

Homework 10: Patent Liability Analysis					
Section	Description	Max	Poor	Good	Excellent
			0-2 / 0-5 / 0-14 / 0-21	3-4 / 6-8 / 15-24 / 22-33	5 / 9-10 / 25-30 / 34-40
1	Introduction	5	Introduction omitted or inappropriately short.	Short introduction of product. Mentions the report topic.	Concise and effective introduction of product. Introduces report topic effectively.
2	Results of Patent and Product Search	40	0 or 1 patents or products are appropriately identified or the identified items may be largely inappropriate.	At least 2 patents or products are identified. Key patent claims which may be infringed are noted, but possibly sparse or not concise. Similarities in product functionality are noted, but may be sparse. Patents and products should be appropriate and applicable.	At least 3 appropriate, relevant patents or commercial products are identified. For each patent, the filing date and abstract with key claims which may be infringed are noted. For each product, similar functions are identified, and notes as to the manufacturer's response to patent inquiries have been noted.
3	Analysis of Patent Liability	30	Patent liability issues omitted or inappropriately detailed.	Infringing functions are identified, but literal vs. doctrine of equivalents may be mis-identified or omitted altogether. Similarities/differences omitted or inappropriate.	Patent infringement risks appropriately identified and detailed. Similarities/differences are appropriately described effectively and concisely.
4	Action Recommended	10	Recommended actions omitted or inappropriately detailed	Recommended actions are inappropriate for analyzed infringement. (Note: "get a lawyer" and "add more features" are not acceptable sole courses of action in dealing with patent infringement)	Recommended actions are appropriate and complete.
5	Summary	5	Summary omitted or inappropriately detailed.	Summary included, but discussion of report issues is brief or inappropriate.	Summary is included, effective, and concise. Issues reiterated in sufficient detail.
6	References	10	No use of IEEE format. References are largely incomplete.	Must use IEEE format. A few references may be missing (1 or 2). Minus 1 for missing a reference.	Linked references for all patents and products. Other relevant references included.