

**Math 117**  
**Fall, 2010**

Team Homework

Team homework will be handed out on Mondays at noon and will be collected the following Friday in class. It is a significant part of the course. Usually team assignments will be short projects intended to extend or to anticipate themes discussed in class. Each week a new member of the team—the Scribe—writes up the final version of the team’s report. But it will be essential that every member of the team participate fully and have a thorough understanding of the team’s solutions.

Only the Scribe’s report (in the Scribe’s handwriting) will be accepted and graded. Since this report will represent the entire team’s work, all members of the team are assumed to have approved of the final product; if there is disagreement among team members over an aspect of the solution, then the Scribe’s report should explain the competing viewpoints. The report itself should be written clearly and with care, and should include wherever possible graphs, tables, and diagrams. When writing the report, the Scribe should direct the solution not to the instructor, but to a peer, someone for example, who has a mathematical background similar to that of the team members but is not a member of the class. A strong effort should be made to give a clear verbal explanation of the solution to the problem.

The team homework is meant to be done in cooperation with team members. You are expected to rely on each other, not on outside expertise. Your instructor will answer questions as appropriate about the team assignment during the Monday noontime session. Please do not ask TAs or Workshop personnel for direct assistance with any team homework task.

Most Monday noontime sessions will be devoted to team work. Each team assignment will be designed so that you can complete most or all of it during the session. However, there may be times when your team will have to meet outside of class to complete the assignment and to review the Scribe’s account.

If you miss a Monday noontime session you will receive no credit for that day’s team homework, but you will be able to drop your lowest team homework score.