

MATH M118 Computer Homework and Practice Test Information

Maple T.A. Website

Go to: <https://syrup.math.iupui.edu:8443/mapleta>

Logging in to MapleTA

To access online homework and practice test questions, log into MapleTA. Your user login is your university username (i.e. the username you enter for Canvas and One.IU). Your password is the lowercase 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.

NOTE: Do not change your password

After you log in, click on the link to enter your class. Then click on the link for the assignment to open it.

Move through the assignment and answer questions in any order. Click "Next" or "Back" to move through the test. Or use the "Question Menu" to jump to any question.

If pages are slow to load, you may find that response times improve when you work from computers on-campus and/or if you try to access the assignments during non-peak hours.

See a list of frequently asked questions about Maple TA on the next page.

Computer Homework Due Dates and Policies

Computer homework due dates and policies are specific to individual classes and instructors. Your instructor will provide you with a handout that contains the computer homework due dates and policies for your class. These open/close dates are also shown on Maple TA, when you log on.

Sample Computer Practice Test Questions

About one week before each testing period begins, you will be able to access an online practice test. The practice test should give you a good idea of some of the types of questions that you can expect on the actual test and will allow you to get used to the online testing environment and software. You can take the practice test multiple times; your results are not part of your course grade.

When you have completed the practice test, click on Grade to see your score. After you see your score, you can click on "View Details" to see which questions you got right, which you missed and the correct answers for those you missed. You can also print the details report for your test, by clicking on the "print" link in the upper right corner of the details page.

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?

WHEN YOU COMPLETE AND GRADE AN ASSIGNMENT AND WOULD LIKE TO VERIFY THAT THE SYSTEM HAS RECORDED YOUR SCORE, OR YOU WOULD LIKE TO VIEW YOUR COMPLETED ASSIGNMENT, DO THE FOLLOWING:

- a) In Maple TA, click on "Gradebook" (at top of page)
- b) Click on "View Past Results"
- c) Highlight an assignment and click "search" at the bottom of the page.
- d) Your results appear near the bottom of the screen
- e) Click on "details" and you can view your responses to each question

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 and copy and paste the url for Maple TA into the window: <https://syrup.math.iupui.edu:8443/mapleta>

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. 😊