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# Calculus: Concepts And Contexts (Available 2010 Titles Enhanced Web Assign)



## Synopsis

Stewart's *CALCULUS: CONCEPTS AND CONTEXTS, FOURTH EDITION* offers a streamlined approach to teaching calculus, focusing on major concepts and supporting those with precise definitions, patient explanations, and carefully graded problems. *CALCULUS: CONCEPTS AND CONTEXTS* is highly regarded because this text offers a balance of theory and conceptual work to satisfy more progressive programs as well as those who are more comfortable teaching in a more traditional fashion. Each title is just one component in a comprehensive calculus course program that carefully integrates and coordinates print, media, and technology products for successful teaching and learning.

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## Customer Reviews

The late James Stewart received his M.S. from Stanford University and his Ph.D. from the University of Toronto. He did research at the University of London and was influenced by the famous mathematician George Polya at Stanford University. Stewart was most recently Professor of Mathematics at McMaster University, and his research field was harmonic analysis. Stewart was the author of a bestselling calculus textbook series published by Cengage, including *CALCULUS*, *CALCULUS: EARLY TRANSCENDENTALS*, and *CALCULUS: CONCEPTS AND CONTEXTS*, as well as a series of precalculus texts.

Needed it for class.

Stewart Calculus is way too high-end for most normal students. He does not explain the subject well at all and if a concept seems halfway simple when first being introduced, the homework problems are way beyond complicated! Web Assign is even worse. The problems in Web Assign are nothing like the book. The students have no recourse and no say in textbook choice or any other aspect of their instruction. My college experience is that most instructors really do not have time to teach thoroughly as they have to cover a lot of material in a few short weeks. You are pretty much on your own unless you find a "for dummies" type of book that can help.

Before reviewing i want to make 1 thing clear: THIS IS A 2 PART BOOK. They had it going for ~300 at the bookstore in my university. I found it on for a much cheaper price and bought it right away. But this version was only the second part, which would be used in the 2nd semester of my math class. Of course the one in the bookstore was both parts combined. So i had to buy the Single Variable version of this as well. Pretty lame that they would split up the book like this, but maybe i just wasn't careful enough. The least they could do is make the cover picture different for each book though, not just a SV and MV difference on the top left. Anyways, the text itself is great. There are plenty of examples that are thoroughly shown and explained in beginning of the chapters. I'd say i am average at best in math and i followed how they did most of them with ease. The text quality is great, clear graphics and font. on another note, as with most textbooks, the questions are generally recycled. My friend had another version, i believe it was Stewart Calculus 5th edition. A good chunk of the questions were in both books, just numbered differently. So maybe you could buy a cheaper version and just compare questions with a close friend to find them in your book.

Book is pretty good, a little worn out but that was to be expected. Glad I got it at a very reasonable price and I can use it for 2 semesters that I need to have the book for. All in all I would trust the seller again but suggest you do the 2day shipping if you are on a time deadline to get the book.

I don't like the book. I hate math. I actually got an electronic copy of this book after I rented it, but I couldn't return this and get my money back because I was late by one day. So sad. I feel like I just wasted my money which could be spent on a new pair of winter boots. I don't really understand the content of this textbook either. It is too terrible to be a textbook.

Good text, one of the few I've kept over the years (still have it).

I used this book when I took Multivariate in college and it has helped me so much and the book made it easy to understand everything. I am now grading multivariate and the professor is not using this book, but I truly wish he was, as this book is far superior to the textbook he is using.

This book did not include anything besides the book itself. Very basic and very plain, it clearly shows evidence of how much it's been worn. But it does include both single variable and multivariable editions that I'll need for all the calculus classes I need to take. Which means it saved me a lot of cash. I am satisfied.

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