

**Extra Credit - Math 374, Frank Thorne (thorne@math.sc.edu)**

*Due in writing at the final exam, or by e-mail before 5:00 pm on Thursday, December 14.*

Evaluate the choice of topics for Math 374 this semester, together with the suitability of Gersting's book for the course. Some questions you might address:

- Were the topics interesting? Clearly presented? Do you expect them to be helpful in your further studies here, and in your eventual career? Was there any material not presented, that you would have liked to have seen?
- Is Gersting a well-written book on a large scale? How was the choice of material? The pace? The homework exercises?
- Is Gersting a well-written book on a small scale? Are the explanations and examples clear? Do they help you understand the material? Is the text good preparation for solving the exercises?
- If you are familiar with other textbooks on the subject, how do they compare to Gersting?

The Department of Mathematics will reconsider its choice of textbook in the future (probably starting with Fall 2018). Your feedback will influence our decision to stay with Gersting or to switch; and if we do switch, your feedback will influence what we switch to.