First Day Slides
Basic WebAssign Usage for Students

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Useful Websites

- **WebAssign @ Purdue Login Page for Students:**
  
  http://www.webassign.net/purdue/login.html

  Use your **Purdue Career Account** information.

- The main WebAssign login page
  
  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**, your name will automatically show up in the corresponding WebAssign course section after a successfully login from [WebAssign @ Purdue Login Page](http://www.webassign.net/purdue/login.html).

If you **change sections**, 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.
For Fall 2015,

- **MA 161, 162, 165, 166, 261:**
  Enhanced WebAssign Access Code for
  *Stewart Calculus, Early Transcendentals, 7th* Edition
  ▶ Physical copy of the textbook is not required.

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

- **MA 265:**
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 a good deal for Calculus I students who would like to have a physical copy of the textbook and will presumably continue to take Calculus II and III.

- For **Goode & Annin** and **Kolman & Hill**, the access code works for only one semester.
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 7th edition automatically comes with an **e-book**.)
   - For **Goode & Annin** and **Kolman & Hill**, the access code only works for one semester. e-book is not available.

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

3. Go to amazon.com (be careful buying from third-party sellers) and cengagebrain.com for (occasionally) better deals.

   It is **your responsibility** to make sure that you obtain the access code by the end of the two-week 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**.