STT 315 CAPA homework instructions
Fall 2002

We will be using CAPA (this stands for Computer Assisted Personalized Approach) for homework and exams in STT 315. The CAPA system generates a unique assignment for each student, so that no two students will have the same questions. You may work with others while solving the assignment, but each student must submit his or her own answers. Solving the homework problems is an important step in preparing for the exams, so if you work in a group, make sure that each member of the group understands how to solve the problems. You are free to ask TAs about the problems, but again, make sure that you understand how to solve the problems.

Here is what to expect on homework assignments.

- You will receive a printed copy of each homework assignment.
- Your assignment will have your name and and CAPA ID number printed near the top. Your CAPA ID will change from assignment to assignment. You will need the CAPA ID to submit your answers. The due date (and time) are also printed near the top of your assignment. Make sure to read this immediately.¹
- Once you have solved the homework problems, submit your answers via the internet. Here’s how.
  - Connect to http://capa4.lite.msu.edu using a web browser such as Netscape or Internet Explorer.
  - Choose stt315f2 as the class.
  - Enter your student number.
  - Enter the CAPA ID that is printed on your homework assignment.²
  - Click on the “here” button in “Click here to work on CAPA.”
  - Click on “Try current set.”
  - Enter your answers.
  - Click “Submit All Answers.”
  - You will immediately see a page that tells you which problems you got correct and which problems you missed. You can resubmit the incorrect answers immediately or later. You will get many attempts to submit the correct answers.³
  - Make sure you click “exit” when you are done with the CAPA session.

- **Important information:** Do not wait until the “last minute” to submit your answers. The deadline for submission is 5pm. As an example, if you wait until 30 minutes before the deadline and can’t connect because all the modems at MSU are in use, you will get a zero on the assignment.

¹ You have more time to complete the first assignment than you will usually get to allow for the fact that you may be unfamiliar with CAPA.

² If you do not have your CAPA ID, you can get it by email. Just click on the link near the bottom of the page, choose the correct class, enter your PID, and enter the number of the problem set you want to submit.

³ On the first assignment you have 99 attempts!