

# 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/> 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>

# 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

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> 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**.