

Reference and Book List

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Upcoming Deadlines

January 15, 2014: Applications for AMS-AAAS Mass Media Summer Fellowships. See the website <http://www.aaas.org/programs/education/MassMedia>; or contact Dione Rossiter, Manager, Mass Media Program, AAAS Mass Media Science and Engineering Fellows

Program, 1200 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20005; telephone 202-326-6645; fax 202-371-9849; email drossite@aaas.org. Further information is also available at <http://www.ams.org/programs/ams-fellowships/media-fellow/massmediafellow> and through the AMS Washington Office, 1527 Eighteenth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036; telephone 202-588-1100; fax 202-588-1853; email amsdc@ams.org.

January 23, 2014: Full proposals for NSF Major Research Instrumentation Program. See <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2013/nsf13517/nsf13517.htm>.

January 31, 2014: Nominations for CAIMS/PIMS Early Career Award. See <http://www.pims.math.ca/pims-glance/prizes-awards>.

January 31, 2014: Entries for AWM Essay Contest. Contact the contest organizer, Heather Lewis, at hlewis5@naz.edu, or see <https://sites.google.com/site/awmmath/home>.

February 1, May 1, August 1, November 1, 2014: Applications for February, May, August, November reviews for National Academies Research Associateship Programs. See the website <http://sites.nsf.gov/pubs/2013/nsf13517/nsf13517.htm>.

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nationalacademies.org/PGA/RAP/PGA_050491 or contact Research Associateship Programs, National Research Council, Keck 568, 500 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001; telephone 202-334-2760; fax 202-334-2759; email rap@nas.edu.

February 1, 2014: Applications for AWM Travel Grants, Mathematics Education Research Travel Grants, Mathematics Mentoring Travel Grants, and Mathematics Education Research Mentoring Travel Grants. See <https://sites.google.com/site/awm-math/programs/travel-grants>; telephone: 703-934-0163; or email: awm@awm-math.org; or contact Association for Women in Mathematics, 11240 Waples Mill Road, Suite 200, Fairfax, VA 22030.

February 9, 2014: Applications for Los Angeles, New York, Utah, and Washington, D.C., fellowships for Math for America (MfA). See <http://www.mathforamerica.org/>.

February 12, 2014: Applications for Research in Industrial Projects for Students (RIPS) of the Institute for Pure and Applied Mathematics (IPAM). See www.ipam.ucla.edu.

February 15, 2014: Applications for AMS Congressional Fellowship. See <http://www.ams.org/programs/ams-fellowships/ams-aas/ams-aas-congressional-fellowship> or contact the AMS Washington Office at 202-588-1100, email: amsdc@ams.org.

February 15, 2014: Nominations for AWM-Joan & Joseph Birman Prize in Topology and Geometry. See the website <http://www.awm-math.org>.

February 28, 2014: Applications for Second Heidelberg Laureate Forum. See “Mathematics Opportunities” in this issue.

February 28, 2014: Applications for George Washington University Summer Program for Women in Mathematics (SPWM). See “Mathematics Opportunities” in this issue.

March 3, 2014: Applications for the EDGE for Women Summer Program. See the website <http://www.edgeforwomen.org/>.

March 10, 2014: Nominations for the second Stephen Smale Prize. See “Mathematics Opportunities” in this issue.

March 15, 2014: Nominations for PIMS Education Prize. See the website <http://www.pims.math.ca/pims-glance/prizes-awards>.

March 31, 2014: Nominations for Achievement in Information-Based Complexity Prize. See “Mathematics Opportunities” in this issue.

March 31, 2014: Applications for AMS-Simons Travel Grants. See www.ams.org/programs/travel-grants/AMS-SimonsTG or contact Steven Ferrucci, email: ams-simons@ams.org, telephone: 800-321-4267, ext. 4113.

April 15, 2014: Applications for fall 2014 semester of Math in Moscow. See <http://www.mccme.ru/mathinmoscow>, or contact: Math in Moscow, P.O. Box 524, Wynnewood, PA 19096; fax: +7095-291-65-01; email: mim@mccme.ru. Information and application forms for the AMS scholarships are available on the AMS website at <http://www.ams.org/programs/travel-grants/mimoscow>, or contact: Math in Moscow Program, Membership and Programs Department, American Mathematical Society, 201 Charles Street, Providence RI 02904-2294; email student-serv@ams.org.

May 1, 2014: Applications for May review for National Academies Research Associateship Programs. See the website http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/RAP/PGA_050491 or contact Research Associateship Programs, National Research Council, Keck 568, 500 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001; telephone 202-334-2760; fax 202-334-2759; email rap@nas.edu.

