Some Important Homework Instructions

- **Groups of up to three people can submit joint solutions.** Each problem should be submitted by exactly one person, and the beginning of the homework should clearly state the Gradescope names and email addresses of each group member. In addition, whoever submits the homework must tell Gradescope who their other group members are.

- **Submit your solutions electronically on the course Gradescope site as PDF files.** Submit a separate PDF file for each numbered problem. If you plan to typeset your solutions, please use the LaTeX solution template on the course web site. If you must submit scanned handwritten solutions, please use a black pen on blank white paper and a high-quality scanner app (or an actual scanner, not just a phone camera).

- Please sign up on Gradescope with your real name and your `illinois.edu` email address. Failing to use your real name and your UIUC email would lead to problems with handling your grades. You can signup to Piazza using a pseudo-name if you want to.

- **One fully solved problem** is available along every homework on the class webpage. It is recommended that you look on the solved problems before doing the homework, since it would help you with doing the homeworks.

Some Important Course Policies

- **You may use any source at your disposal** – paper, electronic, or human-but you *must* cite *every* source that you use, and you *must* write everything yourself in your own words. See the academic integrity policies on the course web site for more details.

- Unlike some previous semesters we will not have the "I Don't Know **(IDK)**" policy this semester for home works or exams.

- **Avoid the Three Deadly Sins!** Any homework or exam solution that breaks any of the following rules will be given an *automatic zero*, unless the solution is otherwise perfect. Yes, we really mean it. We are not trying to be scary or petty (Honest!), but we do want to break a few common bad habits that seriously impede mastery of the course material.
  - Always give complete solutions, not just examples.
  - Always declare all your variables, in English. In particular, always describe the specific problem your algorithm is supposed to solve.
  - Short **complete** answers are better than longer answers. Unnecessarily long answers (which by definition are not perfect) would get zero (i.e., 0) points. Avoid empty expressions like "in fact", "as anybody, or their uncle, can see if they think about it...", etc.
  - Always give credit to outside sources! (Yes, we are no good with counting.)

Read the course webpage carefully for more detailed homework instructions.

If you have any questions about these policies,
please do not hesitate to ask in class, in office hours, or on Piazza.