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The Mathematics of Everyday Life 2018-08-21 two experienced math educators help the average reader discover not only the everyday usefulness of math but the fun that comes from mastering the basics of arithmetic algebra geometry and more if you think of mathematics as a series of pointless classroom exercises without much relevance to real life this book will change your mind as the authors show math is deeply embedded in almost every aspect of daily life from managing your personal finances making consumer purchases and sharpening your computational skills to learning to apply mathematical concepts that will give you a better grasp of both ordinary and extraordinary events and help you better appreciate the world we live in with some basic geometry under your belt you ll discover that there is an optimal point on a soccer field from which to shoot a goal and you ll be more clever with the gears of a bike if you like to play cards or go to the casino knowing something about probability will give you an edge you ll also have an enhanced understanding of the whispering effect inside the capitol rotunda why a car s headlights are so bright and even why sewer covers are round after reading this entertaining and instructive book you ll come away with a whole new awareness of how elegantly mathematics explains everyday experiences and observations from present day items to classical art and architecture

Math Goes to the Movies 2012-08-31 mel gibson teaching euclidean geometry meg ryan and tim robbins acting out zeno s paradox michael jackson proving in three different ways that 7 x 13 28 these are just a few of the intriguing mathematical snippets that occur in hundreds of movies burkard polster and marty ross pored through the cinematic calculus to create this thorough and entertaining survey of the guirky fun and beautiful mathematics to be found on the big screen math goes to the movies is based on the authors own collection of more than 700 mathematical movies and their many years using movie clips to inject moments of fun into their courses with more than 200 illustrations many of them screenshots from the movies themselves this book provides an inviting way to explore math featuring such movies as good will hunting a beautiful mind stand and deliver pi die hard the mirror has two faces the authors use these iconic movies to introduce and explain important and famous mathematical ideas higher dimensions the golden ratio infinity and much more not all math in movies makes sense however and polster and ross talk about hollywood s most absurd blunders and outrageous mathematical scenes interviews with mathematical consultants to movies round out this engaging journey into the realm of cinematic mathematics this fascinating behind the scenes look at movie math shows how fun and illuminating equations can be 

**Introduction to the Mathematics of Computer Graphics** 2016-12-31 this text by an award winning author was designed to accompany his first year seminar in the mathematics of computer graphics readers learn the mathematics behind the computational aspects of space shape transformation color rendering animation and modeling the software required is freely available on the internet for mac windows and linux the text

answers guestions such as these how do artists build up realistic shapes from geometric primitives what computations is my computer doing when it generates a realistic image of my 3d scene what mathematical tools can i use to animate an object through space why do movies always look more realistic than video games containing the mathematics and computing needed for making their own 3d computer generated images and animations the text and the course it supports culminates in a project in which students create a short animated movie using free software algebra and trigonometry are prerequisites calculus is not though it helps programming is not required includes optional advanced exercises for students with strong backgrounds in math or computer science instructors interested in exposing their liberal arts students to the beautiful mathematics behind computer graphics will find a rich resource in this text The Math Book 2019 discover more than 85 of the most important mathematical ideas theorems and proofs ever devised and the great minds behind them with this original and colorful book take a journey through the fascinating story of fractions numbers patterns and shapes in order to better understand the complex world we live in continuing the big ideas series trademark combination of authoritative clear text and bold graphics to chart the development of math through history the book explores and explains some of the most complex and fascinating mathematical subjects delve into everything from the mathematical ideas and inventions of the ancient world such as the first number systems magic squares and the chinese abacus through to the developments in mathematics during medieval and renaissance europe to the rise of group theory and cryptography more recently this diverse and inclusive account of mathematics will have something for everybody for those interested in the maths behind world economies secret spies modern technology and plenty more taking readers around the world from babylon to bletchley park tracing maths through the scientific revolution to its 21st century use in computers the internet and ai the math book uses an innovative visual approach to make the subject accessible to everyone casual readers and students alike

