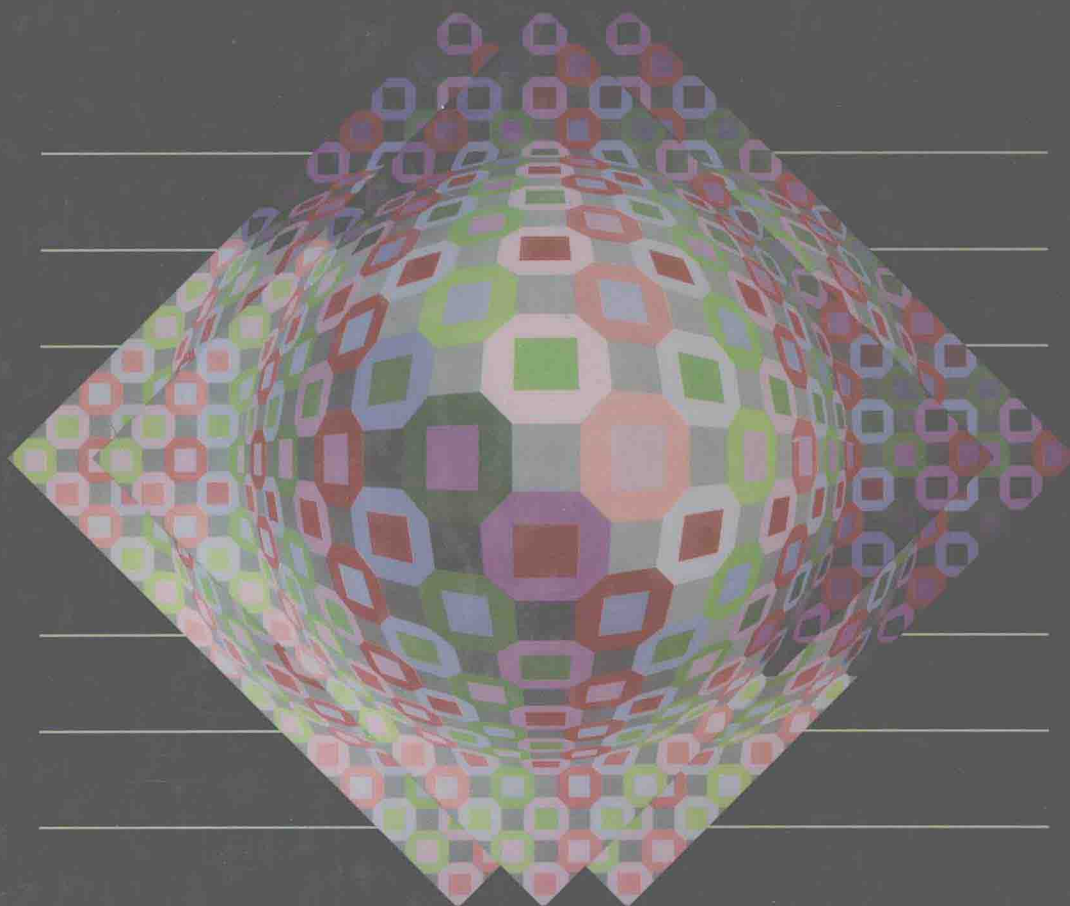


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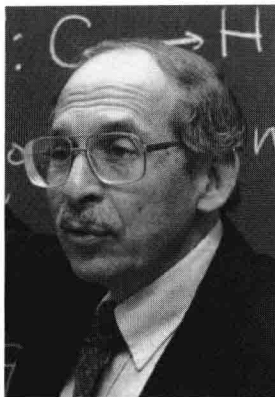
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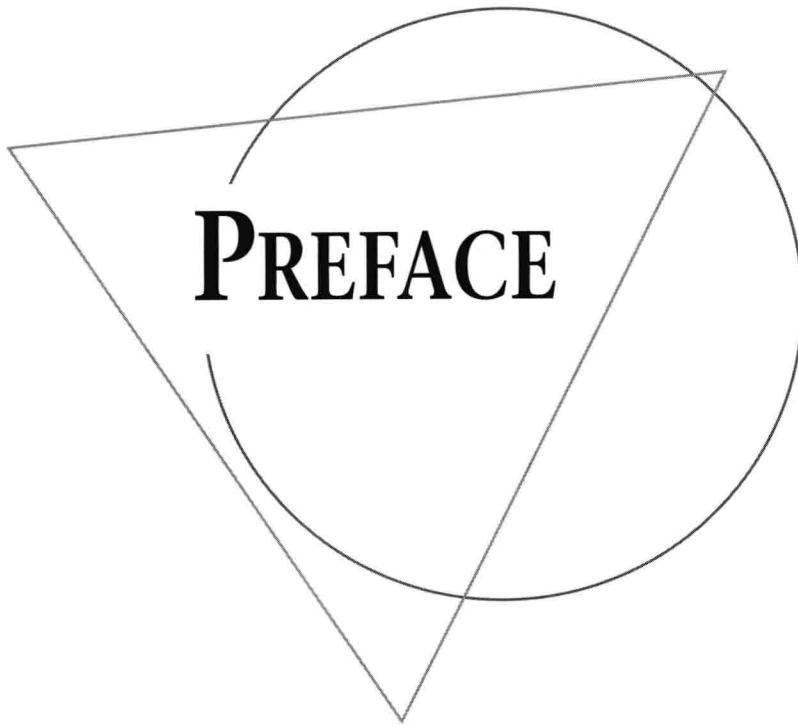
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# PREFACE

Discrete mathematics for computer science is a difficult course to teach and to study at the freshman and sophomore level for several reasons. It is a hybrid course. Its content is mathematics, but many of its applications, and more than half of its students, are from computer science. Thus careful motivation of topics and previews of applications are important and necessary strategies. Moreover, the number of substantive and diverse topics covered in the course is high, so the student must absorb these rather quickly.

## Approach

First, we have limited both the areas covered and the depth of coverage to what we deemed prudent in a *first* course taught at the freshman and sophomore level. We have identified a set of topics that we feel are of genuine use in computer science and that can be presented in a logically coherent fashion. We have presented an introduction to these topics along with an indication of how they can be pursued in greater depth.

For example, we cover the simpler finite-state machines, not Turing machines. We have limited the coverage of abstract algebra to a discussion of semigroups and groups and have given applications of these to the important topics of finite-state machines and error-detecting and error-correcting codes. Error-correcting codes, in turn, have been primarily restricted to simple linear codes.

Second, the material has been organized and interrelated to minimize the mass of definitions and the abstraction of some of the theory. Relations and digraphs are treated as two aspects of the same fundamental mathematical idea, with a directed graph being a pictorial representation of a relation. This fundamental idea is then used as the basis of virtually all the concepts introduced in the book, including functions, partial orders, graphs, and algebraic structures. Whenever