

PRS IN MATH 15, SPRING 2007

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This semester, all three sections in Math 15 will utilize a Personal Response System (PRS). You are responsible to purchase a personal response device in the UMR bookstore and to register it. Starting Wednesday, January 10, you should bring this device to each lecture. In each lecture, you will have to use this device in average four times as follows:

1. Right at the beginning of the hour (i.e., 9 am, 10 am, 11 am, respectively, *sharp*), a question on the previous lecture will be posed. It will be similar to an assigned homework problem from the previous lecture.
2. Following the first question, a question on the current day's material will be posed. You should make it a habit to read through the material in the book for the next lecture prior to coming to class. If you have done this, you should find no difficulty in answering this question.
3. Some time in the middle, a question will be posed that will check whether you paid attention during this lecture so far.
4. At the end, a round-up question will be posed. Again, if you pay attention during the hour, there should not be any difficulty in answering this question.

You will receive one point for a correct answer and a quarter point for an incorrect answer.

Here are some general guidelines for the use of your devices:

- When you enter CE-120 for class, press “GO” (then the light should flash alternately red and green) and then press “4”+“1”+“GO” which means that you are now switching to “Channel 41”. If the green light is on for a short time right after switching to Channel 41, that means that your device is ready. If the green light cannot be seen, try it again until it shows up.
- Unfortunately this device does not have a hard cover. That means, during transportation, if something puts pressure on the device, the battery will be used.
- If your device is broken, show it to the GTA prior to the lecture. He/she might be able to give you a substitute device. Afterwards, go to the UMR bookstore and have the batteries or the device replaced. Whenever you get a new clicker number, you MUST send e-mail to your professor about this immediately, otherwise your responses will not be counted.
- If you do not enter any responses on a given day, you will be counted as absent.
- If you forget your device, you will not be able to collect any PRS points on that day. However, if you tell this to the GTA prior to the lecture and sit in the front row for the entire lecture, you will not be counted as absent.
- If you ever use any device different from your personal device, you will be dropped from the class (before April 13) or receive an “F” (after April 13) and your case of academic dishonesty will be reported.
- If you arrive late to class and you miss any questions, you cannot make up for these missed questions.
- 45 times 4 equals 180, but only 150 points will be the maximum points for the PRS. I.e., you can miss 30 points and you still will collect the maximum number of points for the PRS.