colloquium synopses. Reports should be emailed to Dr. Kaneko upon completion. All other students are exempt from this requirement, but are welcome and encouraged to attend the colloquium seminars.

If you did not receive the email from Dr. Kaneko containing the colloquium.doc file, which contains the form used for completing the colloquium reports, please let him know and he will forward it to you.

Any student who will be graduating shortly and will not have a chance to attend the required number of colloquia may substitute reports on the monthly meeting talks.

The October meeting of the Math and Stat Club was a great success, with over 20 people in attendance. Everyone's interest and support for our new organization is very much appreciated. We hope to see even more of you at our next meeting.

We would like to thank Dr. Dorrepaal for providing pizza for the meeting, along with Barbara and Gayle for reserving the meeting place and making sure the pizza was ordered and delivered on time – we appreciate all you do for the department.

This newsletter will be distributed monthly after each club meeting. If you have any questions or suggestions, or just have something you would like to say, please contact Debbie Crofford (dcrofford@hrsd.com).

Attention all graduate and undergraduate students!!

Test your skills with the monthly Math Contest, and earn recognition within the department, or better yet - a prize! Each month from now until May there will be *two* challenging problems (one for undergraduates and one for graduates) posted on the department website. Each person submitting a correct answer will be recognized and the people with the most correct answers by the end of May will win a prize. And undergrads have the advantage, because they can attempt the grad problem as well! Congratulations to R. Patrick Stephen and Anne Fernando, who won October's undergrad and grad contest, respectively – way to go!! Frederick Wilson and George Pahno also submitted correct solutions – well done!

Good luck everyone!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Graduate Student Research Forum, February 2007 (please contact Dr. Kaneko for further info if you are interested)

Departmental Spring Picnic
(hosted by the math & stat grad students - details will be given later in the school year)