Math 53 Discussion

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Office Hours: My office is Evans 935, and I will be offering office hours 1-2pm on Mondays and 2-3pm on Thursdays. 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.
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.

Grading Policy. There will be two midterms in the course, and you must take at least one. Here is a quick guide to the grading policy:

	(-) Midterm I	(+) Midterm I
(-) Midterm II	If you take neither midterm, you will not get a passing grade ⌢. Don't be in this square!	20% Discussion 20% Midterm I 60% Final
(+) Midterm II	20% Discussion 40% Midterm II 40% Final	20% Discussion 20% Midterm I 20% Midterm II 40% Final

Hopefully, "Midterm" and "Final" should be self explanatory. The Discussion grade will be comprised of two parts homework and quizzes.

- **Homework** will be assigned on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Homework is due 1 section after it is assigned (i.e. Monday homework is due Thursday). Homework is graded pass/fail.
- Additionally, there will be a **quiz** on Tuesdays. There will be no make up quizzes. I will drop two of your lowest quiz scores. You should interpret this as a sign of my generosity ⌣.

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.
- My website will slowly accrue *lots* of useful information throughout the semester. It can be found here :

    http://math.berkeley.edu/~jhicks/classes/fall14math53/courseindex.html
- I'm very excited for this semester!