

Need to know from MAC1114 Trigonometry/MAC1140 PreCalculus Algebra (or MAC1147 PreCal Trig)

Everything I needed to know when I walked into Calculus but didn't really want to remember (Guess what? You have to know it, whether you like it or not)

- 1. Definition of functions; use of function notation like breathing [you have to own it sooner or later; shoot for sooner (real soon)]
- 2. Composition/decomposition of functions this skill will come in very handy as we progress through derivatives
- 3. Absolute value, the formal definition and it's meaning:

$$|a| = \begin{cases} a, a \ge 0 \\ -a, a < 0 \end{cases}$$

- 4. Solve polynomial, rational functions, etc.
- 5. Graph sketching- you must be capable of sketching graphs of functions and relations; shape recognition, etc. This enables you to utilize your graphing calculator as a tool to enhance your understanding of concepts.
- 6. Recognition of translations/rotations/symmetry of functions, even/odd both how these concepts impact the function and its associated graph
- 7. Families of functions again shape recognition, you must be past the need to plot half a dozen points to get the gist of the shape of basic functions
- 8. Simplify the Difference Quotient of a given function
- 9. Inverse functions
- 10. Exponential & logarithmic functions



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- 11. Parametric functions
- 12. Trigonometric identities you must own these; failure to know the identities will cause you difficulty in Calculus I; IF you make it through Cal I and still don't own them, you WILL crash & burn and die a most horrible, pain-filled bloody death in Cal II. Please don't think I am joking or over exaggerating.
- 13. Algebraic basics you MUST know now:

a. Distance formula	$d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$
b. Circle, standard form	$(x-h)^2 + (y-k)^2 = r^2$
c. Lines	
i. Slope	$m = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}, x_1 \neq x_2$
ii. Point-slope	$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$
iii. Slope-intercept	y = mx + b