

Check-ins
Math 127, Spring 2020

Because we only meet for two days each week, and because there is such a large gap between Wednesday and the following Monday, it is absolutely *essential* that you do significant independent work all week, and not forget about the class over the weekend. For that reason, I am requiring you to “check in” at various times this semester, for credit, in the following way. (For comparison, each problem set is worth about 30–35 points.)

- (1 point each week) For the rest of the semester, every Fri, starting **Fri Jan 31**, you will be required either to send me a nontrivial question about the assigned homework **by 11:59pm** or attend our Fri 10:30am problem session. Questions may be sent either by email or via the Piazza discussion group that I will set up for our class.

By “nontrivial,” I mean that you need to have put in enough effort to get to a point where you realize what it is that you don’t understand. For example, “I don’t get problem 12” is not good enough, but “I don’t get problem 12 because I don’t understand assumptions and conclusions” or “I don’t get problem 12 because I don’t understand how to use the bracket-slash-bracket thing” or “I don’t get problem 12 because I don’t understand how to use the union of two sets” are all good. Alternately, if you think you have the HW in good shape, pick one problem and send me an email describing your solution.

After I get your check-in emails, I will try to send out a mass email response giving hints on the HW that answer your most frequently asked questions. If you are having a lot of problems, I may answer you individually. (You are also free to ask as many questions as you like!)