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underpinnings of modern arithmetic, algebra, geometry and number systems examines their origins in early Egyptian, Babylonian, and Greek sources. What is so special about the number 30? How many colors

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are needed to color a map? Do the prime numbers go on forever? Are there more whole numbers than even numbers? These and other mathematical puzzles are explored in this delightful book by two eminent

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mathematicians. Requiring no more background than plane geometry and elementary algebra, this book leads the reader into some of the most fundamental ideas of mathematics, the ideas that

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make the subject exciting and interesting. Explaining clearly how each problem has arisen and, in some cases, resolved, Hans Rademacher and Otto Toeplitz's deep curiosity for the subject and their outstanding

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pedagogical talents shine through. Originally published in 1957. The Princeton Legacy Library uses the latest print-on-demand technology to again make available previously out-of-print books from the

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founding in 1905.

*This book offers a very
interesting panorama of the
development of mathematics
from the ancient Babylonians
and Greeks to the present. It is
written in a lucid style with*

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very readable mathematical content. Understanding the material requires some broad mathematical education, but not a lot of specialized knowledge. One of the strongest sections deals with

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*the accomplishments of the
Greeks. The author clearly
explains the problems tackled
in ancient Greece, places them
in context, outlines the
accomplishments (some with
concise proofs), and compares*

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*these with our present
understanding of the subject.
He also places the
mathematical achievements of
ancient Greece in the context
of early Ionian Philosophy,
Platonism, Aristotelism, or in*

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the mindset of the Alexandrians. The chapters on the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries are presented clearly with emphasis on the great figures of these two centuries.

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Mathematics of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries are presented more thematically than chronologically. Analysis, in particular functional analysis, receives a very good overview. An appendix

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*contains a transcript of the talk
by Laurent Schwartz on the
historical roots and basic
To many outsiders,
mathematicians appear to
think like computers, grimly
grinding away with a strict*

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*formal logic and moving
methodically--even
algorithmically--from one black-
and-white deduction to
another. Yet mathematicians
often describe their most
important breakthroughs as*

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creative, intuitive responses to ambiguity, contradiction, and paradox. A unique examination of this less-familiar aspect of mathematics, How Mathematicians Think reveals that mathematics is a

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*profoundly creative activity
and not just a body of
formalized rules and results.
Nonlogical qualities, William
Byers shows, play an essential
role in mathematics.
Ambiguities, contradictions,*

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and paradoxes can arise when ideas developed in different contexts come into contact. Uncertainties and conflicts do not impede but rather spur the development of mathematics. Creativity often means bringing

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apparently incompatible perspectives together as complementary aspects of a new, more subtle theory. The secret of mathematics is not to be found only in its logical structure. The creative

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dimensions of mathematical work have great implications for our notions of mathematical and scientific truth, and How Mathematicians Think provides a novel approach to many fundamental questions. Is

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*mathematics objectively true?
Is it discovered or invented?
And is there such a thing as a
"final" scientific theory?
Ultimately, How
Mathematicians Think shows
that the nature of*

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*mathematical thinking can
teach us a great deal about the
human condition itself.*

*How Mathematicians Think
Key concepts and where they
come from*

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Vantage Point

*Selections from Mathematics
for the Amateur*

The Loss of Certainty

*Mathematical Thought from
Ancient to Modern Times:
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The columnist for Slate's popular "Do the Math" celebrates the logical, illuminating nature of math in today's world, sharing in accessible language mathematical

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*approaches that demystify
complex and everyday
problems.*

*Mathematics is a product
of human culture which has
developed along with our
attempts to comprehend the*

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*world around us. In A
Brief History of
Mathematical Thought, Luke
Heaton explores how the
language of mathematics
has evolved over time,
enabling new technologies*

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and shaping the way people think. From stone-age rituals to algebra, calculus, and the concept of computation, Heaton shows the enormous influence of mathematics

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*on science, philosophy and
the broader human story.*

*The book traces the
fascinating history of
mathematical practice,
focusing on the impact of
key conceptual*

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innovations. Its structure of thirteen chapters split between four sections is dictated by a combination of historical and thematic considerations. In the first section, Heaton

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*illuminates the
fundamental concept of
number. He begins with a
speculative and rhetorical
account of prehistoric
rituals, before describing
the practice of*

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*mathematics in Ancient
Egypt, Babylon and Greece.
He then examines the
relationship between
counting and the continuum
of measurement, and
explains how the rise of*

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algebra has dramatically transformed our world. In the second section, he explores the origins of calculus and the conceptual shift that accompanied the birth of

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non-Euclidean geometries.

