Introduction to WeBWorK for students

I. **What is WeBWorK?**

WeBWorK is a system that allows professors to put the homework problems on the web and allows students to solve these problems over the web. Using WeBWorK, students may try to answer homework problems more than once. After each try, a message appears telling the student whether the answer is correct or not. This allows students to try to find out what they did wrong and hopefully to understand the topic of the question better.

II. **How to use WeBWorK to do your homework.**

Using WeBWorK is quite simple. Below are the basic steps on how to get started.

(a) **Find a computer with Internet access.**

(b) **Open a browser and go to the link provided by your instructor to the WeBWorK course.** This will get you to the main login page of your course. You must have a user login name which is your eraider name (lowercase) and a password (which is initially set as your TTU R Number (including the R). (You should change your password immediately on your first time logging in.)

(c) **Enter your login name and password.** If your login is incorrect, you will be told so, and you can return to the login page and try again. (If your login and password doesn't work, talk to your instructor.)

(d) **Look at the available problem sets** (make sure to notice the open and due dates)

Assuming you made it to the Valid login page, click on 'Begin Problem Sets' button. You should see the problem sets available to you. These will be labeled OPEN or CLOSED. OPEN means you can work on the set and it can count towards your grade. Select a problem set by clicking on it. You now have two choices: 'Do Problem Set' or 'Get Hard Copy'

(e) **Print out the Problem set.**

- This step is optional, but it is recommended that you print out the problems to work on at home rather than working at the computer.
- Select the format you are interested in (probably pdf) and click on 'Get Hard Copy.'

- Print out this file. The file might immediately come up on your screen, or you might have to save to disk. This depends on how your computer is configured.
- You can now take the problem set home and work on it on paper.
- To view pdf files, you can use the free adobe acrobat software.

(f) **Work out the homework – On Paper!**

- After printing out the problem set, go away from the computer and work on the homework. One reason to do this is that it is very easy to make a mistake and not see it when you are sitting at the computer.
- After doing all the homework, return to the computer.

(g) **Submit your answers**

- Click on a problem set
- You should see the list of problems available.
- Click on Problem 1.
- Type in your answer (see How to enter Answers in WeBWorK)
- Click on 'Submit Answer' to submit your answer for a grade.

(h) **Look at a summary of your WeBWorK homework scores.**

This is the second section of the "Begin Problem Sets Page." If you click on the button 'Get Summary', you will see your current scores for all available problem sets.

(i) **Logout when you are done**

III. **Important facts to know** What to do if you something goes wrong with WeB-WorK:

- If you have a problem logging in, printing a homework set or encounter an error message, contact your instructor.
- If you are logged on to WeBWorK for longer that 30 minutes without any activity, you will be asked to log in again. This is a security measure. You can resume your work after you logged back in. All your results from the last log in will be saved.