**Invitation to the Mathematics of Fermat-Wiles** 2001-09-24 assuming only modest knowledge of undergraduate level math invitation to the mathematics of fermat wiles presents diverse concepts required to comprehend wiles extraordinary proof furthermore it places these concepts in their historical context this book can be used in introduction to mathematics theories courses and in special topics courses on fermat s last theorem it contains themes suitable for development by students as an introduction to personal research as well as numerous exercises and problems however the book will also appeal to the inquiring and mathematically informed reader intrigued by the unraveling of this fascinating puzzle rigorously presents the concepts required to understand wiles proof assuming only modest undergraduate level math sets the math in its historical context contains several themes that could be further developed by student research and numerous exercises and problems written by yves hellegouarch who himself made an important contribution to the proof of fermat s last theorem

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attempt to unveil the hidden mathematics behind the functioning of many of the devices we use on a daily basis for the past years discussions on the best approach in teaching and learning mathematics have shown how much the world is divided on this issue the one reality we seem to agree on globally is the fact that our new generation is lacking interest and passion for the subject one has the impression that the vast majority of young students finishing high school or in their early post secondary studies are more and more divided into two main groups when it comes to the perception of mathematics the first group looks at mathematics as a pure academic subject with little connection to the real world the second group considers mathematics as a set of tools that a computer can be programmed to use and thus a basic knowledge of the subject is sufficient this book serves as a middle ground between these two views many of the elegant and seemingly theoretical concepts of mathematics are linked to state of the art technologies the topics of the book are selected carefully to make that link more relevant they include digital calculators basics of data compression and the huffman coding the jpeg standard for data compression the gps system studied both from the receiver and the satellite ends image processing and face recognition this book is a great resource for mathematics educators in high schools colleges and universities who want to engage their students in advanced readings that go beyond the classroom discussions it is also a solid foundation for anyone thinking of pursuing a career in science or engineering all efforts were made so that the exposition of each topic is as clear and self contained as possible and thus appealing to anyone trying to broaden his mathematical horizons contents what makes a calculator calculate basics of data compression prefix free codes and huffman codesthe jpeg standard global positioning system gps image processing and face recognition readership advanced high school students undergraduates and teachers interested in the mathemtics that drive many modern technologies

The Math Book 2023-02-28 learn about the most important mathematical ideas theorems and movements in the math book part of the fascinating big ideas series this book tackles tricky topics and themes in a simple and easy to follow format learn about math in this overview guide to the subject brilliant for novices looking to find out more and experts wishing to refresh their knowledge alike the math book brings a fresh and vibrant take on the topic through eye catching graphics and diagrams to immerse yourself in this captivating book will broaden your understanding of math with more than 85 ideas and events key to the development of mathematics packed with facts charts timelines and graphs to help explain core concepts a visual approach to big subjects with striking illustrations and graphics throughout easy to follow text makes topics accessible for people at any level of understanding the math book is a captivating introduction to the world s most famous theorems mathematicians and movements aimed at adults with an interest in the subject and students wanting to gain more of an overview charting the development of math around the world from babylon to bletchley park this book explains how math help us understand everything from patterns in nature to artificial intelligence your math questions simply explained what is an imaginary number can two parallel lines ever meet how can math help us predict the future this engaging united methodist liturgical color.

