

MathLab Usage Notes For Math 171

Spring 2003

- Please use the dark colored Windows 2000 machines when possible. If not, then the three NT 4.0 PC's. The username and password are on the whiteboard in front of the room.
 - Most datafiles are located below one of the following directories:
 - C:\Program Files\Data Desk 6.1\Math 171 Extra
 - C:\Program Files\Data Desk 6.1\Datafiles
 - Please do not choose “Save Datafile” in this location - you will either run into a file protection error or be complicating things for the next student using the computer.
 - Please do choose “Save Datafile as” to save your work either on a floppy disk, below C:\tmp or C:\users. You are welcome to create a temporary folder with your name or initials there. The Windows 2000 machines also have 250 Mb zip drives.
 - DataDesk assignments are usually handed in as printed **layouts** from DataDesk (created from under the menu entry *Data* → *New*) or printed Microsoft Word Files. Graphs and summaries within DataDesk can be copied and pasted as pictures into either of these possibilities. If you bring a floppy disk, you can also take a Word file containing your pictures home to work on the writeup further.
 - To avoid wasting paper, please do not print non-layout windows from DataDesk. Please also try to minimize the printing of blank pages from layouts.
 - Moderate length help on DataDesk is available at the website:

<http://www.mathlab.cornell.edu/support/m171.support/>
- Manuals (for use in the lab only) are in the lab bookcase where they can be checked out from lab consultants.
- There are Read Only copies of most Math 171 Extra datafiles in the directory C:\Reserve\Math 171 Extra You should be able to copy a fresh file from there if the ones below DataDesk 6.1 become corrupted.
 - Matlab consultants will know something about the program DataDesk but not necessarily statistics in general. So if you come in at other than recitation times, please don't count on consultants to be able to explain your assignments to you. Recitations will be a much better time for those explanations.