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Mathematical Reasoning: Writing and Proof

The notion of proof is central to mathematics yet it is one of the most difficult aspects of the subject to teach and master. In particular, undergraduate mathematics students often experience difficulties in understanding and constructing proofs.Understanding Mathematical Proof describes the nature of mathematical proof, explores the various techn

Proof and the Art of Mathematics

To learn and understand mathematics, students must engage in the process of doing mathematics. Emphasizing active learning, Abstract Algebra: An Inquiry-Based Approach not only teaches abstract algebra but also provides a deeper understanding of what mathematics is, how it is done, and how mathematicians think. The book can be used in both rings-first and groups-first abstract algebra courses. Numerous activities, examples, and exercises illustrate the definitions, theorems, and concepts. Through this engaging learning process, students discover new ideas and develop the necessary communication skills and rigor to understand and apply concepts from abstract algebra. In addition to the activities and exercises, each chapter includes a short discussion of the connections among topics in ring theory and group theory. These discussions help students see the relationships between the two main types of algebraic objects studied throughout the text. Encouraging students to do mathematics and be more than passive learners, this text shows students that the way mathematics is developed is often different than how it is presented; that definitions, theorems, and proofs do not simply appear fully formed in the minds of mathematicians; that mathematical ideas are highly interconnected; and that even in a field like abstract algebra, there is a considerable amount of intuition to be found.

Mathematical Reasoning with Diagrams

In mathematics, a proof is a deductive argument for a mathematical statement. In the argument, other previously established statements, such as theorems, can be used. In principle, a proof can be traced back to self-evident or assumed statements, known as axioms. Proofs are examples of deductive reasoning and are distinguished from inductive or empirical arguments; a proof must demonstrate that a statement is always true (occasionally by listing all possible cases and showing that it holds in each), rather than enumerate many confirmatory cases. An unproved proposition that is believed true is known as a conjecture. Proofs employ logic but usually include some amount of natural language which usually admits some ambiguity. In fact, the vast majority of proofs in written mathematics can be considered as applications of rigorous informal logic. Purely formal proofs, written in symbolic language instead of natural language, are considered in proof theory. This book contains 'solutions' to some of the most noteworthy mathematical proofs (QED).

An Infinite Descent Into Pure Mathematics

Science students have to spend much of their time learning how to do laboratory work, even if they intend to become theoretical, rather than experimental, scientists. It is important that they understand how experiments are performed and what the results mean. In science the validity of ideas is checked by experiments. If a new idea does not work in the laboratory, it must be discarded. If it does work, it is accepted, at least tentatively. In science, therefore, laboratory experiments are the touchstones for the acceptance or rejection of results. Mathematics is different. This is not to say that experiments are not part of the subject. Numerical calculations and the examina tion of special and simplified cases are important in leading mathematicians to make conjectures, but the acceptance of a conjecture as a theorem only comes when a proof has been constructed. In other words, proofs are to mathematics as laboratory experiments are to science. Mathematics students must, therefore, learn to know what constitute valid proofs and how to construct them. How is this done? Like everything else, by doing. Mathematics students must try to prove results and then have their work criticized by experienced mathematicians. They must critically examine proofs, both correct and incorrect ones, and develop an appreciation of good style. They must, of course, start with easy proofs and build to more complicated ones.

Elementary Theory of Metric Spaces

Designed as a text for a first course in the college mathematics curriculum that focuses on the formal development of mathematics, this book explains how to read and understand mathematical definitions and proofs, and how to construct and write mathematical proofs. Emphasis is on writing mathematical exposition, with guidelines for writing proofs incorporated throughout the text. Learning features include preview activities that prepare students to participate in classroom discussion and activities for in-class group work. Coverage encompasses logical reasoning, constructing and writing proofs, set theoy, mathematical induction, functions, and topics in number theory and set theory.

The Art of Proof

This fourth volume in the series of yearbooks by the Association of Mathematics Educators in Singapore entitled Reasoning, Communication and Connections in Mathematics is unique in that it focuses on a single theme in mathematics education. The objective is to encourage teachers and researchers to advance reasoning, communication and connections in mathematics classrooms.Several renowned international researchers in the field have published their work in this volume. The fifteen chapters of the book illustrate evidence-based practices that school teachers and researchers can experiment with in their own classrooms to bring about meaningful learning outcomes. Three major themes: mathematical tasks, classroom discourse, and connectivity within and beyond mathematics, shape the ideas underpinning reasoning, communication and connections in these chapters. The book makes a significant contribution towards mathematical processes essential for learners of mathematics. It is a good resource for mathematics educators and research students.

