

# Basic WebAssign Usage

## “First Day Slides” 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 **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 2013**,

- ▶ **MA 161, 162, 165, 261**: Stewart Calculus, Early Transcendentals, **Seventh** Edition
- ▶ **MA 265**: Kolman and Hill, Elementary Linear Algebra and Applications, **Ninth** Edition (plus Matlab Workbook).

# Purchasing of WebAssign Online Access

From Purdue University and Follett's Bookstores.  
The **Purdue Edition** of the textbooks **come 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 **Kolman and Hill**, the access code works for only one semester.

# Purchasing of WebAssign Online Access

- ▶ OR, purchase the **online access code** from your **WebAssign account page**.
  - ▶ For **Stewart Calculus**, you can choose from **single or multiple semesters access**. (The Stewart Calculus 7th edition automatically comes with an **eBook**.)
  - ▶ For **Kolman and 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.

- ▶ 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.)

# Some Tips of 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**.