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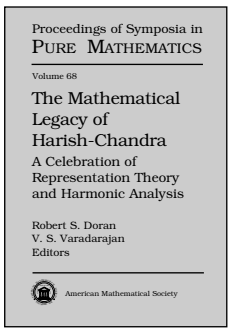

The Mathematical Legacy of Harish-Chandra

A Celebration of Representation Theory and Harmonic Analysis

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Harish-Chandra was a mathematician of great power, vision, and remarkable ingenuity. His profound contributions to the representation theory of Lie groups, harmonic analysis, and related areas left researchers a rich legacy that continues today. This book presents the proceedings of an AMS Special Session entitled, "Representation Theory and Noncommutative Harmonic Analysis: A Special Session Honoring the Memory of Harish-Chandra", which marked 75 years since his birth and 15 years since his untimely death at age 60.

Contributions to the volume were written by an outstanding group of internationally known mathematicians. Included are expository and historical surveys and original research papers. The book also includes talks given at the IAS Memorial Service in 1983 by colleagues who knew Harish-Chandra well. Also reprinted are two articles entitled, "Some Recollections of Harish-Chandra", by A. Borel, and "Harish-Chandra's c-Function: A Mathematical Jewel", by S. Helgason. In addition, an expository paper, "An Elementary Introduction to Harish-Chandra's Work", gives an overview of some of his most basic mathematical ideas with references for further study.

This volume offers a comprehensive retrospective of Harish-Chandra's professional life and work. Personal recollections give the book particular significance. Readers should have an advanced-level background in the representation theory of Lie groups and harmonic analysis.

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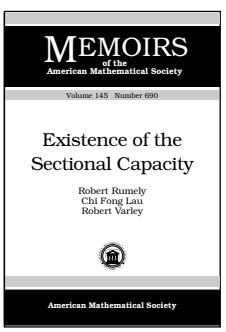

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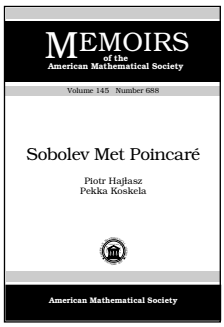

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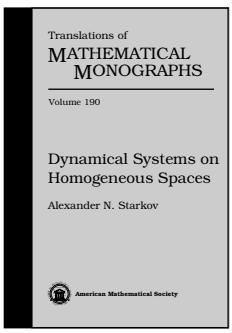

Dynamical Systems on Homogeneous Spaces

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A homogeneous flow is a dynamical system generated by the action of a closed subgroup H of a Lie group G on a homogeneous space of G. The study of such systems is of great significance because they constitute an algebraic model for more general and more complicated systems. Also, there are abundant applications to other fields of mathematics, most notably to number theory.

The present book gives an extensive survey of the subject. In the first chapter the author discusses ergodicity and mixing of homogeneous flows. The second chapter is focused on unipotent flows, for which substantial progress has been made during the last 10–15 years. The culmination of this progress was M. Ratner's celebrated proof of far-reaching conjectures of Raghunathan and Dani. The third chapter is devoted to the dynamics of nonunipotent flows. The final chapter discusses applications of homogeneous flows to number theory, mainly to the theory of Diophantine approximations. In particular, the author describes in detail the famous proof of the Oppenheim-Davenport conjecture using ergodic properties of homogeneous flows.

This item will also be of interest to those working in number theory.

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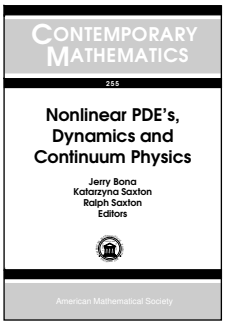

Nonlinear PDE's, Dynamics and Continuum Physics

Jerry Bona, *University of Texas, Austin*, **Katarzyna Saxton**, *Loyola University, New Orleans, LA*, and **Ralph Saxton**, *University of New Orleans, LA*, Editors

This volume contains the refereed proceedings of the conference on Nonlinear Partial Differential Equations, Dynamics and Continuum Physics which was held at Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts, from July 19th to July 23rd, 1998. Models examined derive from a wide range of applications, including elasticity, thermoviscoelasticity, granular media, fluid dynamics, gas dynamics and conservation laws. Mathematical topics include existence theory and stability/instability of traveling waves, asymptotic behavior of solutions to nonlinear wave equations, effects of dissipation, mechanisms of blow-up, well-posedness and regularity, and fractal solutions.

