Homework in Math 129A
Spring 2002

There will be two types of homework assigned in this class:

1. **Short answer homework.** This is probably the type of homework you're used to: you'll be given problems or computations to do, and you're supposed to work out the answers.

2. **Paragraph-style homework.** About once a week, you'll be assigned homework in "paragraph style," where you'll do not just problem solving, but also more conceptual questions. Often this will require some kind of explanation; that is, you don't just produce an answer, you have to explain how you get it. About half the time, this homework will be one of the projects in the book of *Computer projects* by Jane M. Day.

Doing homework together. If you want to do homework with a partner or in a team of 3, and submit a single writeup for the team each time, the following rules apply.

- Teams can have either 2 or 3 people.

- One writeup is turned in for the whole team, and is to be written up by **one person only**. This person (the "scribe") should be clearly indicated at the beginning of the homework, and the names of the rest of the team should also be written at the beginning of the homework.

- Everyone in the team gets the same grade for the homework.

- The person taking the role of scribe must rotate each time. Teams that do not change the scribe regularly will be disbanded.

- Anyone who does not contribute to the homework (e.g., someone who doesn't show up for the meetings that week) should not have their name listed at the beginning of the homework, and will receive a 0 for the homework. If there are extenuating circumstances, they must be cleared with me.

If you would like to be placed randomly in a team, just let me know (e-mail is best, `hsu@mathcs.sjsu.edu`), and I'll try to match you up appropriately.