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PREFACE

athematical Excursions is about mathematics as a system of knowing or understanding our surroundings. It is similar to an English literature textbook, an Introduction to Philosophy textbook, or perhaps an Introductory Psychology textbook. Each of those books provide glimpses into the thoughts and perceptions of some of the world's greatest writers, philosophers, and psychologists. Reading and studying their thoughts enables us to better understand the world we inhabit.

In a similar way, *Mathematical Excursions* provides glimpses into the nature of mathematics and how it is used to understand our world. This understanding, in conjunction with other disciplines, contributes to a more complete portrait of our world. Our contention is that ancient Greek architecture is quite dramatic but even more so when the "Golden Ratio" is considered. That I. M. Pei's work becomes even more interesting with a knowledge of elliptical shapes. That the challenges of sending information across the Internet is better understood by examining prime numbers. That the perils of radioactive waste take on new meaning with a knowledge of exponential functions. That generally, a knowledge of mathematics strengthens the way we know, perceive, and understand our surroundings.

One theme around which this book is written is, "What if you wanted to know how to..., what would you need to know?" Using this strategy, a contemporary problem is introduced and then the relevant mathematics needed to solve that problem is developed. With the mathematics in place, the solution to the problem is presented and additional applications of the mathematics are illustrated. A second theme is to have you explore a concept from different perspectives so that you can develop an appreciation for the diversity of problems that can be solved from a single concept.

Math Matters and Excursions are two features we have incorporated in the text. Math Matters are vignettes of interesting applications of the topic being discussed. Each section of the text ends with an Excursion, which is an extension of one of the topics of that section.

The exercise sets of *Mathematical Excursions* have been carefully selected to reinforce and extend the concepts developed in each section. The exercises range from drill and practice to interesting challenges. Some of the exercise sets include outlines for further explorations, suggestions for essays, critical thinking, and cooperative learning activities. In all cases, the exercises were chosen to illustrate the many facets of the topic under discussion.

The purpose of this book is to be a brief excursion into the castle of mathematics with all its myriad of rooms. Although we assume that the reader has a intermediate algebra background, each topic is carefully developed and appropriate material reviewed whenever necessary. When deciding on the depth of coverage, our singular criteria was to make mathematics accessible.

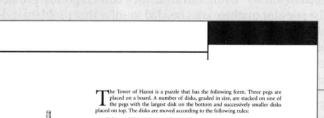
Chapter Opening Features

Chapter Opening Photos

Each chapter begins with photos and captions that are related to an Excursion in the chapter.

Web Icon

The web icon on this opening page lets students know of additional online resources at math.college.hmco.com/students.





- 1. Only one disk at a time may be moved.
- 2. A larger disk may not be placed on top of a smaller disk.

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The object of the game is to transfer all of the disks, one at a time, from one peg to one of the other two pegs. If initially there is only one disk, then only one move is required. With two disks, there moves are required, as well the order of the other order of the other order of the other order. The chart below shows the minimum number of moves required for a given number of disks. The increase in the number of moves required for each additional disk is also given.

Number of disks	1	2	3	4	9	6	7
Minimum number of moves	1	- 3	7	15	31	63	127
Increase in number of moves		3-1-2	7-3-4	15-7-8	31-15-16	63-31-32	127-63-64

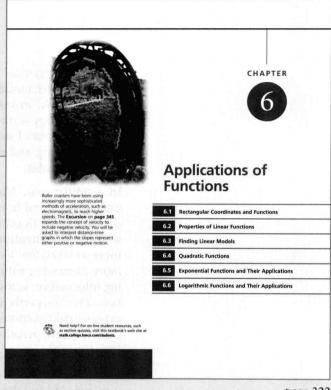
point of interest

If recent estimates of the age of If recent estimates of the age of the universe are accurate, our solar system is about 4.5 billion years old. The first known life forms occurred about 3 billion years ago.

