

Slight changes have been made to the policies previously explained in the course outline. Here are the updated policies on practice set, homework assignments and quizzes.

Practice Sets: All practice questions are static (students will see the same version of the questions). Practice set is a question by question assignment. Once you have finished each question, you need to click **score this question** (at the top left corner of the screen) and your answer will be scored. However, **NO** credits will be counted towards your course evaluation. Detailed feedback and solutions will be available at the end of each question. By clicking the green button **show correct answer** you will be able to switch back and forth between a solution to the problem and your answer. If you click **save & exit** during your assignment attempt, your work done on that page will be saved.

Once you complete the whole assignment, you will have a choice to go back and review your work. Then you need to click **submit assignment** and you will see your total score for the assignment. You are allowed to work on the same practice set as many times as you want. There is **NO** time limit and **NO** deadline. All practice sets will be available for your review throughout the semester.

Homework Assignments: Most of the homework questions are algorithmic (students will see different version of the question each time it is viewed). Each homework assignment has 5-10 scrambled questions which are worth 10 points each. There is **NO** time limit. If you click **save & exit** during your assignment attempt, your work done on that page will be saved. You are allowed to work on and complete each homework assignment **TWICE**, however, in several sittings. For example, you may first finish 2 questions, save your work, subsequently come back to finish 2 more questions, save your work and come back to finish the rest of your homework and submit. Once you have finished the whole assignment, you need to click **submit assignment**, all those steps will be counted as 1 completion and your answers will be scored. You are allowed to make another attempt. You might want to try if you think you can achieve a higher score.

The deadline for homework assignments is at 11.59pm 2 nights before their respective midterm/final exam. (For example, Midterm #1 on September 30, 2011 covers materials from Chapter 1-4, therefore Chapter 1-4 homework assignments will be due on September 28, 2011 at 11.59pm). Any incomplete attempt will be automatically submitted "as is" on due date. Feedback and solutions will **NOT** be available to you **UNTIL** 1 hour after the assignment due date (For example, solutions to Chapter 1-4 homework assignments will become available to you on Thursday, September 29, 2011 at 1am).

On-line Quizzes: Each quiz has 10-15 scrambled multiple-choice or true/false questions which are worth 1 point each. There will be 12 quizzes during the semester, of which the 10 highest scores will be counted towards your course evaluation. The time limit is **30 minutes** and you are allowed to make only **ONE** attempt (that is, you need to finish each quiz in one sitting), except for Chapter 1 Quiz that 2 attempts are allowed. Upon submission, you will only see your total score. Any incomplete attempt will be automatically submitted "as is" when the time limit is up.

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