

Mathematics 308—Fall 1996

The format for the homework

I have to be a bit fussy about how the programming parts of the homework are to be handed in. The main point is that the PostScript parts are to be handed in in electronic form. (1) You may give me a disk, or you may send it to me by e-mail. (2) In either case, your name and student number, along with the assignment number and date, must be stated as a comment at *both the beginning and end of the assignment*. A disk must have your name and the assignment number written on it. (3) Nothing else besides the homework should be on the disk. (4) All of the assignment must be handed in in one piece, unless you have asked me first. (5) Generally, each problem or each picture must be presented alone, on its own page, and all of the assignment in a single file. In grading your assignment, the first thing we do will be to page through using `gs` by pressing a carriage return after each `showpage`, and you should have assembled the assignment in such a way that this will definitely work well. This means in particular that each page must essentially stand on its own. The best way to deal with this is to put `gsave` and `grestore` in the right places.

Be sure that what you have put in the homework runs and displays as you want it to. The basic criterion for success in this course is extremely simple: *produce good pictures.*

There is one more thing. Several times in doing work for this course you may find that a question is ambiguous, or that for some other reason you don't understand what you are supposed to do. It may not be possible to ask me to help you (say, if it is one A.M. the night before an assignment is due). *It is not so important that you make the right decision, as that you explain what the problem is and what choice you made to handle it.*