

Submission and grading of homework

Preliminary draft; subject to change. Updated standards will be posted on the course home page.

- Homework is to be submitted electronically. Don't kill trees for this course, please!
- Deadlines for submission will be on class days, 3:30pm. Whether homework is submitted on time will be determined by network timestamps.
- Homework will be graded as *unacceptable* (0%) if not submitted or clearly deficient in all respects, *partial* (50%) if at least half the expected content is present and satisfactory, and *satisfactory* (100%) if all questions received satisfactory answers.

A satisfactory submission may be judged *superior* (120%) if the

grader judges that it is original, clear, well-organized, and pleasant to read. “Original” means that *superior* grades will *not* be awarded if there is evidence that the expression was copied from another student or source.

- Late homework will be accepted for full credit based on quality in the previous point, but marked as “late,” if submitted before solutions are posted to my homepage. Homework submitted after solutions are posted may receive partial credit. Late submission of homework will be judged as showing lack of enthusiasm; enthusiastic students with a borderline point score will get the benefit of the doubt in assigning letter grades.
- Homework will be assigned point values based on my perception of the difficulty of the assignment and on the effort expected.
- You are encouraged to discuss assignments with other students. However, *bonus points*, announced at the time of assignment, will

be awarded to more creative, original, or distinctive answers.

- At present, I estimate that a total of about 150 points worth of homework will be assigned.