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Gamma 2003

in a blend of history and mathematics this work takes the reader on a journey through logarithms and the harmonic series the two defining elements of gamma toward the first account of gamma s place in mathematics

The Irrationals 2023-06-13

an entertaining and enlightening history of irrational numbers from ancient greece to the twenty first century the ancient greeks discovered them but it wasn t until the nineteenth century that irrational numbers were properly understood and rigorously defined and even today not all their mysteries have been revealed in the irrationals the first popular and comprehensive book on the subject julian havil tells the story of irrational numbers and the mathematicians who have tackled their challenges from antiquity to the twenty first century along the way he explains why irrational numbers are surprisingly difficult to define and why so many questions still surround them fascinating and illuminating this is a book for everyone who loves math and the history behind it

Curves for the Mathematically Curious 2021-11-02

ten amazing curves personally selected by one of today s most important math writers curves for the mathematically curious is a thoughtfully curated collection of ten mathematical curves selected by julian havil for their significance mathematical interest and beauty each chapter gives an account of the history and definition of one curve providing a glimpse into the elegant and often surprising mathematics involved in its creation and evolution in telling the ten stories havil introduces many mathematicians and other innovators some whose fame has withstood the passing of years and others who have slipped into comparative obscurity you will meet pierre bézier who is known for his ubiquitous and eponymous curves and adolphe quetelet who trumpeted the ubiquity of the normal curve but whose name now hides behind the modern body mass index these and other ingenious thinkers engaged with the challenges incongruities and insights to be found in these remarkable curves and now you can share in this adventure curves for the mathematically curious is a rigorous and enriching mathematical experience for anyone interested in curves and the book is designed so that readers who choose can follow the details with pencil and paper every curve has a story worth telling

Impossible? 2008-04-21

in nonplussed popular math writer julian havil presented a mind boggling array of implausible yet true mathematical paradoxes this book presents another medley of the utterly confusing profound and unbelievable and all of it mathematically irrefutable

Nonplussed! 2010-08-02

math the application of reasonable logic to reasonable assumptions usually produces reasonable results but sometimes math generates astonishing paradoxes conclusions that seem completely unreasonable or just plain impossible but that are nevertheless demonstrably true did you know that a losing sports team can become a winning one by adding worse players than its opponents or that the thirteenth of the month is more likely to be a friday than any other day or that cones can roll unaided uphill in nonplussed a delightfully eclectic collection of paradoxes from many different areas of math popular math writer julian havil reveals the math that shows the truth of these and many other unbelievable ideas nonplussed pays special attention to problems from probability and statistics areas where intuition can easily be wrong these problems include the vagaries of tennis scoring what can be deduced from tossing a needle and disadvantageous games that form winning combinations other chapters address everything from the historically important torricelli s trumpet to the mind warping implications of objects that live on high dimensions readers learn about the colorful history and people associated with many of these problems in addition to their mathematical proofs nonplussed will appeal to anyone with a calculus background who enjoys popular math books or puzzles

Gamma *2017-10-31*

among the myriad of constants that appear in mathematics e and i are the most familiar following closely behind is g or gamma a constant that arises in many mathematical areas yet maintains a profound sense of mystery in a tantalizing blend of history and mathematics julian havil takes the reader on a journey through logarithms and the harmonic series the two defining elements of gamma toward the first account of gamma's place in mathematics introduced by the swiss mathematician leonhard euler 1707 1783 who figures prominently in this

Differential Geometry and Relativity *2012-12-06*

on the occasion of the sixtieth birthday of andre lichnerowicz a number of his friends many of whom have been his students or coworkers decided to celebrate this event by preparing a jubilee volume of contributed articles in the two main fields of research marked by lichnerowicz's work namely differential geometry and mathematical physics limitations of space and time did not enable us to include papers from all lichnerowicz's friends nor from all his former students it was equally impossible to reflect in a single book the great variety of subjects tackled by lichnerowicz in spite of these limitations we hope that this book reflects some of the present trends of fields in which he worked and some of the subjects to which he contributed in his long and not yet finished career this career was very much marked by the influence of his masters elie cartan who introduced him to research in mathematics mainly in geometry and its relations with mathematical physics and georges darmois who developed his interest for mechanics and physics especially the theory of relativity and electromagnetism this particular combination and his personal talent made of him a natural scientific heir and continuator of the french mathematical physics school in the tradition of henri poincare some of his works would even be best qualified by a new field name that of physical mathematics branches of pure mathematics entirely motivated by physics

