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The Universe and the Teacup

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from the acclaimed los angeles times science writer a wise witty and elegant study of how math provides practical solutions to everyday problems are the secrets of the universe written in words or is it all about the digits k c cole follows up her paean to the power of physics sympathetic vibrations with this engaging and accessible guide to the might and majesty of mathematics the universe and the teacup uses relatable examples humorous prose and whimsical line drawings to demonstrate math s ability to translate the complexity of the world into manageable patterns cole shows how mathematical concepts illuminate everything from human risk taking behavior to astronomical investigation game theory to logic problems not to mention the very structure of the universe itself brimming with trivia stressing the importance of math throughout history this is a book both math nerds and the innumerate everyday person can enjoy in equal measure cole writes clearly simply and vividly noted the new york times she so obviously likes mathematics the reader can t help liking it too filled with a thousand fascinating facts and shrewd observations martin gardner los angeles times this book demonstrates how the truth and beauty of everything from relativity to rainbows is all in the numbers

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Truth in Mathematics

1998

the nature of truth in mathematics has exercised the minds of thinkers from at least the time of the ancient greeks the great advances in mathematics and philosophy in the twentieth century and in particular the work by godel and the development of the notion of independence in mathematics have led to new and complex views on this question collecting the work of a number of outstanding mathematicians and philosophers including yurii manin vaughan jones and per martin l of this volume provides an overview of the forefront of current thinking and a valuable introduction for researchers in the area

Roads to Infinity

2010-07-13

winner of a choice outstanding academic title award for 2011 this book offers an introduction to modern ideas about infinity and their implications for mathematics it unifies ideas from set theory and mathematical logic and traces their effects on mainstream mathematical topics of today such as number theory and combinatorics the treatment is h

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Infinity and Truth

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this volume is based on the talks given at the workshop on infinity and truth held at the institute for mathematical sciences national university of singapore from 25 to 29 july 2011 the chapters cover topics in mathematical and philosophical logic that examine various aspects of the foundations of mathematics the theme of the volume focuses on two basic foundational questions i what is the nature of mathematical truth and how does one resolve questions that are formally unsolvable within the zermelo fraenkel set theory with the axiom of choice and ii do the discoveries in mathematics provide evidence favoring one philosophical view over others these issues are discussed from the vantage point of recent progress in foundational studies the final chapter features questions proposed by the participants of the workshop that will drive foundational research the wide range of topics covered here will be of interest to students researchers and mathematicians concerned with issues in the foundations of mathematics contents invited lectures absoluteness truth and quotients ilijas farah a multiverse perspective on the axiom of constructibility joel david hamkins hilbert bourbaki and the scorning of logic a r d mathias toward objectivity in mathematics stephen g simpson sort logic and foundations of mathematics jouko väänänen reasoning about constructive concepts nik weaver perfect infinities and finite approximation

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boris zilber special session an objective justification for actual infinity stephen g simpson oracle questions theodore a slaman and w hugh woodin readership mathematicians philosophers scientists graduate students academic institutions and research organizations interested in logic and the philosophy of mathematics keywords mathematical logic foundations of mathematics philosophy of mathematics mathematical truth infinity set theory proof theory multiversekey features all the contributors are world renownedthe final chapter is written by theodore a slaman and w hugh woodin who are two of the leading logicians in the world they are also the volume editors

Truth and Assertibility

2015-04-22

the book is a research monograph on the notions of truth and assertibility as they relate to the foundations of mathematics it is aimed at a general mathematical and philosophical audience the central novelty is an axiomatic treatment of the concept of assertibility this provides us with a device that can be used to handle difficulties that have plagued philosophical logic for over a century two examples relate to frege s formulation of second order logic and tarski s characterization of truth predicates for formal languages both are widely recognized as fundamental advances but both are also seen as being seriously flawed

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Frege's system as Russell showed is inconsistent and Tarski's definition fails to capture the compositionality of truth. A formal assertibility predicate can be used to repair both problems. The repairs are technically interesting and conceptually compelling. The approach in this book will be of interest not only for the uses the author has put it to but also as a flexible tool that may have many more applications in logic and the foundations of mathematics.

