

**Differential Geometry I**  
**Course Outline**  
**Course 7412005 Section 01, Spring 2026**  
**Tuesdays 15:00 - 15:50, Wednesdays 14:00 - 15:50, Room: E1-2 #306**  
**Chungbuk National University**

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**Instructor:** Dr. Byungdo Park

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**Office hours:** Wednesdays 15:50–16:30 at E1-1 #110 or by appointment.

**Class webpage:** Announcements, homework, exam schedules and other relevant information will be posted on the following webpage: [https://byungdo.github.io/teaching/s2026\\_dg1.html](https://byungdo.github.io/teaching/s2026_dg1.html) which is also accessible via instructor's webpage: <https://byungdo.github.io/>

**Textbook:**

- Martin M. Lipschutz, *Schaum's Outline of Differential Geometry*, 1st Edition (1969), McGraw-Hill Education, ISBN-13: 9780070379855. **Caution:** The instructor **does not** recommend using Korean translation of the main textbook for this course, and will neither accommodate nor understand users of a Korean-translated textbook. It must be at your own risk if you want to use it.

**Supplementary textbook:**

- Barrett O'Neill, *Elementary Differential Geometry*, Revised 2nd Edition (2006), Academic Press, ISBN-13: 9780120887354

You do not have to buy the supplementary textbook, but expected to make yourselves photocopies of chapters and sections to be used from the library.

**References:**

- Manfredo P. do Carmo, *Differential forms and applications*, Springer-Verlag Berlin, ISBN-10: 3540576185
- Richard S. Millman and George D. Parker, *Elements of Differential Geometry*, 1st Edition (1977), Pearson, ISBN-13: 9780132641432

- Manfredo P. do Carmo, *Differential Geometry of Curves and Surfaces: Revised and Updated Second Edition* (Dover Books on Mathematics) Updated, Revised Edition (2016), Dover Publications, ISBN-13: 9780486806990
- Shoshichi Kobayashi, *Differential Geometry of Curves and Surfaces*, translated in Korean by B. Kim (2002), Cheongmoongak, ISBN-13: 9788970881751

**Prerequisites:** A solid coursework on calculus and linear algebra will help. The instructor does not dissuade students without meeting the prerequisite criteria registering for this course at his/her own risk.

**Corequisites:** None. The instructor highly recommends taking “Functions of Several Variables (7412065)” along with this course.

**Course description:** This is the first semester course of an year-long course “Differential Geometry” consisting of Differential Geometry 1 (7412005) and Differential Geometry II (7412006). We shall study a local theory of curves as well as their invariants curvatures and torsions, Frenet formulae, tangent maps, isometries in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , congruence of curves, as well as basic concepts surfaces.

**Course objectives:** At the end of the course students should be able to:

- Write an arc-length parametrization of a regular curve. (Comprehensive Thinking and Creative Problem-Solving Competency)
- Compute curvature and torsion at a point of a given curve in both unit-speed and arbitrary-speed cases. (Comprehensive Thinking and Creative Problem-Solving Competency)
- Say when two given curves are congruent. (Convergent Major Competency)
- Know what a surface in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  means and give parametrizations to a few typical examples. (Convergent Major Competency)
- Create an online learning contents such as YouTube videos for sharing knowledge with a broader audience. (Self-Management Competency)
- Shape an overarching perspective on secondary school geometry, vectors, and calculus curricula. (Global Competency)

**Details on class proceeding:** The instructor will give lectures on the material following the weekly lesson plan and assign weekly homework problems. He will also encourage you to participate in a Project-Based Learning to strengthen your competence as a teacher also in online, remote setup.

**Grading policies:** 46% from 100-minute midterm exam, 46% from 100-minute final exam, and 8% from attendance. Up to an additional 3% total score credit for your PBL project. Absolute evaluation [A: 100–90 points, B: 89.99–80 points, C: 79.99–70 points, D: 69.99–60 points, F: less than 60 points] with curving. Here the curving means a horizontal shift of the bell-shaped curve of %-score distribution in either directions using a rational constant which is determined at the

discretion of the instructor. The only exception (that is unlikely to happen) to the absolute evaluation: If your total score is less than 60 points after curving *and* greater than or equal to 60 points before curving, then D is assigned instead of F. Grading policies in the attendance policies, academic integrity policies, and classroom attitude policies are applied in higher priority (in this order) than the above grading policies. Those who are in their final semester and have to show up to work during the semester, special rules apply in accordance with the university policies (cf. 충북대학교 학칙 제34조의2, 학사운영규정 제86조의3).

**Homework policies:** A list of homework problems will be posted on the class webpage roughly in weekly basis. The instructor will assign as many homework problems as it is needed to master the subject. However, homework will not be collected, will not be graded, and will not be used as a constituent of your final score. Instead, some of your exam problems will be identical to your homework problems.

