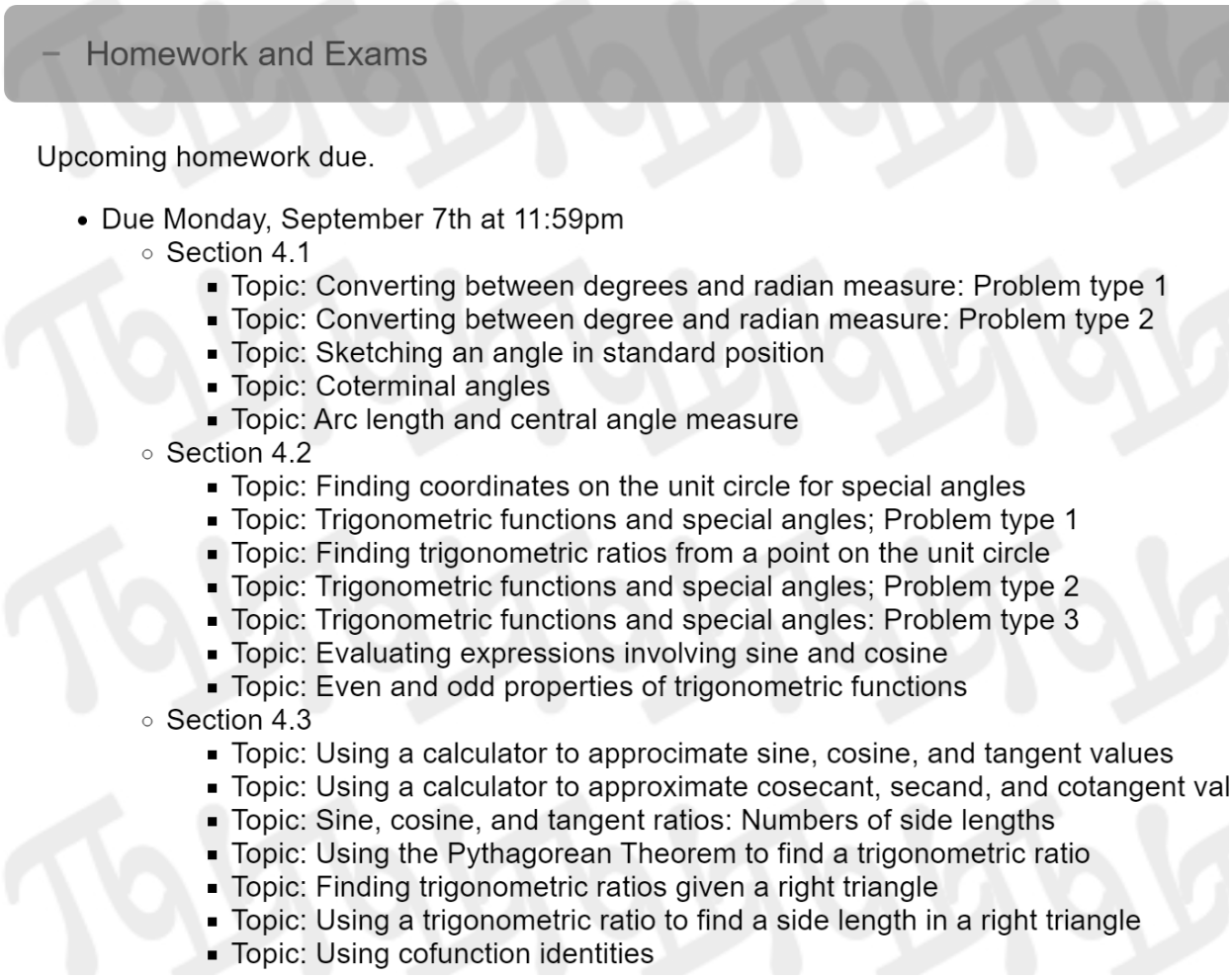
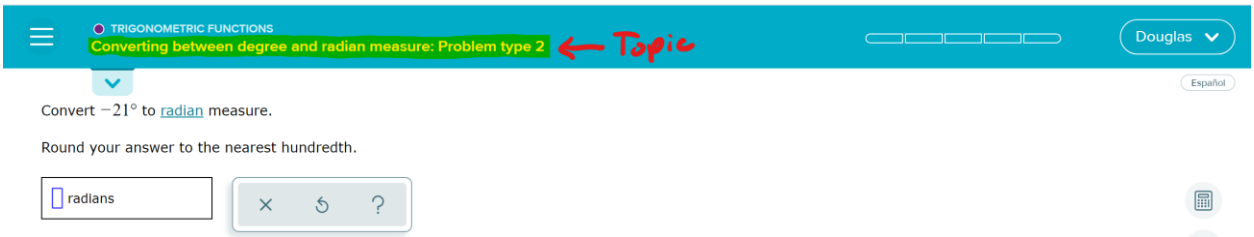
ALEKS HW

As we work through the course, I will be posting HW for the week on ALEKS, which means some of the homework will be posted before we cover the material in class. ALEKS will lump all the sections for the week together into one HW assignment. ALEKS will tell you which topic you are working on for each question, but it won't tell you which section that topic is from. Because of this, you may complete the homework for a topic we covered in class and move to questions from a topic we have not yet covered, without knowing that you've moved onto a topic we haven't yet covered.