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overview explores answers to big questions like these and how they contribute to our understanding of math if you thought it was difficult to learn about topics like algebra and statistics the math book presents key information in an easy to follow layout learn about the history of math from ancient ideas such as magic squares and the abacus to modern cryptography fractals and the final proof of fermat s last theorem the big ideas series with millions of copies sold worldwide the math book is part of the award winning big ideas series from dk the series uses striking graphics along with engaging writing making big topics easy to understand

The Math Book 2009 this book covers 250 milestones in mathematical history beginning millions of years ago with ancient ant odometers and moving through time to our modern day quest for new dimensions Beautiful, Simple, Exact, Crazy 2015-08-25 two mathematicians explore how math fits into everything from art music and literature to space probes and game shows in this vibrant work which is ideal for both teaching and learning apoorva khare and anna lachowska explain the mathematics essential for understanding and appreciating our quantitative world they show with examples that mathematics is a key tool in the creation and appreciation of art music and literature not just science and technology the book covers basic mathematical topics from logarithms to statistics but the authors eschew mundane finance and probability problems instead they explain how modular arithmetic helps keep our online transactions safe how logarithms justify the twelve tone scale commonly used in music and how transmissions by deep space probes are like knights serving as messengers for their traveling prince perfect for coursework in introductory mathematics and requiring no knowledge of calculus khare and lachowska s enlightening mathematics tour will appeal to a wide audience a whirlwind tour through mathematics and its applications to the real world laced with stimulating exercises and fascinating historical insights destined to become a classic of mathematical exposition eli maor author of e the story of a number and trigonometric delights khare and lachowska introduce bite size pieces of important math by surrounding them with interesting context from the monty hall problem for probability to a story by dino buzzati for velocity math treated with seriousness and fun michael frame co author with benoit mandelbrot of fractals graphics and mathematics education an excellent book well suited for a thoughtful guantitatively rigorous math for humanists course william goldbloom bloch author of the unimaginable mathematics of borges library of babel The Mathematical Mechanic 2012-07-22 in this delightful book levi turns math and physics upside down revealing how physics can simplify proofs and lead to guicker solutions and new theorems and how physical solutions can illustrate why results are true in ways lengthy mathematical calculations never can A Readable Introduction to Real Mathematics 2019-04-02 designed for an undergraduate course or for independent study this text presents sophisticated mathematical ideas in an elementary and friendly fashion the fundamental purpose of this book is to teach mathematical thinking while conveying the beauty and elegance of mathematics the book contains a large number of exercises of varying difficulty some of which are designed to help reinforce basic concepts and others of which will challenge virtually all united methodist liturgical color

readers the sole prerequisite for reading this text is high school algebra topics covered include mathematical induction modular arithmetic the fundamental theorem of arithmetic fermat s little theorem rsa encryption the euclidean algorithm rational and irrational numbers complex numbers cardinality euclidean plane geometry constructibility including a proof that an angle of 60 degrees cannot be trisected with a straightedge and compass infinite series higher dimensional spaces this textbook is suitable for a wide variety of courses and for a broad range of students of mathematics and other subjects mathematically inclined senior high school students will also be able to read this book from the reviews of the first edition it is carefully written in a precise but readable and engaging style i thoroughly enjoyed reading this recent addition to the springer undergraduate texts in mathematics series and commend this clear well organised unfussy text to its target audiences nick lord the mathematical gazette vol 100 547 2016 the book is an introduction to real mathematics and is very readable the book is indeed a joy to read and would be an excellent text for an appreciation of mathematics course among other possibilities g a heuer mathematical reviews february 2015 many a benighted book misguidedly addresses the need to teach mathematical thinking by framing reasoning or narrowly proof not as pervasive modality but somehow as itself an autonomous mathematical subject fortunately the present book gets it right presenting well chosen basic conceptual mathematics suitably accessible after a k 12 education in a detailed self conscious way that emphasizes methodology alongside content and crucially leads to an ultimate clear payoff summing up recommended lower division undergraduates and two year technical program students general readers d v feldman choice vol 52 6 february 2015

<u>The Calculus Story</u> 2017-11-17 calculus is the key to much of modern science and engineering it is the mathematical method for the analysis of things that change and since in the natural world we are surrounded by change the development of calculus was a huge breakthrough in the history of mathematics but it is also something of a mathematical adventure largely because of the way infinity enters at virtually every twist and turn in the calculus story david acheson presents a wide ranging picture of calculus and its applications from ancient greece right up to the present day drawing on their original writings he introduces the people who helped to build our understanding of calculus with a step by step treatment he demonstrates how to start doing calculus from the very beginning

