

X402 Sample test; Test notes.

Test 1, class 4 (2/27), last hour of class. It should cover Ch 3-4. *(If necessary, we will adjust this at the end of class 3, so that the test is on what we have covered so far. I'll post the official coverage on the Updates page.)*

Bring to the test: your note page. You may use one page (one side) of notes. All notes must be in your own handwriting. Students often tell me that the most useful part of the notes is the thought that goes into organizing them. Some students include outlines, to help them organize the material. (A somewhat longer discussion of the note page is at the web site.)

Questions??? I will “guarantee” phone availability 7-9 pm on the evening before the test. It's ok to call at other times; leave a message with your number and a good time to call. I will check my e-mail Monday morning, probably before 8 am. Also, remember that I am available from about 6:00 in the classroom.

Test follow-up. You might want to reflect on how you are doing and why. If you are not happy with your accomplishments so far, or if you are below the mid-B range, you probably should step up your homework. One suggestion is that you turn in homework on a regular basis. This may encourage you to become more regular in doing it, and it will give you some regular feedback. I am happy to discuss your status with you privately.

If you are tempted to leave the course after the first test, I strongly encourage you to talk with me first. My experience is that many who have this urge are actually doing reasonably, but are being unduly hard on themselves. Let's discuss.

Sample test. The attached test is Test #1 from a recent semester. The main purpose is to give you an idea what an X402 test is like. It also gives you a few more practice problems. Remember that course coverage and test cutoffs are not always exactly the same each semester.

There is an answer key at the web site. Some questions ask for “an example” of something, so an answer key for these may not be too helpful. Feel free to have me check any of your answers. (The samples for the later tests are simply posted at the web site, with answer keys.)

Reading the answer key before doing the problems yourself has little value, and is strongly discouraged.

I don't plan to go over this in class unless there are questions.

On the back of this sheet are some general comments about tests.

Reminder: Short “practice quizzes” for some chapters are at the web site.