

**MATH 218M2: RESPONSE PROMPTS FOR TERM PAPER DISCUSSION
DUE 12/2**

Various sources in the extended reading.

For your term paper you are asked to use one core reading and one extended reading as the basis for building an argument. (You can bring in other readings, but those two should be the main focus.) You will use the ideas from the two papers to argue for a thesis. Perhaps you will argue that the two papers support a common idea, or you might note that their arguments conflict and reach a synthesis between the two.

RESPONSE PROMPTS

For each prompt you should write one or more paragraphs. You are not writing a full essay, but you should write enough to fully respond to the question.

- (1) Which core reading did you choose for your term paper? Why did you select it?
- (2) Which extended reading did you select? Why did you choose it?
- (3) Are the two readings at odds, or do their ideas meld harmoniously?
- (4) What thesis will you argue for your term paper? Sketch why you think it is reasonable.
- (5) What specifics in your argument are you still unsure about?