

Lecture 1

1.1 Administration

- I'm Jim Hansen, a professor in EAPS (<http://wind.mit.edu/~hansen>).
- Class will be taught over PTEL. The folks on the TV are sitting in Woods Hole.
- Hand out problem set 1, due next Tues. (Sept. 7). I want to know what you know and who you are to help me decide how to pitch the class.
- **Class description and expectations:** Hand out and discuss.
 - May seem daunting, but fear not.
 - I want you to know what is expected of you. I'm quite easy going.
- **Class syllabus:** Hand out and discuss.
- **Travel/Baby:**
 - Sept. 18, Oct. 7 (maybe Oct. 9).
 - A couple weeks in the middle or end of November. Baby!
 - Will try and get a substitute instructor.
- **Crossed out notes at the end of Lecture 1:**

We will start with a quick math review, outlining some of the stuff I expect you to know. We will return to some of it later in the course but if any of this seems completely foreign, then you should do a bit of review on your own.