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For the list of numbers in the bottom row of the table, each successive number can be found by multiplying the preceding number by a constant (in this case 2). This list of numbers can be represented by the equation $f(n) = 2^n$, which is an example of an exponential function, one of the topics of this chapter. The formula for the minimum number of moves is given by $M = 2^n - 1$, which could be exponential expression 2^n . In this formula, M is the minimum of the could be exponential expression 2^n . In this formula, M is the minimum of the could be exponential expression 2^n in this formula, M is the minimum of the could be expression 2^n . The control of the price of the universe in this myth, three priests sit in the center of the universe with 3 diamond needles and 64 spident disks on one of the needles. The only job of the priests is to transfer the golden disks to one of the needles. The only job of the priests is to transfer the golden disks to one of the order delta on jourzel. The priests can transfer on disk to another needle every second. According to the myth, the universe will cease to exist at the precise moment the priests have completed the transfer of all 64 disks to one of the other needles. Thus according to the myth, the lifetime of the universe is given by $2^n - 1$ seconds. Use a calculator to show that this amounts to approximately 385 billion years [See 1] and the priest started the transfer of the disks 1.2 billion years ago (when astronomers estimate our universe began), the myth indicates that the universe will continue to exist for another 573 billion years.

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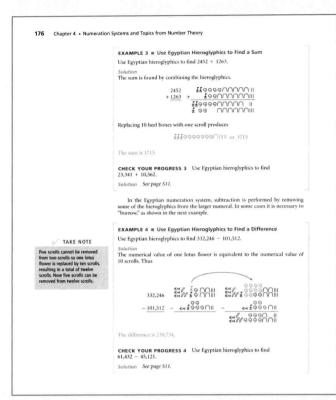


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Chapter Opener Subject Matter

The second page of each chapter opener presents a motivational topic, an application from the chapter, or a new mathematical concept.

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Question/Answer Feature

At various places throughout the text, a Question is posed about the topic that is being developed. This question encourages students to pause, think about the current discussion, and answer the question. Students can immediately check their understanding by referring to the Answer to the question provided in a footnote on the same page. This feature creates another opportunity for the student to interact with the textbook.

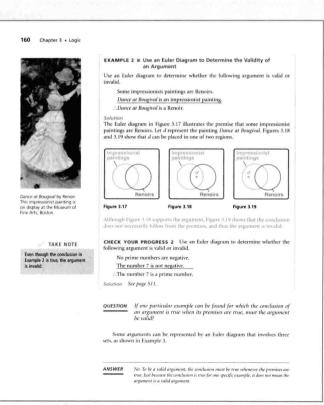
Interactive Method

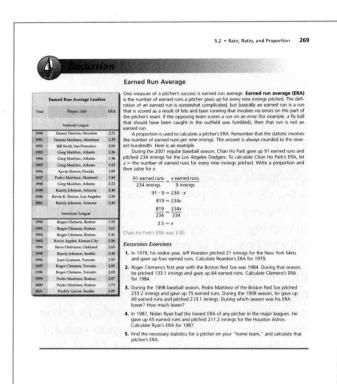
An Interactive Approach

Mathematical Excursions is written in a style that encourages the student to interact with the textbook. Each section contains a variety of worked examples. Each example is given a title so that the student can see at a glance the type of problem that is being solved. Most examples include annotations that assist the student in moving from step to step, and the final answer is in color in order to be readily identifiable.

Check Your Progress Exercises

Following each worked example is a Check Your Progress exercise for the student to work. By solving this exercise, the student actively practices concepts as they are presented in the text. For each Check Your Progress exercise, there is a detailed solution in the Solutions appendix.





Interactive Method, continued

Excursions

Each section ends with an Excursion along with corresponding Excursion Exercises. These activities engage students in the mathematics of the section. Some Excursions are designed as in-class cooperative learning activities that lend themselves to a hands-on approach. They can also be assigned as projects or extra credit assignments. The Excursions are a unique and important feature of this text. They provide opportunities for students to take an active role in the learning process. The photos on the first page of a chapter opener relate to one of the Excursions in that chapter.