Contents: truth, concepts, deduction, assertibility, systems, surveyability.

Readership: undergraduates, graduates, and researchers in mathematics, logic, and philosophy.

Key features: although this is a research monograph, the material is presented at an elementary level that will be accessible to readers with minimal background. Undergraduates in mathematics or philosophy will have no trouble reading all but a handful of the more advanced sections. Because it deals with topics in the foundations of mathematics, it will appeal to readers with a variety of interests ranging from mathematics to logic to philosophy. While it draws on a variety of sources such as classical proof theory and intuitionistic logic, the approach of the book is highly novel. The material presented here cannot be found anywhere else.

Keywords: truth, assertibility, philosophical logic, philosophy of mathematics, philosophy of language, intuitionism, constructivism, liar paradox, Russell's paradox, semantic paradoxes, second order logic.

Language, Truth and Logic in Mathematics

2013-03-09

one can distinguish roughly speaking two different approaches to the philosophy of mathematics on the one hand some philosophers and some mathematicians take the nature and the results of mathematicians activities as given and go on to ask what philosophical morals one might perhaps find in their story on the other hand some philosophers logicians and mathematicians have tried or are trying to subject the very concepts which mathematicians are using in their work to critical scrutiny in practice this usually means scrutinizing the logical and linguistic tools mathematicians wield such scrutiny can scarcely help relying on philosophical ideas and principles in other words it can scarcely help being literally a study of language truth and logic in mathematics albeit not necessarily in the spirit of aj ayer as its title indicates the essays included in the present volume represent the latter approach in most of them one of the fundamental concepts in the foundations of mathematics and logic is subjected to a scrutiny from a largely novel point of view typically it turns out that the concept in question is in need of a revision or reconsideration or at least can be given a new twist the results of such a re examination are not primarily critical however but typically open up new constructive possibilities the consequences of such deconstructions and reconstructions are often quite sweeping and are explored in the same

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Trick or Truth?

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the prize winning essays in this book address the fascinating but sometimes uncomfortable relationship between physics and mathematics is mathematics merely another natural science or is it the result of human creativity does physics simply wear mathematics like a costume or is math the lifeblood of physical reality the nineteen wide ranging highly imaginative and often entertaining essays are enhanced versions of the prize winning entries to the fQXI essay competition trick or truth which attracted over 200 submissions the foundational questions institute fQXI catalyzes supports and disseminates research on questions at the foundations of physics and cosmology particularly new frontiers and innovative ideas integral to a deep understanding of reality but unlikely to be supported by conventional funding sources

Is Math Real?

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one of the world's most creative mathematicians offers a new way to look at math focusing on questions not answers where do we learn math from rules in a textbook from logic and deduction not really according to mathematician eugenia cheng we learn it from human curiosity most importantly from asking questions this may come as a surprise to those who think that math is about finding the one right answer or those who were told that the dumb question they asked just proved they were bad at math but cheng shows why people who ask questions like why does $1 + 1 = 2$ are at the very heart of the search for mathematical truth is math real is a much needed repudiation of the rigid ways we're taught to do math and a celebration of the true curious spirit of the discipline written with intelligence and passion is math real brings us math as we've never seen it before revealing how profound insights can emerge from seemingly unlikely sources

Truth Through Proof

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truth through proof defends an anti platonist philosophy of mathematics derived from game formalism alan weir aims to develop a more satisfactory successor to game formalism utilising a widely accepted broadly neo fregean framework in which the proposition expressed by an utterance is a function of both sense and background circumstance

Paratattvaganitadarsanam

2002

paratattvaganitadarsanam or principles of transcendental philosophy of mathematical truth is a bridge connecting two fields the field of mathematics and the field of metaphysics it establishes general paradigm that the mathematical truth can represent metaphysical truth it shows in particular that advaita vedanta articulates mathematical truths whose validity is absolute this conclusion is arrived at on the basis of the fact that mathematics has the capacity to articulate transcendental truths which are beyond our normal capabilities paratattvaganitadarsanam provides the basic framework in which the statement a part is equal to the whole is a true statement the material is presented in the form of a dialogue between two main characters a vedantin and a mathematician both standing on a common platform which is impartial and earnest inquiry into the absolute and attainment of the highest