possible, each new idea introduced in the text uses previously encountered material and, in turn, is developed in such a way that it simplifies the more complex ideas that follow. Thus partial orders, lattices, and Boolean algebras develop from general relations. This material in turn leads naturally to other algebraic structures.

## What Is New in the Third Edition

We have been very pleased by the warm reception given to the first two editions of this book. We have repeatedly been told that the book works well in the classroom because of the unifying role played by two key concepts: relations and digraphs. Thus we have not drastically interfered with the organization or flow of the material. We have added some more flexibility and modularity while continuing the centrality of relations and digraphs. In preparing this edition, we have incorporated many faculty and student suggestions. Although many changes have been made in this edition, our goal continues to be that of *maximizing the clarity of presentation*. To achieve this goal, the following features have been developed in this edition:

### New Sections Have Been Added on

- ◆ Mathematical Structures (showing similarities and differences in the structure of sets and set operations, integers and integer arithmetic, and matrices and matrix operations).
- ◆ The predicate calculus.
- ◆ Recurrence relations.
- ◆ Functions for computer science.
- ◆ Growth of functions.
- ◆ Minimal spanning trees.
- ◆ A new chapter has been added on Graph Theory.
- ◆ Appendix B, Experiments in Discrete Mathematics, has been added.
- ◆ Coding exercises have been included in each chapter.
- ◆ More material on recursion has been included.
- ◆ More material on logic and methods of proof has been presented.



- ◆ The presentation on permutations and combinations has been expanded.
- ◆ More figures and illustrative examples have been prepared.
- ◆ The Exercise Sets have been revised. Many of the routine exercises have been kept, others of this type have been created, and more emphasis has been placed on exercises asking the student to explain and describe.

