

Policy about Plagiarism and Copying on Assignments for this class

****Please read this carefully****

Dear Computer Vision students,

This is a reminder about academic integrity and your duty as students to uphold the honor code. This message may be a repeat to those who have taken other courses in the OMSCS program.

We remind you that any case of plagiarism is unethical, violates the Georgia Tech code of academic conduct, and hurts students who do their work fairly and professionally. (The full Georgia Tech honor code is available at <http://www.catalog.gatech.edu/rules/18/>).

While we encourage healthy discussions and shared learning among students, through this, we require the following:

- **You may not copy any code directly from anyone else.** This includes present and past students of the class. You may use ideas from one another to bolster your own overall program design, but all code and written responses for the problem sets must be your own work.
- **Any code snippets must be cited and limited to maximum of 5 lines.** We understand you may not be familiar with some libraries and APIs presented in this class and you will likely look up usage examples for individual functions. You may study these examples but the code used in your assignment must be your own.
- All students must also ensure that they **do not make any of the code for problem sets publicly** available and are required to take steps to prevent future students from having access to it. Consequently, if you're using any version control systems such as git, please make sure that you mark your repositories as private.
- **Sharing your code on Piazza is not allowed while the current assignment is in progress.** You can, however, present a high-level idea of how you are approaching a particular problem. This can be done by enumerating steps of how your method works.
You may share snippets of your code on Piazza, only with the students of the class you are in, once the deadline for a problem set has passed. Your sharing should be restricted to ONLY the members of your current class and section and SHOULD not be shared with any other section and future class.
- **You may not collaborate at all on the final exam.** Students are not to discuss any questions or answers from the actual exam with classmates or anyone else until after the testing period is complete.
- For the purposes of this class, plagiarism is direct copying of code and text responses from any other source without a citation to the copied work. This is including but not limited to Wikipedia, published research papers, current and previous classmates' problem sets, code through a public source such as Github, etc.

That being said, there are certainly ways in which you can utilize outside material without it being plagiarism. While you should cite the Udacity course materials if you use them in your problem set report, we certainly do not consider this plagiarism. The same goes for figures/excerpts from other sources (such as Forsyth and Ponce) as

long as you properly attribute them. Any text properly cited after being quoted is fine as well (such as through footnotes).

Sadly, we have found several instances of what appears to be plagiarism in assignments submitted in previous semesters. We have a dedicated system for detecting such instances that analyzes and cross-verifies every submission with others from present and previous offerings of this course.

Please note that Academic integrity is taken very seriously here at Georgia Tech. Failure to uphold the honor code has severe consequences, including but not limited to receiving a "fail" grade and severe disciplinary action from the Office of Student Integrity. We have had, over the course of the Computer Vision offering, several cases under investigation and will continue to watch out for them, and hope that students follow both class and institute policy.

As part of this course's grading process, any suspicion of copying / plagiarism will be reviewed and potentially reported to the Office of Student Integrity

Note on Past Issues:

- This class has seen a very large number of cases in the previous semesters, and has caused a high number of students being submitted to the OSI. If you find a public repository, DO NOT copy from it, and please report it to us. We also check your code against previous semesters students code, and you'll be flagged by the software.
- We do not hold faculty conference for resolution, and submit all cases to OSI.
- Students who submit solutions found similar to online resources or other students should expect a 0 for the code and the report, a disciplinary record of an Academic Integrity issue through the Office of Student Integrity, and will not be eligible to receive a final grade of A in the course. Students who have had past Academic Integrity issues may find that OSI assigns them higher penalties.
- Students have changed the variable names, and toggled code lines. The software can detect these, hence please refrain from doing this.