

**UPDATED GENERAL INFORMATION — MAY 9, 2016**

*Statistics for the midterm examination*

The cutoff scores are as follows:

A — 90  
B — 78  
C — 60

The median score was 93.5.

Appeals regarding the grading of this examination must be submitted by the end of class on **Wednesday, May 11**. Written comments should be placed on the examination with an indication of 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**.

**EXTRA CREDIT.** *This applies to scores higher than 100.* With the extra credit option on the final problem, there is a total of 125 points possible on the examination. If a student's raw numerical score  $S$  exceeds 100, then the normalized score will be 4 plus  $\frac{1}{100} \cdot (S - 100)$ .