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## U.S. EDITION

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## Preface

The third Canadian edition of Technical Mathematics with Calculus has been significantly revised to incorporate features based on the most current and relevant pedagogical research in mathematics instruction for student success.

We continue to provide instructors with the tools they need to engage learning and teach content in a way that meets the needs of students. We present concepts in a straightforward, accessible manner meant to reduce common math anxiety by focusing on the essentials and providing a painless and easy to grasp learning experience. The text equips students with the necessary tools and problem-solving skills to be successful both in this course and in their chosen fields. The third Canadian edition of this well-respected text has been carefully developed to build upon the success of the second Canadian edition, while introducing a new, fresh approach as suggested by leading educational researchers, reviewers, colleagues, and students.

## FEATURES OF THE CANADIAN EDITION:

- This text is presented predominantly in SI units, to complement the national and global use of these units. Where appropriate, there is a small retention of content based on the use of British Imperial units to allow students the opportunity to solve problems in either unitary system of designation.
- Canadian real-world applications appear throughout the text to illustrate the relevance and usefulness of technical mathematics outside of the classroom.
- The text reflects Canadian spelling conventions and terminology, and incorporates a Canadian geographical and cultural point of view.


## NEW TO THIS EDITION:

Several areas of Technical Mathematics with Calculus, Third Canadian Edition have been thoroughly revised and new features have been added aimed at providing direct instruction to improve student understanding and success. These features break down essential mathematical components for reduced cognitive load and easier understanding. They also motivate students by linking the concepts presented in the pages of the book with their application in the world outside the classroom.

- Fully revised Chapter 1 with major revisions to chapters 2-10: The length of Chapter 1 has been significantly reduced from the second edition. Chapters $1-10$ have been revised with user-friendly, manageable, compact content and helpful summaries for quick reference. We have focused on direct, step-by-step instruction to address issues commonly experienced by today's students such as blind assumption, math anxiety, and numeracy challenges.
- Revised Chapter 13: Sections on exponents and radicals in this chapter have been revised to respond to feedback from instructors and students who have used previous editions of the text.
- Revised Chapters 27 and 30: Sections covering derivatives of algebraic functions and integration have been heavily revised to improve and accelerate student understanding and success in these foundational areas of calculus.
- Reduced anecdotal peripheral information will lighten the cognitive load and lower the level of distraction for today's student. This aligns with current research-based evidence for teaching and learning.
- Revised chapter introductions provide context for students by linking to and building upon material previously discussed in the textbook as well as answering the common questions "Why do I need to know this material and how is it important?"
- Section and chapter review questions have generally been reorganized and grouped according to the order in which the material is presented in the text. This will help students refer to the appropriate chapter section if they are experiencing difficulty with a review question.
- Additional tables summarize key concepts, definitions, and rules to reduce reading fatigue and page flipping. The tables also provide excellent quick reference tools for review and study.
- Complete walkouts of example solutions and step-by-step instruction showcase organizational problem-solving processes and focus student attention on key elements. This feature aligns with current STEM research, emphasizing direct instruction in order to improve math skills.
- Calculator Tip boxes and new calculator button graphics show students how calculations might look on their own calculators, helping with visualization and reducing calculator anxiety and frustration.
Inail - Math Rule icon appears in the margin next to mathematical rules that are important for students to remember.
1 Math Show Off boxes provide students with opportunities to further build confidence in content knowledge and show what they know to their peers.
Revised Common Error boxes emphasize some common mistakes or areas of difficulty experienced by students.
- Four-colour text design and new visual graphics help to illustrate mathematical relationships and concepts, enhancing visual presentation of material rather than relying entirely on written descriptions.


## PEDAGOGICAL FEATURES:

In addition to the new features added for the third Canadian edition, the authors have built upon a foundation of pedagogical features from previous editions of the text.

