Homework Rules - G. A. Marin

Each homework assignment and its due date will be posted on the class web site and announced in class. (Always check the web site if you miss class.) The idea is that you can work problems as we cover related topics instead of waiting to complete all the problems in the final two days. The homework is “open book.” Homework must be emailed before the start of our class on the date that it is due. Late homework will receive a grade of zero. (It won’t be graded.) Homework must also be printed and turned in at the beginning of the class period on or before the day assigned.

You may work with one or two other people in the class, but each of you must turn in his/her own work. If you worked with one or two students, you MUST write their name at the top of the homework – just below yours. However, you MAY NOT SHARE your mathcad worksheet with anyone. Thus, talk with your (one or two) classmates about how to solve a problem, but do not show each other your worksheets. Turn in your own work.

All homework must be done using Mathcad and the Mathcad worksheet must be delivered by email and printed as described above. Homework naming conventions are given in the syllabus and must be followed or homework will not be graded.

1. Be sure that the file name follows the naming convention given in the syllabus. ALSO put your name at the top of the Mathcad work sheet. If I get a printed worksheet with no name, I will simply discard it.
2. If you work with (or consult with) any one else in the class, write “I worked with ____ and ____.” If you do not work with anyone else, write a comment that says “I worked alone.” You may NOT work with anyone who is not in the class.
3. Working with someone else means that you discussed the approach to a problem. It does not mean that you solved the entire problem together. Each student must do his/her own homework and turn in a separate worksheet. No two worksheets should be identical. Nearly identical worksheets (especially identical mistakes on more than one problem) will
be taken to be an indication of plagiarism. (The student has the right to follow the FIT plagiarism procedures and receive whatever penalties – if any – result from this process.)

- a. First homework offense: 0 on the homework assignment for all participants.
- b. Second homework offense: 0 on the course homework grade (worth 20% of your total grade).
- c. Third homework offense: F for the course.

4. You must turn in your problems in the same order in which they are listed on the homework assignment sheet. If a problem is out of order, it will be counted as a zero.

5. Your homework must be understandable (in MY opinion). I cannot grade it if I cannot read it or cannot follow the logic. Mathcad must be used to obtain the answer and comments should be included liberally. If you simply give the answer, without showing how you got it, you will get no credit. If I cannot follow your work (no words to explain), you will get little/no credit.

6. If you have a verifiable emergency, tell me about it and I may allow you to skip an assignment without giving you a zero for the assignment.

7. Start early. Saying that you could not get a Mathcad terminal will not be an acceptable excuse.

8. Anytime you do not turn in homework, you receive a grade of zero for the assignment (except in case 6 above).