

Ground Rules and Guidelines for the Oral Final Exam

- 1) It will last no more than 20 minutes. If you are late for your start time, then that counts towards your 20 minutes. If I am late starting your exam, then you get the full 20 minutes.
- 2) I will ask you a maximum of 20 questions. Any follow-up queries in response to your answer to the initial question do not count towards the maximum. If you answer the 20 questions in fewer than 20 minutes, then your exam ends early.
- 3) You may consult any written or online materials and use a calculator at any time during the exam. There will be paper and pens available in case you want to sketch or write down anything for me to look at, or need to write down a note for your own use. However, no item other than your voice will be required in order to answer any of the questions.
- 4) Your grade will be based on a combination of how many questions I have time to ask you, how many you answer correctly, how many you answer well (completely but concisely), and how well you handle any follow-up queries.
- 5) I can ask questions about anything that was presented during the course in lectures, on problem sets, as practice problems, on review sheets for tests, or on tests.
- 6) I may ask one question regarding your book review.
- 7) I might ask you if you have a question for me. If I do this, then you would want to have a clearly formulated question for me regarding something related to the course.
- 8) Three questions will come from the sheet: "Some Questions for the Final Exam."
- 9) You cannot try out your answers to questions from the sheet "Some Questions for the Final Exam" on me ahead of time.
- 10) You can try out your answers on the teaching assistants, but they cannot be held responsible for any advice they give you that you find out later was nonoptimal advice.