

## Discrete Mathematics Brief Edition

Taking an approach to the subject that is suitable for a broad readership, *Discrete Mathematics: Proofs, Structures, and Applications, Third Edition* provides a rigorous yet accessible exposition of discrete mathematics, including the core mathematical foundation of computer science. The approach is comprehensive yet maintains an easy-to-follow progression from the basic mathematical ideas to the more sophisticated concepts examined later in the book. This edition preserves the philosophy of its predecessors while updating and revising some of the content. New to the Third Edition In the expanded first chapter, the text includes a new section on the formal proof of the validity of arguments in propositional logic before moving on to predicate logic. This edition also contains a new chapter on elementary number theory and congruences. This chapter explores groups that arise in modular arithmetic and RSA encryption, a widely used public key encryption scheme that enables practical and secure means of encrypting data. This third edition also offers a detailed solutions manual for qualifying instructors. Exploring the relationship between mathematics and computer science, this text continues to provide a secure grounding in the theory of discrete mathematics and to augment the theoretical foundation with salient applications. It is designed to help readers develop the rigorous logical thinking required to adapt to the demands of the ever-evolving discipline of computer science.

Listen here for author Nancy Crisler's introduction to *Discrete Mathematics Through Applications*. Written specifically for high school courses, *Discrete Mathematics Through Applications* is designed to help you put the established NCTM Standards for Discrete Math to work in your classroom, in a way that promotes active learning, critical thinking, and fully-engaged student participation. With this text, students will see the connections among mathematical topics and real-life events and situations, while sharpening their problem solving, mathematical reasoning and communication skills. The new edition adds new topics and significantly revised exercise sets and enhanced supplements. *Discrete Mathematics with Ducks, Second Edition* is a gentle introduction for students who find the proofs and abstractions of mathematics challenging. At the same time, it provides stimulating material that instructors can use for more advanced students. The first edition was widely well received, with its whimsical writing style and numerous exercises and materials that engaged students at all levels. The new, expanded edition continues to facilitate effective and active learning. It is designed to help students learn about discrete mathematics through problem-based activities. These are created to inspire students to understand mathematics by actively practicing and doing, which helps students better retain what they've learned. As such, each chapter contains a mixture of discovery-based activities, projects, expository text, in-class exercises, and homework problems. The author's lively and friendly writing style is appealing to both

instructors and students alike and encourages readers to learn. The book's light-hearted approach to the subject is a guiding principle and helps students learn mathematical abstraction. Features: The book's Try This! sections encourage students to construct components of discussed concepts, theorems, and proofs. Provided sets of discovery problems and illustrative examples reinforce learning. Bonus sections can be used by instructors as part of their regular curriculum, for projects, or for further study.

Did you know that games and puzzles have given birth to many of today's deepest mathematical subjects? Now, with Douglas Ensley and Winston Crawley's *Introduction to Discrete Mathematics*, you can explore mathematical writing, abstract structures, counting, discrete probability, and graph theory, through games, puzzles, patterns, magic tricks, and real-world problems. You will discover how new mathematical topics can be applied to everyday situations, learn how to work with proofs, and develop your problem-solving skills along the way. Online applications help improve your mathematical reasoning. Highly intriguing, interactive Flash-based applications illustrate key mathematical concepts and help you develop your ability to reason mathematically, solve problems, and work with proofs. Explore More icons in the text direct you to online activities at [www.wiley.com/college/ensley](http://www.wiley.com/college/ensley). Improve your grade with the Student Solutions Manual. A supplementary Student Solutions Manual contains more detailed solutions to selected exercises in the text.

