California Institute of Technology
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Collaboration Policy for
ACM 95a/100a Introductory Methods of Applied Mathematics for the Physical Sciences

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Should any part of this policy be unclear or should you have any questions about how you are allowed to collaborate, please email the Instructor (kostia@caltech.edu) or ask on Piazza https://piazza.com/class/mjd76oiwqu4370#

	Problem Sets	Exams
You may use the following resources:		
Course textbook (including answers in the back)	YES	NO
Other books	YES	NO
Your notes	YES	YES
Direct copies (such as photocopies, pictures, scans) of class notes of others or official instructor's notes or videos	YES	NO
Your returned assignments	YES	YES
Solutions to assignments/exams from previous years	NO	NO
Solutions to assignments/exams from the current year, distributed by the instructor	YES	NO
Consult material posted publicly on the course forum (e.g. Piazza or other)	YES	NO
Post questions about problems on the course forum (e.g. Piazza or other), provided the question does not reveal a partial solution	YES	NO
Consult online resources such as Wikipedia for general background material	YES	NO
Consult online resources for material specific to the work in the course	NO	NO
Post questions about problems on online platforms, including Q&A forums or AI tools such as ChatGPT.	NO	NO
For written assignments, you may:		
Discuss problems with others in small groups (in person, on Piazza, or via Zoom)	YES	NO
Look at individual written work of others while researching a problem	NO	NO
Look at communal materials, such as a group discussion performed on a (virtual) white board, while writing up your solution	YES	NO
Reference group work or another student's completed solution in your own solution	NO	NO
Directly copy group work or another student's completed solution in your own solution	NO	NO

For coding assignments, you may:		
Look at code written by other students in the class	NO	NO
Look at code found in online repositories, or written by former students in the class	NO	NO
Discuss high-level problems with others in small groups	YES	NO
Look at communal materials, such as a group discussion performed on a virtual white board, while writing up your solution	YES	NO
You must:		
Turn in your own write-up/program	YES	YES
Indicate your name on your solution	YES	YES
Indicate the names of all collaborators on your solution	YES	NO