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Email Policy Please use “53” in the subject of all your emails to me, so that I can find them. I am not often on email, particularly on weekends. If you have anything urgent to talk to me about (missing quizzes, e.g.), it is best to bring it up before or after section, or in office hours.

Homework Homework is intended for you to study the material and review for quizzes. I will be reviewing homeworks on Mondays in section.

Quizzes Quizzes are composed of two randomly chosen problems from the homework assignment due the previous Monday. There will be a quiz every Wednesday. There will be no make-up quizzes. If you know that you will have to miss a quiz, please let me know in advance, and we’ll work something out. The lowest two quizzes will be dropped, unless you receive a score of zero for an unexcused absence on a quiz day. I will post solutions on my website.

Section Schedule Most of section time will be spent on group work and answering your questions; I will try to minimize lecturing. The goal is for you to be active rather than passively watching me. I realize it can be uncomfortable to do math in public, but think about it: would you rather make a mistake in section and laugh about it, or make one on the test? Or in real life, when you are designing a bridge or cracking a code? You will learn better from your own mistakes and the mistakes of your classmates than from watching me lecture. Moreover, from seeing where you struggle and where you shine, I learn how to teach you.

DSP If you require accommodations please let Professor Agol know at least two weeks in advance of the exam dates. You will have to provide a letter from the DSP office, so please contact them as soon as possible. If you require accommodations for quizzes, please talk to me as soon as possible so that we can work something out (you can come to office hours, catch me before or after section, or send me an email – with “53” in the subject line – whichever is most convenient for you).

Let me know if you want more resources, more advanced problems, more basic problems, or want to know anything about what comes next in mathematics – I love to talk about math!