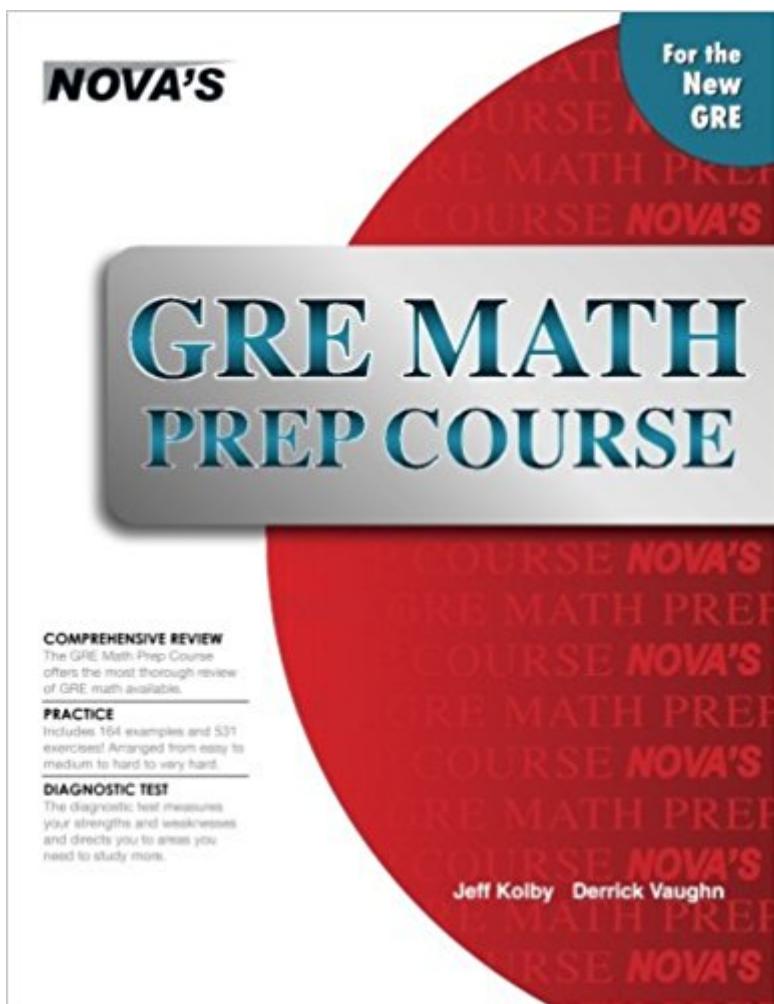


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# GRE Math Prep Course (Nova's GRE Prep Course)



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1. This is a great book to get more tricks and knowledge for the quantitative part of the GRE. It has hundreds of exercises of several types, it is well-written and reviews in detail every subject tested in

quantitative GRE. Finally, it has a good, thorough diagnosis test. In summary, if you have a book for general preparation (like the ones sold by Kaplan) and you really need to have a high quantitative score (for those who want to attend courses like computer sciences, physics or economics), this one will be a great complement! --Guilherme Oliveira 2. I have to say that I love this book. I took a Princeton Review GRE class. I started off with a 610 on the math section. When I was finished with the class, I was getting about 650 on the practice tests. I have been working through the GRE Math Prep Course to get a more rigorous treatment of the problems. I took the Powerprep test today and got a 750. The Nova book does things at a much deeper level than the other stuff I have looked at. --A Student 3. At first I tried the Kaplan, Barron's and Princeton Review books, but this by far is the best book if you want to do well. You will probably need to buy Barron's GRE exam book to get basic review of math or the Kaplan GRE exam workbook if you are a little rusty. But after reviewing these books, definitely get this one. I have gone over this book for the past four weeks and my math skills have dramatically improved. The other brands may get you to an average score but this book will definitely get you scoring highly (700+). I took a practice test last week and did very poorly and in just a week of intense review of this book (timing myself rather than just going through the book slowly to understand the concepts) my score has gone up by 100 points! I hope to keep improving since I have yet to master every concept in this book, but I believe that with each concept I master my score will definitely improve. --greyay

The authors explanations make the math way more complicated than it needs to be. Problems that take s minute to solve are explained with different methodologies that would eat up test time. It's a useful book in that the practice questions are good, but if you followed the authors guidance on how to solve, you'd probably lower your score. Also, a lot of the symbology used is contradicted. For example ab could mean an integer comprised of two separate integers, a and b, or it can mean that you need to make a product of a and b. Maybe this latter issue is actually something that is found within the GRE and prepares you for frustration; I haven't taken the test yet so I don't know.

