Representations of Finite Groups

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Representation theory is a very general method of analyzing symmetries in different mathematical structures.

It cuts across the lines between geometry, algebra and analysis.

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The goal of this course is to describe general methods and approaches of representation theory.

This is a basic course for toar rishon.

Books

I will use first chapters of the book by B. Simon "Representations of Finite and Compact Groups" Sometimes I will also refer to the book by J.-P. Serre "Linear Representations of Finite Groups"

Home works.

Home works for this course will be given weekly. They constitute an important part of the course - many topics for which there is not enough time in the lectures will be discussed in homeworks.

Homeworks will be graded by Dmitry Gurevich (he is currently a Ph. D student at the Weizmann Institute).

Dimitry also agreed to give one hour seminar a week in which he will discuss the homeworks and also discuss other topics related to the material of the course.