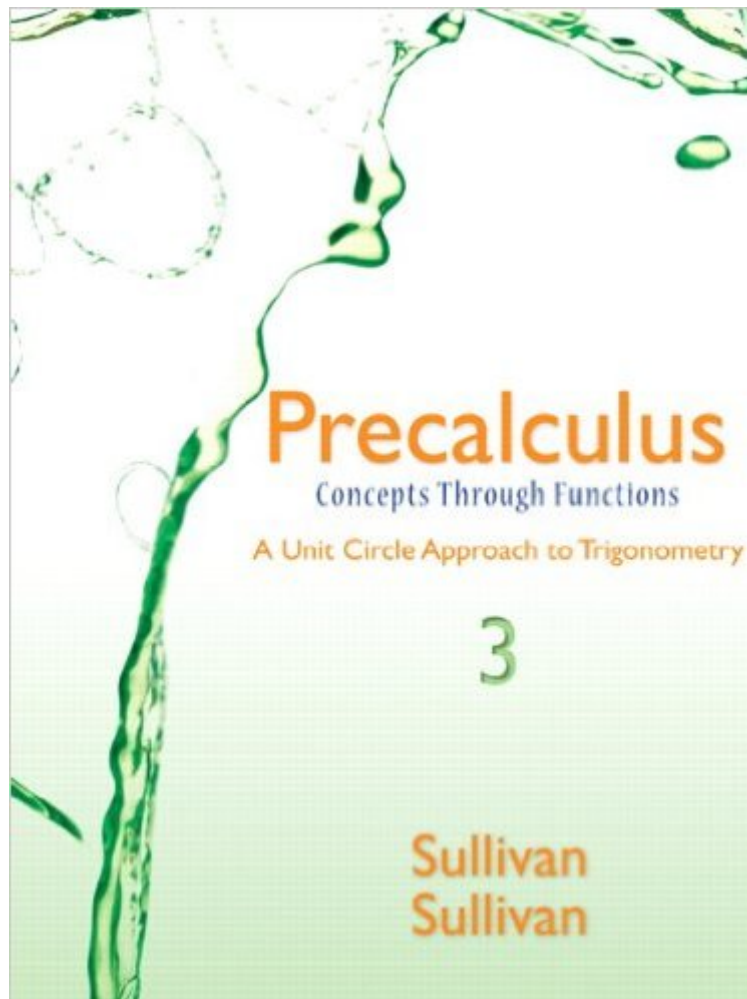


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This textbook has to be the least intuitive method of teaching any kind of mathematics! Combined with an awful professor I was ready to throw in the towel on my entire education. I would've been sitting on a corner with no education and a cup begging for change but not being able to add it

together because Sullivan drove me out of my mind! Don't waste your money or time on this crap. If you have to do homework from Sullivan's text just go photocopy some other poor fool's book. I am currently using Blitzer's Precalculus that doesn't take a "unit circle approach" but covers the concept with enough detail. It has been a god send. His love for math shines through with eloquence and ease. Do yourself a favor don't buy Sullivan. Purchase any edition of Blitzer's, which will comprehensively teach you from the basics onward.

Way to wordy with knife and spoon examples and the homework is brain surgery. The book is confusing and the assignments do not by any means match the text. The author(s) should be ashamed for producing such a poor product. The Sullivan's' students at their respective universities are probably taking the bridge out of pure frustration as you read this. I try to compliment it with a Demystified copy (very good book) and I still get confused because of the way this book is written. What is even worst is I have to use this glorified toilet paper for an online class. If your are unlucky enough to end up with this book, be prepared to spend a lot of time on Kahn's, Youtube or Yahoo answers.

If you buy a MyMathLab key ~(\$100), there's a built-in copy of the text, and depending on the professor, MyMathLab is probably either required or is very helpful. IMO, it's easier to read on the monitor than in 50lb textbook format anyway, although I wish the typesetting on the electronic copy wasn't identical to the dead-tree format, which prioritizes printing cost ahead of readability.

This book, along with a bad teacher made for a struggle throughout the semester. The examples are very confusing, but fairly easy problems, but when it comes to the Homework it requires a rocket scientist to solve most of the problems. I don't understand why on some examples one chapter would make you do a problem while for example rationalizing a denominator, and then in the very next chapter not make you do it at all.

Bought this for an online class in MyMathLab assuming buying new would mean I get the access code included, but I was wrong. If you need this book for an online class only buy the access code. The book is poorly written as well. It's unorganized, messy, and hard to follow.

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well i bought this book for my class which uses a condensed version. I like the fact that the one i got was the teacher edition but really it isn't helpful doesn't explain how to do problems and it's just not worth the money to buy if you're buying it for any other reason than for a class that you will need it.

First I was lucky and got the book, access code for online homework, and whole package needed to work through two college pre-calc classes. Pros: 1. Great doorstop. 2. Those suffering from low blood pressure will definitely see a positive increase while attempting to use this text. Cons: 1. Text is generally not clear. It's an accepted conclusion that one should have to be very attentive to what one is reading when learning more technical information, however having a text that is so abstract or poorly written that you have to ALWAYS re-read due to a case of "What did they just say?????????" is not acceptable, and certainly not conducive to learning. 2. Worked examples are unclear and ARE NOT reflective of the problems a student will face doing homework in the book or online. 3. Online and in text examples designed to help the student are often not representative of the specific problem or concept being worked. Numerous computational steps are often omitted, presumably because the student should already know the mathematical manipulations being performed. Unfortunately these omissions combined with the lack of clarity in the text often results in more confusion and frustration than any learning or understanding. There are numerous other problems with the book that I won't go into. The biggie by far is the lack of clarity in the text or online materials, and the propensity to provide simple work examples, and then slap a student with vastly more complex homework problems and then beat them AGAIN and AGAIN and AGAIN. I have successfully learned quite a bit from this book, but I did not expect to learn the upper limits of my blood pressure.

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