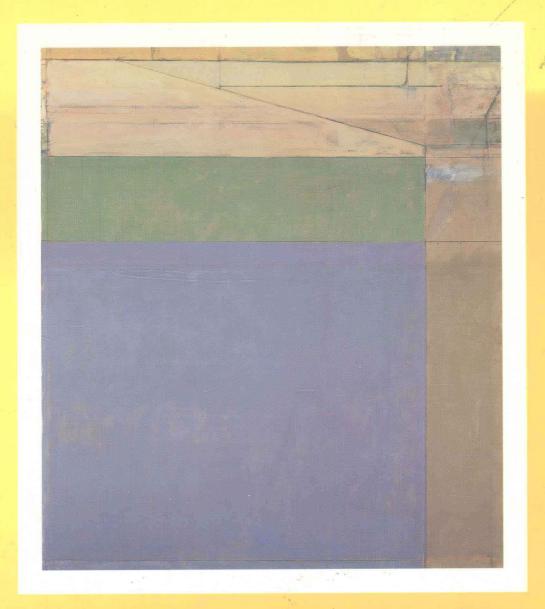
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# Preface

The primary goals of *Elementary and Intermediate Algebra: A Combined Course*, Second Edition, are to encourage students to develop their proficiency in algebra and to show how algebra is a modern modeling language for real-life problems.

**Coverage** This text was designed to be flexible with respect to the order of coverage of core algebra topics, adapting easily to a wide variety of course syllabi and teaching styles. It begins with Prerequisites, a review chapter. All or part of this material may be covered or it can be omitted. Graphing is first introduced in Chapter 4. The use of graphs encourages visualization to offer an opportunity for more conceptual understanding, strengthens graph-reading skills, and supports a smoother transition from concrete visual ideas to more abstract mathematics. Throughout the text, attention is given to geometry, collecting and interpreting data and statistics, and creating models, as well as to the NCTM Standards and Addenda and the AMATYC Guidelines.

**Problem Solving** A general problem-solving process for applied problems is stressed throughout the text: form a verbal model, label terms, create a mathematical model, solve, and check the answer in the original statement of the problem (see page 169). This problem-solving process helps students understand the problem, organize their work, and develop facility with verbal, analytical, graphical, and numerical approaches to problem solving. Students are also reminded of specific problem-solving strategies (see page 80) that are reinforced throughout the text in the exercises (see Exercises 81–82 on page 120 and Exercise 125 on page 843).

**Exercises** The comprehensive exercise sets offer students ample opportunity to practice algebraic techniques (see pages 160–161 and 579–581) and develop their conceptual and critical-thinking skills (see Exercise 45 on page 281, Exercises 75–82 on page 352, Exercise 93 on page 363, Exercises 89 and 90 on page 486, Exercise 41 on page 653, and Exercise 104 on page 765). The broad range of computational, conceptual, and applied problems in each exercise set is carefully graded to provide a smooth transition from routine to more challenging problems. Section and review exercises—as well as mid-chapter quizzes (see page 244) and chapter tests (see page 446)—consistently encourage student mastery of algebraic skills and concepts through practice and self-assessment.

**Group Activities** Each section ends with a Group Activity. This exercise reinforces students' understanding by exploring mathematical concepts in a variety of ways: You Be the Instructor, Extending the Concept, Problem Solving, Exploring with Technology, and Communicating Mathematically. Some Group Activities encourage interpretation or discovery of mathematical concepts and results (see pages 159, 213, and 760); some provide opportunities for problem posing and error analysis (see pages 22, 324, 594, and 772); and others reinforce methods of interpreting and constructing mathematical models, tables, and graphs (see pages 240, 634, 651, and 794). Designed to be completed in class or as homework assignments, the

Group Activities give students the opportunity to work cooperatively as they think, talk, and write about mathematics.

