

Comment Codes

List of abbreviations for the comments written in the margins of the essays.

Apost (*Apostrophe*): An apostrophe is in the wrong place or is missing. Avoid using contractions such as *let's* in technical writing. Do not confuse *its* with *it's*.

Art (*Article*): Incorrect use or omission of one of the articles *a*, *an*, or *the*.

Awk (*Awkward*): The phrasing or syntax is awkward. Try rewording the passage.

DNF (*Does Not Follow*): There is a gap in the reasoning.

Inc (*Incomplete sentence*): A complete sentence must have a subject and a verb. A sentence ends with a period, exclamation mark, or question mark.

Irr (*Irrelevant*): Although the flagged item may be correct and interesting it is not relevant.

LC (*Lower Case*): Use lower case letter(s).

ME (*Mathematical Error*): There is an arithmetical, logical, or mathematical error in the passage.

NPar (*Not Parallel*): Elements in a list are not parallel.

Pro (*Pronoun problems*): Unclear or missing antecedent for a pronoun.

Punc (*Punctuation problem*): Incorrect or missing punctuation.

Rep (*Repetitious*): Words, phrases or ideas are repeated. Rephrase the passage or eliminate the redundancy.

Run (*Run-on sentence*): Two or more sentences are fused. Try to break the long sentence into shorter sentences.

SPP (*Singular/Plural problems*): Mismatch of singular and plural constructions.

Ten; Vf (*Tense errors; verb form*): The wrong tense of a verb is used or the verb ending is spelled wrong. More generally, the wrong form of a verb may have been used (do for does, copy for copying etc.). In particular, you may have switched tenses inappropriately. Use present tense for most mathematical writing.

UC (*Upper Case*): Use upper case letter(s).

Unc (*Unclear*): The passage is unclear.

If a word is misspelled or misused it is likely to be circled. With luck, I will specify the problem by one of the following codes.

Sp (*Spelling*): Spelling error. Use a dictionary or a computer spell checker.

WW (*Wrong Word*): The word used is incorrect or inappropriate. Find a substitute.