

CS22 Collaboration Policy

Community Guidelines

We highly encourage you to collaborate with other students in the class on homework assignments. As you do so, please keep the following in mind:

- 1) We are not all coming to this class with the same privileges, resources, time, experience, or knowledge.
- 2) Give other people room to contribute, and listen to what they have to say.
- 3) Don't be hesitant about working with new people, and be sure to appreciate everyone's contributions to the group.

Some of us try to speak up but are talked over by other people. Oftentimes, the people who talk over others are just excited and want to share their ideas with others immediately. If this happens to you, we certainly want you to share it! But, wait for your turn. And don't just wait thinking about what you have to say: truly listen to whoever's speaking in the meantime. Perhaps they have something to say that makes your exciting idea even better.

Course Policy

While you may collaborate with other members of the community, you must write up your final solution **INDEPENDENTLY**, and you may not share your write-up with anyone. Your ability to reconstruct what you have developed with your classmates is evidence that you understand it.

If you work with other students, you may not take any pictures to keep afterwards. Whiteboards in public spaces should be erased. You should never work on your homework write-ups for submission with other students.

TA Hours

The same rules apply at TA Hours: no photos should be taken of any work, and you should not write your proof submissions in that space. Your time at hours is meant to provide you with an understanding of the problem: you should then show us that understanding by doing your write-up individually.

For more policies on TA Hours conduct, please see the Hours Policy document on the course website.

Recitation

At recitation, you are fully allowed to solve the problems on paper and take pictures. However, specific homework problems should not be discussed in recitation; it is not a space for working on homework assignments.

Piazza

CS22 uses Piazza, an online academic forum where students can ask questions to the course staff and other students. You may *publicly* ask or answer clarification questions about course materials, including assignments, so long as they are not revealing of your solution to an assignment. If you have a question that is specific to your solution, you must ask this *privately*.

Academic Integrity

You may not copy solutions from any source, including (but not limited to) your classmates, textbooks, or any online resource. To be clear, you should not seek the answers to homework problems from the web. If you inadvertently find the answer to a homework problem in an outside source, you should state in your write-up where you found the answer; it's important to give credit where credit is due. You must still write up the solution independently in your own words. Copying solutions from any source is a violation of Brown's academic code.

The following is an excerpt from "The Academic Code at Brown University." Academic achievement is ordinarily evaluated on the basis of work that a student produces independently. Infringement of the Academic Code entails penalties ranging from reprimand to suspension, dismissal, or expulsion from the University.

A student's name on any exercise is regarded as assurance that the exercise is the result of the student's own thoughts and study. Where collaboration is authorized, students should be very clear as to which parts of any assignment must be performed independently. In writing examinations and quizzes, the student is required to respond entirely on the basis of their own memory and capacity, without any assistance whatsoever except such as is specifically authorized by the instructor. Cheating on examinations and quizzes can take at least the following forms: using another individual to take an examination in one's place, bringing into the

exam room unauthorized materials from which one gains unfair assistance; improper collaboration or unauthorized assistance on take-home examinations.