

How to make homework easier:

- Start to attempt HW ASAP. In order to finish, **allow 2-4 days (4-8 hours)** for reviewing, practicing, and reading (new chapters) before the due date.
- Review the text, chapter summary, lecture notes, and problem-solving steps on notes and textbooks.
- Understand your questions before plugging numbers into equations.
- Start the problem by drawing a diagram. Explain your solution in words.
- Read my online HW hints and helps first.
- If homework looks hard, first try to solve the sample problems on the book and lecture notes without peeking.
- Pay attention to units. Check results and order of magnitude to make sure they are reasonable. Pay attention to round off error.
- **Get help--but only after trying the problems yourself.** Discussions are allowed and encouraged. But NEVER cheat! Offering or asking homework answers completely destroy the precious learning opportunities.

WebAssign HW system Introduction

It's free during the first two weeks. Try it ASAP.

Registered students and official waiting list students already have accounts. Non-official waiting list students who pass the math exam will be able to login during or after the first weekend.

Login at <https://www.webassign.net/>

You will need three pieces of info to log in: **username, password, institution.** They are pre-assigned to you. Figure out yours using the following example:

If your name and SFSU ID are: Joe Smith, 123456789, then your log-in is:

Username: **smith6789**

Institution: **sfsu**

Initial password: **6789 (you can change it after you login)**

Username: This is formed from the last name you have on file at the registrar + the last four digits of your SFSU ID (not your social security #). If you have any spaces or punctuation in your last name, they are omitted.

Update your email address in webassign once you login, **so that you will receive future announcements about exams by email on time.** Read the instructions and practice submitting answers **with correct numerical format and formula format,** in the first assignment.

Fee: (About \$20 per semester), you can pay any time during the first two weeks. The **Webassign registration code** can be bought through **webassign** website or together with textbook in the bookstore.

Try your log-in ASAP:

Webassign online traffic can be heavy during the first a couple of weeks each semester. Try your account earlier to avoid delay due to system down time.

Registration code:

Once you have successfully logged in, you will be prompted to enter in a registration code. You may choose to take care of this immediately, or skip it for the moment: **You have a grace period of two weeks** (the system will tell you exactly how long) during which you can use the system without paying. After the grace period, you will be barred from accessing the system until you've paid the registration fee. Please note that some bundles of the textbook may come included with a **WebAssign code**, so you may already have bought one. (It must explicitly say "WebAssign" otherwise it is a code for something else.) A limited quantity of registration codes sold separately may also be available in the bookstore, for those few students unable or unwilling to make a credit card purchase on-line.

