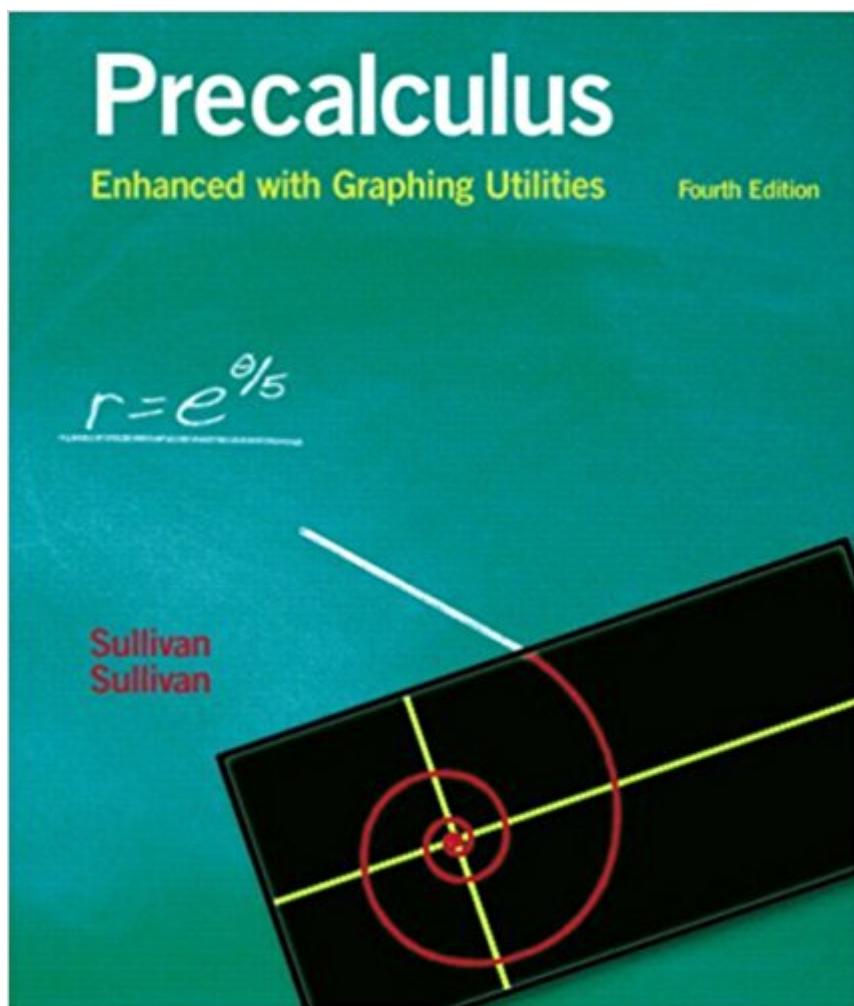


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Great price, much less than the student bookstore ... HOWEVER, my copy DID come with the math lab access !! After reading all the reviews, i also ordered a math lab access, since so many people said that it did not come with one. I ordered a NEW copy of the looseleaf book, perhaps that is why I got the mathlab access ... but if you do need the mathlab, then it is worth ordering the new copy .. because it does come with it !!!

This book is not put together very well. The equations skip key steps and unless you have a

detailed math background, you will scratch your head trying to figure out the missing parts. It is also riddled with errors. For example, in 9.4, you need to take the inverse function to determine the angle of a vector. There is no mention of any inverse in the chapter.

My weakest point was precalc this last semester. The book arrived to me in good condition, although it took some time to arrive. The book was in decent condition. There was some writing and a little underlining in pencil, along with wrong answers. This book helped me pass the class. Everything you need to know is in there. I like how this book highlights the new information it is giving you, along with recaps at the end of the chapters. Buying the book for me was the option as I used it until the last day of class, as well as underlined in pencil some of the things I needed. Would recommend this book to anyone who needs to take precalculus

The only flaw I have with the leaflet is that the hole punch cut off numbers and mathematical equation needed to solve the problem, they should have made the lettering book size. You will have to get an E-book in order to know what to do or look off your colleague book to find out what number and mathematical wording is needed to solve the equations.

The format is okay not terrible. It has too many confusing sections with not enough explanations of the material. It mainly contains examples and problem sets. It needs more plain English explanations for people like me who can't easily understand the numerical examples given. It is kinda heavy and bulky but that is expected for a textbook. Overall not bad and is good for showing you how something is done. If I had to I would re-rent it.

Book was delivered with loose pages and ripped binding. Overall appearance and convenience was very low, however it got the job done. I didn't think much of it until I returned it and was charged full price because it wasn't in acceptable condition.

Exactly what my son needed for a college class.

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