Discrete Mathematics

This mathematics textbook covers the fundamental ideas used in writing proofs. Proof techniques covered include direct proofs, proofs by contrapositive, proofs by contradiction, proofs in set theory, proofs of existentially or universally quantified predicates, proofs by cases, and mathematical induction. Inductive and deductive reasoning are explored. A straightforward approach is taken throughout. Plenty of examples are included and lots of exercises are provided after each brief exposition on the topics at hand. The text begins with a study of symbolic logic, deductive reasoning, and quantifiers. Inductive reasoning and making conjectures are examined next, and once there are some statements to prove, techniques for proving conditional statements, disjunctions, biconditional statements, and quantified predicates are investigated. Terminology and proof techniques in set theory follow with discussions of the pick-a-point method and the algebra of sets. Cartesian products, equivalence relations, orders, and functions are all incorporated. Particular attention is given to injectivity, surjectivity, and cardinality. The text includes an introduction to topology and abstract algebra, with a comparison of topological properties to algebraic properties. This book can be used by itself for an introduction to proofs course or as a supplemental text for students in proof-based mathematics classes. The contents have been rigorously reviewed and tested by instructors and students in classroom settings.

We Reason & We Prove for ALL Mathematics

NCTM's Process Standards support teaching that helps students develop independent, effective mathematical thinking. The books in the Heinemann Math Process Standards Series give every middle grades math teacher the opportunity to explore each standard in depth. The series offers friendly, reassuring advice and ready-to-use examples to any teacher ready to embrace the Process Standards. In Introduction to Reasoning and Proof, Denisse Thompson and Karren Schultz-Ferrell familiarize you with ways to help students explore their reasoning and support their mathematical thinking. They offer an array of entry points for understanding, planning, and teaching, including strategies for encouraging middle grades students to describe their reasoning about mathematical activities. Thompson and Schultz-Ferrell also provide methods for questioning students about their conclusions and their thought processes in ways that help support classroom-wide learning. The book and accompanying CD-ROM are filled with activities that are modifiable for immediate use with students of all levels customizable to match your specific lessons. In addition, a correlation guide helps you match the math content you teach with the mathematical processes it utilizes. If your students could benefit from more opportunities to develop their reasoning about math concepts, or if you're simply looking for new ways to work the reasoning and proof standards into your curriculum, read, dog-ear, and teach with Introduction to Reasoning and Proof. And if you'd like to learn about any of NCTM's process standards, or if you're looking for new, classroom-tested ways to address them in your math teaching, look no further than Heinemann's Math Process Standards Series. You'll find them explained in the most understandable and practical way: from one teacher to another.

Reading, Writing, and Proving

This text is designed to teach students how to read and write proofs in mathematics and to acquaint them with how mathematicians investigate problems and formulate conjecture.

Mathematical Reasoning

This college level trigonometry text may be different than most other trigonometry textbooks. In this book, the reader is expected to do more than read the book but is expected to study the material in the book by working out examples rather than just reading about them. So the book is not just about mathematical content (although it does contain important topics in trigonometry needed for further study in mathematics), but it is also about the process of learning and doing mathematics and is designed not to be just casually read but rather to be engaged. Recognizing that actively studying a mathematics book is often not easy, several features of the textbook have been designed to help students become more engaged as they study the material. Some of the features are: Beginning activities in each section that engage students with the material to be introduced, focus questions that help students stay focused on what is important in the section, progress checks that are short exercises or activities that replace the standard examples in most textbooks, a section summary, and appendices with answers for the progress checks and selected exercises.

How to Study for a Mathematics Degree

According to the great mathematician Paul Erdös, 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.