- Learning objectives are listed at the beginning of each chapter and directly link to each section of the chapter, stating specifically what the student should be able to achieve upon completing
- The numerous examples form the backbone of the textbook. They are fully worked out and provide step-by-step instruction to help the student complete the exercises.
- The examples, and often the text itself, include discussions of many technical applications. They are included for classes that wish to cover these topics, and also enhance student engagement by showing that mathematics has real uses. The Index of Applications, which is printed on the endpapers, will help instructors and students locate specific applications.
- Problems with approximate solutions are also available in the text. These include not only expressions and equations with approximate constants, but also those that do not yield to many of the exact methods that are taught, and must be tackled with an approximate method.
- Also included are suggestions on how to estimate an answer in order for students to check their work. Suggestions for estimation are provided in the Chapter 3 material on word problems. Following that, many applications examples begin with an estimation step or end with a check, or simply an examination of the answer for reasonableness.


## PROBLEM MATERIAL FEATURES:

- Thousands of exercises are included to give students the essential practice they need to learn mathematics. Exercises are given after each section, graded by difficulty and grouped by type, to allow practice in a particular area.
- Chapter review problems cover concepts from the chapter and are generally grouped according to the section in which they appear in the text.
- Answers to all odd-numbered problems are given in Answers to Selected Problems at the back of the book.
- Complete solutions to every problem are contained in the Instructor Solutions Manual.


## INSTRUCTOR AND STUDENT RESOURCES:

- Instructor Solutions Manual containing worked out solutions to every problem in the text.
- Test bank offered in both Word and computerized formats
- PowerPoint slides designed to support classroom lectures
- All appendices are now available as online resources (www.wiley.com/go/caltercanada):
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B. Conversion Factors
C. Table of Integrals
D. Graphing Calculator and Computer Applications

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This edition includes ORION, an adaptive, personalized learning experience that delivers easy-to-use analytics that allow instructors to see exactly where their students excel and where they need help. ORION helps students to learn by learning about them, and providing practice where they need it most. As a result, students will use their study time more effectively.

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## Foreword

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The pedagogical approach of Technical Mathematics with Calculus, Third Canadian Edition is fully aligned with the recommendations of the CMP and the CSAP, specifically those highlighting the need to increase basic numeracy skills of college students. The author team has been careful to incorporate techniques and features throughout this text to enhance student learning and retention. They accomplish this by focusing the student's attention on key elements and presenting the content in a visually appealing, user friendly, manageable, and compact manner. They have integrated the latest research on STEM teaching and learning with an emphasis on direct instruction to improve math skills.

During our most recent CSAP forum, former college president and deputy minister Dr. Charles Pascal pointed out that, "the best teachers are not 'brainiacs;' they are people who love their subject matter, who had to break it down for themselves, and who want to build a bridge for those whose learning success is their passion." This author team shares this passion for learning success and their text builds bridges for students in a warm and inviting manner. Overall, this book shares our common goal of helping today's students overcome their numeracy skills challenges and advances our common vision of increasing success for all students.

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## Numerical Computation

## *.. OBJECTIVES

When you have completed this chapter, you should be able to:

- Identify number types and systems, using principles of significant digits and rounding.
- Solve numerical operations using addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, reciprocals, exponents, and roots.
- Follow the correct order of operations to solve multi-operational problems.
- Convert numbers to and from scientific and engineering notation format and solve calculations with them in numerical operations.
- Convert units of measurement using conversion factors.
- Solve equations and formulas through substitution.
- Transform numbers into percent values and calculate percentages.


## 1-1 The Number Types

In mathematics, you will have trouble understanding the material unless you clearly understand the language (or meaning) of the words that are being used. So, before we start our calculator practice, let's review some definitions in Table 1-1.

