

# Calculus for the Life Sciences II

## Lecture Notes – Introduction

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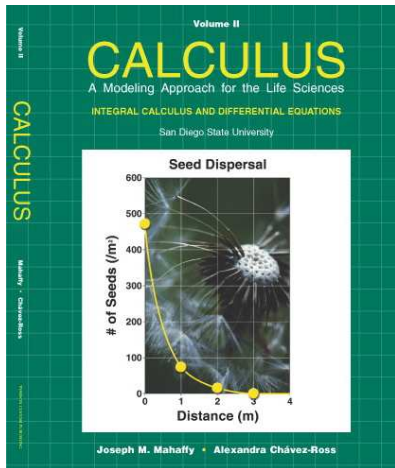


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## Basic Information: The Book



***Title:***

*“Calculus: A Modeling Approach for the Life Sciences”*  
Volume II

***Authors:***

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Alexandra Chávez-Ross

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***ISBN:***

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## Basic Information: Syllabus

- Review Derivative
- Discrete Dynamical Models
- Optimization
- Trigonometric Functions
- Differential Equations and Integration
  - Linear Differential Equations
  - Numerical Differential Equations
  - Integration
  - Separable Differential Equations
  - Integration by Substitution
  - Riemann Sums/Numerical Integration
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  - Integration by Parts
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    - Open notes, Flashdrive, **no email or cell phone**
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  - Attendance is mandatory or automatic 10 point deduction
  - Partners are assigned and must work with given partner
  - Arriving 20 minutes late or missing a Lab means working the lab alone
  - Labs due promptly by Saturday 4 PM following a given Lab unless told otherwise.
  - Lowest lab score is dropped
  - Your responsibility to back up Lab work – No excuses accepted or extensions granted for lost material

# Computer Lab

- Computer Labs are located in GMCS 422 and 425 – Hours are posted on the Lab doors
- Completed Lab Reports are turned into Math 122 box located in GMCS 425
- Software used
  - Excel
  - Word
  - Maple
- Labs are 60% WeBWorK and 40% written report
- **Please direct questions first to your Lab TA**

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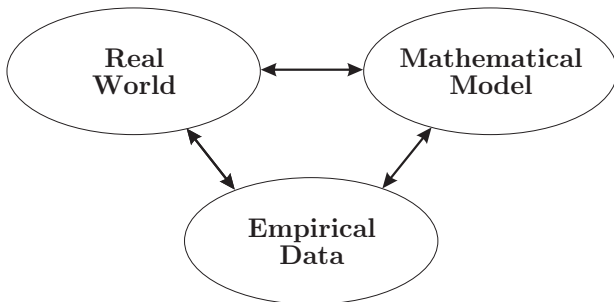
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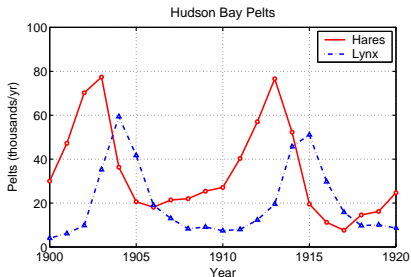
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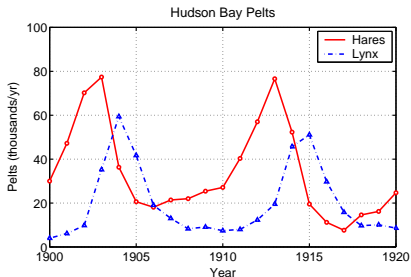
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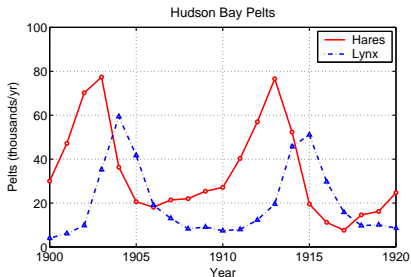
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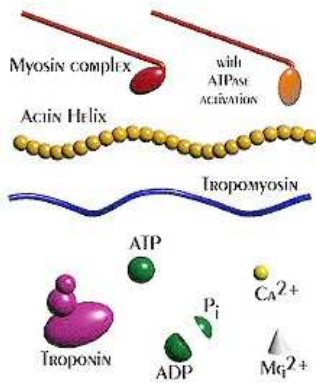
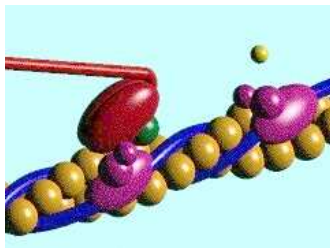
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The figures show a single cross-bridge projection coming from the myosin filament and indicates how the motion of the head of this cross-bridge element can pull the actin filament toward the center of the cell



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