

HOMWORK EXPECTATIONS

I expect you to come to class with your homework done and ready to turn in. That means it should be already be out of your notebook, in order, each section stapled separately, with your name on it. Each section should have the section number on it and assignment written on the top. You should have already noted which problems you have questions on. Problems should be presented in the order assigned with problem numbers shown neatly so that I can easily follow your work.

Your homework should be neat and thorough. The goal is not to just write something down to get homework credit, the goal is to learn. If you do a neat and thorough job on your homework, with explanations and notes in your own words, you will have created a valuable study guide for the exam. If you make a mistake, don't erase. Instead, learn from it. Make a note as to your understanding. If you rush through, do a sloppy job, or just copy my work or the book's answers, you may earn some homework credit, but your completed assignment is otherwise worthless. You do the homework for your benefit, not mine. I collect it only to keep you motivated to do it.

When doing your homework, you are expected to take the time to read the corresponding sections carefully. Reading a math textbook properly takes time. You are expected to go through each of the book's examples step-by-step. After reading the text and reviewing the class notes, you should attempt to work the problems. Check your answers to all the odd problems to make sure you are doing them correctly. For any problems that you get wrong, try them again. Don't give up easily, many problems require a few tries. That is how you learn. Look back in the notes or the example problems to see if there is a similar problem. Try SOMETHING. If after trying the problem a couple of times you still can't do it, YOU SHOULD CIRCLE IT then ask about it in class. Have all your questions organized before coming to class.

I grade homework based on completeness, I don't correct it. That is your job. Each section of homework is worth 5 points. If you attempt AND CHECK all the problems, you will earn a 5. Points will be deducted for missing problems. I will also deduct points if no work is shown, if you just copy my solution from the board, or if you are doing homework in class.