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AIM for Success Student Preface

This 'how to use this text' preface explains what is required of a student to be successful and how this text has been designed to foster student success. AIM for Success can be used as a lesson on the first day of class or as a project for students to complete to strengthen their study skills.



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Math Matters Charles Dodgson

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One of the most well known logicians is Charles Dodgson (1832–1898). Dodgson was educated at Rugby and Oxford, and in 1861 he became a lecturer in mathematica at Oxford. Some of his mathematical works include A Sylabus of Plant Algebraical Geometry. The Fifth Book of Educil Tractal Algebraically, and Symbolic Logic, Although Dodgson was a distinguished mathematicain in his time, he is best known by his pen name Lewis Caroll, which he used when he published Alice's Adventures in Winderland and Tumping the Lowing Caroll, which he used when he published Alice's Adventures in Winderland to the extent that she told Dodgson she was looking forward to reading another of his books. He promptly sent her his Sylabus of Plant Algebraical Geometry, and It was reported that she was less than enthusiastic about the latter book.

Compound Statements

Connecting statements with words and phrases such as and, ar, not, if, ... then, and if and a0t if creates a compound statement. For instance, T will attend the meeting or I will go to school' is a compound statement is composed of the two component statements T will attend the meeting' and T will go to school." The word or is a connective for the two component statements or G is a connective of the two component statements and G is a connective G in G is a connective G in G

Table 3.1 Logic Symbols

Original Statement	Connective	Statement in Symbolic Form	Type of Compound Statement	
not p	not	-ρ	negation	
p and q	and	$p \wedge q$	conjunction	
p.or q	Of	$p \lor q$	disjunction	
If p, then q If then		$p \rightarrow q$	conditional	
if and only if g	if and only if	$p \leftrightarrow q$	biconditional	

QUESTION What connective is used in a conjunction?

ANSWER

The connective and

Math Matters and **Margin Notes**

Math Matters

This feature of the text typically contains an interesting sidelight about mathematics, its history, or its applications.

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Historical Note

These margin notes provide historical background information related to the concept under discussion or vignettes of individuals who were responsible for major advancements in their fields of expertise.

Calculator Note

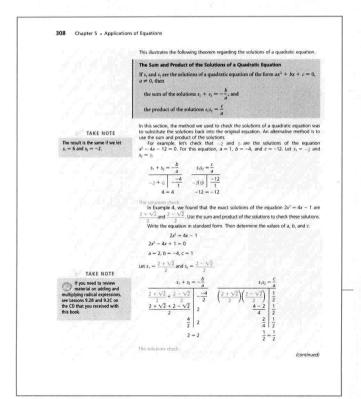
These notes provide information about how to use the various features of a calculator.

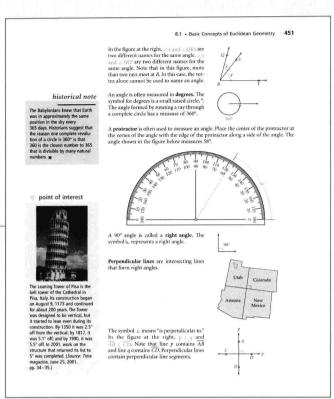
6.5 • Exponential Functions and Their Applications 377 The Natural Exponential Function For all real numbers x, the function defined by $f(x) = e^x$ is called the natural exponential function. historical note Leonhard Euler $e^2 = 7.389056$, $e^{13} = 33.115452$, and $e^{-14} = 0.246597$ The graph of the natural exponential function can be constructed by plotting a few points or by using a graphing utility. EXAMPLE 3 @ Graph a Natural Exponential Function Graph $f(x) = e^x$. Solution: Use a calculator to find range values for a few domain values. The range values in the table below have been rounded to the nearest tenth. -1 f(x) = e* 0.1 0.4 1.0 2.7 7.4 Plot the points given in the table and then connect the points with a smooth curve. Because $e^->1$, as x increase, e^+ increases. Thus the values of f increase as increases. As x decreases, e^+ becomes close to zero. For instance, when x=-5, e^+ = 0.00067. Thus as x decreases, the graph gest obser and closer to the x-axis. The f-intercept is (0,1). CALCULATOR NOTE In the figure at the right, compare the graph of $f(x) = e^x$ with the graphs of $g(x) = 2^x$ and $h(x) = 3^x$. Because 2 < e < 3, the graph of $f(x) = e^x$ is between the graphs of g and h. CHECK YOUR PROGRESS 3 Graph $f(x) = e^{-x} + 2$ Solution See page \$23.

