Math 2574H – Section 013

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10:10-11:00 TTh

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By appointment

This document is a supplement to the course schedule posted at http://www.math.umn.edu/~webb/. In the event of a contradiction, you should assume that the official course schedule (and not this document) is correct.

General Notes
I would prefer that you address me as Lilly. If you prefer, you may call me Ms. Webster. I strongly encourage you to come to office hours if you have questions. No question is too big or too small to discuss during office hours. We can work on examples, go over quizzes, homework, or exams, or talk through concepts. As in many math classes, the material in this class will build on itself throughout the semester, so the earlier we address any issues the more likely you are to have success in this course.
I also strongly encourage you to ask questions during discussion. I am more than happy to talk for 50 minutes, but our time will be much more useful if you can tell me what material is confusing to you.
The best way to get in touch with me is by email. I will respond to emails sent 8am-4pm on a business day within a few hours. If you send an email outside of those times, I may not be able to respond until the next business day.

Grading
Your final grade in this course will be calculated as homework 10%, quizzes 10%, three midterms 15% each, and the final exam 35%.
The midterm exams will take place during discussion on 2/21, 3/28, and 4/25. The final exam will take place 12:00-3:00 on Thursday, 5/9. This is one of the common final exams and will likely not be in our usual classroom. Any questions regarding exams should be directed to Professor Webb.
Any concerns about the grading of an assignment must be discussed with me within 1 week of the assignment being returned. If your concern is anything other than an arithmetic error on my part, it will need to be discussed in my office (either during office hours or by appointment).
Homework

Homework assignments will be due each Thursday, beginning 1/31. The problems assigned for each week will be posted on Professor Webb’s website. On my website, I will post the list of problems I would like you to turn in to be graded. I strongly recommend you also do the other problems, as practice is the best way to learn mathematics.

- Homework is due promptly at the beginning of class on Thursdays (that is, at 10:10am). If you arrive late to class and turn in your homework when you enter, that assignment will incur a 1-point penalty.
- Homework assignments consisting of more than 1 page must be stapled. Any assignment that is not stapled will incur a 1-point penalty.
- Homework will not be accepted for credit after the end of Thursday’s class, unless you have a serious emergency that you inform me of before the assignment is due.
- I will drop your lowest two homework scores.
- To receive full credit on many homework problems, you will need to provide a written explanation of your work. Where explanations need to be given, these should be written out in full sentences and not in abbreviated form.

If you enjoy working with others, I encourage you to collaborate on homework assignments with your classmates. However, everything you hand in must be written up in your own words and not copied from another student’s paper. If you work with another student or consult any source outside of the textbook, you must indicate that on your assignment. A note such as “I worked with Alice on problem 11” or “I looked up matrix multiplication on Wikipedia” suffices to indicate this.

Before the quiz on Thursdays, you will have an opportunity to ask questions about any of the assigned homework problems (including those I have not asked you to turn in). If you know in advance that a problem is causing you trouble, feel free to email me ahead of time so I can prepare more coherent things to say about the problem.

Quizzes

A short quiz will be given at the beginning of each Thursday discussion where we do not have an exam, starting on 1/31. The quiz will be on the material of the homework due that day, possibly including problems I did not ask you to turn in. I will drop your lowest two quiz scores.

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If you have a disability of any kind that requires accommodation for this course, please let me know so we can develop a plan to best meet your needs. If religious observances will conflict with class meetings or assignment due dates, please also let me know.