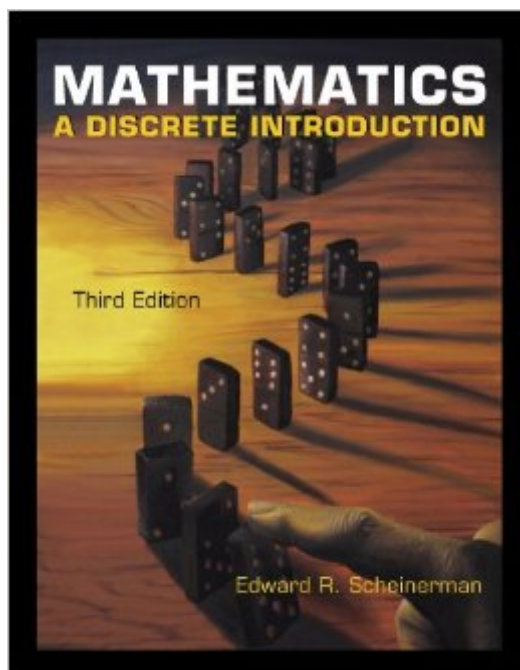


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Customer Reviews

This book is an excellent introduction to discrete mathematics. It covers the art of mathematical proof (particularly as applied to discrete mathematics) and provides an introduction to every major branch of discrete math (or at least those that can truly be taught in an introductory sense). Having used this text as both a student (1st ed.) and an instructor (2nd ed.), I would say that the major strengths and weaknesses are as follows: Strengths: The major strengths of this text are its emphasis on proof-writing, and the problems which cover both the basics of an area of discrete

math or proof writing technique, as well as some more subtle points. Its coverage of the different branches of discrete mathematics is excellent for an introductory book, but is necessarily far less in depth than an introductory book focused on any single topic (e.g. an introductory text on algebra, or graph theory, etc.). Weaknesses: The most frequent complaint I had as an instructor was that the text did not go particularly deep into any branch of math. The second most frequent complaint was that the text spent too long on teaching proof styles, particularly inductive proof. Both of these complaints typically came from more advanced undergraduates (3rd year +) who were used to more focused courses. The complaints are valid, but I think they misjudge the book for what it is intended to do, namely to prepare a student for more advanced courses in discrete math. To be blunt, if you are taking an intro to discrete math course in the same semester as a course on randomized algorithms and wonder why the intro to discrete math book seems so introductory it's probably because you put off taking the course for too long.

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