An Introduction to the Mathematics of Money 2006-10-24 this is an undergraduate textbook on the basic aspects of personal savings and investing with a balanced mix of mathematical rigor and economic intuition it uses routine financial calculations as the motivation and basis for tools of elementary real analysis rather than taking the latter as given proofs using induction recurrence relations and proofs by contradiction are covered inequalities such as the arithmetic geometric mean inequality and the cauchy schwarz inequality are used basic topics in probability and statistics are presented the student is introduced to elements of saving and investing that are of life long practical use these include savings and checking accounts certificates of deposit student loans credit cards mortgages buying and selling

bonds and buying and selling stocks the book is self contained and accessible the authors follow a systematic pattern for each chapter including a variety of examples and exercises ensuring that the student deals with realities rather than theoretical idealizations it is suitable for courses in mathematics investing banking financial engineering and related topics

The Mathematics Lover's Companion 2017-01-01 twenty three mathematical masterpieces for exploration and enlightenment how can a shape have more than one dimension but fewer than two what is the best way to elect public officials when more than two candidates are vying for the office is it possible for a highly accurate medical test to give mostly incorrect results can you tile your floor with regular pentagons how can you use only the first digit of sales numbers to determine if your accountant is lying can mathematics give insights into free will edward scheinerman an accomplished mathematician and enthusiastic educator answers all these questions and more in this book a collection of mathematical masterworks in bite sized chapters that require only high school algebra he invites readers to try their hands at solving mathematical puzzles and provides an engaging and friendly tour of numbers shapes and uncertainty the result is an unforgettable introduction to the fundamentals and pleasures of thinking mathematically *How it All Began* 2005 how it all began provides an introduction to the history of various branches of mathematics the lives of the mathematicians and the challenges they faced which helped lead them to their mathematical discoveries

Lectures and Problems: A Gift to Young Mathematicians 2015-11-30 vladimir arnold 1937 2010 was one of the great mathematical minds of the late 20th century he did significant work in many areas of the field on another level he was keeping with a strong tradition in russian mathematics to write for and to directly teach younger students interested in mathematics this book contains some examples of arnold s contributions to the genre continued fractions takes a common enrichment topic in high school math and pulls it in directions that only a master of mathematics could envision euler groups treats a similar enrichment topic but it is rarely treated with the depth and imagination lavished on it in arnold s text he sets it in a mathematical context bringing to bear numerous tools of the trade and expanding the topic way beyond its usual treatment in complex numbers the context is physics yet arnold artfully extracts the mathematical aspects of the discussion in a way that students can understand long before they master the field of quantum mechanics problems for children 5 to 15 years old must be read as a collection of the author s favorite intellectual morsels many are not original but all are worth thinking about and each requires the solver to think out of his or her box dmitry fuchs a long term friend and collaborator of arnold provided solutions to some of the problems readers are of course invited to select their own favorites and construct their own favorite solutions in reading these essays one has the sensation of walking along a path that is found to ascend a mountain peak and then being shown a vista whose existence one could never suspect from the ground arnold s style of exposition is unforgiving the reader even a professional mathematician will find paragraphs that require hours of thought to unscramble and he or she united methodist liturgical color

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must have patience with the ellipses of thought and the leaps of reason these are all part of arnold s intent in the interest of fostering a greater awareness and appreciation of mathematics and its connections to other disciplines and everyday life msri and the ams are publishing books in the mathematical circles library series as a service to young people their parents and teachers and the mathematics profession