In the third section, he examines the concept of the infinite and the fundamentals of formal logic. Finally, in section four, he considers the

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*limits of formal proof,
and the critical role of
mathematics in our ongoing
attempts to comprehend the
world around us. The story
of mathematics is
fascinating in its own*

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right, but Heaton does more than simply outline a history of mathematical ideas. More importantly, he shows clearly how the history and philosophy of maths provides an

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*invaluable perspective on
human nature.*

*Time-honored study by a
prominent scholar of
mathematics traces
decisive epochs from the
evolution of mathematical*

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*ideas in ancient Egypt and
Babylonia to major
breakthroughs in the 19th
and 20th centuries. 1945
edition.*

*This book covers 250
milestones in mathematical*

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*history, beginning
millions of years ago with
ancient "ant odometers"
and moving through time to
our modern-day quest for
new dimensions.*

History of Mathematics

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*Mathematics in Western
Culture*

*Mathematics and Its
History*

What is Mathematics?

Inka History in Knots

Introduction to

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Mathematical Thinking

A discussion of fundamental mathematical principles from algebra to elementary calculus designed to promote constructive mathematical reasoning.

Briefly discusses the traditional

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mathematics formerly taught in
American schools and views the
language and weaknesses of the
modern math curriculum
Traces the development of
mathematics from its beginnings
in Babylonia and ancient Egypt to

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ever meet? How can math help us predict the future? All will be revealed and explained in this encyclopedia of mathematics. It's as easy as 1-2-3! The Math Book tells the exciting story of how mathematical thought advanced

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19th Century 1800 - 1900 -

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An Elementary Approach to Ideas and Methods

Greek Mathematical Thought and

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the Origin of Algebra

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Mathematical Journey
Reading Khipus as Primary
Sources

Mathematics for the

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This book presents a new approach to the epistemology of mathematics by viewing mathematics as a human activity whose knowledge is intimately linked with practice. Charting an

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exciting new direction in the philosophy of mathematics, José Ferreirós uses the crucial idea of a continuum to provide an account of the development of mathematical knowledge that reflects the actual experience of

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doing math and makes sense of the perceived objectivity of mathematical results. Describing a historically oriented, agent-based philosophy of mathematics, Ferreirós shows how the mathematical tradition

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evolved from Euclidean geometry to the real numbers and set-theoretic structures. He argues for the need to take into account a whole web of mathematical and other practices that are learned and linked by

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agents, and whose interplay acts as a constraint. Ferreirós demonstrates how advanced mathematics, far from being a priori, is based on hypotheses, in contrast to elementary math, which has strong cognitive and

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practical roots and therefore enjoys certainty. Offering a wealth of philosophical and historical insights, Mathematical Knowledge and the Interplay of Practices challenges us to rethink some of our most basic

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assumptions about mathematics, its objectivity, and its relationship to culture and science.

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differences are philosophical and the first few chapters are about general aspects of mathematical thought.

Wow! This is a powerful book that addresses a long-standing elephant in the mathematics

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room. Many people learning math ask ``Why is math so hard for me while everyone else understands it?" and ``Am I good enough to succeed in math?" In answering these questions the book shares personal stories

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from many now-accomplished mathematicians affirming that "You are not alone; math is hard for everyone" and "Yes; you are good enough." Along the way the book addresses other issues such as biases and prejudices

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that mathematicians encounter,
and it provides inspiration and
emotional support for
mathematicians ranging from the
experienced professor to the
struggling mathematics student.

--Michael Dorff, MAA President

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This book is a remarkable collection of personal reflections on what it means to be, and to become, a mathematician. Each story reveals a unique and refreshing understanding of the barriers erected by our cultural

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focus on "math is hard." Indeed, mathematics is hard, and so are many other things--as Stephen Kennedy points out in his cogent introduction. This collection of essays offers inspiration to students of mathematics and to

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mathematicians at every career stage. --Jill Pipher, AMS

President This book is published in cooperation with the Mathematical Association of America.

This textbook provides a unified

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and concise exploration of undergraduate mathematics by approaching the subject through its history. Readers will discover the rich tapestry of ideas behind familiar topics from the undergraduate curriculum, such

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as calculus, algebra, topology,
and more. Featuring historical
episodes ranging from the
Ancient Greeks to Fermat and
Descartes, this volume offers a
glimpse into the broader context
in which these ideas developed,

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revealing unexpected connections that make this ideal for a senior capstone course. The presentation of previous versions has been refined by omitting the less mainstream topics and inserting new

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connecting material, allowing instructors to cover the book in a one-semester course. This condensed edition prioritizes succinctness and cohesiveness, and there is a greater emphasis on visual clarity, featuring full

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color images and high quality 3D models. As in previous editions, a wide array of mathematical topics are covered, from geometry to computation; however, biographical sketches have been omitted. Mathematics

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and Its History: A Concise Edition is an essential resource for courses or reading programs on the history of mathematics. Knowledge of basic calculus, algebra, geometry, topology, and set theory is assumed. From

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reviews of previous editions:

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usual late evening thriller or detective novel.... The author has done a wonderful job of tying together the dominant themes of undergraduate mathematics.”

