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INITIAL EXPERIENCES AND CONCERNS FROM EXAMS WITH INTERNET ACCESS

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Introduction to Statics

Internet access exam for the first time

- The fundamental course in Mech. Eng. Curriculum
- Basically students can use any tools (spreadsheet, math programs, etc.) for solving the flexible cable problem.

Note: Inspired by the NEWS from Professor Eric Mazur



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Statics Quizzes

Course and Evaluation Summary

Lecture	Evaluation		
1. Force Systems	Quiz1	Midterm	
2. Equilibrium		Examination	
3. Structures	Quiz 2		Final
4. Distributed loads: Flexible Cable	Quiz 3	11%	Examination
5. Friction			
6. Work & Energy			
7. Model	Project & Report		
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$$s = \frac{1}{2} \left(x \sqrt{1 + a^2 x^2} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{a} \ln(ax + \sqrt{1 + a^2 x^2}) \right)$$



Reference



Professor Eric Mazur Harvard University

He is very famous in the topic of "peer instruction"



Photo: www.timeshighereducation.com

Internet Access Exam

Objectives

- To reduce the effort on remembering formula or lecture note
- To improve students' analytical skills and decision making skills.
- To maximize the usefulness of activity.

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Internet Access Exam

INTERNET ACCESS VS Open Book

	INTERNET ACCESS	OPEN BOOK
 Friendly user interface (Less stress to the student, etc.) 		X
2. Less student effort (Remember Equations, etc.)		
3. More analytical questions (solution need to be discovered through exploration – cannot be solved easily by remembering the solutions)		X



Internet Access Exam

Exam Procedure

Step 1

• Tools Survey: Personal Computer & Faculty Computer

• Prepare test facilities (Computer room booking, Exam sheet, etc.)

Step 2

• Announcement : Test detail

• Some supplementary readings : Prof. Mazur NEWS

Step 3

Perform the test

Step 4

• Students feedbacks on the Internet Access Exam



Internet Access Exam: Survey

Tool Surveys

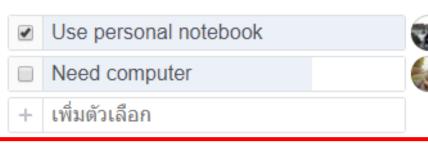


Aj Kuntinee ได้สร้างโพลล์

17 พฤศจิกายน 2017

Quiz 3 ให้นิสิตบอกว่าจะเอา notebook มา หรือไม่โดยลงชื่อด้วยการเลือกด้านล่าง (ต้องการจำนวนนิสิตไม่นำ notebook มาเพื่อเตรียมให้ภายในเที่ยงวันจันทร์)

- 1 Distributed Load
- 2 Cable (with or without excel)
- 3 Excel



41.9% of students

PREFER TO use Faculty Computers





Internet Access Exam: Announcement

Test Announcement from Instructor



Aj Kuntinee

20 พฤศจิกายน 2017 - กรุงเทพมหานคร

Quiz 3 (Wed 22 Nov): For students who did not bring a personal notebook, go to room 220 (40 seats), computer center at 11:00. Beware of the strict uniform enforcement.

Open book and internet but helps from friends are NOT allowed. No formula are available.

To ensure their students acknowledge the test schedule and respect to rules and regulations



Internet Access Exam: Announcement

Supplementary Readings for Students



Aj Kuntinee ได้แชร์ลิงก์

21 พฤศจิกายน 2017

Here is the inspiration for your quiz 3. This is the first test run in 211. I noted that it was very successful in 432 Mechanics of Materials II last year.



Let students take phones into exams, says Harvard professor

Eric Mazur, father of the 'flipped classroom', says rethinking assessment is the next frontier

TIMESHIGHEREDUCATION.COM

Instructor posted some interesting articles regarding Internet Access Exam.