## Exercises

The exercises form an integral part of the book. Many are computational in nature, whereas others are of a theoretical type. Many of the latter and the experiments, to be further described below, require verbal solutions. Answers to all odd-numbered exercises appear in the back of the book. Solutions to all exercises appear in the **Instructor's Manual**, which is available (to instructors only) gratis from the publisher. The Instructor's Manual also includes notes on the pedagogical ideas underlying each chapter, goals and grading guidelines for the experiments further described below, and a test bank.

## Experiments

Appendix B contains a number of assignments that we call experiments. These provide an opportunity for discovery and exploration, or a more-in-depth look at various topics discussed in the text. These are suitable for group work. Content prerequisites for each experiment are given in the Instructor's Manual.

## End of Chapter Material

Every chapter contains a summary of Key Ideas for Review and a set of Coding Exercises.

## Content

Chapter 1 contains a miscellany of basic material required in the course. This includes sets, subsets, and their operations; sequences; division in the integers; and matrices. New to this edition is a section on Mathematical Structures, showing the similarities and differences among some of the concepts discussed earlier in the chapter. Chapter 2 covers logic and related material, including methods of proof and mathematical induction. It includes two sections that are new to this edition: Conditional Statements and Methods of Proof. Chapter 3, on counting, deals with permutations, combinations, the pigeonhole principle, elements of probability, and a new section on Recurrence Relations.

Chapter 4 presents basic types and properties of relations, along with their representation as directed graphs. Connections with matrices and other data structures are also explored in this chapter. Chapter 5 deals with the notion of a

function and gives several important examples of functions, including permutations. New to this edition are sections on Functions for Computer Science and Growth of Functions. Chapter 6, new to this edition, provides an elementary introduction to some of the ideas and applications of graph theory. It gives additional flexibility and modularity to the text.

Chapter 7 covers partially ordered sets, including lattices and Boolean algebras. Chapter 8 introduces directed and undirected trees. New to this edition is a section on Minimal Spanning Trees. In Chapter 9 we give the basic theory of semigroups and groups. These ideas are applied in Chapters 10 and 11. Chapter 10 is devoted to finite-state machines. It complements and makes effective use of ideas developed in previous chapters. Chapter 11 treats the subject of binary coding.

Appendix A discusses Algorithms and Pseudocode. The simplified pseudocode presented here is used in some text examples and exercises; these may be omitted without loss of continuity. Appendix B gives a collection of experiments dealing with extensions or previews of topics in various parts of the course.

## Use of This Text

This text can be used by students in mathematics as an introduction to the fundamental ideas of discrete mathematics, and as a foundation for the development of more advanced mathematical concepts. If used in this way, the topics dealing with specific computer science applications can be ignored or selected independently as important examples. The text can also be used in a computer science or computer engineering curriculum to present the foundations of many basic computer-related concepts, and provide a coherent development and common theme for these ideas. The instructor can easily develop a suitable course by referring to the chapter prerequisites, which identify material needed by that chapter.

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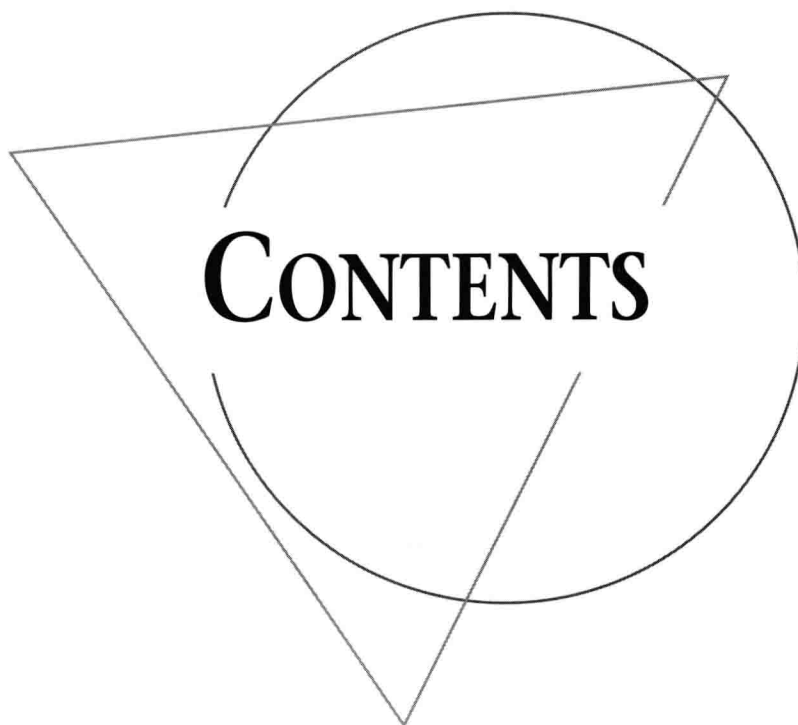
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## CHAPTER 1

# FUNDAMENTALS

### Prerequisites

There are no formal prerequisites for this chapter; the reader is encouraged to read carefully and work through all examples.