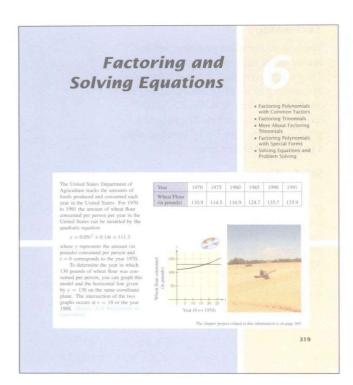
**Technology** Recognizing that graphing technology is becoming increasingly available, the text offers the opportunity to use graphing utilities throughout, but without requiring their use. This is achieved through a combination of features, including—at point of use—discovery opportunities that require scientific or graphing calculators (see pages 306 and 770), graphing utility instructions (see pages 412 and 575), and clearly labeled exercises that require the use of a graphing utility (see Exercise 48 on page 405 and Exercises 67–78 on pages 697 and 698).

**Data Analysis/Modeling** Throughout the text, students are offered opportunities to collect and interpret data, make conjectures, and construct mathematical models. Students are exposed to combining mathematical models to make related models (see Exercise 39 on page 455); encouraged to use mathematical models to make predictions and estimates from real data (see Exercise 78 on page 234, Exercise 43 on page 504, and Exercise 95 on page 638); invited to compare two or more models or compare actual data with a model (see Exercise 103 on page 765); and asked to use curve-fitting techniques to write their own models from data (see Exercise 98 on page 407, Exercises 37–39 on page 732, and Exercise 41 on page 745). Students are encouraged to use charts, tables, scatter plots, and graphs to summarize and interpret data.

**Applications** To emphasize for students the connection between mathematical concepts and real-world situations, up-to-date, real-life applications are integrated throughout the text. Appearing as examples (see pages 203, 220, 693, and 794), exercises (see Exercise 56 on page 223, Exercise 98 on page 440, Exercise 41 on page 707, and Exercise 116 on page 806), group activities (see page 717), and projects (see page 748), these applications help students validate the material they are learning and offer them frequent opportunities to use and review their problem-solving skills. A wide range of disciplines is represented by the applications—including such areas as physics, chemistry, electronics, the social sciences, biology, and business—as well as the career interviews, covering areas such as insurance, real estate, architecture, engineering, graphic arts, business, education, scuba diving, biochemistry, and economics.

**Connections** In addition to highlighting the connections between algebra and areas outside mathematics through real-world applications, this text also emphasizes the connections between algebra and other branches of mathematics, such as probability (see page 465), geometry (see page 134), logic (see Appendix A), and statistics (see Appendix B). Too, many examples and exercises throughout the text reinforce the connections among graphical, numerical, and algebraic representations of important algebraic concepts (see Exercises 27 and 28 on page 606).

There are many other new features of *Elementary and Intermediate Algebra: A Combined Course*, Second Edition, as well, including Discovery, Chapter Opening Applications, Study Tips, Historical Notes, Mid-Chapter Quizzes, Chapter Summaries, Career Interviews, and Chapter Projects. These and other features of the Second Edition are described in greater detail on the following pages.



# **Chapter Opener**

Each chapter opens with a look at a real-life application that is explored in depth in the Chapter Project at the end of the chapter. Real data is shown using graphical, numerical, and algebraic techniques. In addition, a list of the section titles shows students how the topics fit into the overall development of algebra.

# **Section Outline**

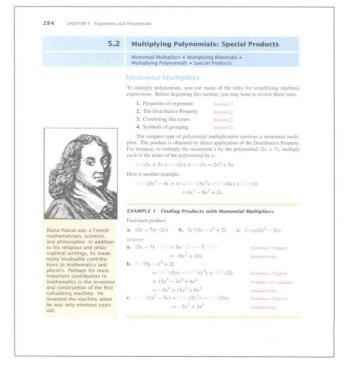
Each section begins with a list of the major topics covered in that section. These topics are also the subsection titles and can be used for easy reference and review by students.

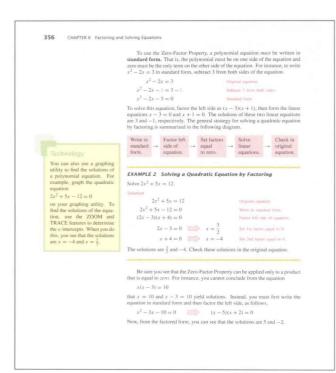
# **Historical Notes**

To help students understand that algebra has a past, historical notes featuring mathematical artifacts or mathematicians and their work are included in each chapter.

# Notes

Notes anticipate students' needs by offering additional insight, pointing out common errors, and describing generalizations.





