Composition Operators \heartsuit Toeplitz Operators Joel H. Shapiro

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These lectures will focus on the way in which Toeplitz operators enter into the study of composition operators, with particular emphasis on the Hardy space H^2 . Here is a tentative outline:

Lecture 1. Introduction to composition operators

- Why are they interesting?
- Why are they bounded?
- First connections with Toeplitz operators.

Lecture 2. Adjoints of composition operators

- Cowen's formula for the linear-fractional case.
- Branching out beyond linear-fractional.
- Lecture 3. Normality of composition operators
 - Which composition operators are normal?
 - Which composition operators are *essentially* normal?

Lecture 4. Toeplitzness of composition operators

- Which composition operators are Toeplitz?
- Which composition operators are *asymptotically* Toeplitz?
- Which composition operators are *mean* asymptotically Toeplitz?