TABLE 1-1 Number Types

| Number Type | Definition | Example | Explanation |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Integers or Signed Numbers | Whole numbers (including zero and negative whole numbers) | $\ldots,-3,-2,-1,0,1,2,3 \ldots$ | A positive (+) number is greater than zero (right side of zero on number line). |
|  |  |  | A negative (-) number is less than zero (left side of zero on number line). |
|  |  |  | It is a good idea when working with signed numbers to write either the ( + ) or ( - ) in front of the number to avoid confusion. However, the (+) sign is usually omitted because it is implied. |

TABLE 1-1 Number Types (continued)

| Number Type | Definition | Example | Explanation |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rational <br> Numbers | Includes integers and all other numbers that can be expressed as the quotient of two integers. | $\frac{1}{2},-\frac{3}{5}, \frac{57}{23},-\frac{98}{99}, 7$ | A quotient is a number formed by dividing one number by another number. |
| Irrational Numbers | Numbers that cannot be expressed as the quotient of two integers. | $\sqrt{2}, \sqrt[3]{5}, \sqrt{7}, \pi$ | These are numbers that, written as decimals, are nonterminating and nonrepeating. |
| Real Numbers | Rational and irrational numbers combined together into one set of numbers. | Any number other than a complex number | Rational and irrational numbers are two separate number types until we put them together into a single set of "real" numbers. |
| Complex Numbers | Any imaginary number (non-real) or a combination of a real number and an imaginary number | Any imaginary number like $\sqrt{-4}$, and any combination like $-4+\sqrt{-9}$ | When we square a real number, even a negative one, we get a positive number. So, taking the square root of a negative number doesn't make sense as a real number, and the result is an imaginary number. |

Note that all of the numbers we will work with in Chapter 1 are real numbers. (Complex numbers are covered in Chapter 21.)


FIGURE 1-1

## Positional Number Systems

A positional number system is one which the position of a digit determines its value. Our decimal system is positional. Table 1-2 shows the values of positions in a decimal number.

## Place Value

Each position in a number has a place value equal to the base of the number system raised to the power of the position number. The place values in the decimal number system, as well as the place names, are shown in Table 1-2.

TABLE 1-2 Decimal Position Values

| Number | Power of $\mathbf{1 0}$ | Name |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 10000 | $10^{4}$ | Ten Thousands |
| 1000 | $10^{3}$ | Thousands |
| 100 | $10^{2}$ | Hundreds |
| 10 | $10^{1}$ | Tens |
| 1 | $10^{0}$ | Ones |
| 0 | 0 | Zero |
| 0.1 | $10^{-1}$ | Tenths |
| 0.01 | $10^{-2}$ | Hundredths |
| 0.001 | $10^{-3}$ | Thousandths |
| 0.0001 | $10^{-4}$ | Ten Thousandths |

## The Opposite of a Number

The opposite of a number $n$ is the number which, when added to $n$, gives a sum of zero.
$\leftrightarrow$ Example 1: The opposite of 2 is -2 , because $2+(-2)=0$. The opposite of -6 is +6 .
Geometrically, the opposite $-n$ of a number $n$ lies on the opposite side of the zero point of the number line from $n$, and at an equal distance from the zero point (see Fig. 1-1). The opposite of a number is also called the additive inverse of that number.

## Symbols of Equality and Inequality

Several symbols are used to show the relative positions of two quantities $a$ and $b$ on the number line.
$a=b \quad$ means that $a$ equals $b$ and that $a$ and $b$ occupy the same position on the number line.
$a \neq b \quad$ means that $a$ and $b$ are not equal and have different locations on the number line.
$a>b \quad$ means that $a$ is greater than $b$ and $a$ lies to the right of $b$ on the number line.
$a<b \quad$ means that $a$ is less than $b$ and $a$ lies to the left of $b$ on the number line.
$a \approx b$ means that $a$ is approximately equal to $b$ and that $a$ and $b$ are near each other on the number line.