May 1, 2014: Applications for AWM Travel Grants and Mathematics Education Research Travel Grants. See <https://sites.google.com/site/awmmath/programs/travel-grants>; telephone: 703-934-0163; or email: awm@awm-math.org; or contact Association for Women in Mathematics, 11240 Waples Mill Road, Suite 200, Fairfax, VA 22030.

August 1, 2014: Applications for August review for National Academies Research Associateship Programs. See the website http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/RAP/PGA_050491 or contact Research Associateship Programs,

National Research Council, Keck 568, 500 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001; telephone 202-334-2760; fax 202-334-2759; email rap@nas.edu.

October 1, 2014: Applications for AWM Travel Grants and Mathematics Education Research Travel Grants. See <https://sites.google.com/site/awmmath/programs/travel-grants>; telephone: 703-934-0163; or email: awm@awm-math.org; or contact Association for Women in Mathematics, 11240 Waples Mill Road, Suite 200, Fairfax, VA 22030.

November 1, 2014: Applications for November review for National Academies Research Associateship Programs. See the website http://sites.nationalacademies.org/PGA/RAP/PGA_050491 or contact Research Associateship Programs, National Research Council, Keck 568, 500 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001; telephone 202-334-2760; fax 202-334-2759; email rap@nas.edu.

MPS Advisory Committee

Following are the names and affiliations of the members of the Advisory Committee for Mathematical and Physical Sciences (MPS) of the National Science Foundation. The date of the expiration of each member's term is given after his or her name. The website for the MPS directorate may be found at www.nsf.gov/home/mps/. The postal address is Directorate for the Mathematical and Physical Sciences, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

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Book List

The Book List highlights recent books that have mathematical themes and are aimed at a broad audience potentially including mathematicians, students, and the general public. Suggestions for books to include on the list may be sent to notices-booklist@ams.org.

*Added to "Book List" since the list's last appearance.

Algorithms Unlocked, by Thomas H. Cormen. MIT Press, March 2013. ISBN-13:978-02625-188-02.

An Accidental Statistician: The Life and Memories of George E. P. Box, by George E. P. Box. Wiley, April 2013. ISBN-13: 978-1-118-40088-3.

Assessing the Reliability of Complex Models: Mathematical and Statistical Foundations of Verification, Validation, and Uncertainty Quantification, by the National Research Council. National Academies Press, 2012. ISBN-13: 978-0-309-25634-6.

**A Cabinet of Mathematical Curiosities at Teachers College: David Eugene Smith's Collection*, by Diane R. Murray. Docent Press, November 2013. ISBN-13: 978-0-9887449-1-2.

A Calculus of Ideas: A Mathematical Study of Human Thought, by Ulf Grenander. World Scientific, September 2012. ISBN-13: 978-98143-831-89. (Reviewed January 2014.)

Charles S. Peirce on the Logic of Number, by Paul Shields. Docent Press, October 2012. ISBN-13: 978-0-9837004-7-0.

Classic Problems of Probability, by Prakash Gorroochurn. Wiley, May 2012. ISBN-13: 978-1-1180-6325-5. (Reviewed November 2013.)

**Computability: Turing, Gödel, Church, and Beyond*, edited by B. Jack Copeland, Carl J. Posy, and Oron Shagrir. MIT Press, June 2013. ISBN-13: 978-02620-189-99.

Conflict in History, Measuring Symmetry, Thermodynamic Modeling and Other Work, by Dennis Glenn Collins. Author House, November 2011. ISBN-13: 978-1-4670-7641-8.

The Continuity Debate: Dedekind, Cantor, du Bois-Reymond, and Peirce on Continuity and Infinitesimals, by Benjamin Lee Buckley. Docent Press, December 2012. ISBN-13: 978-0-9837004-8-7.

The Crest of the Peacock: Non-European Roots of Mathematics, by George Gheverghese Joseph. Third edition. Princeton University Press, October 2010. ISBN-13: 978-0-691-13526-7. (Reviewed December 2013.)

Decoding the Heavens: A 2,000-Year-Old Computer—and the Century-Long Search to Discover Its Secrets, by Jo Marchant. Da Capo Press, February 2009. ISBN-13: 978-03068-174-27. (Reviewed June/July 2013.)

