

Digest 1

(A compilation of emailed homework questions, answered around Wednesday.)

Question. (From a student): Can you examine my homework solution during office hours?

Answer. I am okay with doing a very superficial examination of your homework, but I will not read it very carefully, since it is an important skill to develop good proofreading skills on your own.

Question. (From a student): Can I use a calculator to do the homework?

Answer. I recommend that you do not use a calculator to do the homework, since you will not be allowed to use a calculator during the exams.

Question. (From a student): Sometimes I might not be able to turn in the homework on time, due to the location of a class directly preceding this class. What should I do?

Answer. In this case, I would recommend turning in the homework early. For example, you can slide the homework under my office door any time before noon on the day the homework is due. Or you could give me the homework one class day before the due date. But you should not give the homework to the TAs, since that would make things complicated.

Question. (From a student): Are there any particular formatting requirements for the homework?

Answer. There are no specific requirements, other than: please staple the pages with actual metal staples, and remember to put your name and section number on the front page. And in general, make things legible. (It is generally good to make the grader happy when they are grading your homework.)