

Can it bring down a charging elephant at 5 meters?	Stewart's <i>Calculus</i> yes	Pearson Edexcel C4 no	<i>Calculus for the Ambitious</i> no	<i>Prof. E. McSquared's Calculus Primer</i> no
Can it bring down a charging ant at 5 cm?	yes	yes	yes	yes
Does it contain ducks?	no	no	no	yes
Is it available in early and late transcendentals?	yes	No, imagine the chaos if different people learnt mathematics differently	Hobson's choice	quack?
Does it contain jokes?	no	no	yes	yes
Does it contain good jokes?	no	no	no	yes
Could it offend people with particular opinions?	no	no	yes	Yes. One reviewer wrote: It is written in comic strip style with a senseless humour that may appeal to teenagers
Does it contain exactly the material required to pass Edexcel C4?	no	yes	no	no
Is it written by the examiners for Edexcel C4?	no	yes	no	no
What do the authors do with the royalties?	Build house with own concert hall	unknown	Drink coffee in Parisian cafés	Unknown, presumably something relaxed and Californian
Ratio of irrelevant anecdote to mathematics	very low	zero	high	quack?
Difficult words like shibboleth?	no	no	yes	no
Use of colour	restrained and sensible	anti-photocopying device	black and white	black and white
State after three standard wash and dry cycles	poor	very poor	very poor	very poor