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Calculus (with Precalculus) 1: 88731

Type of course: lecture/recitation

Hours/credits: 4.0

Academic year: תשפ"א (2019-20)

Semester: 1 (Fall)

Prerequisites: Algebra 2 and a passing grade (75) on an Algebra Gateway Check verifying readiness for Precalculus.

Course objectives:

- Refreshing knowledge of the properties of functions and their graphs
- Understanding the definitions of categories of algebraic functions and the characteristics and properties of each category
- Understanding the concepts of limits, derivatives and anti-derivatives
- Achieving computational proficiency with limits and derivatives using their arithmetic properties
- Graphing algebraic functions using algebraic and calculus-theoretic properties; drawing conclusions from these graphics
- Developing conceptual understanding and technical proficiency with using algebraic functions as models in optimization applications
- Understanding exponential functions and modeling with these functions (with emphasis on applications to COVID-19)

Overview of the two-semester sequence: In this two-semester sequence **students will learn the material typically taught in a Precalculus course followed by a Calculus 1 course for social sciences** taught sequentially. However, the material from these traditional courses is integrated.

Course description: The first semester in the two-course sequence focuses on the calculus of algebraic functions. It begins with a review of functions and graphs. We use basic (non-composite) algebraic functions to develop the main ideas of differential calculus: limits, continuity, derivatives. Anti-derivatives are introduced as well. We next explore applications of the properties of algebraic and calculus-theoretic properties of functions to graphing and modeling. Exponential functions are introduced at the end of the semester. (Note: The chain rule and implicit differentiation are introduced in the second semester.)

The Process of the Course:

The course consists of three hours of lecture, integrating symbolic manipulation software as needed, and a one-hour question/answer recitation.

Requirements and grade components:

- Attendance/participation (10%)
- Homework/attendance (10%)
- Quizzes (20%)
- Final Exam (60%)

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Schedule:

Topic	Required Reading
Review of Algebra 2	Taalman 0.2, 0.3 (Independent review)
Numbers, functions and graphs	Taalman 0.1, 0.4, 0.5
Operations on functions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transformations• Arithmetic operations• Composition	Taalman 0.5, 0.6
Limits and continuity <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evaluating limits using graphs and tables• Algebra techniques for computing limits• Continuity• Infinite limits• Indeterminate forms	Taalman Chapter 1
Understanding algebraic functions graphically <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Using a graph to determine an algebraic expression for a function• Rough sketches of algebraic functions• Analyzing graphs	Taalman Chapter 4
Derivatives <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction• Formal definition• The derivative function• Tangent lines• Leibniz notation• Basic derivatives• The arithmetic of derivatives• Introduction to antiderivatives	Taalman Sections 2.1-2.3
Applications of derivatives <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Graphs of basic (non-composite) algebraic functions• Optimization	Taalman Sections 3.1-3.4
Exponential functions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transcendental functions• Basic exponential functions Ab^x• Transformations and graphs of exponential functions• Modeling with exponential functions• Definition of e• Expressing an exponential function as Ae^{kx}	Taalman Sections 5.1, 5.2, 5.4 (exponential functions)

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Bibliography:

Required Textbook:

- Taalman, Laura, *Calculus I with integrated Precalculus First Edition*. Macmillian, 2013.

Recommended purchase/rental options:

- **Purchase/rent a printed edition; purchase an electronic edition from Amazon:**
https://www.amazon.com/Calculus-integrated-Precalculus-Laura-Taalman/dp/1429240733/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=taalman+calculus+precalculus&qid=1598001671&sr=8-1
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