# Technology

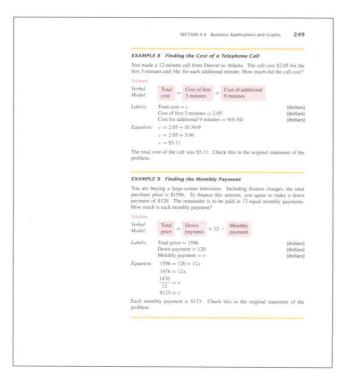
Instructions for using graphing utilities appear in the margin at point of use. They offer convenient reference for users of graphing technology and can easily be omitted if desired. Additionally, problems in the Exercise Sets that require a graphing utility have been identified with a graphing calculator icon.

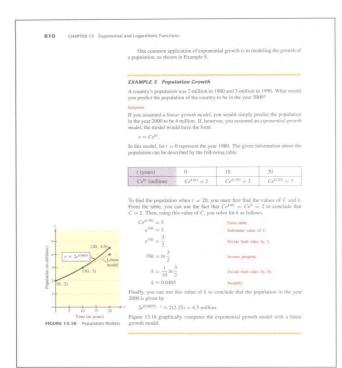
# **Study Tips**

Study Tips appear in the margin at point of use. They offer students specific, helpful, and insightful suggestions for studying algebra. "How to Study Algebra" on page xxvii and "Reading and Writing About Mathematics" on page xxx outline a general plan designed to improve student study skills.

# **Problem Solving**

The text provides ample opportunity for students to develop their problem-solving skills. They are taught the following approach to solving applied problems: (1) Construct a verbal model: (2) Label variable and constant terms; (3) Construct an algebraic model; (4) Using the model, solve the problem; and (5) Check the answer in the original statement of the problem. This process has wide applicability, and it is used with verbal, analytical, graphical, and numerical approaches to problem solving. Identifying units of measure and checking solutions is emphasized, and many solutions have explanations and additional help in the form of comments adjacent to the computation. Color is also used to emphasize and clarify the solution steps.





# **Applications**

Real-life applications are integrated throughout the text in examples and exercises. These applications offer students constant review of problem-solving skills and emphasize the relevance of the mathematics. Many of the applications use recent, real data, and all are titled for easy reference. Photographs with captions throughout the text also encourage students to see the link between mathematics and real life.

# **Examples**

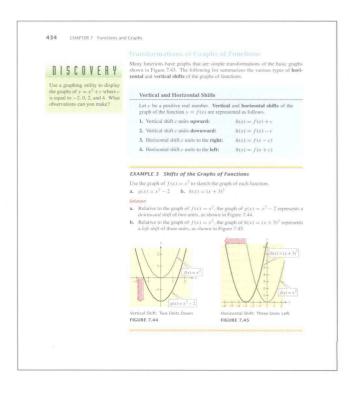
Each of the text examples was carefully chosen to illustrate a particular mathematical concept, problem-solving approach, or computational technique, and to enhance students' understanding. The examples in the text cover a wide variety of problem types, including computational, real-life applications (many with real data), and those requiring the use of graphing technology. Each example is titled for easy reference, and real-life applications are labeled. Many examples include side comments in color, which clarify the key steps of the solution process.

# Discovery

Throughout the text, Discovery notes encourage active participation by students, often taking advantage of the power of technology (graphing calculators and scientific calculators) to explore mathematical concepts and discover mathematical patterns. Using a variety of approaches, including visualization, verification, pattern recognition, and modeling, students develop an intuitive understanding of algebraic topics.

#### **Definitions and Rules**

All of the important rules, formulas, guidelines, properties, definitions, and summaries are highlighted for emphasis. Each is also titled for easy reference.



