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Office hours: TuTh 10:00 – 11:00, or by appointment  
Course webpage: Accessible from Math Department website. Please check it often for homework assignments and weekly announcement.  
Exams: There will be two midterm exams and a final exam. Schedule TBA.  
Make-up policy: If you have a legitimate (i.e., multiple exams at the same time, medical problems, emergency absences, religious observances) scheduling conflict with any of the exams, please notify me of the conflict as soon as you become aware of it. Please note that previously arranged travel plans are not a valid reason to be given a make-up exam.  
Use of Calculators: Calculators are useful auxiliary tools for the course. However, it will be expected that you can work all of the problems without the aid of a calculator. Calculators will be permitted on the exams, but it will be expected that all non-arithmetic work is present and explained in your answer.  
Homework: Homework is collected and graded on a weekly basis. (Time of collection: TBA.) Each homework must be well organized and neatly written. We will drop the lowest homework score, hence no late homework assignments will be accepted. The homework will be graded as follows: 15 points for “general impression” according to whether you have completed all assigned problems and whether it is well organized and neatly written, and 15 points for each of the two or three randomly selected problems from each collected homework according to your performance on these problems.  
Grading: Midterm 1: 20%, Midterm 2: 20%, Final: 40%, Hw: 20%.