MATH M118 Fall 2016

MATH M118 Computer Homework Information

To get started:

1. Go to the Maple TA website (available by Monday, August 22nd):
   On the left side of our Canvas page click on “Maple T.A.” When you click on this link the Maple TA website will open by clicking on the blue “open in new tab” box. If you have ANY problems accessing the site through Canvas, then just copy and paste the following link into your browser:
   https://syrup.math.iupui.edu:8443/mapleta/login/login.do

2. Your login is your university network ID (the same login that you use for Canvas and One.IU).

3. Your password has been set to the lower case letter p followed by the last 4 digits of your 10-digit university ID number. For example, if your student id is 0000123456 your password is p3456. Do not change your password.

   [The computer TESTS use the same website and same login/password.]

4. Once you have logged in, click on your Class/Instructor to enter your class homepage.

From the Class Homepage in Maple TA, you can:

1. Start/continue a computer assignment (click on the assignment name). Open/Close dates are next to each assignment and printed on the next page.

2. View your past results for a completed computer assignment Click on “Gradebook” (top-left) then on “View Past Results.” Click on the assignment name and then “Search.” Your results appear near the bottom of the screen. Click on “details” to view your assignment details. You may also print the assignment.


Homework Policies: When you work problems in an assignment, you can QUIT AND SAVE your assignment and return to it multiple times; all your work up to that point will be saved. You can work the problems in any order, leave some blank, and change your answers as long as you do not click on “Grade.” There is an option to print the assignment and then return later to enter your answers. After answering a question, you can get immediate feedback about your answer by clicking on “How did I do?” (You may need to maximize the window in order to see this link.) This allows you to see whether your answer is correct or not before you proceed to the next question or grade the assignment. After you have answered EVERY question and are ready to grade it, click on “GRADE.” You will see the percentage of questions you got correct. If you did not receive 100%, you may repeat the assignment multiple times until you do. Only your best score will count. All attempts must be completed prior to the assignment deadline. If you repeat an assignment, you may receive some questions that are similar to, but not exactly the same as, your previous attempt(s). After you grade the assignment, you can see which questions you missed and their correct answers by following the instructions in Step 2 above.

Due dates and submitting work on time: The open and closed dates for each assignment are listed on the next page. After the assignment close date you will not be able to start or submit the assignment.

Because technology issues can and will arise, you should work on assignments prior to the deadlines. Don’t wait until the last hour of the due date to enter all of your answers. A better strategy is to print the assignment, work on a few problems every day, and then enter those answers online, clicking “Quit and Save” each time you exit. Even if you forget to press “Grade” when an assignment is complete, you will still receive credit for any questions that were answered correctly from the last time you SAVED your work. So, enter answers early and often to avoid technology issues close to the due date (when the server may become slower due to many users in the system at one time).
FAQ: Computer Homework using Maple TA

1. I finished and graded my homework assignment. Now, I would like to make sure that Maple TA has recorded my score. What should I do? See first page.

2. Why can’t I log in using my Canvas/One.IU username and password? Maple TA is a separate system from Canvas and One.IU. We load your Canvas usernames into Maple TA, but since we don’t know your passwords, we create different passwords for Maple TA. Most students’ passwords are the lowercase letter p followed by the last 4 digits of their 10-digit university ID number.

3. I am trying to open a homework assignment and the system tells me that I need proctor authorization. What does this mean? You should not need proctor authorization for a homework assignment. If this happens, it probably means that you logged into Maple TA from within another program (e.g. Canvas). Open a fresh browser window using Internet Explorer and copy and paste the url for Maple TA into the window: https://syrup.math.iupui.edu:8443/mapleta/login/login.do

4. I can open the assignment, but Maple TA won’t let me enter any answers. Usually this means that your computer is running an older version of Java. To check to see if you have the latest version of Java and to update if necessary, go to www.java.com. Campus computers always have the latest version of Java. Most tech issues with Maple TA can be solved by updating java and/or using a different browser (e.g. FireFox, Internet Explorer, Chrome, etc…)

5. Maple TA is down and I can’t do my homework. What should I do? Close out of Maple TA; then go back to the login screen and try again. If you still can’t get in, check Canvas to see if an announcement has been posted by your instructor, but check back to Maple TA periodically to see if it is back up (sometimes the system goes down and is fixed in a matter of minutes – system outages are very rare). Remember, you can drop your lowest two computer homework scores, so if you continue to have trouble, you can use a drop on that assignment. Give yourself some flexibility in dealing with possible technology issues, by NOT waiting until the last day to start or complete an assignment.

6. I have heard that there is a link “How did I do?” that I can click on to see if I answered a question correctly or not but I cannot see this link. Maximize the window to see this option.

7. I only completed half of my homework assignment and I do not have time to finish it right now. Will I lose my work? No, click on Quit/Save. As long as you return to this assignment before it is due, your answers will be saved and you can continue with the assignment.

8. I completed Homework #1 and saw my score. Can I work this homework again for a higher grade? What if my second attempt results in a lower score? You can rework any assignment multiples times prior to the deadline. Only your BEST score will count.

9. I did not get a chance to finish my assignment and the deadline passed. Now I can’t get back into it to complete it or to click on Grade. Will I get a 0? No. You will get credit for any questions answered correctly and SAVED prior to the deadline.

10. Maple TA says that my answer is wrong, but I am sure that my answer is correct. If my answer IS correct, how can I get credit for it? Enter your answer in Maple TA and save your assignment. Then notify your instructor and let him/her know which assignment and which question you are concerned about. Your instructor can see the last answer you saved for each question and if your answer is indeed correct, can override the system to give you credit after the deadline has passed.

11. Why do I have to ____________ (fill in the blank)?? Because. 😊