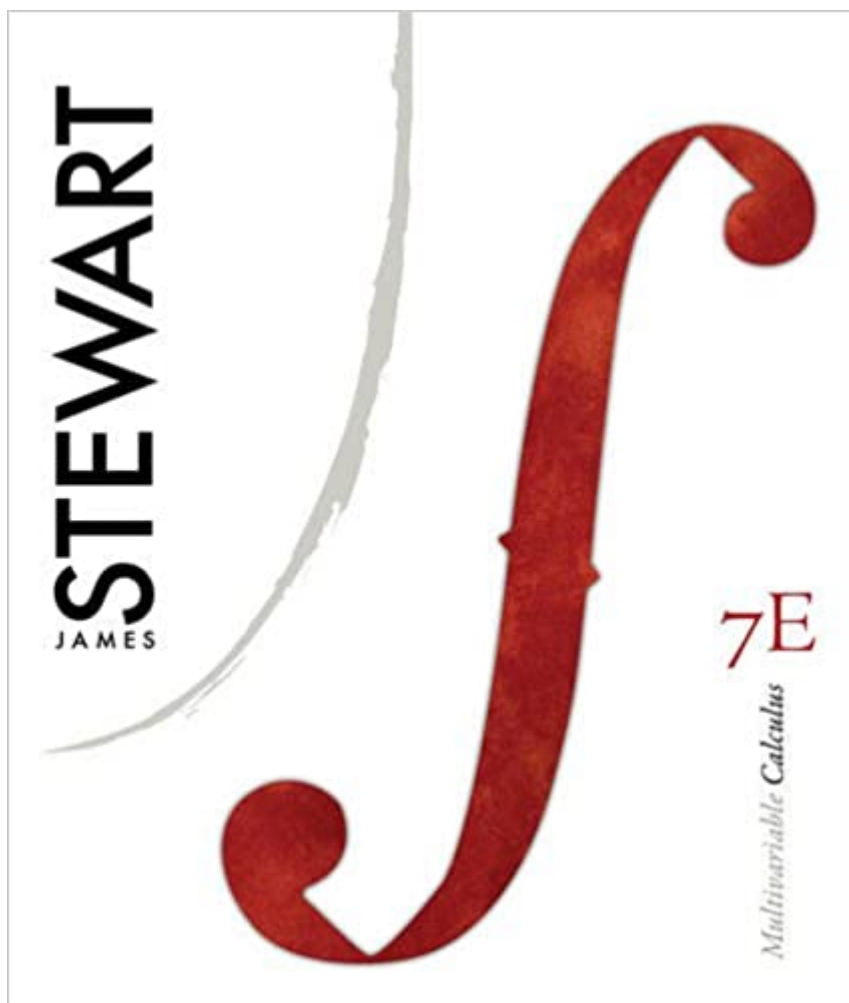


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This is a pretty good textbook, and I was able to follow the examples. This book was required for my class, and at first I was a little bit skeptical, because it is such a short textbook, but I still did well. The book does not go into great depth as far as some of the section examples, and sometimes some steps in the calculations are skipped in the examples, but overall I liked it and could follow the examples. I would recommend using the Stewart solutions manual with this textbook, and sometimes this book refers to the other Stewart Calculus book that includes Chapters 1-9, so if you already have those, that might be helpful. Also, if you have forgotten your trig identities, you should find a good website to reference, because I used those a lot to solve problems in this book.

This is a good calculus book for learning the math in depth. The practice problems were very helpful and the material was dense but well-explained. I used this for a 300-level college calculus course.

The textbook does its job and teaches calculus. I was able to follow what it was saying. Are there any errors? I don't know because I'm not a professional nor did I read the entire book and scan it for errors. Only reason I knocked a star off of this is that the appendix doesn't show how to solve the problems, they just give you the answer. Also, the questions you can check on their website only give hints and don't really explain how to solve the problems enough. That's just something I like to see, but other than that, it's fine with me.

Best math textbooks out there. Everything is clear- equations, examples, problems. There is a fantastic logical progression from one point to the next and the examples put everything together. I think you can actually learn the material directly from this book (and the other books by Stewart). And when you get to the problems you actually know what to do and where to look if you can't do it.

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