This book had the best review problems of all the GRE Math books I tried, including REA and Kaplan. It will not give you step-by-step instructions for the problem solving, so you do have to do some of the work on your own to understand the solutions, but I think that only helps as long as you can take the time to go through them.I took the GRE's last month and did great on the quantitative section. Compared to this book, the GRE math section actually seemed easy. I would recommend this to anyone who already has math knowledge, but hasn't done these types of calculations in

years. It had been over 5 years since my last college course, and this book got me back up and running. Took me about 2 months to completely go through all of the problems and understand the solutions. Good luck!

Unlike my Barron's GRE prep book, the focus of the Nova's is not 'strategy' oriented. It doesn't run you through pages and pages of "Apply this trick or that strategy for this type of problem". Instead, it gives a few pages of supplemental background on the particular math subject, then straight to example problems. After those, the solutions (which are very detailed). Material gets challenging using a 1.75 min/problem time limit, really good practice for keeping your head under stress. The reason this isn't a 5 star review is I've been running into a few pesky errors in some of the problem's wording. Not a show-stopper by any means, it's just frustrating to be unable to solve a problem due to the questions wording. I've only found about 3 of these types of issues and I'm 80% through the book currently. The whole book can be covered in 2 to 4 weeks. Probably in just 1 week if you have the time. I do recommend this for anyone trying to get a perfect score in the Math section of the GRE (applying for Engineering MS). Good luck!

I hadn't taken a math course in 4 years, and I feel that this book adequately prepared me for the GRE. It goes over different strategies for solving problems, and although the layout of the book isn't the best (they will give you problems requiring knowledge of exponents or factoring when the exponent and factoring chapters don't come till later), even completing most of the book is helpful for the test. The sample and practice problems were harder than the problems I ran into on the GRE, which is great. I felt fairly well prepared, even after only making it about 2/3 of the way through the book.

To review for the math section of the GRE, I used this book as well as the Cliffsnotes Math Review for Standardized Tests, and the math review sections of the Princeton Review, Kaplan, and Barron's general GRE review books. If I had to buy review materials again, I would purchase this book over the Cliffsnotes book (although both were excellent) because it contains a few more math concepts and provides more challenging problems. In addition, I would purchase one of the general books in order to learn a few tricks or shortcuts for the math section, as this book contains how to do math problems "the long way". This book will give you the most thorough review of math concepts for the GRE. I was able to finish it in a month studying about three hours per day. The problems require you to think critically about the approach you want to take. I would say over half of them would be

considered "hard" questions on the GRE. A hint for using this book: the introductory discussion about the topic in the beginning of each section will give you a starting point, but the real meat of the lesson is the explanations of each problem in the back of the chapter. The majority of my study time was spent analyzing the different approaches they showed in the answer key. If you only read the concept summary in the beginning, you are missing most of the lesson! If you are shooting for a score in the 85th percentile or above, I'd recommend this book. If below, I'd stick with Cliffnotes Math Review--this book will just frustrate you.

I bought it for kindle, thinking I could bring it up on the computer and work on scratch paper. Well, I'm only 6% through and there are a ton of mistakes! I'm not sure if they are just in the digital translation as I don't have the print copy. For instance on derived functions they have minus signs instead of equal signs in some equations but then have them appropriately placed in the explanation. which makes the problem initially impossible to solve and the resolution almost impossible to understand. Frustrating to say the very least. Stay away from the digital version!!!

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