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This survey is for me to learn a little about you. A secondary purpose is to have you get up and running and practice scanning your work using the Gradescope system, before any assignments for credit.

Write your answers to the survey questions on a separate sheet of paper. Then read the Gradescope submission instructions on the reverse side, and submit the survey by Monday night.

Note that on the actual homework, you may either handwrite and scan your work, or type it in LaTeX (in which case scanning is not necessary). I recommend handwriting your answers to this survey and learning how to scan quickly and clearly (see suggestions below), unless you are planning to type all of your assignments. This way, you will work out any kinks with the scanning process early.

- 1. What do you prefer to be called? Please feel free to share any pronunciation information or preferred pronouns that you would like me to know.
- 2. What is your hometown?
- 3. What is your class year at Amherst, and prospective major?
- 4. Are you involved with any student groups or sports?
- 5. What other math courses have you taken? Which was your favorite?
- 6. What are your reasons for taking this course, and what do you hope to gain from it?
- 7. What are your concerns or worries about this course?
- 8. Anything else you'd like me to know about you?

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Submitting homework on Gradescope

This survey is not a graded homework assignment, but you should use it to practice using the submission system on Gradescope, which you will use to submit all your homework in this course.

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; see the following document for suggestions.

http://npflueger.people.amherst.edu/GS_guide.pdf

After you have scanned your assignment to a pdf, submit it on gradescope as follows. (Skip steps 1 and 2 on all future assignments.)

- 1. Go to http://www.gradescope.com, click "Sign up for free," and select "Sign up as a student."
- 2. Use the course code MK3P54, your name, and your college email address to sign up (you may leave "Student ID" blank).
- 3. After logging in, select "Math 350" 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.
- 6. Click save.
- 7. If you change anything on your problem set before the deadline, you may submit it again (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. You may also request regrades on problems that you think may not have been graded correctly.

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).