Working With WebAssign

Instructions

• You will not access WebAssign using a class code. Rather, you should have received an email from WebAssign telling you how to log in. If you haven’t, or if you have deleted or misplaced your email your login information should be:

  **Username:** your PID  
  **Institution:** vt  
  **Password:** Click "Forgot your password?"

• If you already purchased the 7th edition of the Stewart textbook for 1225 or 1226 during a previous semester at Virginia Tech, you do NOT have to buy the new edition and can use your current WebAssign account. Sometime during the second week of classes, your WebAssign account will be automatically upgraded (at no charge) to allow you to view the 8th edition of the textbook online and access assignments with 8th edition WebAssign problems. Until the upgrade occurs, you can access the textbook and assignments using the WebAssign trial period.

• Do not purchase WebAssign or the textbook through WebAssign’s website. The university bookstore has negotiated a better price.

• All Homework assignments (except "Getting Started with WebAssign") allow two attempts per question. You are graded question-by-question, with the best score on each question from either attempt being used. Note that some questions have multiple parts.

• After the due date of a homework assignment, you can click on the assignment link to access the "Practice another Version" and the "Solution" features of the system. In particular full detailed solutions are available for each problem after the due date for you to study.

Tips to avoid mistakes

Working with WebAssign can be tricky. When entering your solutions pay attention to the following:

• Questions are graded separately, but parts of a question are graded together. If you want to get full credit on a multi-part question, you must get all parts correct.

• Be careful with your parentheses. Make sure they match. Make sure that you are providing parentheses when they are needed, and not putting them when they are provided. Be careful with capitals. WebAssign treats C and c differently. This includes Greek letters. Use the lower-case pi. It is curved.

• Be careful with functions. If you enter a trig function by typing (rather than using the menu) make sure to include parentheses. Don’t use the function "e" if you mean the constant.

• Be aware of the time. WebAssign will log you out and not tell you after some time. This will result in your answers just vanishing. Save you answers often to prevent this.

• If you answer still has a box in it, WebAssign won’t be able to understand it and you will be marked incorrect.

• Remember not to round if the question doesn’t tell you to. Most answers should be exact. Even if your final answer is going to be rounded, use the exact numbers until the end.