

Tips for Students on Using WebAssign

- (1) Use proper browsers: Firefox or Chrome. Do **not** use Internet Explorer or Safari, which have cookie problems and may display WebAssign questions with no answer boxes. Even if WebAssign works in bad browsers for a while, they can suddenly stop working.
- (2) Get to WebAssign by HuskyCT, **not** by WebAssign's own website, which asks for a non-existent class key. In particular, **do not use Google** to find WebAssign. Go into HuskyCT.
- (3) The WebAssign link in HuskyCT is on your discussion section page, not your lecture page.
- (4) In WebAssign a CalcPad appears when the answer is not a simple expression.
- (5) In answers don't mix up capital and lower-case (p vs. P , x vs. X) or x and Greek χ .
- (6) If an answer is marked wrong, don't submit it again in an equivalent form: if $y = 2(x - 1)$ is wrong, so is $y = 2x - 2$.
- (7) Type numbers exactly if not told to round *e.g.*, $4/3$ instead of 1.333. Rounding to 4 decimal places means 4 digits *after the decimal point*. Type π with the CalcPad rather than as 3.14.
- (8) Watch out for sign errors: if you mean to type $\frac{-a+b}{c}$ do **not** type $-\frac{a+b}{c}$, which is $\frac{-a-b}{c}$.
- (9) The page http://www.webassign.net/manual/student_guide/c_s_syntax_errors.htm has tips on avoiding syntax problems when entering your answers on WebAssign.
- (10) For an answer entered into a set of pre-written parentheses, do **not** add your own or it will be marked wrong. In the first answer below, a student added extra parentheses.

$$(x, y) = \left(\left(-\frac{5}{\sqrt{3}}, -\frac{3116}{9} \right), \left(-\frac{5}{\sqrt{3}}, -\frac{3116}{9} \right) \right) \quad \times$$

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- (11) Find the number of attempts allowed on a question with the green + in the circle by the problem number. In the 2nd image below the first 4 parts have tries (see 0/5) and the last has 3 tries (see 0/3).

2. + -/16.66 points SCalcET8 2.5.502.XP.

2. - -/16.66 points SCalcET8 2.5.502.XP.	Question Part	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Points		-3.33	-3.33	-3.33	-3.33	-3.34	-16.66
Submissions Used		0/5	0/5	0/5	0/5	0/3	

- (12) In problems with 3 or more chances, get help when you have 2 or more chances left, **not 1**.
- (13) When emailing about a WebAssign exercise, **attach a screenshot of the whole exercise**.
- (14) Save an electronic copy of homework to work on it offline: click "Print Assignment" at top of assignment and change print setting to "save as pdf."
- (15) Extensions on homework are not usually granted. Forgetting when an assignment is due is not a cause for granting an extension: at http://www.webassign.net/manual/student_guide/t_s_assignments_email_notifications.htm are directions to set up automated email notifications about upcoming deadlines.