Do I Count?: Stories from Mathematics, by Günter Ziegler (translation of *Darf ich Zahlen?: Geschichte aus der Mathematik*, Piper Verlag, 2010). CRC Press/A K Peters, July 2013. ISBN-13: 978-1466564916

Figures of Thought: A Literary Appreciation of Maxwell's Treatise on Electricity and Magnetism, by Thomas K. Simpson. Green Lion Press, February 2006. ISBN-13: 978-18880-093-16. (Reviewed October 2013.)

The Fractalist: Memoir of a Scientific Maverick, by Benoît Mandelbrot. Pantheon, October 2012. ISBN-13: 978-03073-773-57.

Fueling Innovation and Discovery: The Mathematical Sciences in the 21st Century, by the National Research Council. National Academies Press, 2012. ISBN-13: 978-0-309-25473-1.

Girls Get Curves: Geometry Takes Shape, by Danica McKellar. Plume, July 2013. ISBN-13: 978-04522-987-43.

**The Godelian Puzzle Book: Puzzles, Paradoxes and Proofs*, by Raymond M. Smullyan. Dover Publications, August 2013. ISBN-13: 978-04864-970-51.

The Golden Ticket: P, NP, and the Search for the Impossible, by Lance Fortnow. Princeton University Press, March 2013. ISBN-13: 978-06911-564-91.

Good Math: A Geek's Guide to the Beauty of Numbers, Logic, and Computation, by Mark C. Chu-Carroll. Pragmatic Bookshelf, July 2013. ISBN-13: 978-19377-853-38.

Google's PageRank and Beyond: The Science of Search Engine Rankings, by Amy Langville and Carl Meyer. Princeton University Press, February 2012. ISBN-13: 978-06911-526-60.

Gösta Mittag-Leffler: A Man of Conviction, by Arild Stubhaug (translated by Tiina Nunnally). Springer, November 2010. ISBN-13: 978-36421-167-11. (Reviewed September 2013.)

Heavenly Mathematics: The Forgotten Art of Spherical Trigonometry, by Glen Van Brummelen. Princeton University Press, December 2012. ISBN-13: 978-06911-489-22.

How to Study As a Mathematics Major, by Lara Alcock. Oxford University Press, March 2013. ISBN-13: 978-0199661312.

I Died for Beauty: Dorothy Wrinch and the Cultures of Science, by Marjorie Senechal. Oxford University Press, December 2012. ISBN-13:978-01997-325-93.

Ibn al-Haytham's Theory of Conics, Geometrical Constructions and Practical Geometry, by Roshdi Rashed. Routledge, February 2013. ISBN-13: 978-0-415-58215-5.

If A, Then B: How the World Discovered Logic, by Michael Shenefelt and Heidi White. Columbia University Press, June 2013. ISBN-13:978-02311-610-53.

Imagined Civilizations: China, the West, and Their First Encounter, by Roger Hart. Johns Hopkins University Press, July 2013. ISBN-13:978-14214-060-60.

Invisible in the Storm: The Role of Mathematics in Understanding Weather, by Ian Roulstone and John Norbury. Princeton University Press, February 2013. ISBN-13: 978-06911-527-21. (Reviewed September 2013.)

Levels of Infinity: Selected Writings on Mathematics and Philosophy, by Hermann Weyl. Edited by Peter Pesic. Dover Publications, February 2013. ISBN-13: 978-0486489032.

The Logician and the Engineer: How George Boole and Claude Shannon Created the Information Age, by Paul J. Nahin. Princeton University Press, October 2012. ISBN-13: 978-06911-510-07. (Reviewed October 2013.)

**Magnificent Mistakes in Mathematics*, by Alfred S. Posamentier and Ingmar Lehmann. Prometheus Books, August 2013. ISBN-13:978-16161-474-71.

Manifold Mirrors: The Crossing Paths of the Arts and Mathematics, by Felipe Cucker. Cambridge University Press, June 2013. ISBN-13:978-05217-287-68.

The Math Book: From Pythagoras to the 57th Dimension, 250 Milestones in the History of Mathematics, by Clifford A. Pickover. Sterling. February 7, 2012. ISBN-13: 978-14027-882-91.

Math is Murder, by Robert C. Bringham. iUniverse, March 28, 2012. ISBN-13 978-14697-972-81.

Math on Trial: How Numbers Get Used and Abused in the Courtroom, by Leila Schneps and Coralie Colmez. Basic Books, March 2013. ISBN-13: 978-04650-329-21. (Reviewed August 2013.)

A Mathematician Comes of Age, by Steven G. Krantz. Mathematical Association of America, December 2011. ISBN-13: 978-08838-557-82.