23. y = |x| - 1

SECTION 7.2 Graphs of Equations

In Exercises 17–24, sketch the graph of the equation. 17. y = 3x18.  $y = \frac{1}{3}x$ 19. y = 2x - 320. y = -x + 221.  $y = x^2 - 1$ 22.  $y = -x^2$ 

In Exercises 25–28, find the x- and y-intercepts (if any) of the graph of the equation. 25. x+2y=10 26. 3x-2y+12=0

24. y = |x - 1|

27. y = (x+5)(x-5) 28.  $y = (x+1)^2$  In Exercises 29–38, sketch the graph of the equation

In Exercises 29–38, sketch the graph of the equation and show the coordinates of three solution points 29, y = 3 - x 30, y = x - 3

27. y = 3 - x30. y = 431. y = 432. x = -633. 4x + y = 334. y - 2x = -435.  $y = x^2 - 4$ 36.  $y = 1 - x^2$ 37. y = |x + 2|38. y = |x| + 2

39. Using a Graph The force F (in pounds) to stretch a spring x inches from its natural length is given by F = <sup>4</sup>/<sub>4</sub>x, 0 ≤ x ≤ 12.



(a) Use the model to complete the following table

	.0.	3	- 6	9	12
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- (b) Sketch the graph of the model.
- (c) Use the graph to determine how the length of the spring changes each time the force is doubled. Explain your reasoning.

40. Comparing Data with a Model The number of farms in the United States with milk cows has been decreasing. The number of farms N (in thousands) for 1984 through 1991 is given in the table.

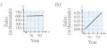
1	4	5	6	7.	8	9.	10	11
N	282	269	249	228	217	204	194	182

A model for this data is

N = -14.5t + 337.1

where t is time in years, with t = 0 representing 1980. (Source U.S. Department of Agriculture)

- (a) Sketch the graph of the model and plot the data in the table on the same graph.
- (b) How well does the model represent the data? Explain your reasoning.
- (c) Use the model to predict the number of farms with milk cows in 1994.
- (d) Explain why this model may not be accurate in the future.
- 41. Misleading Graphs Graphs can help you visualize relationships between two variables, but they can also be misused to imply results that are not correct. The two graphs below represent the same data points. Which graph is misleading, and why?



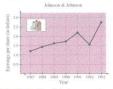
42. Exploration Sketch the graphs of y = x+1 and y = -(x² + 1) on the same set of coordinate axes. Explain how the graph of an equation changes when the expression for y is multiplied by -1. Justify your answer by giving additional examples.

SECTION 7.4 Slope and Graphs of Linear Equations

In Exercises 95-98, use a graphing utility to graph the three equations on the same viewing rectangle. Describe the relationships among the graphs. (Use the square setting so the slopes of the lines appear visually correct.)



99. Graphical Estimation The graph shows the earnings per share of common stock for Johnson & Johnson for the years 1987 through 1993. Use the slope of each segment to determine the year when earnings (a) decreased most rapidly and (b) increased most rapidly. (Source: Johnson & Johnson 1993.)



100, Rould Grade When driving down a mountain road, you notice warning signs indicating that it is a "12% grade." This means that the slope of the road is — 18%. Over a stretch of road, your elevation drops by 2000 feet. What is the horizontal change in your nosition?

NOTE Try using a graphing

(a) Constant function

(b) Identity function (c) Absolute value function

(f) Cubing function

(d) Square root function (e) Squaring function

utility to verify the graphs at the right. The names of these functions are as follows.



101. Graphical Estimation The graph gives the declared dividend per share of common stock for Emerson Electric Company for the years 1987 through 1993. Use the slope of each segment to determine the year when the dividend increased most rapidly.



102. Height of an Attic The slope, or pitch, of a roof is such that it rises (or falls) 3 feet for every 4 feet of horizontal distance. Determine the maximum height in the attic of the house if the house is 30 feet wide.



# Graphics

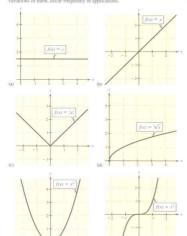
Visualization is a critical problem-solving skill. To encourage the development of this ability, the text has numerous figures in examples, exercises, and answers to odd-numbered exercises. Included are graphs of equations and functions, geometric figures, displays of statistical information, scatter plots, and numerous screen outputs from graphing technology. All graphs of equations and functions, computer- or calculator-generated for accuracy, are designed to resemble students' actual screen outputs as closely as possible. Graphics are also used to emphasize graphical interpretation, comparison, and estimation.



# Graphs of Basic Functions

FIGURE 7.43

To become good at sketching the graphs of functions, it helps to be familiar with the graphs of some basic functions. The functions shown in Figure 7.43, and variations of them, occur frequently in applications.