John Napier *2014-10-05*

the most comprehensive account of the mathematician's life and work john napier 1550 1617 is celebrated today as the man who invented logarithms an enormous intellectual achievement that would soon lead to the development of their mechanical equivalent in the slide rule the two would serve humanity as the principal means of calculation until the mid 1970s yet despite napier's pioneering efforts his life and work have not attracted detailed modern scrutiny john napier is the first contemporary biography to take an in depth look at the multiple facets of napier's story his privileged position as the eighth laird of merchiston and the son of influential scottish landowners his reputation as a magician who dabbled in alchemy his interest in agriculture his involvement with a notorious outlaw his staunch anti catholic beliefs his interactions with such peers as henry briggs johannes kepler and tycho brahe and most notably his estimable mathematical legacy julian havil explores napier's original development of logarithms the motivations for his approach and the reasons behind certain adjustments to them napier's inventive mathematical ideas also include formulas for solving spherical triangles napier's bones a more basic but extremely popular alternative device for calculation and the use of decimal notation for fractions and binary arithmetic havil also considers napier's study of the book of revelation which led to his prediction of the apocalypse in his first book a plaine discovery of the whole revelation of st john the work for which napier believed he would be most remembered john napier assesses one man's life and the lasting influence of his advancements on the mathematical sciences and beyond

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Impossible? *2011-03-28*

in nonplussed popular math writer julian havil delighted readers with a mind boggling array of implausible yet true mathematical paradoxes now havil is back with impossible another marvelous medley of the utterly confusing profound and unbelievable and all of it mathematically irrefutable whenever forty second street in new york is temporarily closed traffic doesn't gridlock but flows more smoothly why is that or consider that cities that build new roads can experience dramatic increases in traffic congestion how is this possible what does the game show let's make a deal reveal about the unexpected hazards of decision making what can the game of cricket teach us about the surprising behavior of the law of averages these are some of the counterintuitive mathematical occurrences that readers encounter in impossible havil ventures further than ever into territory where intuition can lead one astray he gathers

always to guide readers who will need only to have studied advanced high school math and physics in expanding their mathematical thinking to make sense of the curiosities of the physical world the problems are in the first part of the book and the solutions are in the second so that readers may challenge themselves to solve the questions on their own before looking at the explanations the problems show how mathematics including algebra trigonometry geometry and calculus can be united with physical laws to solve both real and theoretical problems historical anecdotes woven throughout the book bring alive the circumstances and people involved in some amazing discoveries and achievements more than a puzzle book this work will immerse you in the delights of scientific history while honing your math skills

Math through the Ages: A Gentle History for Teachers and Others Expanded Second Edition *2021-04-29*

where did math come from who thought up all those algebra symbols and why what is the story behind π π negative numbers the metric system quadratic equations sine and cosine logs the 30 independent historical sketches in math through the ages answer these questions and many others in an informal easygoing style that is accessible to teachers students and anyone who is curious about the history of mathematical ideas each sketch includes questions and projects to help you learn more about its topic and to see how the main ideas fit into the bigger picture of history the 30 short stories are preceded by a 58 page bird s eye overview of the entire panorama of mathematical history a whirlwind tour of the most important people events and trends that shaped the mathematics we know today what to read next and reading suggestions after each sketch provide starting points for readers who want to learn more this book is ideal for a broad spectrum of audiences including students in history of mathematics courses at the late high school or early college level pre service and in service teachers and anyone who just wants to know a little more about the origins of mathematics

The Nature of Computation *2011-08-12*

computational complexity is one of the most beautiful fields of modern mathematics and it is increasingly relevant to other sciences ranging from physics to biology but this beauty is often buried underneath layers of unnecessary formalism and exciting recent results like interactive proofs phase transitions and quantum computing are usually considered too advanced for the typical student this book bridges these gaps by explaining the deep ideas of theoretical computer science in a clear and enjoyable fashion making them accessible to non computer scientists and to computer scientists who finally want to appreciate their field from a new point of view the authors start with a lucid and playful explanation of the p vs np problem explaining why it is so fundamental and so hard to resolve they then lead the reader through the complexity of mazes and games optimization in theory and practice randomized algorithms interactive proofs and pseudorandomness markov chains and phase transitions and the outer reaches of quantum computing at every turn they use a minimum of formalism providing explanations that are both deep and accessible the book is intended for graduate and undergraduate students scientists from other areas who have long wanted to understand this subject and experts who want to fall in love with this field all over again

