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NOTICE TO REFEREES

**Due Date: Thursday, April 03, 2008, by 10:00 a.m.**  
**No extensions; no exceptions.**

Write a 1–2 page review of the progress report you have been assigned.

Your assessment is particularly important with regard to scientific soundness and clarity. You should strive to do a careful job, pointing out areas that you felt were strong or weak, both mathematically as well as stylistically. Your mark as referee will depend on how well your points are made: You should always justify your point of view.

Plagiarism is not acceptable. Referees should make sure that papers do not contain verbatim passages from published material. Relevant sources should be correctly cited.

Here is a recommended format for your referee's report:

- A one-paragraph summary of the report. Describe the problem and give your opinion on its relevance to the course. Say whether on the whole you found the report interesting and understandable.
- Is the work scientifically correct? If not, can you suggest revisions that would make it correct?
- Give specific constructive criticism. Is the problem clearly defined? Do the authors seem to understand the concepts? Is the discussion clear? Are the references adequately discussed?
- Please hand in a marked-up copy of the report, correcting spelling, grammar, etc., along with comments identifying strong and weak points of the report.