LB 220 Calculus III, Fall 2013
Homework Policy Clarification, August 30, 2013

The following clarifies and adds to our course syllabus.

Grading of Homework. Each written homework assignment and each individual WebAssign assignment will count equally towards the homework component (20%) of your final grade. Thus, although one WebAssign homework might be worth 72 points and another worth 42, both assignments have equal weight. This is achieved by converting your score to a percentage. For instance, if you score 71/72 on one assignment and 37/42 on another, then you have two scores: a 98.6% and an 88.1%.

On a written homework assignment you might score 9/10 or 90.0%. At the end of the course, I will take all of these percentage scores and compute the average (out the total number of WebAssign and written homework assignments). This will be your score for the homework component of your final grade.

Dropped Scores. Your lowest score on the written homework assignments will not count towards your grade. Additionally, I will not count your lowest WebAssign homework.

There is one bonus WebAssign homework (the last one on sections 15.6 and 15.7). The bonus assignment will act as another assignment which can replace your lowest WebAssign homework (assuming you complete the bonus homework and its score is greater than your lowest homework score).

Summary. There are 15 WebAssign homeworks and 1 bonus WebAssign homework. The lowest of the 15 will be dropped. If you complete the bonus homework and the percentage score is greater than your lowest score (from among your 14 best scores), it will replace the lowest score. In either case, your 14 best WebAssign homeworks (out of 15 or 16) will count towards your grade. There are 5 written homeworks (usually some form of group project). The lowest score will be dropped.

In the end I will use your best 14 + 4 = 18 homework scores (WebAssign + written) and compute their average to obtain the homework component of your grade. This component counts as 20% of your final grade.