**Complete Mathematics** 2010-06-25 are you looking for a clear accessible guide to mathematics that can help you brush up your skills and rediscover the key concepts and techniques complete mathematics provides an invaluable step by step introduction to the subject packed full of worked examples and useful exercises it will guide you through the essentials quickly and easily giving you the knowledge you need to gain maths confidence not got much time one five and ten minute introductions to key principles to get you started author insights lots of instant help with common problems and quick tips for success based on the author s many years of experience test yourself tests in the book and online to keep track of your progress extend your knowledge extra online articles at teachyourself com to give you a richer understanding of psychology five things to remember quick refreshers to help you remember the key facts try this innovative exercises illustrate what you ve learnt and how to use it

What's Happening in the Mathematical Sciences 1949 mathematicians like to point out that mathematics is universal in spite of this most people continue to view it as either mundane balancing a checkbook or mysterious cryptography this fifth volume of the what s happening series contradicts that view by showing that mathematics is indeed found everywhere in science art history and our everyday lives here is some of what you ll find in this volume mathematics and science mathematical biology mathematics was key tocracking the genetic code now new mathematics is needed to understand the three dimensional structure of the proteins produced from that code celestial mechanics and cosmology new methods have revealed a multitude of solutions to the three body problem and other new work may answer one of cosmology smost fundamental questions what is the size and shape of the universe mathematics and everyday life traffic jams new models are helping researchers understand where traffic jams come from and maybe what to do about them small worlds researchers have found a short distance from theory to applications in the study of small world networks elegance in mathematics beyond fermat s last theorem number theorists are reaching higher ground after wiles astounding 1994 proof new developments in the elegant world of elliptic curves and modular functions the millennium prize problems the clay mathematics institute has offered a million dollars for solutions to seven important and difficult unsolved problems these are just some of the topics of current interest that are covered in thislatest volume of what s happening in the mathematical sciences the book has broad appeal for a wide spectrum of mathematicians and scientists from high school students through advanced level graduates and researchers

The Mathematics of Great Amateurs 2021-01-18 describes significant contributions to the development of mathematics made by men known chiefly for some other activity such as plato leonardo da vinci durer etc

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What is Mathematics: School Guide to Conceptual Understanding of Mathematics 2010-09-28 this is not a mathematics book but a book about mathematics which addresses both student and teacher with a goal as practical as possible namely to initiate and smooth the way toward the student s full understanding of the mathematics taught in school the customary procedural formal approach to teaching mathematics has resulted in students distorted vision of mathematics as a merely formal instrumental and calculatory discipline without the conceptual base of mathematics students develop over time a mathematical anxiety and abandon any effort to understand mathematics which becomes their traditional enemy in school this work materializes the results of the inter and trans disciplinary research aimed toward the understanding of mathematics which concluded that the fields with the potential to contribute to mathematics education in this respect by unifying the procedural and conceptual approaches are epistemology and philosophy of mathematics and science as well as fundamentals and history of mathematics these results argue that students fear of mathematics can be annulled through a conceptual approach and a student with a good conceptual understanding will be a better problem solver the author has identified those zones and concepts from the above disciplines that can be adapted and processed for familiarizing the student with this type of knowledge which should accompany the traditional content of school mathematics the work was organized so as to create for the reader a unificatory image of the complex nature of mathematics as well as a conceptual perspective ultimately necessary to the holistic understanding of school mathematics the author talks about mathematics to convince readers that to understand mathematics means first to understand it as a whole but also as part of a whole the nature of mathematics its primary concepts like numbers and sets its structures language methods roles and applicability are all presented in their essential content and the explanation of non mathematical concepts is done in an accessible language and with many relevant examples

**Financial Literacy** 2015-12-18 financial literacy is a carefully written lively and innovative text that introduces students to the mathematics of interest annuities and insurance requiring only a background in high school algebra the book bridges the distance between a rigorous mathematical approach and a formulaic approach to the subject financial literacy is notable for its innovative approach tested over the years in the classroom which makes some hard and cumbersome topics much easier to understand and apply included are hundreds of examples and solved problems as well as several hundred exercises backed up by a solutions manual as well as being ideal for an introductory course in the mathematics of finance financial literacy is suitable for teaching quantitative reasoning by focusing on a particular area of study rather than presenting a smorgasbord of unrelated topics