A Mathematician's Lament: How School Cheats Us Out of Our Most Fascinating and Imaginative Art Form, by Paul Lockhart. Bellevue Literary Press, April 2009. ISBN-13: 978-1-934137-17-8. (Reviewed April 2013.)

Mathematics in Nineteenth-Century America: The Bowditch Generation, by Todd Timmons. Docent Press, July 2013. ISBN-13: 978-0-9887449-3-6.

Mathematics in Victorian Britain, by Raymond Flood, Adrian Rice, and Robin Wilson. Oxford University Press, October 2011. ISBN-13: 978-019-960139-4.

Mathematics under the Microscope: Notes on Cognitive Aspects of Mathematical Practice, by Alexandre V. Borovik. AMS, January 2010. ISBN-13: 978-0-8218-4761-9.

Maverick Genius: The Pioneering Odyssey of Freeman Dyson, by Phillip F. Schewe. Thomas Dunne Books, February 2013. ISBN-13:978-03126-423-58.

Meaning in Mathematics, edited by John Polkinghorne. Oxford University Press, July 2011. ISBN-13: 978-01996-050-57. (Reviewed May 2013.)

My Brief History, by Stephen Hawking. Bantam Dell, September 2013. ISBN-13: 978-03455-352-83.

Naming Infinity: A True Story of Religious Mysticism and Mathematical Creativity, by Loren Graham and Jean-Michel Kantor. Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, March 2009. ISBN-13: 978-06740-329-34. (Reviewed January 2014.)

The New York Times Book of Mathematics: More Than 100 Years of Writing by the Numbers, edited by Gina Kolata. Sterling, June 2013. ISBN-13: 978-14027-932-26.

The Noether Theorems: Invariance and Conservation Laws in the Twentieth Century, by Yvette Kosmann-Schwarzbach. Springer, December 2010. ISBN-13: 978-03878-786-76. (Reviewed August 2013.)

**Our Mathematical Universe: My Quest for the Ultimate Nature of Reality Hardcover*, by Max Tegmark. Knopf, January 2014. ISBN-13: 978-03075-998-03.

The Outer Limits of Reason: What Science, Mathematics, and Logic Cannot Tell Us, by Noson S. Yanofsky.

MIT Press, August 2013. ISBN-13: 978-02620-193-54.

Paradoxes in Probability Theory, by William Eckhardt. Springer, September 2012. ISBN-13: 978-94007-513-92. (Reviewed March 2013.)

Peirce's Logic of Continuity: A Conceptual and Mathematical Approach, by Fernando Zalamea. Docent Press, December 2012. ISBN-13: 978-0-9837004-9-4.

Perfect Mechanics: Instrument Makers at the Royal Society of London in the Eighteenth Century, by Richard Sorrenson. Docent Press, September 2013. ISBN-13: 978-0-9887449-2-9.

Probably Approximately Correct: Nature's Algorithms for Learning and Prospering in a Complex World, by Leslie Valiant. Basic Books, June 2013. ISBN-13: 978-04650-327-16.

Relations between Logic and Mathematics in the Work of Benjamin and Charles S. Peirce, by Allison Walsh. Docent Press, October 2012. ISBN-13: 978-0-9837004-6-3.

The Search for Certainty: A Journey through the History of Mathematics, 1800–2000, edited by Frank J. Swetz. Dover Publications, September 2012. ISBN-13: 978-04864-744-27.

Seduced by Logic: Emilie Du Châtelet, Mary Somerville and the Newtonian Revolution, by Robyn Arianrhod. Oxford University Press, September 2012. ISBN-13: 978-01999-316-13. (Reviewed June/July 2013.)

The Signal and the Noise: Why So Many Predictions Fail—But Some Don't, by Nate Silver. Penguin Press, September 2012. ISBN-13:978-15942-041-11.

**The Simpsons and Their Mathematical Secrets*, by Simon Singh. Bloomsbury, October 2013. ISBN: 978-14088-353-02.

Sources in the Development of Mathematics: Series and Products from the Fifteenth to the Twenty-first Century, by Ranjan Roy. Cambridge University Press, June 2011. ISBN-13: 978-05211-147-07. (Reviewed November 2013.)

Strange Attractors (comic book), by Charles Soule, Greg Scott, and Robert Saywitz. Archaia Entertainment, May 2013. ISBN-13: 978-19363-936-26.

Symmetry: A Very Short Introduction, by Ian Stewart. Oxford University Press, July 2013. ISBN-13: 978-01996-519-86.

