

Grading Policy

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The following are some notes explaining how problems will be graded.

1. If you get the main ideas behind the solution to a problem, you will get most of the credit for the problem.
2. If you are asked for an algorithm and a proof of correctness, you will get some credit for each part. If you get the main ideas of a proof correct, you will get most of the credit for it.
3. If you need to make some extra assumptions about the input in order to make your argument correct, state them clearly. If your assumptions merely eliminate inessential boundary conditions, you will not lose any credit. On the other hand, if the assumptions fundamentally alter the problem, you could lose lots of credit.
4. There will be very little partial credit for algorithms that are incorrect, unless they have a really cool idea. Same for proofs.
5. There will be no partial credit given for long but meaningless essays or for ideas that are not clearly expressed. On rare instances, partial credit might be given for a clearly stated and correct idea that you have not yet figured out how to turn in to a solution. But, less credit will be given if it is merely one of a number of ideas.