Essential Information for Assignments
The Practice Assignment

For each section of the textbook, there is a practice assignment and a homework assignment, each of which contain five similar problems. The practice assignment is just that…practice. It is an opportunity for you to work problems similar to the problems you will work in the homework assignment. Once you submit your answers to the problems on the practice assignment, you will receive immediate feedback on whether your answers were correct or incorrect. If your answer was incorrect, the correct answer will be displayed. You are allowed only one submission of the practice assignment. The score you obtain on these practice problems will not affect your course grade (i.e. the weight of the practice assignments is 0%), but you still need to do the practice assignments so you have a better chance of success on the homework assignments.

- Summary on Practice Assignment:
  - One Submission
  - Score does not affect course grade
  - Correct and Incorrect Feedback is shown.
  - Correct answer is shown.
The Homework Assignment

The homework assignment has problems that are similar to the practice assignment, but there are some important differences:

- The score you obtain on the homework assignment DOES affect your course grade.
- You will receive feedback on whether your answers are correct or incorrect, BUT the correct answer for each problem will NOT be shown until after the assignment’s due date.
- Each homework assignment can be submitted up to three times. This gives you two opportunities to improve upon the score you received on the first submission. For example, suppose after your first submission you find you correctly answered problems #1, #2, and #3, and incorrectly answered problems #4 and #5. You can improve your homework score by reworking problems #4 and #5, then resubmitting the assignment (NOTE: You would not have to rework #1, #2, #3). After the second submission, suppose you correctly answered #4, but you incorrectly answered #5. The second submission improved your assignment score from 60% to 80% and since you still have one more submission, you can try to improve your score again by reworking problem #5 and submitting the assignment for the third and final time. The score you obtain on the assignment after the third and final time is the score that is recorded in your instructor’s grade book.
Taking An Assignment

To take an assignment, click on the name of the assignment you want to take.

![Assignment List]

- Work each problem of the assignment and input your answers into each answer cell. When you are ready for the computer to grade your practice assignment, scroll down to the end of the assignment and click on “Submit All Questions”.

![Submit All Questions Button]

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Taking An Assignment

- The computer will return the score you obtained on the assignment, indicate whether your answer was right or wrong, and if it is a practice assignment, the correct answer will be displayed.

\[ \sqrt{2x^2} \neq 4x^3 - 32x^2 + 60x \]

Answer submitted was incorrect.  Correct answer to the problem.

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The Score Table

- The scoring summary table displays a number of important items.
  - (A) The number of submissions you have used.
  - (B) The points earned for each question.
  - (C) The current assignment score.
  - (D) The assignment due date.

- PLEASE DO NOT USE THE ASK YOUR TEACHER LINK BECAUSE MOST OF YOUR INSTRUCTORS WILL NOT CHECK THE MESSAGES SENT WITHIN WEBASSIGN.
Some Words of Wisdom

- **Computers are excellent at telling time**.....so when an assignment is due at 11:55pm, it is due at 11:55pm and ZERO seconds. If you try to click on the submit button thirty seconds after 11:55pm, the computer will not accept your assignment.

- **Computers can help you stay on top of your school work**...WebAssign can send you email reminders of due dates and changes in due dates. You can set up these notifications by clicking on the Notifications link in the upper right corner of the screen and choosing the settings that fit your needs.

- **Click on Logout when exiting**....When you want to exit WebAssign, make a clean exit by clicking on the logout link. Do NOT exit WebAssign by just closing the browser window. Some mysterious things may happen if you don’t make a clean exit (i.e. you are charged random submissions, personal information may be remembered by the browser).
Plan your time wisely…WebAssign will store your answers in the input cells ONLY IF you have submitted those answers for grading. Suppose you have a five question assignment and you diligently work through three of the five questions, input these answers into the cells, and then realize you need to go to a meeting. The only way WebAssign will “save” the answers in the input cells is if you submit the answers for grading, at which time you will be charged with a submission. If you logout of WebAssign without submitting your answers, the input cells will be blank the next time you log into WebAssign.

Don’t walk away without logging out. If you walk away from your computer for an extended period of time and remain logged into WebAssign, it is possible that WebAssign may time you out, in which case you will lose all your work and/or you may be charged a submission. So, if you need to step away from the computer for a long period of time, be sure to save your work on paper and log out of WebAssign (by clicking on the logout link).