# Group Activities

# Extending the Concept

A Mathematical Riddle What is the largest number that can be written using the three digits 2, 3, and 4? The number 432 seems to be the obvious answer. However, if you allow the digits to be exponents, then you can obtain numbers that are much larger than 432. For instance, consider the numbers

$$(32)^4 = 1,048,576$$

and

 $3^{24} \approx 282,430,000,000$ .

In your group, see who can create the largest number using the three digits 2, 3, and 4.

# Group Activities

# Extending the Concept



Using Inequalities Try the following activity. One person picks a point with whole number coordinates on a grid like the one at left without revealing the coordinates. A second person writes the equation of a line passing through the grid region. The first person graphs the line on the grid and indicates whether the secret point lies above, below, or on the line. Continue writing and graphing lines until the second person is able to guess the coordinates of the secret point. Switch roles and try again. What is the fewest number of turns your team required to guess the point?

# **Group Activities**

The Group Activities that appear at the end of sections reinforce students' understanding by approaching mathematical concepts in a variety of ways: Communicating Mathematically, You Be the Instructor, Extending the Concept, Problem Solving, and Exploring with Technology. Designed to be completed as group projects in class or as homework assignments, the Group Activities give students opportunities for interactive learning and to think, talk, and write about mathematics.

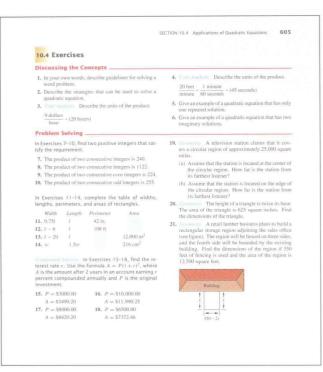
# Group Activities

# Problem Solving

**Fitting a Quadratic Model** The data in the table represents the United States government's annual net receipts y (in billions of dollars) from individual income taxes for the year x from 1990 through 1992, where x = 0 corresponds to 1990. (Source: U.S. Department of the Treasury)

X	0	1	2
у	467	468	476

Use a system of three linear equations to find a quadratic model that fits the data. According to your model, what were the annual net receipts from individual income taxes in 1993? The actual annual net receipts for 1993 were \$510 billion. How does the value obtained from your quadratic model compare? Suppose you had been involved in planning the 1993 federal budget and had used this model to estimate how much federal income could be expected from 1993 individual income taxes. When you review the actual 1993 tax receipts and see that the model wasn't completely accurate, how do you evaluate the model's prediction performance? Are you satisfied with it? Why or why not?

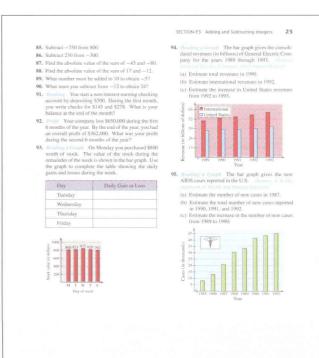


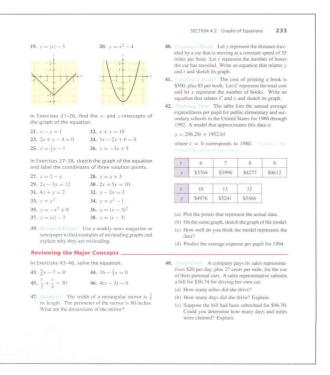
## **Exercises**

Exercise are grouped into four categories: Discussing the Concepts, Problem Solving, Reviewing the Major Concepts, and Additional Problem Solving. The numerous computational, conceptual, and applied problems include multi-part, exploration and discovery, writing, estimation, numeracy, geometry, and challenging exercises, as well as real-life applications, mathematical modeling, graphical comparisons, data interpretation and analysis, fitting a line to data, and exercises that require graphing technology. Designed to build competence, skill, and understanding, each part of the exercise set is graded in difficulty to allow students to gain confidence as they progress. Detailed solutions to all odd-numbered exercises are given in the Student Solutions Guide, and answers to all oddnumbered exercises appear in the back of the text.

# Geometry

Geometric formulas and concepts are reviewed throughout the text. For reference, common formulas are listed inside the back cover of this text.





