While grading Problem Set #2, we found that 4 students copied old homework solutions from previous students, with identical phrases, paragraphs, computer code, and errors. The students downloaded homework from Coursehero & Github, and turned it in as their own work.

Checks of Problem Set #1 turned up similar cheating.

This prompted us to start systematically checking code submitted to Rosalind. A large number of students downloaded previously solved Rosalind homework problems from Github and submitted other people’s code verbatim as their own work.

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Plagiarism ... occurs if you represent as your own work any material that was obtained from another source, regardless how or where you acquired it.

Plagiarism can occur with all types of media—scholarly or non-academic, published or unpublished—written publications, Internet sources, oral presentations, illustrations, computer code, scientific data or analyses, music, art, and other forms of expression. Borrowed material from written works can include entire papers, one or more paragraphs, single phrases, or any other excerpts from a variety of sources such as books, journal articles, magazines, downloaded Internet documents, purchased papers from commercial writing services, papers obtained from other students (including homework assignments), etc.
"Using verbatim material (e.g., exact words) without proper attribution (or credit) constitutes the most blatant form of plagiarism. However, other types of material can be plagiarized as well, such as ideas drawn from an original source or even its structure (e.g., sentence construction or line of argument).

Plagiarism can be committed intentionally or unintentionally.

By merely changing a few words or rearranging several words or sentences, you are not paraphrasing. Making minor revisions to borrowed text amounts to plagiarism.

Remember, your instructors should be able to clearly identify which materials (e.g., words and ideas) are your own and which originated with other sources."

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Plagiarism & Unauthorized Collaboration

Plagiarism and unauthorized collaboration are often committed jointly.

By submitting as your own work any unattributed material that you obtained from other sources (including the contributions of another student who assisted you in preparing a homework assignment), you have committed plagiarism. And if the instructor did not authorize students to work together on the assignment, you have also engaged in unauthorized collaboration. Both violations contribute to the same fundamental deception—representing material obtained from another source as your own work.

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**To be completely clear about it**

Copying homework solutions from other students or internet sources is cheating, collusion, and/or plagiarism.
To be completely clear about it

Software and computer code are legally considered in the same framework as other written works. Copying code directly without attribution is plagiarism.

To be completely clear about it

You can use the internet to get ideas, programming suggestions and syntax, but downloading completed answers to assigned questions and submitting these as your own work is cheating/plagiarism.

Copying entire programs verbatim from marked repositories offering Rosalind homework solutions (when your instructions were to work independently) is cheating and plagiarism.
To be completely clear about it

Downloading or otherwise obtaining solutions to homework problems from previous students and turning these in as your own work is cheating, collusion, and/or plagiarism.

To be completely clear about it

The syllabus is unambiguous:

"Students are welcome to discuss ideas and problems with each other, but all programs, Rosalind homework, and written solutions should be performed independently."
To be completely clear about it

Also, because Coursehero and equivalent sites often require either a paid subscription or uploading course materials in exchange for downloading, students using these sites most likely either directly purchased or exchanged equivalent goods in return for the material they plagiarized.

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What are the consequences for you?

We are conducting a full audit of Rosalind code by all students. Students found to have submitted complete programs from github or other online repositories of Rosalind solutions will receive zero credit specifically for those problems.

If you did this, but only this, consider this a warning and a painful but not fatal lesson. There will be no further action taken.

What are the consequences for you?

Students who cheated on the problem sets will receive failing grades in the class and will be reported to student judicial services, where they will be investigated. The report will become part of their permanent record, and the students may be considered for potential expulsion.
The University Honor Code

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