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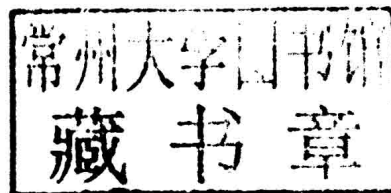
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*Always a valued colleague, a mentor, and a friend,*  
*Always in our memory.*

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# Preface


The fourth edition of *Prealgebra and Introductory Algebra* continues our ongoing commitment to provide the best possible text and supplements package that will help instructors teach and students succeed. To that end, we have addressed the diverse needs of today's students by creating a tightly coordinated text and technology package that includes integrated activities to help students improve their study skills, an attractive design, updated applications and graphs, helpful features, and careful explanations of concepts. We've also expanded the supplements and study aids. We've revamped the video series into a complete Lial Video Library with expanded video coverage and new, easier navigation. And we've added the new Lial MyWorkBook. We have also responded to the suggestions of users and reviewers and have added many new examples and exercises based on their feedback.

The text is designed for mathematics students who are new to algebra, are relearning the algebra they studied in the past, or are anxious about their ability to learn algebra. The text interweaves just-in-time arithmetic review and geometry topics, as appropriate, into the algebraic themes of integers, variables and expressions, equations, solving application problems, positive and negative fractions and decimals, proportions, percents, measurement, graphing, and polynomials. The emphasis is on building a solid understanding of the foundations of algebra. This is accomplished by tying the content to students' experiences and previous knowledge, explaining important terminology in everyday English, showing *why* things work the way they do, and providing carefully sequenced exercises. This text is part of a series that also includes the following books:

- *Essential Mathematics*, Fourth Edition, by Lial and Salzman
- *Basic College Mathematics*, Ninth Edition, by Lial, Salzman, and Hestwood
- *Prealgebra*, Fifth Edition, by Lial and Hestwood
- *Introductory Algebra*, Tenth Edition, by Lial, Hornsby, and McGinnis
- *Intermediate Algebra*, Tenth Edition, by Lial, Hornsby, and McGinnis
- *Introductory and Intermediate Algebra*, Fifth Edition, by Lial, Hornsby, and McGinnis
- *Developmental Mathematics: Basic Mathematics and Algebra*, Third Edition, by Lial, Hornsby, McGinnis, Salzman, and Hestwood

## WHAT'S NEW IN THIS EDITION

The scope and sequence of topics in *Prealgebra and Introductory Algebra* has stood the test of time and rates highly with our reviewers. Therefore, you will find the table of contents intact, making the transition to the new edition easier.

- **Examples and Exercises** Throughout the text, examples and exercises have been adjusted or replaced to reflect current data and practices. Applications have been updated and cover a wider variety of topics, such as the fields of technology, ecology, and health sciences.
- **Guided Solutions** Selected exercises in the margins and in the exercise sets, marked with a  icon, now show the first few solution steps. This provides guidance to students as they start learning a new concept or procedure and gets them off to a successful start. (See p. 166 margin, and p. 245 Exercises 15–16.)
- **Concept Checks** The Concept Checks at the beginning of each exercise set assure students that they have necessary background skills or information to proceed. Concept Checks later in the exercise sets help students summarize and consolidate their learning by writing explanations, correcting common errors, and practicing mathematical processes. (See pp. 321 and 324.)







- **Vocabulary Tips** Many students at this level of mathematics do not have strong reading skills. The vocabulary tips included in the margins throughout Chapters 1–9 help them to learn the meaning of root words and prefixes commonly used in mathematics vocabulary (for example, *equ-*, *centi*, *tri-*), distinguish the mathematical meaning from the common usage of particular words (such as *volume*, *average*), and provide tips for remembering the difference between often-confused terms (such as the commutative and associative properties of addition on p. 25).
- **Teaching Tips** Although the mathematical content in this text is familiar to instructors, they may not have experience in teaching the material to adult students. The Teaching Tips, printed in the margins of the Annotated Instructor's Edition, provide helpful comments from colleagues with successful experience at this level. Common trouble spots are noted, with suggestions for improving student understanding. (See pp. 530 and 531.) Simple, but effective, hands-on activities are also included. (See p. 293.)
- **Study Skills** Thirteen carefully designed study skills activities provide opportunities for students to practice proven strategies for learning mathematics. Poor study skills and behaviors are major factors in low success rates in mathematics courses. Research shows that a few generic tips sprinkled here and there are not enough to help students change their study behaviors. Because students need specific instruction in study skills, we have contextualized them, integrating them into the text material. Topics include note taking, homework, study cards, math anxiety, test preparation, test taking, preparing for a final exam, and more. (See pp. 65–66, 105–106, and 152–153.) Most are located within the first few chapters so that students can use the skills throughout the course. (See the Contents for titles and locations.) The first activity, “Your Brain *Can* Learn Mathematics,” explains how the brain actually learns and remembers so that students understand why the study skills will help them succeed in the course.
- **Lial Video Library** The Lial Video Library, available in MyMathLab and on the Video Resources DVD, provides students with a wealth of video resources to help them navigate the road to success. All video resources in the library include optional captions in English and Spanish. The Lial Video Library includes Section Lecture Videos, Solutions Clips, Quick Review Lectures, and Chapter Test Prep Videos. The Chapter Test Prep Videos are also available on YouTube (searchable using author name and book title), or by scanning the QR Code® on the inside back cover for easy access.
- **MyWorkBook** This new workbook provides Guided Examples and corresponding Now Try Exercises for each text objective. The extra practice exercises for every section of the text, with ample space for students to show their work, are correlated to Examples, Lecture Videos, and Exercise Solution Clips, to give students the help they need to successfully complete problems. Additionally, MyWorkBook lists the learning objectives and key vocabulary terms for every text section, along with vocabulary practice problems.