Richard J. Wilders, MAA, on the Third Edition "The book...is

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presented in a lively style without unnecessary detail. It is very stimulating and will be appreciated not only by students. Much attention is paid to problems and to the development of mathematics

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before the end of the nineteenth century.... This book brings to the non-specialist interested in mathematics many interesting results. It can be recommended for seminars and will be enjoyed by the broad mathematical

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community." European
Mathematical Society, on the
Second Edition
Thinking about Mathematics
Mathematical Knowledge and
the Interplay of Practices
Men of Mathematics

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Living Proof

Count Like an Egyptian

Why Johnny Can't Add

***"This book provides a tour
around Mathematics,
spreading over two thousand
years of its history, the***

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***elaborate conceptual thoughts
of this subject and its relevant
applications in a multitude of
fields, across societies and
eras"--***

***Thinking about Mathematics
covers the range of***

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***philosophical issues and
positions concerning
mathematics. The text
describes the questions about
mathematics that motivated
philosophers throughout
history and covers historical***

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***figures such as Plato,
Aristotle, Kant, and Mill. It also
presents the major positions
and arguments concerning
mathematics throughout the
twentieth century, bringing the
reader up to the present***

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***positions and battle lines.
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traces the development of
mathematical ideas and the
careers of the men
responsible for them. Volume
1 looks at the disciplines***

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***origins in Babylon and Egypt,
the creation of geometry and
trigonometry by the Greeks,
and the role of mathematics in
the medieval and early modern
periods. Volume 2 focuses on
calculus, the rise of analysis in***

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***the 19th century, and the
number theories of Dedekind
and Dirichlet. The concluding
volume covers the revival of
projective geometry, the
emergence of abstract
algebra, the beginnings of***

***topology, and the influence of
Godel on recent mathematical
study.***

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advertisements for the wildly
popular game of Sudoku are
the reassuring words, "no***

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***mathematical knowledge
required." Anxiety about math
plagues many of us, and
school memories can still
summon intense loathing. In A
Brief History of Mathematical
Thought, Luke Heaton shows***

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***that much of what many think-
and fear-about mathematics is
misplaced, and to overcome
our insecurities we need to
understand its history. To
help, he offers a lively guide
into and through the world of***

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***mathematics and
mathematicians, one in which
patterns and arguments are
traced through logic in a
language grounded in
concrete experience. Heaton
reveals how Greek and Roman***

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***mathematicians like
Pythagoras, Euclid, and
Archimedes helped shaped
the early logic of mathematics;
how the Fibonacci sequence,
the rise of algebra, and the
invention of calculus are***

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***connected; how clocks,
coordinates, and logical
padlocks work
mathematically; and how, in
the twentieth century, Alan
Turing's revolutionary work on
the concept of computation***

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***or numbing memorization but
an historical imagination and a
view to its origins. --***

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for Knowledge

Euclid was a mathematician from the Greek city of Alexandria who lived during the 4th and 3rd century B.C. and is often referred to as the "father of geometry." Within his foundational treatise "Elements," Euclid presents the results of

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earlier mathematicians and includes many of his own theories in a systematic, concise book that utilized a brief set of axioms and meticulous proofs to solidify his deductions. In addition to its easily referenced geometry, "Elements" also includes number theory and

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other mathematical considerations. For centuries, this work was a primary textbook of mathematics, containing the only framework for geometry known by mathematicians until the development of "non-Euclidian" geometry in the late 19th century. The extent to which

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Euclid's "Elements" is of his own original authorship or borrowed from previous scholars is unknown, however despite this fact it was his collation of these basic mathematical principles for which most of the world would come to the study of geometry. Today,

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Euclid's "Elements" is acknowledged as one of the most influential mathematical texts in history. This volume includes all thirteen books of Euclid's "Elements," is printed on premium acid-free paper, and follows the translation of Thomas Heath.

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This book gives a remarkably fine account of the influences mathematics has exerted on the development of philosophy, the physical sciences, religion, and the arts in Western life.

