

Online Homework for M119: Instructions (and Tips)

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We use the Maple T.A. system for online homework. To use it, navigate to the Maple T.A. Login site. You can do this directly:

<http://syrup.math.iupui.edu:8080/mapleta/login/login.do>

Or, go to the IUPUI Math Department webpage listed in Course Policy; follow links to Undergraduate Course Materials, Math M119; and then link to online HW.

To log in:

- User login: from your university email address (the part before “@”).
- Password: initially, pXXXX, where XXXX is the last four digits of your student ID. (You may change it once you’ve logged in.)

Example: Let’s say your university email address is johndoe@iupui.edu, and your student ID is 0001230456.

Then your user name would be “johndoe” (without the quote marks!) and your password would be “p0456”.

A Few Tips

- If the answer to a problem is a number other than an integer and you think you’re right but the computer disagrees, it might simply want a more precise answer. Try giving it more decimal places. Wondering how to interpret something like “ $\pm 0.01\%$ ”? There’s a section on “Significant Figures and Plus/Minus Limits” in the document about significant figures on the class webpage (www.tinyurl.com/DAB-M119).
- A computer program can be pickier than any human being. You might be told “ $y = x^2$ ” is wrong simply because Maple TA wants just “ x^2 ”, or vice-versa! If you’re confident your answer is correct but the computer disagrees, or you just don’t understand what it wants, don’t spend too much time trying to figure it out; instead, tell me:

1. the assignment number and problem number
2. *exactly* what the problem is
3. *exactly* what your answer was

Another thing: don’t assume any special characters or formatting will get through the email system unscathed! For example, even if your email program lets you type “ $y = 5x^2$ ”, with a nice exponent, write “ $y = 5(x^2)$ ” instead. In fact, if you know how to get a screenshot, it’d be best to send me a screenshot in addition to a text version of the problem and your answer.