

Hi everyone,

This is a gentle reminder about Thursday's midterm exam (February 27). The exam is in our regular classroom from noon to 1:20 pm. Plan on being present and on time.

The exam covers what we have done since the beginning of the course, including today's lecture. No make-up exams are given in this course so plan on taking the exam or obtain an excuse from the Dean of Students in the event of an emergency or a doctor's note from a licensed physician, if you are sick. If you have received an excused absence from me, you have a valid excuse. Please see the course syllabus for the policy regarding missed exams.

The following guidelines apply to the midterm exam.

The exam is not a programming exam: you won't be writing code on the exam. You must understand all the algorithms that we have studied. Understand all the data structures, associated algorithms and their asymptotic analyses. See the syllabus and course calendar for topics that we have covered, sections of the textbooks (both the required and supplementary one) that we have covered and practice exercises assigned from those sections.

Guidelines:

1. You may bring additional 4 sheets (8 pages) of reference materials to the exam. During the exam you may refer to those pages. If you bring crib notes, staple the at the back of your blue book. No loose sheets are allowed during the exam. No computers or digital devices are allowed for exam. It goes without saying, that no sharing of crib notes is permitted during the exam.
2. A blue book (8.5" x 11") is required for the exam. They are sold in the bookstore (Barnes & Noble on campus) for under a dollar or at some vending machines on campus (Coates Hall, Patrick F Taylor Hall, etc). The Student Government Office in the Union gives them out at no cost, when they have them.
3. Do not use a red ink pen because I will be grading your exam with one. Use black or blue ink pen.
4. Be sure to complete all the information on the cover of your blue book and the exam cover sheet during the exam, specifically your name, date, and course. Put your exam sheet in your blue book when you turn in your exam.
5. Use the back of the exam sheets if you need scratch paper.
6. If you have any questions or want any clarification on topics that we have covered, don't hesitate to come by during my office hours. See my office hours on the course web page. Also, take advantage of the discussion forum that I will set up on Moodle. Your classmates may also be able to answer questions that you have.

THE FORUM MUST ONLY BE USED FOR MIDTERM EXAM-RELATED MATTERS AND NO OTHER PURPOSE.

7. ONLY FOR STUDENTS WITH ACCOMMODATION LETTERS FROM ODS: For students with accommodation letters from ODS (Office of Disability Services), please make

arrangements with them to take your exam at Johnston Hall. They will proctor your exam and provide you the necessary accommodation. I strongly recommend that you do since I am NOT able to provide you the required accommodation in the classroom. Your exam will be sent to Johnston Hall on the day of the exam if you do.

GOOD LUCK!

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