Math is tough to communicate on the web. Here are some equivalent ways to express math expressions in email, chat, and discussion boards:

If You Want:	You Type:
<u>≤</u>	lte
≥	gte
$9\pi$	9pi
$x^2 + 4x - 3$	$x^2 + 4x - 3$
$a^2 - b^2$	$a^2 - b^2$
$(a+b)^3$	$(a+b)^3$
$\sqrt{2x+3}$	$\operatorname{sqrt}(2x+3)$
$\sqrt{2x} + 3$	$\operatorname{sqrt}(2x) + 3$
$\sqrt[3]{\frac{a}{b}}$	cbrt(a/b)
x-4	there's a vertical bar on your keyboard;
	or use $abs(x-4)$
$\frac{a}{b}$	a/b
$\frac{x+3}{y-4}$	(x + 3) / (y - 4)
$\frac{x+3}{y}-4$	(x + 3) / y - 4
$\infty$	inf
$\int (x^2 + 5x)  dx$	$Int[x^2 + 5x]$
$\int_3^7 e^x  dx$	$Int[3, 7, e^x]$