

Exam 1

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For this exam, you must **work alone**. You are not permitted to obtain help from people other than asking clarifying questions of the course staff. You are not permitted to provide help to others taking the exam. **You may not use any resources other than your brain and body, the one page of notes you prepared, and a simple writing implement like a pen or pencil.**

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As discussed in the Review Class, our goal is to design an exam that does not incentivize the intellectual dishonesty that is typically incentivized by school assignments and that you are all experts at, as demonstrated by your ability to achieve the level of success needed in high school to be admitted to the University. Hence, please keep in mind that the exam will be graded in a way that we hope will not reward intentionally obfuscated or deceptive answers — if you do not know how to solve a problem, or get stuck at a step in a proof, it is much better to state that clearly and explain what you know that might be relevant or useful towards solving the problem, than to fabricate an answer that you know is wrong.

Answers that we believe are deliberately deceptive will receive negative scores (worse than that 0 that a blank answer receives for any question), although fairly generous partial credit will be awarded for answers that state that you do not know how to solve the asked problem, but either solve an easier one or show something you can do that is related to the given problem.

To that goal, we have also included one *impossible* problem in the exam: one problem on the exam asks you to prove something that is untrue. You receive full credit for this problem by just writing “Impossible!” as your answer. If you want to include an explanation you can, but it is only (possibly) beneficial if you mark a problem that we think is answerable as impossible.

The exam has **9** questions, each of which awards a good answer with 10 points (you can also get up to **15 points for filling in the three blanks** on this cover page well enough so we can read your name and id). For each question, there is ample space provided to hold an excellent answer. If you need more space, you can use the backs of pages, but include clear markings and arrows to indicate the answer that should be graded. We will assume anything not inside and answer box or clearly marked from one, is your scratch work that should not be considered in scoring your answers.