Homework Guidelines

Written homework assignments will be submitted and reviewed on canvas. Here is the general procedure.

1. Students can use **any resource** found on the internet, past courses, chegg.com, heroes.com, an old friend, ex-students, paid help, peers (or work in groups), learning center/MSI tutors, and God to find solutions to homework. None of this will be considered cheating. In fact, students are encouraged to peer tutors others. But **you must cite all your sources including full names of individuals** (other than the teaching staff of the class) **on canvas in comments section,write the solutions in your own words (and not copy-paste them) and must understand the solutions that you submit.**

2. If it is found that you did not cite sources, that will be considered cheating and negative penalty points may be imposed. In case you do not use use any resource, explicitly state that that "I did not use any resource" in the comments section (not embedded within any pdf file) on canvas.

3. You may discuss homework problems with fellow students, but use the following rule of thumb: What you turn in must represent your own understanding and be something that you could reproduce using nothing but pen, paper, and a copy of the textbook. Additionally, you should be able to clearly explain your solution. If you discuss possible homework solutions with other students, you must credit them as indicated above. It is not allowed to "lend", "borrow", "trade", or "show" written solutions to problems, or in any way share the act of writing up your answers. You are allowed to explain the solutions to your peers once, twice, thrice, ad infinitum ......

4. Students are encouraged (but not required) to typeset their solutions using LATEX.

5. Scan your submission as a pdf file. Note there are many free scanner apps for both iPhone and Android that will convert an image to pdf. **If you are using LATEX, submit tex file as well.**

6. Upload your pdf (and possibly tex) file before the deadline by following the submission link next to the assignment. No credit will be assigned for late submissions.

7. The solutions will be posted immediately after the deadline is over. Using the posted solutions, each student will self-compute the score obtained on the homework as follows: 1 point will be assigned if the submitted solution meets all the three criteria: (i) neatness (the solutions must be legible), (ii) completeness (the steps must not be missing), and (iii) correctness. If the submission does not meet even one of these three criteria, points assigned will be zero.

8. Student will inform the TA or Tutor in a 1-1 zoom meeting on self-computed score. The TA/Tutor will enter this grade for the HW on canvas. This will be your **tentative grade** for HW.

9. Your **final grade** in the homework will be a combination of the two grades: (i) self-reported tentative grade (which may be adjusted if the reported grade was inaccurate), and (ii) a grade based on your explanation of the solution of one of the homework problems you submitted in an in-person virtual 1-1 meeting with TA/Tutor. These grades will be combined to give you a score on the assignment.