Truth, Existence and Explanation

2018-10-24

this book contains more than 15 essays that explore issues in truth existence and explanation it features cutting edge research in the philosophy of mathematics and logic renowned philosophers mathematicians and younger scholars provide an insightful contribution to the lively debate in this interdisciplinary field of inquiry the essays look at realism vs anti realism as well as inflationary vs deflationary theories of truth the contributors also consider mathematical fictionalism structuralism the nature and role of axioms constructive existence and generality in addition coverage also looks at the explanatory role of mathematics and the philosophical relevance of mathematical explanation the book will appeal to a broad mathematical and philosophical audience it contains work from Filmat the Italian network for the philosophy of mathematics these papers collected here were also presented at their second international conference held at the university of Chieti Pescara May 2016

Provability and Truth

1987

a funny marvelously readable portrait of one of the most brilliant and eccentric men in history the seattle times paul erdos was an amazing and prolific mathematician whose life as a world wandering numerical nomad was legendary he published almost 1500 scholarly papers before his death in 1996 and he probably thought more about math problems than anyone in history like a traveling salesman offering his thoughts as wares erdos would show up on the doorstep of one mathematician or another and announce my brain is open after working through a problem he'd move on to the next place the next solution hoffman's book like sylvia nasar's biography of john nash a beautiful mind reveals a genius's life that transcended the merely quirky but erdos's brand of madness was joyful unlike nash's despairing schizophrenia erdos never tried to dilute his obsessive passion for numbers with ordinary emotional interactions thus avoiding hurting the people around him as nash did oliver sacks writes of erdos a mathematical genius of the first order paul erdos was totally obsessed with his subject he thought and wrote mathematics for nineteen hours a day until the day he died he traveled constantly living out of a plastic bag and had no interest in food sex companionship art all that is usually indispensable to a human life the man who loved only numbers is easy to love despite his strangeness it's hard not to have affection for

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someone who referred to children as epsilons from the greek letter used to represent small quantities in mathematics a man whose epitaph for himself read finally i am becoming stupider no more and whose only really necessary tool to do his work was a quiet and open mind hoffman who followed and spoke with erdos over the last 10 years of his life introduces us to an undeniably odd yet pure and joyful man who loved numbers more than he loved god whom he referred to as sf for supreme fascist he was often misunderstood and he certainly annoyed people sometimes but paul erdos is no doubt missed therese littleton

The Man Who Loved Only Numbers

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this volume features essays about and by paul benacerraf whose ideas have circulated in the philosophical community since the early nineteen sixties shaping key areas in the philosophy of mathematics the philosophy of language the philosophy of logic and epistemology the book started as a workshop held in paris at the collège de france in may 2012 with the participation of paul benacerraf the introduction addresses the methodological point of the legitimate use of so called princess margaret premises in drawing philosophical conclusions from gödel s first incompleteness theorem the book is then divided into three sections the first is devoted to an assessment of the improved

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version of the original dilemma of mathematical truth due to hartry field the challenge to the platonist is now to explain the reliability of our mathematical beliefs given the very subject matter of mathematics either pure or applied the second addresses the issue of the ontological status of numbers frege s logicism fictionalism structuralism and bourbaki s theory of structures are called up for an appraisal of benacerraf s negative conclusions of what numbers could not be the third is devoted to supertasks and bears witness to the unique standing of benacerraf s first publication tasks super tasks and modern eleatics in debates on zeno s paradox and associated paradoxes infinitary mathematics and constructivism and finitism in the philosophy of mathematics two yet unpublished essays by benacerraf have been included in the volume an early version of mathematical truth from 1968 and an essay on what numbers could not be from the mid 1970 s a complete chronological bibliography of benacerraf s work to 2016 is provided essays by jody azzouni paul benacerraf justin clarke doane sébastien gandon brice halimi jon pérez laraudogoitia mary leng antonio león sánchez and ana c león mejía marco panza fabrice pataut philippe de rouilhan andrea sereni and stewart shapiro

