Academic Honesty
Why this matters

• The product of research is ideas, and researchers are evaluated based on their ideas and their work.
• Whether people will listen to your ideas is based on trust
  – Can they trust that you are presenting results in good faith?
  – Can they trust that the ideas you are presenting are your own?
• If they don’t trust you, they will not listen to you.
• Representing the ideas of others is, therefore, extremely serious.
• The papers you write carries the names of all your co-authors.
  – Their reputation is on the line as well as, if you do something unethical
  – Your reputation is on the line, if they do something unethical
  – You should not tolerate any such behavior in yourself or others.
Plagiarism

- Wikipedia: Plagiarism is the "wrongful appropriation" and "stealing and publication" of another author's "language, thoughts, ideas, or expressions" and the representation of them as one's own original work.
- My guideline: You should never give the impression that any idea or work is yours when it is not.
My Suggestions

• When in doubt, cite it.
• When in doubt, ask your co-authors or advisor
• Never “cut and paste” text or figures from a paper into your own paper
  – If you must include verbatim text from a source in your work, it **must** be in quotes.
• When in doubt, ask.
Your Responsibilities

- No student shall knowingly procure, provide, or accept any unauthorized material that contains questions or answers to any examination or assignment to be given at a subsequent time.
- No student shall complete, in part or in total, any examination or assignment for another person.
- No student shall knowingly allow any examination or assignment to be completed, in part or in whole, for himself or herself by another person.
- No student shall plagiarize or copy the work of another person and submit it as his or her own work.
- No student shall employ aids excluded by the instructor in undertaking course work or in completing any exam or assignment.
- No student shall alter graded class assignments or examinations and then resubmit them for regrading.
- No student shall submit substantially the same material in more than one course without prior authorization.

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