

# A video **College Algebra** course & 6 **Enrichment** videos

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## **Lecture 1    1:19:35**

### **UNIT 0 - BASICS: Remembrance of Things Past**

#### **NUMBERS**

- Sets of Objects [4 min.]
- Natural Numbers [7 min.]
- Integers [5 min.]
- Rational Numbers [13 min.]
- Irrational Numbers [2 min.]
- Real Numbers [1 min.]
- The Real Line: From Numbers to Points [4 min.]
- Real Numbers are Ordered [19 min.]
- The Real Line: Distance Between Points [8 min.]
- Real Numbers as Decimals [11 min.]

## **Lecture 2    27:10**

### **THE LANGUAGE OF MATHEMATICS**

- Learning to Read Mathematics [7 min.]
- Some Symbols of Algebra [9 min.]
- Nouns, Pronouns, & The Main Verb of Algebra [4 min.]
- Theorems, Corollaries, Lemmas, and All That [7 min.]

## **Lecture 3    1:32:36**

### **THE POWERS THAT BE: EXPONENTS**

- Integer Exponents [12 min.]
- Operations with Integer Exponents [31 min.]
- Square Roots: A Pair Of Equal Factors [13 min.]
- *N*th Roots & Rational Exponents [12 min.]
- Operations with Rational Exponents [21 min.]

**Lecture 4 P 1 (Part 1) 1:35:00**

**POLYNOMIAL EXPRESSIONS**

- What is a Polynomial? [18 min.]
- Adding & Subtracting Polynomials [3 min.]
- Multiplying Polynomials [19 min.]
- A Common Error [5 min.]
- Handy Polynomial Products [15 min.]
- Un-Multiplying (Factoring) Polynomials [28 min.]
- Completing A Perfect Square [10 min.]

**Lecture 4 P2 (Part 2) 1:26:38**

- Dividing Polynomials: Rational Expressions [24 min.]
- The Art of Simplification [14 min.]
- Solving Some Polynomial & Rational Equations [46 min.]

**Lecture 5 40:43**

**MORE NUMBERS**

- Beyond Real Numbers: *Complex* Numbers

**A LITTLE GEOMETRY**

- Some Area Formulas [8 min.]
- The Pythagorean Theorem & A Visual Proof [12 min.]

**Lecture 6 54:51**

**UNIT 1 - GRAPHS**

- Rectangular Coordinates: Geometry Meets Algebra [11 min.]
- Distance Between Points [18 min.]
- Midpoint of a Line Segment [7 min.]
- Your Graphing Device [17 min.]

**Lecture 7 1:14:15**

- Graphs of Equations [25 min.]
- Intercepts: Crossing the Axes [12 min.]
- Symmetry of Graphs [14 min.]
- Lines: Defining "Slope" [34 min.]

## Lecture 8 1:35:22

- Lines & Their Equations [24 min.]
- Parallel & Perpendicular Lines [26 min.]
- Circles & Their Equations [28 min.]
- Some Exercises Explained [16 min.]

## Lecture 9 1:24:54

### UNIT 2 - FUNCTIONS AND THEIR GRAPHS

- Function: The Central Idea of Mathematics [26 min.]
- The Language & Notation of Functions [20 min.]
- More On Domains [19 min.]
- Function Notation Practice [16 min.]

## Lecture 10 1:29:39

- Visualizing Functions: Graphs of  $(x, f(x))$  Pairs [26 min.]
- Increasing & Decreasing Functions [23 min.]
- Local Maximums & Local Minimums [18 min.]
- Even & Odd Functions [20 min.]

## Lecture 11 52:32

- A Library of Important Functions [20 min.]
- Piecewise Defined Functions [19 min.]
- Some Exercises Explained [11 min.]

## Lecture 12 1:50:55

- Graphing Techniques: Vertical & Horizontal Shifts [28 min.]
- Graphing Techniques: Compressions & Stretches [27 min.]
- Graphing Techniques: Reflections Across the Axes [17 min.]
- Putting It All Together: Moving The Graphs of Functions Around The Plane [36 min.]

## Lecture 13 41:59

- The Algebra of Functions [16 min.]
- A New Operation Unique To Functions: Composition [24 min.]

## Lecture 14 56:54

- Mathematical Models of Real World Problems: Constructing Functions

## Lecture 15 1:23:06

### UNIT 3 - EQUATIONS & INEQUALITIES:

### EQUATIONS IN 1 VARIABLE

- Solving Equations (Approximately) with a Graphing Device & The Intermediate Value Theorem [44 min.]
- Solving Linear Equations: The "Linear Formula" or, Graphing [23 min.]
- Solving Non-Linear Equations That Lead To Linear Equations [13 min.]

## Lecture 16 1:15:07

- Solving Quadratic Equations: Factoring, or, Graphing [11 min.]
- A Complex Reminder & The Principal Square Root of a Negative Number [12 min.]
- Solving Quadratic Equations: The "Quadratic Formula" & The Discriminant or, Graphing [50 min.]

## Lecture 17 23:29

- Some Linear & Quadratic Equation Exercises Explained

## Lecture 18 1:03:45

- Setting Up Equations: More Mathematical Models

## Lecture 19 36:28

- Solving "Radical" Equations [14 min.]
- Solving Equations "Quadratic in Form" [15 min.]
- Solving Factorable Equations [7 min.]

## Lecture 20 54:09

### INEQUALITIES IN 1 VARIABLE

- Properties of Inequalities [20 min.]
- Solving Inequalities In General [17 min.]
- Solving Linear Inequalities [19 min.]

