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Exams: There will be one mid-term examination; the date will be announced at least one week in advance. The final examination will be held on Monday, June 6th, at 3:15. Calculators will be permitted for both exams, but not required, and not particularly useful. In addition, you will be allowed to bring one two-sided page of handwritten notes with you to the exam, which I will collect with the exam.

Homework: Homework assignments will be due on Wednesdays, and Tuesdays will be spent discussing the assignment for the following day. By Tuesday, I expect you to have thought about every problem on the assignment. You may be called on to present a solution, or to lead a discussion of a particular problem with help from me or from the rest of the class. If I call on you, it is completely acceptable for you to say that you don’t know how to finish a problem, or that you have some vague idea how to approach it but don’t know how to make your idea precise. What is not acceptable is for you to refuse to come to the blackboard or to say that you have not yet looked at the problem.

Collaboration on homework assignments is allowed and encouraged, provided that you write up your answers independently. Thus, it is okay for Kermit to explain to Fozzie how to do a problem (this is often useful for Kermit as well as for Fozzie, because it helps him to clarify his thoughts), but it is not okay for Fozzie to copy Kermit’s paper, or for Kermit to read his solution to Fozzie word for word. If I see two homework assignments with suspiciously similar wording, I will have to consider it to be a case of plagiarism, and that will require an administrative process which is unpleasant for everyone involved.

Assignments will be collected at the beginning of class on Wednesdays. Late assignments will not be accepted without previous permission.

The first homework assignment, rather than being discussed on Tuesday and due on Wednesday, will be discussed on Wednesday and due on Friday of the first week. The assignment is as follows:

Chapter 22, Problems 1(i,ii,iv,v,vi,vii,viii,ix), 8, 11, 15.

Grading: Your score in the class will be determined by your final exam (35%), mid-term exam (15%), homework (35%), and participation (15%). Participation refers primarily to the homework discussions on Tuesdays, in which you are expected to take an active part, whether or not you know all the answers. It also refers to showing up regularly to class, and treating your classmates with respect during the discussions.