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Office hours: Tuesday 12:00 noon → 12:55 pm, Thursday 2:15 → 3:45 pm, and by appointment.


Syllabus: We will cover most of the sections in the first seven chapters of the text.

Homework: Will be assigned weekly and will be due each Thursday, unless mentioned otherwise. The homework will be graded by a special grader. Due to lack of funds, it will not be possible to grade all the homework problems assigned. A few of the homework problems will be corrected and graded every week. Nevertheless, for your own benefit, you will be asked to hand in all the homework problems assigned. Your grade on each homework assignment will be calculated as follows:

70% The grade on the corrected problems.

30% Credit for handing in most of the homework problems assigned. Partial credit will be given.

Late homework will not be collected. Instead, your three lowest grades will be dropped.

Grades:  
Homework–20%  
Two Midterms–50% (each 25%)  
Final Exam –30%

First Midterm: Tuesday, October 7, during class period.

Second Midterm: Thursday, November 20, during class period.

Final: During the week beginning Monday, December 15 and ending on Saturday, December 20. The precise date is yet to be determined. Make sure to be around! Travel plans will not be accommodated!

Calculators Policy: Calculators will not be allowed in the exams. A few in-class demonstrations will involve the graphing calculator TI-86. You may use calculators to check your homework solutions, but credit will be given only for answers showing all your steps (unless mentioned otherwise in the assignment).

Homework Assignment 1 (Due Thursday, September 4)  
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