First Day Slides
Basic WebAssign Usage for Students

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Useful Websites

▶ For student log in:
  http://www.webassign.net/purdue/login.html
  Use your Purdue Career Account information.

❗ The website
  http://www.webassign.net/login.html is for instructors’ use, not for students.

▶ Other helpful websites:
  ▶ Mathematics Departmental Course Webpage:
    http://www.math.purdue.edu/academic/courses
  ▶ Some Basic WebAssign Help:
    http://intranet.math.purdue.edu/webassign
Once you have **officially enrolled through Purdue Banner, after one day or so**, your name will automatically show up in the WebAssign roster (after you have logged in once).

If you **change sessions**, you need to **inform your instructor/TA** in order to have your records transferred. The turn-around time is about **one or two days**. Please be patient.

You have **two weeks trial period** before you are required to enter the online access code.
Textbook List

For Fall 2014,

**MA 161, 162, 165, 261:**
Stewart *Calculus, Early Transcendentals, 7th Edition*

**MA 262:**
Goode & Annin, *Differential Equations and Linear Algebra, 3rd Edition*

**MA 265:**
Purchasing of WebAssign Online Access

1. Purchase from Purdue University and Follett’s Bookstores.

   The **Purdue Edition** of the textbooks **comes with WebAssign online access code**:
   For **Stewart**, the access code works for multiple semesters (as long as we use Stewart 7th edition).
   
   This appears to be the **best deal** for Calculus I students who presumably will continue to take Calculus II and III.
   
   For **Goode & Annin** and **Kolman & Hill**, the access code works for only one semester.
Purchasing of WebAssign Online Access

2. Purchase the **online access code** from your WebAssign account page.

   For **Stewart**, you can choose from **single** or **multiple semesters access**. (Online access to Stewart Calculus 7th edition automatically comes with an **eBook**.)

   For **Goode & Annin** and **Kolman & Hill**, the access code only works for one semester. eBook is not available.

   You can purchase hard copy of the textbook from any other venues of your choice.

3. Go to [http://www.cengagebrain.com](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.
Tips for Entering Your Answers in WebAssign

For questions asking for numerics and mathematical expressions, you have by default 100 chances.

For multiple (True/False) questions, you have only a limited number (one) of 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: \( \Pi \) (Pi) vs \( \pi \) (pi); \( \Phi \) (Phi) vs \( \phi \) (phi); \( \Theta \) (Theta) vs \( \theta \) (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**.