

Online Exam Instruction

Here is the detailed instruction for the online Midterm I exam on April 16th. Please read it carefully well before the exam.

1. The exam will be conducted online through **Gradescope** in two time sessions on **April 16th: the morning session from 11:00am to 12:05pm, and the afternoon session from 6:00pm to 7:05pm (both are San Diego time)**. The exam will be available on Gradescope once the exam time session starts. Please note there are two Gradescope websites for Math 20D. **The exams will be on the Gradescope website where you submit paper-and-pen HWs.**
2. The problems in the two time sessions will be of the same difficulty level. **You can pick one and only one time session to take the exam.** If you take the exam in the morning session, then you must not open the exam for the afternoon session, and vice versa. **If you open exams of both time sessions, then you will receive a zero grade for this exam.**
3. **It will be an open-book exam.** You can only use the book, lecture videos, lecture notes and HW solutions (of your own and those we posted on course website/canvas). Any other resources/assistant are not allowed. In particular, any other resources online cannot be used and you may not collaborate or communicate (in-person or online or in any other form) with any other humans while working on this exam. **Any sign of cheating/collaboration observed in the grading will be reported immediately to the Academic Integrity Office.**
4. At the beginning of the exam page, you will see again this instruction and an integrity pledge. You will need to sign and date for the pledge. You don't need to print the pledge page out. You can just copy the line "I excel with integrity" on your own paper and then sign and date it. I attach the pledge page so you can take a look in advance.
5. If you have any questions about any problem during the exam, we encourage you to use your own judgment and understanding (Of course we do our best to formulate each problem in a clean way to avoid ambiguity). If you still feel that you need to ask, then please email me (m3xiao@ucsd.edu).
6. You don't need to print the exam out. You can just write your solutions on blank papers or latex your solutions or write on a tablet. You will need to finish and upload your solutions (handwriting scanned file, or latex generated pdf, tablet writing pdf files, or any format that is accepted by Gradescope) to Gradescope by the end time of the time session that you choose. **If you take the morning session exam, then you will need to submit your exam to Gradescope by 12:05pm. If you take the afternoon session exam, then you will need to submit to Gradescope by 7:05pm.**

7. When you upload your exam solution, Gradescope will ask you to match each of the problems with the page on which your solution for that problem appears. Please do it carefully and make sure they are well-matched.
8. **Your submission via Gradescope is sufficient.** But if for any reason you cannot upload the exam to Gradescope, then please email the pdf file of your solution (no images files!) to me (m3xiao@ucsd.edu) and cc your TA (Cameron (ccinel@ucsd.edu) for Section B01-B04; David (dcavende@ucsd.edu) for Section B05-B06; Ariel (aschreim@ucsd.edu) for Section B07-B08) **within 5 minutes after the exam ends.** We will decide what to do with your exam (Do not send email if you successfully upload the exam to Gradescope). **If you fail to upload via Gradescope and also fail to email us your solution within 5 minutes after the exam ends, then your exam will not be accepted.**
9. We will look for any possible signs of academic misconduct during grading the exam. If any suspicious signs are spotted, then the students may be asked to a follow-up Zoom meeting in which they will be asked to justify their work on the exam and show that it was their own work. If the follow-up is unconvincing, or the student is unable or unwilling to engage, their exam will be forwarded to the AI Office for a potential violation.

Important Tips: Please leave enough time for yourself to scan and upload the exam, don't wait until the last minute. Please let me know as soon as possible if you have any questions about the exam. Good luck!

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