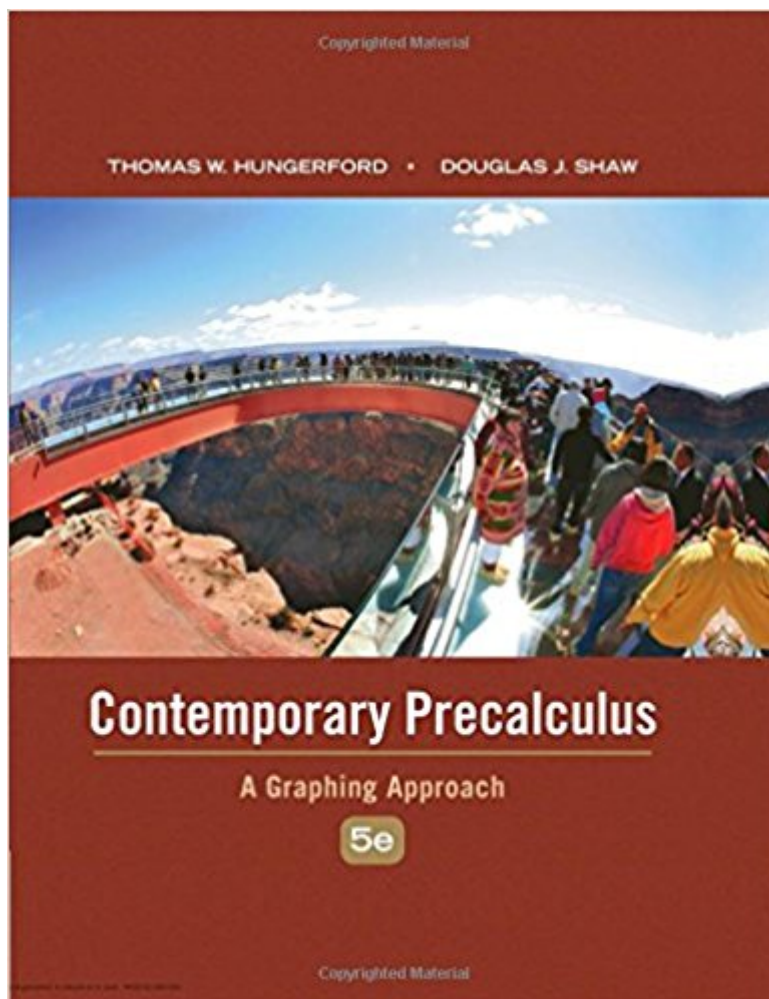


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# Contemporary Precalculus: A Graphing Approach



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## Customer Reviews

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University of Northern Iowa. His research is in combinatorics, number theory, and tertiary mathematics education. He has written instructor's guides for Brooks/Cole and worked on many other ancillaries as well. When he took Abstract Algebra in graduate school, he used one of Thomas Hungerford's texts and never sold it back to the bookstore.

This text book isn't terrible. It's been a while since a math textbook actually is user friendly without a tutor/teacher as it is. My main grievance with this book is that I'm finding it to magically materialize numbers/variables in the examples that are given and it leaves you wondering how they got to that step. This is why I say the examples are not very thorough and, literally, expect you to read between the lines. There is a solutions manual for this textbook, if that tells you anything....it is more helpful than the text alone and I recommend it, but the solutions manual only has the solutions to odd numbered problems, so there's that. (Bonus: the even numbered problems are more difficult than the odd ones, too. So have fun.)

Book was fine. The condition (used) in my opinion wasn't acceptable. It was pretty beaten up.

The book condition is good.

I've been using this book for the past 3 weeks now, but the textbook seems to be lacking explanation. It's as if all that was included in the chapters was examples. Often times, when doing the chapter work, I realize that the questions aren't related to the chapter itself, or any of the previous chapters as a matter of fact. All in all, it's a horrible textbook, as if it was only made for money.

The textbook, even though used, was in good condition as advertised. I had a good experience with this transaction and will continue to utilize the program for further textbook purchases.

It's a math book

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