Problem Solving for Putnam, Fall 2020

Department of Mathematics & Statistics



The 81st William Lowell Putnam Competition

MATH 4000-Problem Solving for Putnam at Texas Tech

Topics covered: Abstract & Linear Algebra, Real &

Complex Analysis, Combinatorics, Geometry & Trigonom-

etry, Number Theory, Probability

Date: Tuesday (Lecture) & Thursday (Recitation)

Time: 12.30-1.50 PM

Location: Online via Zoom

Putnam Examination (2020)

The Seventy Eight Putnam Examination will be held on Saturday, February 20th, 2021.

It will consist of two sessions of three hours each:

Morning Session: 9:00am-12:00pm, in room MATH 015. Afternoon Session: 2:00pm-5:00pm, in room MATH 015.



The course MATH 4000-Problem Solving for Putnam teaches important skills in problem solving that are not systematically taught in other courses. These skills are extremely valuable in preparing students for jobs and for graduate-level research. The teaching style will be a mixture of a lecture and a problem-solving session.

Ultimately, this course is designed to train the best math and science undergraduate students at TTU for the most prestigious competition: The William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition.