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Fate of Schrodinger's Cat, The: Using Math and Computers to Explore the

Counterintuitive - James D. Stein 2020

Can we correctly predict the flip of a fair coin more than half the time -- or the decay of a single radioactive atom? Our intuition, based on a lifetime of experience, tells us that we cannot, as these are classic examples of what are known to be 50-50 guesses. But mathematics is filled with counterintuitive results -- and this book discusses some surprising and entertaining examples. It is possible to devise experiments in which a flipped coin lands heads completely at random half the time, but we can also correctly predict when it will land heads more than half the time. The Fate of Schrodinger's Cat shows how high-school algebra and basic probability theory, with the invaluable assistance of computer simulations, can be used to investigate both the intuitive and the counterintuitive. This book explores fascinating and controversial questions involving prediction, decision-making, and statistical analysis in a number of diverse areas, ranging from whether there is such a thing as a 'hot hand' in shooting a basketball, to how we can successfully predict, more than half the time, the decay of the radioactive atom that determines the fate of Schrodinger's Cat.

Fibonacci Numbers - Nikolai Nikolaevich Vorob'ev
2013-04-10

An engaging treatment of an 800-year-old problem explores the occurrence of Fibonacci numbers in number theory, continued fractions, and geometry. Its entertaining style will appeal to recreational readers and students alike.

The Moscow Puzzles - Boris A. Kordemsky
2014-12-16

This is, quite simply, the best and most popular puzzle book ever published in the Soviet Union. Since its first appearance in 1956 there have been eight editions as well as translations from the original Russian into Ukrainian, Estonian, Lettish, and Lithuanian. Almost a million copies of the Russian version alone have been sold. Part of the reason for the book's success is its marvelously varied assortment of brainteasers ranging from simple "catch" riddles to difficult problems (none, however, requiring advanced mathematics). Many of the puzzles will be new to Western readers, while some familiar problems have been clothed in new forms. Often the puzzles are presented in the form of charming stories that provide non-Russian readers with valuable insights into contemporary Russian life and customs. In addition, Martin Gardner, former editor of the Mathematical Games Department,

Scientific American, has clarified and simplified the book to make it as easy as possible for an English-reading public to understand and enjoy. He has been careful, moreover, to retain nearly all the freshness, warmth, and humor of the original. Lavishly illustrated with over 400 clear diagrams and amusing sketches, this inexpensive edition of the first English translation will offer weeks or even months of stimulating entertainment. It belongs in the library of every puzzlist or lover of recreational mathematics.

Mathematical Recreations and Essays - W. W. Rouse Ball 2018-07-11

Mathematical Recreations and Essays W. W. Rouse Ball For nearly a century, this sparkling classic has provided stimulating hours of entertainment to the mathematically inclined. The problems posed here often involve fundamental mathematical methods and notions, but their chief appeal is their capacity to tease and delight. In these pages you will find scores of "recreations" to amuse you and to challenge your problem-solving faculties-often to the limit. Now in its 13th edition, *Mathematical Recreations and Essays* has been thoroughly revised and updated over the decades since its first publication in 1892. This latest edition retains all the remarkable character of the original, but the terminology and treatment of some problems have been updated and new material has been added. Among the challenges in store for you: Arithmetical and geometrical recreations; Polyhedra; Chess-board recreations; Magic squares; Map-coloring problems; Unicursal problems; Cryptography and cryptanalysis; Calculating prodigies; ... and more. You'll even find problems which mathematical ingenuity can solve but the computer cannot. No knowledge of calculus or analytic geometry is necessary to enjoy these games and puzzles. With basic mathematical skills and the desire to meet a challenge you can put yourself to the test and win. "A must to add to your mathematics library."-The Mathematics Teacher We are delighted to publish this classic book as part of our extensive Classic Library collection. Many of the books in our collection have been out of print for decades, and therefore have not been accessible to the general public. The aim of our publishing program is to facilitate rapid access to this vast reservoir of literature, and our view is

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Test Your Logic - George J. Summers 1972-06
Fifty unique brain-teasers requiring a minimum of mathematical skills challenge the reader's ability to reason logically

Mathematical Diversions - James Alston Hope Hunter 1975

Entertaining Mathematical Puzzles - Martin Gardner 1986-10

Playing with mathematical riddles can be an intriguing and fun-filled pastime — as popular science writer Martin Gardner proves in this entertaining collection. Puzzlists need only an elementary knowledge of math and a will to resist looking up the answer before trying to solve a problem. Written in a light and witty style, *Entertaining Mathematical Puzzles* is a mixture of old and new riddles, grouped into sections that cover a variety of mathematical topics: money, speed, plane and solid geometry, probability, topology, tricky puzzles, and more. The probability section, for example, points out that everything we do, everything that happens around us, obeys the laws of probability; geometry puzzles test our ability to think pictorially and often, in more than one dimension; while topology, among the "youngest and rowdiest branches of modern geometry," offers a glimpse into a strange dimension where properties remain unchanged, no matter how a figure is twisted, stretched, or compressed. Clear and concise comments at the beginning of each section explain the nature and importance of the math needed to solve each puzzle. A carefully explained solution follows each problem. In many cases, all that is needed to solve a puzzle is the ability to think logically and clearly, to be "on the alert for surprising, off-beat angles...that strange hidden factor that everyone else had

overlooked." Fully illustrated, this engaging collection will appeal to parents and children, amateur mathematicians, scientists, and students alike, and may, as the author writes, make the reader "want to study the subject in earnest" and explains "some of the inviting paths that wind away from the problems into lush areas of the mathematical jungle." 65 black-and-white illustrations.

How to Solve Problems - Wayne A. Wickelgren
1974-01-01

Examples help explain the seven basic mathematical problem-solving methods, including inference, classification of action sequences, working backward, and contradiction

The Colossal Book of Mathematics - Martin Gardner 2001

The author presents a selection of pieces from his Scientific American "Mathematical Games" column, presenting puzzles and concepts that range from arithmetic and geometrical games to the meaning of M.C. Escher's artwork.

The Master Book of Mathematical Recreations - Fred Schuh 2015-11-11

Praised for its "exceptionally good value" by the Journal of Recreational Mathematics, this book offers fun-filled insights into many fields of mathematics. The brainteasers include original puzzles as well as new approaches to classic conundrums. A vast assortment of challenges features domino puzzles, the game of noughts and crosses, games of encirclement, sliding movement puzzles, subtraction games, puzzles in mechanics, games with piles of matches, a road puzzle with concentric circles, "Catch the Giant," and much more. Detailed solutions show several methods by which a particular problem may be answered, why one method is preferable, and where the others fail. With numerous worked examples, the clear, step-by-step analyses cover how the problem should be approached, including hints and enumeration of possibilities and determination of probabilities, application of the theory of probability, and evaluation of contingencies and mean values. Readers are certain to improve their puzzle-solving strategies as well as their mathematical skills.

Solving Mathematical Problems - Terence Tao
2006-07-28

Authored by a leading name in mathematics, this engaging and clearly presented text leads the

reader through the tactics involved in solving mathematical problems at the Mathematical Olympiad level. With numerous exercises and assuming only basic mathematics, this text is ideal for students of 14 years and above in pure mathematics.

Tensors, Differential Forms, and Variational Principles - David Lovelock 2012-04-20

Incisive, self-contained account of tensor analysis and the calculus of exterior differential forms, interaction between the concept of invariance and the calculus of variations. Emphasis is on analytical techniques. Includes problems.

Amusements in Mathematics - Henry Ernest Dudeney 2022-09-16

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Paradoxes in Mathematics - Stanley J. Farlow 2014-04-23

Compiled by a prominent educator and author, this volume presents an intriguing mix of mathematical paradoxes — phenomena with surprising outcomes that can be resolved mathematically. Students and puzzle enthusiasts will get plenty of enjoyment mixed with a bit of painless mathematical instruction from 30 conundrums, including The Birthday Paradox, Aristotle's Magic Wheel, and A Greek Tragedy.

Mathematical Recreations - Maurice Kraitchik
2006-01-01

Ranging from ancient Greek and Roman problems to the most modern applications of special mathematical techniques for amusement, this popular volume contains material to delight both beginners and advanced mathematicians. Its 250 lively puzzles, problems, situations, and demonstrations of recreational mathematics feature full solutions and analyses. Fifty-seven highly unusual historic problems are derived from ancient Greek, medieval European, Arabic, and Hindu sources. Other problems are based on "mathematics without numbers," geometry, topology, the calendar, arithmetic, and the

mathematics of chess moves. Fifty pages comprise numerical pastimes built out of figurate numbers, Mersenne numbers, Fermat numbers, cyclic numbers, automorphic numbers, and prime numbers; probability problems are also fully analyzed. More than forty pages are devoted to magic squares, and the concluding portion of the book presents more than twenty-five new positional and permutational games of permanent value. A discussion of fairy chess is followed by rules and procedural information on latruncles, go, reversi, jinx, ruma, lasca, tricolor, four-story towers, tetrachrome, and other games. More than a collection of wonderful puzzles, this volume offers a thorough, rigorous, and entertaining sampler of recreational mathematics, highlighted by numerous insights into specialized fields.

The Statistical Analysis of Experimental Data - John Mandel 2012-06-08

First half of book presents fundamental mathematical definitions, concepts, and facts while remaining half deals with statistics primarily as an interpretive tool. Well-written text, numerous worked examples with step-by-step presentation. Includes 116 tables.

Puzzle Box, Volume 1 - Peter Grabarchuk 2016-11-16

Multiplying my age by 6 then subtracting 6 produces the same result as subtracting 7 from my age then multiplying by 7. How old am I? On my broken calculator with keys $+$ $-$ \div \times $=$, the only functional number is 7. How can I get 34 to appear in the readout? A country mints four denominations of coins, in whole numbers of cents. It takes four of these coins to make 21¢, or 24¢, or 25¢, or 26¢. What are the denominations of the coins? These and almost 300 other mathematical puzzles appear in this original collection, devised by world-renowned mathematicians, puzzle creators, and devoted puzzle lovers. A unique puzzle project, it unites the efforts of a dozen authors, including software engineer Andrea Gilbert and Bram Cohen, author of the P2P BitTorrent protocol. Seventeen different types of challenges include 3-D puzzles, chess puzzles, connections, dissections, foldings, geometrical puzzles, logic problems, matchstick puzzles, mazes, moving pieces, number puzzles, put-togethers, strimko, sudoku, visual puzzles, weightings, and word puzzles. The difficulty level

of each puzzle is marked by stars, ranging from 2 to 5. Average difficulty level is about 3 stars, promising puzzle enthusiasts many entrancing hours of solving and enjoyment.

Challenging Mathematical Teasers - James Alston Hope Hunter 1980-01-01

100 tough story teasers for the jaded. More difficult algebraically than typical puzzles, and ideal for confirmed puzzle fanatic, but appendices help less experienced. Step-by-step solutions to all 100 puzzles. Also 40 new alphametics — solvable by simple arithmetic and logical reasoning — with answers, and two sample solutions.

Adventures In Recreational Mathematics (In 2 Volumes) - David Singmaster 2021-09-21

David Singmaster believes in the presentation and teaching of mathematics as recreation. When the Rubik's Cube took off in 1978, based on thinly disguised mathematics, he became seriously interested in mathematical puzzles which would provide mental stimulation for students and professional mathematicians. He has not only published the standard mathematical solution for the Rubik's cube still in use today, but he has also become the de facto scribe and noted chronicler of the recreational mathematics puzzles themselves. Dr Singmaster is also an ongoing lecturer of recreational mathematics around the globe, a noted mechanical puzzle collector, owner of thousands of books related to recreational mathematical puzzles and the 'go to' source for the history of individual mathematical puzzles. This set of two books provides readers with an adventure into previously unknown origins of ancient puzzles, which could be traced back to their Medieval, Chinese, Arabic and Indian sources. The puzzles are fully described, many with illustrations, adding interest to their history and relevance to contemporary mathematical concepts. These are musings of a respected historian of recreational mathematics.

Math through the Ages: A Gentle History for Teachers and Others Expanded Second Edition - William P. Berlinghoff 2020-05-05

'Math through the Ages' is a treasure, one of the best history of math books at its level ever written. Somehow, it manages to stay true to a surprisingly sophisticated story, while respecting the needs of its audience. Its overview of the

subject captures most of what one needs to know, and the 30 sketches are small gems of exposition that stimulate further exploration. -- Glen van Brummelen, Quest University, President (2012-14) of the Canadian Society for History and Philosophy of Mathematics Where did math come from? Who thought up all those algebra symbols, and why? What is the story behind 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.

Number Systems and the Foundations of Analysis - Elliott Mendelson 2008

Geared toward undergraduate and beginning graduate students, this study explores natural numbers, integers, rational numbers, real numbers, and complex numbers. Numerous exercises and appendixes supplement the text. 1973 edition.

Mathematical Bafflers - Angela Dunn 1980-05
Over 155 truly challenging conundrums for the expert puzzlist. Algebraic amusements, geometric exercises, diophantine diversions, problems in logic and deduction, probability posers, insight puzzles, and assorted number theory problems. Advanced mathematical skills are only sporadically required, the majority of problems are accessible to just about anyone. 130 woodcut illustrations by Ed Kysar.

Challenging Math Problems - Terry Stickels

2015-10-21

"Fun and highly formidable math problems and puzzles from noted puzzle creator Terry Stickels." — Window on Resources Two friends wish to meet for breakfast twice a month throughout the year. In how many ways can they choose those two days so that they never meet on consecutive days? You want to measure 30 seconds and you have two pieces of string, each of which burns for 40 seconds. How can you accomplish this without bending, folding, or cutting the strings? A positive whole number is divisible by 3 and also by 5. When the number is divided by 7, the remainder is 5. What is the smallest number that could work? These are but a few of this book's assembly of the most challenging puzzles imaginable — and they require no background in higher math, just good thinking skills. Terry Stickels, a well-known puzzle-maker, has compiled 101 of some of the best and most entertaining problems ever published. All of the challenges, which range from probability puzzles to dice games, have two things in common: each offers the "Aha!" moment of discovery that puzzle-solvers love, and they're all fun. Complete solutions for all puzzles explain every detail.

Famous Problems of Geometry and How to Solve Them - Benjamin Bold 2012-05-11

Delve into the development of modern mathematics and match wits with Euclid, Newton, Descartes, and others. Each chapter explores an individual type of challenge, with commentary and practice problems. Solutions.

Mental Gymnastics - Dick Hess 2011-06-16

Ready for a challenge? These puzzles offer a workout for your mathematical thinking processes along with your aptitude for logic and insight and your grasp of geometrical and analytical concepts. They'll test your perseverance, too! Suitable for dedicated puzzlists ages 12 and older, these 123 brainteasers vary in difficulty, ranging from playful puzzles involving games to tough questions of probability. Complete solutions appear at the end.

Intriguing Mathematical Problems - Oswald Jacoby 2013-05-23

Treasury of challenging brainteasers includes puzzles involving numbers, letters, probability, reasoning, more: The Enterprising Snail, The Fly and the Bicycles, The Lovesick Cockroaches,

many others. No advanced math needed. Solutions.

The Puzzling Adventures of Dr. Ecco - Dennis Elliott Shasha 1998-01-01

Join math detective in solving nearly 40 puzzles inspired by methods in computer science and mathematics. The Tower of Lego, Odd Doors Problem, Spies and Double Agents, many more. Solutions.

100 Great Problems of Elementary

Mathematics - Heinrich Dörrie 2013-04-09

Problems that beset Archimedes, Newton, Euler, Cauchy, Gauss, Monge, Steiner, and other great mathematical minds. Features squaring the circle, pi, and similar problems. No advanced math is required. Includes 100 problems with proofs.

Methods of Applied Mathematics - Francis B. Hildebrand 2012-06-08

This invaluable book offers engineers and physicists working knowledge of a number of mathematical facts and techniques not commonly treated in courses in advanced calculus, but nevertheless extremely useful when applied to typical problems in many different fields. It deals principally with linear algebraic equations, quadratic and Hermitian forms, operations with vectors and matrices, the calculus of variations, and the formulations and theory of linear integral equations. Annotated problems and exercises accompany each chapter.