Internet Access Exam: Test Day

Atmosphere in the exam room



Personal Computers



Internet Access Exam: Test Day

Atmosphere in the exam room





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Faculty Computers



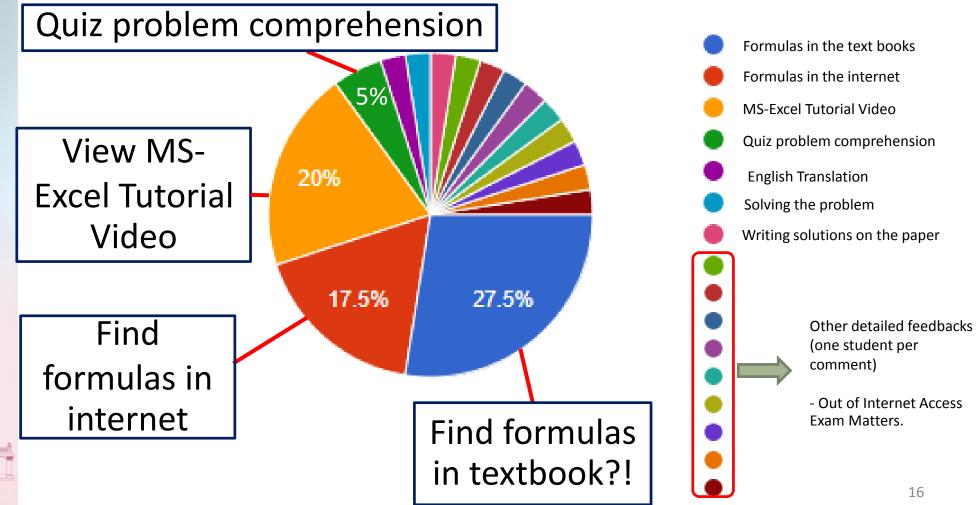
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Feedbacks from students

1. THE MOST time spent during the exam



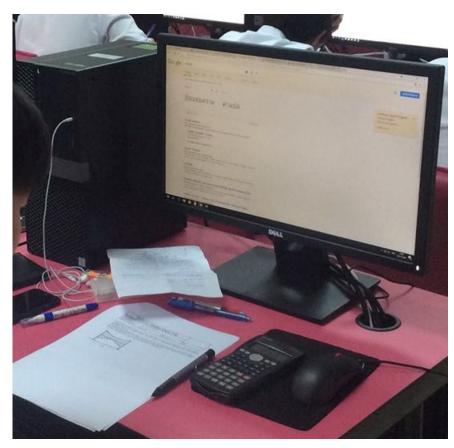




Feedbacks from students

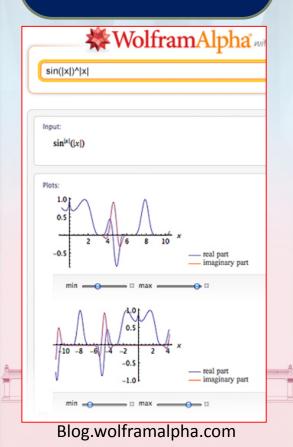






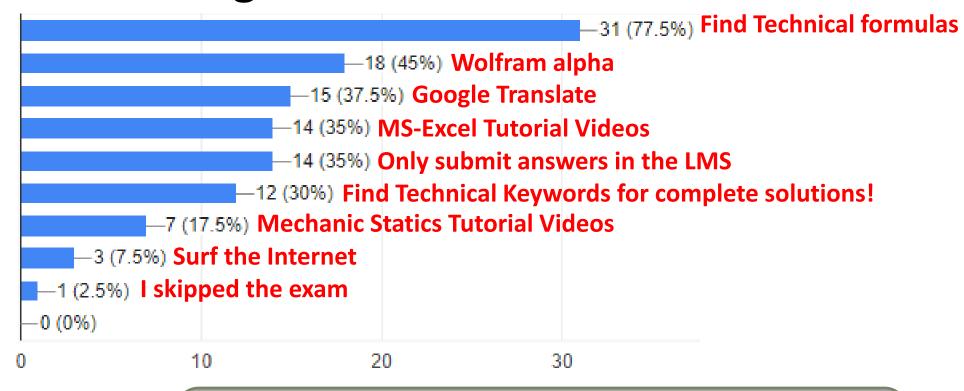
Used google translate





Feedbacks from students

2. The usage of the internet

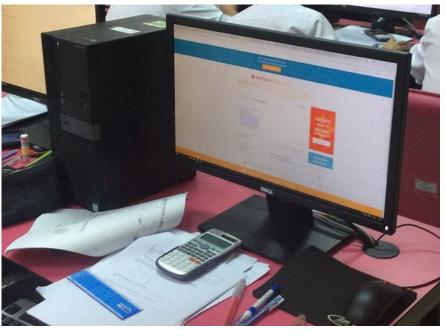


TOP 3 the usage of the internet

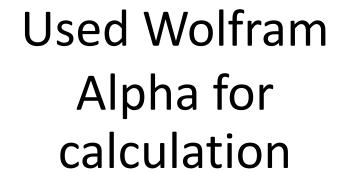
- L. Find Formulas
- 2. Use Wolfram Alpha (Computational Intelligence Software)
- 3. Use Google Translate











