

Math 129: Abbreviations for Grading

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- BMC - Be More Clear. I kind of understand what you are doing because I know the problem pretty well, but if you were to hand this to someone with no context, they would be baffled.
- ICR - I Cannot Read. I cannot read what you wrote either because the handwriting is illegible or the page is organized in such a way that I do not understand it. It might help to do a rough draft and final draft. It also might help to explain what you are doing in sentences so that I can follow your thought process.
- NAQ - Not Answering the Question. You gave an answer, but it is not the answer to the question posed. Quite possibly you did not read the question carefully and just assumed that it was asking for something that you think is “standard.” Part of the exercise is understanding what the question is asking, so you are losing some or all of the possible points.
- NE - Not Equal. Despite your statement, these things are not equal. Often this is because you have not changed integral bounds, etc., but also happens in other situations. If you write equals, the two sides should be equal.
- NF - Not a Function. What you wrote is not a function. For instance $f(x) = 2x dx$ is not a function since dx is not a function.
- NFO-** - Not a Function Of **. What you wrote is not really a function of **. For instance $g(w) = e^x$ is not a function of w (the variable on the right side is x , not w). This sometimes happens when one does a substitution but forgets to go back to the original variable in the problem.
- NTS - Need To Show. This is something that you need to show, not just take for granted. Often showing this is the whole point of the problem.
- SMW - Show More Work. I don't know how you got this answer, and you need to convince me that you know what you are talking about and didn't just copy this off of your roommate's paper.
- UP - Use parentheses. If you don't, you are giving the wrong answer. For instance, $a + b \sin x \neq (a + b) \sin x$ (what if $a = 1$, $b = 2$, $x = 0$?)
- W-**. Where is **? Probably ** should have been there.
- WP - Wrong Problem. You did the wrong problem.
- WV - Wrong Variable. You used the wrong variable, or gave your answer with a u when the answer should have an x , or something like that.