

Guidelines for Final exam

May 16, 2012

1. The final will be **comprehensive**, covering material from the beginning of the semester till the May 17th lecture. There will be a bit more focus on things done after Midterm 2, however.
2. The exam will be *open book* (class notes or handouts, previous homework, but not calculators or computers). However, it makes a lot of sense to know definitions of the key terms, and statements and ideas of the main theorems, so you don't waste time looking these up.
3. Go over the homework and read the solutions. If your solution to a problem was long and messy, there was probably a better way.
4. Go over the practice exam problems (preferably time yourself). Know the techniques involved in their solution.

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