# Elements of higher geometry (9 cfu)

## prof. Mauro Spera

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Multilinear algebra. Topological and differentiable manifolds. Tensor analysis. Frobenius' theorem. Lie groups. Lie group actions on manifolds.
Quotient manifolds. Homogeneous spaces.

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Affine connections. Riemannian manifolds. Levi Civita's connection. First variation of the energy functional. Geodesics. Exponential map. Curvature tensors (Riemann, sectional, Ricci, scalar). The Hopf-Rinow theorem. Second variation of the energy functional. Jacobi fields. Conjugate points. Examples and applications.

3. Symplectic geometry
Symplectic manifolds. Hamiltonian mechanics. Momentum maps. Examples and applications.

***READING LIST***

M. Spera``*Differential geometry and topology* ", available online on Blackboard.

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