

**Exam 1**  
**Discrete Mathematics**

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The first exam will cover sections 3 through 9 in the book. I will not list review problems because (a) there are not so many problems in the book sections and (b) the book has a self test at the end of each chapter.

- 3 Definitions of *divisible*, *even*, *odd*, *prime* and *composite*. You need to know these, because even if I don't ask for them directly, you need to use them in any proof I might ask for.
- 4 Math statements (theorem, fact, proposition, lemma, corollary, claim, conjecture), meaning of "if-then" and "if and only if" statements, math versions of *and*, *or*, *not*. Some of these vary from everyday English. Vacuous truth.
- 5 Proofs of "if-then" and "if and only if" statements. Use the proof format shown in class and in the book (see page 17). Use definitions in your reasoning.
- 6 To disprove an "if-then" or "if and only if" statement, it requires just a single counterexample.
- 7 Boolean algebra: expressions constructed from the basic  $\wedge, \vee, \neg$ , also  $\rightarrow$  and  $\leftrightarrow$ , truth tables and logical equivalence. Tautology and contradiction.
- 8 Lists and the multiplication principle in counting lists.
- 9 Factorials and product notation  $\prod_{k=1}^n a_k$ .

Suggestions: Look over homework, quizzes, and examples from class. Checking book problems not assigned and the chapter self test are good ideas, because I may look at them when I write the exam.