## Lecture 21 50:32

- Solving Quadratic Inequalities [17 min.]
- Solving Higher-Degree Polynomial Inequalities [14 min.]
- Solving Rational Inequalities [27 min.]

## Lecture 22 45:18

### EQUATIONS & INEQUALITIES IN 1 VARIABLE

- When Absolute Value Appears: Equations [12 min.]
- When Absolute Value Appears: Inequalities [17 min.]
- More Exercises Explained [15 min.]

**Lecture 23 1:26:08**

**UNIT 4 - POLYNOMIAL & RATIONAL FUNCTIONS: POLYNOMIAL FUNCTIONS**

- Degree 2: Quadratic Functions [19 min.]
- Graphing Quadratic Functions [39 min.]
- Quadratic Functions As Mathematical Models [25 min.]

**Lecture 24 1:05:26**

- Degree " $n$ ": General Polynomial Functions [8 min.]
- Special Case: Power Functions & Their Graphs [18 min.]
- Graphing General Polynomial Functions: Zeros, Multiplicity, Turning Points & End Behavior [40 min.]

**Lecture 25 1:30:40**

**LOCATING THE ZEROS OF A POLYNOMIAL FUNCTION**

- How Many Zeros Are There? [12 min.]
- How Many Zeros Are Real? [13 min.]
- How Many Real Zeros Are Positive? Negative? [16 min.]
- Where (On What Interval) Are All Real Zeros? [22 min.]
- How Can You Guess The Location of Real Zeros? [4 min.]
- How Can You Reduce The Number of Real Zeros? [21 min.]

**Lecture 26 39:41**

- Strategy & Tools: A Practical Checklist [14 min.]
- Some Polynomial Exercises Explained [22 min.]

**Lecture 27 1:29:11**

**RATIONAL FUNCTIONS**

- General Rational Functions [14 min.]
- What Is An Asymptote? [17 min.]
- Finding Asymptotes of Rational Functions [35 min.]
- Graphing Rational Functions [19 min.]

**Lecture 28 58:16**

**UNIT 5 - EXPONENTIAL & LOGARITHMIC FUNCTIONS**

**EXPONENTIAL FUNCTIONS**

- One-To-One Functions [14 min.]
- Exponential Functions & Their Graphs [26 min.]
- The Natural Exponential Function [15 min.]

**Lecture 29 54:02**

**LOGARITHMIC FUNCTIONS**

- Inverse Functions [23 min.]
- Logarithmic Functions & Their Graphs [24 min.]
- The Natural Logarithmic Function [4 min.]

**Lecture 30 1:11:20**

- Properties of Logarithms [17 min.]
- All Logarithms are Natural (or Common)! [15 min.]
- Solving Logarithmic Equations [20 min.]
- Logarithmic Models: Sound (Loudness) & Fury (Earthquakes) [16 min.]

**Lecture 31 48:16**

**EXPONENTIAL FUNCTIONS (con.)**

- Solving Exponential Equations [15 min.]
- Exponential Models: Compounded Interest, and Growth & Decay [32 min.]

**Lecture 32 1:19:17**

**UNIT 6 - SYSTEMS OF EQUATIONS**

**SYSTEMS OF LINEAR EQUATIONS**

- Systems of Linear Equations in General [19 min.]
- Solving A System of 2 (or 3) Linear Equations in 2 (or 3) Variables: Substitution [20 min.]
- Solving A System of 2 (or 3) Linear Equations in 2 (or 3) Variables: Elimination [36 min.]

**Lecture 33 1:16:05**

- Some Exercises Explained [31 min.]
- An Application: Writing Proper Rational Functions As Sums of Simpler Proper Rational Functions (Partial Fractions) [43 min.]

**Lecture 34 16:06**

**SYSTEMS OF NON-LINEAR EQUATIONS**

- Solving (Mostly Graphically) a System of 2 Non-Linear Equations in 2 Variables

## Lecture 35 57:36

### UNIT 7 - SOME DISCRETE TOPICS

#### SEQUENCES

- Infinite Sequences: Functions with Domain  $\mathbf{N}$  [28 min.]
- The Factorial Symbol:  $!$  [8 min.]
- Adding The First  $n$  Terms of a Sequence:  $n$ th Partial Sums & Summation Notation [17 min.]

## Lecture 36 50:13

- Arithmetic Sequences: Adding Your Way to Infinity [18 min.]
- Geometric Sequences: Multiplying Your Way to Infinity [30 min.]

## Lecture 37 58:57

#### SERIES & INDUCTION

- Geometric Series & Their (Infinite) Sums [26 min.]
- The Principle of Mathematical Induction [30 min.]

## Lecture 38 1:04:27

#### THE BINOMIAL THEOREM

- The "Binomial Coefficient" Symbol [11 min.]
- Pascal's Triangle [19 min.]
- The Binomial Theorem: How to Expand  $(x + a)^n$  [32 min.]

## Lecture 39 1:27:13

#### THE X-Y FILES: The Proof is in Here

- A Proof that  $\sqrt{2}$  is Irrational [7 min.]
  - Proof - There Are The Same Number of Rational Numbers as Natural Numbers! [9 min.]
  - Proof - There Are More Real Numbers Than Natural Numbers! [13 min.]
  - Algebra For Science: Variation [17 min.]
  - How Can You Find Rational Zeros (if any) of a Polynomial Function? [21 min.]
  - Proof - " $e$ " Is Irrational [13 min.]
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