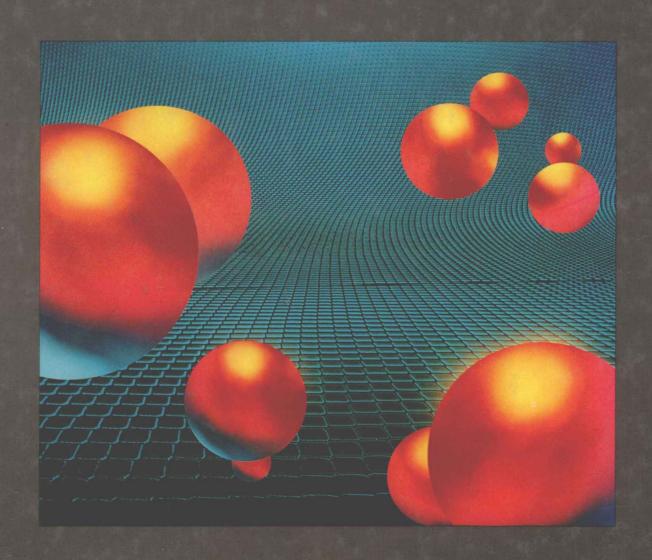
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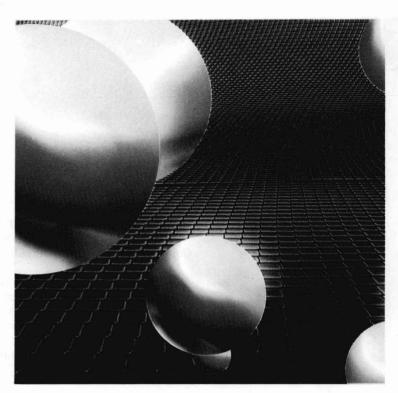
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PREFACE

In this sixth edition of *Precalculus: Functions and Graphs*, one of my main goals was to make discussions of concepts easier to understand without sacrificing the mathematical soundness of the previous edition. Solutions to many examples have been rewritten so that important steps stand out clearly. More applied problems have been added to stress the usefulness of the subject matter. Exercise sets have also been improved and expanded. The comments that follow highlight some of the changes and features of this edition.

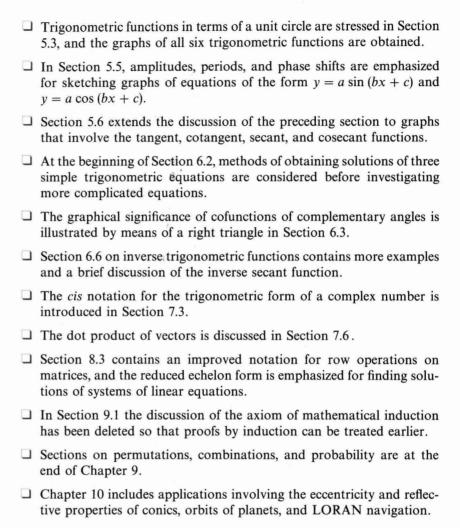
CHANGES FOR THE SIXTH EDITION

The concept of $interval$ and solutions of inequalities are introduced in Section 1.1.					
Section 1.3 includes methods for solving linear and quadratic equations.					
In Section 2.3 the maximum or minimum value of a quadratic function is obtained by employing a formula for the vertex of a parabola.					
Domains of composite functions are covered in Section 2.4.					
A definition of inverse function is stated without using the formulas $f^{-1}(f(x)) = x$ and $f(f^{-1}(y)) = y$.					
In Chapter 4 the definition of the number e is stated using the notation $\left(1+\frac{1}{n}\right)^n \to e$ as $n\to\infty$.					
The discussion of logarithms has been revised and the change of base					

 \square In Section 5.1 the discussion of radian measure has been simplified, and greater emphasis is placed on the length of arc formula $s = r\theta$.

formula is given more emphasis.





FEATURES

EXAMPLES Each section contains carefully chosen examples to help students understand and assimilate new concepts. Whenever feasible, applications are included. An innovation in this edition are the labeled *illustrations*, which are brief demonstrations of the use of definitions, laws, and theorems.

EXERCISES Approximately half the exercises differ from those in the previous edition. Considerable effort has gone into carefully grading these new problems. Students can obtain practice on all topics in a section by working either the odd-numbered or even-numbered exercises.

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ANSWERS The answer section includes typical verifications of identities, proofs by mathematical induction, and a consistent scale for graphs.

APPLIED PROBLEMS The previous edition contained a great variety of applied problems from many fields. Approximately 125 new exercises and examples involving applications have been added to further strengthen this important aspect of the text.

CALCULATORS It is possible to work most of the exercises without a calculator; however, for some problems its use is advisable in order to shorten numerical computations.

TEXT DESIGN The text has been redesigned so that concepts and examples stand out. Many figures have been added to help visualize important aspects of problems.

FLEXIBILITY Syllabi from schools that have used previous editions attest to the flexibility of the text. Sections and chapters can be rearranged in different ways, depending on the objectives and the length of the course.

SUPPLEMENTS

Users of this text may obtain the following supplements from the publisher:

Study Guide and Solutions Manual, by Jeffery A. Cole of Anoka-Ramsey Community College, contains selected solutions and strategies for solving typical exercises.

Instructor's Solutions Manual, by Jeffery A. Cole, provides solutions and answers for all the exercises.

PWSTest II is an algorithm-driven test generator for the IBM-PC and compatibles, which can accommodate testing by either chapter or learning objective.

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True BASIC™ Pre-Calculus software, by John Kemeny and Thomas Kurtz, is ideal for classroom demonstrations, individual study, and problem-solving.

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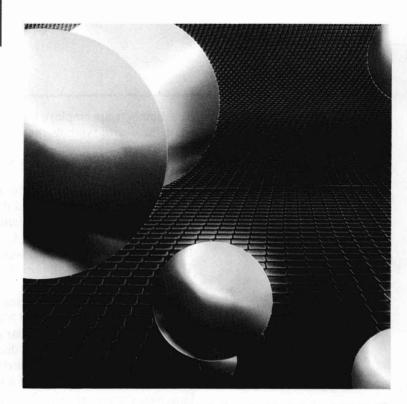
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CHAPTER 1

The material in this chapter is basic to the study of precalculus mathematics. After reviewing concepts involving real numbers, we turn our attention to exponents and radicals, and how they may be used to simplify algebraic expressions. Solutions of equations and inequalities are considered next. The chapter concludes with a discussion of rectangular coordinate systems and lines.



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