*Discrete Mathematics for Computer Science: An Example-Based Introduction* is intended for a first- or second-year discrete mathematics course for computer science majors. It covers many important mathematical topics essential for future computer science majors, such as algorithms, number representations, logic, set theory, Boolean algebra, functions, combinatorics, algorithmic complexity, graphs, and trees. Features: Designed to be especially useful for courses at the community-college level. Ideal as a first- or second-year textbook for computer science majors, or as a general introduction to discrete mathematics. Written to be accessible to those with a limited mathematics background, and to aid with the transition to abstract thinking. Filled with over 200 worked examples, boxed for easy reference, and over 200 practice problems with answers. Contains approximately 40 simple algorithms to aid students in becoming proficient with algorithm control structures and pseudocode. Includes an appendix on basic circuit design which provides a real-world motivational example for computer science majors by drawing on multiple topics covered in the book to design a circuit that adds two eight-digit binary numbers. Jon Pierre Fortney graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1996 with a BA in Mathematics and Actuarial Science and a BSE in Chemical Engineering. Prior to returning to graduate school, he worked as both an environmental engineer and as an actuarial analyst. He graduated from Arizona State University in 2008 with a PhD in Mathematics, specializing in Geometric Mechanics. Since 2012, he has worked at Zayed University in Dubai. This is his second mathematics textbook.

Several areas of mathematics find application throughout computer science, and all students of computer science need a practical working understanding of them. These core subjects are centred on logic, sets, recursion, induction, relations and functions. The material is often called discrete mathematics, to distinguish it from the traditional topics of continuous mathematics such as integration and differential equations. The central theme of this book is the connection between computing and discrete mathematics. This connection is useful in both directions:

- Mathematics is used in many branches of computer science, in applications including program specification, data structures, design and analysis of algorithms, database systems, hardware design, reasoning about the correctness of implementations, and much more;
- Computers can help to make the mathematics easier to learn and use, by making mathematical terms executable, making abstract concepts more concrete, and through the use of software tools such as proof checkers. These connections are emphasised throughout the book. Software tools (see Appendix A) enable the computer to serve as a calculator, but instead of just doing arithmetic and trigonometric functions, it will be used to calculate with sets, relations, functions, predicates and inferences. There are also special software tools, for example a proof checker for logical proofs using natural deduction.

DISCRETE MATHEMATICS WITH APPLICATIONS, 5th Edition, Metric Edition explains complex, abstract concepts with clarity and precision and provides a strong foundation for computer science and upper-level mathematics courses of the computer age. Author Susanna Epp presents not only the major themes of discrete mathematics, but also the reasoning that underlies mathematical thought. Students develop the ability to think abstractly as they study the ideas of logic and proof. While learning about such concepts as logic circuits and computer addition, algorithm analysis, recursive thinking, computability, automata, cryptography and combinatorics, students discover that the ideas of discrete mathematics underlie and are essential to today's science and technology.

As an introduction to discrete mathematics, this text provides a straightforward overview of the range of mathematical techniques available to students. Assuming very little prior knowledge, and with the minimum of technical complication, it gives an account of the foundations of modern mathematics: logic; sets; relations and functions. It then develops these ideas in the context of three particular topics: combinatorics (the mathematics of counting); probability (the mathematics of chance) and graph theory (the mathematics of connections in networks). Worked examples and graded exercises are used throughout to develop ideas and concepts. The format of this book is such that it can be easily used as the basis for a complete modular course in discrete mathematics.

A more intuitive approach to the mathematical foundation of computer science Discrete mathematics is the basis of much of computer science, from algorithms and automata theory to combinatorics and graph theory. This textbook covers the discrete mathematics that every

computer science student needs to learn. Guiding students quickly through thirty-one short chapters that discuss one major topic each, this flexible book can be tailored to fit the syllabi for a variety of courses. Proven in the classroom, Essential Discrete Mathematics for Computer Science aims to teach mathematical reasoning as well as concepts and skills by stressing the art of proof. It is fully illustrated in color, and each chapter includes a concise summary as well as a set of exercises. The text requires only precalculus, and where calculus is needed, a quick summary of the basic facts is provided. Essential Discrete Mathematics for Computer Science is the ideal introductory textbook for standard undergraduate courses, and is also suitable for high school courses, distance education for adult learners, and self-study. The essential introduction to discrete mathematics Features thirty-one short chapters, each suitable for a single class lesson Includes more than 300 exercises Almost every formula and theorem proved in full Breadth of content makes the book adaptable to a variety of courses Each chapter includes a concise summary Solutions manual available to instructors

