

UPDATED GENERAL INFORMATION — DECEMBER 2, 2009

To repeat a statement made near the end of the class today, final grades should be ready a week from today; if you want information about the grade, send me an electronic message at the usual address. If you wish to pick up your final exam, you may do so; it is only necessary to arrange for a time when I will be in my office (probably some time next quarter is better).

Regarding concerns that were expressed about the length of the exam, as noted at the beginning of class I am going to take this into consideration, and when setting the curve the cutoff for a 4.0 (the usual top A) will be 80, with anything over 80 earning extra credit. If student scores are uniformly lower on this exam, then the cutoff points for A, B, C, D will reflect this and also be proportionally lower. The material covered on the third exam is unquestionably more difficult than the topics on the previous two, and this will also be taken into account.