

## Rules on homework in Math 31 Spring 2007

**Basics.** Homework will be due every day, except for exam days. Depending on the nature of the homework, between 3 and 14 questions (average around 7) will be assigned each time. **Homework will be graded**, on the following basis: A few questions will be graded in detail, and the rest will be checked off in a more cursory manner.

**Style of homework.** Most homework problems in this class will require short answers; please show all your work for every question.

Some homework questions in this class will be in *paragraph style*; that is, you'll be asked not just to solve a problem or do a calculation, but also to explain what you're doing. You won't have to write a huge amount for each question, but you will have to write explanations in complete sentences. For more details, see the handout on writing homework in paragraph style.

**Doing homework in teams.** Unless otherwise specified, in this class, you have the option of doing any homework in a team of 2 or 3, and submitting a single writeup for the team each time. If you want to do homework in a team, the following rules apply.

- Teams can have either 2 or 3 people.
- One writeup is turned in for the whole team, and is to be written up by **one person only**. This person should be clearly indicated at the beginning of the homework (e.g.: "Writeup: Jane Nguyen"), and the names of the rest of the team should also be written at the beginning of the homework.
- Everyone in the team gets the same grade for the homework.
- The person doing the writing must change each time. Teams that do not change writers on a regular basis will be disbanded.
- Anyone who does not contribute to the homework should not have their name listed at the beginning of the homework, and will receive a 0 for the homework. If there are extenuating circumstances, they must be cleared with me.

If you would like to be placed randomly in a team, please let me know, preferably by e-mail ([hsu@math.sjsu.edu](mailto:hsu@math.sjsu.edu)), and I'll try to match you up appropriately.

**Late homework.** The basic rule is that **late homework will not be accepted**, unless 24 hours notice is given (for away games, etc.). However, to allow for personal problems (illness, etc.), your three lowest homework grades will be dropped.