Margin Notes, continued

Point of Interest

These notes provide interesting information related to the topics under discussion. Many of these are of a contemporary nature and, as such, they provide students with the needed motivation for studying concepts that may at first seem abstract and obscure without this information.





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Take Note

These margin notes alert students to a point requiring special attention or are used to amplify the concepts that are currently being developed. Some Take Notes, identified by , reference the student CD. A student who needs to review a prequisite skill or concept can find the needed material on this CD.

Exercises

Exercise Sets

The exercise sets of Mathematical Excursions were carefully written to provide a wide variety of exercises that range from drill and practice to interesting challenges. Exercise sets emphasize skill building, skill maintenance, concepts, and applications, when they are appropriate. Icons are used to identify various types of exercise.

Writing exercises

Data analysis exercises

Graphing calculator exercises

Internet exercises

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- b. Use the equation to predict the number of ATMs
- The table below shows the saturation of water in air at various air temperatures.



- Find an exponential regression equation for these data. Round to the nearest thousandth.
- data. Round to the nearest thousandth.

 b. Use the equation to predict the number of milliliters of water per cubic meter of air at a temperature of 15°C. Round to the nearest tenth. Hint: The function is of the form $f(x) = k \cdot 2^{(n)}$, where k and c are constants. Also f(0) = 440 and f(12) = 880.
- 38. Artificial snow is made at a ski resort by combining air and water in a ratio that depends on the outside air temperature. The table below shows the rate of air flow needed for vari-



- Find an exponential regression equation for these data. Round to the nearest hundredth.
- b. Use the equation to predict the air flow needed when the temperature is 25°F. Round to the near-

Extensions

HWI

CRITICAL THINKING

An exponential model for population growth or decay can be accurate over a short period of time. However, this model begins to fail because it does not account for he natural resources necessary to support growth, nor does it account for death within the population of the desired of the beginst model, can account growth, nor does it account for death within the population. Another model, called the *logistic model*, can account for some of these effects. The logistic model is given by $\frac{ml_0}{p_0} = \frac{ml_0}{p_0} + (m - p_0)e^{-i\omega}$, where P(t) is the population at

time t, m is the maximum population that can be sup-

ported, P_0 is the population when t = 0, and k is a positive constant that is related to the growth of the population.

39. One model of Earth's population is given by

 $P(t) = \frac{280}{4 + 66e^{-6021t}}.$ In this equation, P(t) is the population in billions and t is the number of years after 1980, Round answers to the nearest hundred

- a. According to this model, what was Earth's popula-
- b. According to this model, what will be Earth's population in the year 2010?
- c. If t is very large, say greater than 500, then e^{-0.0211} = 0. What does this suggest about the maximum population that Earth can support?
- Biologists have determined that the maximum wolf population in a certain preserve is 1000 wolves. Sup-pose the population of wolves in the preserve in the year 2000 was 500, and that k is estimated to be 0.025. a. Find a logistic function for the number of wolves in the preserve in year t, where t is the number of years after 2000.
 - b. Find the estimated wolf population in 2015.

