

WebAssign Guide
University Calculus II
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I strongly recommend that each student keep a separate notebook or binder to record all work on WebAssign problems. This will be useful both in helping me understand any questions that you have about the problems and in helping you learn the material and prepare for exams.

Click in the blue box next to the problem number to see details about the problem. This will tell you how many points each blank in the problem is worth, as well as how many attempts you are allowed to submit. If you leave a blank empty when you submit new answers for the problem, no submission will be counted against that blank.

Some problems have additional helpful features such as video examples, tutorials, and links to the online textbook. In a video example, someone actually talks through a similar problem while the screen shows computations and/or pictures. An online textbook link takes you directly to the relevant pages in the book.

A tutorial problem appears in a separate box and allows you to work through a problem step by step (tutor steps), giving hints along the way. When you complete the problem, you must not only push the “Submit for credit” button within the box, but also the “Submit new answers” button underneath the box in order for your answer to be recorded.

After an assignment is due, **full solutions to the problems appear on WebAssign.** Click on “Past” under Assignments to see previous assignments. “Click to View Solution” will be listed underneath each problem. This will help you understand any mistakes you might have made in working the problems and will provide examples of how to communicate your work appropriately.

For any problem that requires entering a mathematical expression (not just a number), a *math palette* will be present. Working with the palette takes a little practice. In order to get out of an exponent or denominator, you need to hit the right arrow key. To enter a Greek letter like θ , just type the word “theta”, and it will turn into the correct symbol. As with most computer programs, WebAssign insists on expressions being entered correctly. So you must *use the variable symbol(s) specified in the problem statement* and put all parenthesis in the correct locations. However, if you

enter any answer algebraically equivalent to the one WebAssign is expecting, it should be accepted as correct.

Students occasionally have problems getting math palettes to open or accept entries. In this case, try using a different browser or a different computer. If the problem persists, let me know as soon as possible.