The goal of this book is to showcase the beauty of mathematics as revealed in nine topics of discrete mathematics. In each chapter, properties are explored through a series of straightforward questions that terminate with results that lie at the doorstep of a field of study. Each step along the way is elementary and requires only algebraic manipulation. This frames the wonder of mathematics and highlights the complex world that lies behind a series of simple, mathematical, deductions. Topics addressed include combinatorics, unifying properties of symmetric functions, the Golden ratio as it leads to k-bonacci numbers, non-intuitive and surprising results found in a simple coin tossing game, the playful, trick question aspect of modular systems, exploration of basic properties of prime numbers and derivations of bewildering results that arise from approximating irrational numbers as continued fraction expansions. The Appendix contains the basic tools of mathematics that are used in the text along with a numerous list of identities that are derived in the body of the book. The mathematics in the book is derived from first principles. On only one occasion does it rely on a result not derived within the text. Since the book does not require calculus or advanced techniques, it should be accessible to advanced high school students and undergraduates in math or computer science. Senior mathematicians might be unfamiliar with some of the topics addressed in its pages or find interest in the book's unified approach to discrete math. Written for the one-term course, the Third Edition of Essentials of Discrete Mathematics is designed to serve computer science majors as well as students from a wide range of disciplines. The material is organized around five types of thinking: logical, relational, recursive, quantitative, and analytical. This presentation results in a coherent outline that steadily builds upon mathematical sophistication. Graphs are introduced early and referred to throughout the text, providing a richer context for examples and applications. tudents will encounter algorithms near the end of the text, after they have acquired the skills and experience needed to analyze them. The final chapter contains in-depth case studies from a variety of fields, including biology, sociology, linguistics, economics, and music.

Rosen's Discrete Mathematics and its Applications presents a precise, relevant, comprehensive approach to mathematical concepts. This world-renowned best-selling text was written to accommodate the needs across a variety of majors and departments, including mathematics, computer science, and engineering. As the market leader, the book is highly flexible, comprehensive and a proven pedagogical teaching tool for instructors.

Invitation to Discrete Mathematics is an introduction and a thoroughly comprehensive text at the same time. A lively and entertaining style with mathematical precision and maturity uniquely combine into an intellectual happening and should delight the interested reader. A master example of teaching contemporary discrete mathematics, and of teaching science in general.

In a comprehensive yet easy-to-follow manner, Discrete Mathematics for New Technology

follows the progression from the basic mathematical concepts covered by the GCSE in the UK and by high-school algebra in the USA to the more sophisticated mathematical concepts examined in the latter stages of the book. The book punctuates the rigorous treatment of theory with frequent uses of pertinent examples and exercises, enabling readers to achieve a feel for the subject at hand. The exercise hints and solutions are provided at the end of the book. Topics covered include logic and the nature of mathematical proof, set theory, relations and functions, matrices and systems of linear equations, algebraic structures, Boolean algebras, and a thorough treatise on graph theory. Although aimed primarily at computer science students, the structured development of the mathematics enables this text to be used by undergraduate mathematicians, scientists, and others who require an understanding of discrete mathematics.

A Spiral Workbook for Discrete Mathematics covers the standard topics in a sophomore-level course in discrete mathematics: logic, sets, proof techniques, basic number theory, functions, relations, and elementary combinatorics, with an emphasis on motivation. The text explains and clarifies the unwritten conventions in mathematics, and guides the students through a detailed discussion on how a proof is revised from its draft to a final polished form. Hands-on exercises help students understand a concept soon after learning it. The text adopts a spiral approach: many topics are revisited multiple times, sometimes from a different perspective or at a higher level of complexity, in order to slowly develop the student's problem-solving and writing skills.