**Classroom attitude policies:** The instructor may apply up to 5 points per day (up to 10 points per day for repeated cases) of deduction of your total score against any of your attitude which the instructor views it inappropriate. The sum of total score deduction due to these policies may not exceed 20 points throughout the semester. Inappropriate attitudes are (i) anything you do in the classroom that disturbs and/or distracts the instructor or other students or (ii) disturbing and/or distracting the instructor from administering this class. If you violate, you will be notified via email registered in 개신누리 and it gets confirmed if you do not dispute in a written form in 7 days.

**Attendance policies:** (1) Attendance data will be collected in every class meeting and will be used for determining your final grade. You will get a grade F if you have missed more than 25% of class meeting hours. Up to 3 hour of absence there is no penalty on your score. After that, you lose 1% of total score for an absence to each 50-minute long class meeting, with a maximum total loss 8% from your total score.

(2) If you have permissible reasons for your absence in accordance with the Regulation on Academic Management of the CBNU Article 52(1) (충북대학교 학사운영규정 제52조(공결승인) 제1항), you will need to contact your department secretary to follow the procedure for getting an approval on your absence bringing proper documentation as proof. That said, you have to fill out a form and submit it along with appropriate proofs before the absence or after seven days of the date of absence.

(3) If you come to the class after the attendance call or leave the classroom for any reasons before the class ending time, *you will be considered as absent* for that 50-minute session. If you came after the attendance call but before the beginning of the second of two consecutive 50-minute sessions, you must report your presence before the second session starts so that you will be considered to be present during the second session. Otherwise, you may be considered as absent for the entire consecutive sessions.

(4) Any dispute about in-class attendance records must be made before the instructor physically leaves the classroom after that day's class meeting.

(5) If you leave the classroom after the attendance call cumulatively more than 3 times during the semester, each time beyond this limit will be considered as a violation of classroom attitude policies. If you leave the classroom after the attendance call but have obtained a permission from the instructor before class begins, it will not be counted toward this cumulative limit.

**Makeup exam policies:** If you could not take any exam and would like to take a makeup exam to the missing exam, you must follow the following guideline:

<https://byungdo.github.io/teaching/makeup.pdf>

**Assessment of Project-Based Learning (PBL):** To submit your PBL project for an extra credit, you should record a 20-minute long video lecture about one of the following:

- A sample lecture on any topic listed on the syllabus of this course.
- A sample lecture on a concept from secondary school geometry curricular.

You should submit the video in a form of a YouTube video link by choosing the sharing option “unlisted(일부공개).” Your video will be disclosed to your classmates in this course as a part of a YouTube playlist. Registering to this course would mean that you accept sharing your video lecture with your classmates via YouTube. You may turn your video into “private” or even delete the video after your letter grade for this course is assigned. The assessment will be done as follows: 3/3 all in all good work. 2/3 lacking important examples, theorem, proofs or there are significant mathematical errors. 1/3 overall poor contents of the material. 0/3 no hand-in or a reuse of recording submitted to the instructor in the past.

**Program Learning Outcomes Assessment:** This course contributes to the following major competencies and learning outcome indicators:

1. Convergent Major Competency
  - Indicator 1-1 (Convergent Course Completion):
    - \* Integration of geometry, calculus, and vector analysis
    - \* Assessment: Performance in theoretical problem-solving during exams
  - Indicator 1-2 (Mathematical Software Utilization):
    - \* Use of mathematical software for curve visualization and analysis
    - \* Assessment: Application of software tools in homework and presentations
2. Comprehensive Thinking and Creative Problem-Solving Competency
  - Indicator 2-1 (Teaching Demonstration Assessment):
    - \* Development of teaching demonstrations incorporating curve theory concepts
    - \* Assessment: Evaluation through PBL presentations of mathematical concepts
  - Indicator 2-2 (Teaching Plan Assessment):
    - \* Creation of lesson plans connecting differential geometry to secondary mathematics
    - \* Assessment: Quality of teaching materials developed for PBL project
3. Self-Management Competency
  - Indicator 3-1 (Participation in Extracurricular Programs):
    - \* Creation of educational YouTube videos as PBL projects

- \* Assessment: Quality and effectiveness of produced video content (3% additional credit)
- Indicator 3-2 (Study Group Activities): \* Participation in problem-solving sessions and peer discussions
- \* Assessment: Active engagement in group learning activities

#### 4. Global Competency

- Indicator 4-1 (English-Medium Course Completion):
- \* Use of English textbook and mathematical terminology
- \* Assessment: Understanding of technical terms demonstrated in exams and presentations

The assessment results for each indicator will be primarily evaluated through midterm exam (46%), final exam (46%), attendance (8%), and PBL project (additional 3%), reflecting students' comprehensive understanding of differential geometry and their ability to connect it with secondary mathematics education. The results will be submitted to the Department Performance Management Committee, and reflected in the course CQI report.

