UPDATED GENERAL INFORMATION — FEBRUARY 28, 2017

Grades for the second examination

The cutoff scores are as follows:

A — 66
B — 44
C — 34
D — 20

The median score was 47.

Appeals regarding the grading of this examination must be submitted by the end of class on **Monday, March 6**. Written comments should be placed on the examination indicating the problems or issues 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**.

The third quiz

This is scheduled for Tuesday, March 7, and it will cover material from Chapters 8 through 11. Further information will be forthcoming.

Assignments for Chapters $11 - 13$

Working the exercises listed below is **strongly recommended.**

The following exercises are taken from Sutherland:

- Chapter 11: 11.1, 11.3, 11.6, 11.8
- Chapter 12: $12.1(i) - (iii)$, 12.3, 12.7, 12.13, 12.15, 12.17
- Chapter 13: 13.1–4, 13.10. 13.14, 13.20

The following references are to the file `exercises05w14.pdf` in the course directory.

- Additional exercise for Chapter 11: $1 - 3$
- Additional exercises for Chapter 12: 1, $2(i)$, 4, 5
- Additional exercises for Chapter 13: 1, 2, $3(i)$, 4

Reading assignments from solutions to exercises

Two additional strong recommendations are to read through the solutions to Exercises 12.9, 12.11, 12.16, 13.9, and 13.13 from Sutherland.