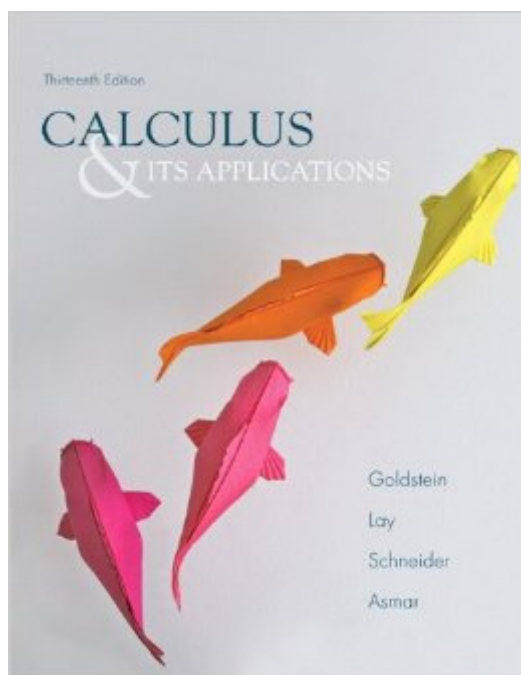


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Contrary to what some other reviewer have claimed, I found this book quite helpful. It provides the basic concepts of Calculus such as limits and derivative rules and applications, exponents and logarithms, integrals, double variable calculus, trig functions, techniques of integrations, an introduction to differential equations, and even series. I found this book very easy to use. It presents the information in a very terse, straightforward manner. Basically, it cuts down on the mathematical theory and allows students to solve the important equations quick and easy. Instead of being lost in complicated definitions of derivations, I was able to quickly find derivations and discover their uses in functions. This is the book that I used for my "Calculus for Social and Natural Science Majors" course. Personally, I feel that I learned much from this book. I never took a Calculus class in high school and wasn't the most mathematically inclined so I was sure that Calculus was going to be tough. This book made it really easy to understand and somehow Calculus turned into one of my easiest classes. This book, however, is not for those who plan on taking higher level Calculus classes. It has most of the fundamentals, but not more advanced topics. Also, several topics are presented out of order from a regular Calc 1 class (so I'm told). For instance, calculus of several variables--a topic usually covered in a third level course--occurs before techniques of integration. The book is quite suitable for a Business/Natural Science Calc class, as it was intended to be used for, and overall seems to make the subject easier. It provides a good means of jumping right into the subject.

I was assigned this book to teach Calculus to business majors. To call it horrid would be an understatement. Important concepts are only briefly touched upon in examples (such as function composition) and takes unacceptable liberties (saying things like "it is sufficient to think of e as 2.7"). Too much time is spent on trivialities and busywork, rather than examples that would nail the concept down to the student. The book introduces the concept of the derivative before the limit - that's like learning to ride a bike before you know how to walk! I've never seen a Calc book worse than this. If I had my druthers, I'd use Stewart for my class. It's not perfect, but at least my students would understand how the limit relates to the derivative, rather than have it introduced and

immediately dismissed.

This is an excellent place to start - if you just started calculus, or need a thorough back-to-basics guide. Concepts are explained patiently and excellently unlike many others that cover the same basic concepts but rush through the 'why's and simply throw formulae at you. On the other hand, the book is kind of verbose and a slow starter. It may not be right if you are looking for a quick tour of the basics. But if you are willing to invest a little more time, it's well worth it. For me, the practical illustrations alongside each concept, were a big incentive and don't make you feel like you are just plowing through a math textbook.

The book itself is OK at best. The author makes use of OK examples but has some very good questions. Too bad its hard to solve the more advanced questions he asks from the examples given. In comparing the 7th and 8th editions there is almost NO difference between the two. I think I ran across under 10(at most) total changes, and they were VERY minor. Why print another edition? More money to charge university students is probably why. Oh, and I did very well in the 2 semesters...so I'm not just bitching either!

this is one of the worst math books i've ever had - maybe even the worst, and i'm an mechanical engineering major (so i've seen a fair few)! The book doesn't explain why, it gives a few brief examples to simplified elementary problems, and then leaves the subject. When you need to look up how to do a more complicated problem, there is no example or method listed to do it.

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