Some Basic WebAssign Usage for Students

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Useful Web-Sites

- **For student login**:

  `http://www.webassign.net/purdue/login.html`

  use your **Purdue Career Account** information.

  (The web-site: `http://www.webassign.net/` is for **instructors' use**, not for students.)

- **Other helpful web-sites:**
  - **Mathematics Departmental Course Web-Page:**
    `http://www.math.purdue.edu/academic/courses`
  - **Some Basic WebAssign Help:**
    `http://intranet.math.purdue.edu/webassign`

Student Account Access

- Once you have enrolled through **Purdue Banner**, **after one day or so**, your name will automatically show up in the WebAssign roster.
- If you **change sessions**, you need to **inform your instructor/TA** in order to have your records to be transferred.
- You have **two weeks trial period** before you are required to enter the online access code.

Purchasing of WebAssign Online Access

- ▶ From Purdue University Bookstore, Follett's Bookstore. The **Purdue Edition** of the textbooks **come with multiple semesters Webassign online access code**. (This appears to be the **best deal** for first year students.)

- ▶ Or, just purchase the **online access code** from your **WebAssign account page**. You can choose from **single or multiple semesters access/with or without eBook**. (The Stewart Calculus 7th edition is automatically equipped with an **eBook**.) You can purchase the hard copy of the textbook from any other venues of your choice.

- ▶ Or, go to http://www.cengagebrain.com for (sometimes) better deals. They will mail you the online access code and might only accept checks. (It is **your responsibility** to make sure that you receive the code before the end of the two-weeks' trial period.)

Textbook List

For **Spring 2012**,

- **MA 161, 162, 166**: Stewart Calculus, Early Transcendentals, **Seventh** Edition

- **MA 261**: Stewart Calculus, Early Transcendentals, **Sixth** Edition

- **MA 265**: Kolman and Hill, Elementary Linear Algebra and Applications, **Ninth** Edition (plus Matlab Workbook).

Some Tips of Entering your Answers in WebAssign

- ▶ For numerical entering questions, you have by default **100 chances**.

- ▶ For multiple (True/False) questions you have only **a limited number of (one) chances.**

- ▶ Whenever possible, always enter **exact mathematical expressions** (by using the math palette provided).

- ▶ For numerical answers, as a rule of thumb, enter at least four decimal places (or four significant numbers).

- ▶ **Capital and small letter** variables are treated **differently**: for example: Π (Pi) vs π (pi); Φ (Phi) vs ϕ (phi); Θ (Theta) vs θ (theta) and so forth.

- ▶ Questions which prompt for the open or close brackets "(", ")", "[", "]" are treated as True/False questions and hence allow only **one chance**.