Dear students,

Due to the snow there is no class today (please see University announcement below), but we should have class this Thursday.

Please continue reading Chapter 1: Sections 1.1 and 1.2, and begin your work on HW#2. Lecture slides will go up on our class web site today for Section 1.2. If everyone keeps up with the reading well then we can make faster progress in lectures.

The University has decided, at this time, not to modify the academic calendar for this semester. They are asking us to be creative about how to cope with the lost lecture days and have left the decisions up to each individual instructor. I would like to hear your opinions on how to deal with the lost lectures.

Here are some preliminary thoughts….

With such a large class it is difficult to schedule make-up lectures that the majority of students can attend. It is also difficult to find a room that will hold all of us. So, there is the possibility of using "lecture capture" to help make up lost lectures over the coming weeks. The University has suggested we consider Friday and weekend make-up lectures. That is a possibility for us to consider. Yet another idea on using lecture capture is to do our best to cover material using only our regularly scheduled lecture times that we have left and, for whatever we do not get to this spring, I could provide a set of optional lecture capture lectures for you to watch after finals week.

Please convey to me your thoughts (anonymously if you like) by the end of this week.

Thank you, and see you Thursday.

- Prof. Daniels

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UMass Lowell will open at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2015 due to weather conditions. Classes, activities and business operations before 6 p.m. are canceled. Parking ban ends at noon. Campus transportation resumes at 5 p.m. Non-essential personnel are encouraged to work from home. Essential personnel are to report as directed. Go to www.uml.edu/storm for more information.