

Information about Lab Assignments

There will be three or four lab assignments, each graded pass-fail. Most will allow you some scope for experimentation. Each counts a certain amount.

1. Overview

Use the PICLab/Math Computing Lab in BH 2817, with the Windows 2000 network. There should be information in the lab regarding use of the system.

2. Getting an account

Follow the instructions in the lab. If you had an account last quarter, it should still be there. If you did not, an account should have been established using your Bruin On-Line id; if it is not there, check with a Lab Assistant about what to do. For activating your account, see <http://www.math.ucla.edu/PIC/handout/NT/newuser.html> (which is for Windows NT, but Windows 2000 is the same).

3. Due dates

We'll use a point system to spread out the dates that people do the assignments. This will prevent bunching up for our own class and will give some flexibility in case the lab is crowded because of other classes.

Each lab assignment will have a "target due date" and a point value announced in the handout for the assignment. You can pass in assignments a few days early or up to a few days late. For each day late you get one debit (point off). For each day early you get one credit towards past or future debits. An early assignment will never give more than five credits. Weekend days and holidays count for credits but not for debits.

For example, if there were three assignments and you pass in the first one 2 days late, the second 3 days late, and the third 4 days early, you would have $-2 - 3 + 4 = -1$, so one point off.

At the end of the quarter, unused credits do not give extra points, but if you need a job recommendation in the future I can mention that you did assignments early. A potential employer should find that positive.

Caution: The lab may be closed after the last day of classes, so you'll need to have all work done by then.

4. Handing in assignments

Each assignment will involve one or more files that show you did it.

To hand in files, name them exactly as specified in the assignment and move them into the `submit` folder.

The “date completed” will be the date on the file submitted. If you want to resubmit a new version, that makes a new completion date.

Don't hand in anything on paper unless requested to.

5. The handout directory

Some useful files will be added to the handout directory as needed. These are not the same as the paper handouts in class. On the Windows 2000 network, the handout directory is

`H:\class\m149.1`