MAT 1344: SUGGESTIONS FOR PROJECTS

(See more sources below.)

(1) Symplectic toric manifolds

• Ana Cannas da Silva, "Symplectic toric manifolds", in Birkhäuser 2003 volume

(2) Cohomology of symplectic quotients

• Shaun Martin's 2000 eprint "Symplectic quotient by a nonabelian group and by its maximal torus".

(3) Non-Kähler Hamiltonian torus actions

• Tolman's 1998 Inventiones paper.

(4) Flexibility of symplectic structures on open manifolds

• McDuff-Salamon section 7.3.

(5) Symplectic capacities

• McDuff-Salamon section 12

(6) The Arnold conjecture

- Conley-Zehnder's 1983 Inventiones paper
- McDuff-Salamon section 11.1, 11.2.

(7) Gompf gluing

- McDuff-Salamon section 7.2
- Gompf's 1995 paper "A new construction of symplectic manifolds"

(8) Contact geometry

• Hansjorg Geiges's book "An introduction to contact topology"

(9) Poisson geometry

• Alan Weinstein's paper "The local structure of Poisson manifolds".

(10) Euler-like vecor fields

• Meinrenken's "Euler-like vector fields, normal forms, and isotropic embeddings"

(11) Morse theory for momentum maps

- Frankel's 1959 paper "Fixed points and torsion on Kähler manifolds"
- Audin's book "Torus actions ...".

(12) Symplectic packing constructions

• Lisa Traynor's 1995 JDG paper.

(13) Arnold-Liouville theorem

- Duistermaat "On global action angle coordinates"
- Arnold's book "Mathematical methods of Classical Mechanics"

(14) "Figure eight solution" to the three-body problem

• 2000 Annals paper by Chenciner and Montgomery

(15) Geometric quantization

• Guillemin-Sternberg, "Geometric quantization and multiplicities of group representations"

(16) Other topics – see sources below; talk to Yael.

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- Arnol'd-Novikov (Eds.), "Dynamical systems IV", 1990. (Encyclopaedia of Mathematical Sciences, volume 4, Springer-Verlag.)
- Audin, "Torus actions on symplectic manifolds".
- Audin, Cannas da Silva, and Lerman, "Symplectic geometry of integrable Hamiltonian systems".
- Cannas da Silva, "Lectures on symplectic geometry".
- Hofer-Zehnder, "Symplectic Invariants and Hamiltonian Dynamics".
- McDuff-Salamon, "Introduction to Symplectic Topology", 2nd Edition. (Warning: in the 3rd edition, the sections numbers may have changed.)