Outline for Math 279 Section 2
Introduction to Finite Mathematics
Spring 2001

Meetings: MWF 1:30-2:20 in SH 112
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Objectives: The main objective of Math 279 is to teach students what a mathematical proof is, how to do one formally, and how to make sure that it is indeed valid. We will also show that mathematics is a deductive science, rather than just counting, as is believed by many people.

Policies: I will not take attendance. However, students are encouraged to attend every class and show up on time. I expect students to write clear prose in the work they turn in. As you progress in the course, I expect to see you develop mathematical style.

Grading: Your course grade will be determined from homework grades (30%), two in class exams (20% each), and a final exam (30%). Homework will be assigned daily and a sample of exercises will be collected periodically for grading. Each midterm exam will consist of five problems, and the final exam will consist of ten problems. I will provide an alternative exam for brave students. Each midterm exam will contain an additional difficult problem, and the final exam – two additional difficult problems. Each student will have the option to choose the large set of problems, or only the difficult ones. You will see samples of “difficult” problems during the course.

Disabilities: If you have or believe you have a disability, you may wish to self-identify. You can do so by providing documentation to the Office for Services for Students with Disabilities, located at Garcia Annex (phone: 646-6840). Appropriate accommodations may then be provided for you. If you have a condition which may affect your ability to exit safely from the premises in an emergency or which may cause an emergency during class, you are encouraged to discuss this in confidence with the instructor and/or the director of Disabled Student Programs. If you have general questions about the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), call 646-3333.
Federal regulations often prohibit the posting of grades by social security number, or any other scheme, without the written consent of the student. Therefore, if you wish me to post your final grade, give me a secret code (which may be your social security number) and sign the following statement:

I hereby authorize Guram Bezhanishvili to post my final course grade in Math 279 Section 2 with the identifying code:

Code______________________

Signature___________________