#### **Important dates:**

- Tuesday, May 5th – Children's day. Make-up schedule: TBA
- Wednesday, June 3rd – Election day. Make-up schedule: TBA

#### **Weekly lesson plan:**

Week 1: Concept of a curve (regular representations, regular curves, orthogonal projections, arc-length)

Week 2: Concept of a curve (arc-length parametrization), Curvature and torsion (tangent vectors, tangent line and normal plane, curvature)

Week 3: Curvature and torsion (curvature, principal normal vectors, normal line and osculating plane, binormal vectors, Frenet frame fields)

Week 4: Curvature and torsion (torsion, spherical indicatrices, general helices, Frenet formulae)

Week 5: The theory of curves (intrinsic equations, fundamental existence and uniqueness theorem)

Week 6: The theory of curves (Canonical representation of a curve)

Week 7: Problem session

Week 8: Problem session, Midterm exam (100-minute)

Week 9: Directional derivatives, tangent maps (O'Neill Chapter 1)

Week 10: Isometries and their derivatives, Congruence of curves (O'Neill Chapter 3)

Week 11: Problem session

Week 12: Concept of a surface (Regular parametrizations, coordinate patches)

Week 13: Concept of a surface (Simple surface, tangent planes, normal lines)

Week 14: Concept of a surface (Topological properties, orientable surfaces, surfaces with boundaries)

Week 15: PBL presentations. Final exam.

**No video lectures provided for students' absence in any causes:** The instructor may have to change the course's plan and give some of lecture via online in accordance with the 충북대학교 원격수업운영지침 제15조(결강 및 보강)제2항. However, the instructor will not provide recorded video of any part of class meetings even if one or more students' cause has an official cause listed in 충북대학교 학사운영규정 제52조(공결승인)제1항.

**Dispute policies:** (1) The instructor will announce a date and an interval of time for you to see (and dispute if you wish) your graded papers. For that you have to respond and set up an appointment by email until the specified deadline. If you respond, the instructor will give you a specified date, time, and location for you to show up. There will be an option to give up your rights to dispute and just get notified your scores by email.

(2) If the specified date and an interval of time in the announcement conflicts with your other classes or other equivalently official schedules, you may request a rescheduling by attaching your time table or a relevant document showing that you have other official matters.

(3) If you do not respond by the deadline in each announcement, the instructor will have to assume that you give up your right to dispute and the grading is flawless. For example, if you inquire after your letter grade is assigned, the instructor will only look into whether there is any error in entering your final grade and will dismiss all inquiries on the raw data.

**Accommodating disabilities in learning and assessment:** The instructor is committed to providing access to all students. If you need accommodation in classroom or in assessment, you are encouraged to set up an appointment with the instructor at your soonest availability so that we can figure out the best way to accommodate you. Possible accommodations include, but not limited to, provision of materials from lectures, permission to hire an assistant for taking notes, audio-recording lectures, and aid/assistant devices, extension of due dates for assignments, alternative assessment for in-class presentations, extension of exam hours, and provision of an accommodating exam locations and exam sheets.

**Academic integrity:** It is expected that you will complete all exams without giving or receiving help from anyone. Electronic devices are not allowed in any in-class exam. If you violate any of these policies, you receive score zero to that exam at the discretion of the instructor. In addition, your case will be handled through the standard procedure of the university. Note that a use of your smartphone during an exam is simply a cheating.

**Email policies:** All emails addressed to the instructor should have a title containing the course title, name, and a brief summary as well as a body starting with "Dear Professor Last name" and ending with "Sincerely, Your full name", which contains greetings, your name and department, a brief and clear purpose written politely. Any email deviating from this format will not be accepted and will be dismissed without any rejection reply. The corresponding disadvantages are solely and entirely on the student.

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**English usage policies:** Lectures in this course will be given in Korean, but most of written materials will be in English. For example, the course syllabus, most of boardwork, exam problems, homework, solutions to exams, course webpage, announcements, but not limited to those. English sentences to be used in this course should be understandable enough based on the regular Korean public high school curriculum. Nonetheless if your English skill is not competent enough to follow this course or understanding announcements, it is your responsibility to ask the instructor to also provide an explanation in Korean. The instructor will take those questions under an attitude of helping students' understanding, but taking into account the contents of each question, he may reject the question or advise the questioner to visit him during his office hour to ask the question about Korean translation.

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