

## Math 55a: Honors Abstract Algebra

Homework Assignment  $7\pi/2$  (20 November 2017)

WhoOOOoo ... a**R**e ... yoOOOou?

—the Caterpillar in Disney’s *Alice in Wonderland*

Who am I? Why am I here?

—Admiral James Stockdale, 1992

I didn’t get around to this sooner, so here it is as a “problem set”. Please reply to Problem 1 (plain text please, as usual) by e-mail to [elkies@math.harvard.edu](mailto:elkies@math.harvard.edu) by November 28. Please also complete, but do not turn in, Problem 2.

1. Please tell me:

- i) Your name and hometown;
- ii) Your mathematical background (incl. physics, computers, etc.);
- iii) What other courses you’re taking this term;
- iv) Your non-academic interests;
- v) Something amusing/impressive/interesting/whatever about you

[Hint: The only incorrect answers for this last part are those equivalent to “there’s nothing amusing/impressive/interesting/whatever about me.”]

2. Have a happy Thanksgiving break!