Short-cut Math - Gerard W. Kelly 1984-04-01

Can you multiply $362 \times .5$ quickly in your head? Could you readily calculate the square of 41? How much is 635 divided by 2? Can 727,648 be evenly divided by 8? If any of these questions took you more than a few seconds to solve, you need this book. Short-Cut Math is a concise, remarkably clear compendium of about 150 math short-cuts ? timesaving tricks that provide faster, easier ways to add, subtract, multiply, and divide. By using the simple foolproof methods in this volume, you can double or triple your calculation speed ? even if you always hated math in school. Here's a sampling of the amazingly effective techniques you will learn in minutes: Adding by 10 Groups; No-Carry Addition; Subtraction Without Borrowing; Multiplying by Aliquot Parts; Test for Divisibility by Odd and Even Numbers; Simplifying Dividends

and Divisors; Fastest Way to Add or Subtract Any Pair of Fractions; Multiplying and Dividing with Mixed Numbers, and more. The short-cuts in this book require no special math ability. If you can do ordinary arithmetic, you will have no trouble with these methods. There are no complicated formulas or unfamiliar jargon ? no long drills or exercises. For each problem, the author provides an explanation of the method and a step-by-step solution. Then the short-cut is applied, with a proof and an explanation of why it works.

Students, teachers, businesspeople, accountants, bank tellers, check-out clerks ? anyone who uses numbers and wishes to increase his or her speed and arithmetical agility, can benefit from the clear, easy-to-follow techniques given here.

How to Solve Mathematical Problems - Wayne A. Wickelgren 2012-04-19

Seven problem-solving techniques include inference, classification of action sequences, subgoals, contradiction, working backward, relations between problems, and mathematical representation. Also, problems from mathematics, science, and engineering with complete solutions.

Playing with Infinity - Rózsa Péter 2012-04-04

Popular account ranges from counting to mathematical logic and covers many concepts related to infinity: graphic representation of functions; pairings, other combinations; prime numbers; logarithms, circular functions; more. 216 illustrations.

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Mathematics - Bonnie Averbach 2012-03-15

Fascinating approach to mathematical teaching stresses use of recreational problems, puzzles, and games to teach critical thinking. Logic, number and graph theory, games of strategy, much more. Includes answers to selected problems. Free solutions manual available for download at the Dover website.

My Best Mathematical and Logic Puzzles - Martin Gardner 2013-04-10

The noted expert selects 70 of his favorite "short" puzzles, including such mind-bogglers as The Returning Explorer, The Mutilated Chessboard, Scrambled Box Tops, and dozens more involving logic and basic math. Solutions included.

Recreations in the Theory of Numbers - Albert H. Beiler 1964-01-01

Number theory proves to be a virtually inexhaustible source of intriguing puzzle problems. Includes divisors, perfect numbers, the congruences of Gauss, scales of notation, the Pell equation, more. Solutions to all problems.

Book of Curious and Interesting Puzzles -

David Wells 2006

"Of immense interest to those who enjoy recreational maths and puzzles . . . even the most hardened puzzler will find something new."
-- Mathematical Gazette
Puzzles are as old as history itself, following an arc like that of technology: centuries of slow progress, followed by rapid expansion in the 1800s, and an explosion of activity in the twentieth century. This collection by bestselling author David Wells, a Cambridge math scholar and teacher, follows that pattern. Its first part is devoted to puzzles from ancient Egypt and Babylon and subsequent sources, featuring those devised by Lewis Carroll, Eduard Lucas, Sam Loyd, and other master puzzlers of the Victorian era. The second part demonstrates the tremendous variety of twentieth-century puzzles. More than 560 puzzles are included, from the "mind sharpeners" of a medieval monk to the eighteenth-century Ladies' Diary, the Hindu Bhakshali manuscript, and riddles and popular rhymes. None requires any mathematics beyond the most elementary algebra and geometry -- and few require even

that. Complete answers appear at the end.

Another Fine Math You've Got Me Into... - Ian Stewart 2004-01-01

Presents a collection of mathematical curiosities and puzzles.

Problem Solving Through Recreational Mathematics - Bonnie Averbach 2000-01-01

Many of the most important mathematical concepts were developed from recreational problems. This book uses problems, puzzles, and games to teach students how to think critically. It emphasizes active participation in problem solving, with emphasis on logic, number and graph theory, games of strategy, and much more. Includes answers to selected problems. Index. 1980 edition.

Mathematical Snapshots - H. Steinhaus 2012-07-12

Numerous photographs and diagrams explain mathematical phenomena in series of thought-provoking expositions. From simple puzzles to more advanced problems, topics include psychology of lottery players, new and larger prime numbers, and more. 391 illustrations.

Mathematics and Chess - Miodrag Petkovi? 1997-01-01

99 puzzles built around the chessboard. Arithmetical and probability problems, chessboard recreations, geometrical puzzles, mathematical amusements and games, more. Solutions.