What's Happening in the Mathematical Sciences, Volume 10 2009-03-17 what s happening in the mathematical sciences is a collection of articles highlighting some of the most recent developments in mathematics these include important achievements in pure mathematics as well as its fascinating applications on the pure mathematics side prime clusters and gaps out experting the experts talks about new insights into the

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distribution of prime numbers the perpetual source of new problems and new results recently several mathematicians including yitang zhang and james maynard significantly improved our knowledge of the distribution of prime numbers advances in the so called kadison singer problem and its applications in signal processing algorithms used to analyze and synthesize signals are described in the kadison singer problem a fine balance quod erat demonstrandum presents two examples of perseverance in mathematicians pursuit of truth using in particular computers to verify their arguments and following in sherlock holmes bike tracks shows how an episode in one of sir arthur conan doyle s stories about sherlock holmes naturally led to very interesting problems and results in the theory of completely integrable systems on the applied side climate past present and future shows the importance of mathematics in the study of climate change and global warming phenomena mathematical models help researchers to understand the past present and future changes of climate and to analyze their consequences the truth shall set your fee talks about algorithms of information exchange in cyberspace economists have known for a long time that trust is a cornerstone of commerce and this becomes even more important nowadays when a lot of transactions big and small are done over the internet recent efforts of theoretical computer scientists led to the development of so called rational protocols for information exchange where the parties in the information exchange process find that lies do not pay off over the last 100 years many professional mathematicians and devoted amateurs contributed to the problem of finding polygons that can tile the plane e g used as floor tiles in large rooms and walls despite all of these efforts the search is not yet complete as the very recent discovery of a new plane tiling pentagon shows in a pentagonal search pays off mathematics can benefit coaches and players in some of the most popular team sports as shown in the brave new world of sports analytics the increased ability to collect and process statistics big data or analytics has completely changed the world of sports analytics the use of modern methods of statistical modeling allows coaches and players to create much more detailed game plans as well as create many new ways of measuring a player s value finally origami unfolding the future talks about the ancient japanese paper folding art and origami s unexpected connections to a variety of areas including mathematics technology and education How Math Explains the World 1955 in how math explains the world mathematician stein reveals how seemingly arcane mathematical investigations and discoveries have led to bigger more world shaking insights into the nature of our world in the four main sections of the book stein tells the stories of the mathematical thinkers who discerned some of the most fundamental aspects of our universe from their successes and failures delusions and even duels the trajectories of their innovations and their impact on society are traced in this fascinating narrative guantum mechanics space time chaos theory and the workings of complex systems and the impossibility of a perfect democracy are all here stein s book is both mind bending and practical as he explains the best way for a salesman to plan a trip examines why any thought you could have is imbedded in the number p and perhaps most importantly answers one of the modern world s toughest questions why the garage can never get your car repaired on time friendly entertaining and fun how math united methodist liturgical color

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explains the world is the first book by one of california s most popular math teachers a veteran of both math for poets and princeton s institute for advanced studies and it s perfect for any reader wanting to know how math makes both science and the world tick