41. The formula used to calculate a monthly lease payment or a monthly car payment (for a purchase rather than a lease) is given by $P = \frac{Ar(1 + r)^n - Vr}{(1 + r)^n - 1}$, where P is the monthly payment, A is the amount of the

loan, r is the monthly interest rate as a decimal, n is the number of months of the loan or lease, and V is the residual value of the car at the end of the lease. For a car purchase, V = 0.

- a. If the annual interest rate for a loan is 9%, what is the monthly interest rate as a decimal?
- b. Write the formula for a monthly car payment when the car is purchased rather than leased.

 c. Suppose you lease a car for 5 years. Find the monthly lease payment if the lease amount is \$10,000, the residual value is \$6000, and the annual interest rate is 6%.
- d. Suppose you purchase a car and secure a 5-year loan for \$10,000 at an annual interest rate of 6%. Find the monthly payment.
- e. Why are the answers to parts c and d

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- 43. An airplane left Los Angeles at 8-20 A M, and flew to An airplane left Los Angeles at 8:20 A.M. and flew to Boston. The flying time was 6 hours 20 minutes. Boston is on Eastern Standard Time (EST) and Los Angeles is on Pacific Standard Time (PST), which is 3 hours behind EST. After the plane was on the ground for 1 hour it flew to Chicago, which is on Cen-tral Standard Time (CST). CST is 1 hour behind EST. The flying time from Boston to Chicago was 2 hours 20 minutes.
 - a. What time, EST, did the plane arrive in Boston?
- b. What time, CST, did the plane arrive in Chicago?
- a. List the four steps in Polya's problem-solving strategy. List eight problem-solving procedures that one might use in Polya's second step.

CRITICAL THINKING

- 45. What is the 100th decimal digit in the decimal repre-
- 46. a. How many times larger is $3^{(3)}$ than $(3^3)^3$?
 - b. How many times larger is 4⁽¹⁶⁾ than (4¹)? Note: Most calculators will not display the answer to this problem because it is too large. However, the answer can be determined in exponential form by ap-plying the following properties of exponents.

$$(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$$
 and $\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$

- The mathematician Augustus De Morgan once wrote that he had the distinction of being x years old in the year x². He was 43 in the year 1849.
 - a. Explain why people born in the year 1980 might share the distinction of being xyears old in the year x². Note: Assume x is a natural number.
 - b. What is the next year after 1980 for which people born in that year might be x years old in the year x²

- 1.3 Problem-Solving Strategies 41 48. Select a two-digit number between 50 and 100. Add
- Select a two-digit number between 50 and 100. Add 83 to your number From this number form a new number by adding the digit in the hundreds place to the number formed by the other two digits (the digits in the tens place and the ones place). Now subtract this newly formed number from your original num-ber. Your final result is 16. Use a deductive approach to show that the final result is always 16 regardless of which number you start with.
- 49. How many digits does it take in total to number a
- book from page 1 to page 240?

 Consider a checkerboard with two red squares on opposite corners removed, as shown in the accompany-ing figure. Determine whether it is possible to completely cover the checkerboard with 31 dominoes if each domino is placed horizontally or vertically and each domino covers exactly two squares. If it is possi-ble, show how to do it. If it is not possible, explain why



COOPERATIVE LEARNING

51. The object of this exercise is to create mathematical expressions that use exactly four 4's and that simplify to a counting number from 1 to 20, inclusive. You are allowed to use the following mathematical symbols: +, -, ×, +, √, √, 1, and). For example,

$$\frac{4}{4} + \frac{4}{4} = 2$$
, $4^{(4-8)} + 4 = 5$, and $4 - \sqrt{4} + 4 \times 4 = 18$

52. The following puzzle is a famous cryptarithm.

SEND + MORE MONEY

Each letter in the cryptarithm represents one of the digits 0 through 9. The leading digits, represented by

Extensions

Extension exercises are placed at the end of each exercise set. As the name implies, these exercises are designed to extend concepts. In most cases these exercises are more challenging and require more time and effort than the preceding exercises. The Extension exercises always include at least two of the following types of exercises:

Critical Thinking Cooperative Learning **Explorations**

Some Critical Thinking exercises require the application of two or more procedures or concepts.

