CS511 Advanced Database Management Systems
Midterm Grading Policy

Grading method for each problem depends on its type. There are three types of problem in the midterm exam.

1. *TRUE/ FALSE* questions whose grading policy stated in their introduction.

2. Questions whose solutions are explicitly stated in the lectures *e.g.,* problem number 6. If the solution just mentions the main subjects, it will be given complete score. If it did not mention those issues but addresses something close to them, it will be given most points as well. For instance, if the solution for problem 6.1 does not mention the possibility of having multiple data paths to reach the same node, and only considers hierarchical structure, it will be penalized by 1 to 2 points.

3. Problems that must be solved using the facts presented in the class *e.g.,* problem 5. Any reasonable solution for this group will get complete points, even if it is not an optimal solution. Like the previous case, incomplete solutions are penalized. For instance, if solution for problem 5 mentions the case that only one of the tables is indexed, it will get partial points. Solutions addressing the problem for very limited settings and are not general enough, gets some points as well. For example, it happens very rarely in database management systems to have a table sorted based on an specific column before index creation. However, the solutions that select this column for being a cluster indexed column, are given partial points.

If you have any question about the grading policy and your midterm grade, you could bring your paper and talk to TA during his office hours. Online student could do the same thing via email and class 800 numbers.