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要使我国的数学事业更好地发展起来,需要数学家淡泊名利并付出更艰苦地努力。另一方面,我们也要从客观上为数学家创造更有利的发展数学事业的外部环境,这主要是加强对数学事业的支持与投资力度,使数学家有较好的工作与生活条件,其中也包括改善与加强数学的出版工作。

从出版方面来讲,除了较好较快地出版我们自己的成果外,引进国外的先进出版物无疑也是十分重要与必不可少的。从数学来说,施普林格(Springer)出版社至今仍然是世界上最具权威的出版社。科学出版社影印一批他们出版的好的新书,使我国广大数学家能以较低的价格购买,特别是在边远地区工作的数学家能普遍见到这些书,无疑是对推动我国数学的科研与教学十分有益的事。

这次科学出版社购买了版权,一次影印了23本施普林格出版社出版的数学书,就是一件好事,也是值得继续做下去的事情。大体上分一下,这23本书中,包括基础数学书5本,应用数学书6本与计算数学书12本,其中有些书也具有交叉性质。这些书都是很新的,2000年以后出版的占绝大部分,共计16本,其余的也是1990年以后出版的。这些书可以使读者较快地了解数学某方面的前沿,例如基础数学中的数论、代数与拓扑三本,都是由该领域大数学家编著的“数学百科全书”的分册。对从事这方面研究的数学家了解该领域的前沿与全貌很有帮助。按照学科的特点,基础数学类的书以“经典”为主,应用和计算数学类的书以“前沿”为主。这些书的作者多数是国际知名的大数学家,例如《拓扑学》一书的作者诺维科夫是俄罗斯科学院的院士,曾获“菲尔兹奖”和“沃尔夫数学奖”。这些大数学家的著作无疑将会对我国的科研人员起到非常好的指导作用。

当然,23本书只能涵盖数学的一部分,所以,这项工作还应该继续做下去。更进一步,有些读者面较广的好书还应该翻译成中文出版,使之有更大的读者群。

总之,我对科学出版社影印施普林格出版社的部分数学著作这一举措表示热烈的支持,并盼望这一工作取得更大的成绩。

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Preface

The present book is a new revised and updated version of “Number Theory I. Introduction to Number Theory” by Yu.I.Manin and A.A.Panchishkin, appeared in 1989 in Moscow (VINITI Publishers) [Ma-PaM], and in English translation [Ma-Pa] of 1995 (Springer Verlag).

The original book had been conceived as a part of a vast project, “Encyclopaedia of Mathematical Sciences”. Accordingly, our task was to provide a series of introductory essays to various chapters of number theory, leading the reader from illuminating examples of number theoretic objects and problems, through general notions and theories, developed gradually by many researchers, to some of the highlights of modern mathematics and great, sometimes nebulous designs for future generations.

In preparing this new edition, we tried to keep this initial vision intact. We present many precise definitions, but practically no complete proofs. We try to show the logic of number-theoretic thought and the wide context in which various constructions are made, but for detailed study of the relevant materials the reader will have to turn to original papers or to other monographs. Because of lack of competence and/or space, we had to - reluctantly - omit many fascinating developments.

The new sections written for this edition, include a sketch of Wiles’ proof of Fermat’s Last Theorem, and relevant techniques coming from a synthesis of various theories of Part II; the whole Part III dedicated to arithmetical cohomology and noncommutative geometry; a report on point counts on varieties with many rational points; the recent polynomial time algorithm for primality testing, and some others subjects.

For more detailed description of the content and suggestions for further reading, see Introduction.

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Introduction

Among the various branches of mathematics, number theory is characterized to a lesser degree by its primary subject (“integers”) than by a psychological attitude. Actually, number theory also deals with rational, algebraic, and transcendental numbers, with some very specific analytic functions (such as *Dirichlet series* and *modular forms*), and with some geometric objects (such as *lattices* and *schemes over \mathbb{Z}*). The question whether a given article belongs to number theory is answered by its author’s system of values. If arithmetic is not there, the paper will hardly be considered as number-theoretical, even if it deals exclusively with integers and congruences. On the other hand, any mathematical tool, say, homotopy theory or dynamical systems may become an important source of number-theoretical inspiration. For this reason, combinatorics and the theory of recursive functions are not usually associated with number theory, whereas modular functions are.

In this book we interpret number theory broadly. There are compelling reasons to adopt this viewpoint.

First of all, the integers constitute (together with geometric images) one of the primary subjects of mathematics in general. Because of this, the history of elementary number theory is as long as the history of all mathematics, and the history of modern mathematics began when “numbers” and “figures” were united by the concept of coordinates (which in the opinion of I.R.Shafarevich also forms the basic idea of algebra, see [Sha87]).

Moreover, integers constitute the basic universe of discrete symbols and therefore a universe of all logical constructions conceived as symbolic games. Of course, as an act of individual creativity, mathematics does not reduce to logic. Nevertheless, in the collective consciousness of our epoch there does exist an image of mathematics as a potentially complete, immense and precise logical construction. While the unrealistic rigidity of this image is well understood, there is still a strong tendency to keep it alive. The last but not the least reason for this is the computer reality of our time, with its very strict demands on the logical structure of a particular kind of mathematical production: software.

It was a discovery of our century, due to Hilbert and Gödel above all, that the properties of integers are general properties of discrete systems and therefore properties of the world of mathematical reasoning. We understand now that this idea can be stated as a theorem that provability in an arbitrary finitistic formal system is equivalent to a statement about decidability of a system of Diophantine equations (cf. below). This paradoxical fact shows that number theory, being a small part of mathematical knowledge, potentially embraces all this knowledge. If Gauss' famous motto on arithmetic ^{*} needs justification, this theorem can be considered as such.

We had no intention of presenting in this report the whole of number theory. That would be impossible anyway. Therefore, we had to consider the usual choice and organization problems. Following some fairly traditional classification principles, we could have divided the bulk of this book into the following parts:

1. Elementary number theory.
2. Arithmetic of algebraic numbers.
3. Number-theoretical structure of the continuum (approximation theory, transcendental numbers, geometry of numbers Minkowski style, metric number theory etc.).
4. Analytic number theory (circle method, exponential sums, Dirichlet series and explicit formulae, modular forms).
5. Algebraic-geometric methods in the theory of Diophantine equations.
6. Miscellany ("wastebasket").

We preferred, however, a different system, and decided to organize our subject into three large subheadings which shall be described below. Because of our incompetence and/or lack of space we then had to omit many important themes that were initially included into our plan. We shall nevertheless briefly explain its concepts in order to present in a due perspective both this book and subsequent number-theoretical issues of this series.

Part I. Problems and Tricks

The choice of the material for this part was guided by the following principles.

In number theory, like in no other branch of mathematics, a bright young person with a minimal mathematical education can sometimes work wonders using inventive tricks. There are a lot of unsolved elementary problems waiting

"... Mathematik ist die Königin von Wissenschaften und Arithmetik die Königin von Mathematik. ... in allen Relationen sie wird zum ersten Rank erlaubt." -Gauss. ..., cf. e.g. <http://www.geocities.com/RainForest/Vines/2977/gauss/deutsch/quotes.html> ("Mathematics is the queen of sciences and arithmetic the queen of mathematics. She often condescends to render service to astronomy and other natural sciences, but in all relations she is entitled to the first rank." -Gauss. Sartorius von Walterhausen: Gauss zum Gedächtniss. (Leipzig, 1856), p.79.)