The text will be of interest to graduate students and researchers working in nonlinear partial differential equations and applied mathematics.

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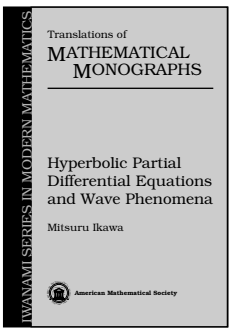

Hyperbolic Partial Differential Equations and Wave Phenomena

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The familiar wave equation is the most fundamental hyperbolic partial differential equation. Other hyperbolic equations, both linear and nonlinear, exhibit many wave-like phenomena. The primary theme of this book is the mathematical investigation of such wave phenomena.

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The book is geared toward a wide audience interested in PDEs. Prerequisite to the text are some real analysis and elementary functional analysis. It would be suitable for use as a text in PDEs or mathematical physics at the advanced undergraduate and graduate level.

This item will also be of interest to those working in mathematical physics.

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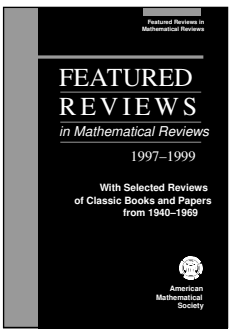

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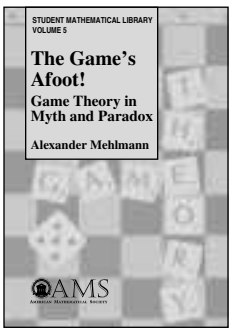

The Game's Afoot! Game Theory in Myth and Paradox

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Reviews of the German edition:

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Through the amusing exposition of the material, overflowing with jokes and general culture, the new book by Alexander Mehlmann has become bedtime reading for me … It is a pleasure to see such things as the Dilemma of the Arms Race, Goethe's Mephisto, the Chain-Store Paradox, and the Madness of Odysseus brought under one game-theoretic roof.

—Eric Lessing (from a translation of What I am reading" in Die Presse

It all started with von Neumann and Morgenstern half a century ago. Their *Theory of Games and Economic Behavior* gave birth to a whole new area of mathematics concerned with the formal problems of rational decision as experienced by multiple agents. Now, game theory is all around us, making its way even into regular conversations. In the present book, Mehlmann presents mathematical foundations and concepts illustrated via social

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The author uses familiar formulas, fables, and paradoxes to guide readers through what he calls the "hall of mirrors of strategic decision-making". His light-hearted excursion into the world of strategic calculation shows that even deep insights into the nature of strategic thought can be elucidated by games, puzzles and diversions.

Originally written in German and published by Vieweg-Verlag, this AMS edition is a translation tailored for the English-speaking reader. It offers an intriguing look at myths and paradoxes through the lens of game theory, bringing the mathematics into sharper focus at the same time. This book is a must for those who wish to consider game theory from a different perspective: one that embraces science, literature, and real-life conflict.

The Game's Afoot! would make an excellent book for an undergraduate course in game theory. It can also be used for independent study or as supplementary course reading. The connections to literature, films and everyday life also make it highly suitable as a text for a challenging course for non-majors. Its refreshing style and amusing combination of game theoretic analysis and cultural issues even make it appealing as recreational reading.

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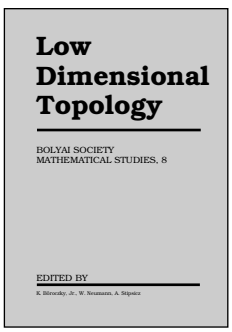

Low Dimensional Topology

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This proceedings volume contains the notes of five lectures given at the Summer School on Low Dimensional Topology held at the Hungarian Institute of Sciences (Budapest). Topics discussed and presented in this book are "Differential Topology of 4-dimensional Manifolds" by J. Morgan, "The Link of Surface Singularities" by A. Némethi, "Nonpositively Curved Spaces" by M. Davis, "Geometry of 3-manifolds" by W. D. Neumann, and "Some Topological Invariants of Isolated Hypersurface Singularities" by A. Némethi. Each lecture was accompanied by tutorials presenting important examples for the presented theory.