Prelude to Mathematics 2021-02-15 in this lively and stimulating account noted mathematician and educator w w sawyer professor emeritus university of toronto defines mathematics as the classification and study of all possible patterns it is a broad definition but one that seems appropriate to the great scope and depth of the topic indeed mathematics seems to have few boundaries either in applications to practical matters or in its mind stretching excursions into realms of pure abstraction gearing his approach to the layman whose grasp of things mathematical may be a bit precarious professor sawyer offers a lucid accessible introduction to the mathematician s cast of mind five well written preliminary chapters explore the beauty power and mysticism of mathematics the role of math as an adjunct in utilitarian matters and the concepts of pattern generalization and unification as both tools and goals of mathematical thought after developing this conceptual groundwork the author goes on to treat of more advanced topics non euclidean geometry matrices projective geometry determinants transformations and group theory the emphasis here is not on mathematics with great practical utility but on those branches which are exciting in themselves mathematics which offers the strange the novel the apparently impossible for example an arithmetic in which no number is larger than four mathematicians will appreciate the author s grasp of a wide range of important mathematical topics and his ability to illuminate the complex issues involved laymen especially those with a minimal math background will appreciate the accessibility of much of the book which affords not only a portrait of mathematics as a matchless tool for probing the nature of the universe but a revealing glimpse of that mysterious entity called the mathematical mind An Introduction to the Mathematical Theory of Inverse Problems 2019-10-08 this graduate level textbook introduces the reader to the area of inverse problems vital to many fields including geophysical exploration system identification nondestructive testing and ultrasonic tomography it aims to expose the basic notions and difficulties encountered with ill posed problems analyzing basic properties of regularization methods for ill posed problems via several simple analytical and numerical examples the book also presents three special nonlinear inverse problems in detail the inverse spectral problem the inverse problem of electrical impedance tomography eit and the inverse scattering problem the corresponding direct problems are studied with respect to existence uniqueness and continuous dependence on parameters ultimately the text discusses theoretical results as well as numerical procedures for the inverse problems including many exercises and illustrations to complement coursework in mathematics and engineering this updated text includes a new chapter on the theory of nonlinear inverse problems in response to the field s growing popularity as well as a new section on the interior transmission eigenvalue problem which complements the sturm liouville problem and which has received great attention since the previous edition was published

Tales of Impossibility 2014-10-26 a comprehensive look at four of the most famous problems in mathematics tales of impossibility recounts the intriguing story of the renowned problems of antiquity four of the most famous and studied questions in the history of mathematics first posed by the ancient greeks these compass and straightedge problems squaring the circle trisecting an angle doubling the cube and inscribing regular polygons in a circle have served as ever present muses for mathematicians for more than two millennia david richeson follows the trail of these problems to show that ultimately their proofs which demonstrated the impossibility of solving them using only a compass and straightedge depended on and resulted in the growth of mathematics richeson investigates how celebrated luminaries including euclid archimedes viète descartes newton and gauss labored to understand these problems and how many major mathematical discoveries were related to their explorations although the problems were based in geometry their resolutions were not and had to wait until the nineteenth century when mathematicians had developed the theory of real and complex numbers analytic geometry algebra and calculus pierre wantzel a little known mathematician and ferdinand von lindemann through his work on pi finally determined the problems were impossible to solve along the way richeson provides entertaining anecdotes connected to the problems such as how the indiana state legislature passed a bill setting an incorrect value for pi and how leonardo da vinci made elegant contributions in his own study of these problems taking readers from the classical period to the present tales of impossibility chronicles how four unsolvable problems have captivated mathematical thinking for centuries

How to Solve It 2009-11-10 the bestselling book that has helped millions of readers solve any problem a must have guide by eminent mathematician g polya how to solve it shows anyone in any field how to think straight in lucid and appealing prose polya reveals how the mathematical method of demonstrating a proof or finding an unknown can help you attack any problem that can be reasoned out from building a bridge to winning a game of anagrams how to solve it includes a heuristic dictionary with dozens of entries on how to make problems more manageable from analogy and induction to the heuristic method of starting with a goal and working backward to something you already know this disarmingly elementary book explains how to harness curiosity in the classroom bring the inventive faculties of students into play and experience the triumph of discovery but it s not just for the classroom generations of readers from all walks of life have relished polya s brilliantly deft instructions on stripping away irrelevancies and going straight to the heart of a problem