## Absolute Value

To get a good understanding of what absolute value means, let's look at a number line:


FIGURE 1-2

The absolute value or magnitude of a number $n$ is defined as its distance from zero on a number line, regardless of its algebraic sign. Therefore, absolute value is never negative.
The absolute value of $n$ is written between bars: $|n|$.

```
COMMON Absolute value bars | | around signed numbers are often confused with
    ERROR
brackets. They do not work like parentheses, brackets, or braces with
negative signs.
Remember: - -4 = -4, not +4, as you would normally simplify -(-4).
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$\leftrightarrow$ Example 2: Find the value of $-|3-8|$.
Solution:

|  | Instruction | Looks Like |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Step 1 | Simplify the expression inside the absolute value bars: $3-8=-5$. | $-\|-5\|$ |
| Step 2 | Convert the absolute value bars around $\|-5\|$ to a positive sign, and replace <br> the absolute value bars with parentheses. | $-(+5)$ |
| Step 3 | Remove the parentheses and associate the negative sign to the number. | -5 |

We can see that the opposite of an absolute value is a negative number (or zero).
$\leftrightarrow$ Example 3: Find each absolute value or combination of absolute values.
(a) $|5|=5$
(b) $|-9|=(+9)$ or 9
(c) $|3-7|=|-4|=(+4)$ or 4
(d) $-|-4+7|=-|+3|=-(+3)=-3$
(e) $-|7-21|-|19-13|=-|-14|-|+6|=-(+14)-(+6)=-14-6=-20$

## Approximate Numbers

Most of the numbers we deal with in the fields of science and technology are approximate, meaning that their value is somewhat uncertain.

## - Example 4:

(a) All numbers that represent measured quantities are approximate. A certain shaft, for example, is approximately 1.75 cm in diameter.
(b) Many fractions can be expressed only approximately in decimal form. Thus, $\frac{2}{3}$ is approximately equal to 0.6667 .
(c) Irrational numbers can be written only approximately in decimal form. The number $\sqrt{3}$ is approximately equal to 1.732 .

## Exact Numbers

Exact numbers are those that have no uncertainty.
$\leftrightarrow$ Example 5:
(a) There are exactly 24 hours in a day; no more, no less.
(b) An automobile has exactly four wheels.
(c) Exact numbers are usually integers, but not always. For example, an inch is exactly 25.4 mm , by definition.
(d) On the other hand, not all integers represent exact amounts. For example, a certain town has a population of approximately 3500 people.

## Significant Digits

Zeros are frequently used in decimal numbers as "placeholder zeros" in order to determine the location of the decimal point. These zeros are not significant. The remaining numbers (including any zeros in between them) are called significant digits (or sometimes significant figures).
$\leftrightarrow$ Example 6: Table 1-3 outlines some rules to follow when working with significant digits, along with examples of each rule.

TABLE 1-3 Rules for Significant Digits

| Rule |  | Examples |
| :--- | ---: | :--- |
| All nonzero digits are significant. | 497.3 | has 4 significant digits <br> has 3 significant digits |
|  | 37.8 | 18 | has 2 significant digits.

## Accuracy and Precision

The accuracy of a number is written as the number of significant digits in the number. The precision of a number is written as the position of the rightmost significant digit.

- Example 7:

| Number | Accurate to: | Precise to: |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1.255 | 4 significant digits | thousandths |
| 23800 | 3 significant digits | hundreds |
| 0.002 | 1 significant digit | thousandths |
| 3.600 | 4 significant digits | thousandths |

## Rounding

When asked to round your answer after a computation, it is important to follow some basic rules. Rounding down means that when the first discarded digit is less than 5, the last retained digit does not change. Rounding up means that when the first discarded digit is 5 or more, the last retained digit is increased by 1 . There are different rules for rounding when dealing with statistics or accounting, which will not apply in this textbook.

