

# MathLab Usage Notes For Math 472

Spring 2003

- Please try to complete your computer work significantly before it is due. Don't rely on last minute access to the Mathlab - In homework mode, there is only room for fifteen or sixteen people to work individually at one time. So it will not be possible for a large number of people to wait til the night before to complete their work! (Should congestion develop, the lab may have to limit the length of computer sessions at that time.) Also, please note that due to budget cuts, the lab is only open about 50 hours a week, not officially open Wednesday and Thursday mornings, etc.
- 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.
- Datafiles are located below the directory:

`C:\Program Files\Data Desk 6.1\472data`

- 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.
- Graphs and summaries within Data Desk can be copied and pasted as pictures either into *Microsoft Word* or into *Data Desk layouts* (created from under the menu entry *Data* → *New*.) 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/datadesk/datadesk.html>

and more information will be at the lab support page:

[http://www.mathlab.cornell.edu/support/m472\\_support/](http://www.mathlab.cornell.edu/support/m472_support/)

Manuals (for use in the lab only) are in the lab bookcase where they can be checked out from lab consultants.

- Matlab consultants will know something about the program DataDesk but not necessarily statistics in general.
- If you have any questions or run into any difficulties, please do contact lab director Dr. Back at [back@math.cornell.edu](mailto:back@math.cornell.edu).