Truth, Objects, Infinity

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at the heart of relativity theory quantum mechanics string theory and much of modern cosmology lies one concept symmetry in why beauty is truth world famous mathematician ian stewart narrates the history of the emergence of this remarkable area of study stewart introduces us to such characters as the renaissance italian genius rogue scholar and gambler girolamo cardano who stole the modern method of solving cubic equations and published it in the first important book on algebra and the young revolutionary evariste galois who refashioned the whole of mathematics and founded the field of group theory only to die in a pointless duel over a woman before his work was published stewart also explores the strange numerology of real mathematics in which particular numbers have unique and unpredictable properties related to symmetry he shows how wilhelm killing discovered lie groups with 14 52 78 133 and 248 dimensions groups whose very existence is a profound puzzle finally stewart describes the world beyond superstrings the octonionic symmetries that may explain the very existence of the universe

Why Beauty Is Truth

2007-08-02

quantitative thinking is our inclination to view natural and everyday phenomena through a lens of measurable events with forecasts odds predictions and likelihood playing a dominant

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part the error of truth recounts the astonishing and unexpected tale of how quantitative thinking came to be and its rise to primacy in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries additionally it considers how seeing the world through a quantitative lens has shaped our perception of the world we live in and explores the lives of the individuals behind its early establishment this worldview was unlike anything humankind had before and it came about because of a momentous human achievement we had learned how to measure uncertainty probability as a science was conceptualised as a result of probability theory we now had correlations reliable predictions regressions the bellshaped curve for studying social phenomena and the psychometrics of educational testing significantly these developments happened during a relatively short period in world history roughly the 130 year period from 1790 to 1920 from about the close of the napoleonic era through the enlightenment and the industrial revolutions to the end of world war i at which time transportation had advanced rapidly due to the invention of the steam engine and literacy rates had increased exponentially this brief period in time was ready for fresh intellectual activity and it gave a kind of impetus for the probability inventions quantification is now everywhere in our daily lives such as in the ubiquitous microchip in smartphones cars and appliances in the bayesian logic of artificial intelligence as well as applications in business engineering medicine economics and elsewhere probability is the foundation of quantitative thinking the error of truth tells its story when why and how it happened

The Error of Truth

2019-01-24

a collection of all but two of the author s philosophical essays and lectures originally published or presented before august 1976

Truth and Other Enigmas

1978

when ordinary people including mathematicians take something to follow from something else they are exposing the backbone of our ability to reason azzouni investigates the connection between that ordinary notion of consequence and the formal analogues invented by logicians

Tracking Reason

2006

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some truth some validity some opinion lessons from an old mathematics teacher to new mathematics teachers by david a crothamel david a crothamel has taught mathematics for thirty eight years from the seventh grade level up to calculus throughout his many years of teaching he has seen many times teachers skip over proof of the techniques students then tend to memorize how to get an answer without knowing the methodology behind it crothamel would like this book to be used as a guide for students to navigate the whys of some of the mathematics they study

Some Truth, Some Validity, Some Opinion

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this book is a brief and focused introduction to the reverse mathematics and computability theory of combinatorial principles an area of research which has seen a particular surge of activity in the last few years it provides an overview of some fundamental ideas and techniques and enough context to make it possible for students with at least a basic knowledge of computability theory and proof theory to appreciate the exciting advances currently happening in the area and perhaps make contributions of their own it adopts a case study approach using the study of versions of ramsey s theorem for colorings of tuples of natural numbers and related principles as illustrations of various aspects of computability

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theoretic and reverse mathematical analysis this book contains many exercises and open questions contents setting off an introductiongathering our tools basic concepts and notationfinding our path könig s lemma and computabilitygauging our strength reverse mathematicsin defense of disarrayachieving consensus ramsey s theorempreserving our power conservativitydrawing a map five diagramsexploring our surroundings the world below rt22charging ahead further topicslagniappe a proof of liu s theorem readership graduates and researchers in mathematical logic key features this book assumes minimal background in mathematical logic and takes the reader all the way to current research in a highly active areait is the first detailed introduction to this particular approach to this area of researchthe combination of fully worked out arguments and exercises make this book well suited to self study by graduate students and other researchers unfamiliar with the areakeywords reverse mathematics computability theory computable mathematics computable combinatorics