A Trusted Guide to Discrete Mathematics with Proof? Now in a Newly Revised Edition Discrete mathematics has become increasingly popular in recent years due to its growing applications in the field of computer science. Discrete Mathematics with Proof, Second Edition continues to facilitate an up-to-date understanding of this important topic, exposing readers to a wide range of modern and technological applications. The book begins with an introductory chapter that provides an accessible explanation of discrete mathematics. Subsequent chapters explore additional related topics including counting, finite probability theory, recursion, formal models in computer science, graph theory, trees, the concepts of functions, and relations. Additional features of the Second Edition include: An intense focus on the formal settings of proofs and their techniques, such as constructive proofs, proof by contradiction, and combinatorial proofs. New sections on applications of elementary number theory, multidimensional induction, counting tulips, and the binomial distribution. Important examples from the field of computer science presented as applications including the Halting problem, Shannon's mathematical model of information, regular expressions, XML, and Normal Forms in relational databases. Numerous examples that are not often found in books on discrete mathematics including the deferred acceptance algorithm, the Boyer-Moore algorithm for pattern matching, Sierpinski curves, adaptive quadrature, the Josephus problem, and the five-color theorem. Extensive appendices that outline supplemental material on analyzing claims and writing mathematics, along with solutions to selected chapter exercises. Combinatorics receives a full chapter treatment that extends beyond the combinations and permutations material by delving into non-standard topics such as Latin squares, finite projective planes, balanced incomplete block designs, coding theory, partitions, occupancy problems, Stirling numbers, Ramsey numbers, and systems of distinct representatives. A related Web site features animations and visualizations of combinatorial proofs that assist readers with comprehension. In addition, approximately 500 examples and over 2,800 exercises are presented throughout the book to motivate ideas and illustrate the proofs and conclusions of theorems. Assuming only a basic background in calculus, Discrete Mathematics with Proof, Second Edition is an excellent book for mathematics and computer science courses at the undergraduate level. It is also a valuable resource for professionals in various technical fields who would like an introduction to discrete mathematics.

Solutions manual to accompany Logic and Discrete Mathematics: A Concise Introduction This book features a unique combination of comprehensive coverage of logic with a solid exposition of the most important fields of discrete mathematics, presenting material that has been tested and refined by the authors in university courses taught over more than a decade. Written in a clear and reader-friendly style, each section ends with an extensive set of exercises, most of them provided with complete solutions which are available in this accompanying solutions manual.

Note: This is the 3rd edition. If you need the 2nd edition for a course you are taking, it can be found as a "other format" on amazon, or by searching its isbn: 1534970746 This gentle introduction to discrete mathematics is written for first and second year math majors, especially those who intend to teach. The text began as a set of lecture notes for the discrete mathematics course at the University of Northern Colorado. This course serves both as an introduction to topics in discrete math and as the "introduction to proof" course for math majors. The course is usually taught with a large amount of student inquiry, and this text is written to help facilitate this. Four main topics are covered: counting, sequences, logic, and graph theory. Along the way proofs are introduced, including proofs by contradiction, proofs by induction, and combinatorial proofs. The book contains over 470 exercises, including 275 with solutions and over 100 with hints. There are also Investigate! activities throughout the text to support active, inquiry based learning. While there are many fine discrete math textbooks available, this text has the following advantages: It is written to be used in an inquiry rich course. It is written to be used in a course for future math teachers. It is open source, with low cost print editions and free electronic editions. This third edition brings improved exposition, a new section on trees, and a bunch of new and improved exercises. For a complete list of changes, and to view the free electronic version of the text, visit the book's website at [discrete.openmathbooks.org](http://discrete.openmathbooks.org)

This book is written as a text for a course aimed at advanced undergraduates. Chapters cover the codes and decoding methods that are currently of most interest in research, development, and application. They give a relatively brief presentation of the essential results, emphasizing the interrelations between different methods and proofs of all important results. A sequence of problems at the end of each chapter serves to review the results and give the student an appreciation of the concepts.

