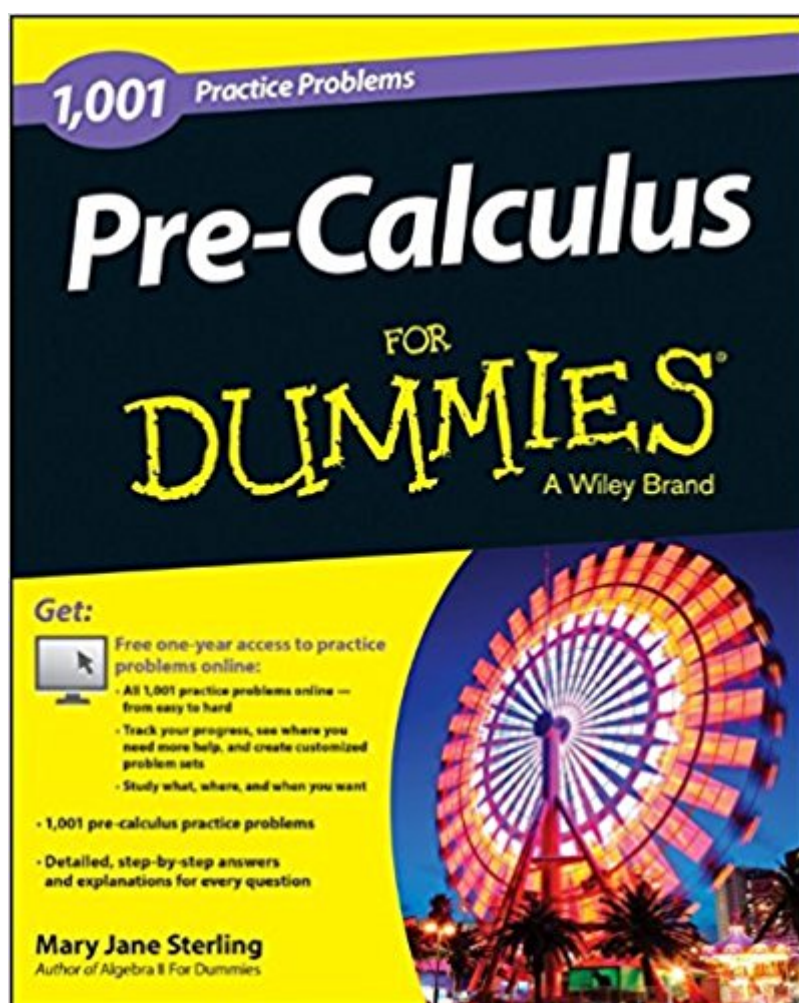


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Customer Reviews

Practice. Practice. Practice. I know, I know, that's so trite, right? But it really is the key to learning math because you can't "study" math. You DO math. And do you will with this Pre-Calculus For Dummies book. And not only will you DO, you will do so CORRECTLY since the book doesn't just contain 1,001 practice problems but the SOLUTION, NOT just the answer, to every single problem! For me, college was a real challenge with the tight schedules (quarter system), heavy courseload, and work. I really wish I had this book to prepare me for my Calculus courses! Anyway... here's an outline of the book:

Chapter 1 ... Getting Started with Algebra Basics
Chapter 2 ... Solving Some Equations and Inequalities
Chapter 3 ... Function Basics
Chapter 4 ... Graphing and Transforming Functions
Chapter 5 ... Polynomials
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Chapter 12 .. Complex Numbers and Polar Coordinates
Chapter 13 .. Conic Sections
Chapter 14 .. Systems of Equations and Inequalities
Chapter 15 .. Sequences and Series
Chapter 16 .. Introducing Limits and Continuity

The really nice thing about this book is this: If you're afraid of math, this book arms you with the solutions, so you can tackle the problems head-on without fearing that you'll waste precious time mulling over a problem you're stuck on. As of this writing, doesn't have a "Look Inside" feature for this book.

For me, the toughest part of engineering school was the math that we had to take every quarter for the first three years. The courses were mostly calculus. If you hadn't taken calculus in high school, you had to first take a series of courses in advanced algebra, i.e., pre-calculus. They covered pretty much the same kind of topics in this book. Note that "Pre-Calculus: 1,001 Practice Problems For Dummies" is not a textbook. If you had not already been exposed to the topics in the book, you would be lost after a few pages. I believe the book is most useful as a refresher, and for that purpose, it's quite comprehensive, covering basic algebra, graphing (Cartesian and polar coordinates), logarithms, trigonometry, complex numbers, series, and limits - the topics you need a thorough background in before tackling calculus. To complement the book, there's a website where you can log in to see the same questions from the book presented in multiple-choice format. You can customize the quizzes, or you can let the website select the questions. Registering only took a minute or so (enter your name, email, and choose a password), using the PIN code that's in the book (look on the inside front cover for a scratch-off to get the code). Registering gets you a one-year subscription to the 1,001 practice problems online. Each chapter of the book begins with a

summary of the kinds of problems in the chapter, as well as a few common mistakes to avoid. Some problems are word problems, which are a good test to see if you understand the principles involved well enough to set up the equations you need to find the solution. More than 3/4 of the book is devoted to the answers.

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