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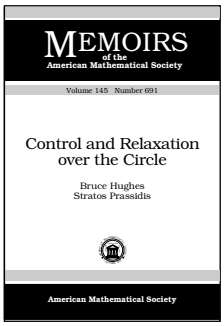

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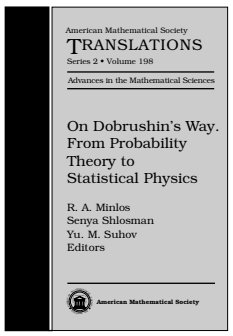

On Dobrushin's Way. From Probability Theory to Statistical Physics

R. A. Minlos, *Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia*, **Senya Shlosman**, *CPT/CNRS, Marseille, France*, and **Yu. M. Suhov**, *Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow*, Editors

R. Dobrushin worked in several branches of mathematics (probability theory, information theory), but his deepest influence was on mathematical physics. He was one of the founders of the rigorous study of statistical physics. When Dobrushin began working in that direction in the early sixties, only a few people worldwide were thinking along the same lines. Now there is an army of researchers in the field. This collection is devoted to the memory of R.L. Dobrushin. The authors who contributed to this collection knew him quite well and were his colleagues.

The title, "On Dobrushin's Way", is meant to stress the fact that the current development of mathematical physics is evolving along the lines that Dobrushin foresaw. His ideas and methods are extensively employed today.

Beyond research papers, this volume contains a short biography. Recollections from his contemporaries and younger colleagues are also included. This short biographical section sketches for readers a bit of Dobrushin's personality.

Contents: N. Angelescu, **R. A. Minlos**, and **V. A. Zagrebnov**, The lower spectral branch of the generator of the stochastic dynamics for the classical Heisenberg model; **C. Boldrighini**, **R. A. Minlos**, and **A. Pellegrinotti**, Random walk in a fluctuating random environment with Markov evolution; **S. Brassesco**, **E. Presutti**, **V. Sidoravicius**, and **M. E. Vares**, Ergodicity and exponential convergence of a Glauber+Kawasaki process; **A. van Enter**, **C. Maes**, **R. H. Schonmann**, and **S. Shlosman**, The Griffiths singularity random field; **A. van Enter**, **C. Maes**, and **S. Shlosman**, Dobrushin's program on Gibbsianity restoration: Weakly Gibbs and almost Gibbs random fields; **G. L. Eyink** and **H. Spohn**, Space-time invariant states of the ideal gas with finite number, energy, and entropy density; **B. M. Gurevich** and **A. A. Tempelman**, Hausdorff dimension and pressure in the DLR thermodynamic formalism; **V. Yu. Kaloshin** and **Ya. G. Sinai**, Nonsymmetric simple random walks along orbits of ergodic automorphisms; **F. I. Karpelevich**, **E. A. Pechersky**, and **Yu. M. Suhov**, The Cramér transform and large deviations on three-dimensional Lobachevsky space; **F. I. Karpelevich** and **A. N. Rybko**, Thermodynamical limit for symmetric closed queuing networks; **V. A. Malyshev**, Random infinite spin graph evolution; **F. Martinelli**, An elementary approach to finite size conditions for the decay of covariances in lattice spin models; **S. Nanda**, **C. M. Newman**, and **D. L. Stein**, Dynamics of Ising spin systems at zero temperature; **S. A. Pirogov**, Peierls argument for the anisotropic Ising model; **M. Zahradník**, Contour methods and Pirogov-Sinai theory for continuous spin lattice models; **R. Minlos**, **A. M. Vershik**, **N. D. Vvedenskaya**, **Yu. D. Apresyan**, **S. Gindikin**, **V. M. Tikhomirov**, **Yu. Suhov**, **L. N. Vaserstein**, **M.-F. Chen**, and **S. Shlosman**, Recollections.

