Dear Math 241 students,

We would like to bring to your attention Math 197, one-credit Supplemental Instruction (SI) course for Math 241.

Supplemental Instruction (SI) is a series of review sessions for students taking historically difficult courses. SI is provided for all students who want to improve their understanding of course material and improve their grades. It is a chance for you to get together with people in your class to compare notes, to discuss important concepts, to develop strategies for studying the subject, and to test yourselves before your professor does, so that when he does, you will be ready. At each session you will be guided through this material by your SI leader, a competent student who has previously taken the course.

SI leaders are students themselves and are prepared to share with you what they have learned over the years about how to study. They know the course content and are anxious to help guide you through it. They will be in class with you every day, hearing what you hear and reading what you read. What they won't do is lecture; their job is to help you think about the lectures you hear and the textbooks you read, and then put it all together during the SI review sessions. SI can help you learn course material more efficiently. SI review sessions are informal. Bring your notes; bring your textbook; bring your questions!

SI sessions are designed to follow the lectures of one instructor. Currently there are two scheduled sections of Math 197. If you are taking Math 241 with Professor Willett (Sections 5 and 6) we suggest that you register for Math 197, Section 1, (MW: 12:30 – 1:20 pm, Keller 413). If you are taking Math 241 with Professor Freese (Sections 9 and 10) we suggest that you register for Math 197, Section 2 (TR 1:30 – 2:20 pm, Keller 403).

If you have a different instructor, you are welcome to sign-up for either section of Math 197 but need to be aware that it may not closely correlate with what is happening in the lecture. However, you should also know that by the end of the course each instructor would have covered the same material, although not necessarily in the same order. There will be a common final exam for Math 241.

If you attend SI sessions regularly, chances are you will earn a better grade. You will have developed a better understanding of course content as well as more effective ways of studying. This will help you in other classes also.

If there is enough interest the Math Department may consider opening additional sections of Math 197. If you have any questions about the SI please contact Dr. M. Jovovic at mirjanaj@hawaii.edu.