Understanding Mathematical Proof

Formal notation; Arguments about propositions; The internal structure of propositions; Miscellaneous topics; Uniform proof procedures; Formalizing the notion of proof; Searching for a refutation; Criticisms of uniform proof procedures; Guiding search; Decision procedures for inequalities; Rewrite rules; Using semantic information to guide proofs; The productive use of failure; Formalizing control information; Mathematical invention; Concept formation; Forming mathematical models; Technical issues; Clausal form; Herbrand proof procedures; Pattern matching; Applications of artificial mathematics; Appendices; Index.

Book of Proof

Every year, thousands of students go to university to study mathematics (single honours or combined with another subject). Many of these students are extremely intelligent and hardworking, but even the best will, at some point, struggle with the demands of making the transition to advanced mathematics. Some have difficulty adjusting to independent study and to learning from lectures. Other struggles, however, are more fundamental: the mathematics shifts in focus from calculation to proof, so students are expected to interact with it in different ways. These changes need not be mysterious - mathematics education research has revealed many insights into the adjustments that are necessary - but they are not obvious and they do need explaining. This no-nonsense book translates these research-based insights into practical advice for a student audience. It covers every aspect of studying for a mathematics degree, from the most abstract intellectual challenges to the everyday business of interacting with lecturers and making good use of study time. Part 1 provides an in-depth discussion of advanced mathematical thinking, and explains how a student will need to adapt and extend their existing skills in order to develop a good understanding of undergraduate mathematics. Part 2 covers study skills as these relate to the demands of a mathematics degree. It suggests practical approaches to learning from lectures and to studying for examinations while also allowing time for a fulfilling all-round university experience. The first subject-specific guide for students, this friendly, practical text will be essential reading for anyone studying mathematics at university.

The Tools of Mathematical Reasoning

This introductory undergraduate-level textbook covers the knowledge and skills required to study pure mathematics at an advanced level. Emphasis is placed on communicating mathematical ideas precisely and effectively. A wide range of topic areas are covered.

Famous Mathematical Proofs

"A textbook for students who are learning how to write a mathematical proof, a validation of the truth of a mathematical statement"--

The Computer Modelling of Mathematical Reasoning

A comprehensive and user-friendly guide to the use of logic inmathematical reasoning Mathematical Logic presents a comprehensive introductionto formal methods of logic and their use as a reliable tool fordeductive reasoning. With its user-friendly approach, this booksuccessfully equips readers with the key concepts and methods forformulating valid mathematical arguments that can be used touncover truths across diverse areas of study such as mathematics,computer science, and philosophy. The book develops the logical tools for writing proofs byguiding readers through both the established "Hilbert" style ofproof writing, as well as the "equational" style that is emergingin computer science and engineering applications. Chapters havebeen organized into the two topical areas of Boolean logic andpredicate logic. Techniques situated outside formal logic areapplied to illustrate and demonstrate significant facts regardingthe power and limitations of logic, such as: Logic can certify truths and only truths. Logic can certify all absolute truths (completeness theorems ofPost and Gödel). Logic cannot certify all "conditional" truths, such as thosethat are specific to the Peano arithmetic. Therefore, logic hassome serious limitations, as shown through Gödel'sincompleteness theorem. Numerous examples and problem sets are provided throughout thetext, further facilitating readers' understanding of thecapabilities of logic to discover mathematical truths. In addition,an extensive appendix introduces Tarski semantics and proceeds withdetailed proofs of completeness and first incompleteness theorems,while also providing a self-contained introduction to the theory ofcomputability. With its thorough scope of coverage and accessible style,Mathematical Logic is an ideal book for courses inmathematics, computer science, and philosophy at theupper-undergraduate and graduate levels. It is also a valuablereference for researchers and practitioners who wish to learn howto use logic in their everyday work.

Reasoning, Communication And Connections In Mathematics: Yearbook 2012, Association Of Mathematics Educators

Mathematical Reasoning: Writing and Proof is a text for the ?rst college mathematics course that introduces students to the processes of constructing and writing proofs and focuses on the formal development of mathematics. The primary goals of the text are to help students: Develop logical thinking skills and to develop the ability to think more abstractly in a proof oriented setting; develop the ability to construct and write mathematical proofs using standard methods of mathematical proof including direct proofs, proof by contradiction, mathematical induction, case analysis, and counterexamples; develop the ability to read and understand written mathematical proofs; develop talents for creative thinking and problem solving; improve their quality of communication in mathematics. This includes improving writing techniques, reading comprehension, and oral communication in mathematics; better understand the nature of mathematics and its language. Another important goal of this text is to provide students with material that will be needed for their further study of mathematics. Important features of the book include: Emphasis on writing in mathematics; instruction in the process of constructing proofs; emphasis on active learning.There are no changes in content between Version 2.0 and previous versions of the book. The only change is that the appendix with answers and hints for selected exercises now contains solutions and hints for more exercises.