# CAREER INTERVIEW



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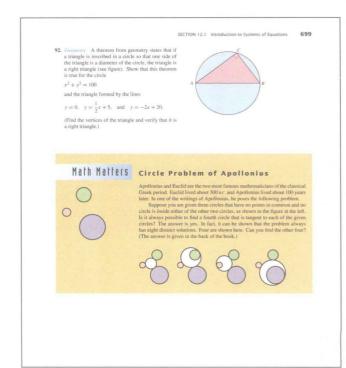
Johnson-Brittain does highway design work, primarily for the Arizona Department of Transportation. I am responsible for drainage design of roadways and intersections. It is important that water properly drain off the road surface to avoid flooding problems. One strategy for removing excess water is to use a pipe drainage system that empties into a retention pond. When designing a pipe system and choosing pipe size, I use the equation V = Q/A to find the velocity V of water moving at flow rate O (volume per unit time) through a given pipe of cross-sectional area A. Finding the water velocity is very important. If it is too fast, erosion can occur in the retention pond. If it is too slow, sedimentation can clog the pipe. As you can see, algebra is very important to my work. I am always solving for different variables that are needed for drainage design.

#### **Math Matters**

Each chapter contains a Math Matters feature that engages student interest by discussing a historical note or mathematical problem. For those features that pose a question, the answers appear in the back of the text.

# **Career Interviews**

Appearing in each chapter, Career Interviews with people who use algebra in their jobs help students understand that algebra is a modern, problemsolving language.



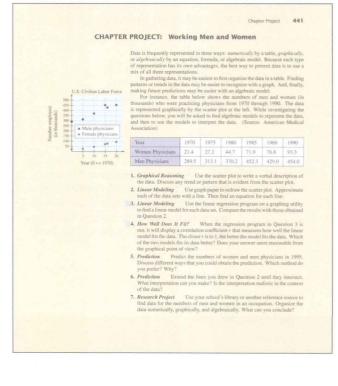


# **Mid-Chapter Quizzes**

Each chapter contains a Mid-Chapter Quiz with answers in the back of the text. This feature allows the student to perform a self-assessment midway through the chapter.

# **Chapter Project**

Chapter Projects, referenced in the chapter opener, are engaging applications that use real data, graphs, and modeling to enhance students' understanding of mathematical concepts. Designed as individual or group projects, they offer additional opportunities to think, discuss, and write about mathematics. Many projects include research assignments that give students the opportunity to collect, analyze, and interpret their own data. Each Chapter Project is also available in an interactive, multimedia, CD-ROM format.



# **Chapter Summary**

The Chapter Summary reviews the skills covered in the chapter. Section references for the major topics make this an effective study tool, and correlation to the review exercises offers guided practice.

# **Review Exercises**

The Review Exercises at the end of each chapter offer the student an opportunity for additional practice. Each set of review exercises includes both computational and applied problems covering a wide range of topics.

# **Chapter Test**

Chapter Tests allow students to assess their own level of success.

# **Cumulative Tests**

The Cumulative Tests that appear after Chapters 3, 6, 10, and 13 help students judge their mastery of previously covered material, as well as reinforce the knowledge students have been accumulating throughout the text—preparing them for other exams and for future courses.

#### CHAPTER SUMMARY

- · Evaluate exponential and logarithmic functions for given values of the variable. (Sections 13.1, 13.3)
- Match exponential and logarithmic functions with their graphs. (Sections 13.1, 13.3)
- Sketch the graphs of exponential and logarithmic functions. (Sections 13.1, 13.3)
- · Graph exponential and logarithmic functions using a graphing utility

# Review Exercises 1-10

- Review Exercises 11-16
- Review Exercises 17-26

#### Review Exercises 27-34

- view Exercises 35-38 Review Exercises 39, 40
- Review Exercises 41-44
- Review Exercises 45-50

