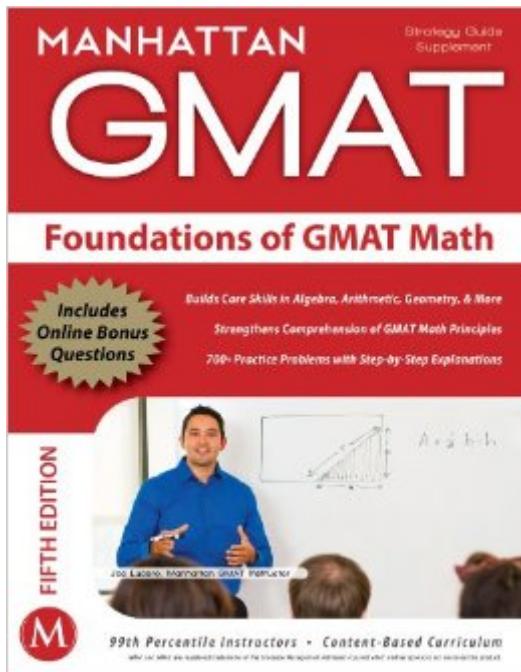


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Developed for test-takers who need a refresher, Foundations of Math provides a user-friendly review of basic math concepts crucial for GMAT success. Manhattan GMAT's Foundations of Math book provides a refresher of the basic math concepts tested on the GMAT. Designed to be user-friendly for all students, this book provides easy-to-follow explanations of fundamental math concepts and step-by-step application of these concepts to example problems. With ten chapters and over 700 practice problems, this book is an invaluable resource to any student who wants to cement their understanding and build their basic math skills for the GMAT. Purchase of this book includes one year of online access to the Foundations of Math Homework Banks consisting of over 400 extra practice questions and detailed explanations not included in the book.

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Foundations of GMAT Math is the second edition of the book dedicated to a review of basic math principles. If you picked a GMAT Math book and having a hard time with it, this book is for you. Prepare to see pie charts explaining fractions, multiplication table, explanations of what a multiple or prime is and how to factor numbers. If you have not faced math (or were afraid to) in the past 5 years, this book is for you. Here are some important facts: PROS:- Very thorough- Fixed all(?) of the previous typos- Significantly reworked and improved the sequence of topics (now arithmetic is before word problems)- Added Arithmetic (2nd edition only)- Great coverage of coordinate geometry- Helpful and valuable divisibility and exponents section- TONS of bonus questions online

(500+ of GMAT-format questions)- Have not verified every question, but hoping for quality better than the first edition (had many mistakes)CONS:- The book has 500 practice questions but they are not in a GMAT format, rather a math-textbook format- Massive! Massive (see my images I uploaded comparing it to the previous edition) 500 full-size pages - I think the expectation is that you skip parts that you know- Some shortcuts (such as diamond method of solving quadratic equations) are confusing to those educated in formal math (but then those probably won't be using this book)- Easy (i know it is supposed to be), but still - only easy questionsBottom line: if you are comfortable with other MGMAT books, this book is probably not for you. If you are uneasy about math, give this book a try - you don't regret it. It is fantastic value for the 800 questions it offers. Would also recommend you pick up Number Properties and Word Translations by Manhattan GMAT. If you have purchased a full Manhattan GMAT set of books and hesitating between this book and Kaplan's version, definitely get this one - it integrates better. For reference, here are the topics covered by the book:1. Arithmetic (new)2. Divisibility (very helpful!)3. Exponents and roots - helpful as well4. Fractions5. Fractions, decimals, and percents6. Equations7. Quadratic Equations8. Beyond equations9. Word Problems10. Geometry (very extensive section)BB, GMAT 750Founder of GMAT Club

I have been out of school for ten years and it feels like I have forgotten every single thing I learned in my math classes. I bought the OG Quant Review and became completely disheartened upon reviewing it. I tried the GMAT for Dummies, but I'm embarrassed to say I found that a little overwhelming, too. (I feel like I need to point out my under-grad GPA was 3.8, so I'm far from being a dummy, but that is how I felt after not using math for ten years.) I then bought the Manhattan GMAT Foundations of Math and I am very pleased with it so far. The author says it's a comprehensive guide to help us remember all the things we once knew, but have since forgotten. This is EXACTLY what I needed. This book reviews the basics. It is not an in-depth study guide. I highly recommend this book to anyone who has been out of school for a number of years and feels overwhelmed at the thought of the quant section of the GMAT.

While it was a decent review of the basics, and it reminded me of a couple of things I forgot I had forgotten- it's quite basic (I don't think this got far beyond Jr. high/very basic high school math)The valuable thing about this book is that it tells you specifically what the gmat likes; how the gmat likes to manipulate numbers; and a few tricks they like to use, so it's good for insight into the test, it was a bit to basic for me to be happy with the purchase.

This book is excellent. I'd imagine that this book is equally good for getting basics for GRE and SAT, and other standardized test with Math. A friend and I completed this book in 10 days, 1 chapter a day, while working full time. Approximate hours to finish 30 hours. Completed every check your skills questions, and practice problem. Pros: * thoroughness * large # of questions * excellent explanations * Kindle version has better formatting than Digital Editions download from MGMAT website * Ability to have two cloud Kindle viewers open and be able to check answers quickly * exercises work well in drilling important concepts * builds confidence (half the battle!) Cons: * occasional errors in Kindle version, the digital editions PDF from MGMAT website had these correct when I compared with a friend (Wrong Answers in Kindle Version: Check Your Skills Q11, Chap 8; Q48, Chap 8) * important information is nested in the answers to practice problems, thus, beware, do all your practice problems, or at least reads the explanations to them! Overall excellent excellent book, definitely read it. I considered just jumping into the Complete Strategy Guide Set, but am IMMENSELY glad I did this book first.

This book is very user-friendly and explains things in terms that are easy to understand. It is almost so literal that you laugh because you think to yourself "I knew that!" It definitely helped me to focus on the areas that I was not as comfortable with and made it much easier to understand.

I did this entire book in about a week leading up to my GMAT prep course and I definitely felt more confident about my math skills as a result. However, it is definitely missing statistics, proportions, interest, and likely several more key content areas. Overall, good for someone who hasn't thought about $A = 1/2 * b * h$ in a looooooong time.

It's been so long since I took high school math that I was really intimidated by the GMAT math difficulties. But this book made reviewing for the fundamentals fun and interesting. I actually look forward to studying the book for hours at a time and felt prepared when I finished the book. I would recommend this book to anyone who hated math/never had a good foundation in math. All explanation and comments in the book was well thought and enlightening. Through out my time studying the book, I found the authors very fun and humorous. I used to hate Math and thanks to this book, i love it now. :D Will take the GMAT in 40 days... we shall see how prepared this book has made me...

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