Charming Proofs

The Art of Proof is designed for a one-semester or two-quarter course. A typical student will have studied calculus (perhaps also linear algebra) with reasonable success. With an artful mixture of chatty style and interesting examples, the student's previous intuitive knowledge is placed on solid intellectual ground. The topics covered include: integers, induction, algorithms, real numbers, rational numbers, modular arithmetic, limits, and uncountable sets. Methods, such as axiom, theorem and proof, are taught while discussing the mathematics rather than in abstract isolation. The book ends with short essays on further topics suitable for seminar-style presentation by small teams of students, either in class or in a mathematics club setting. These include: continuity, cryptography, groups, complex numbers, ordinal number, and generating functions.

Transition to Higher Mathematics

For too many students, mathematics consists of facts in a vacuum, to be memorized because the instructor says so, and to be forgotten when the course of study is completed. In this all-too-common scenario, young learners often miss the chance to develop skills—specifically, reasoning skills—that can serve them for a lifetime. The elegant pages of Teaching Mathematical Reasoning in Secondary School Classrooms propose a more positive solution by presenting a reasoning- and discussion-based approach to teaching mathematics, emphasizing the connections between ideas, or why math works. The teachers whose work forms the basis of the book create a powerful record of methods, interactions, and decisions (including dealing with challenges and impasses) involving this elusive topic. And because this approach shifts the locus of authority from the instructor to mathematics itself, students gain a system of knowledge that they can apply not only to discrete tasks relating to numbers, but also to the larger world of people and the humanities. A sampling of the topics covered: Whole-class discussion methods for teaching mathematics reasoning. Learning mathematical reasoning through tasks. Teaching mathematics using the five strands. Classroom strategies for promoting mathematical reasoning. Maximizing student contributions in the classroom. Overcoming student resistance to mathematical conversations. Teaching Mathematical Reasoning in Secondary School Classrooms makes a wealth of cutting-edge strategies available to mathematics teachers and teacher educators. This book is an invaluable resource for researchers in mathematics and curriculum reform and of great interest to teacher educators and teachers.

Mathematical Reasoning

This book has two primary objectives: It teaches students fundamental concepts in discrete mathematics (from counting to basic cryptography to graph theory), and it teaches students proof-writing skills. With a wealth of learning aids and a clear presentation, the book teaches students not only how to write proofs, but how to think clearly and present cases logically beyond this course. Overall, this book is an introduction to mathematics. In particular, it is an introduction to discrete mathematics. All of the material is directly applicable to computer science and engineering, but it is presented from a mathematician's perspective. While algorithms and analysis appear throughout, the emphasis is on mathematics. 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.

Introduction to Reasoning and Proof

The authors teach how to organize and structure mathematical thoughts, how to read and manipulate abstract definitions, and how to prove or refute proofs by effectively evaluating them. There is a large array of topics and many exercises.

Mathematical Proofs

This accessible textbook gives beginning undergraduate mathematics students a first exposure to introductory logic, proofs, sets, functions, number theory, relations, finite and infinite sets, and the foundations of analysis. The book provides students with a quick path to writing proofs and a practical collection of tools that they can use in later mathematics courses such as abstract algebra and analysis. The importance of the logical structure of a mathematical statement as a framework for finding a proof of that statement, and the proper use of variables, is an early and consistent theme used throughout the book.

