

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Framework rigidity - 80578

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: Mathematics

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: E. Safra

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Course/Module description:

The seminar will deal with the notion of graph rigidity. Graph Rigidity is a classic notion in mechanics, regarding motions of solid bodies connected along flexible hinges. For example, the 4-cycle graph is rigid in \mathbb{R}^1 and flexible in \mathbb{R}^2 .

Rigidity relates geometry with combinatorics and algebra.

We will define the notion of rigid graphs and present the characterizations of Laman and of Lovasz-Yemini for rigid graphs embedded in the plane. We will review recent works (Kiraly-Theran, Jordan-Tanigawa and others), dealing with the threshold for a giant rigid component to emerge in a random graph (usually under the Erdos-Renyi model).

Course/Module aims:

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

Students will be exposed to topics from the study of graph rigidity.

Students will learn how to present mathematical results in front of a peer group.

Attendance requirements(%):

90%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Lecture

Course/Module Content:

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Required Reading:

List of papers to be read will be given at the beginning of the course. The reading material will be in English.

Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %

Presentation 90 %

Participation in Tutorials 10 %

Project work 0 %

Assignments 0 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information:

Prerequisites: linear algebra, rings, discrete math, topology.

[Other recommended courses: algebraic topology, convexity, commutative algebra, algebraic geometry.]