# Review Exercises 55-62

## Review Exercises 63–68

## Review Exercises 69-74

## In Exercises 1-10, evaluate the function as indicated.

- 1.  $f(x) = 2^x$ (a) x = -3(b) x = 1 (c) x = 2
- 2.  $g(x) = 2^{-x}$ (a) x = -23.  $y(t) = e^{-t/3}$ (b) x = 0 (c) x = 2
- (a) t = -34.  $h(s) = 1 - e^{0.2s}$ (a) s = 0 $5. \ f(x) = \log_3 x$
- 6.  $g(x) = \log_{10} x$ (a) x = 0.01
- (a) x = e8.  $h(x) = \ln x$
- 9.  $g(x) = \ln e^{\lambda x}$
- (a) x = -210.  $f(x) = \log_2 \sqrt{x}$ (a) x = 4
- In Exercises 11-16, match [The graphs are labeled ( 11.  $f(x) = 2^x$

# REVIEW EXERCISES

- (b)  $t = \pi$  (c) t = 6

CHAPTER 13 Exponential and Logarithmic Functions

(a) x = 1(b) (b)

(b)

- 7.  $f(x) = \ln x$
- (a)  $x = e^2$

# CHAPTER 11 Lines, Conics, and Variation

CHAPTER TEST

Take this test as you would take a test in class. After you are done, check your work against the answers given in the back of the book.

- In Exercises 1-4, write an equation of the line.
- 1. The line has a slope of -2 and passes through (2, -4).
- 2. The line passes through (25, -15) and (75, 10).
- 3. The line is horizontal and passes through (5, -1)4. The line is vertical and passes through (-2, 4).
- 5. Find the slope of a line perpendicular to the line given by 5x + 3y 9 = 0.
- After 4 years, a \$26,000 car will have depreciated to a value of \$10,000.
   Write a linear equation that gives the value V in terms of v. the number of



# 626 CUMULATIVE TEST: Chapters 7-10

#### **CUMULATIVE TEST: CHAPTERS 7-10**

In Exercises 1-8, perform the operations and/or simplify.

$$x^2 + 8x + 16$$
  $2x^4 + 4x^3$ 

$$2, \ \frac{2}{x} - \frac{x}{x^3 + 3x^2} + \frac{1}{x + 3}$$

$$\frac{18x^2}{x^2 - 16}$$
 2,  $\frac{1}{x}$ 

4. 
$$\sqrt{-2}(\sqrt{-8}+3)$$

$$x = x^3 + 3x^2 = x + 3$$
 $-4x^{-3}y^4$ 

4. 
$$\sqrt{-2} \left( \sqrt{-8} + \right)$$

$$5, \ \frac{-4x^{-3}y^4}{6xy^{-2}}$$

7. 
$$\frac{x^3 + 27}{x + 3}$$
 (Use synthetic division.) 8.  $\frac{6}{\sqrt{10} - 2}$ 

In Exercises 9 and 10, graph the rational function.

9. 
$$y = \frac{4}{2}$$

9. 
$$y = \frac{4}{x-2}$$
 10.  $y = \frac{4x^2}{x^2+1}$ 

In Exercises 11-14, solve the equation.

11. 
$$x + \frac{4}{x} = 4$$

12. 
$$\sqrt{x+10} = x-2$$

13. 
$$(x-5)^2 + 50 = 0$$

14. 
$$3x^2 + 6x + 2 = 0$$

- 15. Find (a) the domain of  $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 3x}$ , (b) f(4), and (c) f(c + 3).
- 16. Find the slope of the line passing through (-4, 0) and (4, 6). Then, find the distance between the points.
- 17. Use a graphing utility to graph the equation  $y = x^2 6x 8$ . Use the graph to approximate any x-intercepts of the graph. Set y = 0 and solve the resulting equation. Compare the results with the x-intercepts of the graph. Find a quadratic equation having the solutions -2 and 6.
- 19. Determine whether the equation  $x y^3 = 0$  represents y as a





# Supplements

*Elementary and Intermediate Algebra: A Combined Course*, Second Edition, by Larson and Hostetler, is accompanied by a comprehensive supplements package. All items are keyed to the text.