An Introduction to Abstract Mathematics

Bond and Keane explicate the elements of logical, mathematical argument to elucidate the meaning and importance of mathematical rigor. With definitions of concepts at their disposal, students learn the rules of logical inference, read and understand proofs of theorems, and write their own proofs all while becoming familiar with the grammar of mathematics and its style. In addition, they will develop an appreciation of the different methods of proof (contradiction, induction), the value of a proof, and the beauty of an elegant argument. The authors emphasize that mathematics is an ongoing, vibrant disciplineits long, fascinating history continually intersects with territory still uncharted and questions still in need of answers. The authors extensive background in teaching mathematics shines through in this balanced, explicit, and engaging text, designed as a primer for higher- level mathematics courses. They elegantly demonstrate process and application and recognize the byproducts of both the achievements and the missteps of past thinkers. Chapters 1-5 introduce the fundamentals of abstract mathematics and chapters 6-8 apply the ideas and techniques, placing the earlier material in a real context. Readers interest is continually piqued by the use of clear explanations, practical examples, discussion and discovery exercises, and historical comments.

Mathematical Reasoning

This book provides students of mathematics with the minimum amount of knowledge in logic and set theory needed for a profitable continuation of their studies. There is a chapter on statement calculus, followed by eight chapters on set theory.

Mathematical Writing

This book eases students into the rigors of university mathematics. The emphasis is on understanding and constructing proofs and writing clear mathematics. The author achieves this by exploring set theory, combinatorics, and number theory, topics that include many fundamental ideas and may not be a part of a young mathematician's toolkit. This material illustrates how familiar ideas can be formulated rigorously, provides examples demonstrating a wide range of basic methods of proof, and includes some of the all-time-great classic proofs. The book presents mathematics as a continually developing subject. Material meeting the needs of readers from a wide range of backgrounds is included. The over 250 problems include questions to interest and challenge the most able student but also plenty of routine exercises to help familiarize the reader with the basic ideas.

How to Prove It

This book teaches the art of writing mathematics, an essential -and difficult- skill for any mathematics student. The book begins with an informal introduction on basic writing principles and a review of the essential dictionary for mathematics. Writing techniques are developed gradually, from the small to the large: words, phrases, sentences, paragraphs, to end with short compositions. These may represent the introduction of a concept, the abstract of a presentation or the proof of a theorem. Along the way the student will learn how to establish a coherent notation, mix words and symbols effectively, write neat formulae, and structure a definition. Some elements of logic and all common methods of proofs are featured, including various versions of induction and existence proofs. The book concludes with advice on specific aspects of thesis writing (choosing of a title, composing an abstract, compiling a bibliography) illustrated by large number of real-life examples. Many exercises are included; over 150 of them have complete solutions, to facilitate self-study. Mathematical Writing will be of interest to all mathematics students who want to raise the quality of their coursework, reports, exams, and dissertations.

Teaching Mathematical Reasoning in Secondary School Classrooms

This book prepares students for the more abstract mathematics courses that follow calculus. The author introduces students to proof techniques, analyzing proofs, and writing proofs of their own. It also provides a solid introduction to such topics as relations, functions, and cardinalities of sets, as well as the theoretical aspects of fields such as number theory, abstract algebra, and group theory.

Mathematical Logic

This book is an introduction to the language and standard proof methods of mathematics. It is a bridge from the computational courses (such as calculus or differential equations) that students typically encounter in their first year of college to a more abstract outlook. It lays a foundation for more theoretical courses such as topology, analysis and abstract algebra. Although it may be more meaningful to the student who has had some calculus, there is really no prerequisite other than a measure of mathematical maturity.

Abstract Algebra

Sharpen concrete teaching strategies that empower students to reason-and-prove What does reasoning-and-proving instruction look like and how can teachers support students' capacity to reason-and-prove? Designed as a learning tool for mathematics teachers in grades 6-12, this book transcends all mathematical content areas with a variety of activities for teachers that include Solving and discussing high-level mathematical tasks Analyzing narrative cases that make the relationship between teaching and learning salient Examining and interpreting student work Modifying curriculum materials and evaluating learning environments to better support students to reason-and-prove No other book tackles reasoning-and-proving with such breath, depth, and practical applicability.

Trigonometry

This book, based on Pólya's method of problem solving, aids students in their transition to higher-level mathematics. It begins by providing a great deal of guidance on how to approach definitions, examples, and theorems in mathematics and ends by providing projects for independent study. Students will follow Pólya's four step process: learn to understand the problem; devise a plan to solve the problem; carry out that plan; and look back and check what the results told them.

Proofs from THE BOOK

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.