The Heart of Mathematics 1769 make mathematics fun and satisfying for everyone math can be a living source of powerful ideas that transcend mathematics a window into mind opening philosophical concepts such as infinity fourth dimensions chaos and fractals and a practical training ground for developing skills in analysis reasoning and thought if you have the right approach and the right guide the heart of mathematics an invitation to effective thinking now in its third edition transforms mathematics into an engaging relevant experience even for the most math phobic student infusing this book with humor and enthusiasm

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[]\_\_\_\_\_\_ 2017-08-18 although the scientific revolution has long been regarded as the beginning of modern science there has been little consensus about its true character while the application of mathematics to the study of the natural world has always been recognized as an important factor the role of experiment has been less clearly understood peter dear investigates the nature of the change that occurred during this period focusing particular attention on evolving notions of experience and how these developed into the experimental work that is at the center of modern science he examines seventeenth century mathematical sciences astronomy optics and mechanics not as abstract ideas but as vital enterprises that involved practices related to both experience and experiment dear illuminates how mathematicians and natural philosophers of the period mersenne descartes pascal barrow newton boyle and the jesuits used experience in their argumentation and how and why these approaches changed over the course of a century drawing on mathematical texts and works of natural philosophy from all over europe he describes a process of change that was gradual halting sometimes contradictory far from the sharp break with intellectual tradition implied by the term revolution

A Guide to the Mathematical Student in Reading, Reviewing, and Working Examples; Part I, Pure Mathematics 1995-11-25 the heart of mathematics is its elegance the way it all fits together unfortunately its beauty often eludes the vast majority of people who are intimidated by fear of the difficulty of numbers mathematical elegance remedies this using hundreds of examples the author presents a view of the mathematical landscape that is both accessible and fascinating at a time of concern that american youth are bored by math there is renewed interest in improving math skills mathematical elegance stimulates students along with those already experienced in the discipline to explore some of the unexpected pleasures of quantitative thinking invoking mathematical proofs famous for their simplicity and brainteasers that are fun and illuminating the author leaves readers feeling exuberant as well as convinced that their iqs have been raised by ten points a host of anecdotes about well known mathematicians humanize and provide new insights into their lofty subjects recalling such classic works as united methodist liturgical color

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Discipline and Experience 2015-01-31 a mathematical guide to understanding why life can seem to be one big coincidence and why the odds of just about everything are better than we would think what are the chances this is the question we ask ourselves when we encounter the strangest and most seemingly impossible coincidences like the woman who won the lottery four times or the fact that lincoln s dreams foreshadowed his own assassination but when we look at coincidences mathematically the odds are a lot better than any of us would have thought in fluke mathematician joseph mazur takes a second look at the seemingly improbable sharing with us an entertaining guide to the most surprising moments in our lives he takes us on a tour of the mathematical concepts of probability such as the law of large numbers and the birthday paradox and combines these concepts with lively anecdotes of flukes from around the world how do you explain finding your college copy of moby dick in a used bookstore on the seine on your first visit to paris how can a jury be convinced beyond a reasonable doubt that dna found at the scene of a heinous crime did not get there by some fluke should we be surprised if strangers named maria and francisco seeking each other in a hotel lobby accidentally meet the wrong francisco and the wrong maria another pair of strangers also looking for each other as mazur reveals if there is any likelihood that something could happen no matter how small it is bound to happen to someone at some time in fluke mazur offers us proof of the inevitability of the sublime and the unexpected he has written a book that will appeal to anyone who has ever wondered how all of the tiny decisions that happen in our lives add up to improbable wholes a must read for math enthusiasts and storytellers alike fluke helps us to understand the true nature of chance Mathematical Elegance 2016-03-29 this is a look at mathematics its history and its relevance today the book takes the reader on a journey through the ideas and visions of the men behind the numbers from the cryptic poems of tarraglia to the bishop of berkley and his disdain of newtonian calculus this book tells the story of mathematics across the centuries it shows how the mathematics of yesterday are the mathematics of today pythagoras theorem is as true now as it was 25 centuries ago it attempts to show how mathematics has helped to define the universe and our place in it

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