Extra Credit - Availability and Methodology

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- Normatively, not needed!
 - We are Fair~!
 - Most would scoff at the request
- Realities
 - Test-taking skills
 - Illness
 - Unfamiliar paradigm
- Can Belie the "TRU" ability
- Actually can do productive work for the class, instructor(s) & the student

Types of EC

- Type of Extra Credit (EC)
 - Assignment Extra Credit
 - Exam Extra Credit
 - Course Extra Credit

Extra Credit

- Setup
 - -D = Total points in assignment
 - N = total points earned
 - -S = Earned score = N/D
- "Worth 10 points Extra Credit"
 - Actually is "Worth p·D points…"
 - Usually seen on exams
 - Asymmetric Windfall to student
- "Worth 10% Extra Credit"
 - Symmetric Windfall to student

Two Approaches

"p.D points Extra Credit"

$$N_1 = N + pD$$

$$S_1 = \frac{N_1}{D} = \frac{1}{D}(N + pD) = S + p$$

$$W_1 = \frac{S_1}{S} = \frac{N_1}{D} \frac{D}{N} = \frac{N_1}{N}$$

$$=\frac{N+pD}{N}=1+p\left(\frac{1}{S}\right)$$

"p% Extra Credit"

$$N_2 = N(1+p) = N + Np$$

$$S_2 = \frac{N_2}{D} = S \cdot (1+p)$$

$$W_2 = \frac{S_2}{S} = \frac{N_2}{N} = (1+p)$$

Windfall Percent





