Algebra: Mid-semester 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 4 hours during the exam period, which is from 12:01am on Thursday, October 22nd to 11:59pm on Sunday, October 25th.

- To obtain a copy of the exam, you must e-mail me at `bbukh@math.cmu.edu` with the subject line "Mid-semester 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 7:59pm on Sunday, October 25th.

- 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 (Thursday–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.

- 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, October 26th.

- Because the exam partially overlaps the mid-semester break, to compensate, the class on Monday, October 26th will be optional. Its content will not be tested on homeworks or the final.