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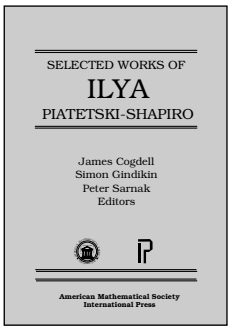
Number Theory



Selected Works of Ilya Piatetski-Shapiro

James Cogdell, *Oklahoma State University, Stillwater*, **Simon Gindikin**, *Rutgers University, Piscataway, NJ*, and **Peter Sarnak**, *Princeton University, NJ*, Editors

This selection of papers of I. Piatetski-Shapiro represents almost 50 years of his mathematical activity. Included are many of his major papers in harmonic analysis, number theory, discrete groups, bounded homogeneous domains, algebraic geometry, automorphic forms, and automorphic L-functions.

The papers in the volume are intended as a representative and accurate reflection of both the breadth and depth of Piatetski-Shapiro's work in mathematics. Some of his early works, such as those on the prime number theorem and on sets of uniqueness for trigonometric series, appear for the first time in English. Also included are several commentaries by his close colleagues. This volume offers an elegant representation of the contributions made by this renowned mathematician.

This item will also be of interest to those working in algebra and algebraic geometry.

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discrete groups; *Bounded homogeneous domains:* **I. I. Piatetski-Shapiro**, Some questions of harmonic analysis in homogeneous cones; **I. I. Piatetskii-Shapiro**, On a problem proposed by E. Cartan; **I. Pyateckiĭ-Šapiro**, Classification of bounded homogeneous domains in n-dimensional complex space; **I. Pjatetskiĭ-Šapiro**, Bounded homogeneous domains in n-dimensional complex space; **I. Pjateckiĭ-Šapiro**, Regions of the type of the upper half-plane in the theory of functions of several complex variables; **B. Vinberg**, **S. G. Gindikin**, and **I. I. Pjateckiĭ-Šapiro**, Classification and canonical realization of complex bounded homogeneous domains; **S. Gindikin**, The work of Piatetski-Shapiro on complex homogeneous bounded domains; *Applied Mathematics:* **I. I. Pyatetskii-Shapiro**, **O. N. Stavskaya**, and **A. L. Toom**, Automatic control in biological systems; **J. Cogdell** and **S. Gindikin**, Piatetski-Shapiro's work in applied mathematics; *Algebraic geometry:* **I. I. Pjateckiĭ-Šapiro** and **I. R. Šafarevič**, A Torelli theorem for algebraic surfaces of type $K3$; **I. I. Pjateckiĭ-Šapiro**, Interrelations between the Tate and Hodge conjectures for abelian varieties; **I. I. Pjateckiĭ-Šapiro** and **I. R. Šafarevič**, The arithmetic of K3 surfaces; **P. Deligne**, On the algebraic geometry papers of Piatetski-Shapiro; *Automorphic L-functions:* **I. I. Pjateckij-Šapiro**, On the Weil-Jacquet-Langlands theorem; **I. I. Pjateckij-Šapiro**, Euler subgroups; **S. S. Gelbart** and **I. I. Piatetski-Shapiro**, Automorphic L-functions of half-integral weight; **I. Piatetski-Shapiro**, Tate theory for reductive groups and distinguished representations; **H. Jacquet**, **I. I. Piatetski-Shapiro**, and **J. Shalika**, Automorphic forms on GL(3) I; **H. Jacquet**, **I. I. Piatetski-Shapiro**, and **J. Shalika**, Automorphic forms on GL(3) II; **H. Jacquet**, **I. I. Piatetski-Shapiro**, and **J. Shalika**, Relèvement cubique non normal; **H. Jacquet**, **I. I. Piatetskii-Shapiro**, and **J. A. Shalika**, Rankin-Selberg convolutions; **I. Piatetski-Shapiro** and **S. Rallis**, L-functions of automorphic forms on simple classical groups; **S. J. Patterson** and **I. I. Piatetski-Shapiro**, A cubic analogue of the cuspidal theta representations; **I. Piatetski-Shapiro** and **S. Rallis**, A new way to get Euler products; **I. Piatetski-Shapiro**, **S. Rallis**, and **G. Schiffmann**, L functions for the group G_2; **J. W. Cogdell** and **I. I. Piatetski-Shapiro**, Converse theorems for GL_n; **J. Cogdell**, **S. Gelbart**, and **S. Rallis**, The work of Piatetski-Shapiro on L-functions; *Theta lifts and applications to generalized Ramanujan conjectures:* **R. Howe** and **I. I. Piatetski-Shapiro** A counterexample to the "Generalized Ramanujan conjecture" for (quasi-) split groups; **I. Piatetski-Shapiro**, Cuspidal automorphic representations associated to parabolic subgroups and Ramanujan conjecture; **I. I. Piatetski-Shapiro**, On the Saito-Kurokawa lifting; **J.-S. Li**, **I. Piatetski-Shapiro**, and **P. Sarnak**, Poincaré series for $SO(n,1)$; **J. W. Cogdell** and **I. I. Piatetski-Shapiro**, Unitarity and functoriality; **R. Howe** and **P. Sarnak**, Theta lifts and applications to generalized Ramanujan conjectures.

