The 70th William Lowell Putnam Mathematics Competition

The William Lowell Putnam Mathematics Competition is an annual college-level mathematics competition. Last year about 2500 students from over 400 colleges and universities participated in the contest.

Who may compete: The competition is open to any regularly enrolled undergraduate student who has not yet received a college degree. No individual may participate in the competition more than four times.

When and where: The 2009 exam will be given on **Saturday December 5, 2009 in Room 305 Carver.** The exam is given in two sessions, a morning session and an afternoon session. The morning session runs from **9:00am until 12:00 noon,** and the afternoon session from **2:00pm until 5:00pm.**

What is the test like? The Putnam Exam consists of twelve problems. Six of these problems are given during the morning session, and a second six during the afternoon session. Each problem is worth 10 points, for a total of 120 points possible. All necessary work to justify an answer and all necessary steps of a proof must be shown clearly to obtain full credit. Some partial credit may be given, but only for significant progress towards a solution. The top twenty-five contestants nationally will be awarded cash prizes from the Putnam Prize Fund.

Can I practice? Yes! Problems and some solutions from past exams are available on the web at

http://www.unl.edu/amc/a-activities/a7-problems/putnamindex.shtml

In addition, there will be weekly practice sessions, 4:00-5:30 every Thursday afternoon, starting October 1, in a room TBA.

OK, sign me up! Just fill-out the form below, tear it off, and return it to Elgin Johnston (396C Carver) by 12:00 noon, Thursday, October 8. For more information, call 4-0302 or e-mail ehjohnst@iastate.edu.

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