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Figure: Crown Heights, Brooklyn NY

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Figure: PreCalculus Spring 2010

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Figure: Calculus I Spring 2010

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Figure: Instructor

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