**A Tale of Two Fractals*, by A. A. Kirillov. Birkhäuser, May 2013. ISBN-13: 978-08176-838-18.

**Théorème Vivant*, by Cédric Villani (in French). Grasset et Fasquelle, August 2012. ISBN-13: 978-2246798828. (Reviewed in this issue.)

Thinking in Numbers: On Life, Love, Meaning, and Math, by Daniel Tammet. Little, Brown and Company, July 2013. ISBN-13: 978-03161-873-74.

Thinking Statistically, by Uri Bram. CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, January 2012. ISBN-13: 978-14699-123-32.

Turbulent Times in Mathematics: The Life of J. C. Fields and the History of the Fields Medal, by Elaine McKinnon Riehm and Frances Hoffman. AMS, November 2011. ISBN-13: 978-0-8218-6914-7.

Turing's Cathedral: The Origins of the Digital Universe, by George Dyson. Pantheon/Vintage, December 2012. ISBN-13: 978-14000-759-97.

Visions of Infinity: The Great Mathematical Problems, by Ian Stewart. Basic Books, March 2013. ISBN-13: 978-04650-224-03.

A Wealth of Numbers: An Anthology of 500 Years of Popular Mathematics Writing, edited by Benjamin Wardhaugh. Princeton University Press, April 2012. ISBN-13: 978-06911-477-58. (Reviewed March 2013.)

**William Fogg Osgood at Harvard: Agent of a Transformation of Mathematics in the United States*, by Diann R. Porter. Docent Press, November 2013. ISBN-13: 978-0-9887449-4-3.

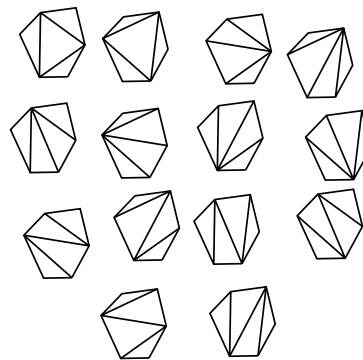
About the Cover

Remarkable combinatorics in the presence of cyclic symmetry

This month's cover illustrates in some detail one of the examples in this issue's article *What is cyclic sieving?* by Victor Reiner, Dennis Stanton, and Dennis White. If X_n is the set of triangulations of a given polygon of $n + 2$ sides, then

$$|X_n| = \frac{1}{n+1} \cdot \frac{2n \cdot 2n-1 \cdot \dots \cdot n+1}{n \cdot n-1 \cdot \dots \cdot 1}.$$

On the cover, $n = 4$ and hence $|X_n| = 14$. Here is the collection of all triangulations in this case:



Inspection shows that these triangulations are not essentially distinct—some of them are combinatorially identical. There is in effect an action of the cyclic group $\mathbb{Z}/(n+2)$ on X_n , which rotates the connecting edges among the vertices. It is not a geometric symmetry since the polygon might not be regular. The cover illustrates this action.

Let R be one step of this rotation. From the formula for X_n is constructed a polynomial $X(q)$ —each integer m in the formula is replaced by its q -form

$$[m]_q = \frac{q^m - 1}{q - 1},$$

a technique perhaps originating in Gauss' work on quadratic reciprocity. There is no reason to think it always leads to something significant. But here we have the remarkable fact that if ζ is a primitive n -th root of unity then

$$X(\zeta^k) = |\{x \in X_n \mid R^k(x) = x\}|.$$

For example, $X(1) = |X_n|$. You can verify this equation easily in the example illustrated on the cover.

This is the phenomenon called *cyclic sieving*. As Reiner et al. explain, it occurs in a myriad of contexts. Not all of them, by any means, are as simple even to formulate as this example, much less prove. And in fact there seems to be no uniform approach to the construction or verification of such occurrences, nor even a general criterion in which one would expect the phenomenon to arise. The short article in this issue gives a glimpse into the complexity of the subject.

The cover demonstrates that even some simple examples are associated with diagrams. There are in fact some extremely complicated and beautiful graphical associations in the subject. We looked through the literature to see what had been done, and the most interesting diagrams we came across were in the arXiv preprint *Invariant tensors and the cyclic sieving phenomenon* by Bruce Westbury. This in turn refers back to an earlier paper with exceptional graphics titled *Promotion and cyclic sieving via webs* by Kyle Petersen, Pavlo Pylyavskyy and Brendon Rhoades, which in turn is partly derived from Greg Kuperberg's *Spiders for rank two Lie algebras*.

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