Comments on Homework Assignments

Homework assignments are in the document ‘Homework Assignments’ on this course webpage. Please refer to the table of assignments in that document while reading this.

The first column refers to the section of the book. The second column identifies the source of the exercises, T or E, as described therein. For exercises from the text (T), the third column tells you the page on which the exercises begin.

The fourth column is labeled ‘Homework.’ These are the exercises that you submit for grading each Friday. The fifth column is labeled ‘Practice;’ you should do these problems, but do not submit them for grading.

‘T’ exercises, naturally, are in the text. ‘E’ exercises are in the ‘Extra Exercises’ document that is on our course website; you should print a copy of it for your use.

Weekly homework assignments will be announced in lecture, except when I forget to do so! They will be posted at

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on our course website. For example, the first entry is

1. Due Friday, February 8: Sections 1.1–1.3 and 2.2.

Thus (refer to table of assignments), on February 8, you should submit the solutions to nine exercises: No. 10 in 1.1; Nos. 8 and 16 in 1.2; Nos. 6 and 12 in 1.3; and Nos. 10, 12, 14 and 20 in Section 2.2.

Homework will be collected in lecture on Fridays. You may submit your homework at any lecture. Alternatively, you may place your homework in your TA’s mailbox (see my website for directions to mailboxes) before 3:00 PM on the same day. Any homework submitted after 3:00 PM or not submitted will receive a minus. If you want to appeal a minus (your cat was ill; your car broke down, whatever), then appeals must be made to Professor Wardrop, not your TA.

There is a link to the solutions to practice exercises located within

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on our course website. Each week, sometime after your homework is submitted, solutions to the homework will be posted at the same location on our course website and they will be emailed to you.

Here are some tips on doing the homework.

For exercises in the text, note that exercises numbers \((2n - 1)\) and \((2n)\) are similar. For example, 1 is similar to 2; 3 is similar to 4; 5 is similar to 6; and so on. Thus, if, for example, you have difficulty solving exercise 10, then try 9. This could be useful b/c the answers to all odd numbered exercises are in the back of the text.

For exercises from extra homework or the course notes, typically (but not always!) there will be a practice exercise that is similar to any homework exercise.