UPDATED GENERAL INFORMATION — JUNE 12, 2017

Combined grades for the first two examinations

The scores for both examinations were added together, and a new curve was formed using the sums of these grades. For this sum of the grades, the top score (normalizing to 4.0 as below) was 128. The combined cutoff scores for letter grades are as follows:

$$A — 86$$
$$B — 64$$
$$C — 40$$

The combined median score was 79.

As indicated in the lectures, the greater of the normalized grade on the first examination by itself and the combined normalized score (as defined below) will be the new normalized midterm score.

Appeals regarding the grading of the second examination must be submitted by the beginning of the final examination on **Thursday, June 15**. 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**.

Note on hints for the final examination

In the practice problems in `aabUpdate12.145B.s17.pdf`, Problem 2 should be replaced by Problem 7 in `final2017-prep2.pdf`. The reasons for this are discussed in the latter file.

Return of final examinations

My general policy is that students are welcome to take and keep their final examinations, but I might be unavailable at various points throughout the summer. Students who want to retrieve their examinations should contact me by electronic mail so that arrangements can be made. Appeals and queries regarding grading may be submitted as for the midterms with no formal deadline aside from standard University regulations.