

## Some Preliminary WebAssign Directions for Students

### Logging On

0. If you registered for the course later than the day before classes started you will not yet have an account. If this is the case, please email me for an account. Please send your full name, your UID number (front of ID card) and your UMD email address. Wait until you get a response before going to the next step.
1. Go to <http://www.webassign.net/umd/login.html> and go to **Log In**. You will be redirected to a generic UMD page.
2. Log in with your generic UMD information. This will then automatically send you back to WebAssign, all logged in.
3. Before two weeks are up you will need to either purchase an access code online or get one from the bookstore. For now though, until you're sure you're staying in the course, just **Continue without entering an access code**.

Important! Do NOT purchase/enter an access code until you're 100% certain that you're staying in that particular section of that particular class. If you do and then decide to switch then you will need to purchase the code all over again.

4. Under **My Assignments** you will see all the assignments visible to you at present. More become visible as the semester progresses. You can click on each assignment to bring it up and work on it.

### Useful Facts

1. Each problem may be submitted up to three times, except for the occasional true-false question which can (strangely enough) be submitted twice.
2. Each student gets a slightly different version of each question, generally with different values. This means you can help each other with the problems but not copy each other's answers.
3. Many WebAssign questions are case-sensitive, so make sure that if wants the letter d, for example, you don't give it D.
4. There are two types of questions, symbolic and numerical. Symbolic questions are indicated by the link saying **symbolic formatting help** next to the question. If you don't see this then the question is numerical.
5. Symbolic questions accept formulas, things like  $4/(x+1)$  and  $\text{sqrt}(2x+3)$ .
6. Many of the symbolic questions have a little eye symbol next to the answer field so you can examine what you've typed in before submitting it. This is very useful for checking your formatting!
7. Numerical questions demand a number for an answer, generally within 1% of the exact answer. The only non-numbers you can use in these are +, -, \*, / and  $\wedge$ .
8. Please ask your instructor and/or TA if you have other questions.