In this chapter we introduce some of the basic tools of discrete mathematics. We begin with sets, subsets, and their operations, notions with which you may already be familiar. Next we deal with sequences, using both explicit and recursive patterns. Then we review some of the basic divisibility properties of the integers. Finally, we introduce matrices and their operations. This gives us the background needed to begin our exploration of mathematical structures.

### 1.1. Sets and Subsets

#### Sets

A **set** is any well-defined collection of objects, called the **elements** or **members** of the set. For example, the collection of all wooden chairs, the collection of all one-



legged black birds, or the collection of real numbers between zero and one is each a set. Well defined just means it is possible to decide if a given object belongs to the collection or not. Almost all mathematical objects are first of all sets, regardless of any additional properties that they may possess. Thus, set theory is, in a sense, the foundation on which virtually all of mathematics is constructed. In spite of this, set theory (at least the informal brand we need) is easy to learn and use.

One way of describing a set that has a finite number of elements is by listing the elements of the set between braces. Thus the set of all positive integers that are less than 4 can be written as

$$\{1, 2, 3\}. \quad (1)$$

The order in which the elements of a set are listed is not important. Thus  $\{1, 3, 2\}$ ,  $\{3, 2, 1\}$ ,  $\{3, 1, 2\}$ ,  $\{2, 1, 3\}$ , and  $\{2, 3, 1\}$  are all representations of the set given in (1). Moreover, repeated elements in the *listing* of the elements of a set can be ignored. Thus  $\{1, 3, 2, 3, 1\}$  is another representation of the set given in (1).

We use uppercase letters such as  $A, B, C$  to denote sets and lowercase letters such as  $a, b, c, x, y, z, t$  to denote the members (or elements) of sets.

We indicate the fact that  $x$  is an element of the set  $A$  by writing  $x \in A$ . We also indicate the fact that  $x$  is not an element of  $A$  by writing  $x \notin A$ .

Example 1. Let  $A = \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$ . Then  $1 \in A$ ,  $3 \in A$ , but  $2 \notin A$ . ♦

Sometimes it is inconvenient or impossible to describe a set by listing all its elements. Another useful way to define a set is by specifying a property that the elements of the set have in common. We use the notation  $P(x)$  to denote a sentence or statement  $P$  concerning the variable object  $x$ . The set defined by  $P(x)$ , written  $\{x \mid P(x)\}$  is just the collection of all objects  $x$  for which  $P$  is sensible and true. For example,  $\{x \mid x \text{ is a positive integer less than } 4\}$  is the set  $\{1, 2, 3\}$  described in (1) by listing its elements.

Example 2. The set consisting of all the letters in the word “byte” can be denoted by  $\{b, y, t, e\}$  or by  $\{x \mid x \text{ is a letter in the word “byte”}\}$ . ♦

Example 3. We introduce here several sets and their notations that will be used throughout this book.

(a)  $Z^+ = \{x \mid x \text{ is a positive integer}\}$ .

Thus  $Z^+$  consists of the numbers used for counting:  $1, 2, 3, \dots$

(b)  $N = \{x \mid x \text{ is a positive integer or zero}\}$ .

Thus  $N$  consists of the positive integers and zero:  $0, 1, 2, \dots$

(c)  $Z = \{x \mid x \text{ is an integer}\}$ .

Thus  $Z$  consists of all the integers:  $\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

(d)  $\mathbb{R} = \{x \mid x \text{ is a real number}\}$ .

(e) The set that has no elements in it is denoted either by  $\{ \}$  or the symbol  $\emptyset$  and is called the empty set. ♦

Example 4. Since the square of a real number is always nonnegative,  $\{x \mid x \text{ is a real number and } x^2 = -1\} = \emptyset$ . ♦