List the rules and expectations you agree as a team to adopt. You can deal with various aspects of group work that were discussed on the first day: preparing for and attending group meetings, making sure everyone understands all the solutions, communicating frankly but with respect when conflicts arise, etc. Each team member should sign the sheet, indicating acceptance of these expectations and intention to fulfill them.

These expectations are for your use and benefit. If you make the list fairly thorough without being unrealistic you will be giving yourselves the best chance. For example, “We will each solve every problem in every assignment completely before we get together” or “We will get 100 on every assignment” or “We will never miss a meeting” are probably unrealistic, but “We will try to set up the problems individually before meeting” and “We will make sure that anyone who misses a meeting for good cause gets caught up on the work” are realistic. Also, many groups in previous versions of this class have found it useful to meet soon after the homework is assigned to brainstorm methods for solving the problems.

Please submit the list of expectations with your first homework. The expectations will not be graded, but I would like to see how you have agreed to operate.