

The laboratories in Mathematics 256

In order to pass Mathematics 256 you must earn a passing grade in the computer laboratories. In addition, the grade for the labs counts about 10% of the full course grade.

You have all been assigned specific lab hours. It is not necessary that you use the lab only at your assigned time, but at other times you cannot be sure of being able to use a terminal. It is also possible to complete lab exercises and submit results from typical home computers, though we cannot guarantee success. Students registered in a particular lab section have priority on the terminals at their assigned lab times. The lab in Math/Stat Resource Centre, room 2, is open Monday to Friday 7:30 am to midnight; the lab in Math 201/202 is open Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. These labs are reserved for courses at certain times, but the terminals in the hall of the Math/Stat Resource Centre are always available on a first-come first-served basis. Of course, you won't find a Math 256 TA to help you in Math 201/202, or in the Math/Stat Resource Centre at non-assigned times. You may log in to `abacus`, `alto` or `plato`. In the Math/Stat Resource Centre, be sure **not** to use `truenorth` or `statlab`.

The first lab will investigate the error in an approximate solution to a falling-body problem. It is due January 22 at 10:00 p.m.

You should bring to all the labs a calculator and some scratch paper. A ruler will also be useful for Lab 1.

The course web pages can be found at

<http://www.ugrad.math.ubc.ca/coursedoc/math256/spring00/www/>

When you log in to one of the Math terminals, Netscape should start automatically and take you there.