

Hi everyone,

I'm sure by now you've all received multiple communications from CSN and from your individual professors regarding classes moving from campus to online. Different professors will be conducting online classes differently so I wanted to share with you all what my plan is for the rest of the semester.

Tomorrow (Wednesday), I will record the section 2.6 video, which will wrap up chapter 2 and the material that will be covered on next week's exam. As always, I will post the link to the video on the course website. After I've posted that video, I will start writing Exam #2 and post the review on the course website as soon as it's ready. Beginning on Monday, which is the day we are scheduled to review for Exam #2, we will meet in Webex during our regularly scheduled class time. For those of you who haven't used WebEx before, here are two recommendations:

1. Visit CSN's Conferencing and Collaboration Tools webpage at <https://www.csn.edu/email> and check out the links they provide on WebEx. In particular, there is a link to WebEx's download page, where you can download the Windows, Android, and iOS apps. You should also be able to join WebEx through your browser (I've tried it on Chrome on my computer before and it worked fine, although it did ask me to either download a temporary program or install an add-in in Chrome).
2. Before Monday, I highly recommend testing WebEx to make sure it's working, especially your audio settings. You can go to <https://www.webex.com/test-meeting.html> to test that WebEx is working on your computer or mobile device. If you have any issues with WebEx, I won't really be in any sort of position to help you troubleshoot when we begin class on Monday, so please do test WebEx before Monday and reach out to CSN's Service Desk at <https://www.csn.edu/helpdesk> if you need support.

My hope is that everyone will be able to attend class virtually, but I recognize this could be a challenge for some. I will continue to record our lectures, even though they are now going to be virtual, and posting them on the course website for everyone to watch at their convenience. My understanding is that as of right now, CSN's computer labs will be open and WebEx will be installed on all CSN computers. In order to join the class in WebEx, you will need the following URL:

<https://csnedu.webex.com/csnedu/j.php?MTID=m714b35121945fbadff643d2a6dc4c089>

This URL *should* take you straight to the WebEx room for our class meeting (you might need to enter some information, such as your name or log into your CSN account). In the event that it asks you for a meeting number or password, you should use the following:

Meeting number: 964 507 436

Password: math

As far as next week's test goes, I'm leaning toward making it a take-home exam. My hesitation with doing this isn't that I'm concerned about cheating because (1) I've gotten good at recognizing work done by students versus work done by someone else or that students had help with, (2) cheating in a math course that's intended to prepare you for a future math course makes no sense because failing to master the content in this course makes you more likely to fail a future math course that requires this material as background material, and (3) it makes no sense to risk failing the entire class or even getting expelled from school just for one exam score, especially when I drop your lowest exam score and replace it with the final exam score anyway. The reason I'm hesitant to make next week's exam a take-home exam is because of logistics, particularly, how I get it back from you all. Some of you may have access to a scanner, but I presume everyone either has a cell phone with a camera or knows someone with a cell phone with a camera they can borrow. Assuming that's the case, you all would need to ensure that the pictures of your work are high enough quality that I can easily read everything you've written; this means no pictures taken at an angle and no writing lightly with a pencil. **\*IF ANYONE HAS ANY CONCERNS ABOUT BEING ABLE TO SEND ME EITHER HIGH QUALITY SCANS OR HIGH QUALITY PICTURES OF THEIR WORK, LET ME KNOW BEFORE FRIDAY.\*** Assuming there are no expected issues with sending me your work, then we will go with a take-home exam.

I know there's a lot of digest here. To summarize, your three action items are:

1. Test WebEx before Monday's class.
2. Let me know if you have any concerns about being able to send me your work on Exam #2 so that it is easy for me to read (assuming Exam #2 is a take-home exam).
3. Watch this week's lecture videos. The remainder of section 2.4 and section 2.5 are on the course website and section 2.6 will be on the course website tomorrow (Wednesday).

If anyone has any questions, please let me know.

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