Discrete Mathematics: Introduction to Mathematical Reasoning Cengage Learning According to the great mathematician Paul Erdős, God maintains perfect mathematical proofs in The Book. This book presents the authors candidates for such "perfect proofs," those which contain brilliant ideas, clever connections, and wonderful observations, bringing new insight and surprising perspectives to problems from number theory, geometry, analysis, combinatorics, and graph theory. As a result, this book will be fun reading for anyone with an interest in mathematics.

This books gives an introduction to discrete mathematics for beginning undergraduates. One of original features of this book is that it begins with a presentation of the rules of logic as used in mathematics. Many examples of formal and informal proofs are given. With this logical framework firmly in place, the book describes the major axioms of set theory and introduces the natural numbers. The rest of the book is more standard. It deals with functions and relations, directed and undirected graphs, and an introduction to combinatorics. There is a section on public key cryptography and RSA, with

complete proofs of Fermat's little theorem and the correctness of the RSA scheme, as well as explicit algorithms to perform modular arithmetic. The last chapter provides more graph theory. Eulerian and Hamiltonian cycles are discussed. Then, we study flows and tensions and state and prove the max flow min-cut theorem. We also discuss matchings, covering, bipartite graphs.

This introduction to discrete mathematics is aimed at freshmen and sophomores in mathematics and computer science. It begins with a survey of number systems and elementary set theory before moving on to treat data structures, counting, probability, relations and functions, graph theory, matrices, number theory and cryptography. The end of each section contains problem sets with selected solutions, and good examples occur throughout the text.

This concise, undergraduate-level text focuses on combinatorics, graph theory with applications to some standard network optimization problems, and algorithms. More than 200 exercises, many with complete solutions. 1991 edition.

This lively introductory text exposes the student in the humanities to the world of discrete mathematics. A problem-solving based approach grounded in the ideas of George Pólya are at the heart of this book. Students learn to handle and solve new problems on their own. A straightforward, clear writing style and well-crafted examples with diagrams invite the students to develop into precise and critical thinkers. Particular attention has been given to the material that some students find challenging, such as proofs. This book illustrates how to spot invalid arguments, to enumerate possibilities, and to construct probabilities. It also presents case studies to students about the possible detrimental effects of ignoring these basic principles. The book is invaluable for a discrete and finite mathematics course at the freshman undergraduate level or for self-study since there are full solutions to the exercises in an appendix. "Written with clarity, humor and relevant real-world examples, Basic Discrete Mathematics is a wonderful introduction to discrete mathematical reasoning."- Arthur Benjamin, Professor of Mathematics at Harvey Mudd College, and author of The Magic of Math

**MATHEMATICS: A DISCRETE INTRODUCTION** teaches students the fundamental concepts in discrete mathematics and proof-writing skills. With its clear presentation, the text shows students how to present cases logically beyond this course. All of the material is directly applicable to computer science and engineering, but it is presented from a mathematician's perspective.

Students will learn that discrete mathematics is very useful, especially those whose interests lie in computer science and engineering, as well as those who plan to study probability, statistics, operations research, and other areas of applied mathematics. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version. Eschewing the standard dry and static writing style of traditional textbooks, Discrete Explorations provides a refreshing approach to discrete mathematics. The author combines traditional course topics with popular culture, applications, and various historical examples. This book focuses on the historical development

of the subject and provides details on the people behind mathematics and their motivations, which will deepen readers' appreciation of mathematics. With its unique style, the book covers many of the same topics found in other texts but done in an alternative, entertaining style that better captures readers' attention. Defining discrete mathematics, the author also covers many different topics. These include combinatorics, fractals, permutations, difference equations, graph theory, trees and financial mathematics. Not only will readers gain a greater impression of mathematics, but they'll be encouraged to further explore the subject. Highlights: Features fascinating historical references to motivate readers Text includes numerous pop culture references throughout to provide a more engaging reading experience Its unique topic structure presents a fresh approach The text's narrative style reads more like a popular book instead of a dry textbook Covers many topics from combinatorics, as well as discrete mathematics