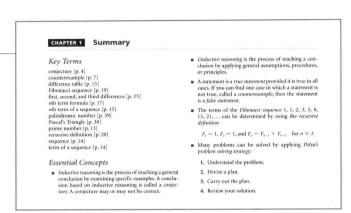
The Cooperative Learning exercises are designed for small groups of 2 to 4 students.

Many of the Exploration exercises require students to search on the Internet or through reference materials in a library.

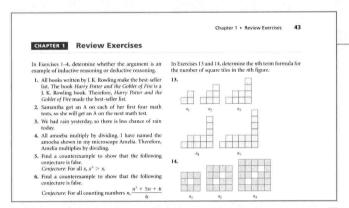
End of Chapter

Chapter Summary

At the end of each chapter there is a Chapter Summary that includes *Key Terms* and *Essential Concepts* that were covered in the chapter. These chapter summaries provide a single point of reference as the student prepares for an examination. Each key word references the page number of the chapter where the word was first introduced.



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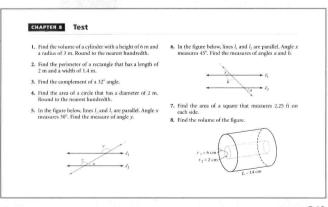
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Chapter Review

Review exercises are found near the end of each chapter. These exercises were selected to help the student integrate the major topics presented in the chapter. The answers to all of the Chapter Review exercises appear in the answer section along with a section reference for each exercise. These section references indicate the section or sections where a student can locate the concepts needed to solve each exercise.

Chapter Test

The Chapter Test exercises are designed to simulate a possible test of the material in the chapter. The answers to all of the Chapter Test exercises appear in the answer section along with a section reference for each exercise. The section references indicate the section or sections where a student can locate the concepts needed to solve each exercise.



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Mathematical Excursions has an extensive support package for the instructor that includes:

Instructor's Annotated Edition (IAE): The Instructor's Annotated Edition is an exact replica of the student textbook with the following additional text-specific items for the instructor: answers to all of the end-of-section and end-of-chapter exercises, answers to all Excursion and Exploration exercises, Instructor Notes, Suggested Assignments, and Dicons denoting tables and art that appear in Power-Point® slides. (The slides are available on the Instructor ClassPrep with HM Testing 6.0 CD-ROM and/or the files can be downloaded from our web site at math.college.hmco.com/instructors).

Instructor's Resource Manual: The *Instructor's Resource Manual* offers worked-out solutions to *all* of the exercises in each exercise set as well as answers to the Excursion and Exploration exercises. The manual contains a variety of ready-to-use printed Chapter Tests (two formats: free response and multiple choice). These tests can also be downloaded from our web site at math.college.hmco.com/instructors. In addition to the ready-to-use Chapter Tests, a *Printed Test Bank* is also available in the manual. The *Printed Test Bank* provides a printout of one example of each of the algorithmic items in the HM Testing 6.0 (See the description of HM Testing 6.0 below, under HM ClassPrep with HM Testing 6.0 CD-ROM). Also included in the manual are suggested syllabi that provide instructors with options for sequencing the course.

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Instructor Text-Specific Web Site: The companion web site provides additional teaching resources such as: suggested syllabi that provide instructors with options for sequencing the course as well as an Index of Applications, Chapter Tests, Excursions from the text, PowerPoint® slides, Excel spreadsheets, Graphing Calculator Guide, and an Excel Guide. Visit math.college.hmco.com/instructors and choose *Mathematical Excursions* from the list provided on the site. Appropriate items will be password-protected. Instructors have access to the student web site as well.

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dents to practice skills and review concepts as many times as necessary by using algorithmically generated exercises and step-by-step solutions for practice. Among the many features of the CD-ROM, there is a Prerequisite Algebra Review, Graphing Calculator Guide, Excel Guide, and Excel spreadsheets that are referred to in the text.

