

UPDATED GENERAL INFORMATION — NOVEMBER 24, 2008

Here is the ninth assignment, which is due **in your discussion section** on **Tuesday, December 2**. All exercises are taken from the course text.

Page 244 and following: 4, 18
Page 257 and following: 2(*a, c*), 10, 12, 22, 34

In addition, here is a tenth assignment, which is not to be turned in. **HOWEVER**, one problem from the first three exercises in this assignment will appear on the third exam!

Page 270 and following: 4, 6, 18
Page 285 and following: 20

The quiz tomorrow will cover Sections 2.3 through 3.2.

Answers for the second examination are posted in the file `exam2key.pdf` in the course directory.

STATISTICS FROM THE SECOND EXAMINATION

The cutoff scores are as follows:

A — 80
B — 60
C — 40
D — 20

The median score was 75.

Appeals regarding the grading of this examination must be submitted by the end of class on Monday, December 1. Written comments should be placed on the examination indicating the problems to be reconsidered. **BRIEF** and **OBJECTIVE** statements about specific issues may be included.

Statement on final grade determination:

As noted previously, the course grade will be determined by a weighted average of the grades on the examinations, the quizzes and the homework. The cutoff points for A, B, C, D, F will be determined individually for each each of these constituents, and for grading purposes the raw numerical scores will be normalized as follows:

4.0 = perfect score, 3.0 = lowest A, 2.0 = lowest B, 1.0 = lowest C, 0.0 = lowest D, -1.0 = zero score. If the raw numerical score lies between two of these values, the normalized score will be determined by linear interpolation.

EXAMPLE. If the lowest A is 88, the lowest B is 72, and a student's raw numerical score is 76, then the raw score is 4 points above the lowest B, the difference between the lowest A and the lowest is 16, and therefore the grade is $\frac{4}{16} = \frac{1}{4}$ of the way from the lowest B to the lowest A; linear interpolation means that the normalized score on the examination is **2.25**.