

## Homework 4. Due by 5pm on Wednesday 9/25.

### Plagiarism in scholarship

Read pages 15–23 of *On Being a Scientist* and the UM English Department statement on plagiarism at [www.lsa.umich.edu/english/undergraduate/advising/plagNote.asp](http://www.lsa.umich.edu/english/undergraduate/advising/plagNote.asp). Write brief answers to the following questions, by editing the tex file at [www.stat.lsa.umich.edu/~ionides/810/hw4.tex](http://www.stat.lsa.umich.edu/~ionides/810/hw4.tex), and send me the resulting pdf file.

We will discuss the following case study, based on a Fall 2012 homework submission for Stats 810. (Last year, plagiarism was not reviewed in the first class.) The response by student *X* to the question “When writing a manuscript, who should be included as an author? How and when is author order usually determined?” included the phrase

Frank and open discussion of how these guidelines apply within a particular research project as early in the research process as possible can reduce later difficulties. Sometimes decisions about authorship cannot be made at the beginning of a project. In such cases, continuing discussion of the allocation of credit generally is preferable to making such decisions at the end of a project.

Apart from a presumed pasting artifact, where two dashes were deleted, this is identical to a section from the assigned reading.

1. Do you think *X* was guilty of plagiarism?

YOUR ANSWER HERE.

2. Suggest some issues that would arise if the rules posted on the UM English Department website were applied in this case (and in similar cases).

YOUR ANSWER HERE.

3. How do you think a GSI (or a professor) should respond when grading homework which contains an unattributed cut-and-plaste contribution such as this?

YOUR ANSWER HERE.

4. Do you think plagiarism in academic coursework is more acceptable than plagiarism in published articles? Give some explanation.

YOUR ANSWER HERE.