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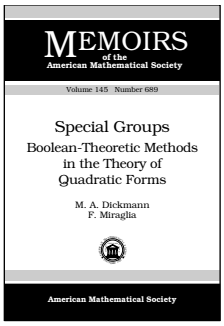

Special Groups

Boolean-Theoretic Methods in the Theory of Quadratic Forms

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This item will also be of interest to those working in algebra and algebraic geometry.

Contents: Special groups; Pfister forms, saturated subgroups and quotients; The space of orders of a reduced group. Duality; Boolean algebras and reduced special groups; Embeddings; Special groups of continuous functions; Horn-Tarski and Stiefel-Whitney invariants; Algebraic K-theory of fields and special groups; Marshall's conjecture for pythagorean fields; The category of special groups; Some model theory of special groups; Appendix A. The universal theory of reduced special groups; Appendix B. Table of references for [DM1] and [DM2]; Bibliography; Index.

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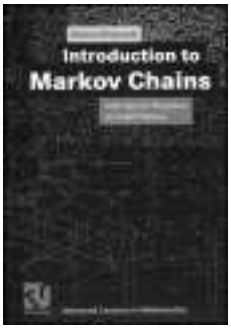
Probability



Introduction to Markov Chains

With Special Emphasis on Rapid Mixing

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What is a Markov chain? What methods are there for proving that a given chain is rapidly mixing? Why should it be interesting to know these things? The purpose of this book is to answer these three questions. It is written for readers who have never before met Markov chains, but have some familiarity with elementary probability theory and linear algebra.

This book starts with a naive description of a Markov chain as a memoryless random walk on a finite set. This is complemented by a rigorous definition in the framework of probability theory. The most important results from the theory of homogeneous Markov chains on finite state spaces are then developed.

Here, chains are called rapidly mixing if all of the associated walks, regardless of where they began, behave similarly after comparatively few steps: that is, it is impossible from observing the chain to get information on the starting position or the number of steps so far. To investigate this phenomenon, the author thoroughly discusses methods proposed in recent

decades. Many examples are included to illustrate methods applied in the book.

The book is self-contained with emphasis on extensive motivation of the ideas. The exposition is complemented by many exercises.

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Vieweg Advanced Lectures in Mathematics

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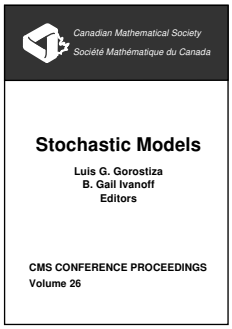

Stochastic Models

Luis G. Gorostiza, *Centro de Investigacion y de Estudios Avanzados, Mexico City, Mexico*, and **B. Gail Ivanoff**, *University of Ottawa, ON, Canada*, Editors

This book presents the refereed proceedings of the International Conference on Stochastic Models held in Ottawa (ON, Canada) in honor of Professor Donald A. Dawson. Contributions to the volume were written by students and colleagues of Professor Dawson, many of whom are eminent researchers in their own right.

A main theme of the book is the development and study of the Dawson-Watanabe "superprocess", a fundamental building block in modelling interaction particle systems undergoing reproduction and movement. The volume also contains an excellent review article by Professor Dawson and a complete list of his work.

This comprehensive work offers a wide assortment of articles on Markov processes, branching processes, mathematical finance, filtering, queueing networks, time series, and statistics. It should be of interest to a broad mathematical audience.

