

Algebra: Midterm exam rules.

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

- You must choose a consecutive period of 3 hours during the exam period, which is from 12:01am on Friday, October 14th to 2:59am on Monday, October 17th.
- You must record yourself using Zoom (audio, video and screen), for the entire duration of the exam. Start new meeting, and share your screen (entire screen, not just a window). Then record it to the cloud. Be sure that the recording also shows you, either picture in picture, or separately.
- There are many settings in Zoom, so please test it before the exam.
- To obtain a copy of the exam, you must e-mail me at bbukh@math.cmu.edu with the subject line “Midterm exam request” (without quotes). You will receive an automatic response with the text of the exam.
- The 3-hour period starts from the moment you receive the automatic response. Note that you must request the exam before 11:59pm on Sunday, October 16th.
- During the exam you may use your class notes, and any books you wish. You may consult your notes on your computer (whose screen is recorded on Zoom). You may not use Internet. You may not use any other electronic devices. If you use any books, you must cite them.
- You should stay within your webcam’s field of view whenever possible.
- Your solutions must be submitted by e-mail to me at bbukh@math.cmu.edu. Legible scanned work is acceptable (and encouraged to save time for you).
- 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 20Mb. Please break big files into several e-mails.
- Resubmissions are allowed. Only the last submission will be graded.
- During the exam period (Friday–Sunday) you may not communicate to anyone about the content of the exam. That includes even comments such as “the exam was easy/hard”.
- Late submissions lose 2% 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 17th.