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- Quizzes can be used for practice or taken for a grade if your instructor assigns the quizzes.

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AIM FOR SUCCESS

elcome to *Mathematical Excursions*. As you begin this course we know two important facts: (1) We want you to succeed. (2) You want to succeed. In order to accomplish these goals, an effort is required from each of us. For the next few pages, we are going to show you what is required of you to achieve that success and how you can use the features of this text to be successful.

Motivation

One of the most important keys to success is motivation. We can try to motivate you by offering interesting or important ways that you can benefit from mathematics. But, in the end, the motivation must come from you. On the first day of class it is easy to be motivated. Eight weeks into the term, it is harder to keep that motivation.

To stay motivated, there must be outcomes from this course that are worth your time, money, and energy. List some reasons you are taking this course. Do not make a mental list—actually write them out.

Although we hope that one of the reasons you listed was an interest in mathematics, we know that many of you are taking this course because it is required to graduate, it is a prerequisite for a course you must take, or because it is required for your major. Although you may not agree that this course should be necessary, it is! If you are motivated to graduate or complete the requirements for your major, then use that motivation to succeed in this course. Do not become distracted from your goal to complete your education!

Commitment

To be successful, you must make a commitment to succeed. This means devoting time to math so that you achieve a better understanding of the subject.

List some activities (sports, hobbies, talents such as dance, art, or music) that you enjoy and at which you would like to become better.

ACTIVITY	TIME SPENT	TIME WISHED SPENT		
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TAKE NOTE

Motivation alone will not lead to success. For instance, suppose a person who cannot swim is placed in a boat, taken out to the middle of a lake, and then thrown overboard. That person has a lot of motivation to swim but there is a high likelihood the person will drown without some help. Motivation gives us the desire to learn but is not the same as learning.

Thinking about these activities, put the number of hours that you spend each week practicing these activities next to the activity. Next to that number, indicate the number of hours a week you would like to spend on these activities.

Whether you listed surfing or sailing, aerobics or restoring cars, or any other activity you enjoy, note how many hours a week you spend on each activity. To succeed in math, you must be willing to commit the same amount of time. Success requires some sacrifice.

The "I Can't Do Math" Syndrome

There may be things you cannot do, for instance, lift a two-ton boulder. You can, however, do math. It is much easier than lifting the two-ton boulder. When you first learned the activities you listed above, you probably could not do them well. With practice, you got better. With practice, you will be better at math. Stay focused, motivated, and committed to success.

It is difficult for us to emphasize how important it is to overcome the "I Can't Do Math Syndrome." If you listen to interviews of very successful athletes after a particularly bad performance, you will note that they focus on the positive aspect of what they did, not the negative. Sports psychologists encourage athletes to always be positive—to have a "Can Do" attitude. You need to develop this attitude toward math.

Strategies for Success

Know the Course Requirements To do your best in this course, you must know exactly what your instructor requires. Course requirements may be stated in a *syllabus*, which is a printed outline of the main topics of the course, or they may be presented orally. When they are listed in a syllabus or on other printed pages, keep them in a safe place. When they are presented orally, make sure to take complete notes. In either case, it is important that you understand them completely and follow them exactly. Be sure you know the answer to each of the following questions.

- 1. What is your instructor's name?
- 2. Where is your instructor's office?
- 3. At what times does your instructor hold office hours?
- 4. Besides the textbook, what other materials does your instructor require?
- 5. What is your instructor's attendance policy?
- **6.** If you must be absent from a class meeting, what should you do before returning to class? What should you do when you return to class?
- 7. What is the instructor's policy regarding collection or grading of homework assignments?
- **8.** What options are available if you are having difficulty with an assignment? Is there a math tutoring center?
- 9. If there is a math lab at your school, where is it located? What hours is it open?
- 10. What is the instructor's policy if you miss a quiz?