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Many people know about Avicenne's medical work include in his book "Al-shafa". Although they know about Avicenne's medical contributions, few realize that he was quite a mathematician. This Persian mathematician's contributions to mathematics (980-1037 A.D.) were significant. His work in arithmetic, algebra and geometry contains much mathematical content to enhance mathematics courses for undergraduate students. In this talk some of Aviceene's mathematics will be examined, and suggestions for inclusion into college courses will be offered. (Received September 15, 2008)