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- Pre-calculus 101 — get a review of the Algebra II you need to know, real numbers, and how to graph, solve, and perform operations with functions
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Open the book and find:

- An overview of pre-calculus
- Tips on graphing trig functions like a pro
- How to apply the major theorems and formulas
- The lowdown on analytic geometry
- Guidance on identifying limits and continuity
- The 4-1-1 on working with a graphing calculator
- The laws for solving oblique triangles
- Everything you need to prepare for calculus

Learn to:

- Grasp essential pre-calculus topics
- Apply the major theorems and formulas
- Tackle proofs with confidence and ease

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