Proof, Logic, and Conjecture

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. Improve your grade with the Student Solutions Manual. A supplementary Student Solutions Manual contains more detailed solutions to selected exercises in the text.

100% Mathematical Proof

Proofs 101: An Introduction to Formal Mathematics serves as an introduction to proofs for mathematics majors who have completed the calculus sequence (at least Calculus I and II) and a first course in linear algebra. The book prepares students for the proofs they will need to analyze and write the axiomatic nature of mathematics and the rigors of upper-level mathematics courses. Basic number theory, relations, functions, cardinality, and set theory will provide the material for the proofs and lay the foundation for a deeper understanding of mathematics, which students will need to carry with them throughout their future studies. Features Designed to be teachable across a single semester Suitable as an undergraduate textbook for Introduction to Proofs or Transition to Advanced Mathematics courses Offers a balanced variety of easy, moderate, and difficult exercises

Mathematics

"Proof" has been and remains one of the concepts which characterises mathematics. Covering basic propositional and predicate logic as well as discussing axiom systems and formal proofs, the book seeks to explain what mathematicians understand by proofs and how they are communicated. The authors explore the principle techniques of direct and indirect proof including induction, existence and uniqueness proofs, proof by contradiction, constructive and non-constructive proofs, etc. Many examples from analysis and modern algebra are included. The exceptionally clear style and presentation ensures that the book will be useful and enjoyable to those studying and interested in the notion of mathematical "proof."

Discrete Mathematics: Introduction to Mathematical Reasoning

Exploring Mathematics gives students experience with doing mathematics - interrogating mathematical claims, exploring definitions, forming conjectures, attempting proofs, and presenting results - and engages them with examples, exercises, and projects that pique their interest. Written with a minimal number of pre-requisites, this text can be used by college students in their first and second years of study, and by independent readers who want an accessible introduction to theoretical mathematics. Core topics include proof techniques, sets, functions, relations, and cardinality, with selected additional topics that provide many possibilities for further exploration. With a problem-based approach to investigating the material, students develop interesting examples and theorems through numerous exercises and projects. In-text exercises, with complete solutions or robust hints included in an appendix, help students explore and master the topics being presented. The end-of-chapter exercises and projects provide students with opportunities to confirm their understanding of core material, learn new concepts, and develop mathematical creativity.

Elementary Set Theory, Part I/II

A collection of remarkable proofs that are exceptionally elegant, and thus invite the reader to enjoy the beauty of mathematics.

Proofs 101

Mathematicians at every level use diagrams to prove theorems. Mathematical Reasoning with Diagrams investigates the possibilities of mechanizing this sort of diagrammatic reasoning in a formal computer proof system, even offering a semi-automatic formal proof system—called Diamond—which allows users to prove arithmetical theorems using diagrams.

Fundamentals of Mathematical Proof

Many students have trouble the first time they take a mathematics course in which proofs play a significant role. This new edition of Velleman's successful text will prepare students to make the transition from solving problems to proving theorems by teaching them the techniques needed to read and write proofs. The book begins with the basic concepts of logic and set theory, to familiarize students with the language of mathematics and how it is interpreted. These concepts are used as the basis for a step-by-step breakdown of the most important techniques used in constructing proofs. The author shows how complex proofs are built up from these smaller steps, using detailed 'scratch work' sections to expose the machinery of proofs about the natural numbers, relations, functions, and infinite sets. To give students the opportunity to construct their own proofs, this new edition contains over 200 new exercises, selected solutions, and an introduction to Proof Designer software. No background beyond standard high school mathematics is assumed. This book will be useful to anyone interested in logic and proofs:

computer scientists, philosophers, linguists, and of course mathematicians.

Exploring Mathematics

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An Introduction to Mathematical Reasoning

This title is intended for one-semester courses in Transition to Advanced Mathematics that emphasize the construction and writing of mathematical proofs. Focusing on the formal development of mathematics, this text teaches students how to read and understand mathematical proofs and to construct and write mathematical proofs. Developed as a text for a writing course requirement, issues dealing with writing are addressed directly and practices of good writing are emphasized throughout the text. Active learning is emphasized with preview activities for each section and activities in each section that enable both teachers and students to test understanding and explore ideas in a traditional or non-lecture setting. Elementary number theory and congruence arithmetic are used throughout.