Here, the authors strive to change the way logic and discrete math are taught in computer science and mathematics: while many books treat logic simply as another topic of study, this one is unique in its willingness to go one step further. The book treats logic as a basic tool which may be applied in essentially every other area.

What sort of mathematics do I need for computer science? In response to this frequently asked question, a pair of professors at the University of California at San Diego created this text. Its sources are two of the university's most basic courses: Discrete Mathematics, and Mathematics for Algorithm and System Analysis. Intended for use by sophomores in the first of a two-quarter sequence, the text assumes some familiarity with calculus. Topics include Boolean functions and computer arithmetic; logic; number theory and cryptography; sets and functions; equivalence and order; and induction, sequences, and series. Multiple choice questions for review appear throughout the text. Original 2005 edition. Notation Index. Subject Index.

Known for its accessible, precise approach, Epp's DISCRETE MATHEMATICS WITH APPLICATIONS, 5th Edition, introduces discrete mathematics with clarity and precision. Coverage emphasizes the major themes of discrete mathematics as well as the reasoning that underlies mathematical thought. Students learn to think abstractly as they study the ideas of logic and proof. While learning about logic circuits and computer addition, algorithm analysis, recursive thinking, computability, automata, cryptography and combinatorics, students discover that ideas of discrete mathematics underlie and are essential to today's science and technology. The author's emphasis on reasoning provides a foundation for computer science and upper-level mathematics courses. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Paul Erdős published more papers during his lifetime than any other mathematician, especially in discrete mathematics. He had a nose for beautiful,

simply-stated problems with solutions that have far-reaching consequences across mathematics. This captivating book, written for students, provides an easy-to-understand introduction to discrete mathematics by presenting questions that intrigued Erdős, along with his brilliant ways of working toward their answers. It includes young Erdős's proof of Bertrand's postulate, the Erdős-Szekeres Happy End Theorem, De Bruijn-Erdős theorem, Erdős-Rado delta-systems, Erdős-Ko-Rado theorem, Erdős-Stone theorem, the Erdős-Rényi-Sós Friendship Theorem, Erdős-Rényi random graphs, the Chvátal-Erdős theorem on Hamilton cycles, and other results of Erdős, as well as results related to his work, such as Ramsey's theorem or Deza's theorem on weak delta-systems. Its appendix covers topics normally missing from introductory courses. Filled with personal anecdotes about Erdős, this book offers a behind-the-scenes look at interactions with the legendary collaborator.

Susanna Epp's *DISCRETE MATHEMATICS: AN INTRODUCTION TO MATHEMATICAL REASONING*, provides the same clear introduction to discrete mathematics and mathematical reasoning as her highly acclaimed *DISCRETE MATHEMATICS WITH APPLICATIONS*, but in a compact form that focuses on core topics and omits certain applications usually taught in other courses. The book is appropriate for use in a discrete mathematics course that emphasizes essential topics or in a mathematics major or minor course that serves as a transition to abstract mathematical thinking. The ideas of discrete mathematics underlie and are essential to the science and technology of the computer age. This book offers a synergistic union of the major themes of discrete mathematics together with the reasoning that underlies mathematical thought. Renowned for her lucid, accessible prose, Epp explains complex, abstract concepts with clarity and precision, helping students develop the ability to think abstractly as they study each topic. In doing so, the book provides students with a strong foundation both for computer science and for other upper-level mathematics courses. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

