

Ground Rules. Expect this course to be quite different from other mathematics courses you have taken. Here are the ground rules we will be operating under:

- These notes contain “exercises” and “tasks”. You will solve these problems at home and then present the solutions in class. The instructor will call on students at random to present “exercises”; he will call on volunteers to present solutions to the “tasks”.
- When you are in the audience, you are expected to be actively engaged in the presentation. This means checking to see if every step of the presentation is clear and convincing to you, and speaking up when it is not. When there are gaps in the reasoning, the students in class will work together to fill the gaps.
- The instructor will only serve as a moderator. His major contribution in class will consist of asking guiding and probing questions. He will also occasionally give short presentations to put topics into a wider context, or to briefly talk about additional concepts not dealt with in the notes.
- You may use only these notes and your own class notes; you are not allowed to consult other books or materials. You must not talk to anyone outside of class about the assignments. You are encouraged to collaborate with other class participants; if you do, you must acknowledge their contribution during your presentation. Exemptions from these restrictions require prior approval by the instructor.
- Your instructor is an important resource for you. He expects frequent visits from all of you during his office hours—many more visits than in a “normal” class. Among other things, you probably will want to come to his office to ask questions about concepts and assigned problems, you will probably occasionally want to show him your work before presenting it in class, and you probably will

have times when you just want to talk about the frustrations you may experience.

- It is of paramount importance that we all agree to create a class atmosphere that is supportive and non-threatening to all participants. Disparaging remarks will be tolerated neither from students nor from the instructor.

I understand these rules, and will abide by them.

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Student (print name)	Signature	Date

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Instructor (print name)	Signature	Date