

**Math English Writing [GGC5041& MA320]**  
**Assignment 5, October 8**

**1. Read Chapter 3 of the textbook and Chapter 7 of the supplementary textbook**

Chapter 3 of the textbook contains ample examples about how to revise a math paper. We emphasized in class several times that writing is an iterative process. This point is clearly demonstrated in Chapter 3. Do not feel that revising your paper is extra work or it implies you have failed to write well the first time. Revising a paper must be considered as an integral part of writing a paper. Even the most experienced writers must revise and revise again in order to achieve high quality in writing.

**2. Write a summary for Chapter 3 for submission**

Write a summary of Chapter 3 and submit it as a MS word file via *blackboard*. Please submit two copies of your summary, one with your name and student ID number written at the top of the summary, and another without these information for confidential peer review.

**3. Start revising your article on geometric progression**

After you have finished reading Chapter 3, you may start revising your article about the sum of the first  $n$  terms of a geometric progression. Before you revise, be sure to go over the comments for the first version of your paper and the list of general problems that we have identified for Assignment 2. Be sure to correct all problems mentioned. Also, use some of the ideas discussed in Chapter 3 to help you revise.

You will have two or three weeks to revise the paper. The collection date of the revised paper will be announced one week in advance. Be sure to do your best to revise the paper. The weight of the revision (as a percentage of the final score) is three times that of a regular assignment.

**4. Preparation for a discussion on the textbook and the class**

1. Ask each group to discuss the following questions: after a month of studying: a) What are the strengths of textbook? b) Any weaknesses? c) What is the most effective way to make use of the book?
2. Any suggestions on how to make the class more helpful?