Homework assignments grading scheme

- Each homework assignment is worth 50 points.

- Your final homework score for this class will be computed by dropping the lowest two homework scores and computing the arithmetic mean of the remaining ones. Thus, your final homework score will be a number between 0 and 50.

- Late homework assignments will not be accepted. Thus, if you do not hand in your homework assignment by the deadline available on the course website, your score for that homework will be 0. If reasons beyond your control (e.g. illness, family emergency) prevent you from handing in your homework assignment by the due date, please contact the teaching assistant. She may decide to drop the respective homework assignment from your score based on appropriate documentation. If such a situation occurs for the second time this semester please contact the course instructor.

- Please write your full name in capital letters on the front page of your homework, staple your homework, and write neatly; assignments that fail to satisfy these conditions may be disregarded.

- If a problem is worth $n$ points where $n$ is 1, 2, or 3, you will obtain $n$ points if and only if your solution is perfect [that means perfect final answer and justification/work]. Please note that all problems require justification/work unless otherwise stated on the homework assignment available on the course website. If a problem is worth $n$ points where $n$ is 1, 2, or 3 and your solution is not perfect, your score will be 0.

- If a problem is worth $n$ points where $n$ is at least 4, then your score on that problem will be computed as follows.
  
  - $n$ if and only if your solution is perfect [correct final answer and justification/work];
  - 0 if and only if you wrote down nothing correct and relevant to the problem;
  - $n - 1$ points if your solution has a correct strategy, with most of the justification written down clearly, but a very minor error in the very end of the solution.
  - if the general strategy is correct/there are significant steps towards the solution, but there are also errors, your score will be

    $$\begin{cases} 
    \frac{n}{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is even}, \\
    \frac{n+1}{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd}.
    \end{cases}$$

  - If your solution does not have a correct general strategy/significant steps, your grader may decide to assign you a bonus of 2 points if s/he is able to find relevant correct statements.

Any exception to the above grading scheme will be announced on the course website [see for instance the grading scheme for the problem regarding the quadratic function on the first assignment].