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Syllabus

polytopes - 80679

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: Mathematics

Academic year: 2020

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: English and Hebrew

Campus: E. Safra

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Course/Module description:

Polytopes have fascinated humans since antiquity and are related to many areas of modern mathematics. We will study polytopes, focusing on connections between their geometric and combinatorial properties.

Course/Module aims:

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

Deduce combinatorial properties of polytopes from their geometry and convexity. To give a lecture to peers.

Attendance requirements(%):

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction:

Course/Module Content:

1. Faces of polytopes:
the face lattice, polarity, simple and simplicial
polytopes, projective transformations.
basic constructions (e.g. product, join, cyclic polytope, Gale's evenness condition).
2. Graphs of polytopes:
Tell a simple polytope from its graph –
Kalai's proof, Balinski's theorem, refinement theorems, the Hirsch conjecture on diameter and Santos' counterexample.
3. Schlegel diagrams.
4. Gale duality.
5. f-vectors of simplicial polytopes: Dehn-Sommerville relations, McMullen's upper bound theorem and shellability; Barnette's lower bound theorem and rigidity; the g-theorem.
6. Fiber polytopes: the associahedron and the permutohedron.
7. Realization spaces of polytopes.
8. Subfamilies: centrally symmetric polytopes, cubical polytopes, balanced polytopes.

Required Reading:

G¨unter Ziegler, Lectures on Polytopes

Additional Reading Material:

Branko Gr¨unbaum, Convex Polytopes

Igor pak, Lectures on Discrete and Polyhedral Geometry

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 0 %
Presentation 80 %
Participation in Tutorials 20 %
Project work 0 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information: