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Textbook

We are using Tardos & Kleinberg’s *Algorithm Design*, published by Addison Wesley.

Course Requirements & Expectations

Ten written homeworks — expect to spend up to 6 hours / week on each.

Two take-home tests — expect shorter versions of homeworks.

One final — expect a longer test.

One grading session — expect to help me grade an assignment with one of your classmates.

Daily attendance — expect to be in class.

Grades will be posted on blackboard as soon as they are known.

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Homework Timeline / Late Policy

- You have at least one week to complete each homework assignment.

- Homeworks are due at 10am. Late homeworks will be accepted without penalty within 24 hours of the due date (unless otherwise specified), but no later.

- One question from each assignment will be due at an earlier date; **this deadline is strict** and no lates will be accepted.

- You may hand in your assignment electronically only if it is prepared with LaTeX; **no MSWord documents please!** You are required to LaTeX your first three assignments (hw1, hw2, and hw3), but after that you may hand-write your assignments if you choose.
Honor Code

I take the honor code very seriously, and will report any violations to the Honor Code Committee.

This is a class where working with your peers is not only allowed, it is encouraged. However, the assignments you hand in must be written up by yourself and represent your own thoughts and work. In particular, you may discuss ideas with your classmates, but do not write anything down. If you really understand the discussion, you should be able to reconstruct it on your own. You may not use the internet or other references other than the textbook, unless told otherwise.

If you do work with a friend or friends, please write your cohorts names on the top of your assignment. This is important, and I certainly think no less of you if you work with your classmates.

Separate rules will apply to your exams and tests, which will be explained at the appropriate time.

Finally, you must write the honor code on every assignment, quiz, and exam, along with your signature. You know the drill by now. For the record, the honor code is

“I affirm that I have adhered to the Honor Code in this assignment.”

If you submit your assignment electronically (with LaTeX) you must type this out with your name somewhere on your assignment.

Tutors

There are tutors available, provided by Oberlin College. If you think you’d like such a tutor, just contact me and I’ll get you set up. Don’t wait until it’s too late! If you’re struggling at any point, don’t be shy; we can get you some good help.

Student Disabilities

If you require special accomodation (such as additional time to complete exams), please speak to me during the first week of class so that I have time to make suitable arrangements. You must be registered with Laura Slocum Coordinator of Services for Students with Disabilities.

Course Info

Select handouts and announcements will be posted on the course webpage at


Course events such as lectures, homework deadlines, and tests are posted on the course’s very own google calendar; you can find this calendar by searching google’s public calendars for CS 280.