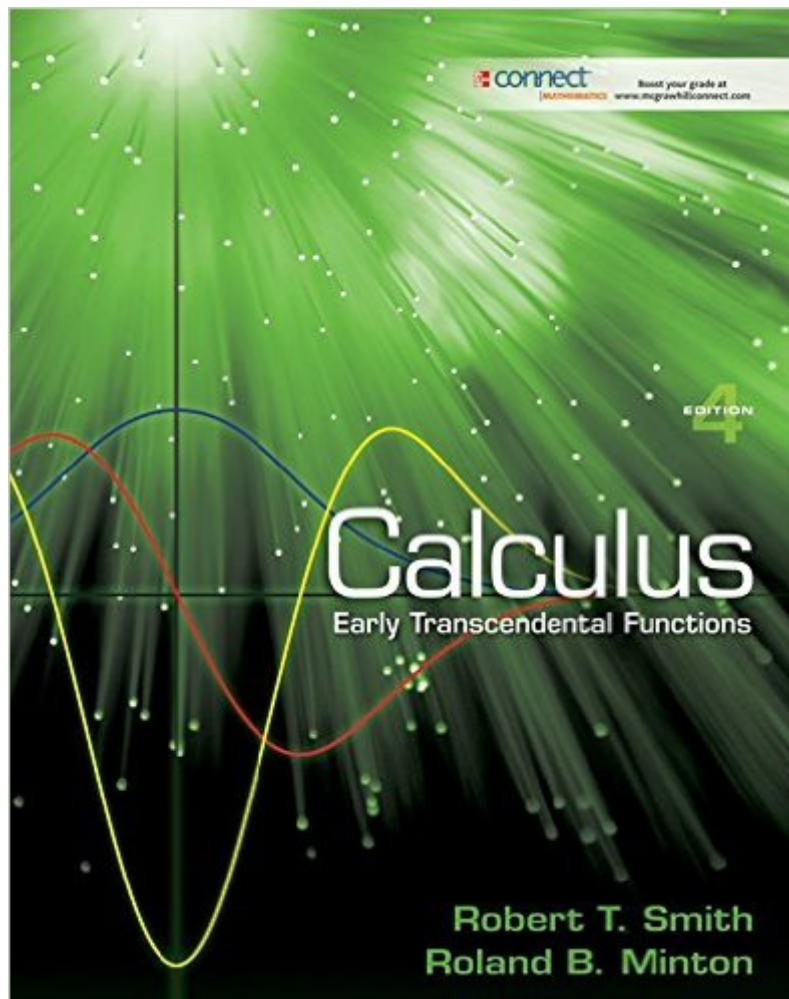


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# Calculus: Early Transcendental Functions



## Synopsis

Now in its 4th edition, Smith/Minton, *Calculus: Early Transcendental Functions* offers students and instructors a mathematically sound text, robust exercise sets and elegant presentation of calculus concepts. When packaged with ALEKS Prep for Calculus, the most effective remediation tool on the market, Smith/Minton offers a complete package to ensure students success in calculus. The new edition has been updated with a reorganization of the exercise sets, making the range of exercises more transparent. Additionally, over 1,000 new classic calculus problems were added to the exercise sets.

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## Customer Reviews

The college I am taking classes through required this book. Why, I don't know. They must receive monetary incentive from the publisher. The concepts are arranged well enough, but I expect more straightforward depth from a text book. Often in an example the authors leave it to the student to work through the mechanics of a calculation, usually utilizing a technique that is new to the student. "We leave it as an exercise to prove that..." or "Can you think of a reason that  $f(x)$  is undefined

This book seems to be absolutely awesome if you are a smart young kid taking your AB and BC in High School. If you have been doing your math homework studiously for your entire life up to that point, then this book helps to take your reasoning up to another level. As many reviewers have already stated, it leaves out many intermediate steps in a solution or even in explaining the

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One of the arthurs' is a professor at my school (Minton) and it is not a bad book. It is huge, but helpful. Sometimes have to recheck my algebra when doing the samples, but it is a good book. Does give side notes to explain how they got an answer.

As someone with experience in Calculus before using this book I find this one to be incredibly

difficult to learn from. The text constantly jumps from simpler forms of the equations to overly complex ones without bridging the gap in between. The concepts do not follow an easy to understand flow. The worst part I find is the problem answer book, this book does not show adequate work to explain how any answers were arrived at and turns out very confusing where they derive their answers from. Overall very lazy writing was put into this book and I would not suggest it as a teaching material.

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