

Rules on homework in Math 42 Fall 2014

Essentials. Homework will be due every class day except exam days. Depending on the nature of the material, between 4 and 8 problems (usually 5 or 6) will be assigned each time. **Homework will be graded**, on the following basis: A few questions will be graded in detail, and the rest will be checked off in a more cursory manner.

Style of homework. Most homework problems in this class will be in *paragraph style*; that is, you'll be asked not just to solve a problem or do a calculation, but also to explain what you're doing. You won't have to write a huge amount for each question, and often just a sentence or two, but you will have to write explanations in complete sentences. For more details, see the handout on writing homework in paragraph style.

Doing homework in teams. Unless otherwise specified, in this class, you have the option of doing any homework in a team of 2 or 3, and submitting a single writeup for the team each time. If you want to do homework in a team, the following rules apply.

- Teams can have either 2 or 3 people.
- One writeup is turned in for the whole team, and is to be written up by **one person only**. This person should be clearly indicated at the beginning of the homework (e.g.: "Writeup: Jane Nguyen"), and the names of the rest of the team should also be written at the beginning of the homework.
- Everyone in the team gets the same grade for the homework.
- The person doing the writing must change each time. Teams that do not change writers on a regular basis will be disbanded.
- Anyone who does not contribute to the homework should not have their name listed at the beginning of the homework, and will receive a 0 for the homework. If there are extenuating circumstances, they must be cleared with me.

If you would like to be placed randomly in a team, please let me know, preferably by e-mail (hsu@math.sjsu.edu), and I'll try to match you up appropriately.

Late homework. The basic rule is that **late homework will not be accepted**, unless 24 hours notice is given (for away games, etc.). However, to allow for personal problems (illness, etc.), your two lowest homework grades will be dropped.