

## Homework # 3

**Handed out: 4/22/08**

**Due: 4/29/08**

Today and Thursday you will hear presentations from your colleagues describing their plans for the final project in the class. Your task for this homework is simple: you will have to rank the four presentations you hear based on how well they meet the requirements set in the project description. Imagine you work for a funding agency and only have enough money to pay for some, not all, the projects. How would you choose whom to give the money? Some possible criteria are:

- How relevant is the project? How will science/society benefit from it?
- Is the project realistic? Can the proposer pull it off in the available time?
- Is the project non-trivial? Is the whole time allotted necessary?

Based on these, or other criteria you may come up with, please grade the projects with a grade between 1 (best) and 5 (worst). For each project you will need to provide a couple sentences explaining your choice of ranking, pros and cons of the proposed work. Also, if you have suggestions on how the project could be improved, please provide that information as well. Your feedback will help strengthen your colleagues' projects. Try to be concise.

Based on your reports I will come up with a global ranking of all proposals and provide you with an averaged score for your proposal. Note that this will not be the actual grade for the proposal part of your project. I will come up with the grade, based on the requirements specified in the project description.