

Preface

This volume consists of ten original papers written by experts in various aspects of low dimensional topology. The topics covered by them include knots and links, 3-dimensional hyperbolic geometry, conformally flat structures on 3-manifolds, Floer homology, the geometry and topology of 4-manifolds. These are among the main subjects in current topology which is now making rapid progress. The editors hope that this volume would also serve as a quick up-to-date introduction to these areas.

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