

Homework Comment Codes

If your homework scores less than a full score, the following codes will be used by way of explanation for the point deduction:

- MP** – Missing Problems
- RQ** – Read Question
- SWR**– Show Work, Reasoning
- CA** – Check Answers
- FI** – Formatting Issues
- ICC** – In-Class Corrections
- L** – Late

MP – Missing Problems

Problems have been skipped entirely. This is the omission that most certainly will result in deducted points – possibly several. Do attempt all problems. If a problem is really confusing, at least copy it down and write a question about it. Leave some space, and ask about it in class.

RQ – Read Question

Parts of the question have not been addressed, or directions given in the problem have not been followed.

SWR – Show Work, Reasoning

Computations or reasoning leading to the answer are absent or unclear. Clear presentation and exposition of mathematical reasoning are important skills in their own right. It is rarely enough to simply write down the answer

CA – Check Answers

This comment indicates that problems done incorrectly could have been corrected by checking the answer key at the back of the book. Comparing results with the key at the back of the book is always part of the homework assignment.

FI – Formatting Issues

Standards for formatting work are detailed in the Math Department Format for Written Work. Typical issues are missing headers or ragged edges. If a number is indicated in combination with the FI code, this refers to the item number in the Math Department Format for Written Work. For example, FI #1 would refer to the directive “Always do work in pencil.”

ICC – In-Class Corrections

When homework problems have been discussed and worked through in class, write any corrections and additions onto your paper, using colored pencil or pen. The comment ICC suggests that this has been omitted.

L – Late

Late work is any work handed in after homework collection in class. In particular, when homework is collected at the beginning of class, assignments handed in separately at the end of class are considered late. Also, adding in-class corrections in pencil rather than in pen or colored pencil can lead to the assignment being classified as ‘late.’

Late homework can be handed in up to one block later than the day it is due with a single point deduction. After that the point value falls to zero. If there are particular circumstances that you think warrant an extension, talk to me outside of regular class hours.