Slicing the Truth

2014-07-18

yearning for the impossible the surprising truth of mathematics second edition explores the history of mathematics from the perspective of the creative tension between common sense

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and the impossible as the author follows the discovery or invention of new concepts that have marked mathematical progress the author puts these creations into a broader context involving related impossibilities from art literature philosophy and physics this new edition contains many new exercises and commentaries clearly discussing a wide range of challenging subjects

Yearning for the Impossible

2018-04-27

this volume commemorates the life work and foundational views of kurt gödel 1906 78 most famous for his hallmark works on the completeness of first order logic the incompleteness of number theory and the consistency with the other widely accepted axioms of set theory of the axiom of choice and of the generalized continuum hypothesis it explores current research advances and ideas for future directions not only in the foundations of mathematics and logic but also in the fields of computer science artificial intelligence physics cosmology philosophy theology and the history of science the discussion is supplemented by personal reflections from several scholars who knew gödel personally providing some interesting insights into his life by putting his ideas and life s work into the context of current thinking and perceptions this book will extend the impact of gödel s

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fundamental work in mathematics logic philosophy and other disciplines for future generations of researchers

Kurt Gödel and the Foundations of Mathematics

2011-06-06

the worlds of visual art and mathematics beautifully unite in this spectacular volume by award winning writer Stephen Ornes he explores the growing sensation of math art presenting such pieces as a colorful crocheted representation of non euclidian geometry that looks like sea coral and a 65 ton 28 foot tall bronze sculpture covered in a space filling curve we learn the artist s story for every work plus the mathematical concepts and equations behind the art

Math Art

2019

the whole truth about whole numbers is an introduction to the field of number theory for students in non math and non science majors who have studied at least two years of high

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school algebra rather than giving brief introductions to a wide variety of topics this book provides an in depth introduction to the field of number theory the topics covered are many of those included in an introductory number theory course for mathematics majors but the presentation is carefully tailored to meet the needs of elementary education liberal arts and other non mathematical majors the text covers logic and proofs as well as major concepts in number theory and contains an abundance of worked examples and exercises to both clearly illustrate concepts and evaluate the students mastery of the material

The Whole Truth About Whole Numbers

2015-01-02

the volume presents the material of the first oxford budapest conference on truth reference and realism held at ceu in 2005 the problem addressed by the conference famously formulated by paul benacerraf in a paper on mathematical truth was how to understand truth in the semantics of discourses about abstract domains whose objects and properties cannot be observed by sense perception the papers of the volume focus on this semantic issue in four major fields logic mathematics ethics and the metaphysics of properties in general beyond marking an important event the collected papers are also substantial contributions to the above topic from the most distinguished authors in these areas

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On Necessary and Contingent Truth:

1849

what is the source of logical and mathematical truth this volume revitalizes conventionalism as an answer to this question conventionalism takes logical and mathematical truth to have their source in linguistic conventions this was an extremely popular view in the early 20th century but it was never worked out in detail and is now almost universally rejected in mainstream philosophical circles in shadows of syntax jared warren offers the first book length treatment and defense of a combined conventionalist theory of logic and mathematics he argues that our conventions in the form of syntactic rules of language use are perfectly suited to explain the truth necessity and a priority of logical and mathematical claims in part i warren explains exactly what conventionalism amounts to and what linguistic conventions are part ii develops an unrestricted inferentialist theory of the meanings of logical constants that leads to logical conventionalism this conventionalist theory is elaborated in discussions of logical pluralism the epistemology of logic and of the influential objections that led to the historical demise of conventionalism part iii aims to extend conventionalism from logic to mathematics unlike logic mathematics involves both

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ontological commitments and a rich notion of truth that cannot be generated by any algorithmic process to address these issues warren develops conventionalist friendly but independently plausible theories of both metaontology and mathematical truth finally part iv steps back to address big picture worries and meta worries about conventionalism this book develops and defends a unified theory of logic and mathematics according to which logical and mathematical truths are reflections of our linguistic rules mere shadows of syntax

