First Day Slides **Basic WebAssign Usage for Students**

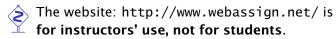
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Useful Websites

For student log in:

http://www.webassign.net/purdue/login.html Use your **Purdue Career Account** information.



- Other helpful websites:
 - Mathematics Departmental Course Webpage: http://www.math.purdue.edu/academic/courses
 - Some Basic WebAssign Help: http://intranet.math.purdue.edu/webassign

Student Account Access

- 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 **Spring 2014**,

- MA 161, 162, 166, 261:
 Stewart Calculus, Early Transcendentals, 7th Edition
- MA 262:
 Goode & Annin, Differential Equations and Linear Algebra, 3rd Edition
- MA 265:
 Kolman & Hill, Elementary Linear Algebra and Applications, 9th Edition (plus Matlab Workbook).

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

- 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 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: 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.