

Assignment 1

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Your first assignment has 2 parts:

1. Get L^AT_EX up and running on your computer; there are links to get started on the main course page.
2. Write a 1-2 page essay on plagiarism using L^AT_EX.

At minimum, the essay should define plagiarism. You may want to consult a dictionary (or several!). Some questions you may consider:

- How does plagiarism hurt a students' peers? How does plagiarism hurt the student who commits it?
- How is plagiarism particularly damaging in mathematics?
- What is the difference between accidental and intentional plagiarism? Why are both problematic?
- What are good ways to avoid plagiarizing a source?

These are only suggestions, and you are welcome to consider other aspects instead. I am interested in hearing your own thinking on this topic, so I would appreciate if you resist the temptation to consult outside sources (besides a dictionary). If you cannot resist, you might start with this guide: <https://www.accreditedschoolsonline.org/resources/preventing-plagiarism/>

In this case, you could report on whether what you discover in your research surprised you, or ran counter to your previous understanding.

Any ideas you find online or elsewhere **must be fully cited** in standard bibliography format: Do not plagiarize for this essay!