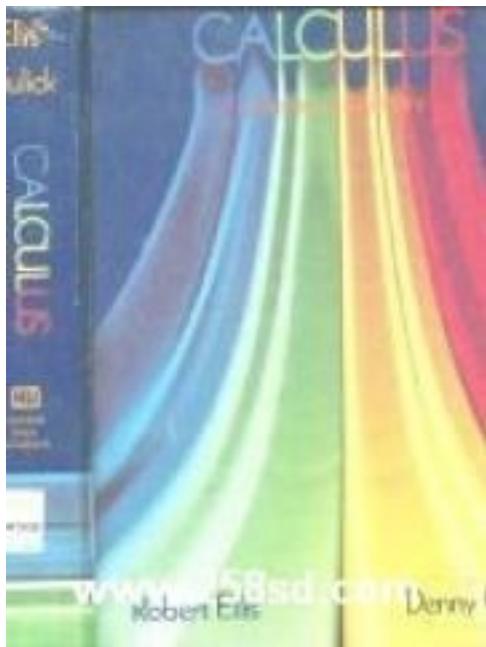


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hen you begin to study calculus, you will find that you have
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tered many of its concepts and techniques before. Calculus makes
extensive
use of plane geometry and algebra, two branches of mathematics
with which
you are already familiar. However, added to these is a third
ingredient,
which may be new to you: the notion of limit and of limiting
processes. From the idea of limit arise the two principal concepts that form the
nucleus of calculus; these are the derivative and the integral. The derivative can
be thought of as a rate of change, and this interpretation has many
applications. For example, we may use the derivative to find the velocity of an
object, such as a rocket, or to determine the maximum and minimum
values of a function. In fact, the derivative provides so much information

about the behavior of functions that it greatly simplifies graphing them. Because of its broad applicability the derivative is as important in such disciplines as physics, engineering, economics and biology as it is in pure mathematics. The definition of the integral is motivated by the familiar notion of area. Although the methods of plane geometry enable us to calculate the areas of polygons they do not provide ways of finding the areas of plane regions whose boundaries are curves other than circles. By means of the integral we can find the areas of many such regions. We will also use it to calculate volumes, centers of gravity, lengths of curves, work and hydrostatic force. The following list taken from the examples and exercises in this book illustrates the variety of the fields in which these powerful concepts are employed.

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