Math 1B Discussion

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Office Hours: My office is Evans 850, and I will be offering office hours from 3 to 4 on Mondays, and 11 to 12 on Tuesdays. Additional office hours can be made by appointment (see below.)

Contacting Me: If you send me an email, I will respond within 24 hours of reception. The best email to contact me at is jhicks@math.berkeley.edu. I will *not* answer questions that are directly related to the homework, but am happy to provide insights, hints and comments for other problems that you may have.

About Discussion: The purpose of discussion section is to discuss the material covered in lecture. I will clarify any concepts and topics presented in lecture. Additionally, we will work on problems together on the board, and in groups. Students will also present a problem once during discussion throughout the semester.

Discussion is also where you will take your quizzes, and turn in your homework— there are details about this below. I will not be answering questions from the homework during discussion. If you have specific questions about the homework, come visit me during office hours.

Homework, Quizzes, Presentations and Grades.
- The grading policy, is as follows
  - 10% First Midterm
  - 20% Second Midterm
  - 45% Final
  - 25% Discussion

  The first three items should be self explanatory. The Discussion grade will be comprised of three parts: homework, quizzes, and participation
- **Homework** will be assigned online, via the WebWorks platform. Additionally, there will be problems taken from the book— not all problems are best done through a website. These assignments will be due on Wednesday.
- Additionally, there will be a **quiz** on Wednesdays. There will be no make up quizzes. I will not assign a quiz on the day before Thanksgiving. You should interpret this as a sign of my generosity ⌣. Also, I will drop two of your lowest quiz scores.
- **Participation** comes in two forms: The first is attending and participating in discussion (surprise!)

  Once during the semester, you will present a problem during discussion. I will list problems for discussion on Monday. If you are interested in presenting one of those problems, send me an email during the week. The first three people to let me know what they would like to present that week can present, so don't leave it until the end of the term to sign up for a presentation!
- I strictly follow the University and Mathematics Department Academic Honesty Policy for all matters regarding this course.

Additional Notes:
- I ask that you don't use cellphones or laptops during discussion.
- At the start of every discussion, I will post a challenge problem on the board.
- I'm very excited for this semester!