

# ProofSpace: Grading Rubric 1

Through the first two units (Preliminaries, Proof Techniques), writing is a major emphasis. The following suggested rubric aligns with that emphasis. Formal proofs will be graded out of 12 points, with either 0, 1, or 2 points assigned in each of the six categories.

|   | 2  | 1   | 0  |
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| <b>Set-up</b>                           | Includes the statement to be proven, followed by the word “Proof” and an introductory statement within the proof | Missing one of the above  | Missing more than one of the above                                     |
| <b>Proof Technique</b>                  | Selects the correct proof technique; correctly articulates associated assumptions                                | Selects an appropriate proof technique but then articulates incorrect assumptions | Selects an inappropriate proof technique                               |
| <b>Mathematical Correctness</b>         | Mathematical terms and computations are correct  | Minor mathematical mistakes   | Major mathematical mistakes  |
| <b>Mathematical Relevance</b>           | Mathematical statements and computations are relevant  | Some statements and computations are irrelevant                                   | Many statements and computations are irrelevant                        |
| <b>Conclusion</b>                       | Appropriately concludes proof technique, uses a concluding statement, and writes some form of “Q.E.D”            | Missing one of the above  | Missing more than one of the above                                     |
| <b>Format; Use of Words and Symbols</b> | Quality formatting and appearance; wording and grammar are correct; symbols are used only where appropriate      | Some minor writing mistakes or some symbols used inappropriately                  | Proof is poorly written or is symbolic rather than in complete English |

Note that this rubric is used at the grader’s discretion, and does not apply to problems that ask you to list examples, disprove propositions, or state conjectures.