

Lectures: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:30am – noon, E51-351

Recitations: Wednesdays, noon to 1pm, E51-351

- No lecture on 4/21, 4/23, and 5/7 due to institute holidays and instructor conflicts.
- Papers marked with \* are likely to be discussed in lecture. All listed papers are relevant.

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