

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE MDS WORKSHOP

1. LOCATION AND SCHEDULE

We'll meet in several rooms all located in the Math Department, Building 380 on a corner of the main quad. Maps have been enclosed for you.

Talks will be held in Room 381-T, on the first floor.

Breaks will occur in the second floor lounge, Room 382-T (see Food section).

Organizational meetings will occur on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning to set the schedule for the conference. These decisions will appear on the conference website located at:

http://sporadic.stanford.edu/bump/mds_workshop1.html

2. OFFICE SPACE AND KEYS

Office space is somewhat limited, but the following assignments have been made:

Ben Brubaker - Office 382F, phone: (650) 723-4507

Daniel Bump - Office 383U, phone: (650) 723-4011

Also in 383U: Friedberg, Hoffstein, Goldfeld

In 383W: Chinta, Diaconu, Frechette, Garrett, Gunnells

In 383VV: Bucur, Kontorovich, Moeller, Thillainatesan

In 382Q: Beineke

KEYS for these offices can be obtained from Ben Brubaker. There are also a limited number (5) of keys available to the front door, for those who want to work late at night (though the exterior door to the basement, located down the steps from the bike racks in the front of the department, is almost always open as well).

3. FOOD

Coffee and breakfast foods (muffins, fruit, etc.) will be served starting at around 8:30 a.m. in Room 382T, the second floor lounge.

Breaks featuring small snacks, cookies, and drinks also occur at 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the lounge.

Lunch and dinner are left to you. See the enclosed dining guide for suggestions on both.

4. INTERNET USE

Instructions for how to access the internet, both through Stanford computers and wirelessly, is available in your conference packet. This contains usernames and passwords which we didn't want to make readily available on the web.

5. GETTING AROUND

Year-round, free bus service, called the Marguerite, is available on WEEKDAYS. A map indicating the routes is included on the reverse side of the enclosed campus map.

If you are staying at the Hotel California, take the C line from one of the California Ave. Marguerite stops (there's one across the street from the hotel) to the main quad. The shuttle runs from the California Ave Cal Train station starting at 6:00 am to 8 pm every half hour. It takes 13 minutes to arrive at the main quad.

The C line leaves the main quad at around 18 minutes and 48 minutes after the hour, though this isn't always exact, so it's a good idea to leave yourself a couple of extra minutes.

6. ON-CAMPUS PARKING

Parking on campus can be somewhat expensive (\$1.50 per hour) during the week BUT IS FREE AFTER 4 PM ON WEEKDAYS AND ALL DAY ON WEEKENDS.

There are meters, as well as prepay machines (which accept credit cards). The closest prepay machine to the math department is located outside the Cantor Arts Center (E8 on your map). Parking cops are extremely diligent on campus and tickets cost around \$30.00.

7. OPEN PROBLEMS OVERVIEWS

To frame the discussion for the week, several of us have written up open problems that we'd like to work on over the course of the workshop. These brief write-ups are included in your packet and will be available as PDF files on the website.

8. CONFERENCE PARTY

There will be a party at Daniel Bump's house after 7 PM on the evening of Tuesday, July 11. The house is located at 315 Gilbert Ave, in Menlo Park. Dan and his wife Kathi will provide some snacks and a selection of California wines.

If you need a ride, we'll be scheduling carpools there early in the week.