## HALLMARK FEATURES

We believe students and instructors will welcome these familiar hallmark features.

- **Chapter Openers** The new and engaging Chapter Openers portray real life situations making math relevant for students. (See Chapter 2, p. 93.)
- **Real-Life Applications** We are always on the lookout for interesting data to use in real-life applications. As a result, we have included many new or updated examples and exercises throughout the text that focus on real-life applications of mathematics. Students are often asked to find data in a table, chart, graph, or advertisement. (See pp. 431 and 432.) These applied problems provide an up-to-date flavor that will appeal to and motivate students.
- **Figures and Photos** Today's students are more visually oriented than ever. Thus, we have made a concerted effort to include mathematical figures, diagrams, tables, and graphs whenever possible. (See pp. 628 and 641.) Many of the graphs use a style similar to that seen by students in today's print and electronic media. Photos have been incorporated to enhance applications in examples and exercises. (See pp. 181 and 182.)

- ▶ **Emphasis on Problem Solving** Chapter 3 introduces students to our six-step process for solving application problems algebraically: *Read, Assign a Variable, Write an Equation, Solve, State the Answer, and Check*. Devoting an entire chapter to this process allows students to build a strong foundation for problem solving, which is then reinforced through specific problem-solving examples in Chapters 4–8 and 12–15. (See p. 186.)
- ▶ **Learning Objectives** Each section begins with clearly stated, numbered objectives, and the material within sections is keyed to these objectives so that students know exactly what concepts are covered. (See p. 316.)
- ▶ **Pointers** More pointers have been added to examples to provide students with important on-the-spot reminders and warnings about common pitfalls. (See pp. 111 and 455.)
- ▶ **Cautions and Notes** These color-coded and boxed comments, one of the most popular features of previous editions, warn students about common errors and emphasize important ideas throughout the exposition. (See pp. 328–329.) Cautions are highlighted in yellow and Notes are highlighted with blue tabs.
-  ▶ **Calculator Tips** These optional tips, marked with a red calculator icon, offer helpful information and instruction for students using calculators in the course. (See p. 343.)
- ▶ **Margin Problems** Margin problems, with answers immediately available on the bottom of the page, are found in every section of the text. (See pp. 14–15.) This key feature allows students to immediately practice the material covered in the examples in preparation for the exercise sets.
- ▶ **Ample and Varied Exercise Sets** The text contains a wealth of exercises to provide students with opportunities to practice, apply, connect, and extend the skills they are learning. Numerous illustrations, tables, graphs, and photos help students visualize the problems they are solving. Problem types include skill building, writing, estimation, and calculator exercises, as well as applications and correct-the-error problems. In the Annotated Instructor's Edition of the text, the writing exercises are marked with an icon  so that instructors may assign these problems at their discretion. Exercises suitable for calculator work are marked in both the student and instructor editions with a calculator icon . (See pp. 574–575.) Students can watch an instructor work through the complete solution for all exercises marked with a Play Button icon  on the Videos on DVD or in MyMathLab.
- ▶ **Relating Concepts Exercises** These help students tie concepts together and develop higher level problem-solving skills as they compare and contrast ideas, identify and describe patterns, and extend concepts to new situations. (See pp. 133, 259, and 348.) These exercises make great collaborative activities for pairs or small groups of students.
- ▶ **Solutions** Solutions to selected section exercises are included in the back of the book (following the Answers section). This provides students with easily accessible step-by-step help in solving the exercises that are most commonly missed. Solutions are provided for the exercises marked with a square of blue color around the exercise number, for example, **15**.
- ▶ **Summary Exercises** All but two chapters now include this helpful mid-chapter review. These exercises provide students with the all-important *mixed* practice they need at these critical points in their skill development. (See pp. 183–184.)
- ▶ **Ample Opportunity for Review** Each chapter ends with a Chapter Summary featuring: Key Terms with definitions and helpful graphics, New Formulas, New Symbols, Test Your Word Power, and a Quick Review of each section's content with additional examples. Also included is a comprehensive set of Chapter Review Exercises keyed to individual sections, a set of Mixed Review Exercises, and a Chapter Test. (See pp. 303–313.) Students can watch an instructor work out the full solutions to the Chapter Test problems in the Chapter Test Prep Videos.
- ▶ **Test Your Word Power** This feature, incorporated into each Chapter Summary, helps students understand and master mathematical vocabulary. Key terms from the chapter are presented along with three or four possible definitions in a multiple-choice format. Answers and examples illustrating each term are provided. (See p. 304.)

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