To help avoid confusion, I will post the topics from each section on the course website, similar to the following screenshot.



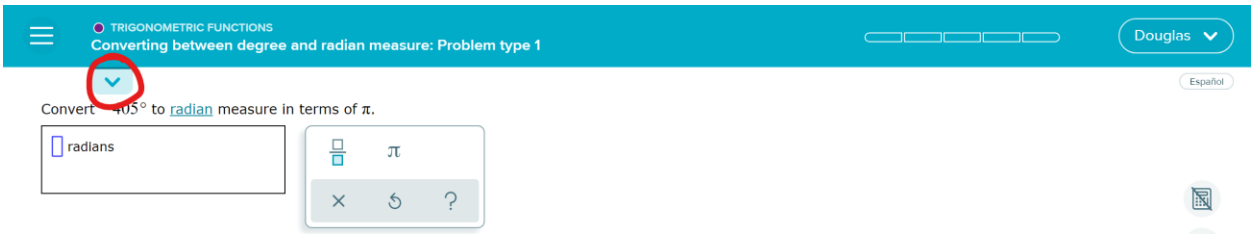
How will this help? When you are working on the HW in ALEKS, you will see the topic name in the blue bar above the question, similar to the following two screenshots.



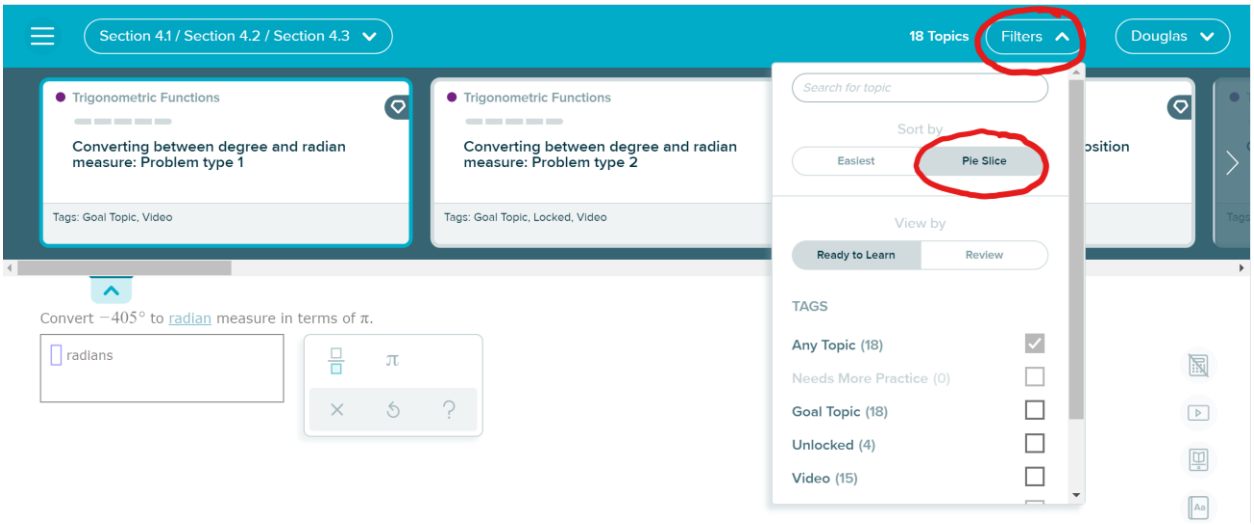
If you look at the two topic names in the two above screenshots and look for those names in the topic list in the screenshot from the course website, you will see that each of these topics comes from Section 4.1. As you work through the questions, it will be worth noting which topic you're working on and which section that topic is in, so that you know if you're working on a topic that we haven't yet gotten to.

Note that if we start a section in class but don't finish it, then it might be a bit harder to tell if the question is something you should already know how to do or if it's a question from a topic we haven't yet gotten to. In these cases, you are welcome to email me (it will be helpful if you include a screenshot of the question and topic name, similar to my screenshots above) or wait until after the next class period when we finish covering that topic.

It is also worth noting that in ALEKS, you can be presented with questions in one of two ways – easiest to hardest or in order of topics. I recommend you work on the HW questions in order of topics. To make sure this is how ALEKS is presenting questions to you, click on the down arrow below the topic name, as noted in the following screenshot.



Next click on the "Filters" button and make sure "Pie Slice" is selected, as noted in the following screenshot.



When you close the "Filters," you will see a list of the topics, as noted in the following screenshot. That list should be in the same order as the list of topics on the course website.