

UPDATED GENERAL INFORMATION — MARCH 19, 2014

STATISTICS FROM THE SECOND EXAMINATION

The cutoff scores are as follows:

A — 80
B — 50

The median score was 98.

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**.

Return of examinations

My general policy is that students are welcome to take and keep their final examinations, but for several weeks next quarter I will be unavailable. Students who want to retrieve their examinations should contact me by electronic mail so that arrangements can be made, possibly through the Department Office.