

Logistics for Math 285-1
Fall 2008 R. Clark Robinson

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Office Hours: Monday 2-3:45, by appointment

Textbooks: Fall & Winter: “Linear Algebra and Its Applications, Updated 3rd edition” by David C. Lay, Addison Wesley, 2006, ISBN 0-321-28713-4.

Winter & Spring: “Vector Calculus, 3rd edition” by Susan Colley, Pearson Prentice Hall, 2006, ISBN 0-13-185874-2

Homework

The homework exercises are crucial to understanding the material and passing the course. Working together with someone else on the exercises is an excellent way to enhance your learning and your understanding. The starred* exercises should be handed in at the quiz section for the sections announced. Copy over your solutions so they are legible and the order of the work is clear. Also, mathematics homework usually involves sentences that explain your work and not just some random calculations. Therefore to get full credit, you must explain your answer.

Quiz section and Quizzes

Quiz section takes place on Tuesdays under the supervision of the TA, Theodore Stadnik. At the end of each Tuesday’s quiz section there will be a 20 minute quiz based on the homework from the previous week. These will be graded and will count towards your final grade. Make-up quizzes will not be given.

Tests

There will be 2 one-hour midterm tests which cannot be made up and a two-hour final exam. (If the day is changed, it will be announced in class and put on Blackboard .

- Midterm Test 1: Tuesday, October 21, 2008, 11-11:50 am
- Midterm Test 2: Tuesday, November 18, 2008, 11-11:50 am
- Final Examination: Tuesday, December 9, 2008, 9-11 am (scheduled by the Registrar)

Grading:

The grading system is has a maximum possible points of 660, distributed as follows:

- Homework: 20 points each assignment with lowest *individual* score dropped, total 140* points.
- Quizzes: 20 points each with lowest score dropped, total 120* points

Quizzes	100*
Homework	160*
Midterm 1	100
Midterm 2	100
Final	200
Total	660

*Total on homework and quizzes dependent on the actual number of homeworks and quizzes for the quarter.

Checking your grades

On Northwestern’s *Blackboard* site you can find a list of the grades we have recorded for you on homework, quizzes, and tests. You should check this list at least once a week. If you find a grade incorrectly recorded, bring that piece of work to lecture and ask me to fix the mistake. Make sure all of these are correct before the start of finals week. No quizzes or homework can be regraded after that time.

Regrading policy

The TA and I are happy to answer questions about items on tests at any time. If your question involves a possible grading mistake that might increase your grade, you must request regrading *within one week* after the date the work was returned to you; after that time, the books will close on that piece of work. In any case, no homework, quizzes, or midterms will be regraded after the beginning of finals week. It is best to seek regrading from the person who originally graded the question.