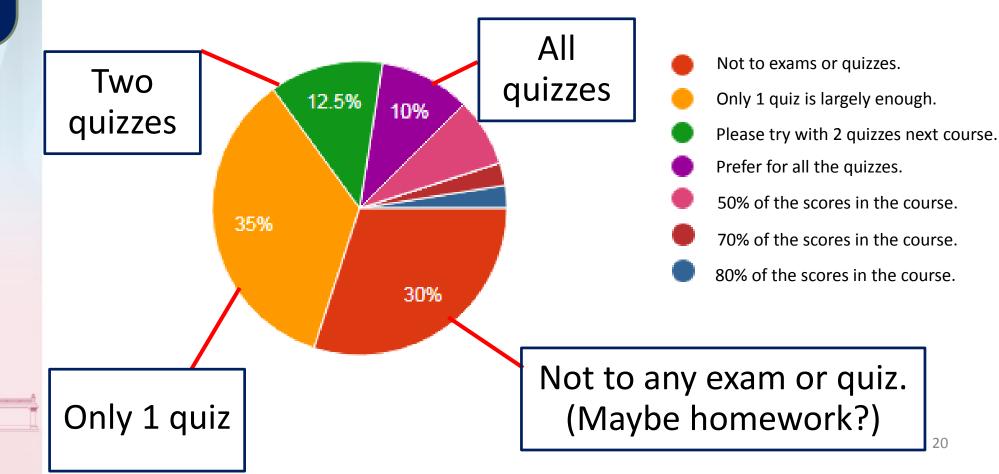
Find formula from the internet





Feedbacks from students

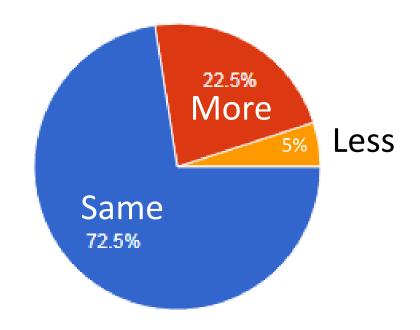
3. How many exams should have internet access?





Feedbacks from students

4. Difference in preparation between **Open Book Exam** and **Internet Access Exam**?



- Exactly the same.
 Reading textbook is still required.
- More Preparation.
 Researching more relevant topics for the test.
- Less Preparation.
 Everything is available in the internet.



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Finding

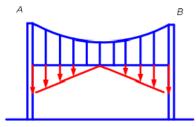
Cheating via personal communication were not

be found in this quiz.

A cable AB is suspended from points of equal height that are 20 m apart and subjected a 3 0-N load in a double triangular distributed norizontally as shown. The central sag is 1 m. Determine the maximum tension in the cable and the length of the cable.

• If the solution was obtained numerically, clearly state the method and include the work as a separate worksheet in the submitted spreadsheet file. If the solution was obtained using other means, clearly describe the method, submitted crop screens/URL/links in the courseville answering box as appropriates.

Wasting Time for ...

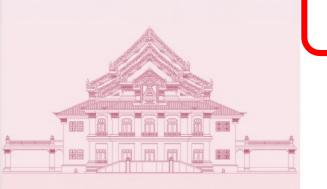


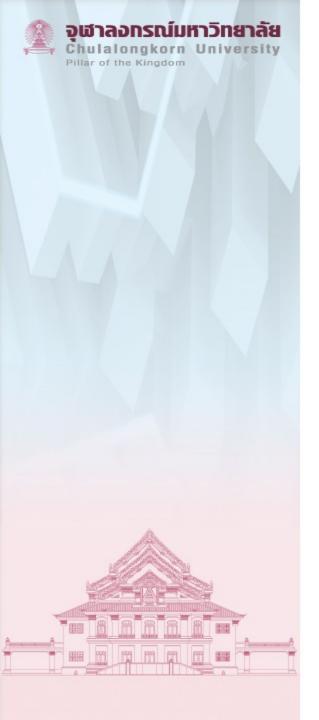
—Google translate

—Searching for the solutions



UNEXPECTED





Insight

- Internet
 - —Just a resource, similar to books etc.
- Key point
 - —Proper resource selection
 - Internet hindered the efficiency in doing exam (time waste)
 - use unexpected tools (wolfram alpha) may affect the designed outcome





Proposed Items

- Keep in-mind about cheating, but not too overly anxious
- Inform students that problems are not copied from the internet. They are not available online. Finding solution online is futile.
- Train the proper use of internet resource during exercise first.



Conclusion

Do

Internet Access in Quiz

Check

- 70% are O.K. with more internet access exam.
- Improperly use of internet
- Lack of skills in English, software, resource selection.
- Students need more training before exam

Act

- More training
- More quizzes



