

Since it became necessary to conduct our course in a remote fashion, a number of new issues arose. In what follows, I explain in detail how exactly we are going to finish the last part of the course. As of now, it appears that we will have to work remotely until the end of the spring semester.

1. First, I will not be lecturing online in the real time mode. This would be rather difficult to day since some of you may be in a time zone different from mine and also not be able to maintain a high quality Internet access. Therefore, instead of this, I will simple be posting clips of me discussing specific topics while going through an appropriate set of slides. Such a discussion will hopefully be similar to how I lecture in the classroom. These recordings will not be long – no more than about 10 min long. Each one will contain a discussion of just one specific topic. I will post links to these recordings as I produce them on the Blackboard site of the course. I will not use my own course website for this purpose since Blackboard has a larger capacity to handle multiple internet queries at the same time and is less likely to crash. A suggested way to study then would be to open a set of slides from my course webpage and go through it while listening to my voice recording(s). To make it a little easier, each recording will also include the video of the slides that I am discussing.
2. Beginning the week of May 23<sup>rd</sup> I will be holding (extended) online office hours, 1.30-3pm EDT on Tuesday and Thursday of each week until the end of semester. We will be doing this using the Webex software. Sometime before 1.30 pm on both days, all of you will be receiving from me an e-mail inviting you to the online Webex meeting. During the office hour time, I will be available for discussion with you concerning your homework assignments and/or any other concerns. For those of you who don't have Webex installed on their computers, you can download it from <https://www.purdue.edu/innovativelearning/supporting-instruction/instructional-technology/webex.aspx>
3. New homework assignments will be posted online on the usual course website every Thursday afternoon and will be due the next Thursday by 5pm EDT. Your homework will have to be scanned and uploaded to Blackboard. The grader will be doing the grading and posting his comments on the Blackboard as well. Finally, the grades will be getting recorded in Blackboard in the usual manner as before. I will be posting solution files to each homework assignment as before on my own course website (not in Blackboard).
4. The final exam will have the form of a take-home exam with open book and open notes. I will give you specific amount of time to finish it from the time it gets posted on the Blackboard course webpage. It will have to be submitted through the Blackboard as well.
5. In any situation where I think a more extensive explanation(s) is necessary, I will be sending group e-mails to the entire class explaining the current situation and the tasks we need to perform in detail. Please feel free to e-mail me at any time with your questions.