Towards a New Education System *1989*

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Rake Most Likely to Rebel *2015-06-01*

the art of fencing like the art of love requires three important skills 1 anticipating your partner s every move working them into the exact position you desire 2 being completely attuned to each other s bodies 3 absolute dedication no matter how many hours are spent sweating it out viscount amersham has come to paris to prove his skill with the blade but feisty alyssandra leodegrance is not the opponent he was expecting as expert swordplay leads to sizzling sensuality it s difficult to say who will win and what they will claim as their prize rakes on tour outrageous hell raisers let loose in europe

Harlequin Historical June 2015 - Box Set 2 of 2 *2015-06-01*

harlequin historical brings you three new titles for one great price available now this historical box set includes rake most likely to rebel 1830s rakes on tour by bronwyn scott viscount amersham has come to paris to prove his expert skill with the blade yet feisty stunning alyssandra leodegrance is not the opponent he was expecting whispers at court medieval royal weddings by blythe gifford french hostage marc de marcel wants only to return home so he makes an unlikely alliance with enticing lady cecily but what will happen when their pact leads them to scandal summer of the viking viking by michelle styles washed up alone on the northumbrian shore valdar nerison is a stranger in a foreign land he has unfinished business in raumerike but first he owes his rescuer the beautiful lady alwynn a life debt look for 6 compelling new stories every month from harlequin historical

Towards A New Education System *2017-09-25*

first published in 1989 routledge is an imprint of taylor francis an informa company

Crux Mathematicorum with Mathematical Mayhem *2008*

problem solving journal at the senior secondary and university undergraduate levels for those who practice or teach mathematics primarily educational in purpose it also serves those who read it for professional cultural and recreational reasons

Existential Physics *2022-08-18*

a new york times bestseller do we have free will is the universe compatible with god do we live in a computer simulation does the universe think physicists are great at complicated research but they are less good at telling us why it matters in this entertaining and groundbreaking book theoretical physicist sabine hossenfelder breaks down why we should care drawing on the latest research in quantum mechanics black holes string theory and particle physics existential physics explains what modern physics can tell us about the big questions filled with counterintuitive insights and including interviews with other leading scientists this clear and yet profound book will reshape your understanding of science and the limits of what we can know

Mathematical Elegance *2017-09-08*

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 lewis carroll s introduction to logic and a mathematician reads the newspaper by john allen paulos mathematical elegance will energize and delight a wide audience ranging from intellectually curious students to the enthusiastic general reader

Analog Computing *2022-11-07*

analog computing is one of the main pillars of unconventional computing almost forgotten for decades we now see an ever increasing interest in electronic analog computing because it offers a path to high performance and highly energy efficient computing these characteristics are of great importance in a world where vast amounts of electric energy are consumed by today s computer systems analog computing can deliver efficient solutions to many computing problems ranging from general purpose analog computation to specialised systems like analog artificial neural networks the book analog computing has established itself over the past decade as the standard textbook on the subject and has been

substantially extended in this second edition which includes more than 300 additional bibliographical entries and has been expanded in many areas to include much greater detail these enhancements will confirm this book's status as the leading work in the field it covers the history of analog computing from the antikythera mechanism to recent electronic analog computers and uses a wide variety of worked examples to provide a comprehensive introduction to programming analog computers it also describes hybrid computers digital differential analysers the simulation of analog computers stochastic computers and provides a comprehensive treatment of classic and current analog computer applications the last chapter looks into the promising future of analog computing

Masters of Mathematics 2017-05-13

the original title for this work was mathematical literacy what is it and why you need it the current title reflects that there can be no real learning in any subject unless questions of who what when where why and how are raised in the minds of the learners the book is not a mathematical text and there are no assigned exercises or exams it is written for reasonably intelligent and curious individuals both those who value mathematics aware of its many important applications and others who have been inappropriately exposed to mathematics leading to indifference to the subject fear and even loathing these feelings are all consequences of meaningless presentations drill rote learning and being lost as the purpose of what is being studied mathematics education needs a radical reform there is more than one way to accomplish this here the author presents his approach of wrapping mathematical ideas in a story to learn one first must develop an interest in a problem and the curiosity to find how masters of mathematics have solved them what is necessary to be mathematically literate it's not about solving algebraic equations or even making a geometric proof these are valuable skills but not evidence of literacy we often seek answers but learning to ask pertinent questions is the road to mathematical literacy here is the good news new mathematical ideas have a way of finding applications this is known as the unreasonable effectiveness of mathematics