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spanning both countries and centuries. Through this in-depth narrative, students will learn how major mathematical concepts were first derived, as well as how they evolved with the advent of later thinkers shedding new light on various applications. Everything

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from Euclidean geometry to the philosophy of mathematics is illuminated as readers are transported to the ancient civilizations of Mesopotamia, Egypt, and beyond to discover the history of mathematical thought
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follows development of mathematics from ancient Greeks to present. Topics include logic and mathematics, the fundamental concept, differential calculus, probability theory, much more. Exercises and problems.

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Dimension, 250 Milestones in the

History of Mathematics

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Using Ambiguity, Contradiction,
and Paradox to Create Mathematics
In the twenty-first century,
everyone can benefit from being
able to think mathematically. This
is not the same as "doing math."
The latter usually involves the

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application of formulas, procedures, and symbolic manipulations; mathematical thinking is a powerful way of thinking about things in the world -- logically, analytically, quantitatively, and with precision.

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It is not a natural way of thinking, but it can be learned. Mathematicians, scientists, and engineers need to "do math," and it takes many years of college-level education to learn all that is required.

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Mathematical thinking is valuable to everyone, and can be mastered in about six weeks by anyone who has completed high school mathematics. Mathematical thinking does not have to be about mathematics at all, but parts of

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mathematics provide the ideal target domain to learn how to think that way, and that is the approach taken by this short but valuable book. The book is written primarily for first and second year students of science, technology,

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engineering, and mathematics (STEM) at colleges and universities, and for high school students intending to study a STEM subject at university. Many students encounter difficulty going from high school math to college-

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level mathematics. Even if they did well at math in school, most are knocked off course for a while by the shift in emphasis, from the K-12 focus on mastering procedures to the "mathematical thinking" characteristic of much

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university mathematics. Though the majority survive the transition, many do not. To help them make the shift, colleges and universities often have a "transition course." This book could serve as a textbook or a supplementary

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source for such a course. Because of the widespread applicability of mathematical thinking, however, the book has been kept short and written in an engaging style, to make it accessible to anyone who seeks to extend and improve their

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analytic thinking skills. Going beyond a basic grasp of analytic thinking that everyone can benefit from, the STEM student who truly masters mathematical thinking will find that college-level mathematics goes from being

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confusing, frustrating, and at times seemingly impossible, to making sense and being hard but doable. Dr. Keith Devlin is a professional mathematician at Stanford University and the author of 31 previous books and over 80

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research papers. His books have earned him many awards, including the Pythagoras Prize, the Carl Sagan Award, and the Joint Policy Board for Mathematics Communications Award. He is known to millions of NPR listeners

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as "the Math Guy" on Weekend Edition with Scott Simon. He writes a popular monthly blog "Devlin's Angle" for the Mathematical Association of America, another blog under the name "profkeithdevlin", and also blogs

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on various topics for the
Huffington Post.

Each chapter of this accessible
portrait of the evolution of
mathematics examines the work
of an individual — Archimedes,
Descartes, Newton, Einstein,

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others — to explore the mathematics of his era. 1989 edition.

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Vedic Mathematics

The Failure of the New Math

The Development of Mathematics

These notes present some of the basic techniques and results in the subject of combinatory logic. This subject will first be treated

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with an introduction via lambda-conversion. Chapter two is an introduction to combinators. Chapters three and four will deal with recursive functions. Chapters five, six, and seven deal with extensional theory of

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combinators. Chapters nine and ten deal with combinator-based systems of logic . Chapters eight and eleven deal with proof-theoretic application.

The mathematics of ancient Egypt was fundamentally

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different from our math today. Contrary to what people might think, it wasn't a primitive forerunner of modern mathematics. In fact, it can't be understood using our current computational methods. Count

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Like an Egyptian provides a fun, hands-on introduction to the intuitive and often-surprising art of ancient Egyptian math. David Reimer guides you step-by-step through addition, subtraction, multiplication, and more. He

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even shows you how fractions and decimals may have been calculated—they technically didn't exist in the land of the pharaohs. You'll be counting like an Egyptian in no time, and along the way you'll learn

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firsthand how mathematics is an expression of the culture that uses it, and why there's more to math than rote memorization and bewildering abstraction. Reimer takes you on a lively and entertaining tour of the ancient

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Egyptian world, providing rich historical details and amusing anecdotes as he presents a host of mathematical problems drawn from different eras of the Egyptian past. Each of these problems is like a tantalizing

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puzzle, often with a beautiful and elegant solution. As you solve them, you'll be immersed in many facets of Egyptian life, from hieroglyphs and pyramid building to agriculture, religion, and even bread baking and beer

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brewing. Fully illustrated in color throughout, Count Like an Egyptian also teaches you some Babylonian computation—the precursor to our modern system—and compares ancient Egyptian mathematics to today's

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