

CS111 Academic Integrity Policy for Homework Assignments

What is not allowed. You cannot discuss or share solutions of specific homework problems with your classmates. This also includes collaborating on minor perturbations of homework problems, say, by changing notation or numerical values. Outside help with homework assignments is not allowed either. The *only exception* to these rules is collaboration with your homework partner, in case of group submissions. (Thus, working with another student and then submitting separate assignments is not allowed.)

Authorship rule. As in other academic or creative work, by putting your name on a homework assignment you declare that this assignment represents your own original work. You must have a full understanding of the solution and you must be able to replicate and explain it in a one-on-one meeting with the instructor. A failure to do so will be considered a violation of academic integrity rules. This applies to both individual and group assignments.

What is allowed. You are allowed to use public written resources: books, scientific papers, internet documents, etc. If you use any such resources in your homework solutions, they must be properly referenced and credited. This will not affect the grade.

Ambiguous situations. In ambiguous situations, *it is the student's responsibility to check with the instructor what is allowed and what is not.* The "I did not know" defenses will not be accepted.

Getting help. Occasionally the assignments may be phrased ambiguously or even mistakes could slip in. If you are having trouble with understanding the assignment, ask for clarification. You are also encouraged to seek the instructors' help when you are unable to complete the assignment. They should be able to point you in the correct direction – without giving away the solution. If enough students have difficulty with an assignment, hints or partial solutions may be provided for the whole class.

Sanctions. Any violations of the above rules will result in an F grade for the course, independently of the degree of plagiarism.

I certify that I read the above statement.

Name: _____

Signature: _____