

Algebra: Final exam rules.

The midsemester exam is a take-home exam. Below is an explanation of how it is conducted.

- Each student chooses a consecutive period of 24 hours during the exam period, which is from 12:01am on Monday, December 14th to 11:59pm on Sunday, December 20th.
- To obtain a copy of the exam, you must e-mail me at bbukh@math.cmu.edu with the subject line “Final exam request” (without quotes). You will receive an automatic response with the text of the exam.
- The 4-hour period starts from the moment you receive the automatic response. Note that you must request the exam before 11:59pm on Saturday, December 19th.
- During the exam you may use your class notes, and any books you wish. Both physical and e-books are OK. If you use any books, you must cite them.
- You may not use any other external resources, such as Internet forums.
- During the exam period (Monday–Sunday) you may not communicate to anyone about the content of the exam. That includes even comments such as “the exam was easy/hard”.
- Your solutions must be submitted by e-mail to me at bbukh@math.cmu.edu. Legible scanned work is acceptable.
- If you plan on scanning your submission, test your scanner before you begin the final. Also, note that my e-mail address rejects e-mails over 10Mb. Please break big files into several e-mails.
- Resubmissions are allowed. Only the last submission will be graded.
- Late submissions lose 1% of the score per minute of being late.

- Please read all the questions once you receive the exam, and ask if any statement is unclear. I will regularly check my e-mail during the exam days (but not nights).
- If you find an error in a problem's statement, you may submit a counterexample for full credit. Because the exam is taken asynchronously, even if I am alerted of an error, I will not modify the statement, as to maintain fair exam for everyone.
- I will grade all the exams starting Monday, December 21th.