

Guidelines on Submission and Grading of ME 482/582 Homework

1 Submission and Grading

With the large number of students I had in the ME 481/581 class during the Spring 2006 semester, I decided to try “self-graded” homework. Although there were some valid concerns about honesty, most students felt that it was a reasonable procedure. I’d like to continue with the tradition of “self-graded” homework in ME 482/582 for the Fall 2007 semester.

1.1 Submission Procedure

If a homework assignment is *due* on a particular day (*e.g.* “Monday”), I am going to assume that you have the homework done on that day. I may ask for a show of hands, or something like that. I will then go through the homework solution, which will also be available on my website.

1.2 Grading Procedure

Instead of giving your homework to me, you will then retain your homework, and—before the next class meeting (*e.g.* “Wednesday”) you will hopefully do two things:

1. Grade your homework according to the guidelines below
2. Correct your homework in accordance with my published solution

You will then submit your homework on that following class day with *two grades* on the first page: the “original” grade, and a “revised” grade (presumably 10/10). I will record both grades. I may do “spot checks” to verify that you have corrected any problems in which you were mistaken originally.

2 Grading Guidelines

To try to ensure consistency in the grading of homework, here are some guidelines for the grading of your homework:

- All homework will be graded on a scale of 10 points
- If you don’t make much progress on a problem, then “–2 points”
- If you make some progress, but have a significant error, then “–1 point”
- If you have the correct approach, but have a minor error, then “–1/2 point”
- If you are completely successful, then “–0 points”—congratulations!

I think that we can all have a “professional” attitude regarding this issue, and I thank you in advance for that. I will attempt to devote as much time and care as I can to this course, and I appreciate if you reciprocate.