

## About WebAssign

This course will be using WebAssign for submission and grading of much of your homework. One of the benefits of this system is that you will receive immediate feedback as to whether or not you have completed the problem correctly. Multiple submissions (usually 4) of each question will be allowed, so if you initially work out a problem incorrectly you will be able to rework the problem and still receive full credit.

As we come to each new section of the text in class, a new assignment will be posted in WebAssign, with due date. WebAssign will not accept submissions of homework past the due date. The posted problems will originate from the textbook; however there will typically be minor alterations in the problems compared to how they appear in the text. Solutions will be available as soon as the assignment due date is reached.

Note: In order to receive maximum benefit from your homework, you should still neatly write up problems and keep a notebook or binder containing all of your work.

## How to Log on to WebAssign

Go to <https://www.webassign.net/login.html> and enter the following information:

**Username:** Your student ID number

**Institution:** csun

**Password:** Your first and last initials

If you have your access code, follow the instructions for entering it. (Your access code comes bundled with your textbook.) During the grace period, you may also enter the course without your access code.

(If you are able to logon on but you can't go any further, the problem may be with the setting of your web browser. Make sure that your system is set to accept "cookies".)

## First Things to Do

Click on **Intro to WebAssign 2007-8** and you will see a small set of practice questions to work. If you have not used WebAssign before, you should look first at the **Student Guide** to learn some of the basics of how it works. You will probably need to read at least Sections 3 and 4, Subsection 5.13, and Section 6. Then try answering the practice questions.

**Math 150A Review:** We will **not** review first semester calculus in class. Go to **My Assignments** and click on the assignment **Math 150A Review Problems**. Here you will see a selection of problems to work in order to refresh your calculus skills and check on your preparation for Math 150B. If you can work all of these problems correctly then you are probably well prepared for our class. If not, you should immediately take steps to remedy your preparation deficit, such as rereading the relevant parts of the textbook, working several additional problems on paper, and possibly utilizing the assistance of a tutor. (You are welcome to ask me for information about tutors.)

## Some Tips On Submitting Assignment Answers

- In general WebAssign requires accuracy to be within 1% for numerical answers.
- Many problems will require symbolic entry; for these problems you will see the link **Open Math Palette**. It is important to learn carefully the correct syntax to use so that your solutions are not marked wrong because of errors of format. For example, you must type  $\sin(x)$  rather than  $\sin x$ . Use the arrow keys (particularly right arrow) to position the cursor where you need it; otherwise you may find yourself entering expressions like  $(5 + e^x)$  rather than  $(5 + e^x)$ . When you have finished writing your symbolic answer, press the Submit button within the Math Palette window; this does not count as a submission for the problem.
- Following each input of answers, you will be told which were right and which were wrong. You can then correct the wrong answers and resubmit. (Usually four attempts will be allowed.) You can submit a single question (click on **Submit New Answers to Question ...**), or submit all new answers at once (click on the appropriate link at the bottom of the assignment). Clicking on **Show Details** will help you keep track on how many submissions you have made for a problem. If you need to do something before you are finished with a problem you can click on **Save Work**. You can log off and come back later to resubmit your answers.