Truth, Reference, and Realism

2011-01-01

constructive mathematics is based on the thesis that the meaning of a mathematical formula is given not by its truth conditions but in terms of what constructions count as a proof of it however the meaning of the terms construction and proof has never been adequately explained although kriesel goodman and martin löf have attempted axiomatisations this monograph develops precise though not wholly formal definitions of construction and proof and describes the algorithmic substructure underlying intuitionistic logic interpretations of heyting arithmetic and constructive analysis are given the philosophical basis of constructivism is explored thoroughly in part i the author seeks to answer objections from platonists and to reconcile his position with the central insights of hilbert s formalism and

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logic audience philosophers of mathematics and logicians both academic and graduate students particularly those interested in brouwer and hilbert theoretical computer scientists interested in the foundations of functional programming languages and program correctness calculi

Shadows of Syntax

2020

anyone involved in the philosophy of science is naturally drawn into the study of the foundations of probability different interpretations of probability based on competing philosophical ideas lead to different statistical techniques and frequently to mutually contradictory consequences this unique book presents a new interpretation of probability rooted in the traditional interpretation that was current in the 17th and 18th centuries mathematical models are constructed based on this interpretation and statistical inference and decision theory are applied including some examples in artificial intelligence solving the main foundational problems nonstandard analysis is extensively developed for the construction of the models and in some of the proofs many nonstandard theorems are proved some of them new in particular a representation theorem that asserts that any stochastic process can be approximated by a process defined over a space with

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equiprobable outcomes

Truth, Proof and Infinity

2010-12-07

this edited collection casts light on central issues within contemporary philosophy of mathematics such as the realism anti realism dispute the relationship between logic and metaphysics and the question of whether mathematics is a science of objects or structures the discussions offered in the papers involve an in depth investigation of among other things the notions of mathematical truth proof and grounding and often a special emphasis is placed on considerations relating to mathematical practice a distinguishing feature of the book is the multicultural nature of the community that has produced it philosophers logicians and mathematicians have all contributed high quality articles which will prove valuable to researchers and students alike

Truth, Possibility and Probability

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this book examines the role of acts of choice in classical and intuitionistic mathematics featuring fifteen papers both new and previously published it offers a fresh analysis of concepts developed by the mathematician and philosopher l e j brouwer the founder of intuitionism the author explores brouwer s idealization of the creative subject as the basis for intuitionistic truth and in the process he also discusses an important related question to what extent does the intuitionistic perspective succeed in avoiding the classical realistic notion of truth the papers detail realistic aspects in the idealization of the creative subject and investigate the hidden role of choice even in classical logic and mathematics covering such topics as bar theorem type theory inductive evidence beth models fallible models and more in addition the author offers a critical analysis of the response of key mathematicians and philosophers to brouwer s work these figures include michael dummett saul kripke per martin l f and arend heyting this book appeals to researchers and graduate students with an interest in philosophy of mathematics linguistics and mathematics

Objects, Structures, and Logics

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in case you are considering to adopt this book for courses with over 50 students please contact ties nijssen springer com for more information this introduction to mathematical

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logic starts with propositional calculus and first order logic topics covered include syntax semantics soundness completeness independence normal forms vertical paths through negation normal formulas compactness smullyan's unifying principle natural deduction cut elimination semantic tableaux skolemization herbrand's theorem unification duality interpolation and definability the last three chapters of the book provide an introduction to type theory higher order logic it is shown how various mathematical concepts can be formalized in this very expressive formal language this expressive notation facilitates proofs of the classical incompleteness and undecidability theorems which are very elegant and easy to understand the discussion of semantics makes clear the important distinction between standard and nonstandard models which is so important in understanding puzzling phenomena such as the incompleteness theorems and skolem's paradox about countable models of set theory some of the numerous exercises require giving formal proofs a computer program called etps which is available from the web facilitates doing and checking such exercises audience this volume will be of interest to mathematicians computer scientists and philosophers in universities as well as to computer scientists in industry who wish to use higher order logic for hardware and software specification and verification

