

Notes on Midterm Exam

Dates:

- Posted 10/14 after class
- Due 10/21 in class

Rules:

- Open book, open notes
- Don't discuss with other students

Format:

- Four conceptual questions
- Four hw-style problems

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Coverage:

- Lectures 1–12 (through next Thursday)
- Chapters 2-6 in text

I'll post HW5 solutions next Friday

- Won't accept late HW

Questions:

- Short answers or multiple choice
- Don't require much math
- Not necessarily easy!

Problems:

- Like (short) hw problems
- No computer required
- Range of difficulty

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Advice:

- Should take 6-8 hours
 - More time probably wasted
- Start early (Thursday night!)
 - Identify & answer questions you know
- Put exam down for a few days: think
 - Jot down any insights
- Go back to exam and try to finish
 - Put down again for a day
- Write up work neatly
 - Look for mistakes
- Call it done!