MT 441

Policies on Assignments

1. Assignments are due at the beginning of class, on the day specified.

2. I will gladly provide hints for any of the homework problems, provided you seek help in a timely fashion. I will generally not provide hints during the hour before an assignment is due.

3. In order to receive full credit, problem solutions must be complete, and must be written in good mathematical style. *Remember that a complete problem solution includes a statement of the problem.*

   **Note:** There are several reasons why I want you to include the problem statements:
   - Writing or restating the problem helps you to focus on exactly what the problem is asking. (In the case of an exceptionally long problem statement, I encourage you to restate the problem, focusing on the main ideas.)
   - When you review your work later (for example, when preparing for a test) your paper will be self-contained, and you will not also need to be looking at the book to understand the problems.
   - When I read your work, it will be self-contained.

4. If you wish, you may work on the assignments in groups of two or three students. If you choose to work in a group, you must observe the following guidelines:

   - Each group is to work *as a group* on each assignment. **All group members should be involved in working on each problem in the assignment.** (You should *not* divide the assignments into several parts to be done individually.)
   - When seeing me for help, there must be at least two of your group members present.
   - **Groups may not share information with other groups or with other students who have chosen to work alone.**
   - Each group will turn in only one copy of the assignment, and each group member will receive the same credit for the assignment.
   - Each group is responsible for assuring that all group members understand every problem solution in every assignment.
   - **Each assignment is to be written up by one group member** (the “primary writer”). Other group members may be—and are encouraged to be—present while the assignment is written up, but the primary writer should do the actual writing for the entire assignment. Take turns being the primary writer, so that all group members get approximately the same amount of experience in this role.
   - **You may not divide the writing duties** for an assignment among several group members.
   - Each assignment should include a cover sheet (obtained from me or printed from the class Blackboard site) indicating the primary writer of the assignment, and
containing the signatures of all group members. Students who did not participate in the group problem solutions are not permitted to sign the cover sheet.

5. If you choose to work alone on an assignment, you may not get help from other students. If I find multiple papers submitted by students who were working together, each person involved will receive a grade of 0 on that assignment.