HISTORY OF MATHEMATICS 153 (001)(Spring 2021): Math 153 Spring 2021, before first class meeting on March 31

In advance of that meeting, here is some basic information about the course.

You can reach me by email at rschultz@ucr.edu if and when you have questions. The course text is Burton, History of Mathematics, 7th Edition. Unfortunately the retail price for this book from some sellers is high, so checking the WWW for prices is strongly recommended.

Also, there will be an online directory with further course materials:

http://math.ucr.edu/~res/math153-2021

The contents and organization will be similar to that of last year's course:

http://math.ucr.edu/~res/math153-2020

but there will be adjustments in places. The attached document aabTopics153 gives an outline of the course, and the attachment math153scheduleS20 gives a rough timetable for the course. The grading of the course is implicit in the latter. There will be two take home examinations and 2 or 3 take-home quizzes. Tentatively the quizzes will account for 25 per cent of the score, the first exam will count for 30 per cent, and the second will count for 45 per cent because it will be 50% longer. Homework will not be collected, but you are strongly urged to work the recommended exercises given throughout the quarter, checking your answers with those in the solutions file afterwards. Please ask one of the teaching assistants or me if you need additional help or clarifications.

IMPORTANT NOTE. Course materials will not be posted to iLearn, but instead they will be in the course directory. For the time being, I recommend looking at last year's directory for information (see the link given above). This applies particularly to the subfolder <u>week0</u> in the course directory.