

**Homework 02 - "Alternate" Textbook Notes (Due: Thursday October 2, 2008)**

Each individual is to prepare an initial version of a document summarizing material from the "alternate" textbook they share with a classmate. I am providing time for the accomplishment of this homework so as to allow each pair to conveniently share the book as necessary. *(Although I envision each student preparing and refining their own document, I am open to the possibility that students may instead prepare and submit a joint document. If this comes to pass, then I will require that the pair submit three documents: a draft of each student's individual contribution, and the joint document.)*

So, what is to be the focus and content of this document? The primary focus is to be "tutorial" in nature. That is, imagine and expect that the entire class will eventually have access to and will read your document. The rationale is simple; we can greatly broaden our exposure to topics by benefiting from our mutual contribution.

What is to be the extent of this document? Since this assignment is intended to be an initial version, it is planned that the document will grow with additional assignments. For now, you are asked to develop a section that parallels the material from Chapters 1 through 3 of our course text by Tsui and Karam. In other words, correlate what we have covered so far with your alternate textbook and report on what you have found. Do not try to write your own version of the book, but rather try to guide your reader in their potential use of that book.

In order to assist your readers it is vital that you specifically and clearly cite the material from the alternate text. For me, the emphasis here is not so much on doing what is perfectly proper, but rather the emphasis is in assisting the reader in finding what you are reporting on.

Each document is to be a self contained entity with all content embedded within it, and to be readily readable with MS Word or Adobe Reader. All resultant artifacts are to be "submitted" via the **"Submit/Review"** link available on the course web page for Homework 02.

Good luck,  
P.M.J.