The course grade will be computed as follows:

75 % exams (25 % each)
25 % Homework Assignments

There will be no final exam.

Each exam will be worth 105 points but will be counted as if it were a 100-point exam. There will be no other curve on the exams and no curve on the homeworks. Thus, the course grade will be obtained numerically based on the scheme described above, and letter grades will be computed as follows:

\[ \begin{align*}
    \geq 90 &= A; \\
    80 - 89 &= B; \\
    65 - 79 &= C; \\
    55 - 64 &= D; \\
    < 55 &= F
\end{align*} \]

Homeworks, Exams and other Policies:

1. **Collected** Homework Assignments

These will be assigned approximately every week. Some of the assignments will require the use of MAPLE in addition to pencil and paper work. While you may not ask questions directly about these problems in recitation, you are encouraged to work with fellow students.

However, and this is **IMPORTANT**, the write-up you hand in should be completely your own work. This means you MAY NOT copy someone else’s words verbatim and you MAY NOT use identical or cut-and-pasted MAPLE sessions (which can be easily detected from style, typos, etc.). Such actions will be considered cheating and will result in a grade of zero for that homework.

2. **Suggested** Homework Problems

Attached is a list of suggested HW problems for the course. It is also available on my webpage. During recitations, requested problems from this list will be discussed, and any other questions will be answered. You are not expected to solve EVERY problem on the list. It is up to you to solve enough problems for you to feel comfortable with the material. Warning: Some of the problems on this suggested problems list are quite difficult. Don’t get discouraged if you encounter trouble sometimes.

3. **Make-Up Exams:** If you must miss an exam because of a prior obligation, you must speak to me about it IN ADVANCE of the exam. If you miss an exam for an unforeseen but valid reason (e.g., illness) you must obtain a WRITTEN EXCUSE (from medical professional or Dean of Students) or the infirmary must confirm your illness. If you miss an exam WITHOUT a written excuse (e.g., your alarm didn’t go off, etc.) you will be given a
make-up only if you inform we within 24 hours, and will automatically lose 15 points off the top.

4. **Handing in Homework:** You are expected to submit your HW in class on the day the assignment is due. If you cannot make it to class at this time, you must receive prior permission to hand the HW in early. Otherwise, DO NOT leave HW’s in Dr. Schmidt’s or your recitation instructor’s mailbox. Any HW left in a mailbox without prior permission will be regarded as late. Late HW’s will lose 25% of the grade earned and will not be accepted more than 24 hours after the due date.

5. **Contesting Grades and Retrieving Graded Work:** If you wish to contest a graded exam or assignment, you must speak to me within 48 business hours of the date the assignment is first returned in class. After this deadline, the grade will be final. Also, if your work is not picked up within 48 business hours of the date the assignment is returned in class, you forfeit all rights to contest the grade.