Math Camp

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TA Info

- Joshua MausolfRyan Hughes
- We will hold twice weekly labs, that will occur in this room from 130-300pm (or so)
- Github for class: github/justingrimmer/MathCamp

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Homework

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Course Books

- 1) Simon, Carl and Blume, Lawrence (SB). Mathematics for Economists.
- 2) Bertsekas, Dimitri P. and Tsitsiklis, John (BT) Introduction to Probability Theory (second edition)