Analog and Hybrid Computer Programming 2023-05-22

as classic digital computers are about to reach their physical and architectural boundaries interest in unconventional approaches to computing such as quantum and analog computers is rapidly increasing for a wide variety of practical applications analog computers can outperform classic digital computers in terms of both raw computational speed and energy efficiency this makes them ideally suited as co-processors to digital computers thus forming hybrid computers this second edition of analog and hybrid computer programming provides a thorough introduction to the programming of analog and hybrid computers it contains a wealth of practical examples ranging from simple problems such as radioactive decay harmonic oscillators and chemical reaction kinetics to advanced topics which include the simulation of neurons chaotic systems such as a double pendulum simulation and many more in addition to these examples it contains a chapter on special functions which can be used as subroutines in an analog computer setup

The Palgrave Handbook of Literature and Mathematics 2020-12-30

this handbook features essays written by both literary scholars and mathematicians that examine multiple facets of the connections between literature and mathematics these connections range from mathematics and poetic meter to mathematics and modernism to mathematics as literature some chapters focus on a single author such as mathematics and ezra pound gertrude stein or charles dickens while others consider a mathematical topic common to two or more authors such as squaring the circle chaos theory newton's calculus or stochastic processes with appeal for scholars and students in literature mathematics cultural history and history of mathematics this important volume aims to introduce the range fertility and complexity of the connections between mathematics literature and literary theory chapter 1 is available open access under a creative commons attribution 4.0 international license via link.springer.com

New Scientist 2007

originally published in 1991 this title was begun just before passage of the education reform act of 1988 era 88 which was implemented in the 1990s this major act along with still in force provisions of the 1944 education act with its 17 amendments comprises the statutes governing education in england and wales the study reflects both the criticism and the praise showered on that important legislation particularly in the brief history and school structure sections and in chapter 1 with its longer than usual annotations on era 88

outstanding title in mathematics by choice magazine a publication of the american library association all three authors have revisited the primary sources extensively and deliver new insights about napier and his works whilst revising the many myths and assumptions that surround his life and character

The Life and Works of John Napier *2017-03-09*

the neumann prize winning illustrated exploration of mathematics from its timeless mysteries to its history of mind boggling discoveries beginning millions of years ago with ancient ant odometers and moving through time to our modern day quest for new dimensions the math book covers 250 milestones in mathematical history among the numerous delights readers will learn about as they dip into this inviting anthology cicada generated prime numbers magic squares from centuries ago the discovery of pi and calculus and the butterfly effect each topic is lavishly illustrated with colorful art along with formulas and concepts fascinating facts about scientists lives and real world applications of the theorems

The Math Book *2011-09-27*

this revised and updated second edition maintains the content and spirit of the first edition and includes a new chapter recent experiences that provides examples of experimental mathematics that have come to light since the publication of the first edition in 2003 for more examples and insights experimentation in mathematics computational p

Mathematics by Experiment *2008-10-27*

how does mathematics enable us to send pictures from space back to earth where does the bell shaped curve come from why do you need only 23 people in a room for a 50 50 chance of two of them sharing the same birthday in strange curves counting rabbits and other mathematical explorations keith ball highlights how ideas mostly from pure math can answer these questions and many more drawing on areas of mathematics from probability theory number theory and geometry he explores a wide range of concepts some more light hearted others central to the development of the field and used daily by mathematicians physicists and engineers each of the book s ten chapters begins by outlining key concepts and goes on to discuss with the minimum of technical detail the principles that underlie them each includes puzzles and problems of varying difficulty while the chapters are self contained they also reveal the links between seemingly unrelated topics for example the problem of how to design codes for satellite communication gives rise to the same idea of uncertainty as the problem of screening blood samples for disease accessible to anyone familiar with basic calculus this book is a treasure trove of ideas that will entertain amuse and bemuse students teachers and math lovers of all ages

Strange Curves, Counting Rabbits, and Other Mathematical Explorations *2003*

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