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- Example 8:

| Number | Rounded to Two <br> Decimal Places | Rounded to Two <br> Significant Digits |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $8.3654 \ldots$ | $8.36 \mid, 54 \ldots$ | $8.3 \mid 654 \ldots$ |
| 8.37 (rounded up) | 8.4 (rounded up) |  |
| $8.3456 \ldots$ | 8.35 | 8.3 |
| $7.36501 \ldots$ | 7.37 | 7.4 |
| $14.364999 \ldots$ | 14.36 | 14 |
| $142.764999 \ldots$ | 142.76 | 140 |
| $3.141592 \ldots$ | 3.14 | 3.1 |

Note that "..." to the right of a decimal number shows that more digits follow to the right, which are not shown.

- Example 9:

| Number | Rounded to Three <br> Decimal Places | Rounded to Three <br> Significant Digits |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 4.3654 | 4.365 | 4.37 |
| 4.3656 | 4.366 | 4.37 |
| 4.365501 | 4.366 | 4.37 |
| 4.365499 | 4.365 | 4.37 |
| 1.764999 | 1.765 | 1.76 |
| 1.764499 | 1.764 | 1.76 |
| -8.3499 | -8.350 | -8.35 |
| -8.3599 | -8.360 | -8.36 |

## Exercise 1 - The Number Types

## Equality and Inequality Signs

Insert the proper equality or inequality sign ( $=, \approx,>$, or $<$ ) between each pair of numbers.

1. 7 and 10
2. 9 and -2
3. -3 and 4
4. -3 and -5
5. $3 / 4$ and 0.75
6. $2 / 3$ and 0.667

## Absolute Value

Evaluate the expression.
7. $-|9-23|-|-7+3|$
8. $-|7+45|-|-8-34|$
9. $|12-5+8|-|-6|+|15|$
10. $|13-6+9|-|-8|+|13|$
11. $-|3-9|-|5-11|+|21+4|$
12. $-|4-8|+|-5+11|-|-12-6|$

## Significant Digits

State the number of significant digits in each approximate number.
13. 78.3
14. 925.3
15. 9274
16. 29471
17. 4.008
18. 5.0004
19. 9400
20. 36000
21. 20000.
22. $80 \overline{0} 000$
23. 5000.0
24. 60000.0
25. 0.9972
26. 0.87532
27. 1.0000
28. 63.0000

Round each number to two decimal places.
29. 38.468
30. 1.996
31. 96.835001
32. 55.8650
33. 398.372
34. 2.9573
35. 2985.339
36. 278.382

Round each number to one decimal place.
37. 13.98
38. 745.62
39. 5.6501
40. 0.482
41. 398.36
42. 34.927
43. 9839.2857
44. 0.847

Round each number to three significant digits.

Round each number to the nearest hundred.
45. 28583
46. 7550
47. 3845240
48. 274837

## 1-2 Numerical Operations

A numerical operation can be described as an action or process used to solve a numerical problem. The most basic numerical operations are addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Exponents and roots are also numerical operations. Let's review the rules of these operations.

## Addition and Subtraction

TABLE 1-4 Addition and Subtraction

| Numerical Operation | Rule | Example | Explanation |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Addition | Signs | $a+(-b)=a-b$ | When adding a negative number $-b$ to a number $a$, subtract $b$ from $a$. |
|  | Commutative Law | $a+b=b+a$ | You can add numbers in any order. |
|  | Associative <br> Law | $a+(b+c)=(a+b)+c$ | You can group numbers to be added in different ways. |
|  | Approximate Numbers | $\begin{aligned} & 32.4 \mathrm{~cm}+5.825 \mathrm{~cm}= \\ & 38.2 \mathrm{~cm} \\ & (\mathrm{not} \approx 38.225 \mathrm{~cm}) \end{aligned}$ | When adding approximate numbers, keep as many decimal places in your answer as the number having the fewest decimal places or significant digits in the question. Do not use the $\approx$ symbol. |
| Subtraction | Signs | $a-(-b)=a+b$ | When subtracting a negative number $-b$ from a number $a$, you add $b$ to $a$. |
|  | Approximate Numbers | $\begin{aligned} & 79.434 \mathrm{~m}-8.9954 \mathrm{~m}= \\ & 70.439 \mathrm{~m} \\ & (\mathrm{not} \approx 70.4386 \mathrm{~m}) \end{aligned}$ | When subtracting approximate numbers, keep as many decimal places in your answer as the number having the fewest decimal places or significant digits in the question. Do not use the $\approx$ symbol. |

## Adding Signed Numbers

* Example 10:
(a) $7+(-2)=7-2=5$
(b) $-8+(-3)=-8-3=-11$
