Competitive Programming 234900
Information Sheet

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Grade Components
The final grade will be determined by four components:

• Class Attendance
• Class Performance
• Homework
• Final Competition

The exact weight for each component will be determined at the end of the semester.

Attendance

• Attendance is mandatory and will be checked every meeting.
• You can miss one meeting during the semester without special approval and without affecting your final grade.
• Every additional absence will result in a 5-point penalty to the final grade.
• In cases where missing lessons is unavoidable, students can compensate for some of their absence by solving additional class problems at home:
  o Students that miss a lesson should ask a TA for problems to solve at home. The student will have 2 weeks to solve the problems. Solutions should be submitted through the designated place in the course website.
  o You can compensate for up to 2 missed lessons by solving problems at home. For example: If a student missed 3 lessons and solved 2 problems, his grade will not be affected. If the student missed 4 lessons, he will have the option to compensate for 2 lessons and receive a penalty for 1.
• Exceptions for the previous rule: Students in reserve duty ("Miluim") and students that have exams that collide with the workshop meeting times.
  o A compensation is still needed in this situation, but more lessons can be compensated for.
  o Only official documents will be considered as approvals.
• Special cases will be handled by the TA in charge. Please inform us in advance if you know that you’re going to miss lessons.
Class Performance

- Most of the lessons will be given in the CS computer farm (rooms 018+022), and will focus on solving problems from previous competitions.
- Every student attending the lesson will be graded according to the amount of problems solved.
- Problems which are solved during the lesson should be submitted electronically via the course website. Submissions will be checked using an automated system – Make sure the names and structure of the files you submit follow the instructions.
- Electronic submission will remain open until the end of the lesson.
- Each accepted solution will be considered as 1 “class performance” point.
- Note for students who read this document at the start of the semester: The first couple of lessons might feel very hard, and you might not solve problems at all. This is completely normal, and your problem-solving skill will usually improve significantly over the course of the semester.

Late submission of class problems

- Students can submit solutions for problems presented in class during the week after the meeting, and a bonus of 0.25 “class performance” points will be given for each accepted submission.
- Class problems submitted late will be solved and submitted in singles. Zip files which follow the class submission instructions should be submitted via the course website.

Homework assignments
Submission instructions will be published along with the assignments.

Late submission of home assignments

- A 5-point penalty will be given for each day of delay.
- Each day of the weekend (Friday or Saturday) will be considered as 0.5 day, and the total number of overdue days will be rounded up.
- Assignments overdue by more than 5 days will not be accepted.
- Students which have been called for reserve duty (“Miluim”), or taken a midterm/final exam after the assignment is published and before the assignment due date, will be allowed to submit their work late without affecting their grade.
  - One day of postponement will be allowed for each day of reserve duty/exam of each of the team members.
  - To get the approval, you must send an official certificate document by mail to the leading TA (the first page of your exam scan can act as an official certificate for exams and midterms).
  - For example: If one team member had 2 days of reserve duty and 1 midterm, and another had 2 midterms, they will be eligible for 5 days of postponement.
- If you are eligible for more than 5 days of postponement, or if there’s any special case that justifies an adjustment, please contact the TA in charge directly.

Final Competition
Final competition will be held in 5/7/2017 (Wednesday). More details will be given during the semester.