Intuitionistic Proof Versus Classical Truth

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seminal articles in the philosophy of mathematics by russell quine gödel and other major thinkers

An Introduction to Mathematical Logic and Type Theory

2002-07-31

this work stresses the illogical manner in which mathematics has developed the question of applied mathematics as against pure mathematics and the challenges to the consistency of mathematics logical structure that have occurred in the twentieth century

Philosophy of Mathematics

1983

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this english translation of the author s original work has been thoroughly revised expanded and updated the book covers logical systems known as type free or self referential these traditionally arise from any discussion on logical and semantical paradoxes this particular volume however is not concerned with paradoxes but with the investigation of type free systems to show that i there are rich theories of self application involving both operations and truth which can serve as foundations for property theory and formal semantics ii these theories provide a new outlook on classical topics such as inductive definitions and predicative mathematics iii they are particularly promising with regard to applications research arising from paradoxes has moved progressively closer to the mainstream of mathematical logic and has become much more prominent in the last twenty years a number of significant developments techniques and results have been discovered academics students and researchers will find that the book contains a thorough overview of all relevant research in this field

Mathematics

1982

the author g j chaitin shows that god plays dice not only in quantum mechanics but also in the foundations of mathematics according to chaitin there exist mathematical facts that are

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true for no reason this fascinating and provocative text contains a collection of his most wide ranging and non technical lectures and interviews it will be of interest to anyone concerned with the philosophy of mathematics the similarities and differences between physics and mathematics and mathematics as art

Logical Frameworks for Truth and Abstraction

1996-03-14

the proof stage is the story of the unexpected collaborations and resonances between theater and mathematics and how they have evolved since the turn of the twentieth century toward the end of the 1800s unsettling discoveries about alternate geometries and the mathematical infinite began to reveal that despite its reputation for absolute certainty mathematical truth is not immutable at the same time new experimental forms of theater were rapidly developing some inspired by these very upheavals in mathematics both disciplines were and are characterized by a quest for truth and a shared ability to investigate their respective limitations stephen abbott provides the first systematic book length treatment of the interactions between mathematics and theater that have occurred over the last 120 years drawing on the author s fifteen years of experience researching and teaching a course on the subject the book examines how the two disciplines reveal novel

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insights about one another stages of uncertainty follows the path of playwrights that engaged mathematics such as alfred jarry stanislav witkeiwicz samuel beckett bertolt brecht felix durrenmatt tom stoppard micheal frayn and simon mcburney intertwined with this history is the history of mathematics along the way abbot describes the development of quantum mechanics chaos theory incompleteness and alternative geometries that occurred as these plays were being written the main arguments are that these two domains have deep resonances including shared notions of uncertainty self reference recursion and orientation and that theater has engaged deeply and innovatively with math for many years abbot reveals a unique portrait of mathematics one that is unexpected and deeply human

Conversations with a Mathematician

2012-12-06

the traditional debate among philosophers of mathematics is whether there is an external mathematical reality something out there to be discovered or whether mathematics is the product of the human mind this provocative book now available in a revised and expanded paperback edition goes beyond foundationalist questions to offer what has been called a postmodern assessment of the philosophy of mathematics one that addresses issues of theoretical importance in terms of mathematical experience by bringing together essays of

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leading philosophers mathematicians logicians and computer scientists thomas tymoczko reveals an evolving effort to account for the nature of mathematics in relation to other human activities these accounts include such topics as the history of mathematics as a field of study predictions about how computers will influence the future organization of mathematics and what processes a proof undergoes before it reaches publishable form this expanded edition now contains essays by penelope maddy michael d resnik and william p thurston that address the nature of mathematical proofs the editor has provided a new afterword and a supplemental bibliography of recent work

The Proof Stage

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this book argues against the view that mathematical knowledge is a priori contending that mathematics is an empirical science and develops historically just as natural sciences do kitcher presents a complete systematic and richly detailed account of the nature of mathematical knowledge and its historical development focusing on such neglected issues as how and why mathematical language changes why certain questions assume overriding importance and how standards of proof are modified

New Directions in the Philosophy of Mathematics

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