(c) $9.92 \mathrm{~m}+(-15.36 \mathrm{~m})=9.92 \mathrm{~m}-15.36 \mathrm{~m}=-5.44 \mathrm{~m}$


## Subtracting Signed Numbers

- Example 11:
(a) $15-(-3)=15+3=18$
(b) $-5-(-9)=-5+9=4$
(c) $-25.62-(-5.15)=-25.62+5.15=-20.47$


## Subtracting Negative Numbers by Calculator

| COMMON | Be careful when calculating signed numbers. Calculators often have |
| :---: | :--- |
| ERROR | two separate buttons with the 'negative' sign. The $-\quad$ button is for |
| the operation of subtraction and the $(-)$ or $+/-$ | button on most |
| calculators is for changing signs on signed numbers. |  |

## Addition and Subtraction of Approximate Numbers

It is a good practice to keep all the digits given throughout the calculation process, until your final answer is needed. Generally, for multiple calculation problems, your calculator will keep all the digits for you if you use the ANS button.

Don't round given numbers or calculations before computing your final calculation. Round the final calculated answer as the problem requires.

- Example 12:


FIGURE 1-3
** Example 13: A sports stadium contains about 3500 people. It starts to rain and 372 people leave. How many are left in the stadium?

Solution: Subtracting, we obtain

$$
3500-372=3128
$$

We round our answer to 3100 people, because the word "about" tells you that 3500 likely has only two significant digits.

## Adding and Subtracting Exact and Approximate Numbers

When combining an exact number with an approximate number, the approximate number will limit the accuracy of the result. You will need to round the answer to the number of decimal places found in the approximate number, even if the exact number has fewer decimal places.
$\leftrightarrow$ Example 14: Express 2 h and 35.8 min in minutes.
Solution: We must add an exact number, 120 min , and an approximate number, 35.8 min :

$$
120 \mathrm{~min}+35.8 \mathrm{~min}=155.8 \mathrm{~min}
$$

Since 120 is an exact number, we do not round our answer to the nearest 10 -min interval; instead we retain as many decimal places as in the approximate number. So our answer is 155.8 minutes.

## Multiplication and Division

The numbers we multiply to get a product are called factors. For example,

** Example 15: Use a calculator to multiply 183 by 27.
Solution: You should get $183 \times 27=4941$.

TABLE 1-5 Multiplication and Division

| Numerical Operation | Rule | Example | Explanation |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Multiplication | Signs | $\begin{aligned} & (+a)(+b)=(-a)(-b)=+a b \\ & (+a)(-b)=(-a)(+b)=-a b \\ & (+a)(-b)(+c)(-d)=+a b c d \\ & (-a)(-b)(-c)=-a b c \end{aligned}$ | If $a$ and $b$ have the same sign, the product is signed + . <br> If $a$ and $b$ have different signs, the product is signed -. <br> When multiplying a string of numbers together, if an even number of factors is negative, the answer will be positive. If an odd number of factors are negative, the answer will be negative. |
|  | Commutative Law | $a b=b a$ | The order of multiplication is not important. |
|  | Associative Law | $a(b c)=(a b) c=(a c) b=a b c$ | We can group the numbers to be multiplied any way we want. |
|  | Distributive Law | $a(b+c)=a b+a c$ | You can multiply a factor either by adding the group of numbers in the brackets first or by multiplying each factor separately, then adding the products together. |
|  | Approximate Numbers |  | When multiplying two or more approximate numbers, round the answer to as many significant digits as the factor having the fewest significant digits in the question. Do not use the $\approx$ symbol. |
|  | Exact <br> Numbers | If a certain car tire weighs 32.2 kg when mounted, how much will four of these tires weigh? <br> Solution: $32.2(4)=128.8 \mathrm{~kg}$ <br> Since 4 is an exact number, we keep as many significant digits as contained in 32.2 kg and round our answer to 129 kg . | When using exact numbers in a computation, treat them as if they had more significant digits than any of the approximate numbers in that computation. |