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Previously Announced Publications

The Arithmetic and Geometry of Algebraic Cycles

B. Brent Gordon, *University of Oklahoma, Norman*, **James D. Lewis**, *University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, Canada*, **Stefan Müller-Stach**, *Universität Essen, Germany*, **Shuji Saito**, *Tokyo Institute of Technology, Oh-Okayama, Meguro-ku, Japan*, and **Noriko Yui**, *Queen's University, Kingston, ON, Canada*, Editors

The NATO ASI/CRM Summer School at Banff offered a unique, full, and in-depth account of the topic, ranging from introductory courses by leading experts to discussions of the latest developments by all participants. The papers have been organized into three categories: cohomological methods; Chow groups and motives; and arithmetic methods.

The immense recent progress in the theory of algebraic cycles is based on its many interactions with several other areas of mathematics. This conference was the first to focus on both arithmetic and geometric aspects of algebraic cycles. It brought

together leading experts to speak from their various points of view. A unique opportunity was created to explore and view the depth and the breadth of the subject. This volume presents the intriguing results. This item will also be of interest to those working in number theory.

CRM Proceedings & Lecture Notes, Volume 24

January 2000, 432 pages, Softcover, ISBN 0-8218-1954-2, LC 99-057916, 2000 *Mathematics Subject Classification*: 11Gxx, 14C30, 14C35, 14C25, 14C17, 14F05, 14F10, 14F42, 14F43, 14F20, 14G35, 19Dxx, 19Fxx, **Individual member $66**, List $110, Institutional member $88, Order code CRMP/24RT004

Discrete Mathematical Chemistry

Pierre Hansen, *GERARD, Montreal, PQ, Canada*, **Patrick Fowler**, *University of Exeter, England*, and **Maolin Zheng**, *Lexis-Nexis, Mianmisburg, OH*, Editors

This volume contains the proceedings from the first DIMACS meeting on discrete mathematical chemistry held at Rutgers University (New Brunswick, NJ). The contributions reflect the presentations and spotlight the breadth of current research on the topic. Much of the volume reflects the combined mathematical and physical interest in the new molecules, fullerenes.

The interdisciplinary nature of the contributions pays testament to the fact that "real" chemistry and "real" mathematics do indeed interact.

This item will also be of interest to those working in discrete mathematics and combinatorics.

DIMACS: Series in Discrete Mathematics and Theoretical Computer Science, Volume 51

June 2000, 392 pages, Hardcover, ISBN 0-8218-0987-3, LC 99-059470, 2000 *Mathematics Subject Classification*: 05C50; 92E10, **Individual member $59**, List $99, Institutional member $79, Order code DIMACS/51RT004

Independent Study

The Semicircle Law, Free Random Variables and Entropy

Fumio Hiai, *Tohoku University, Aoba-ku, Sendai, Japan*, and **Dénes Petz**, *Technical University of Budapest, Hungary*

The book treats free probability theory, which has been extensively developed since the early eighties. The emphasis is put on entropy and the random matrix model approach. It is a unique presentation demonstrating the extensive interrelation between the topics.

The book is the first essentially full-scale presentation on free probability theory and includes improvements of results and proofs in current literature. The combinatorial aspects of the specialized topics are emphasized; many examples are given. The book would be a suitable text for graduate courses in free probability theory.

This item will also be of interest to those working in analysis.

Mathematical Surveys and Monographs, Volume 77

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KP or mKP

Noncommutative Mathematics of Lagrangian, Hamiltonian, and Integrable Systems

Boris A. Kupershmidt, *University of Tennessee Space Institute, Tullahoma*

This book develops a theory that can be viewed as a noncommutative counterpart of the following topics: dynamical systems in general and integrable systems in particular; Hamiltonian formalism; variational calculus, both in continuous space and discrete. The text is self-contained and includes a large number of exercises. Many different specific models are analyzed extensively and motivations for the new notions are provided.

Mathematical Surveys and Monographs, Volume 78

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Independent Study

Essays on Numbers and Figures

V. V. Prasolov, *Independent University of Moscow, Russia*

This is the English translation of the book originally published in Russian. It contains 20 essays, each dealing with a separate mathematical topic. The topics range from brilliant mathematical statements with interesting proofs, to simple and effective methods of problem-solving, to interesting properties of polynomials, to exceptional points of the triangle. Many of the topics have a long and interesting history. The author has lectured on them to students worldwide.

Mathematical World, Volume 16

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