*Essentials of Discrete Mathematics, Second Edition* is the ideal text for a one-term discrete mathematics course to serve computer science majors as well as students from a wide range of other disciplines. It introduces students to the mathematical way of thinking, and also to many important modern applications. The material is organized around five types of thinking: logical, relational, recursive, quantitative, and analytical. This presentation results in a coherent outline that steadily builds upon mathematical sophistication. Graphs are introduced early and referred to throughout the text, providing a richer context for examples and applications. Students will encounter algorithms near the end of the text, after they have acquired the skills and experience needed to analyze them. The final chapter contains in-depth case studies from a variety of fields, including biology, sociology, linguistics, economics, and music. Clear and concise, *Essentials of Discrete Mathematics* presents a unified and complete picture of discrete mathematics that instructors can cover in a single semester.

Chartrand and Zhang's *Discrete Mathematics* presents a clearly written, student-friendly

introduction to discrete mathematics. The authors draw from their background as researchers and educators to offer lucid discussions and descriptions fundamental to the subject of discrete mathematics. Unique among discrete mathematics textbooks for its treatment of proof techniques and graph theory, topics discussed also include logic, relations and functions (especially equivalence relations and bijective functions), algorithms and analysis of algorithms, introduction to number theory, combinatorics (counting, the Pascal triangle, and the binomial theorem), discrete probability, partially ordered sets, lattices and Boolean algebras, cryptography, and finite-state machines. This highly versatile text provides mathematical background used in a wide variety of disciplines, including mathematics and mathematics education, computer science, biology, chemistry, engineering, communications, and business. Some of the major features and strengths of this textbook Numerous, carefully explained examples and applications facilitate learning. More than 1,600 exercises, ranging from elementary to challenging, are included with hints/answers to all odd-numbered exercises. Descriptions of proof techniques are accessible and lively. Students benefit from the historical discussions throughout the textbook.

This textbook can serve as a comprehensive manual of discrete mathematics and graph theory for non-Computer Science majors; as a reference and study aid for professionals and researchers who have not taken any discrete math course before. It can also be used as a reference book for a course on Discrete Mathematics in Computer Science or Mathematics curricula. The study of discrete mathematics is one of the first courses on curricula in various disciplines such as Computer Science, Mathematics and Engineering education practices. Graphs are key data structures used to represent networks, chemical structures, games etc. and are increasingly used more in various applications such as bioinformatics and the Internet. Graph theory has gone through an unprecedented growth in the last few decades both in terms of theory and implementations; hence it deserves a thorough treatment which is not adequately found in any other contemporary books on discrete mathematics, whereas about 40% of this textbook is devoted to graph theory. The text follows an algorithmic approach for discrete mathematics and graph problems where applicable, to reinforce learning and to show how to implement the concepts in real-world applications.

Journey into Discrete Mathematics is designed for use in a first course in mathematical abstraction for early-career undergraduate mathematics majors. The important ideas of discrete mathematics are included—logic, sets, proof writing, relations, counting, number theory, and graph theory—in a manner that promotes development of a mathematical mindset and prepares students for further study. While the treatment is designed to prepare the student reader for the mathematics major, the book remains attractive and appealing to students of computer science and other problem-solving disciplines. The exposition is exquisite and engaging and features detailed descriptions of the thought processes that one might follow to attack the problems of mathematics. The problems are appealing and vary widely in depth and difficulty. Careful design of the book helps the student reader learn to think like a mathematician through the exposition and the problems provided. Several of the core topics, including counting, number theory, and graph theory, are visited twice: once in an introductory manner and then again in a later chapter with more advanced concepts and with a deeper perspective. Owen D. Byer and Deirdre L. Smeltzer are both Professors of Mathematics at Eastern Mennonite

University. Kenneth L. Wantz is Professor of Mathematics at Regent University. Collectively the authors have specialized expertise and research publications ranging widely over discrete mathematics and have over fifty semesters of combined experience in teaching this subject.

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