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Irena Swanson was a guest of IPM for a period of 3 weeks in January of 2002. In this period, besides consulting and exchanging views with researcher, she presented a series of 10 lectures as a mini course on **Tight Closure**.

The course was attended by postdoctoral fellows and as well as graduate students. These notes are based on those lectures.

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