Math 54 Discussion

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Office Hours: My office is 853 Evans, and I will be offering office hours 12:30-1:30 PM on Mondays and 1-2 PM on Fridays. In addition to normal office hours, I will be offering "roaming office hours" where I will post my location on my discussion webpage.

Contacting Me: The best way to contact me is by email, at jeff.hicks@berkeley.edu. I will try to respond to email requests within 48 hours. If you have a short request at the end of class[1] I may ask you to send me an email with a note to that effect attached. This helps me remember to get your requests processed on time! If you have a specific topic that you want me to cover during class, you can **request discussion topics** on my webpage. If we don't get to it during class, we can set up a time to meet during the week.

About Discussion: The purpose of discussion section is to discuss the material covered in lecture. Discussion will generally be composed of a short review section and a group work section. Discussion is also where you will take your quizzes and turn in homework.

- Every discussion will have a group work handout which will be posted on my discussion webpage. I'll also post sketches of the solutions online. These problems are designed so that you can get feedback on your problem-solving process in real time.
- Homework is due on Wednesdays and is graded for completeness. Feel free to work in groups or ask for help, but duplicated solutions will not be graded. These problems are for your own practice and self-assessment of material mastery.
- Quizzes are on Mondays. This is where I can give you feedback on your written work and I will post solutions to the quizzes online and possibly discuss these problems in class as well.

Grading Policy. There will be two midterms in the course, a final, weekly quizzes, and homework. You can replace one midterm grade with your final grade and the lowest 2 homework and quizzes will be dropped. There are no make up quizzes or homeworks.

Additional Notes:

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

    http://math.berkeley.edu/~jhicks/classes/fall17math53/courseindex.html

    You can also view previous incarnations of this course webpage by making the substitution

$$\texttt{fall17} \mapsto \texttt{spring16}$$

- I'm very excited for this semester!

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[1] Like : I'm the person who didn't have their name on the HW! Can you add its score to the gradebook?