Loops, Strings, and Topology

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In this lecture I will give an overview of a fairly new field of study called "String Topology". This is a theory that studies the differential and algebraic topology of spaces of paths and loops in manifolds. I will describe the topological structure of this theory, as well as its motivation from physics. I will then discuss some applications.

The lecture will take place in Thackeray 704 at 4:00pm. Refreshments will start at 3:30pm.