

MATH 2200 Intro to Abstract Algebra

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Textbook: Lecture notes by Petr Vojtěchovský, available in pdf form.

Homework and presentations

Homework problems will be given in class and posted on my web page. Selected ones will be graded. You are strongly advised to work on all the homework problems, as they may be similar to the ones on the exams. You are allowed to discuss the homework problems with other students, but you are expected to write down the solutions by yourself.

No late homework will be accepted, but you may arrange for your homework to be turned in by a fellow student or put it in my mailbox by the beginning of class, if you know you will be missing class. Moreover, you may drop your lowest two homework grades, so if you don't turn in homework for a class, this can be one of the two scores you decide to drop. You may be asked to present your solutions to the homework problems in class having access to your notes and homework. Homework and presentations, together with quizzes and worksheets, will account for 500 points of your final grade.

Quizzes and Worksheets

There may be a short quiz in the beginning of class, referring to previously covered material. Often worksheets will be given in class; they will be on material just covered and often you will be asked to work in a group. You may be asked to present your solutions to the worksheet in class having access to your work and your notes. For some of the quizzes/worksheets you will be allowed to use the book and you can drop the two lowest grades. (If you miss a quiz/worksheet, your grade will be zero.) Quizzes and worksheets, together with homework and presentations, will account for 500 points of your final grade.

Exams

There will be one midterm and one final exam, worth 200 and 300 points, respectively. Midterms and final exams cannot be dropped; make up exams will be allowed only in special circumstances.

Your grade

All of the above add up to 1000 points. Letter grades will be assigned as follows:

930-1000.....A	800-829.....B-	670-699.....D+
900-929.....A-	770-799.....C+	630-669.....D
870-899.....B+	730-769.....C	600-629.....D-
830-869.....B	700-729.....C-	Below 600.....F

Honor Code

As every course in DU, MATH 3170 is ruled by the principles and regulations of the Honor Code. In particular, you are not allowed to use any kind of help or a calculator during the exams unless otherwise instructed.

Office hours

I strongly encourage you to use my office hours. Don't wait until you are lost before coming for help. Even if there is something seemingly unimportant that you don't understand, please come and ask!

Web page and e-mails

Class information, including assigned homework, sections covered, exam dates and the syllabus, will be posted on my web page, while grades will be posted on Blackboard. Feel free to send me e-mails with questions, comments and feedback.