

5pm, August 1, 2014

Hello Mathcampers,

This morning (Friday 8/1), you were given an opportunity to declare which subjects you wish to work on for your research projects. The information can now be found on the Mathcamp webpage.

Mathcampers will be given an opportunity to present their results on 8/8. Since some people have a flight to catch that afternoon, we would like to start our morning sessions earlier -- from 8:00 to 12:00 am in Rm 404, with short breaks in between. Lunch will be 12-1pm, and the presentations resume at 1pm, and hopefully, ends no later than 3pm. The Mathcamp will adjourn after the presentations are over. We have not decided how long each presentation will be, but a schedule will be announced once it's decided.

We will do our very best to ensure those who have done great work and are prepared to present their work would get a chance to do so. However, we also recognize that since we have only limited time, it may not be possible to accommodate everyone's requests. Some students might get less time to present than others, and some might get none despite their best efforts. Whatever the outcome, I want every Mathcamper to know that your hard work has not gone unnoticed, regardless of how much time you get to present. What truly matters is that you have tried and you have learned some (hopefully fun) math, and that if you simply continue to try, there will be countless other opportunities awaiting you in your future. You should be very proud of the work you've have done during the last few weeks.

If you have worked on a given class project and wish to request a time to present your results on 8/8, please submit a written (hardcopy or email) summary of your work to your Coaches no later than Sunday 8/3 at 7pm in Rm 404. There will be no meeting on Saturday, because we want to give you more time to work on your summary. The summary should not exceed a (one-sided) typed page, preferably written in English. It should outline without proofs the precise results (theorems) you have obtained. And if space allows, it could also include a sketch of the main ideas behind your proofs. You should say how much time you would like to present your result. You may request time to present in more than one class, but I suspect that it is unlikely we can accommodate your requests in every class, given the obvious time limitation. Therefore, I strongly suggest that you only request time in a class to report results, which you think represent your best work. This way, you will have more time to focus on reporting what matters to you the most, and not "spreading yourself too thin."

Once our Coaches have gathered your summaries on Sunday, they will meet with Dmitry, Mike and myself to work out a plan for the 8/8 students' presentations. We expect to post a schedule on Monday. Those who will present on Friday should then prepare their presentations, including writing up results and proofs you wish to present in English. You may use ppt or the blackboard for your presentations. How much details to include in your presentations should depend on how much time you have to present, and may be determined in consultation with your class Coaches.

Good luck!

Best,  
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