# **Printed Resources**

# Student Solutions Guide

- Detailed, step-by-step solutions to all odd-numbered section exercises (except Discussing the Concept) and review exercises
- Detailed, step-by-step solutions to all Mid-Chapter Quiz, Chapter Test, and Cumulative Test questions

# Graphing Technology Keystroke Guide: Algebra by Benjamin N. Levy

- Keystroke instructions for Texas Instruments, Sharp, Casio, and Hewlett-Packard graphing calculators
- Examples with step-by-step solutions
- Extensive graphics screen output
- · Technology tips

# Instructor's Guide

- · Solutions to even-numbered exercises
- Answers to all Group Activities, Technology Boxes, Discovery Boxes, and Chapter Projects

# Test Item File and Resource Guide

- Printed test bank with approximately 4000 test items (multiple-choice, openended, and writing) coded by level of difficulty
- Technology-required test items coded for easy reference
- Bank of chapter test forms with answer keys
- · Two final exams
- Transparency masters
- Notes to the Instructor, which includes information on standardized tests
  such as the Texas Academic Skills Program (TASP), Florida College Level
  Academic Skills Test (CLAST), and the California State University Entry
  Level Mathematics (ELM) Examination and provides a list of skills covered
  by the test and the corresponding section(s) in the text where the topic can be
  found, as well as notes on contemporary instructional strategies such as
  alternative assessment and cooperative learning

# Media Resources



# Tutor (IBM, Macintosh)

Extensive additional practice



# Videotapes by Dana Mosely

- Comprehensive coverage keyed to the text by section
- Detailed explanation of important concepts
- Numerous examples and applications, often illustrated via computergenerated animations
- · Discussion of study skills
- For media resource centers; also available for student purchase



# D. C. Heath Interactive Math Series CD-ROM Projects

- Real-life applications in an interactive, multimedia CD-ROM format
- IBM PC for Windows; Macintosh
- · See page xvi for a description.

# Computerized Testing

- Test-generating software for both IBM and Macintosh computers
- Approximately 4500 test items
- Also available as a printed test bank

# CD-ROM Projects

# for Elemtentary and Intermediate Algebra: A Combined Course, Second Edition

To accommodate a variety of teaching and learning styles, a series of real-life applications is available in a multimedia, interactive CD-ROM format. Suitable for individual or group assignments, these projects reinforce a variety of mathematical concepts. For each text chapter project is a CD-ROM project, allowing students to explore interactively questions that expand upon the topic and goals of the text project. Students have the opportunity to discover the nature of data sets through exploration, using a combination of graphical, numerical, and algebraic approaches in a guided learning environment. Throughout the text, you will notice a CD-ROM icon that reminds you of the availability of this multimedia software in conjunction with the chapter projects.

These multimedia projects broaden the scope of the text by offering additional opportunities for finding patterns and drawing conclusions, covering related topics and concepts, and providing practice with interpreting graphs, charts, and tables. The multimedia format provides access to extensive real data sets and facilitates handson data manipulation for practicing data analysis and modeling techniques. In addition, the projects include animations, color photographs, and audio enhancements.

Each multimedia project is presented in four parts: Introduction, Data, Exploration, and Exercises. The Introduction explains the goals of the project and the background of the project topic. The Data section presents all of the data that may be manipulated in the context of the project in a format that is appropriate to the placement in the text; additional history or pertinent facts may often be found in this section. The Exploration section enables students to manipulate data and discover certain facts about or patterns within the data. For example, the Transportation project allows students to use graphs to find patterns and interactively experiment with placing a line on a scatter plot of actual data to approximate a best fitting line. The Exercises section is a set of questions designed to guide the student to the types of discoveries that may be made from exploration of the data. For example, with the Transportation project students are asked to interpret slopes and *y*-intercepts, consider predictions, and compare various models.

The CD-ROM Projects for *Elementary and Intermediate Algebra: A Combined Course*, Second Edition, are available for use with multimedia Macintosh or IBM with Windows computers. They cover the following topics:

Chapter P	Population Growth Patterns	Chapter 8	Air Resistance and Parachutes
Chapter 1	Musical Sound	Chapter 9	Fractals
Chapter 2	Temperature	Chapter 10	Gravitation
Chapter 3	Solar Eclipses	Chapter 11	Transportation
Chapter 4	Sporting Goods Sales	Chapter 12	Retail Sales of Companies
Chapter 5	Chemistry and Color	Chapter 13	Half-Life and Radioactivity
Chapter 6	Food Consumption	Chapter 14	Banking and Personal Finance
Chapter 7	Working Men and Women		