This project must be typed. This project is out of 25 points, and it will be due to my office no later than noon on Monday, May 2th. You are more than welcome to turn it in any time between now and the due date.

This project centers around reading A Mathematician’s Apology by G.H. Hardy. This is not a very long book, and should not take too long to read. Your first goal should be to find a copy of the correct version of this book. The one you will need is the Canto edition with foreword by C.P. Snow (the foreword is very important, so do not get one without this foreword). It should be very easy to find this book online, and brand new it goes for about $12. Used it goes for much less.

The project will be to type a short (about 3 pages) report on this book. The report should be double-spaced with normal-sized margins. The book is not novel, so I do not want to have your report be a summary of what was said by Hardy, but rather, I would like it to be a discussion on the ideas he puts forward about mathematics. In particular, I would like your paper to expound upon at least some of the following, although do not feel limited by these topics. In the end, I am looking for a thoughtful and well-written reflection of this book.

i. Did this book change your opinion about the nature of mathematics? About mathematicians?

ii. How did this book make you feel about the “utility” of mathematics?

iii. Do you feel that you mostly agree with Hardy’s arguments/ opinions/ feelings? Disagree? Are ambivalent to?

iv. Did the foreword affect how you felt about the book? About Hardy? If so, then say why, and otherwise, say why not?

Feel free to include quotes or anything else you find pertinent, and be sure to properly cite all outside sources (if you use any). I will also be looking for parts of your report that indicate you actually read the entire book, including the foreward.