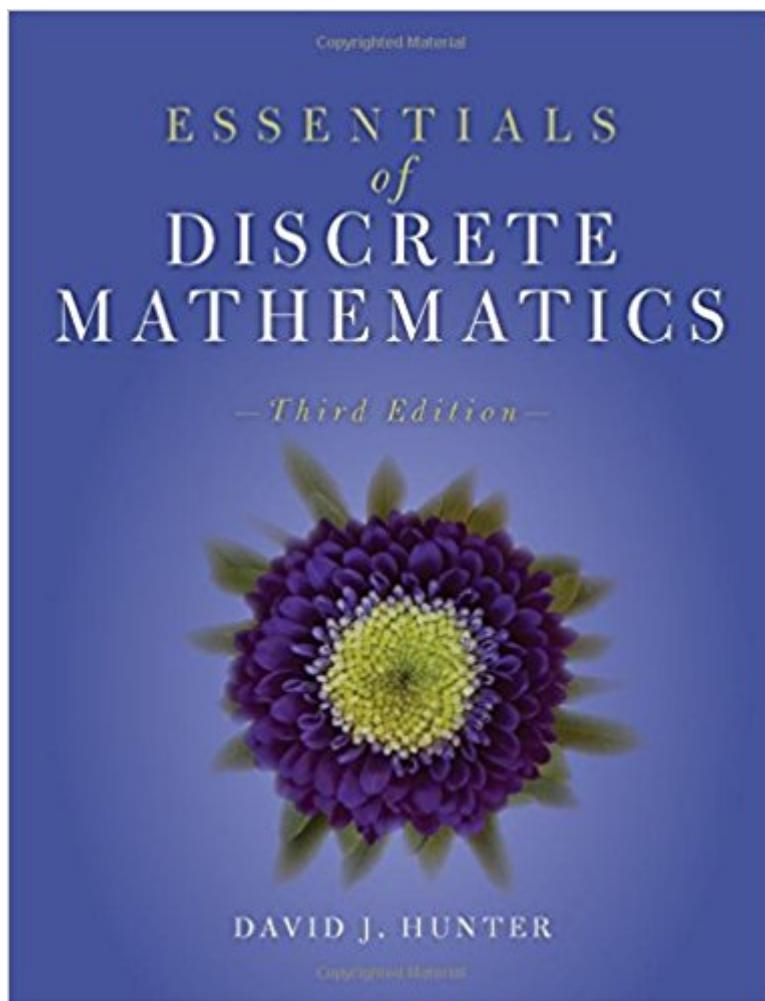


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# Essentials Of Discrete Mathematics



## Synopsis

Written for the one-term course, *Essentials of Discrete Mathematics*, Third Edition is designed to serve computer science and mathematics majors, as well as students from a wide range of other disciplines. The mathematical material is organized around five types of thinking: logical, relational, recursive, quantitative, and analytical. This presentation results in a coherent outline that steadily builds upon mathematical sophistication. Graphs are introduced early and referred to throughout the text, providing a richer context for examples and applications. Algorithms are presented near the end of the text, after students have acquired the skills and experience needed to analyze them. The final chapter emphasizes the multidisciplinary approach and contains case studies that integrate the fields of biology, sociology, linguistics, economics, and music. **New & Key Features:** NEW  $\Rightarrow$  **Student Inquiry Problems**, found at the beginning of each section, are designed to introduce and motivate the material in the section that follows. NEW  $\Rightarrow$  Incorporates new content on Graph Theory - Coverage of algorithms appropriate for computer science majors, as well as students with no previous programming experience - Careful attention to mathematical logic and proof techniques - Instructor resources include an Instructor's Solutions Manual, slides in PowerPoint format, and additional Inquiry Problems

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This book is written and illustrated in a manner that is clear and precise, while using plain English. Terminology is explained. Intermediate steps are explained. Dependencies between chapters and sections are clearly marked. Exercises and examples are relevant and progress from simple to complex. A good breadth of subject matter is covered. For the reader who is not particularly mathematically-inclined, but who needs to master the fundamentals of discrete mathematics, (such as for computer science), this is an outstanding book, head and shoulders above any other I've used (and, to get a grip on discrete math, algorithms, and optimization, I've been reading A LOT of them lately).

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Good text book

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