

Midterm makeup

You can get the points back for any questions you missed on the midterm by doing all of the following for each question:

- Tell me specifically what was ambiguous or otherwise not carefully written about that specific question.
- Suggest a better wording for the question.
- Provide an answer for the newly-worded question.

Not all questions were poorly written (I hope), but a significant number were, including both versions of question #3.

If you want to take advantage of this, you need to do two things before 5:00pm on Thursday, October 20th:

- Write up a written statement for all the questions you plan to contest and email it to me as a PDF that includes all three things above for each question.
- Schedule a time to meet with me for 10 minutes at my office on Friday the 21st between 9:00am and 12:00noon. If that time range is not possible for you, try to schedule something on Thursday afternoon on the 20th instead.

If you demonstrate to me in your writeup that you understand the underlying issues for the question well enough to tell me what was ambiguous or not well-written and that you understand the correct answer, and you're able to answer questions about your writeup in the 10-minute slot when we meet, then I'll give you points back on a question-by-question basis.

If you are late to your 10-minute slot, I may not be able to accommodate you. The 10-minute interview is an important aspect of getting the points back for a question, if you don't seem to understand the argument you made in your writeup then I won't give you the points even if your written argument was sound. The 10-minute interview slot is not a time to explain better things that you didn't explain well enough in your writeup, the interview is for me to probe you with questions to see if you really understand what you wrote, so make sure the writeup hits the nail on the head.

Whatever your answer was originally on the midterm doesn't matter in terms of getting the points back, so you shouldn't feel compelled to try to argue that a question is ambiguous in a way that necessarily justifies the answer you gave.