

Submitting homework on Gradescope

Before submitting each assignment, you should scan it to a pdf file (unless you type your work). The easiest method to do this is to use a smartphone app, but you can also use a scanner or any other method you choose, as long as it creates an easily readable pdf. There are several smartphone apps that can quickly and easily create a high-quality scan; here are three suggestions.

1. The **Dropbox app** can quickly scan a pdf and save it to your Amherst College Dropbox.
2. On an iPhone, the built-in Notes app can scan a series of pages to create a pdf. You can then email or airdrop it to yourself.
3. There is a **Gradescope app** that can both scan an assignment and submit it.
4. See http://npflueger.github.io/teaching/gradescope_hw_guide.pdf for more options.

Note If you encounter technical difficulties in scanning, or if you find another method that you think is more efficient, please let me know! I will update this guide, and it may be helpful to other students.

After you have scanned your assignment to a pdf, submit it on gradescope as follows. (Skip step 1 on all future assignments.)

1. Go to <http://www.gradescope.com>. Make a student account with **your amherst.edu address** (if you don't have one already). You do not need to enter your student ID number.
2. Join the course using the course code **RKEDB2**.
3. After logging in, select "Math 281" and the appropriate homework assignment.
4. Select "submit pdf" to submit your work in pdf format.¹
5. For each written question, select the pages of your submission where your solution appears. **Do not skip this step!** The grader will assume you have not attempted any problem not correctly labeled to a page.

Note One benefit of Gradescope is that you do not need to do the homework problems in order! As long as you label the pages correctly, the graders will quickly find your work for each individual problem.

6. Click save.
7. If you change anything on your problem set before the deadline, **you may submit it again as many times as you like** (a corollary: there's no harm in submitting early, even if you think you might work on it a bit more!). If you do so, please **submit the entire assignment** again, not just the answers that have changed.

After your assignment is graded, you will be able to see your score on the written problems, along with comments, on gradescope.

¹Gradescope will also accept your submission as a sequence of images. I strongly advise you **not** to submit this way. My experience has been that it almost always takes longer and creates more work than creating and submitting a single pdf (using the suggestions above).